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Fatwa No. ( 6571 ):

**Q: I came from North Africa to work here in the KSA. Being a Sufi, I wish that Your Eminence to direct me regarding the fact that I was ordered by one of my Sheikhs to glorify Allah after Subh and Maghrib Salahs. Moreover, the group of the Sheikh form circles of Dhikr (remembrance of Allah) that begin after Isha' Salah. In such circles they do the following: They start saying Allah's greatest Name, i.e. Allah, prolonging and accenting it along with some other utterances of Dhikr. Afterwards, we stand up on the rooftop and chant the word "Allah" till its letters fade away to become "Ah Ah". I, like some friends of mine, became charmed with it. People used to call us The Kittah party. Kindly, guide me, is Dhikr as such proper that I may go on doing it or had I better abandon it? People claim that there is no mention of the Kittah in the Qur'an or Sunnah.**

**A:** It is impermissible to follow the way of the Sheikh mentioned above or to say Dhikr as such for it is a Bid'ah (rejected innovation in religion). Rather, you are to say utterances of Dhikr authentically reported from the Prophet (peace be upon him) after performing the five obligatory Salahs and during other times mentioned in the books of Hadith. Allah, may He be Exalted, says: [\( Indeed, in the Messenger of Allâh \(Muhammad peace be upon him\) you have a good example to follow for him who hopes for \(the Meeting with\) Allâh and the Last Day \)](#) Such utterances may be

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found in the book "Umdatul-Hadith" by Sheikh `Abdul-Ghany Ibn `Abdul-Wahid Al-Maqdisy, "Muntaqa Al-Akhbar" by the renewer Ibn Taymiyyah and "Bulugh Al-Maram" by Al-Hafizh Ibn Hajar (may Allah show mercy to all of them).

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

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