

In the Name of Allah, Most Gracious, Most Merciful

Reviving Masjids for 21st Century & Beyond

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Two Types of Masjids Allowed in the Quraan, Global and Local:

First one is **Global** and it is **Al-Masjid al-Haram (Kaaba)** in Makkah al-Mukarram, Saudi Arabia, to perform Hajj and Umrah, uniting Global Muslim Ummah at one place, get the benefits from here, and see few signs of Allah, in addition to establishing regular five times prayers as well as additional prayers including Tahajjud Prayers according to local time. Remember, it is the first worshiping place and center of the guidance for the mankind.

Second one is **Masjid al-Nabawi** in Madinah al-Munawarah, Saudi Arabia. It is a **Role Model for all local Masjids**, since Rasool Allah (Peace-Be-Upon-Him) used this as a **Role Model** to perform many duties including following:

- 1> Trained Muslim Ummah which includes, children, adults (men and women). Trainings were superb in all disciplines including **Multi-Faith / Multi-Sect Friendly Dialogues**, **Defense** and of course the **Quraan, Quranic Arabic Language** for Non-Arabs and proved that it was the best up-to-date institution in the whole world at the time of Rasool Allah (Peace-Be-Upon-Him).
- 2> Established the best **Judicial System** in the whole world at the time of Rasool Allah (Peace-Be-Upon-Him).
- 3> Established the best **Community Centre** to help Humanity.

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 Rasool Allah (Peace-Be-Upon-Him). Our Masjid must be fully equipped with the help of modern technologies to perform all activities which is according to the Quraan.

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

Few Guidelines for all Local Masjids:

- 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.
- 4> Must have **convertible hall**, to be used during **Friday Prayers, Eid Prayers, Gym** for exercises/marshals-arts, **Islaamic Marriage Ceremony, Quranic Arabic Language** for Non-Arabs and **Multi-Faith / Multi-Sect Friendly Dialogues** etc.
- 5> Must have **Funeral Home**.
- 6> Masjid must need to be **Germs Free**. If someone has sickness which might spread, even like Flue or Cough, he/she must avoid going to Masjid till it is under control and not spreadable. Shoes/Sleepers must be kept outside the Prayers Hall to avoid Germs going inside. Even someone might have very allergic to Perfumes, Peanuts etc.

Reviving Masjids during Severe Global Economic Downtime:

Saving a life is like save whole world, wastage and extra expense is totally against the Quraan. Not a sincere Muslim can do wastage, regardless of rich, poor, or kings etc. When billions of people around the Globe are in Extreme Poverty and Extreme Famine, no true Muslims can even think of wastage, over expending, building extra expensive Masjids only for Friday Prayers while rest of the week no public benefits for study, counseling etc.

While humanity is badly suffering from Extreme Poverty and Famine, expensive **GHILAF-E-KAABA** etc. must be replaced with **more economical materials** e.g., waterproof and rust proof materials and paintings to last longer to save future expense as well. Do more research and plan for thousands of years to last it with just washing with water regularly and polishing once or twice a year.

Non-Practicing Muslims are like ASS / Donkey carrying books, (Ref: Al_Quraan_062.005).

None argue concerning the revelations (Ayaat) of Allah BUT those who Disbelieve ..., (Al_Quraan_040.004).
