



The First Question from Fatwa no. 4058

Q1: How can a Muslim be sure that their deeds are performed with the required sincerity for Allah (may He be Exalted), to avoid them reproaching themselves too much? Doing this persistently can lead to invoking the evil insinuations that Islam prohibits. In his treatises, Imam Ibn Rajab recognized different conditions in relation to this issue. He said: "This is a subtle form of Riya' (showing-off) that is only known to those who are protected by Allah." Is it then obligatory on us to stop reading about issues that make us upset and confused, and if so, what is the substitute? Is paying careful attention to obedience crucial for preserving sincerity?

A: Muslims should do their utmost to comply with Allah's Commands and to avoid

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His Prohibitions, hoping for His Reward and fearing His Punishment. If they are in doubt regarding any of their religious affairs, they should seek the help of knowledgeable scholars, because Allah (may He be Exalted) says: ﴿ So ask those who know, if you know not. ﴾ No one but Allah (may He be Glorified and Exalted) knows whether deeds will be accepted or not. Therefore, Muslims should strive hard to perfect their deeds and have good thoughts about their Lord, asking Him to accept their deeds and forgive their sins. Allah (may He be Exalted) says: ﴿ Certainly, We shall not make the reward of anyone who does his (righteous) deeds in the most perfect manner to be lost. ﴾

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

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