



Fatwa no. 18846

Q: In Al-Azhar Magazine, (vol. 4, issue 69 - Rabi` Thany 1417 A.H., p. 540), I read a poem called, "Longing" by Ibrahim `Isa marking the occasion of the Mawlid (the Prophet's birthday). I have doubts regarding some of its verses for they include seeking help from other than Allah. The poem reads as follows:

**O my master! O you the best creature and the splendid light!
Save the truth, for it is about to be erased by a fool
O Prophet! You are the epitome of every good
O my beloved! Offer your graces for they are thirst-quenching
My longing for you is an invocation and an echoing voice
Choose me! Shelter me! For my heart is pure
My heart yearns for my beloved and is watered by my tears
What a great honor, I chant, if I come close to you!**

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Please, show what is appropriate and what is not in these verses. May Allah reward you the best for helping Muslims understand their religion.

A: This poem is an invocation and an appeal to the Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him) after his death regarding matters that Allah Alone can do. The verses contain some polytheistic phrases such as, "Save the truth! For it is about to be erased by a fool", "O my beloved! Offer your graces for they are thirst-quenching" and "Choose me! Shelter me!" To believe in these matters is Kufr (disbelief) that may drive a person out of Islam, Allah Forbid! A person should perform sincere Tawbah (repentance to Allah) of this and dedicate all acts of `Ibadah (worship) such as Du`a' (supplication) and Istighathah (seeking help) to Allah only. In addition, a person should believe that Allah (Glorified be He) is the only Sustainer Who can extend benefit and afflict Harm.

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

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