



Fatwa No. (8740):

In a Damascus Masjid (mosque), a person is entrusted with, after every obligatory Salah, reciting loudly Ayat-ul-Kursy (the Qur'anic Verse of the Throne, Surah Al-Baqarah, 2:255), Surah Al-Ikhlâs (112) and Mu`awwidhatayn (Surahs Al-Falaq and Al-Nas). Once this person finishes the recitation, every one who offered Salah re-recites Ayat-ul-Kursy and the Mu`awwidhatayn altogether.

Is the Prophet (peace be upon him) reported to have done so, or is it a Bid'ah (rejected innovation in religion)?

Knowing that the Prophet (peace be upon him) is authentically reported to have recited Ayat-ul-Kursy and the Mu`awwidhatayn after Salah, have I to do as they do and do this regularly?

Is it permissible for a person who is offering obligatory Salah to recite Ayat-ul-Kursy or other verses loudly with the intention of teaching those who do not know how to recite Ayat-ul-Kursy and the Mu`awwidhatayn?

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A: It is impermissible for a certain person who is offering Salah or for all of those offering Salah to recite the abovementioned verses after the Salah loudly; not even with the intention of teaching. Rather, it is a Bid'ah as the Prophet (peace be upon him) is not authentically reported to have ever done so. Moreover, the Prophet (peace be upon him) is authentically reported to have said: **﴿ If somebody innovates something which is not in harmony with the principles of our religion, that thing is rejected. ﴾** Recorded by Al-Bukhari and Muslim. Consequently, you should not behave according to their Bid'ah. Rather, you are to deny it and try to make clear the truth of what they do as much as possible with wisdom and good instruction. Allah (may He be Exalted) said: **﴿ Invite (mankind, O Muhammad peace be upon him) to the Way of your Lord (i.e. Islâm) with wisdom (i.e. with the Divine Revelation and the Qur'ân) and fair preaching, and argue with them in a way that is better. ﴾** Furthermore, the Prophet (peace be upon him) is authentically reported to have said: **﴿ Whoever among you sees something abominable should rectify it with his hand; and if he has not strength enough to do it, then he should do it with his tongue; and if he has not strength enough to do it, (even) then he should (abhor it) from his heart, and that is the least of faith. ﴾**

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