



The eleventh question in Fatwa no. (5276):

Q11: The Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him) said, (“Allah has cursed the person who slaughters (a sacrifice) to anyone other than Allah....”) what is meant by this exactly? Especially that here in the South we are accustomed, to slaughter an animal to entertain a guest or as meat for the household, to say, “In the Name of Allah and upon the religion of the Messenger of Allah, a charity purely for the Sake of Allah. O Allah! Please grant the reward for this to me and my household.”

A11: What is meant by this Hadith is the prohibition of offering sacrifices to the dead prophets or Awliya' (pious people), seeking their blessing; or to offer sacrifices to the Jinn, so as to please them and in return seek fulfillment of demands or to ward off their evil.

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All these acts constitute major Shirk (associating others in worship with Allah) which will incur the Curse and Anger of Allah upon the doer. As for slaughtering an animal to entertain guests, or out of generosity towards one's family, or slaughtering sacrifices as a means of drawing closer to Allah, as an act of charity towards the dead while hoping for reward from Allah to the living and the dead, all this is permissible. Rather, it is a kind act, hoped to be rewarded by Allah; likewise are the sacrificial animals offered on the Day of Nahr (slaughtering of sacrifice) on behalf of the dead and the living.

May Allah grant us success, and may peace and blessings of Allah be upon our Prophet Muhammad, his Family and his Companions.

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