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The dancing and singing of Sufis

Fourth and fifth questions from Fatwa No. (3544)

Q 4: What is the ruling on the dancing, singing, and swaying of Sufis during what they call Dhikr (Remembrance of Allah)?

A: The best of speech is the Book of Allah and the best of guidance is the guidance of Muhammad (peace be upon him). The most evil of things are those which have been newly invented (in religion). Allah has completed the religion (Islam) for His servants regarding the revelations, actions and beliefs. He (may He be Exalted) says: [﴿ This day, I have perfected your religion for you, completed My Favour upon you, and have chosen for you Islâm as your religion. ﴾](#) The Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him) clarified the matters of this religion through his sayings, deeds, and confirmations. Moreover, his Sahabah (may Allah be pleased with them) reported all the Prophet's sayings and deeds. The religion is perfect in terms of its rules, explanations, and the way it was reported. As for Dhikr, it is like any other act of worship, bound by religious texts from the Qur'an and the Sunnah. Whoever singles out certain acts of worship to be performed at fixed times and in a special way, is required to provide the evidence; and what is mentioned in the question is groundless and baseless. It is authentically reported that the Prophet (peace be upon him) said: [﴿ Whoever innovates something which is not in harmony with the principles of our religion, that thing is rejected. ﴾](#) so what is mentioned in the question is hereby rejected. May Allah grant us success! May peace and blessings be upon our Prophet Muhammad, his family and Companions!

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