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Rasulullah (sallallaahu alaihi wasallam) said: *“I was not instructed with the building of (high and decorative) Musaaqid.”*

Hadhrrat Ibn Abbaas

(radhiallahu anhu) commented:

“You will certainly adorn them as the Jews and Christians did.”

[Abu Dawood]

Rasulullah (sallallaahu alaihi wasallam) said: *“Amongst the Signs of the Day of Qiyaamat is that people will show off in the building of Musaaqid.”*

[Sunan Nisai]

Nabi (sallallaahu alaihi wasallam) said: *“The Last Day will not come until people vie amongst one another in (the building of) Musaaqid.”*

[Abu

Dawood]

The Ormonde Muslim Association in Johannesburg is ‘hosting’ an ‘opening’ fiesta for the ‘Evanspark’ Masjid, which includes (as usual) the elements of *Lahw* and *La`ib* (play, amusement and entertainment) that has become the hallmark of our present-day Ulama. Their confounded program includes singing of songs (nazms), qiraat, thikrs, refreshments, and also

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(the integral part of every revelry) supper! And, yes, so-called ‘ladies facilities’ thereby making a mockery of the Shariah’s prohibition of women’s attendance at Mosjids.

Imagine the audacity and depths of degradation this Ummah has sunk to – not only are we guilty of being amongst the Signs of Qiyaamat by vying in the construction of huge and extravagant Musajjid; not only do we oppose and challenge the warning of Nabi (sallallahu alaihi wasallam) by building such improvident monuments, we now have the nerve to to flagrantly boast about it! Hosting an ‘opening’ event is synonymous with the kuffaar methods and practices of exhibition, advertising and of boasting their achievements. Which Sunnah of Rasulullah (sallallahu alayhi wasallam) are these Ulama following with this opening stunt? Duid Rasulullah (sallallahu alayhi wasallam) organize an opening ceremony for Musjidun Nabawi? Did the Sahaabah, Taabi’een, Tabi’taabi’een or the illustrious Fuqaha, Ulama and Auliya of Islam ever held opening ceremonies for any Musjid? What has constrained these errant and miscreant ulama to adopt the ‘sunnah’ of bioscopes and supermarkets? We are aware that all the institutions of the dunya have opening ceremonies similar to what the Ormonde deviates have organized.

Muslims do not need such festivities. The Musajjid do not require such wasteful, ostentatious and haraam functions. The Musajjid have been created for the express purpose of executing the highest form of Ibaadat, viz. Salaat. The Musajjid should not be used to advertise our wealth, and for merrymaking, waste and ostentation. In the name of the Deen the ulama are making a mockery of Islam. The Opening ceremony of a Musjid is its first Athaan and first Salaat, and absolutely nothing more, not even a dua. The Musajjid are meant to instil in the Mu`min, the qualities of humility, peace and self-effacement. Such ‘Grand Opening’ galas are the very anti-thesis of what the Musajjid stand for.

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