

Placing the Diagram of the Blessed Sandal on the Head for Du'aas to be Accepted

Q: Imaan-51 : Some people place the diagram of the blessed sandal (of Rasulullaah SAW.) on their heads and then make du'aa saying, "O Allaah! Fulfill my need through the blessings of this blessed sandal." They then take the diagram off, wipe it over their faces and kiss it. What does the Shari'ah have to say about this?

Answer: There is no doubt that there are tremendous blessings in everything that Rasulullaah SAW. used, such as his clothing, hair, etc. all of these deserve great reverence and are worth having a look at. Kissing them and placing them upon the head out of love and reverence is a privilege and effective in causing du'aas to be accepted, this has been proven from the actions of the Sahabah'RADI.

Hadhrat Moulana Khaleel Ahmad Muhaajir Madani RAH. has written that the soil that touches the blessed body of Rasulullaah SAW. in his grave is more honourable than the Kabah, the Kursi and the Arsh of Allaah.

However, this virtue and reverence is reserved for the actual items in question and not for diagrams and pictures of the same. Reverence for the diagrams has not been proven from the Sahabah RADI. While it is an act of Ibaadah to perform Tawaaf around the Kabah and to kiss the Hajar Aswad, can it be Ibaadah to do the same with pictures to the Kabah and Hajar? Certainly not!

Hadhrat Abdullaah bin Abbaas RADI. was once performing Tawaaf with Hadhrat Mu'aawiya RADI. When Hadhrat Mu'aawiya RADI. kissed all four corners of the Kabah, Hadhrat Abdullaah bin Abbaas RADI. told him that Rasulullaah SAW. kissed only the Rukn Yarnaani and the Hajar Aswad. "But no part of this Kabah deserves to be left out," Hadhrat Mu'aawiya RADI. remarked. To this, Hadhrat Abdullaah bin Abbaas RADI. recited the verse. "There is indeed a sterling example for you in Rasulullaah SAW. Hadhrat Mu'aawiya RADI. agreed that he was right.' If anything is a means of reward or blessings, this needs to be established from Rasulullaah SAW. This incident makes the issue clear with regard to the diagram of Rasulullaah SAW. blessed sandal. And Allaah knows best what is most correct.

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