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Bid`ah related to recitation of the Qur'an

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Specifying some Surahs of the Qur'an as the "Saving Surahs"

The First Question from Fatwa no. 1260

Q1: Some students of Dar Al-Hadith in Madinah came to me and gave me a booklet called: "The Saving Surahs", which included Surahs Al-Kahf, Al-Sajdah, Yasin, Fussilat, Al-Dukhan, Al-Waqi`ah, Al-Hashr, and Al-Mulk. They said that they have distributed many copies in Makkah, Madinah, and other places. Is there any evidence that they can be given this name and description?

A: All Surahs (chapters) and Ayahs (verses) of the Qur'an are healing for the diseases of the heart, guidance, and a mercy for the believers. They save those who adhere to them and are guided by them from Kufr (disbelief), misguidance, and painful torture. The Prophet (peace be upon him) clarified this through his words, deeds, and approval of the permissibility of Ruqyah (reciting Qur'an and saying supplications over the sick seeking healing). It has never been authentically reported that the Prophet (peace be upon him) gave a special name or described these eight Surahs as the Saving Surahs, but it is confirmed that he used to seek refuge with Allah by reciting the three Mu`awwidhat (three protective Surahs): (Say (O Muhammad peace be upon him): "He is Allâh, (the) One...")and(Say: "I seek refuge with (Allâh), the Lord of the daybreak...")and(Say: "I seek refuge with (Allâh) the Lord of mankind...")He used to recite them three times before going to bed, and he would dry spit into his hands after each time and wipe his face and

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what he could reach of his body. Ruqyah was also performed by Abu Sa`id, who recited Surah Al-Fatihah over the leader of a non-Muslim tribe who was stung. The man recovered quickly, by the Permission of Allah, and the Prophet (peace be upon him) approved what Abu Sa`id has done. He (peace be upon him) established that if someone recites Ayat-ul-Kursy (the Qur'anic Verse of the Throne, Surah Al-Baqarah, 2:255) before going to sleep, Satan will not approach them during that night. So whoever it was who described the Surahs mentioned in the question as the "Saving Surahs" is an ignorant innovator in the Din (religion). And whoever gathered them in this way, separated from the other Surahs of the Qur'an, hoping to be blessed, saved, and protected by this, has done wrong and rebelled against the order of the `Uthmany Mus-haf (Arabic version of the Qur'an), which was agreed upon by Ijma` (a consensus) of the Sahabah (Companions, may Allah be pleased with them). They have also renounced most of the Qur'an and specified for certain Surahs what was not specified by the Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him) nor any of his Sahabah.

Therefore, it is obligatory to forbid this and that all the printed copies should be destroyed to repudiate and remove this evildoing.

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

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