



The second question of Fatwa no. 16099

Q 2: Some Islamic institutions celebrate the Mawlid (the Prophet's birthday).

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Did the Prophet (peace be upon him) do this, or did he order this to be done after his death?

A: Celebrating the occasion of the Mawlid is a forbidden Bid`ah (innovation in religion), for there is no evidence from the Qur'an or the Sunnah to support this act. It was not practiced by any of the four Rightly-Guided Caliphs. Moreover, the Prophet (peace be upon him) said: *«Anyone who introduces anything into this matter of ours (Islam) that is not part of it will have it rejected.»* He (peace be upon him) also said: *«Adhere to my Sunnah (way) and the Sunnah of the righteous, Rightly-guided Caliphs; hold fast to it and bite onto it with your molars (i.e. cling firmly to it). Beware of newly-invented matters (in religion), for every newly-invented matter is a Bid'ah, and every Bid'ah is a Dalalah (deviation from the right).»*

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

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