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Third question from Fatwa No. 6899:

A: Is it permissible to pray behind a learned person who claims knowledge of Ghayb (the Unseen) by means of drawing lines on the sand in a certain way? Is it permissible to eat from the meat of the animals he sacrifices or to shake hands with him?

A: Anyone who claims knowledge of the Ghayb, whether it be by drawing lines on the sand, reading in a certain book, astrology, or seeking the help of the Jinn and the like is considered a soothsayer. It is authentically narrated that the Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him) said, [﴿ If anyone consults a soothsayer and believes in what he says, he will be considered a disbeliever in what was revealed to Muhammad ﴾](#) Therefore, it is impermissible to eat from the meat of animals that he sacrifices, to consult him, to accompany him or to shake hands with him. However, you should guide and advise him that claiming knowledge of the Ghayb is Kufr (disbelief in Allah) that could take him out of Islam; it could be that Allah guides him to make tawbah (repentance to Allah) through you.

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

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