

# DAWATEISLAMI AND THE SUNNI MASĀJID

*an important clarification of issues pertaining to an oft-misquoted fatwa*

“fatwa is always in accordance with the *istiftā'* [query]”

This *fatwa*<sup>1</sup> – which was originally written in the year 2008 and later signed for verification by other scholars in the year 2010 – is absolute, and it is necessary upon us to accept it and follow it. It is common sense that those *muballighīn* [preachers] – whether from DI or SDI – who bring laptops or televisions into the *masājid* and watch videos must be asked to stop and abstain from such. If they do not then in that case they must be asked to leave and if need be, forced to leave and stopped from entering again until it is clear that they have changed their ways and will not commit the unlawful inside the *masjid*. Also, for those who do live in *dar ul islām*, the electricity of the *masjid* must not be misused – i.e. for charging mobile phones or laptops. Such *muballighīn* are a disgrace to the *ahl us-sunnah*.

This *fatwa* does not in any way imply that all DI *muballighīn* must not be allowed into our *masājid* and if they do enter then they must be thrown out or forced to leave. This *fatwa* is specific to the scenario mentioned in the question which I have made clear in the first paragraph. To use this *fatwa* with its verifications to justify or imply that all DI *muballighīn* (in their personal capacity as worshippers) must be thrown out of our *masājid* is the work of ignorant or deceitful people. May Allāh ﷻ protect us from such people who are working to help destroy the *ahl us-sunnah* – some knowingly and the others unknowingly.

That said, the ruling of our Masters of today in regards to DI is that although they have not fallen outside the *ahl us-sunnah*, they are not the propagators of the *maslak* [methodology] of ‘Ālā Ḥaḍrat ﷺ. Never mind the common people, even scholars must not attend their *ijtima‘āt* [conferences.] The *masājid* should not be provided as platforms for their work, and we must not support them in any way: as they refuse to refute the deviant sects as openly as our Imām did all his life. Also recently, they have attributed the permissibility of photography, TV and video to Imām Aḥmad Riḍā ﷺ and Sadr ush-Sharī‘ah ﷺ.

We pray to Allāh ﷻ that they are guided to the feet of our Masters and to the true *maslak* of Imām Aḥmad Riḍā ﷺ.

– and Allah knows best –

Faqīr Zāhid Ḥusayn al Qādirī  
*beggar at the doorstep of Scholars*

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<sup>1</sup> A *fatwa* issued and verified by some respected jurists of the *ahl us-sunnah* stating that those individuals associated with DI who play videos in the *masājid* should be removed and barred from entering. Read the original *fatwa* here – <http://radawiyah.wordpress.com/2012/04/07/original-fatwa/>