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Ninth question from Fatwa No. 3377:

Q: What should a Muslim offer if he happened to have talked to a stone when he was a young boy unaware of what is right or wrong; how could a stone hear people! What should this person do after growing up and knowing the gravity of his actions? He hopes for Allah's Forgiveness and Pardon and does not want to go to soothsayers and fortunetellers or prepare a meal for a stone that doesn't even have a mouth to eat.

A: Speaking, invoking, or whispering to a stone is an act of Shirk (associating others in worship with Allah). Also offering a sacrifice or food to a stone is an act of Shirk. Going to the diviners and soothsayers and believing what they say about the Unseen is an act of Shirk-Al-Akbar (major form of associating others in worship with Allah). A person who does any of this should stop at once and make tawbah (repentance to Allah (may He be Praised)). He should have sincere belief in Tawhid (Oneness of Allah) and should not invoke or seek the help of anyone other than Allah. He should hope for good from no one but Allah and believe that there is no refuge from Allah except in Him. He should regret all his past sins. So that Allah will forgive him all minor and major sins even Kufr (disbelief). Then, if after his repentance, he shows strong faith and does good deeds, Allah will substitute his sins with good deeds, as Allah (may He be Exalted) says at the end of Surah Al-Furgan, about the qualities of His good servants: (And those who invoke not any other ilâh (god) along with Allâh, nor kill such person as Allâh has forbidden, except for just cause, nor commit illegal sexual intercourse — and whoever does this shall receive the punishment. M The torment will be doubled to him on the Day of Resurrection, and he will abide therein in disgrace; M Except those who repent and believe (in Islâmic Monotheism), and do righteous deeds; for those, Allâh will change their sins into good deeds, and Allah is Ever Oft-Forgiving, Most Merciful.

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

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