



First question from Fatwa No. 433

Q 1: What is the ruling on Tandhir (Invoking Jinn and devils against someone to do him harm) using different formulas, such as saying: Take this person away at once and harm them or just take them away? I heard someone saying that whoever seeks the help of the Jinn, his Salah (Prayer) and Sawm (Fast) will not be accepted. In addition, when he dies, funeral prayer should not be offered for him, his funeral should not be followed and he should not be buried in the graveyards of Muslims?

A: Seeking the help of the Jinn and turning to them to fulfill someone's needs, such as asking them to harm or benefit a person is an act of Shirk (associating others in worship with Allah). It is a kind of mutual benefiting between Jinn and mankind; the Jinn fulfill the human's needs and in return they get the human's veneration, trust, and reliance. Allah (may He be Exalted) says, ﴿ And on the Day when He will gather them (all) together (and say): "O you assembly of jinn! Many did you mislead of men," and their Auliyâ' (friends and helpers) amongst men will say: "Our Lord! We benefited one from the other, but now we have reached our appointed term which You did appoint for us." He will say: "The Fire be your dwelling-place, you will dwell therein forever, except as Allâh may will. Certainly your Lord is All-Wise, All-Knowing." ﴾ And thus We do make the Zâlimûn (polytheists and wrong-doers) Auliyâ' (supporters and helpers) of one another (in committing crimes), because of that which they used to earn. ﴿

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Allah (may He be Exalted) also says, ﴿ And Verily, there were men among mankind who took shelter with the males among the jinn, but they (jinn) increased them (mankind) in sin and transgression. ﴾ Therefore, seeking the help of the Jinn to harm others and asking them to protect a person from the evil of another person is an act of Shirk. Whoever does so, his Salah and Sawm will be nullified; for Allah (may He be Exalted) says, ﴿ If you join others in worship with Allâh, (then) surely (all) your deeds will be in vain, and you will certainly be among the losers. ﴾ Anyone who is known for doing so, funeral prayer should not be offered for him, his funeral should not be followed and he should not be buried in the Muslim graveyards.

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

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