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BID'AH FORMS OF THIKR

Question

Some people have the practice of 'zikh majlis' in their homes. People are invited for a bayaan. After the talk, the lights are put off, and all present engage in zikh. Is this form of zikh majlis Sunnah?

Answer

Far, very far from this type of Thikr being Sunnah, it is bid'ah. There is absolutely no basis in the Sunnah for such forms of innovated Thikr. When a group of persons had engaged in a congregational Thikr of *Lailaha ilallaah*, *Subhaanallah* and *Alhamdulillah* in the Musjid, Hadhrat Abdullah Ibn Mas'ood (Radhiyallahu anhu) branded them *bid'atis* and had them physically expelled from the Musjid.

Bid'ah is an extremely cunning stratagem of Iblees to derail people from the Sunnah. He deflects them from the Sunnah with practices given the form of 'ibaadat'. The Barelwi bid'ati/qabar pujaaris are fond of putting off the lights when they engage in their bid'ah forms of thikr. Understand well, that *Ibaadat* – pure Ibaadat – Ibaadat pleasing to Allah Ta'ala is the kind of Ibaadat which existed during *Khairul Quroon*. All forms of worship which were innovated after the first three Mubaarak eras of Islam are bid'ah.

Some Auliya who were undoubtedly sincere in their intentions, were short-sighted. Thus, they had introduced forms of Thikr which later developed into hard core bid'ah. The Sunnah is what existed in *Khairul Quroon*. Rasulullah (Sallallahu alayhi wasallam) said:

*“The best of ages is my age, then the next age, then the next age.
Thereafter will come KITHB (falsehood).”*

Thus the criterion of the Sunnah and Haq is the forms and ways of Ibaadat which existed during *Khairul Quroon*. It is Waajib to abstain from all these innovated, bid'ah thikr practices which are organized in houses and Musjids.