



Fifth question from Fatwa No. (2392)

Q 5: What is the ruling on utterances of dhikr and supplications said on a regular basis by Walis and the Pious such as those adopted by Al-Qadianiyyah, Al-Tijaniyyah and other Sufi orders? Is it permissible to recite such utterances regularly? What is the ruling on the Sufi Book entitled Dala'il Al-Khayrat?

A: First: The Qur'an and the Sunnah contain the permissible Adhkar (mentioning Allah). Some scholars collected these Adhkar such as; Al-Nawawy in his book Al-Adhkar, Ibn Al-Sunny in his book `Amal Al-Yawm Wal Laylah, and Ibn Al-Qayyim in his book Al-Wabil Al-Sayyib. The books of Sunnah contain specific chapters about supplications and you should refer to them.

Second: Pious people are the close ones to Allah who follow His Shari`ah by saying, acting and believing. As for the stray sects such as Tijaniyyah, they are not from Allah's close ones; they are from Satan's followers. We advise you to read the book entitled

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Al-Furqan Bayn Awliya' Al-Rahman wa Awliya' Al-Shaytan, and the book entitled Iqtida' Al-Sirat Al-Mustaqim Li Mukhalafat Ashab Al-Jahim, written by Ibn Taymiyyah.

Third: According to what is mentioned above, it is not permissible for Muslims to recite such utterances regularly. Muslims have to adhere only to the permissible Adhkar cited in the Qur'an and the Sunnah.

Fourth: As for the Sufi Book entitled Dala'il Al-Khayrat, we advise you not to read it because it contains a lot of Bid`ahs (rejected innovation in religion) and polytheistic matters. Adhkar which are cited in the Qur'an and the Sunnah are sufficient.

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

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