

Geometric Kufic Script: A Decorative Ornament in al-Bardini Mosque in Cairo, A Comparative Analysis Study

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The Mosque of al-Khawaja Karim al-Din ibn Ahmad al-Bardini al-Shafei (1025-1038 AH / 1616-1629 CE) monument no. (201), Daudi street, (previously Darb al-Fawakhir), north of Queen Safeya Mosque, Darb al-Ahmar south of Cairo, in Mamluk style; and construction was during end-Mamluk Era. Its layout comprises a lounge (*Durka*), perpendicular to it from the south-east is the *Qibla Iwan* (Mecca direction locator), with a curtain/drape on the inner left-side of its main door, it is perpendicular north-west to the lounge. The sheath is marble inlaid with mother-of-pearl in different areas, decorated with rectangular fillings including 12 star-shaped plates, and other various geometric motifs.

This paper deals with the geometric Kufic script in the Mosque. The author reads each inscription, carefully analyzes it, evaluates it, and compares it to other similar samples from previous historical periods.