

The TRUTH about the OPEN MOSQUE



From the beginning, the Open Mosque has been targeted by the local Islamic clergy and sleazy Muslim politicians. Without producing any evidence, they fabricated outright lies by dishonestly claiming that the Open Mosque is homosexual, heretical and foreign. Each of these groundless allegations is wholly untrue, but the Muslim priests and their collaborators have persisted with their blatant untruths and falsehoods.

SETTING THE RECORD STRAIGHT

- ◆ **First**, the Open Mosque is not homosexual – none of its members are gay or lesbian. Everyone is welcome in God's House. The Open Mosque does not discriminate on the basis of race, gender, nationality, orientation, disability, etc. It uniquely opens its doors to everyone without exception.
- ◆ **Second**, the Open Mosque is not associated with any heretical group. It has no links to or any affiliation with Ahmadis, Deobandis, Salafis, Saudis, Shi'ahs, Qadianis, Tablighis, Wahhabis or any other minority heterodox sects. The Open Mosque, alone among Islamic institutions in South Africa, is refreshingly non-denominational and non-sectarian.
- ◆ **Third**, the Open Mosque is not an overseas outpost but an indigenous initiative. It is not financed by any foreign agency and opposes Western neo-imperialism. All of the Open Mosque's funds come from membership contributions, providing it with total autonomy and complete independence to combat both spiritual tyranny and secular corruption.

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WHY IS THE ISLAMIC CLERGY SO AFRAID OF THE OPEN MOSQUE?

For the first time in South Africa, the Open Mosque represents a viable alternative to traditional leadership. It boldly denounces the despotic control, the deliberate distortions and the halaal rip-off from a self-interested and non-transparent Islamic hierarchy. The five founding principles of the Open Mosque publicly challenge the undemocratic orthodox priesthood by arming thinking Muslims with the right information and tools to reject poisonous Wahhabi-Salafi indoctrination and un-Qur'anic Saudi tribal customs. In this way, independent-minded Muslims can jettison the toxic brainwashing of the self-appointed clergy. And in the process, devout Muslims will acquire true religious liberation and genuine theological self-empowerment by following a rational and uplifting Qur'anic Islam.

THE FIVE FUNDAMENTALS OF THE OPEN MOSQUE

• QUR'AN-CENTRIC

The Open Mosque restores the absolute supremacy of the unchanged Holy Qur'an. It does not rely on man-made secondary sources that defy or deny the original message of Islam's sacred text. The divine Qur'an is superior to all other later manufactured literature, medieval innovations and invented dogmas.

• GENDER-EQUAL

The Open Mosque promotes complete gender parity between men and women in line with pristine Qur'anic teachings. There are no separate entrances for the sexes, or concealing barriers, or any kind of sexual apartheid. Everyone – men and women – prays together, just like in Makkah al-Mukarramah.

• NON-SECTARIAN

The Open Mosque shuns all religious divisions and theological squabbling. It faithfully upholds Qur'anic Islam and is proudly non-denominational and non-sectarian. This inclusive God's House is exceptional in that it invites everyone, irrespective of background or belief. This is the authentic and real Islamic spirit.

• INTER-CULTURAL

The Open Mosque respects and applauds the amazing racial, social and cultural diversity of South Africa. It actively works to reduce discord and friction in contemporary society with its unrivalled spiritual content and secular programmes that serve to bring people of all faiths (and none) closer together.

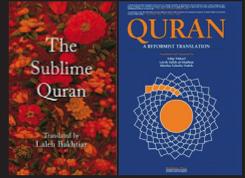
• INDEPENDENT

The Open Mosque is distinct from other Muslim places of prayer. In addition to its scholarly focus and democratic rotation of prayer leaders (Imams), it does not belong to any controversial Islamic body. The Open Mosque is independent, courageously championing theological truth and social justice.

REJECT THEIR OUTRIGHT LIES & PROPOGANDA
COME AND SEE WHAT THE OPEN MOSQUE IS ALL ABOUT
DECIDE FOR YOURSELF • WHY LET OTHERS THINK FOR YOU?



The **OPEN MOSQUE**
INVITES YOU
TO ITS WEEKLY PROGRAMME



FRIDAY CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

(Salat al-Jumu'ah)

12:45 pm

Come to the most forward-looking mosque for weekly worship in Arabic and English. Original sermons on key theological and religious topics as well as fearless political and social comment. No gender segregation or any specific female uniform / dress required. All welcome regardless of religion! (Everyone is also invited to the five daily prayers).

TUESDAY QUR'AN SEMINARS

Weekly trailblazing scriptural study

7:00 pm

Participate in analytical Qur'anic study seminars. Instead of reciting Islam's sacred text unthinkingly, these complimentary classes dissect, debate and discuss the Holy Qur'an in an unusually novel and thematic fashion. Multiple classical and contemporary translations, as well as extensive class notes and refreshments are provided free.



The Home of Erudite, Egalitarian & Enlightened Islam

THURSDAY DHIKR SESSIONS

(divine and devotional meditation)
after *Maghrib* (sunset) prayers

The Open Mosque pioneers weekly Thursday evening *dhikr* sessions celebrating the Creator, saluting the Sustainer and glorifying God. This melodic chanting embraces several musical instruments and prioritises the Lord exclusively. Be part of this unique dynamic ensemble and choir that extols and praises the Almighty in Arabic, Afrikaans, English and Xhosa.

SUNDAY ARABIC CLASSES

Free language classes for adults / children

10:00 am – 1:00 pm

Do you want to learn classical Arabic? Would you like to read, write and speak literary Arabic? To be tutored by qualified and enthusiastic native-born teachers? Then, these gratis weekly language sessions are right for you. No prior knowledge of Arabic is needed. Free learning materials supplied. Everyone is welcome, Muslim and non-Muslim.

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