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Shaykh Muhammad bin Saalih al-'Uthaymeen [May Allaah have mercy upon him]

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In the name of Allaah, the Most Merciful, the Bestower of Mercy

**Question:** "When did the innovation of the Mawlid (first) appear Shaykh Muhammad?"

**Shaykh Muhammad bin Saalih al-'Uthaymeen** [May Allaah have mercy upon him]: "In the fourth century; meaning that the three virtuous (best) generations passed by and not a single person celebrated it. It (first) occurred in the fourth century and increased, spread and intensified in the seventh century. Many works in that regard, and all praises belong to Allaah, have been authored, which clarify the beginning of this innovation, its root and its rank within the (Islaamic) legislation, and there is no basis for it in Allaah's legislation."