
Constructing a model of the Ka'bah to teach children

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In the Name of Allaah the most Kind the most Merciful

Question: O noble Shaykh there are some teachers who explain to their students the description of Hajj and Umrah; but they say the students are not able to comprehend or fully grasp it. So is it permissible to make a three-dimensional Ka'bah—in the school— along with the other rites of Hajj, such that they can apply practical application?

Shaykh Ibn Uthaymeen (رَحِمَهُ اللَّهُ)¹: Say to him: There is no problem with this; with the condition that he goes into a state of Ihram! He should wear the garment of Ihram! And when he performs Tawwaf around this three dimensional figure he should walk at a brisk trot for the first three units! And he should make a station behind it; and say this is the station of Ibraaheem!

What kind of speech is this?! This is absolutely not befitting to do. He is able to draw on the board a four sided Ka'bah and say: Perform Tawwaf like this.

As for making a three three-dimensional figure; and I suppose he will turn acts of worship into merely rituals and movements without any affect upon the heart. Do you understand? Therefore you have understood for my sarcastic speech, did you understand that this is permissible or not permissible?

Questioner: It is not permissible.

Shaykh Ibn Uthaymeen (رَحِمَهُ اللَّهُ): This is not permissible. All praises belong to Allaah. This is the intent.

¹ (رَحِمَهُ اللَّهُ) (rahimahullaah) May Allaah the Most High have mercy on him