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## CHAPTER SEVEN

### 'GREEN' INTERIOR DESIGN IN ISLAMIC PERSPECTIVE

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#### **ABSTRACT**

The author, in this chapter, wishes to state that 'green' interior design is coherent in the Islamic perspective. In the Architecture or Interior Design world, the term sustainable architecture starts in the 80's and now, in the 21<sup>st</sup> century it has been a current '*trend*'. The context will cover the ethics of an interior designer that practices 'green' and how it is related to Islamic doctrine.

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#### **INTRODUCTION**

##### **What is Green Interior Design?**

Green interior design (sometimes called sustainable design) on the other hand is primarily ethical. Green interior design is about what is good and what is bad for people's health, for the environment and for saving energy. Of course fashion is a big part of green interior design BUT it is not the most important thing. The watch words of green interior design are not 'cool' 'contemporary' 'stylish' and 'now'; but instead 'sustainable' 'recycled' 'non-toxic' 'locally sourced' 'renewable' and 'organic'. This is a point that cannot be stressed too much – Italian leather couches might be the final word in style but a green interior designer is more concerned with whether the leather is from an organic source, whether the wood is from a sustainably managed forest, whether there was any toxin containing glues like formaldehyde used in making the furniture and what was the carbon output involved in shipping the Italian sofa from Europe.<sup>39</sup>

In Islamic doctrine, there are specific words with regards to 'green' interior design. The practice is more towards the inner being of the soul than its outer being. A synopsis by Ibrahim Abdul-Martin in his book the '*Green Deen*', a voluntary scholar in North America has put it that un-recycle energy as oil and coal in which turn most of it the phase of searching, producing until ready to be used all turn negative effects to the environment and as mentioned as from energy from Hell. While reusable energy as Solar, Wind and Waves as mentioned are energy from heaven.<sup>40</sup>

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<sup>39</sup> Source: <http://hubpages.com/hub/What-is-Green-Interior-Design>

<sup>40</sup> Abdul-Martin, Ibrahim. *Green Deen-What Islam Teaches About Protecting the Planet*.