

# Die Ibn Rushd – Goethe Moschee

The religious foundation of our mosque is a secular, liberal Islam, in which temporal and religious power are separate. Among other things, we advocate a historical-critical, contemporary and gender-balanced exegesis of the Quran and the Hadiths.

For decades Islam has been connected more and more to acts of terrorism. We consider it our task to counter this distorted understanding of an Islam that is hostile to humanity with an Islam of peace.

## Location of the Mosque

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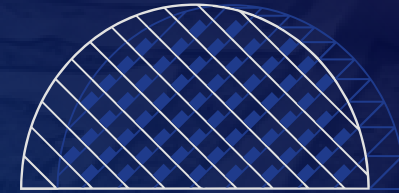
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Ibn Rushd-Goethe  
Mosque



Diversity is the bedrock of our community. Our mosque is frequented by Sunnis, Shiites, Alevites and Sufis, who all blend into the community. Men and women have equal rights and people belonging to all legally recognized sexual orientations can find a spiritual home with us. Therefore, our mosque shall be a place where we are united by love and the faith in a loving and merciful God. We intend to convey acceptance, love and understanding for people and faiths – to women, men and children alike.

Our doors are open to people of other faiths as well as to those who do not believe in any kind of god, and who come to engage in dialog with us. We believe that this is embraced by the faith in a God, who is the Creator of all things.

## Donation

We will be happy to receive any contribution to help us build and expand the activities offered by our Mosque.

## Ibn Rushd – Goethe Moschee gGmbH

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**“Come! Come! Whoever you are!  
No matter if you are an idolater  
or a fire worshipper.  
Come back! This is the door of hope,  
not of hopelessness.  
Even if you reneged on your promise  
for a thousand times.  
Come! Come back!”**

## The organization's Associates are:

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## Who was Ibn Rushd?

Ibn Rushd, who is also known as Averroes, was born in Córdoba in 1126 and died in Marrakesh in 1198. He became a famous physician and even more famous as a philosopher.

Islam and reason belong together. Ibn Rushd has no doubts about this. For him there is no Muslim culture with a specific Muslim reason, like there is no Christian, no European or German lead culture with their own respective reasons. Rather there is just one common reason and it applies to all places and times.

## Goethe and Islam

Not only was Goethe a gifted writer, philosopher and natural scientist, but he also admired Islamic mysticism, philosophy and theology. He would read the ghazals of the Persian poet Hafez as intensely as the Quran. He viewed Muhammad as a soul full of cordial love and innocence. He would call his studies of the Quran as Hijrah, i.e. Refuge in God.



## Our Mosque is...

Organized as a non-profit limited liability company under German law ("gGmbH").

## In our Mosque...

- Muslims, male and female, of multiple Islamic schools of law, interpretations and currents find an open and safe haven of peace for prayer, dialog and retreat.
- LGBTIQs and heterosexual women enjoy the same rights as heterosexual men. They are welcomed to all aspects of prayer as well as to the entire life of the community and mosque.
- Men and women pray together.
- Headscarves are neither compulsory, nor banned.

Ibn Rushd was a superstar of his times with a far-reaching impact. His influence upon Christian Scholasticism and especially upon Thomas Aquinas can hardly be overestimated. He was translated into Hebrew by Jacob Anatoli and discussed inside Jewish communities together with Moses ben Maimon (Maimonides). He appears as a character both in Dante's Divine Comedy and in Raphael's painting, The School of Athens. In 1182 he became the personal doctor and advisor of the Caliph Abu Yaqub.

In 1195 – three years before his death – he fell from favor, was exiled and many of his works were burned.

No matter how difficult our times are, if we intend to follow Ibn Rushd, we are required to search for light by means of our sense of reason. This is as true for Muslims as it is for all other people.

The German poet began to learn Arabic on his own and in his "Poetry and Truth" he dealt with the Prophet of Islam. In his "West-Eastern Diwan" Goethe writes: "If Islam means 'committed to God', then we all live and die in Islam." Goethe concluded that Islam is perfectly in line with Christianity.

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