

Endowments and society

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This book is considered to be a collection of books in one book; Its common denominator is the relationship of endowments to society. As the endowment is one of the most effective rituals in the development of society and the sustainability of its resources. In the first chapter, the author began it with a basic introduction about endowment and endowments, its definition, divisions, rulings, goals and its function in Islamic civilization compared to its function in other civilizations. In chapter two, the author talked about the social effects of endowments, how they affect societies, and how they are affected by the actions of societies themselves.

Although these effects did not appear until decades later, the mediator will clarify it through induction and monitoring the social history of endowment action in the structure of society, and its identity that is formed during those decades of time. In the third chapter, he talked about a disturbing problem in the endowment field, namely, how can societies benefit from endowments more than what exists now? He emphasized the necessity of correcting the starting point of the endowment, the endowment document, and the need to keep pace with the reality of society and its renewed needs, and recognize these needs, and that is by the presence of research centers submitted to the endowment institution that provide the society with the expected future needs of the community based on population and vital statistics of local communities, so that the endowment seeks to solve them by drafting the endowment document that works to achieve these expected future needs or most of them.

This show the necessity of overcoming the previous traditional formulas that met the needs of society at the time. The endowment institution is provided with the expected future needs of the community based on population and vital statistics of local communities, so that the endowment seeks to fill them by drafting the endowment document that works to meet these expected future needs or most of them.

In Chapter Four, the research moved to a new concept, it began to prevail among those interested in endowment studies, which is (the endowment of time) based on the sense of the existence of energies in society that have not achieved the greatest benefit from them in the required manner, especially since it includes a wide sector of society, namely the youth group. The discussion was about how the endowment institution can benefit from Society, based on a number of considerations that underpin the realization of this common interest of the endowment, youth and society.

In Chapter Five, the discussion was about a topic that not many people talked about; It is the state of the endowments for the Two Holy Masjeds «Mosques» outside the Saudi lands in detail, as these endowments are considered one of the largest endowments in terms of quantity and size throughout Islamic history, and they are dispersed in a number of Islamic countries, but they were disrupted or almost in the middle of the last century, so this subject was brought up to draw attention to them. It also, added some solutions that could benefit from, without any political embarrassment for the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, as well as for the countries in which these endowments for the Two Holy Masjeds «Mosques» are located

In Chapter Six, the researcher dealt with the issue of the not optional decay and disappearance of endowments, the so-called forcible loss of these endowments. The research monitored a number of reasons that brought some endowments to the stage of their enforced disappearance. In addition, it showed images of that disappearance that affected some endowments.

He ended the chapter with practical visualizations attempting to return back some of the endowments, and exposure a number of practical steps to keep the endowments in the future as long as possible.

In Chapter Seven, the researcher spoke about the negative mental image prevailing about endowments in some societies, and the attempt to monitor their appearances and images among individual people, as well as in government corridors, where it is represented by viewing endowments as being limited to purely religious fields such as Masjeds «Mosques» and cemeteries, and that they

are similar to For negligence, and it is a form of the past that has gone beyond time and has no connection with the present, or the belief of some wealthy people that the fields of endowments and their returns are confined to specific aspects. And that perception stems from their coexistence with their society and environment, as the endowment were often spent in these fields in those times and confined to very narrow fields, and although it was useful at its time, but time has changed , or the need for it is rare or absent, or it is characterized by deficient benefits and not transitive benefits to the largest segment of society, emphasizing on correcting the mental image of endowments, due to the negative effects expected in the event that this mental image continues, and this correction is not only in the interest of the endowment and endowers, but rather extends its positive impact and results on the economic level of the state as a whole.

Finally, in Chapter Eight, the discussion was about the efforts of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in the field of endowments, which is an attempt to clarify the actions that the Saudi government undertakes in the field of endowments and taking care of them during the past decades and the present time, through several axes represented in caring for the legislative and supervisory aspect of endowments, and its efforts in the field of caring the endowments of the Two Holy Masjeds «Mosques» in the Kingdom. In addition, taking care of the scientific aspect and spreading the endowment culture in Saudi society. With specific reference to the care of private and public endowment libraries. And finally, its efforts to protect endowments from being seized or lost, compared to what happened in many Islamic countries in terms of aggression towards Family and Charitable endowments. The state that sponsors the Two Holy Masjeds «Mosques» has the right to show the efforts it is making to take care of the endowments in light of this fierce attack directed against Awqaf and endowment institution in recent and previous periods in several regions of the Islamic world.