

## Question 6: Why Pray In Arabic?

**Question:** Why pray in Arabic, whereas we should call Allah in our own language? Whether this situation is against that Islam is a heavenly religion?

**Answer:** Incidentally to recite Prayers in Arabic is one of the signs that the religion of Islam is heavenly, because people who stand in one row and are busy in the same worship, it is necessary for them that there should be one language so that they can understand each other, it means that besides the mother tongue and local language they should have a common and universal language and without that a united community cannot be formed.

In the present age many intellectuals think that unless the whole world becomes one country, it will not be able to achieve happiness. To do this practically, they have made plans to make a language universal.

In short the praying of all Muslims in one language is the sign of unity and it points to the oneness of the people, and keeping this in mind the intellectuals say that Arabic language is the most extensive and comprehensive language of the world. This reality becomes clearer that all the sects of Muslims accept it as an international language and can benefit from it for mutual understanding and similarity.

Apart from this to perform Prayers in a similar way, protects it from any subtraction or addition, any alterations, or any mixture of superstitions things and also protects it from baseless meanings (due to the translation of it in other languages by those incapable people who interfere in it) and due to this the spirit of this worship remains intact.

Therefore it is necessary for every Muslim that as much as possible to be aware of the religious language and He should know what he is saying to his Lord. Incidentally to learn the translation of Prayers, (which can be written on a single page) this is so easy that it is possible to learn it in an hour (for the whole life).

In short as we know that *Tawhid* is the basic root and branches of religion and turning towards one Qibla in appointed time, in a specific language is the sign of Unity.

If we are in Mecca at the time of Hajj and observe the congregation prayer in which hundreds of thousands of people from the whole world, of different races and tribes participate in it. All of them say: Allaho Akbar together, that time we can understand its wisdom and depth and if in Prayers every person recites in their own language, there will be disparity.

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