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Fatima's University

Do you know someone named Fatima? Have you ever heard of Fatima al-Fihri from Tunisia? She lived about 100 years after Prophet Muhammad (saw) died. She started the oldest university in the world. It's called University al-Qarawiyyin (Qa ra wiy yin).

University al-Qarawiyyin, in Fez Morocco, began as a masjid and school during the 800's, when Muslims ruled most of the world. It grew so large that even today, it is the largest masjid on the entire continent of Africa!

University al-Qarawiyyin was famous during a period when the famous universities of today such as Harvard in America and Oxford and Cambridge in Great Britain did not exist. It's possible these European universities learned how to develop their universities from the well-known Muslim universities.

University al-Qarawiyyin is not as famous as it was when Islamic law, Arabic, Quran, math, astronomy, and geography were taught there. But it is still an important center for learning about Islam.

Maybe you can build an Islamic university when you get older. You never know, it might become one of the most important universities in the world.



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