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ISLAM AND ARCHITECTURE
Architectural interpretation from the values of the al Quran and sunnah

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ABSTRACT

Islamic architecture has become a subject of interest in recent years. Before understanding, this term one should understand what is “Islam”. According to Islamic Worldview Islam is a way of life for every Muslim where mankind submits their selves in peace with the rest of Allah creation. In other meaning, this religion is perfect which covers all aspect—spiritual and material worlds. For Muslims, their role on earth is as khalifah, or trustee of Allah. The universe belongs to Allah and He has trusted us with its safekeeping.

Architecture is an instruments or carrier, which builds building in existing universal setting for human comfort. The result might go well with the environment, or will appear as if something of a misfit, oddity, and offensiveness. In order to avoid these dilemmas, Islam becomes guidance in architecture.

The result of integration between Islam and architecture cause the emergence of Islamic Architecture. Islamic Architecture means architecture, which follows the Islamic principle from Al Quran and Sunnah for the creation of built environment. The guiding principles are vast but several most common one such as privacy, rights of neighbors, sustainability, cleanliness, safety and few more. Since there are many types of buildings available, only house are taken as a subject of discussion in this research. The reason is house is individual units built by every human for their living.

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UNDERSTANDING OF ISLAM

In order to understand the social and physical framework of Islam, which embodies criteria for evaluating a Muslim housing environment, it is important to analyze the Islamic legal system. Through its concept, sources and method of application, this system, which is called shari'ah, is the origin of the principles of these frameworks. This chapter mainly discuss about the meaning of Islam, Architecture and Islamic Architecture.