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Q: Due to the mistakes committed in Hajj (Pilgrimage) by Muslims in general and by those of India and Pakistan in particular, I felt it was important to write a book on the rituals of Hajj in

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Urdu. As I need more visual aids in explaining some places in the Honored Ka`bah or explaining how to start from the Al-Hajar Al-Aswad (The Black Stone in the southeast corner of the Ka`bah from which Muslims begin circumambulation) and so on, I need to put lines and shapes. Is it permissible according to the Qur'an and Sunnah (whatever is reported from the Prophet) to use the mentioned lines and shapes for explanation?

A: It is not permissible to use drawings and shapes of things which have souls such as Humans and others even if they are used to explain some sites in the Honored Ka`bah because there is no necessity to do so and because of the general proofs of prohibition.

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

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