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Question

1.Your fatwa [no. 13659] suggests that Meelad had justification under certain circumstances. Yet, in a recent fatwa you have quoted the hadith wherein you mention that "every innovation is in hell." Does the said hadith not be applicable to fatwa 13659?

2. Did the Prophet [saw] fast on a Monday because it was the day of his birth? If yes, is this not a commemoration [on his (saw) part] of his birthday?

Answer

In the name of Allah, Most Gracious, Most Merciful

Assalaamu `alaykum waRahmatullahi Wabarakatuh

1. The life of Rasulullah SAW is an integral path of our Deen. Love for Rasulullah SAW is a means of the perfection of our Deen. Therefore to discuss the life of Rasulullah SAW and educate ourselves on that can never be bidah.

However, if one regards celebrating the birth of Rasulullah SAW or regard discussing the different aspects of the life of Rasulullah SAW on particular days of a year to be compulsory, that is indeed bidah.

2. Rasulallah SAW also used to keep Nafl fast on Thursdays as well and on the 13th, 14th and 15th of the lunar month, irrespective of which days of the week that was. Fasting on Thursday and other days of the week were certainly not due to him celebrating his birthday. Monday was also the day Rasulallah SAW passed away. Should we celebrate the birth of Rasulallah SAW each Monday and also mourn his death each Monday?

And Allah knows best

Wassalam

Darul Iftaa, Madrassah In'aamiyyah

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