

## TIMERS IN THE OTTOMAN PERIOD

From the religious aspect, *Muvvakkit'hanes* show the seriousness of the Muslim society and conciseness of the Muslim scholars in the determination of payer times whereas their evolution during various times and employment of time technology indicates pursuing spirit of the Muslim scholar and getting along with the scientific developments.

Scientific and technological developments are a common heritage of all humanity. Just for this, in every field, and especially in the aspects closely related to *ibadets*, we should follow the tradition of our predecessors and to get along with the time evolutions. Consequently, in this writing there were introduced some examples on the exactness on determining the direction towards Kiblah, prayer times, start of the month of Ramadan or the Bairam. Today, when the humanity is able to have an exact knowledge on the astronomic time many years in advance, I think that the Muslims can not be forgiven for not agreeing on the exact determinations to when the month of Ramadan starts or when it is Bairam, or holding discussions of a primitive nature on their determination and that of payer times as well. It is proposed the setting up of a working group, which would follow the course of *Takwims* and will make it possible unique stands as to these questions.