



Q5: Does `Ali (may Allah be pleased with him) aid anyone in times of distress?

A5: `Ali (may Allah be pleased with him) was killed and was not even aware of his killer's plot, neither was he able to defend himself. How can it be claimed that he protects others against harm after his death, while he could not do so when he was alive? If a person believes that he, or any other mortal, can bring benefit or ward off harm, they are considered Mushriks (those who associate others with Allah in worship), because this is particular to Allah the Exalted. If a person attributes this to anyone else out of belief in them, they have considered them gods. Allah the Exalted stated, [﴿ And if Allah touches you with harm, there is none who can remove it but He, and if He intends any good for you, there is none who can repel His Favour which He causes it to reach whomsoever of His slaves He wills. And He is the Oft-Forgiving, the Most Merciful. ﴾](#)(Surah Yunus, 10: 107).

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