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The third question of Fatwa No. 8943

Q 3: What are the common manifestations of spoken and practical polytheism in words and deeds within the Muslim communities?

A: Manifestations of polytheism in Muslim Communities are many, for example: 1- Seeking help from other than Allah in matters regarding Divine Decree. 2- Making vows for other than Allah. 3- Offering sacrifices to other than Allah. 4- Swearing oaths to other than Allah. 5- Establishing Masjids (Mosques) over graves and offering salah there, despite the prohibition to do so. Allah (Exalted be He) stated: ﴿ 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). ﴾ He has no partner. And of this I have been commanded, and I am the first of the Muslims. ﴾ Allah taught Muslims to say in each rak`ah of their salah ﴿ You (Alone) we worship, and You (Alone) we ask for help (for each and everything). ﴾ The Prophet (peace be upon him) stated: ﴿ Allah curses whoever sacrifices for other than Allah... ﴾ He also stated: ﴿ If you beg, beg of Allah Alone; and if you need assistance, supplicate to Allah Alone for help. ﴾ Again, he affirms: ﴿ Allah curses the Jews and the Christians, for they have taken the graves of their Prophets as places of worship. ﴾ The Prophet also warns: ﴿ Beware of those who preceded you and used to take the graves of their prophets and righteous men as places of worship, but you must not take graves as mosques; I forbid you to do that. ﴾ He also tells: ﴿ Whoever swears by anyone but Allah will be a polytheist. ﴾

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and other polytheistic practices.

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

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