



Q 3: There is a Muslim who claims to acknowledge the fundamentals of Islam but when he sees something falling and he does not want it to be broken or damaged, he seeks help saying 'O Messenger of Allah' or 'O Shaykh Ahmad Al-Tijani!' Are his words counted as Shirk (associating others in worship with Allah)? Or do these sayings have no bad consequences on the person who says them

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in the sense that he will not be regarded as a Mushrik and that his deeds will not turn fruitless as a result of saying them? Please provide your legal opinion in writing and furnish it with evidence from the Book of Allah and the Sunnah of His Messenger (peace be upon him).

A: We should be fully aware that Allah (may He be Exalted) Alone is the Ever-Preserving and the All-Knowing. If a person wants to be safe when falling or fears that he or one of his relatives are being afflicted with a calamity, regardless of the conditions, he should resort to Allah (may He be Exalted).

This is because He, in whose Hand is the realm of all things, knows everything that a person reveals or conceals (i.e. Allah). A person should approach Him in humility and be fearful while asking Him for protection from affliction when he is asleep or awake and in all other conditions. In this way evil will be removed and sorrow will be relieved. In this regard, Allah (may He be Exalted) says, ﴿ **And when My slaves ask you (O Muhammad peace be upon him) concerning Me, then (answer them), I am indeed near (to them by My Knowledge). I respond to the invocations of the supplicant when he calls on Me (without any mediator or intercessor). So let them obey Me and believe in Me, so that they may be led aright. 》** ﴿ **Invoke your Lord with humility and in secret. He likes not the aggressors. 》** and, ﴿ **And your Lord said: "Invoke Me, [i.e. believe in My Oneness (Islâmic Monotheism) and ask Me for anything] I will respond to your (invocation). Verily, those who scorn My worship [i.e. do not invoke Me, and do not believe in My Oneness, (Islâmic Monotheism)] they will surely enter Hell in humiliation!" 》** On the other hand, if a Muslim is tempted by Satan and deviates to invoke other than Allah (may He be Exalted) such as the prophets and the righteous people or Jinn and devils to protect him or any of his relatives from evil,

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he will be associating partners with Allah (may He be Exalted). By so doing, he will be resorting to those partners; he will be requesting their help, fearing their torment, and seeking to have their needs fulfilled by them instead of Allah (may He be Exalted). In fact, they can not benefit him in any way and he will be punished by entering Hell and that is indeed a wretched destination. Allah (may He be Exalted) says, ﴿ **Say: (O Muhammad peace be upon him, to those polytheists, pagans) "Call upon those whom you assert (to be associate gods) besides Allâh, they possess not even an atom's (or a small ant's) weight either in the heavens or on the earth, nor have they any share in either, nor there is for Him any supporter from among them. 》** ﴿ **Intercession with Him profits not except for him whom He permits. So much so that when fear is banished from their (angels') hearts, they (angels) say: "What is it that your Lord has said?" They say: "The truth. And He is the Most High, the Most Great." 》** ﴿ **Say (O Muhammad peace be upon him): "Call upon those - besides Him whom you pretend [to be gods like angels, 'Isâ (Jesus), 'Uzair (Ezra), and others.]. They have neither the power to remove the adversity from you nor even to shift it from you to another person." 》** and, ﴿ **Is not He (better than your gods) Who responds to the distressed one, when he calls on Him, and Who removes the evil, and makes you inheritors of the earth, generations after generations? Is there any ilâh (god) with Allâh? Little is that you remember! 》**

May Allah grant us success! May peace and blessings of Allah be upon our Prophet Muhammad, his family and Companions!

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