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- As a rule, all acts of worship in Islam are *Tawqifi* (based on divine revelation) with no room for personal opinion or reasoning.
- Islamic worship is based solely on the texts of the Qur'an and Sunnah (teachings of Prophet Muhammad, peace and blessings be upon him), allowing no addition or subtraction.

- *Salah*, therefore, must be performed in the same manner as Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings be upon him) performed it; he said, **“Pray as you have seen me praying.”**
- A person capable of speaking or learning Arabic is not allowed to pray in a non-Arabic language. The essential utterances and recitations made during *Salah*, especially those from the Noble Qur'an, must be said in Arabic.
- The Qur'an is Allah's direct, literal Word, revealed to humankind in Arabic; not a single word or letter of it may be changed or substituted. Any translation of the Glorious Qur'an, into any language, is not considered Qur'an, but merely a translation of an interpretation of some of its meanings. It does not have the sanctity of the Qur'an and cannot be used for recitation in *Salah*.

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