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Bid'ah is abhorrent to Allah Ta'ala. The innovation of acts resembling Ibaadat is *Bid'ah*. Innovating such Bid'ah during plagues does not please Allah Ta'ala. The innovated wazaaif and supplications only add to the problems and misery of the plague. The plague is not ameliorated nor eliminated by Bid'ah. On the contrary, the devastation is intensified.

Haafiz Ibn Hajar Asqalaani (Rahmatullah alayh) states in his voluminous kitaab, *Bathlul Ma'oon fi Fadhlit Taa'oon* regarding baseless innovations during one devastating plague:

“In the month of Rabiul Awwal (during the plague), the people gathered (in Damascus) to make khatam of Bukhaari Shareef. By the Mihraab of the Sahaabah, they recited Surah Nooh 3363 times according (an instruction) which someone saw in a dream. Then the people made fervent dua for the elimination of the plague. But the plague became more severe.”

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The plague continued with increased and unabated fury and devastation. Do not lose sight of the fact that the plague is either Shahaadat or Athaab. The Athaab of Allah Azza Wa Jal will run its prescribed course decreed by Allah Ta'ala. Nothing will stop or thwart it. Regardless of the desperate measures instituted in the panic-stricken communities, the plague will fulfil its divinely-decreed mandate.

In one plague Muslims introduced the Bid'ah of going to the outskirts of the city to perform Salaat and make dua as is the practice for Salaatul Istisqaa' (Dua for rain). They even fasted three days. But the plague continued unabated.

In our time today, wazeefahs based on the dreams of some buzrugs are being circulated. Innovating such practices is Bid'ah and in conflict with the Sunnah.

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Rasulullah (Sallallahu alayhi wasallam) and the Sahaabah who had suffered in the Plague of Amwaas, did not innovate any specific practices or wazeefahs.

The solution is not Bid'ah nor only Dua and Wazaaif. The remedy for the plague is *Inaabat ilallaah*. The fundamentals of *Inaabat* are:

- Sincere Taubah (Repentance)
- Reciting Istighfaar with sincerity in abundance
- Renewal of the *Mithaaq (Pledge)*. This is of absolute importance.

It is vital to pledge to Allah Ta'ala that the sins in which we had indulged will not be repeated. Submission to the Shariah and adoption of the Sunnah are incumbent factors of *Inaabat ilallaah*. *Mithaaq*, the wazeefas and duas will be of no avail.

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Istighfaar, Tahleel, Tasbeeh, Tilaawat, Durood and Dua in abundance are also necessary. But minus *Inaabat*, these acts are not accepted.

There should be no organized khatams of anything. Everyone should perform Ibaadat in the privacy of the home and silently shed tears, imploring the Rahmat of Allah Ta'ala.

Grotesque, dark and bizarre fitnah is in the making. Worse appears on the horizon. The Ummah has been trapped in satanic luxuries and haraam pleasures. The consequences are now beginning to surface. Allah Ta'ala says in the Qur'aan Majeed:

"We shall most assuredly give them to taste of the lesser punishment, not the greater punishment. Perhaps they will return to Rectitude.

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When we fail to derive lesson from the lesser punishment, the greater punishment will be unleashed with obliterating severity and consequences. The entire community will be uprooted, devastated and eliminated. May Allah Ta'ala have mercy on us. May Allah Ta'ala grant all Muslims the taufeeq for *Inaabat*. May Allah Ta'ala save us all from the dark shaitaani plots of the Munaafiqeen in our midst.

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