

In the Name of Allah, Most Gracious, Most Merciful

Biggest Challenges in Doing Dawah

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Generally people think that calling Muslims to come to Masjid to offer Salaat and do little Dawah (from other books than the Quraan), is the biggest challenges in doing Dawah. They claim that Masjid is empty nowadays is a curse on Muslim Ummah. However they don't want to reflect on the Masjid-e-Nabwabi of the time of Prophet Muhammad (Peace-Be-Upon-Him), where people were not only going there to offer Salaat, but also going there to learn and educate themselves according to that time (the Quraan & Hikmat, Prophet's Medicines, Judicial System, Economics of that time, Self Defense, Learning Dawah Techniques and Building Communities etc.).

The Quraan has mentioned many examples of Prophets and Messengers who had faced the Biggest Challenges on inviting the people of other faiths (Not Muslims).

Challenges are a lot from around the globe. Now it is time for all of us to open our eyes and return back and reflect on the message of the Quraan. Our Masjid must be fully equipped with the help of modern technologies to perform all activities which is according to the Quraan and Authentic Sunnah.

Convert all old Masjids by applying modern technologies wherever possible and which are in accordance to the Quraan and Authentic Hadeeth. Also, make sure to have separate special arrangements for women.

If building new Masjids, please ensure that it is taking true guidance from Rasool Allah (Peace-Be-Upon-Him) and applying all the modern technologies wherever possible and which are in accordance to the Quraan and Authentic Hadeeth. Also, make sure to have separate special arrangements for women.

Following are few guidelines for a Model Masjid where ever possible:

- 1> Must have a Prayer Hall for regular five times of prayers for men and women.
- 2> Must have Modern Islaamic Library for children and adults (men and women).
- 3> Must have an institution (e.g. School, College and University) to train our kids and adults (men and women) to face all the modern challenges, which are according to Quraan and Authentic Sunnah.
- 4> Must have **Convertible Halls**, to be used during Friday Prayers, Eid Prayers, Gym for exercises/marshals-arts, Islaamic Marriage Ceremony and **Multi-Faith / Multi-Sect Friendly Dialogues** etc., on regular basis.
- 5> Must have Funeral Home.

Invite (all) to the Way of thy Lord with wisdom and beautiful preaching; and argue with them in ways that are best and most gracious: for your Lord knows best, who have strayed from His Path, and who receive guidance. (Al_Quraan_016.125)

You Hear it that is it, Now it is Between You and Allah and Those Who Listen BUT Do Not Obey are the Worst Animal, since they do not try to understand and follow the Quraan (Ref: Al_Quraan_008.020-022)

Also **Remember** that both **Musaa** (Peace-Be-Upon-Him) and **Khizr** (Peace-Be-Upon-Him) were obeyed Allah BUT disagreed on some of their mission. So we might differ in our missions to help the world, BUT our goal must be to obey Allah alone in sprit. You might be obeying Allah, according to what you understand and I am also obeying Allah according to what I understand. It is time to **UNITE** not **DIVIDE** and be Positive.

Be a Role Model for your Child as well as to the society, and make Duaa:

O my Lord! Increase me in knowledge. (Ref: Al_Quraan_020.114) AMEEN.

O our Lord! grant us in our wives and our children the joy of our eyes, and make us guides to those who guard (against evil). (Al_Quraan_025.074) AMEEN.

Get out from your barrack / hujra / cave and start doing Effective Dawah from the Quraan with wisdom by all means including modern technologies, (Al_Quraan_016.125, 074.001-007).

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