



The first question of Fatwa No. 9686

Q1: Is it permissible to call a person a disbeliever if they perform Salah in the graveyard seeking the blessings of the Waliy (pious person) buried there?

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A1: It is prohibited to perform Salah in a place where there is a grave. If one intends to become closer or receive the pleasure of a waliy by performing Salah there, then doing so is major shirk (associating others in worship with Allah). Allah (may He be Exalted) says: ﴿ Say (O Muhammad peace be upon him): "Verily, my Salât (prayer), my sacrifice, my living, and my dying are for Allâh, the Lord of the 'Alamîn (mankind, jinn and all that exists). ﴾

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

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