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Question: What is the ruling on slaughtering an animal for a dead person who is claimed to be a Walee (pious person) and shrines are built over his grave?

Answer: Slaughtering for the dead person mentioned above is a type of Shirk (associating others with Allaah in His Divinity or worship). A person who slaughters for the sake of this Walee is a Mushrik (one who associates others with Allaah in worship) and an accursed person. The slaughtered animal is a dead animal that cannot be eaten by Muslims as Allaah (the Exalted) says: **[Forbidden to you (for food) are: Al-Maitah (the dead animals - cattle - beast not slaughtered), blood, the flesh of swine, and that on which Allaah's Name has not been mentioned while slaughtering, (that which has been slaughtered as a sacrifice for others than Allaah, or has been slaughtered for idols) and that which has been killed by strangling, or by a violent blow, or by a headlong fall, or by the goring of horns, and that which has been (partly) eaten by a wild animal, unless you are able to slaughter it (before its death), and that which is sacrificed (slaughtered) on An-Nusub (stone-altars).]**

It is reported on the authority of `Alee (رضي الله عنه)¹ that the Messenger of Allaah (عليه السلام)² said: **Allaah has cursed the one who sacrifices to other than Allaah...**

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

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