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Fatwa no. (5034):

Q: Please give us your Fatwa concerning a group of people who make circle in Masjids (mosques) in which they observe remembrance of Allah (may He be Exalted) and His Messenger. Sometimes in their Dhikr (Remembrance of Allah), they say things that are contrary to Tawhid (Oneness of Allah). An example of what they say is: "Help us, O Messenger of Allah!" They repeat these words while their leader says: "O, you (the Prophet) are the key of Allah's treasures. O you are the Ka`bah of Allah's appearance. O you are the throne of Allah's leveling and O you are the chair of Allah's descent! Suffice us. O Allah's beloved! You are the intended one. It is you, O Messenger of Allah, and other similar words of Shirk (disbelief).

A: First of all, the Dhikr (Remembrance of Allah) with one voice by a group of people like what is done in the Sufi orders and this is an act of Bid`ah (rejected innovation in religion). It was stated that the Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him) said: [\(If anyone introduces in our matter \(i.e. religion\) something which does not belong to it, will be rejected. \)](#). **Secondly,** Invoking others beside Allah (may He be Exalted) and seeking their help to relieve distress or grief is an act of major Shirk (associating others in worship with Allah), which is forbidden because invoking and seeking help is an act of worship that must be dedicated to Allah Alone. Therefore, dedicating one's worship to other than Allah (may He be Exalted) is an act of major Shirk which makes one a disbeliever. Allah (may He be Exalted) says: [\(And invoke not besides Allâh any such that will neither profit you nor harm you, but if \(in case\) you did so, you shall certainly be one of the Zâlimûn \(polytheists and wrong-doers\). \)](#) And if Allâh touches you with harm, there is none who can remove it but He, and if He intends any good for you, there is none who can repel His Favour which He causes it to reach whomsoever of His slaves He wills. And He is the Oft-Forgiving, the Most Merciful.)

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Moreover, And He (may He be Exalted) says: [\(And the mosques are for Allâh \(Alone\); so invoke not anyone along with Allâh. \)](#) He (may He be Exalted) also says: [\(And whoever invokes \(or worships\), besides Allâh, any other ilâh \(god\), of whom he has no proof; then his reckoning is only with his Lord. Surely! Al-Kâfirûn \(the disbelievers in Allâh and in the Oneness of Allâh, polytheists, pagans, idolaters\) will not be successful. \)](#) and the like of other Ayah (Qur`anic verse) indicating the obligation of dedicating worship to Allah Alone. It was stated in the Hadith that the Prophet (peace be upon him) said: [\(If you ask, ask of Allah Alone; and if you seek help, supplicate to Allah Alone for help... \)](#) He (peace be upon him) also said: [\(Supplication \(Du`a'\) is itself worship. \)](#).

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

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