



Second question from Fatwa No. (9529)

Q 2: Praise be to Allah, I like to follow the example of the Messenger (peace be upon him) and the Salaf (the pious predecessors). I attended some Sufi sessions just to know what is happening there and I was astonished by the movements and the dances which are not in conformity with human reverence, shyness and dignity, to say the least . They interpret static things and focus their worship around torturing themselves by several means. Most of their worship depends on Dhikr (Remembrance of Allah). They frequently mention the names of the pious people and believe in them more than they believe in Allah and His Messenger. They have some views, most of which attack the pious Salaf who adhere to the Sunnah of the Prophet (peace be upon him). However, they have some views which are in conformity with the Sunnah as understood by the Salaf. I sat with them

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more than once trying to figure out the secrets of this world. Most of the people are of the first social class; professors, doctors, engineers, employees, ordinary people and a lot of youth.

Am I committing a sin by sitting with them despite what I have mentioned? I wish you could clarify the matter of Sufi Orders and their dogmas, specially now that they've became organized in bodies and organizations recognized by the state.

A: It is well known about all Sufi orders and sects that they mention Allah through Bid`ah (rejected innovation in religion). They mention, dance, sway and totter right and left, up and down. They call Allah during their Dhikr (Remembrance of Allah) with names unlike the names He set for Himself or set by the Prophet (peace be upon him) such as "He, He, He", "Ah, Ah" or mention Him by name such as "Allah, Allah, Allah, Allah". They call him by "Mentioning by the heart" like the Naqshabandi Order does. They mention Him in congregation in one voice, call the dead and the absent saying: "Give us help, O Abu Al-`Abbas", "give us help, O Dusuqy". These are acts of Shirk (associating others in worship with Allah) which take a person out of Islam. They also believe that their Shaykhs have hidden knowledge through which they know the Ghayb (Unseen). They have secrets by which they act beyond the regular causes. We advise you to read the book entitled "This is Sufisim" by Shaykh `Abdul-Rahman

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Al-Wakil to know more about their Bid`ahs and sit with the people whom you know that they hold firm to the Qur'an, the Sunnah and those who reject Bid`ah.

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

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