



Taking fees for committing a Bid`ah, like earning one's living through reciting the Qur'an and so on

The second question of Fatwa no. (6973):

Q 2: Is it permissible to recite the Qur'an for a person who has asked me to do so? It is not for worship, but only a recitation of the Qur'an so that Allah will bless that person or restore a lost item to them, while they pay me a certain sum of money in return. Is it permissible to recite the Qur'an and take fees in the mentioned way? There is another form which is practiced in our country: a person gathers a group of people who memorize or study the Qur'an, and asks them to pronounce Tasbih (saying: "Subhan Allah [Glory be to Allah]") a thousand times,

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"There is neither might nor power except with Allah!" a thousand times and so on. The host prepares food and slaughters animals to feed the people on this occasion. He also gives them a certain sum of money in return for this.

A: It is impermissible for a Muslim to recite the Qur'an in return for a fee given to him by those who asked him to do so. It is impermissible for a Muslim to take this as a job and a source of living. It is also impermissible for a Muslim to gather people to glorify Allah a thousand times and say "There is neither might nor power except with Allah!" a thousand times in return for food or fees. This is considered a Bid`ah (innovation in religion). It was authentically reported that the Prophet (peace be upon him) said, ([A person who innovates things in our affairs for which there is no valid reason, these are to be rejected.](#)) May Allah grant us success! May peace and blessings be upon our Prophet Muhammad, his family and Companions!

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