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## Writing verses of Qur'aan on walls of masjid

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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

In the Name of Allaah the most Kind the most Merciful

**Question:**<sup>1</sup> Noble Shaykh, what is the ruling on writing verses and Hadeeths on the walls of the Masaajid?

**Shaykh Ibn Uthaymeen** (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ)<sup>2</sup>: This is confusion of the people. As for writing verses upon the walls of the Masaajid or other than them, this is from the innovations. It is not found (to be) from the companions that they would inscribe verses upon the walls. Moreover, inscribing the walls with verses contains a type of belittlement of the Speech of Allaah. Due to this, we find some of them writing the verses in the image of castles or minarets or Masaajid, etc. They fashion the writing such that it resembles a castle. There is no doubt that this is playing around with the Book of Allaah (عزوجل)<sup>3</sup>. Moreover, if it were possible to be written with Arabic writing that is legible, (still) this is not from the guidance of the Salaf. (Furthermore), what is the benefit in writing it upon the wall? Some of the people say that it is a reminder for the people. We say: reminder should be by way of statement, not by way of writing the verses (on walls). At times, there may be written upon walls:

وَلَا يَغْتَابَ بَعْضُكُمْ بَعْضًا

[And do not backbite one another.]<sup>4</sup>

Yet, you find the people sitting under the verse backbiting the people. This is mockery of the verses of Allaah. Hence, writing verses within the Masaajid upon the walls and upon the walls of the houses is all innovation which was not done during the era of the Salaf. As for writing the Ahadeeth, then within the Masjid in the direction of the Qiblah, no doubt, is a cause of confusion. Perhaps some of the worshipers will look at it during the prayer. The scholars (رحمهم الله تعالى)<sup>5</sup> dislike that a person should write anything in the direction of the Qiblah of the masjid. As for within the home, then there is no harm in writing a Hadeeth, if there is a benefit; such as writing the closing (supplication) of the gathering:

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<sup>1</sup> Source: Silsilah Liqa'at Al-Baab Al-Maftooh (no. 197)

<sup>2</sup> (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ) (rahimahullaah) May Allaah the Most High have mercy on him

<sup>3</sup> (عزوجل) (Azza wa Jaal) Mighty and Majestic is He

<sup>4</sup> سورة الحجرات - Soorah al-Hoojooaat [49:12]

<sup>5</sup> (رحمهم الله تعالى) May Allaah's Mercy be upon them

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سُبْحَانَكَ اللَّهُمَّ رَبَّنَا وَبِحَمْدِكَ ، أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا أَنْتَ أَسْتَغْفِرُكَ وَأَتُوبُ إِلَيْكَ

**Glory be to You O Allaah, and praise be to You; I testify that none has the right to be worshipped except You; I seek Your Forgiveness and I Turn to You in repentance**

This contains a reminder.