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## Abstract:

With the advancement of recent technology, we are subjected to various types of harmful unseen rays and waves which pollute our surrounding environment and are considered a danger that may destroy our immune system. Since the human being spends a large part of his life in the interior space this means that the interior design and furniture don't only produce relaxing furniture, suitable light ,harmony in colors and beautiful design ,but also, must play an important role in protecting the user of the space from the harmful effects of the recent technology. This could be achieved by using the aspect of energy in interior design and furniture and occurs as a result of the linguistic definition for energy: "the capability of doing effect". It is enough to study its effects reflected on the space user. Positive *Arranging energy* produced from the different elements of design:(shape, texture, color, material and light) with *specific characteristics* balance the harmful electric and electromagnetic fields which surround the human being in interior spaces. Hence, it changes the effective relationship between these fields and the user of the interior space which leads to changes in the user's feeling into being more vital and more able to reproduce.

In the present work, we paid attention to the shape as an element of design, by considering some wellknown biogeometrical shapes(1) used as tools to produce positive arranging energy .Also, we tried to introduce with analysis, new geometric shapes satisfying the golden ratio and hence producing positive *arranging energy*. These shapes can be used in design and furniture to give relaxing and healthy place.

## Keywords:

Bio-geometry, Positive Energy, interior design, Golden ratio.

#### Introduction:

We shape our homes and then our homes shape us, which is due to spending a large part of our life indoors. In this era of unprecedented technological advancement, it stands to reason that we would use our knowledge to create indoor environment with exceptional vitality, which would enhance health and sense of well-being. According to this, it is very important to add a new meaning to the interior design and furniture, which reflects health on the user of the place. This could be achieved through insisting on the role of positive energy using specific characteristics for design elements (shape, color, texture, material and light) whether this positive energy is beauty energy that imposes happiness, relaxation and vitality or arranging energy which balance the effect of negative energy existing in the interior space like the harmful electric and electromagnetic waves, or biological energy which removes the effect of atmospheric pollution as a result of poisonous chemical gases . All these different types of energies work together to achieve balance, harmony and unity in designing and furnishing interior space thus reflecting positivity on the space user.

#### The Aim of work:

The aim of work included in this paper is to help the interior designer to enhance the role of positive energy when designing and furnishing living spaces to achieve harmony between the human body as an energy field and the energy of space and place.

#### The Methodology:

The methodology in this paper is based on designing furniture with *specific characteristics* and is strategically placed in space to neutralize negative energy and add a positive quality to it.

The paper is divided into five sections: the first explains the concept of design and furniture with energy. The second section gives the relationship between biogeometrical shapes and arranging

energy, and includes some well known biogeometrical shapes (5). It introduces also analysis for new geometrical golden shapes where all these shapes emit arranging energy which reduces the negative effects of the harmful electromagnetic waves on our biological system. The third section includes the analysis for some Islamic interior architecture, as well as analysis for some Islamic and recent furniture's, where all emit the *arranging* energy in the space. The fourth section includes ways of upgrading the effect of positive energy in interior design and furniture. The last section is an application example for designing and furnishing interior space in a coastal environment using positive energy.

#### First: The concept of design with energy:

#### **Definition of energy:**

The "Encyclopedia Britannica" defined energy as "*the capability of doing action or effect*". This means that energy is defined by its characters or appearance and it is considered positive if these characters are good and vice-versa. According to that, everything has an energy which appears in the different effects produced by it. For example, a person has *positive* energy simply if he has good characters such as being joyful, optimistic, generous, calm, etc, while he has negative energy if he has bad characters. Increasing the positive energy for a person leads to improving his balance, vitality and accepting life. Thus, positive energy is one of the principles for good life (6).

## Positive energy in interior design and furniture:

The positive energy in interior design and furniture is the positive effect that appears in interior space and affects the space user as a result of using design elements with *specific characteristics*. We divide positive energy in interior design and furniture into three categories:

1- *Beauty energy* which is based on using the artistic characteristics of design elements to achieve beauty (5)

2- Arranging energy which is based on using design elements with specific geometrical characteristics to emit positive energy to balance the harmful negative electromagnetic energy.(1)

3- *Biological energy* which is based on using varieties of plants that have great ability than others

to remove harmful air pollution in interior spaces. An example of these plants is the "peace lily" which removes the effect of benzene, xylene and toluene found in paints, solvents and adhesives. Also, the "ficus" removes the formaldehyde used in some kinds of dying material of furniture and wall paper. Another example is the wheat herbs since placing them beside electric devices had proven that it reduces the harmful emissions of electromagnetic fields in the interior spaces (2).

## <u>Natural and non- natural energy in interior</u> <u>design and furniture:</u>

Natural energy in interior design and furniture is a positive energy generated from using natural design elements with good characteristics and under suitable circumstances it performs the role God created it for. For example, different natural colors have distinct characteristics. The red color is characterized by increasing the physical activity which acts as a positive characteristic if used in nursery and sports places. Hence, the red color satisfies harmony, balance and unity with the place and reflects positive energy on the space user by enhancing the feeling of the beauty, the ideal performance, and physiological and psychological health. Yet, it produces its negative characteristics if it is used in reading or sleeping rooms and homes for old people because these places need calmness and concentration which are not available in the red color but exist in the blue color.

As regards the texture, for example the natural smooth shining texture gives the feeling of wideness space and hence coldness. These are considered negative characteristics if this type of texture is used in homes for old people, because it induces blurring of vision and depression among the inhabitants. Yet, it is considered as a positive characteristic if it is used in swimming pools, kitchens and narrow places, as it reflects positively on the user of the place. These aspects can be applied on the rest of the natural design elements, under suitable circumstances gives positive energy and so positive effects on the place user.

The non-natural energy is the one generated in case of using non-natural (artificial) design elements where under suitable circumstance it has at the same time both positive and negative energy. It has positive energy when it achieves the suitable design character and hence reflects positively on the user of

the space. Also, because it is a man factorization, it has negative environmental effect which harms the user of the space.

## <u>Second</u> :Energy and the shape element in interior design and furniture:

Everything in nature has a shape and every shape contains energy, so everything in nature has energy. Energy exists in the fields surrounding the shapes.

## <u>A-Positive arranging energy and Biogeometrical</u> shapes :

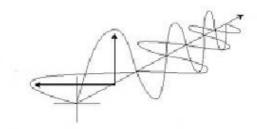
Shapes produce vibration waves that affect the surrounding area. If this effect arranges the balance of energy in the space then it is a positive *arranging energy* and if this effect disturbs the balance of energy then it is a negative energy.

### **Biogeometrical shapes BG3:**

The Biogeometrical shapes are the only shapes which produce energy fields in the surrounding area with the following three components (4):

- The first component, which Chaumery and de Belizal named negative green, is an energy emitter because it produces that kind of vibrations with continuous movement which acts as a carrier and penetrating -wave .It has two components (fig1)(4):a useful horizontal negative green and a harmful vertical negative green which occurs only with continuous exposure. Thus, it is very important to remove the harmful effect of energy for vertical negative green waves and keep the horizontal negative green waves .For example ,in pyramidal shapes ,this is applied by using very small inclination less than half degree in the middle of every face of the pyramid ,very little indentation in the sides of the pyramid . This is the way ancient Egyptians used while building the large pyramid (fig2) (4).Also, the vertical negative green waves appear in the hemisphere or the dome shapes. (fig3)(4) It is balanced or cancelled by either: a little increase or decrease in the height of the hemisphere so it becomes no more a hemisphere; changing the shape of dome to be pointed from the top; putting the dome on a neck; putting on top of it the shape of crescent; putting something emerging on the top, and these are the ways the Muslims used in their mosques. These particular shapes are energy emitters for a type of penetrating carrier wave(fig4)(4). Vaults with hemispherical or domelike sections produce both aspects of negative green

waves. The corrections applied for hemispheres and domes are also applied for the hemisphere or the dome section.



(Figure1) Vertical & horizontal negative green(4)

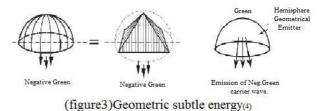


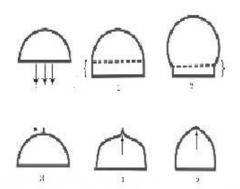
(Figure 2)inclincation in the middle of every face of the pyramid witch stop the energy harmful effect (4)

The harmful energy produced by the vertical negative green waves in the electrical and electromagnatic fields in interior spaces is due to the usage of modern appliances, electric wiring, artificial materials, building substances, finishing materials and furniture layout and so on. When designing and furnishing interior space, it is very important to choose shapes with *specific characteristics* which have the effect of emitting *arranging energy* around it and thus removing the harmful effect of the negative energy in interior space.

-The second component is a higher harmonic of ultra- violet which balances overactive organ functions and has a calming effect on the nervous system.

-The third component is a higher harmonic of gold .It has energizing effect that balances the body's immune system.(6)



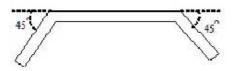


(Figure 4) Shows the different ways to treat the energy problems in case of hemi spheric dome(4)

## <u>B- Some Biogeometrical shapes (tools) used as arranging energy emitters</u>

In what follows, we introduce some geometrical shapes which the interior designers can use it in design and furniture to induce balance to the space.

<u>45 degrees shape:</u>

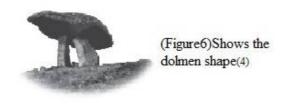


(Figure5) the 45 degrees geometric shape(1)

Consists of a straight line and two other lines forming 45 degrees at the two ends of the straight line .This is an *arranging energy* emitter between the two lines in the horizontal position(fig5). (1)

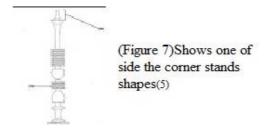
# The right angle shape (gate or dolman –like <u>shape);</u>

This shape belongs historically to the old ages ,where a big stone is placed over two vertical stones giving the shape of a gate. If it is directed towards the east or the west ,positive arranging energy will be emitted from it for distances, thus, it improves the place energy (fig6)(4)



• Corner stands:

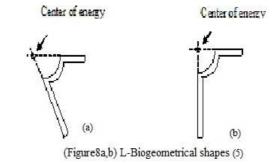
It possesses the geometrical shape (fig7) which produces *arranging energy* around it and extends about 50-70cm. When the stand is placed in the corner of a room standing upright, the deflection of energy that occurs there, will spread the energy-balancing qualities in the entire room .



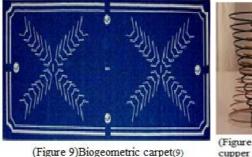
## • <u>L-Biogeometrical shapes:</u>

Around L-shapes in (Fig 8a&b) exists a field of *arranging energy* which balances the electromagnetic energy produced by the electrical appliances present at home, as well as, some wall polishes, etc (5).

It is designed using the biogeometrical shapes to produce energy balance into the space above it.(fig9) (9) It is most beneficial when placed under the bed ,to provide balancing of energy during the sleeping hours.



The biogeometric carpet:



(Figure10) the cupper spiral(9)

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• <u>The cupper spiral pair:</u>

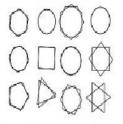
It is a pair of cupper spirals placed inside each other such that one turn clockwise and the other turn anticlockwise .It is placed on higher places, such as the ceiling to collect the negative energy existing in the interior space (fig10) (9).

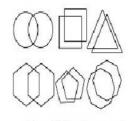
• <u>Geometrical shapes with centers:</u>

The center of any geometric shape (circle, square, etc) produces balancing energy which is emitted in the surrounding space (4).

• <u>Symmetrical geometric shapes and its</u> <u>movements :</u>

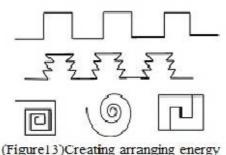
The process of the overlapping movement for any symmetrical geometric shape either by rotation, shifting, double interface, or repetition creates *arranging energy* (4).





(Figure11)Creating arranging energy through rotation of shapes around the center(4)

(Figure12)Creating arranging energy through shifting of shapes(4)



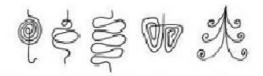
through double interface and repetitions of shapes(4)

<u>Biosignature shapes;</u>

These are Biogeometric shapes for different organs of the human body. If we put these shapes in the disturbed field of energy of sick organ , for long enough time, it can correct it to its ideal energy signatures , thus performing its normal function . (fig14)<sub>(1)</sub>

#### <u>C- Some geometrical golden shapes are</u> <u>arranging energy emitters;</u>

As regards the previously mentioned biogeometrical shapes, it has not been explained how did they discover these shapes or analyze it as a source of *arranging energy* in any of the biogeometrical references but the authors in theses references confirmed the presence of this *arranging energy* by measuring it's existence using specific instruments.(10,9,4,1)



Liver stomach intestine heart lung

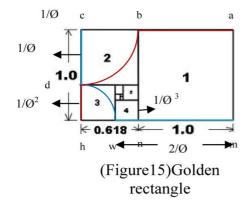
(Figure14)Some biosignatures shapes(1)

In what follows, we will introduce with analysis new golden geometric spiral shapes producing positive arranging energy. The numbers of Fibonacci series 1,1,2,3,5,8,13, 21,...., Gava series 1,1,2,2,3,4,5,7,9,12,16,21,... and the golden ratio Ø =1,618, affects the emission of arranging energy to balance the space(4).Some of the geometrical shapes based on them are : the golden rectangle ,the golden triangle ,and the golden spiral. They are known geometrically as shapes based on the golden ratio with infinite number of rectangles or triangles with dimensions( $\emptyset$ ,1),(1,1/ $\emptyset$ ),(1/ $\emptyset$ ,1/ $\emptyset$ <sup>2</sup>),(1/ $\emptyset$ <sup>2</sup>),(1/ $\emptyset$ <sup>2</sup>) 1/  $(\emptyset^3)$ ,... producing geometrical movements: repetition ,shifting, interfacing and rotation and according to biogeometry principles(4) ,they create arranging energy and hence introduce balance to space.

In what follows we give geometrical analysis for 90,36 and 45 degrees shapes produced ,respectively, from the golden rectangle ,triangle and spiral shaped and considered as arranging energy emitter.

## The 90 degrees L-shape :

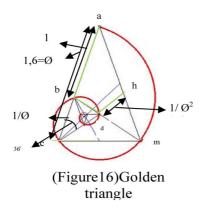
In(fig 15), the geometric shape (abdh) consists of the two perpendicular lines ab & dh where ab:dh=1:( $1/\mathcal{O}^2$ ) =  $\mathcal{O}^2$ joined by the quarter circumference of a circle with center c and radius of length 1/  $\mathcal{O}$ . This geometric shape joins the three successive squares with the lengths; 1,1/ $\mathcal{O}$ ,1/ $\mathcal{O}^2$ .



The36 degrees L- shape:

In (fig16), the shape (abdh) consists of the two lines ab and dh having an angle of intersection=36° and ab :dh=1:( $1/\emptyset^2$ )=  $\emptyset^2$ ,joined by a curve which is a part of the circumference of the circle with centre c and radius of length 1/ $\emptyset$  and also is a part of the golden spiral which passes through the successive golden triangles Amc ,cbm, bcd,...etc. The geometric shape(abdh) joins three successive triangles with base length 1,1/ $\emptyset$ ,1/ $\emptyset^2$ .

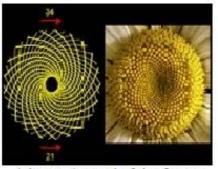
Both the 90 degrees L-shape and the 36 degrees Lshape mange the problem of the pointing corner by transforming the harmful energy effect in front of a corner into a balancing effect.<sup>(4)</sup>



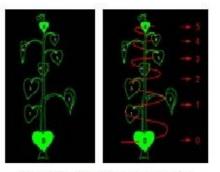
#### The golden spiral in nature:

The golden spiral is a horizontal or vertical geometric spiral shape satisfying the golden ratio .It appears in nature in the structural growth for plants, animals and human beings. For example, two series of horizontal clockwise and anticlockwise golden spiral curves with two successive numbers in Fibonacci series (fig17)  $_{(3)}$  fill the space of half the

flower with the best filling angle 137.5 degree. Also, the vertical golden spiral appears in plants with the leaves and branches, where we find that the leaf directly above the leaf number zero and has the same direction, has the number 8, and every leaf has the angle 137,5 degrees from the previous one ,and thus the leaves take the shape of the vertical golden spiral upto the top arou 1 the stem with number (5,3) clockwise and anticockwise, respectively. The numbers (8,5,3) are successive numbers in Fibonacci series(fig18) (3). According to that, plants emit the natural *beauty* and *arranging energy* in the space surrounding it, hence reflect relaxation, psychological calmness and body balance.



(Figure17) Head of the flower onsist of two clock and anticlockwise golden spiral series(3)



(Figure 18) Clarifying design for arranging the plant leaves in vertical spiral(3)

#### The 45 degrees-shapes:

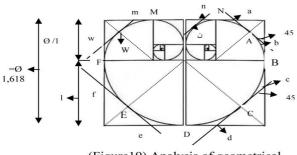
In what follows, we will discuss new geometrical shapes which are considered as *arranging energy* emitters resulting from the horizontal golden spiral. These shapes can be used horizontally in interior design and furniture. These shapes are based on two straight lines forming 45degrees at the two end

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points of a third fixed straight line .There is a golden ratio relationship between the length of the three joined lines.

- In (Fig 19) the shape (abcd), where ab:bc:  $cd=(\sqrt{2}/\mathcal{O})$ :  $\mathcal{O}$ :  $\sqrt{2}$  is based on the three tangents at the points A,B,C on the golden spiral lies in the two successive squares in the golden rectangle with side ratio 1:1/ $\mathcal{O}$ . We can choose ab  $\leq \sqrt{2} k/\mathcal{O}$ ,  $cd \leq \sqrt{2}k$ , but bc is fixed  $=k \mathcal{O}$  where k is a constant > 0.
- Also the shape( nabc) where na: ab: bc=1: √2/
  Ø: Ø, is based on the three tangents at the points N,A,B on the golden spiral and joins the three successive squares in the golden rectangle with length ratio 1:1/Ø:1/Ø<sup>2</sup>
- The five sides geometric shape (bcdefw) results from the two golden symmetrical spirals facing each other , where cd=  $ef=\sqrt{2k} \& fw= bc=k \emptyset$ de=2k. The two equal lines bc& fw have the relation k  $\langle bc=fw \leq k \emptyset$ , which means that we can decrease the length of the two free sides with condition that the shape must be in at least the four successive squares.



(Figure19) Analysis of geometrical shapes from horizontal golden spiral with best ratio.

#### Octagon:

The octagon emits arranging energy ,because it has a center, and the number 8 of its sides is a Fibonacci number and it is a 45 degrees -shape. (fig20)



#### **Biological shapes:**

In interior design and furniture, the designer inspires from living creatures in nature its biological shapes and principles, rules and orders and divestiture it into geometric shapes. Hence, the designer's work bear the same characteristics, whether in shape or content and thus, it bears natural *beauty* and *arranging energy*, hence inducing balance ,harmony and unity to the place.

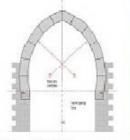
## <u>Third: Analysis of some Islamic interior</u> <u>architecture elements and furniture energy</u> <u>emitters</u>

#### i. Elements in the Islamic interior architecture

These are biogeometrical or golden ratio geometrical shapes, so they emit the *arranging* energy and induce balance in the space.

## • <u>Arch:</u>

It is used in Islamic houses as a passing opening, whether hollow or prominent on the wall, for design requirements like wooden arch for a furniture unit, binding on the wall or surrounding the Mashrabiya opening. The arch has different types of well known hemisphere or dome shapes e.g. two centers arch (fig 21a), circular pointed arch (fig 21b), Horse Shoe arch (fig21c), Onion–shaped arch, and Fatimy arch (keel arch)(fig21d)(8)





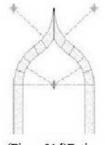
(Figure21a) Two center arch(13)



(Figure 21c)Horse shoe arch((13)

(Figure21b) Circular

pointed arch (13)

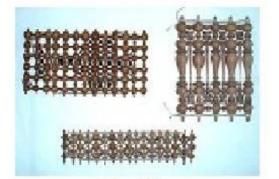


(Figure21d)Fatimy arch(keel arch)(13)

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## • <u>El-Khart:</u>

The repeated double interface geometrical shape units with centers, like sphere, cube, oval, etc. (fig22). It is used to cover the Islamic openings.



(Figure22)(14)

## • <u>El-Kaboly:</u>

It is an Islamic element made of wood or stones (8) and bears above it things like Mashrabiya, etc. Choosing any geometric golden shape as the plane for kaboly (fig15,16,19) to emit arranging energy. (fig24).(8)



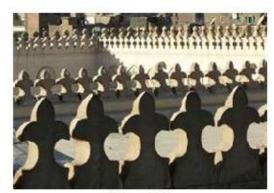
(Figure23)(14)

#### <u>Masharabiya:</u>

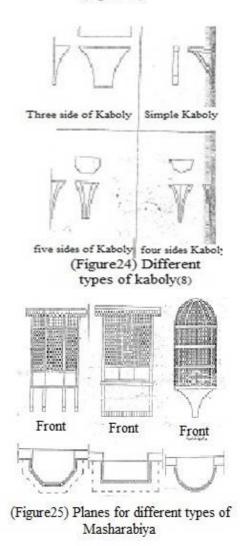
It is an Islamic management for closing exterior openning with the purpose of obtaining privacy and watching outdoors from inside (fig23). It is decorated with Elkart. The planes of Mashrabiya and its Kabolies are chosen to be geometric golden shapes (fig 15, 16, 19), to be an arranging energy emitter.(fig25)

## • <u>Crenellations:</u>

It consists of repeated geometric shapes units with double interface and shifting .These are used as upper extremity of the building where they create arranging energy and distribute it inside (fig26). We may choose biogeometric shapes (arch) or golden geometric shapes (vertical spiral) for these units to increase positive energy.



(Figure 26)



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#### **B-Islamic furnitures**

• <u>The Islamic Console:</u>

The lower part of an Islamic style console it's consists of 45 degrees horizontal shape born on a 90 degrees L-shaped Kaboly. The upper part is a mirror; its shape is a combination of pointed circular arch and two equal squares, with a common center, and geometric rotation and repeated movements (fig27).

• The Islamic chair:

The back of the chair and its seat are designed according to the 45 degrees golden geometric shape and they are inlayed with rotating, double interfacing and repeated squares with a common center. On the top of the back exists a decoration of dome shaped (Fig 28).

• Islamic circular table:

The sides are decorated with the Islamic's Khart (fig 29).

- <u>Other Islamic's furniture:</u>
- Two different Islamic-shaped tables, chairs and a sofa based on 45 degrees shape with Islamic arch shaped decorating the legs (Fig 30a,b).





(Figure27)(12)

(Figure 28) (12)



(Figure 29) (12)



 Octagonal Islamic table, its pinch is inlayed with geometrical movements of squares, arches, circles, triangles, rectangles (fig31).

## <u>B- Analysis of recent Furniture positive energy</u> <u>emitters</u>

Living room:

The sofa in the living room is based on a 45 degrees shape. The fireplace has the dolmen shape, with three dome-shaped as cover sections. The wall above is decorated with interfaced, repeated squares. The two chairs in the corner are symmetrically balanced. The table has a circular shape. Natural energy is emitted in the room by the shade plant, and also by using natural wood and cotton in furniture and floor (fig32).



(Figure 31) (12)

The interior of a house was designed with the stair has the golden vertical spiral shape, the chandelier has the golden spiral shapes and its size proportional to the vastness of the space. The floor is decorated by octagon geometric shape, the two bankiets; one with a golden rectangle shape and the other with a golden spiral shape. The natural energy is emitted from the copper and crystals of the chandelier the

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natural wood of the furniture and natural marble with granite bands for flooring (fig33).

### - Tables:

A circular shape with 90 degrees L-shaped legs, a rectangular shape with corners managed by 90 degrees L-shape and the dolman shaped table (fig34 a. b. c).

#### Some of Gaudi's work in design and furniture:

Gaudi's work in design and furniture emits varied forms of energy; the natural, the beauty and the arranging, by divestiture the biological shapes with its principles, rules and orders to geometric shapes.

Gaudi's serpentine seat for the uncovered theatre in Park Guell.

It is formed as a series of equally, repeated, interface, successive, opposite semicircles united in their centers line which form a circumference of a circle bounded the theatre (fig35 a,b,c). According to biogeometry principles, the seat creates beauty and balancing energy.



(Figure34a)

(Figure34b)



(Figure34c)



(Figure 35a)(3)



The spiral ceiling in Casa Batlló's buildings:

The ceiling is designed from a number of repeated and double interfaced anticlockwise horizontal golden spirals with a common center used as the place to put light(fig36) (3). The ceiling create beauty and arranging energy.



(Figure36)(3)

Interior stair and Handless chair in Casa Batlló building :

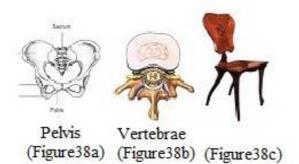
The design of the stair has the geometric shape of a divestiture vertebral column(fig37a,b) while the design of the back and the seat and legs of the chair have ,respectively, the geometric shapes of a divestiture bones of the human being's :vertebre ,pelvis ,and legs.(fig 38 a,b,c)These sort of shape or design might be related to biosignitures shapes in reference(1). If so, they are an emitter for arranging energy.





(Figure37a)(3)

(Figure37b)(3)



## Fourth: Enhancing the role of positive energy in interior design and furniture:

## 1-Natural energy:

We can enhance the role of natural energy internally by:

- Making the interior environment part of the exterior environment (rivers, green areas, flowers, birds and sun or moon light). This can be done by putting mirrors in the studied positions opposite to the exterior openings; hence the interior will be brighter and wider, showing more vitality and beauty.
- Transferring the exterior nature to the interior space through using:
  - Natural elements of design as material, texture, color, shape and light.
  - Water through decorating units as fish container, interior fountain, etc.
  - Living creatures as flowers, shade trees, fish, birds, etc.

#### 2-Openings (windows and doors)

## i. Designing the shape of the openings:

The shapes of the openings are very important to balance the quality of the incoming energy of any type and at any level. This could be adjusted by designing the shape wide enough to be proportional with the area of the interior space. Also the openings and its iron work must be designed according to geometric shapes which emit energy that carry horizontal negative green waves from the exterior space to interior space.

- Doors:

Two has a rectangular shape, the third has a corrected dome shaped. The three doors emit horizontal green energy which is needed for the entrance of the home, important for charging the visitor with positive energy, because the iron work

of the door has respectively the designed shapes spiral, square and L-shape, also has the geometric shaped movements: rotations, double interfaces and repetition (Fig 39,a,b,c).



(Fig39d)

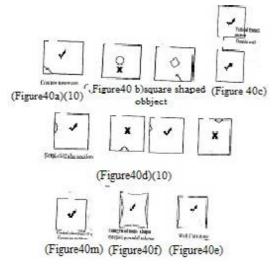
- <u>The balcony:</u>

Lies on the top of two 90 degrees L-shape Kaboly. The iron work of its upper part has spiral shapes while its lower wooden part is decorated by units; each one consists of three prominent squares with a common center. These units create rotation, repetition and double interface movements. Hence, the balcony emits *arranging* energy (fig39d).

## ii. <u>Placement of openings:</u>

The site of the openings has an important role in the flow of energy. Usually doors and windows are placed in the middle; else it causes energy diffraction (7). Several solutions are available for the correction of off-center doors including(2): corner treatment (fig40a), square-shaped object or furniture placed diagonally (fig40b), vertical frame section outside the wall (fig40c), semi circular section outside the wall (fig40d), wall curvature (fig40e),

changes of room shapes e.g. pyramid solution (fig 40f) and central placement of openings (fig40m).



#### **<u>3- Furniture:</u>**

- i. Designing the shape of furniture
- To guarantee the existence of *arranging* energy in interior space we consider the following principles in designing the shape of furniture:
- Creating shape movements: rotation, double interface, repetitions and shifting
- Connecting to the center of shape
- Adapting the (45-90-36) degrees shape, dolman shape and natural shapes.
- Adapting the golden proportion and the biogeometric tools corrections.
- Using natural materials in making and finishing furniture and floors.
- Considering the role of ergonomics in designing the shape of furniture by knowing the daily effort and how long the user of the space stays.

(fig41). The mirror emits the useful horizontal negative green components by using correcting tools for the arch at the top, and using the golden rectangle shape for the mirror, also the geometric movements: repetition, rotation, double interface and shifting for small squares in the decoration.

- ii. Placement of furniture:
- The right placement of furniture is based on obtaining balance energy in interior space.

- Symmetric balance has equal energy on both sides of axis of symmetry while with non symmetric balance the empty space surrounding a small special shape element gives the same amount of energy like a large element with simple shape.(3)



(Figure 41) (13)

- The placement of furniture in interior space must permit energy flow through it because clutter in flow of positive energy causes clutter in thinking. If the interior space is narrow and crowded with furniture, then it will block energy flow and to avoid that, we use a few number of small sized furniture, hence there will be spaces permitting and maximizing the movement of positive energy. If the interior space is large and not full of furniture ,then there will be a maximized rush of energy flow, and to avoid that we must fill the space with reasonable amount of furniture, to balance energy flow(3).
- Since the direct exposure to the energy flow is harmful and then we should not place furniture opposite to openings (4).
- Don't place furniture in parts of interior spaces that have negative energy such as : pointed corner , direct lighting , being under beam construction (4).

## **4-Designing floors, ceilings and walls:**

- In designing ceilings, floors and walls, geometrical shapes are used with specific characteristics to emit *arranging energy* in the space.

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- To guarantee emitting beneficial natural horizontal component of green waves the natural materials as stone, wood or granite are used.





(Figure42a) Granite floor, designed with 90 degrees L-shape with golden ratio.

(Figure 42b) Floor designed using the geometric movement: rotation, double interface, repetition of squares with common center and different dimensions.

## **Disabling energy flow:**

This occurs in the presence of walls, building separators, closed doors, the limited spaces, wrong light placement and the heavy and crowded furniture.

#### **Encouraging energy flow:**

This occurs in the presence of roads and corridors, windows and doors, open spaces, right light placement, mirrors, crystals, water, and life elements (4).

## Fifth : Application example of designing and furnishing a part of a villa in costal environment using the energy of the shape

In this example, the interior space is divided according to the difference in function into two principle sections: living section and dinner section.

In what follows, we design and furnish the dinning and the living parts to be sources of *arranging* energy which produces space balance (fig 43 a, b)(3).

#### <u>Analysis:</u>

#### 1. Designing the furniture and its accessories:

## Placement of furniture:

The living and dining parts are separated from each other by an empty surrounding area. The furniture units are simple and small in size as it is a summer home, thus permitting the energy flow.



(Figure43a,b)(3) the vertical and horizontal section for designing the interior space using the golden spiral shape with rotation ,interface and repeated geometric movement, which leads to emit *arranging* positive energy to balance any negative

Designing shape of furniture:

The shapes of the furniture are geometricaly divestitures from different kinds of shells and oysters. The measurements of furniture shapes satisfy the golden ratio.

- Dinning section :

The stand of the dining table is divestitures from a combination of two spiral shells (fig44a). The pinch is the horizontal shape of the shell (fig44b). The chair takes the shape of the sitting person (fig 44c). The pinch of the bar table is divestiture from the shape of the shell (fig44d) with golden shape ratio.

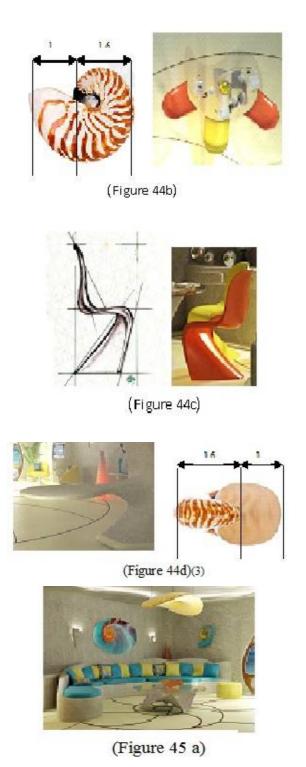


Livin  $^{1,6}$  (fig44a)(3)

The shape of the sofa has the spiral boundary curve of a shell (fig45a) and the shape of the stand of the living table is a geometric divestitures for the movement of a fish in water (fig45b). The built unit for T.V is the exterior shape of a shell in a vertical position (fig45c).

Accessories:

The mirror and its frame takes the shape of two circles with a common center (fig46a). The lighting units in the ceiling ,wall and floor have the shapes of different types of shells and oysters (fig46a). The wall picture includes golden spirals with contrast costal colors, blue and orange (fig45a).



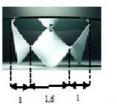
## 2. Designing the floor and ceiling:

The pattern of the floor is the spiral shape of a shell with geometric movements: repetition, double

interfacing and rotation (fig47). The ceiling is a resemblance of the shape of waves. (fig46a)

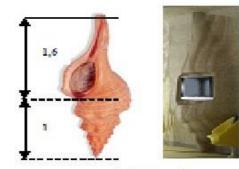
## 3. <u>The design of openings:</u>

The design of the exterior and interior openings takes the shape of the exterior shape of the spiral of a shell (fig48).

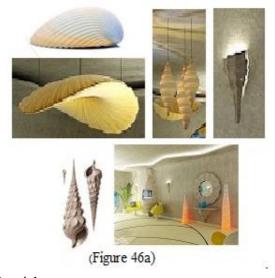




(Figure 45 b )(3)



(Figure 45c)



## Materials:

The use of the natural materials: the stones, wood or marble for floor similarly for the furniture the wood and cotton.



(Figure 47)(3)



(Figure 48)(3)

## **Results:**

1) This study offers a specific relationship between the balanced energy and the shape, as it deals with shapes based on the golden ratios, Fibonacci and Gava numbers, also biogeometric shapes, they all bring balance to the energy fields.

2) The study of the golden rectangle & golden triangle proved that the 90 and 36 degrees L-shapes with sides ratio length =  $\emptyset^2$  emit arranging energy in surrounding area.

3) The study of the golden spiral showed that the

45 degrees shape with three sides ratio  $\sqrt{2}/\emptyset$ :  $\emptyset$ :  $\sqrt{2}$ 

- Also the 45 degrees shape with three sides ratio

 $1:\sqrt{2}/\emptyset:\emptyset$ , emit arranging energy in surrounding area.

4) These Golden geometrical shapes may be used in designing furniture, floors, walls and ceilings to improve the quality of our life by creating positive energy in interior space, to achieve balance, harmony and unity.

## **Conclusion:**

1) This study offers :

- To the beneficiaries; as architects, interior designers, furniture factories, carpenters and even non specialists who are interested in design; a

beautiful, comfortable, healthy, harmonized, balanced and tranquil living interior space.

- The practical techniques to improve the quality of our life by creating positive energy in interior space, to achieve balance, harmony and unity.

2) The interior designer must know the proper

choice of the following:

- The quality of energy needed and suitable for each space.
- Materials used in constructing and finishing walls, ceilings, floors and furniture.
- Shapes of furniture, accessories and openings, as well as, their placement in the space.
- Plants, water and life creatures according to their effects.
- The role of the surrounding environment in emitting positive energy.

## **Recommendations:**

- 1- Supply interior designers and furniture makers with the necessary scientific knowledge about designing with energy so that the Egyptian's furniture would be distinguished from the international.
- 2- Cooperation between different collegues, e.g.: applied arts, medicine, technology, and engineering to study the effect of applying the energy concepts in the interior design and furniture in the surrounding space and its effect on the health of the inhabitants in this space.

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