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Tariqahs (Sufi orders), Awrad (litanies) and Adhkar (remembrances of Allah)

Fatwa No. (7140):

Q: What is the ruling on the Sufi orders and the litanies they recite before the Fajr (Dawn) Prayer and after the Maghrib (Sunset) Prayer? What is the ruling on one who claims to have watched and greeted the Prophet (peace be upon him) saying, " Peace be upon you! O light of eyes and relief of souls?!"

A: Tariqahs (religious orders) and Awrad (litanies) are considered acts of Bid`ah (rejected innovation in religion) like the famous religious orders of Al-Tijaniyyah and Al-Kattaniyyah. Only litanies that conform with the Qur'an and authentic Sunnah of the Prophet are allowed to recite. 

As to the false claim that some people entered upon Al-Kattani and saw the Prophet (peace be upon him) sitting beside him and then he said, "Peace be upon you! O light of eyes and relief of souls", the Prophet (peace be upon him) can not be seen after his death by anyone. Similarly, he will not leave his grave until the Day of Resurrection. Allah (may He be Praised) says: ﴿ [After that, surely, you will die. ﴿ Then \(again\), surely, you will be resurrected on the Day of Resurrection. ﴾](#) The Prophet (peace be upon him) also said:

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﴿ [I will be the first one to emerge from the earth on the Day of Resurrection. ﴾](#)

May Allah grant us success! May peace and blessings be upon our Prophet Muhammad, his family, and companions!

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