



The First Question from Fatwa no. 7350

Q1: What is the Tafsir (explanation/exegesis of the meanings of the Qur'an) of these Words of Allah (may He be Exalted): ﴿ And thus We made their case known (to the people), that they might know that the Promise of Allah is true, and that there can be no doubt about the Hour. (Remember) when they (the people of the city) disputed among themselves about their case, they said: "Construct a building over them; their Lord knows best about them;" (then) those who won their point said (most probably the disbelievers): "We verily shall build a place of worship over them." ﴾
Also what is the meaning of: ﴿ "Construct a building over them..." ﴾

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and: ﴿ "We verily shall build a place of worship over them..." ﴾ **We have heard from you that it is forbidden to build on graves, but is this not evidence of the permissibility of building on them?**

A: As you have heard from us, it is Haram (prohibited) to build Masjids (mosques) on graves, due to the numerous evidences that support this ruling and due to the fact that this could be a means that would lead to the worship of their occupants besides Allah. The Ayahs (Qur'anic verses) that you mentioned do not include any evidence that permits building on graves, because they are stories about the past, in which people performed actions that were opposed and censured by the legal evidences.

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

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