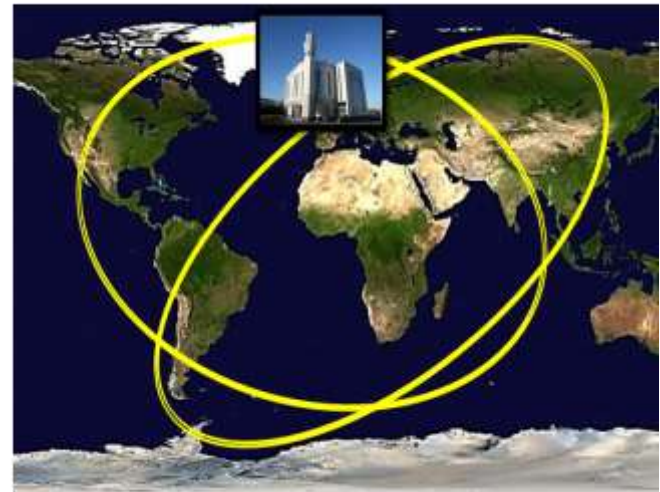


Mahmood Mosque: The Malmo Mosque



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‘Verily, he alone is worthy of maintaining the Mosques of Allah who believes in Allah, and the Last Day, and observes Prayer, and pays the Zakat, and fears none but Allah; so these it is who are far more likely to be counted among the guided.’
(9:18)



‘Those who, if We establish them in the earth, will observe Prayer and pay the Zakat and enjoin good and forbid evil. And with Allah rests the final issue of all affairs.’ (22:42)

Alhamdolillah, God has enabled Swedish Jama’at to build their second mosque which has been named

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Many in the Jama’at are unemployed, there are also the elderly, children and housewives. They also contributed along with the earning members in the building of this house of God. They set a shining example of giving precedence to faith over worldly matters.




This is the spirit of spending in the way of God and the Jama’at which the true devotee of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) has instilled in us. Just as the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) used to be amazed at the financial sacrifices of the Jama’at, the sacrifices continue to amaze today and all this is due to the grace of God alone.

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The construction of the mosque, plus a two-bedroom accommodation, offices and a library has cost 37.5 million krona, or 3.2 million pound sterling. A murrabi house and kitchen are not quite finished yet and the management thinks it will cost further 8 to 10 million krona. As it is with all Jama'at projects a lot of work was done under Waqar e Aml (a self-help system) which saved a lot expense.


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Two days ago newspaper and radio representative visited and commented that it was a beautiful mosque and has enhanced the beauty of the area. Below are some examples of the spirit of sacrifice that adults and children displayed.




Ten to twelve year old girl gave 500 krona. She said she sold to raise the money to give for the mosque.




Children are very keen to have pets in these countries but the Ahmadi girl did not give preference to her pets like other children but gave preference to house of God.



The Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) also said that mosques are the best part of towns and he also said to build mosques among tribes. This is why we try to build mosques everywhere.



A young woman performed I'tikaf and gave her jewellery towards the mosque. The jewellery was not much in quantity but it was all she had.



A Khadim pledged a large amount, some of it on behalf of his wife. Unfortunately the husband and wife separated. Yet when contact was made for payment the khadim said since he had made the pledge he would fulfil it.

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Some raise objection that [in Islam] women are not accommodated in the same building, so here is an answer for them. Ladies hall and men's hall are both in the same building and exactly the same size. They both accommodate 500 worshippers whereas the sports hall can accommodate 700 worshipers. Thus at a time 1700 worshipers can offer Salat.



It is the responsibility of the Swedish Ahmadis to increase their own numbers and dispel the misconceptions of native Swedes regarding Islam and bring them towards Unity of God. It is the right of Swedes that borne of sympathy and consideration for them and owing to their favour that they have accepted us, we should recompense them in an excellent manner which would be bringing them to God.

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said: 'Our Jama'at is in great need of mosques at this time. Mosques are houses of God. When a mosque of our Jama'at is built in a village or a city, it should be considered that the foundation for progress of Jama'at is laid. If there is a village or a city where there are just a few or no Muslims and progress of Islam is wished in that place, build a mosque there. God would Himself draw Muslims to it. However, this is conditional to the intention behind building the mosque being sincere and done merely for the sake of Allah. God will bless it if there is no element of evil or vested interests involved...'

(Malfuzat, Vol. 7, pp. 119-120)

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said: 'Congregational Prayer is more meritorious because it creates unity...' (Malfuzat, Vol. 8, pp. 247-248)

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said: 'The real beauty of mosques is not in the buildings but is with the worshippers who offer sincere Prayers... It is commanded regarding mosques that they should be built for righteousness.' (Malfuzat, Vol. 8, p. 170)

Every Ahmadi in Sweden should remember; always have in view the commandment of 'And I have not created the Jinn and the men but that they may worship Me.' (51:57)

A hadith relates that congregational Prayer is 25 times more meritorious than the Prayer one offers at home or in the marketplace. And this is because when he performs ablutions properly and proceeds to the mosque with the sole purpose of offering Prayer, he does not take one step without being raised a degree in rank and his one sin is removed on his next step. And as long as he is on the Prayer mat angels will send blessings on him. A person is deemed to be in a state of Prayer as long as he waits for it.

The phase of continuous sacrifice has just started whereby the physical beauty of the mosque has to be conveyed into spiritual beauty.

The objective of building mosques is belief in God and this belief is perfected when a person protects himself from all manners of shirk (associating partners with God) and only considers God as the Provider of everything. In addition there is belief in the Hereafter. However, even if man only reflects on one aspect of this belief that the Hereafter is better than this life, rather than making endeavours for worldly matters he would work towards becoming a recipient of the rewards of the Hereafter. God states: **‘...And surely the abode of the Hereafter is better for those who are righteous...’** (6:33)



With the building of the mosque our responsibility has increased and attention should be given to fulfil it. This can be achieved by forging connection with God, by keeping an eye on the Hereafter, by elevating the levels of righteousness.

Religion was going to have dignity via the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) and indeed it has as God sent him in this age as the true devotee of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) to re-establish the credibility of Islam. The very purpose of his advent was to demonstrate the beauty of Islam to the world.