



The second question of Fatwa no. 15038

Q 2: What is the ruling on praising Allah by singing and reciting the Ayahs (Qur'anic verses) in a musical tone to attract the non-Muslims to accept Islam and warn the Muslims of committing sins?

A: This act is not permissible for the following reasons:

1- Singing is Haram (prohibited) as it is a kind of vain talk dispraised by the Qur'an where Allah (Exalted be He) says: **(And of mankind is he who purchases idle talks (i.e. music, singing, etc.) to mislead (men) from the Path of Allâh without knowledge)** The doer of such an act is threatened with painful punishment.

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2- The Masjid (mosque) is highly venerated, thus they should be free from sins including singing; the Masjid is only built to remember and mention Allah (Glorified and Exalted be He) there.

3- An even graver prohibition is that people chant the Qur'an in a musical tone as is done in singing. This act entails degrading the Qur'an and dealing with it like the songs chanted for entertainment.

4- It is obligatory to call non-Muslims to embrace Islam and to encourage sinful Muslims to repent to Allah, but this should be done according to the Shar`y (Islamic legal) ways, not those forbidden, or newly invented in religion.

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

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