



The Third Question from Fatwa no. 9013

Q3: Is Prophet `Isa (Jesus, peace be upon him) ibn Maryam (Mary) considered as Taghut (a false god), because he is worshipped beside Allah?

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A: Not all of those who are worshiped besides Allah are considered as Taghut, they are only considered so if they are pleased with it or invite others to worship them. `Isa ibn Maryam (peace be upon him) was not happy to be worshipped; he renounced it and invited people to worship Allah Alone. Allah (may He be Exalted) says: ﴿ Surely, they have disbelieved who say: "Allâh is the Messiah [‘Isâ (Jesus)], son of Maryam (Mary)." But the Messiah [‘Isâ (Jesus)] said: "O Children of Israel! Worship Allâh, my Lord and your Lord." Verily, whosoever sets up partners (in worship) with Allâh, then Allâh has forbidden Paradise to him, and the Fire will be his abode. And for the Zâlimûn (polytheists and wrong-doers) there are no helpers. ۞ He (may He be Exalted) also says: ﴿ And (remember) when Allâh will say (on the Day of Resurrection): "O ‘Isâ (Jesus), son of Maryam (Mary)! Did you say to men: ‘Worship me and my mother as two gods besides Allâh?’ " He will say: "Glorified are You! It was not for me to say what I had no right (to say). Had I said such a thing, You would surely have known it. You know what is in my inner-self though I do not know what is in Yours; truly, You, only You, are the All-Knower of all that is hidden (and unseen). ۞ Never did I say to them aught except what You (Allâh) did command me to say: ‘Worship Allâh, my Lord and your Lord.’ And I was a witness over them while I dwelt amongst them, but when You took me up, You were the Watcher over them; and You are a Witness to all things. (This is a great admonition and warning to the Christians of the whole world). ۞ There are also many other Ayahs (Qur'anic verses) and Hadith to the same effect.

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

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