



Fatwa no. 8086

**Q:** This question is about some advice that came from Makkah, from Hajji `Abdullah ibn Mustafa, who said, "I was sleeping when I saw the Messenger (peace be upon him) and he commanded me to convey this message to all Muslims that they should believe and cooperate with one another. Anyone who reads this message should write it eight times, those who do not forward it will be punished by an illness, but those who do forward it will be delighted after ten days. If any one writes to refute this, they will be punished by dying as a Kafir (disbeliever)." Is this true or is it a lie? Also, what is the ruling on those who visit shrines bringing chickens or sheep to slaughter around the shrine of a dead person saying: "This deceased person is a Murabit (someone on the frontiers in Allah's Cause)," is this Haram (prohibited) or Halal (lawful)?

**A: Firstly:** This Ru'yah (vision) is invalid and baseless, and it is the type

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of Ru'yah (vision) that is attributed to the attendant of the Prophet's grave. His Eminence Shaykh `Abdul-`Aziz ibn Baz wrote a long article that was published in the local and other newspapers on this matter.

**Secondly:** The Tawaf (circumambulation) around graves is Haram, and if it performed seeking to draw closer to the deceased occupant, this is major Shirk (associating others in worship with Allah) that takes the one who does it out of Islam. Tawaf is an act of `Ibadah (worship), as Allah (may He be Exalted) says: ﴿ And circumambulate the Ancient House (the Ka'bah at Makkah). ﴾ Therefore, making an act or a part of an act of `Ibadah for other than Allah is Shirk.

**Thirdly:** Slaughtering animals at graves is Haram, and if it is performed seeking to draw closer to the occupant of the grave, this is major Shirk, as Allah (may He be Praised) says: ﴿ Say (O Muhammad, peace be upon him): "Verily, my Salat (prayer), my [Nusuk] sacrifice, my living, and my dying are for Allah, the Lord of the `Alamin (mankind, jinn and all that exists). ﴾ (He has no partner. And of this I have been commanded, and I am the first of the Muslims. ﴾ "Nusuk" here means "slaughtering." The Prophet (peace be upon him) also said, ﴿ "Allah cursed those who sacrifice for other than Allah." ﴾ (Reported by Muslim in his Sahih [Book of Authentic Hadith])

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

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