

**Boundaries of Allah. Anyone who transgresses the boundaries set by Allah has wronged themselves. If we add to this fabricated festival the fact that it is one of the festivals of the Kuffar (disbelievers), this heaps sin upon sin, because it entails imitating them and is a type of support of them. Allah (Glorified be He) forbids the Mu'minoon (believers), in His Ever-Glorious Book, from imitating or supporting the Kuffar. It is authentically reported that the Prophet (peace be upon him) said: Anyone who imitates a people is one of them [Saheeh Sunan Abi Dawood no.2031]. Valentine's Day falls under this heading, as it is one of the idolatrous Christian festivals. It is not lawful for a Muslim who believes in Allah and the Last Day to celebrate, approve of, or congratulate people on it; it is forbidden to them. Rather, it is obligatory for them to ignore and avoid it, in obedience to Allah and His Messenger and to keep away from that which will arouse Allah's Anger and incur Punishment. It is also Haram (prohibited) for Muslims to support this festival or any other forbidden festival by any means, whether by supplying food or drinks, selling, buying, manufacturing, gift-giving, corresponding, advertising and so on, because all this comes under cooperating in sin and transgression, and disobeying Allah and His Messenger. Allah (Glorified and Exalted be He) says:**

**"Help you one another in Al-Birr and At-Taqwâ (virtue, righteousness and piety); but do not help one another in sin and transgression. And fear Allâh. Verily, Allâh is Severe in punishment" [5:2].**

**It is obligatory for Muslims to adhere to the Qur'an and Sunnah in all matters, especially in times of Fitnah (trial) when corruption is widespread. They must be sagacious enough and on their guard to avoid falling into the misguidance of those who have earned Allah's Anger, those who went astray, or the Fasiqoon (those flagrantly violating Islamic law) who have no fear of Allah nor have pride in being Muslims. Muslims should resort to Allah, asking for guidance and steadfastness in Islam, as it is Allah Alone Who guides and keeps us steadfast.**

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

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# **THE RULING ON VALENTINE'S DAY IN ISLAM**



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All Praise is due to Allah and may Peace and Blessings be upon the Prophet, his Companions, and his followers until the Last Day.

As for what proceeds:

On February 14, people worldwide celebrate Valentine's Day. It is "observed in honor of St. Valentine as a day for the exchange of valentines and other tokens of affection" [<http://dictionary.reference.com/browse/valentine-s-day>]. However, Valentine's Day is a celebration of forbidden love and illicit relationships. This pamphlet will explain the Islamic ruling on celebrating Valentine's Day inshallah. I ask Allah, our Lord, to guide us all. Verily, He is capable of all things.

**The Ruling of Shaikh Ibn ul -'Uthaymeen (1421 H.), may have mercy upon him:**

**"Celebrating Valentine's day is not allowed for a number of reasons:**

- 1. It is an innovated celebration without any foundation in the Legislation of Islam**
- 2. It calls to love and passion**
- 3. It calls to busy the heart with the likes of these frivolous affairs which oppose the guidance of the Pious Predecessors (may Allah be pleased with them). So it is not allowed to innovate in this day something from the signs of 'Eid. Whether it be in food or drink or clothing or gifts or other than that. It is upon a Muslim to be honored in his religion and to not be a blind follower who follows every caller. We ask Allah, the Exalted, to protect the Muslims from every trial from what is apparent and what is hidden. And that He takes care of us with His care and Divine success".** [Majoom' al-Fatawa wa-Rasaail (16/124)]

**The Ruling of Shaikh Salih al-Fawzan (may Allah preserve him) said:**

**"What is Valentine's Day? It is a festival of the Christians. It is not allowed for the Muslims to participate with them nor promote it with them, nor witness the evil. These are the festivals of the disbelievers and he does not support them. Love? For who is this love? Love for the Devil? Or love for Jesus (may peace and blessings be upon him)? Or love between them?**

**There is no love between the disbelievers: "You would think they were united, but their hearts are divided" [59:14]. They say: "love for a woman"? This is wickedness".**

[<http://alfawzan.af.org.sa/node/3853>]

**The Ruling of the Permanent Committee:**

**Q:** Some people celebrate Valentine's Day on February 14 by exchanging red roses, dressing in red, and congratulating one another on that day. Some cake shops make heart-shaped cakes in red and draw hearts on them and other shops advertise special items on sale for this day. What is your opinion on: First: Celebrating this day? Second: Buying from these stores on this day? Third: Shop owners who do not celebrate this day selling gifts to those who do celebrate it?

May Allah reward you with the best.

**A:** **The clear-cut evidence from the Qur'an and Sunnah, upon which the Salaf (righteous predecessors) of this Ummah (nation based on one creed) of this Ummah unanimously agree, confirms that there are only two `Eids (festivals) in Islam: `Eid-ul-Fitr (the Festival of Breaking the Fast) and `Eid-ul-Adha (the Festival of the Sacrifice). Any other festival, whether peculiar to a person, a group, an event or stands for any meaning whatsoever, is an invented festival that is not permissible for Muslims to celebrate, approve of, enjoy, or support in any way, because this is considered to be a transgression of the...**