

Islam Question & Answer

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1015 - Ruling on helping a Muslim move to a non-Muslim country

the question

I need your help in a fiqh issue. My friend wants me to help him in finding a job here in the US. The process as we all know would be that he'll get a job here the company will sponsor him with an H-1. That could in the future convert to Green card with the due process. I know I'm not be in the process of his applying for the Green Card, but the initial step of his landing here I would be part of it. So, is it Islamically okay for me to help someone to land here in the US (I think he wants to move to US & not move back again to Pakistan)- a non-Islamic/Muslim state? I think I would be responsible for that if something goes wrong with him or his family - aqeedah wise?

Detailed answer

Praise be to Allah.

If your friend concerning whom you asked this question is a man of religion and insight, who has enough knowledge to protect himself from confusion and doubts, and enough wisdom to protect himself from desires, there is nothing wrong with helping him to move to the non-Islamic country where you live, so that he might gain employment or complete his studies or gain experience, and other similar permissible aims.

But if he is a man for whom you fear that he may fall into error, then it is not permissible for you to help him. Allaah says (interpretation of the meaning): ". . . Help one another in al-birr and al-taqwa (virtue, righteousness and piety), but do not help one another in sin and transgression. . ." [al-Maaidah 5:2]

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This is what we have learnt from our shaykh, Shaykh Abd al-Azeez ibn Abdullah ibn Baaz, with whose knowledge Allaah has benefitted us. Allah is the Source of help.