
TEACHING SECULAR STUDIES WITHIN THE MASJID

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Question: May Allah reward you with good and treat you well. This question comes from the web, and it says: What is the ruling of studying secular knowledge and teaching it within the mosques, or reviewing secular studies within the masjid?

Answer: From the beautiful characteristics of our religion is that every affair which benefits and is not prohibited within the legislation is legislated. Every affair which benefits and is not prohibited within the legislation is legislated. So, if this secular knowledge is from that which will benefit the Ummah or it will benefit its individuals then it is legislated. He who embarks upon it with a good intention then he will be reward for it; Na'am! Such as teaching mathematics, with a good intention; he will be rewarded. So, learning secular knowledge, if it will benefit the Ummah, in general, or its individuals then it is recommended for the one who is sincere for (the sake of) Allah; as long as it does not contain that which is legislatively prohibited. Subsequently, there is no harm in a student studying secular studies inside of the Masjid. There is no harm in this.

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