



The second question of Fatwa No. 6910 :

Q 2: I know some Muslims who jokingly utter some phrases which contradict Islam's montheistic creed, such as "By my mother's head" or "praise be to Allah and master Dawud. Are they held accountable for the literal meaning of their utterances?

A: It is not permissible to make oaths by other than Allah such as "by my mother's head". Likewise,

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it is not permissible to place Allah at par with others by saying, "praise be to Allah and to master Dawud; this is a form of polytheism. One should say: "Praise be to Allah alone" or "Praise be to Allah then to", whomever. Allah (Exalted be He) stated: ﴿ So whoever hopes for the Meeting with his Lord, let him work righteousness and associate none as a partner in the worship of his Lord. ﴾ When a man said to the Prophet (peace be upon him), "As Allah wills and you as well", the Prophet (peace be upon him) said, "Do you make me a rival to Allah? Say: What Allah alone wills." Related by Al-Nasa'i.

The Hadith shows that it is a kind of polytheism because the word "and" in the phrase draws connection and equality between what is before and after it. It is improper to equate the created with the Creator regarding Divinity or Lordship, or even less than that. This preserves Tawhid (monotheism) and blocks the paths of uttering polytheistic words. Polytheistic actions were prohibited in the Prophet's statement: ﴿ Allah curses the Jews and the Christians, for they took the graves of their Prophets as places for worship ﴾ By the same token, the Prophet prohibited plastering graves and building over them. It is authentically reported that the Prophet (peace be upon him) stated: ﴿ Do not say, "What Allah wills and so and so wills," but say: "What Allah wills and then what so and so wills. ﴾

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This indicates the permissibility of this formula, and the former indicates the perfect faith declared in saying, "What Allah alone wills".

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

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