

DISCUSSION ON MARTHIYA

Boys: Group 1

Are Urdu marthîya effective in promoting the aura of grief and mourning? If not, what can be done to improve this?

- Yes they may be effective for a portion of the community (i.e., adults who understand Urdu well)
 - Nevertheless, most of the youth (including English speaking youth) would prefer if there were some improvements such as the following.
- Improvements:
 1. Make the words simpler in the Marthîya
 2. Marthîya should not rely on individual tragedy; rather, they should attempt to promote internal revolutions within us.
 3. We should educate people about the history and philosophy of Marthîya
 4. We should encourage it among the youth from an early age
 5. We should have Marthîya in English
 - a. Cons
 - i. We realize that English may be a poor language for poetic expression and has a limited vocabulary.
 - b. Pros
 - i. English is becoming a universal language and more people can understand it
 - ii. We believe it is possible to promote grief through English marthîya but it will take time
 1. Right now we are in the early stage of the development of English marthîya – it will improve over time
 2. As long as it does not go against the Islamic principles, we believe it is all right to borrow Western tones.