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ABSTRACT

This thesis aims to explore the idea of mosque, Islam's most emblematic building, in today's paradigm. It questions what makes the mosque identifiable and how, a concept as that of the architecture of the mosque, can its design be allowed to evolve in accordance with today's technology, culture and context. It tackles the dilemma of identity associated with the mosque's form and tries to achieve, through architecture a place that ties mosque to both, the past and the present.

Architecture can extract the structural properties embedded in nature and use them to create its forms. The existing examples in nature can lend us structural configuration that are sustainable. This thesis, whilst not of a mathematical or technical nature, explores structural principles of biomimicry and the influence of form on structural efficiency.

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CHAPTER 01: INTRODUCTION OF THE PROJECT

1.1 PROJECT TITLE:

The title of the project is **“MODERN VISION OF SUFFA AS AN INSTITUTION OF ISLAM”**

1.2 INTRODUCTION:

Islam is intended for whole mankind. Islam was preached by Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) in the 6th century AD, and since then it has been one of the most influential religion around the world, The Holy Scripture is called 'The Quran' and every Muslim has to follow the regulations described in the Book According to the Book (The Qur'an) and Prophet's (PBUH) preaching a Muslim should pray five times a day. All it requires one is to clean himself or herself with water which is known as W'udhu and then face to the direction Of the Kaaba, which is in the Holy Land of Mecca or Makkah, Saudi Arabia and pray. It is recommended by the Prophet (PBUH) himself to pray in large groups following the commander (Imam) which will not only be more rewarding for the afterlife but more helpful to construct a stronger community in the neighborhood.