



The sixth question of Fatwa No. 6899

Q 6: The Problem of Sufism: What does it mean and what is the attitude of Islam toward it? I mean the Tijany and Qadiry Sufi orders, as well as the Shiites. These sects are centralized

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in Nigeria. For example, the Tijaniyyah Sufi order has a sort of Salah (prayer) called Bakriyyah that starts with: "O Allah, convey Your blessings on our master Muhammad, the Opener of what is closed... as much as his great rank and high esteem." This invocation is superior to Al-Salah Al-Ibrahimiyyah (The invocation pronounced in the second part of Tashahhud). We have read this (invocation) in their book titled "Jawahir Al-Ma`any" (The Jewels of Meanings) Part 1, page 136. Is this correct?

A 6: It is said that Sufism is ascribed to Ahl Al-Suffah (at the time of the Prophet) who was a poor group of Sahabah (may Allah be pleased with them) that used to take shelter in Al-Suffah (a section inside the Prophet's Masjid during the Prophet's time). However, this is incorrect. Linguistically, the verb is derived from Al-Suffah is "Suffa" (by stressing the letter "f"). It is also said that the word is taken from the word "Safwah" (purism), meaning to have a pure heart and deeds; but this is incorrect as well, for the word taken from "Safwah" would then be "Safawy". More of a concern are their Bid`ahs (rejected innovations in religion) and corrupt beliefs. It is also said that the word is taken from Arabic "Suf" (wool) which the Sufis used to wear, and this is the most probable meaning that truly describes them and is linguistically correct. 🗨️

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