

"O you who believe.....He has chosen you and has placed no hardship on you in practicing your religion - the religion of your father Abraham (which is Islam). He is the one who named you Submitters (Muslims) originally...Therefore, you shall observe contact prayers and give the obligatory charity (Zakat), and hold fast to GOD; He is your Lord, the best Lord and the best Supporter". (The Holy Qur'an, Chapter 22, Verse 78)

THEOLOGY

WHAT IS ISLAM ?



(A totally new angle exploring Islam)

This is a unique religion with a name which signifies a moral attitude and a way of life.

Judaism takes its name from the tribe of **Juda**,

Christianity from **Jesus Christ**,

Buddhism from **Gautam Buddha** and

Hinduism from Indus River.

But Islam does not have any Earthly or Humanly origin. It has nothing to do with a Person, a Place or a Community. It is actually the '**default nature**' of God. God has dipped the entire Universe into the **NECTAR** of his PURE DIVINE infinite creativity wherein from miles to miles, planets to planets, stars to stars, solar-systems to solar-systems, galaxies to galaxies and milky ways to milky ways you can smell the **ESSENCE** of His existence and feel the well balance programmed LAWS upon which our UNIVERSE rotates. It will not leave you unnoticed that EVERYTHING in the Universe SUBMITS itself to Him alone ... and SUBMISSION to God alone is Islam.



ISLAM : A TERM BEYOND WORDS

The word "**Islam**" means **Submission** and **Peace**.

Submission means, submitting one self to **God's Will**, while Peace means to be at peace with yourself and your surroundings.



The root of Peace is **Silm** and **Salaam** which means peace. '**In peace**' with God and the surrounding.

Peace is thus a very important **state-of-mind** for **Submission**. If you are not peaceful, you are not **Submitting**. In other words '**peace**' itself means **submission**. Let me explain you how.

If it's **peace**, it means everything is going '**alright**' and when everything is going alright, it means everything is working '**normally**' according to God; i.e. Peaceful, silent, compatible or **totally in agreement** with God's

Naturally set rules or phenomenon in which this entire Cosmos works.

And thus the state of '**totally being in agreement**' is nothing but
Submission or Islam - the natural instinct of Human.

 *"Therefore, you shall devote yourself to the religion of strict monotheism. Such is the natural instinct placed into the people by God. Such creation of God will never change. This is the perfect religion (state-of-mind), but most people do not know"* 



(The Holy Qur'an, Chapter 30, Verse 30)



ISLAM : TRILLIONS OF CENTURIES BEFORE, OLD AS GOD'S VERY FIRST CREATION'S INSTINCT

Submission (or Islam) as you feel is not a new **state-of-mind**. It's there since the birth of the Cosmos when every thing **programmed** started getting aligned upon **God's will**. **Islam or Submission** started the very moment when God created the very next thing before Him. Even if we go very back, million and trillions of years back, we see that **Submission or Islam** was still there. Submission was still there when the planets, the moons, the galaxies were getting aligned or coming in **total agreement** or quietly getting **Submitted to God's will** by resting their bodies upon the fixed orbits to stay and revolve there for centuries and centuries till their **Creator wills**. And **Submission** to this Creator's Will is nothing but **Islam**.

The following Qur'anic verse puts more light as how EVERYTHING is aligned or **in total agreement** or in **submission** to God...

 *"Do you not realize that to God prostrates everyone in the heavens and the earth, and the sun, and the moon, and the stars, and the mountains, and the trees, and the animals, and many people? Many others among the people are committed to doom. Whomever God shames, none will honour him. Everything is in accordance (or in agreement) with God's will"* 



(The Holy Qur'an, Chapter 22, Verse 18)



ISLAM : BILLIONS OF CENTURIES LATER ...

Submission or Islam again can even be seen billions of years after the birth of Universe, in the story of Satan. Satan using his God-given **state-of-mind** called free-will disobeyed **God's Will** to prostrate Adam. On the other hand the Angels, (who were in **Submission or in Islam**) being God's Submitters prostrated Adam. And **Submitters** in Arabic means **Muslims** as how **Submission** means **Islam**. So Angels are Muslims or Submitters.

The following Qur'anic verse puts more light as how ANGELS were aligned or **in total agreement** or in **submission** to God, follow..

 *"When we said to the angels, 'Fall prostrate before Adam; they fell prostrate, except Satan; he refused, was too arrogant, and a disbeliever"* 

(The Holy Qur'an, Chapter 2, Verse 34)



ISLAM : MILLIONS OF CENTURIES LATER ...

Even back to earth, the **Submission or Islam** or the **ACT of getting aligned** or **the act of being in total agreement** with the Creator of Universe was still there (since the birth of Adam) until the damned Satan who started tempting the people by polluting their minds to worship **IDOLS** instead of the **ONLY** God; the Creator of the Universe.



Satan thus cunningly started twisting or distorting or polluting, the smooth and peaceful-working **Human-to-God-phenomenon** or **contact** of **Submission** of **being in total agreement** with God by introducing **IDOLS** as the medium. Thus Satan misled Humans to astray by setting **idols** and succeeded in his mission establishing the first **BROKEN-LINK** between **God-and-Submitter's direct contact**.

Since then the Most Beneficial, the Most Merciful (Creator of the Universe), Who wants good for His favourite-creation (Human) sent many Prophets with a mission to once again **CONNECT THE BROKEN-LINK** between Man-and-God.

God always likes '**alright**', He likes not anything which is '**wrongly**' revolving in His Orbits, so He sent ANTI-VIRUSES (Prophets. God forbid, I have to use such terms to explain the logic clearly) to clean this system.



Since then the **act-of-cleansing** the viruses and **connecting the broken links** started. The remarkable personalities to establish the broken links (called people again to worship the **ONLY** God and give up idoltary) were **Abraham, Issac, Ishmael, Jacob, Noah, David, Solomon, Job, Joseph, Moses, Aron, Zachariah, John, Jesus-Christ, Elias, Elisha, Jonah, Lot, Idrees** and finally **Muhammad** - the last Prophet, the seal of prophecy (peace be upon all of them).

God sent these Prophets in every era, every nation and revealed upon them a divine scripture with laws to live upon...

 *"..The people used to be one community when God sent the prophets as bearers of good news, as well as warners. He sent down with them the scripture, bearing the truth, to judge among the people in their disputes. Ironically, those who received the scripture were the ones who rejected any new scripture, despite clear proofs given to them....."* 

(The Holy Qur'an, Chapter 2, Verse 213)



Muslims do believe in that earlier scriptures were divine and from God...

 *Subsequent to them, we sent Jesus, the son of Mary, conforming the previous scripture, the Torah. We gave him (Jesus) Gospel, containing guidance and light, and confirming the previous scriptures, Torah (and other early Divine Scriptures) and augmenting its guidance and light and to enlighten the righteous"* 



(The Holy Qur'an, Chapter 5, Verse 46)

But the Human kept distorting and editing God's words for their own interest and thus they compelled God to send scriptures one after other...

Lastly God dissolves the importance of previous scriptures which were corrupted and edited by Humans and finalizes His commandments in form of Qur'an, and says..

 *"Then we revealed to you this scripture (Qur'an), truthfully, confirming previous scriptures, and superseding them. You shall rule among THEM in accordance with God's revelations, and do not follow their wishes if they differ from the truth that came to you..."* 

(The Holy Qur'an, Chapter 5, Verse 48)

 *"When We substitute one revelation for another, - and God is fully aware of what He reveals (in stages), they say, 'You made this up!'. Indeed most of them do not know"* 

(The Holy Qur'an, Chapter 16, Verse 101)

God thus sends Qur'an which becomes the Last Scripture and Muhammad the last Prophet among the series which came to preach only and only one thing and that is **SUBMISSION** to GOD alone, but everytime a new prophet came to preach **Monotheism** or **Submission** or **Islam** or **getting in total agreement with GOD** the people **CREATED** a **NEW** religion after his name, example Judaism or Christianity.

 *"It was the same religion (Monotheism) preached by all the earlier prophets"* 

(The Holy Qur'an, Chapter 42, Verse 13)

Another verse from Qur'an follows which tells us that God sent different scriptures to different messengers and Laws for THEIR community to follow upon, for a CERTAIN PERIOD...



"We sent our messengers supported by clear proof, and we sent down to them the scripture and the law, that the people may uphold

justice..."



(The Holy Qur'an, Chapter 57, Verse 25)

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their wishes if they differ from the truth that came to you..."



(The Holy Qur'an, Chapter 5, Verse 48)

Thus God makes it clear that He has superseded previous scriptures and tells the Mankind to rule according to this UNCORRUPTED LAW BOOK between yourselves and THEM (the mankind). Thus Muslims acknowledge the previous scriptures and even respect all the previous prophets including Moses and Jesus (peace be upon them) more than

Christians do.

Why do Muslims claim Qur'an to be uncorrupted book ?

Have a look on the article below...



WHY MUSLIMS RELY SO MUCH ON THE HOLY QUR'AN ?



Qur'an is a scripture which influences much more than the ritual life of a people. It is equally affective of their social, political, economic, psychological, and aesthetic life.

Thus Qur'an is a complete code of life, God's perfect words. That is the reason Muslims lives according to the Qur'anic Laws or Muslim Personal Laws instead of state-laws.

God says in Holy Qur'an...





"Say, Shall I seek other than God as the source of Law, when he has

revealed to you THIS BOOK FULLY DETAILED?"





(The Holy Qur'an, Chapter 6, Verse 114)

God further gives more justification...

 *"..We did not leave anything out of this book.."* 
(Holy Qur'an, Chapter 6, Verse 38)



God further says that His Laws are the best, thoughtful, eternal, well crafted, perfect and easy to follow....

 *"These are God's revelations; we recite them to you, truthfully. God does not wish any hardship for the people."* 
(Holy Qur'an, Chapter 3, Verse 108)





THE REAL REASON WHY MUSLIMS RELY ON QURAN...



Holy Qur'an is the only Scripture on the surface of the earth which is in its Original form, neither edited nor distorted. Its so because God himself has taken the promise to preserve it...

 *"Absolutely We have revealed this Qur'an (message) and, absolutely, we will preserve it"* 

(The Holy Qur'an, Chapter 15, Verse 9)



 *"Indeed it's a glorious Qur'an. In a preserved Master Tablet"* 

(The Holy Qur'an, Chapter 85, Verses 21 and 22)

 *"This (book) is one of the great miracles."* 

(Holy Qur'an, Chapter 74, Verse 35)

and finally God declares....

 *"...Today I have completed your religion, perfected my blessing upon you, and I have decreed Submission (Islam) as the religion for you..."* 

(Holy Qur'an, Chapter 5, Verse 3)

Now one might question that why God took so long to perfect His religion?

What about all the people since Adam who did not receive the complete scripture?

Bearing in mind that the Qur'an answers this question in Chapter 20, Verse 52.

It is actually a matter of simple statistics that the world's population from the beginning until now did not exceed 7,000,000,000.

From now to the end of the world, (if even it takes place JUST after 200

years), it is estimated that the total world population will exceed
75,000,000,000.

Thus, it is going to be a **VAST MAJORITY** of people who are destined
to receive God's purified and consolidated message.

The **Blue box** below represents the world population since **Adam to year
2000** while the **Red box** represents the '**yet to come**' population in
another 200 years.



[The dark blue box represents the world population since Adam]



Qur'an further says...

 *"Those who do not rule in accordance with God's revelations are the
unjust* 

(The Holy Qur'an, Chapter 5, Verse 45)

 *"..We have made this Qur'an easy to know, does any of you wish to
know.."* 

(Holy Qur'an, Chapter 54, Verse 17)

But alas .. we are the ones who need hardship....

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WHO IS ALLAH ?





ALLAH is the proper name of God. I have used word 'God' instead of ALLAH throughout the website because I don't want my non-Muslim brothers and sisters (readers) to feel uncomfortable as they go thru it.

ALLAH can be addressed as God, but then there stands many questions one cant answer. Allah DO NOT have any gender, while God has and that is Godess. ALLAH do not have any physical form, but many earthly god do have... etc.


So it's better we call Him Allah. Here again a question may arise that are we to address God as 'it' instead of 'Him' as God is genderless ? Well thats all because we humans really don't have words in our dictionaries to address God. So let it be 'Him' for a while.


There is an interesting verse in Qur'an wherein God describes Himself how He is. This verse discards and shakes the base of the very concepts

of other polytheist religions which believe in Incarnations or declaring Humans as god or God begetting son.

 *" He is God, the One and Only. God, the Eternal, Absolute. He begetteth not, nor is He begotten. And there is none like unto Him."* 



(The Holy Qur'an, Chapter 112, Verse 1 to 4)

 *God! There is no god but He, -the Living, the Eternal. Never a moment of unawareness or slumber overtakes Him. His are all things in the heavens and on earth. Who is there can intercede in His presence except as He permit? He knows what (appears to His creatures as) before or after or behind them. Nor shall they compass aught of His knowledge except as He will. His Throne doth extend over the heavens and the earth, and He feel no fatigue in guarding and preserving and ruling them never burdens Him.*

He is the Most High, the Supreme (in glory) 



(The Holy Qur'an, Chapter 2, Verse 255, well known as Aayat-ul-Kursi)

God reminds us that He is the only god worth to worship..

 *"They have set up their religious leaders and scholars as lords, instead of God. Other deified the Messiah, son of Mary. They were all commanded to worship only one god. There is no god except He. Be He glorified, high above having any partners"* 

(The Holy Qur'an, Chapter 9, Verse 31)

He further challenges our common-sense to wake-up from our satanic beliefs...

 *"Do they have legs on which they walk? Do they have hands with which they defend themselves? Do they have eyes with which they see? Do they have ears with which they hear? Say, 'Call upon your IDOLS, and ask them to smite (kill) me without delay (if they can)'"* 

(The Holy Qur'an, Chapter 7, Verse 195)

It's not only Qur'an which teaches us Monotheism ..Even Holy Bible says the same ...

Old Testament

"You shall have no other gods besides Me"

Exodus 20:3 (First Commandment)

New Testament

"You shall worship the Lord your God. and Him ONLY you shall serve"

(Luke 4:8)

The Qu'ran

"You shall know that: "There is no other god beside God"

(Chapter 47, Verse 19) and hundreds of other verses

Qur'an mentions about the leading Scriptures by names, but Interestingly even the **Vedas (Hindus Holy Scripture)** which is not mentioned in Qur'an says the same thing...

"Let us meditate on God, His glorious attributes, who is the basis of everything in this universe as its Creator, who is fit to be worshiped as Omnipresent, Omnipotent, Omniscient and self existent conscious being, who removes all ignorance and impurities from the mind and purifies and sharpens the intellect."

(Gayatri Mantra, Yajur Veda)

Above two verses clearly gives us an idea that "there is only one God to be praised and worshiped" and its the only one to whom should we submit.

WHO IS THE ONLY ONE TO WHOM WE ARE TOLD TO SUBMIT ? IS HIS NAME ALLAH ?

Click here to know '[What is His Name ?](#)', a book by Ahmed Deedat. It gives us an account that Elohim or Elah to whom Jesus addressed and the Ilaahi upon whom Hindus swear is none other but ALLAH.

Click here to know '[Was Jesus Crucified? or Crucifixion or Cruci-fiction](#)' and '[Resurrection or Resuscitation?](#)' more books from Ahmed Deedat.

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EVERY NEW-BORN CREATURE IS A BORN-SUBMITTER



Every human or every creature (bird, animal etc) which is born, take it's birth in the very atmospere of **God's Pure Nature**. All his/her's body organs are functioned by a **Great Power**. His/her blood circulation, respiration, heart beats, eyelid moments, brain, intelligence, five senses etc are GOVERNED by a **Heavenly Power**.

The baby which is NOURISHED in the mother's womb is

DEVELOPED by **totally being in agreement** with God and **His pure Nature**. God fills the baby with an energy called **soul** and a state-of-mind called free-will to judge with his/her's own experience the difference between good and evil and leaves it on the ground (earth).

Everything of the baby belongs to God Alone... The baby's needs, wants and protection is done by God Himself. Every further development in the Baby takes place according to **GOD'S WILL**... his/her's every moment is **dependent** and is in **total agreement** or in **submission** to God alone and being in **total agreement with God** or being in **Submission to God's will** is nothing but Islam.

And thus what **RULES** or **COVERS** the baby by showering a beam of **DIVINE-RAY** taking it under it's responsibility is nothing but the **BLESSINGS** of the **'ONLY CREATOR'**. The baby (either in womb or delivered) is in **Submission** to **ONLY AND ONLY THE 'ONLY-GOD'** and not to the **Prophets (Humans) like Abraham, Moses, Jesus, Muhammad nor Mythological Images of Brahma, Vishnu, Shiva and their wives, nor their Said-Incarnation or Worldly Kings like Ram, Krishna, Gautam Buddha or Sufi Saints like Guru-Nanak, Khwaja Ghareeb Nawaaz and Sai Baba who themselves were helpless.**

 *"... devote yourself to the religion of strict monotheism. Such is the NATURAL INSTINCT placed into the people by God. Such creation of God will never change. This is the perfect religion (state-of-mind), but most people do not know"* 

(The Holy Qur'an, Chapter 30, Verse 30)

Literally the word "**Muslim**" means "**Submitter**", one who submits to the will of God.



".....What you should say is, 'We are Muslims (Submitters).....If you obey God and His messenger, He will not put any of your works to

waste..."

(The Holy Qur'an, Chapter 49, Verse 14)

In a broader sense, anyone who willingly submits to the **will of God** is a **Muslim**.

This is done by declaring that **"There is no god except one God and Muhammad is the messenger of God."**

The very **additional Qur'anic Verse** in the testimony ; **'and Muhammad is the messenger of God'** is required in a Muslim State, because just believing in Monotheism is not sufficient for a person for salvation. It can only be a **MINIMUM** requirement he is fulfilling.

The above **additional verse** in the testimony is required because a monotheist is not suppose to take the earlier divine scriptures (which were distorted) as source for salvation revealed on previous monotheist prophets instead of Qur'an which was revealed on Muhammad.

Thus declaring a complete testimony **'There is no god except one God and Muhammad is the messenger of God'** brings the monotheist under the shadow of Quranic law which were revealed upon Muhammad and which alone are final and perfect without any slightest distortion since revealed.

Any person who adopts the Arabic language is called an Arab. Thus an Arab could even be a Muslim, a Christian, a Jew or an atheist.

However, the language of the Qur'an is Arabic. Muslims all over the world try to learn Arabic so that they may be able to read the Qur'an and understand its meaning. **It is the only religion in the world where prayer**

is performed in the language of the it's original book (Arabic).

Supplications to God could be in any language.



**IN THE SAME WAY ALL EARLIER PROPHETS & MESSENGERS WERE
SUBMITTERS OR MUSLIMS**



"Do you say that Abraham, Ismail, Issac, Jacob and the Patriarchs were Jewish or Christian? Say, 'Do you know better than God? Who is more evil than one who conceals a testimony he has learned from God?"

God is never unaware of anything you do"



(The Holy Qur'an, Chapter 2, Verse 140)



"We have inspired you, as we inspired Noah, and the Prophets after him. And we inspired Abraham, Ismail, Issac, Jacob, the Patriarchs, Jesus,

Job, Jonah, Aron, and Solomon. And we gave David Psalms"



(The Holy Qur'an, Chapter 4, Verse 163)



*"Say..... We follow the religion of Abraham - Monotheism (Islam).....
Say..... We make no distinction among any of them (prophets). To Him*



(God) alone we are Submitters" 

(The Holy Qur'an, Chapter 2, Verse 135)

Thus, all the prophets preceding the prophet Muhammad are considered Muslims, or the **Submitters**. The patriarch of all the believers of ALLAH (God), i.e Jews, Christians and Muslims is **Prophet Abraham** (Ibrahim).


The Qur'an specifically mentions Abraham in more verses too who lived long before **Moses** and **Christ** that, "he was not a Jew or a Christian but a **Muslim**," because, he had submitted to the will of God.


Thus for the first time in Human's history It was God Himself who NAMED the state-of-mind of totally submitting to Him as ISLAM .

 *"Today I have completed your religion, perfected My Blessings upon you and I have decreed Submission (Islam) as the religion for you"* 


(The Holy Qur'an, Chapter 5, Verse 3)

God says that if all the religions of the world start worshiping only ONE God and put their faith only in Him (which will automatically be Islam then), He will surely reward such people..

 *"Only those who repent, reform, holdfast to God, and devote their religion absolutely to God alone, will be counted with the believers. God*

will bless the believers with a great recompense" 

(The Holy Qur'an, Chapter 4, Verse 146)

 *"Anybody who accepts other than Submission (Islam) as his religion, it will not be accepted from him, and in the Hereafter, he will be with the*

losers." 

(The Holy Qur'an, Chapter 3, Verse 85)

Unlike **Judaism** takes its name from the tribe of **Juda**, **Christianity** from **Jesus Christ**, **Buddhism** from **Gautam Buddha** and **Hinduism** from **Indus River**, Islam is a unique religion with a name which signifies a moral attitude and a way of life given directly from God.

A Muslim is supposed to live in peace and harmony with all these segments; hence, a Muslim is any person anywhere in the world whose obedience, allegiance, and loyalty are to God, the Lord of the Universe.

Many do say that Islam is a Modern Religion, they are not wrong by the angle they are looking at it. Actually it's the the essence of this Religion that you open and look it at any time, any era, any period it's the same **fresh, evergreen** giving the **solutions for the most urgent problems** with a total guidance for Mankind. This is the reason that **Islam** is also called '**The Living Religion**'. A Religion only becomes a Real Religion when it's not just limited to the book or shelves or chanted at occossions, but when it is applied in every aspect of live and gives guidance both for worldly life and Hereafter.....and Islam covers all such formulas and principles to lead a righteous life.

Westerns use a term called "Muhammadans" for **Muslims** because they can't think beyond the concept as how **Christianity** was derived from Jesus Christ (peace be upon him). Calling Muslims 'Muhammadans' is thus a distortion of it's real essence.

Islam, being a heavenly **state-of-mind** or **atmosphere** to live within was decreed upon all the previous Prophets since Abraham. All the Scriptures bear the same commandment of Monotheism, to worship **ONE-SINGLE-LORD**.

There are more than 1 billion Muslims in different parts of the world; 8 million are in North America. Muslims are from different nationalities, ethnic, national and linguistic backgrounds. 20% are Arabs and the others are non-Arabs.

6% to 8% of the Arabs are non-Muslims.

There are 50 sovereign Muslim states and 23 Arab sovereign states.


It should be stated here that there is no clergy in Islam, and there is no pope as well. There is no one single Muslim State that represents Islam or Muslims of the world. Each and every one of them represents themselves. The final authority and the legislator is only God.

Reader's Digest 'Almanac', year book 1986, Islam is the only religion in the world which increased by 235% in fifty years (1934-1984) without any force. This article also appeared in a magazine called 'The Plain Truth' magazine.

It said that where Islam increased by 235%, Christianity had increased only by 47%.





"He is the One who sent His messenger with the guidance and the religion of TRUTH, to make it PREVAIL over all other religions. God

suffices as a witness" 

(The Holy Qur'an, Chapter 48, Verse 28)

This is God's word that Truth always Prevails and He is witness for it .

Thus another verse says the same thing that **AT ANY COST** the truth has to win.

 *"He has sent His messenger with guidance and the TRUE religion and will make it dominate all religions, in spite of the idol worshipers"* 

(The Holy Qur'an, Chapter 61, Verse 9)

There are Muslims who are not submitting at all to the will of God and there are Muslims who are doing their best to live an Islamic life.

One cannot judge Islam by looking at those individuals who have a Muslim name but in their actions, they are not living or behaving as Muslims. The extent of being a Muslim can be according to the degree to which one is submitting to the will of God, in his beliefs and his actions.

Islam is really not as what the Western and other religions of the world think of. It is a total way of life, and has a complete systems for mankind. This means that there is no separation between state and religion. They are both embodied together under the umbrella of Islam. The state and all those in power are under the domain of God.

Thus, Islam is a total system of living.

You have seen that how easy and how difficult it was to explain what Islam is. That's the reason Islam is called '**Deen**' and not Religion. Deen; the very '**atmosphere**' around God which has no beginning nor an end. Its since **before origins** and will stay **beyond eternity**.



A MUSLIM BELIEVES IN ...



Belief means **IMAAN**.... A Muslim has to believe in...

ALLAH (is the only ONE GOD the Creator of the Universe worth to worship)

All the Prophets of ALLAH (**Abraham, David, Moses, Jesus-Christ etc**)

Prophet **Muhammad** as the seal of Prophethood

Islam as a Universal-Religion (for **Mankind**)

Qur'an the ALLAH's word (for Mankind)

Holdfast the '**Five Pillars**' (Testimony, Namaaz, Fasting, Zakaat & Hajj)

Believe in the Ghayb (**Unseen, e.g. Beings created by Laser/Light or something similar material, like Jinns and Angels**) : Laser, X-ray, Alpha,

Beta, Gamma (all Unseen) rays too were not known until discovered by Science.

Heaven and Hell

and The Last Day of Judgment.

Other factors important for the completion of Imaan (belief) are Hygiene, Hospitality and Marriage.

Ahmed Deedat says in his book that... "No one will ever endeavour to teach the Muslim something about hygiene; for Muslims can claim to be the most hygienic people (I am talking about personal hygiene. A real Muslim is always clean physically and spiritually as he prays five times a day for which 'ablution' [wazoo or wadu : cleaning of hands, face, feet etc] is required. Thus apart from cleaning himself throughout the day and the showers this 'five times' of cleaning (wazoo) himself becomes a duty for him. If he encounters sex with his wife he/she again has to take a bath before the next prayer-time. In short he is 'clean' between dawn to noon prayer, 'clean' from noon to afternoon prayer, 'clean' from afternoon to sunset prayer, 'clean' from sunset to night prayer etc. Apart from that whenever he/she urinates, they wash their genitals because without that a prayer or namaaz is not valid. These acts keeps them 'clean' physically and spiritually and keeps a Muslim away from getting involved in any evil act throughout the day as he/she is always aware and within his own check that after a while, when prayer-time comes, he/she has to be before God and thus should be physically as well as spiritually ready or clean for that). Nor do they endeavour to teach a Muslim about hospitality; for Muslims are the most hospitable of people. Nor about ethics or morality; for Muslims are the most moral people — (as a whole) i.e. they don't drink, don't gamble, don't date, court or dance; but pray 5 times a day, fast for one whole month during the Muslim Holy month of Ramadaan; and take pleasure in being the most charitable people. Despite any of their shortcomings, they venture to suggest that there is not another group of people in the world that can

"show a candle" to Muslims in brotherhood, in piety or in sobriety"



WHY MUSLIMS BELIEVES IN HEAVEN AND HELL ?



Hells and Heavens are beyond ones imagination...

Be quick in the race for forgiveness from your Lord, and for a Paradise whose width encompasses the heavens and of the earth, it awaits the righteous"

(The Holy Qur'an, Chapter 40, Verse 80)

Whomever God sends astray will NEVER find any other lord (idol, incarnation etc), and you will see such transgressors (unbelievers), when they see the retribution (on the judgment day), saying, "Can we get another chance (to redeem)?"

(The Holy Qur'an, Chapter 42, Verse 44)



Therefore, no apology, on that day (judgment day) will benefit the transgressors, nor will they be excused"



(The Holy Qur'an, Chapter 30, Verse 57)



"Therefore, you shall devote yourself completely to this perfect religion (Submission or Islam), before a day comes (Judgment day) which is made inevitable by God. On that day, they (transgressors/unbelievers)

will be shocked. "



(The Holy Qur'an, Chapter 30, Verse 43)



"Such is God's promise - and God never breaks His promise, but most

people do not know "



(The Holy Qur'an, Chapter 30, Verse 6)

In this scientific age when we believe that there is life on Mars why don't we believe that there can be a place somewhere in the Cosmos where life exists ?

When we believe that on such a planet there can be rivers, gardens and things for pleasure, then why don't we believe if God promises you a Heaven.

If you believe that planet Earth after it's birth was a ball of gas and fire,

why don't you believe that there can be such a place to which God call
Hell ?

If you believe that the fetus is non-living at a certain stage and later the soul comes into it, then why do you reject that there is nothing like soul?

If you believe that everything is recorded in Ether (Space), then why don't you believe that God can recall your voice and deeds from there?

If you believe that if magnet is rubbed in a certain direction upon the Iron, the Iron becomes magnet, then why don't you believe that touchstone can turn the Iron into gold (its out of the topic because Qur'an talks not about touchstone)

If you believe in mermaids found on the Eastern Coast of many countries, why don't you believe that there can be angels and jinns... you believe that there are more than 15 billion creatures which God made, but still you disbelieve if He says that He had made Jinns and Angels.

If you believe that time stops in the black-holes, why don't you believe when God says that He will reward an eternal life?

If you believe that the Universe is expanding day by day, why don't you believe that as per God's promise He will allot you domain (gardens) till your sight reach.

God knows that all these things are beyond our senses that's the reason He has just used allegory to explain them how they are.

How can one describe, for example, the taste of a chocolate to a person who never tasted chocolate? Allegory will have to be used. The person has to wait to actually taste chocolate in order to know what chocolate tastes like.

God is Just and manifest His justice, He established the system of accountability. Those who do good will be rewarded and those who do wrong will be punished accordingly. Thus, He created Heaven and Hell and there are admission criteria for both. Muslims believe that the

present life is a temporary one. It is a test and if we pass the test, we will be given a life of permanent pleasure in the company of good people in Heaven.

If you believe that a jpg or gif file of a person's picture can be restored from the recycle bin back to normal, then why don't you believe that the God who created the entire Universe from 'nothing' is able to re-create you from the re-cycle bin (fossils) when you die?

If you believe that human can make computer programs and games in which he can fix the destiny (fate or qismat) of a specific character/ cartoon (for example if the ' Prince of Persia' jumps from the wall he will die...if he comes in certain area the guards will kill him, if he drinks this cup he will be charged..) If a human is able to fix fate of man-made characters, then why don't you believe if God says I have written your destiny (certain important tags) before your birth . , the Master Programmer of the Universe? Remember, the computer-game programmer even gifts a Free-will as God has gifted, but here the programmer uses the game-operator's 'will' instead the character's, while few things do 'move' and 'work' according to the programmer's will (as clouds, roads, backgrounds etc).



In the same way God too has destined specific TAGS (mile stones of certain fate) in human's life, but here He has also given a Free-will and an ability to think and act (between the milestones of fate) through his own 'mind'. God produced a state-of-mind called 'free-will', the He filled it in His creatures and then He put them on the floor (Earth) as what we do after keying a toy to see how it works.

The reason God gave 'free-will' is not something beyond imagination. If we were born without a free-will, we would have been like angels... DEPENDENT, working upon the tip of His remote-control, worshipping and praising Him. If God had Angels, Its not a WONDER, but his making of a Human and Gifting him a mind-of-his-own or free-will was really a wonder. He gave us Free-will because God wants not "charged" or "programmed" PRAISES or APPRECIATION as what Angels do upon His creativity. He wanted an IMPARTIAL JUDGE, a CREATURE

of his own mind who can see (His wonders), analyze (how they are made), understand (His power), feel (His Limitlessness) and then JUDGE His CREATIVITY and say "Ahhhh... What a Wonderful Being He is".. and fell prostrate before Him. Well God is not in need of your praises though, He is Needless, but these are His SIGNS, His way, to show us and make us UNDERSTAND that there is SOMEONE up WORTH to be KNOWN about and not Satan and the Idols you worship.

[Check 'What are Unseen' to know more](#)

"DEATH" IS A PRODUCTION, A CREATION : 1st STAGE TOWARDS NEW LIFE

 *Most exalted is the One in whose hands is all kingship, and He is Omnipotent. The One who created DEATH and life for the purpose of distinguishing those among you who would do better. He is the Almighty,*
the Forgiving 



(The Holy Qur'an, Chapter 67, Verses 1 & 2)

AND HE IS THE ONE WHO CREATED "SLEEP"



 *He created peaceful SLEEP to overtake you and pacify you, and He sent down water from the sky to clean you therewith. He protected you from the devil's curse, reassured your hearts and strengthened your*
foothold 

(The Holy Qur'an, Chapter 8, Verse 11)

AND HE IS THE ONE WHO CREATED "NIGHTS" FOR SLEEP

 *He is the One who created night for your SLEEP (rest) and rendered the lighted. These are proofs for people who can hear* 



(The Holy Qur'an, Chapter 8, Verse 11)

 *These are God's (natural) Laws; you shall not transgress them* 

(The Holy Qur'an, Chapter 2, Verse 187)

These are only very few of His mercies and creation... Qur'an is full of such things..

IN SHORT HE IS THE ONE WHO CREATED "EVERYTHING"

 *He is the One who created the heavens and the earth, truthfully. Whenever He says, "BE" and it is. His word is the absolute truth. All sovereignty belongs to Him..... Knower of all secrets and declaration, He is the Most Wise, the Cognizant* 

(The Holy Qur'an, Chapter 6, Verse 73)





WISHES & GREETINGS



A wish too is a divine thing for Muslims.

Apart from "Subah al Khair" (Good Morning) and Shab ba Khair (Good Night) etc.. when Muslims meet each other they don't just wish in a non-wishful way, but say...

"**As-salaam-va-alaikum**" (May God's Peace, Mercy and Blessing be upon you)

and the other replies back

"**Wa-alaikum-as-salaam**" (Be the same be for you)



When greeted with a greeting, you shall respond with a better greeting or atleast an equal one. God reckons all things



(The Holy Qur'an, Chapter 4, Verse 86)

Its a unique way of wishing, not found anywhere, where they wish not by any informal way, noun or name of an idol, any incarnation, but God alone.

When they take leave from each other they dont just say a small 'bye' but say "**Ma-salaam**" or "**Allah Hafiz**" or "**Khuda Hafiz**" which means "May God Protect you" or "Leaving you under God's Protection.

When Muslim eat or drink they say "**Bismillah Ir-rehmaan Ir-raheem**" (In the name of God the Most Beneficial the Most Merciful"

When they are finish they say in a thankful manner "**Al-Humdurillah**" (All praises belongs to Him alone)

When a Muslim is invited to share a meal and he accepts the invitation or as he is already full says... "**Jazaakallah Khair**" (May God give you better reward)

There are many more sweet and thoughtful greetings they exchange ...

In short every act of a Muslim should be a form of Worship, Muslim the complete submitter.



Islam do not deny they importance of Science & Reasoning as Qur'an and Islam itself is head to toe Science; a perfect model and way to live a life upon.

Those are innocent who say Religion is different from Science. This can be the case with other religions, but when it comes to Islam it is exactly the opposite.

The entire Universe is in Submission to ONE DIVINE FORCE, the galaxies, the solar systems, the planets, the stars etc all are in submission with GOD. The clouds, the weather, the seas, the oceans, the birds, the plants, the animals, the humans, the breaths, the heartbeats all witness their submission (or direct link) to ONE Supreme Force. The force of ONE.

They all are in with the MONOTHEIST Natural Law applicable in the infinite space, which is the energy of the Universes' biological force.



In other words, they all are in submission with the Monotheist's (one supreme being's) religion or way of life and Islam means submission or in submission to GOD or ALLAH.



Thus Islam brings the human (and make them stand) under the category of all the other universal things on which the force-of-one comes in action.



In short, your existence, your breath, your heartbeat your skin, your very skin lives and breathes under Islam (Submission, or the Law of Nature, or the Law of One-Single-Divine-Force).



Islam thus is the air, the dawn and dusks, the blood in you. Islam thus is your sight, your hearing, your taste, your feeling, your speech and so much in you, out you, around you, beneath you, above you. In short everywhere you are comes under the range of that divine-authority and we as Muslims worship it.

And the same divine-force or Supreme-power (ALLAH) has laid few beautiful and just laws thru messengers and prophets for his creation to live an ideal life upon, and such a Supreme force can't lie.

 *"..We did not leave anything out of this book.."* 
(Holy Qur'an, Chapter 6, Verse 38)

 *"The word of your Lord is COMPLETE, in truth and justice. Nothing shall abrogate His words. He is the Hearer, the Omniscient."* 
(Holy Qur'an, Chapter 6, Verses : 114-115)



 *"We have given them a scripture that is FULLY DETAILED, with knowledge, guidance, and mercy for the people who believe."* 
(Holy Qur'an, Chapter 7, Verses 52)

 *"And those who do not rule whatever ALLAH has revealed are transgressors"* 
(Holy Qur'an, Chapter 5, Verses 44, 45, 47)

 **WHO WAS MUHAMMAD ?** 



In the same way Qur'an recognizes all the early Prophets and Messengers, but finalizes Prophet Muhammad as the "**Seal of Prophets'** for mankind by saying....

 *Muhammad is not the father of any of your men, but (he is) the Apostle of God, and the Seal of the Prophets: and God has full knowledge of all things.* 

(The Holy Qur'an, Chapter 33, Verse 40)

In brief, **Muhammad** (Peace be upon him) was born in a noble tribe of Mecca in Arabia in the year 570 AD. His ancestry goes back to Prophet Ishmael (PBUH), son of Prophet Abraham (PBUH).

His father died before his birth and his mother died when he was six. He did not attend a formal school since he was raised first by a nurse as it was the custom those days, and then by his grandfather and uncle.



As a young man, he was known as a righteous person who used to meditate in a cave. At age 40, he was given the prophethood when the **angel**, Gabriel, appeared in the cave.

Subsequently, the revelations came over 23 years and were compiled in the form of a book called the Qur'an which Muslims consider as the final and the last word of God.



The Qur'an has been preserved, unchanged, in its original form and confirms the truth in the Torah, the Psalms and the Gospel.

INTERCESSION ???

No intercession will work for you on the Day of Judgment not even of Prophet Muhammad's, but only if God allows

 *"Beware of the day when no soul can avail another soul, no intercession will be accepted, no ransom can be paid, nor can anyone be helped"* 

(Holy Qur'an, Chapter 2, Verse 48)

 *"On that day, intercession will be useless, except for those permitted by the Most Gracious, and whose utterances conform to His will"* 

(Holy Qur'an, Chapter 20, Verse 109)



Only prayers can work for a person.



DO MUSLIMS WORSHIP MUHAMMAD ?



No.

 *"Say, 'I am no more than a human like you, being inspired that your
god is one god'"* 

(Holy Qur'an, Chapter 18, Verse 110)

Muslims do not worship Muhammad (Peace be upon him) or any other prophets. Muslims believe in all prophets including Adam, Noah, Abraham, David, Solomon, Moses and Jesus. Muslims believe that Muhammad (Pbuh) was the last of the prophets.

They believe that God alone is to be worshiped, not any human being.

Muhammad just was a Human who brought ALLAH's commandment and left.



He did not perform any Miracle except one, the Book Qur'an which was revealed on him. ALLAH says about Qur'an in the following manner.

 *"This is one of the great miracles."* 

(Holy Qur'an, Chapter 74, Verse 35)

Miracles performed by previous Prophets can't be seen anymore, but Qur'an is the only Miracle which God has kept alive for the whole world to see and take advantage by.

God himself says in Qur'an...

 *"Absolutely We have revealed this Qur'an (message) and, absolutely,
we will preserve it"* 

(The Holy Qur'an, Chapter 15, Verse 9)

 *"Indeed it's a glorious Qur'an. In a preserved Master Tablet"* 

(The Holy Qur'an, Chapter 85, Verses 21 and 22)





DO MUSLIMS WORSHIP KAA'BAH ?



No.

Kaabah is the Qibla i.e. the direction Muslims face during their prayers. Kaabah is also called as Baitul-Allah (House of Allah, not in literal terms), and Masjid ul Haraam, because many things are declared Haraam (unlawful) in its premises like war, killing, sex, hunting etc.. It's also called as Haram Sharaf. It is important to note that though Muslims face the Kaabah during prayers for uniformity, they do not worship the Kaabah. Muslims worship and bow to none but Allah.

 *"We see the turning of thy face (for guidance) to the heavens: now shall We turn thee to a Qiblah that shall please thee. Turn then thy face in the direction of the Sacred Mosque: wherever ye are, turn your faces in that direction."* 

(The Holy Qur'an, Chapter 2, Verse 144)

Islam believes in fostering unity : For instance, if Muslims want to offer Salaah (Prayer), it is possible that some may wish to face north, while some may wish to face south. In order to unite Muslims in their worship of the One True God, Muslims, wherever they may be, are asked to face in only one direction i.e. towards the Kaaba. If some Muslims live towards the west of the Kaaba they face the east. Similarly if they live towards the east of the Kaaba they face the west.

Kaabah is at the Centre of the World Map

The Muslims were the first people to draw the map of the world. They drew the map with the south facing upwards and north downwards. The Kaabah was at the centre. Later, western cartographers drew the map upside down with the north facing upwards and south downwards. **Yet,**

Alhamdulillah the Kaabah is at the centre of the world map.

When the Muslims go to Masjid-e-Haram in Makkah, they perform tawaf or circumambulation round the Kaaba. This act symbolizes the belief and worship of One God, since Abraham. A Hajj or an Umrah is not just a part of worship, but also an opportunity for the people all over the world to meet and discuss.

At the time of the Prophet, people even stood on the Kaabah and gave the 'azaan' or the call to prayer. One may ask those who allege that Muslims worship the Kaabah; do an idol worshipper stands on the idol he worships?



WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF WORSHIP IN ISLAM ?



Living a righteous and enjoying the bounties what God has given to us comes next. The very first thing in Islam is to live in a **state-of-mind** which is in an **total agreement** with God and be **thankful** for what He has already given.

One needs to be **very mindful** (morals & ethics) or **thoughtful** (laws & principles) and lead a righteous life. One has to take Life **seriously** because even God haven't made this Earth and the Heavens just for fun...



We did not create the Heavens and the Earth, and everything between them just in play



(The Holy Qur'an, Chapter 44, Verse 38)

So use your free-will, your mind to explore God's Creativity and admire it, He has never stopped you explore in any Science... He has kept all

His 'toys' (creations) before you, understand them, explore them, explore in the field of botany and look what He has engineered, explore in the field of genetics and try to trace back the origin of life, explore the earth, explore the oceans, explore the skies, explore the space and look what all He has kept for you to eat, drink, wear, feel, see and live with. All of that, so much, more than you asked for, more than your imagination.

So understand it and thank God. Well God is not in need of your praises though, He is Needless, but these are His SIGNS, His way, to show us and make us UNDERSTAND that there is SOMEONE up WORTH to be KNOWN about and not Satan and the Idols we worship. God has created every creature to live and submit himself to God always...



I did not create the Jinns and the Human except to worship me

alone

(The Holy Qur'an, Chapter 51, Verse 56)

The purpose of worship in Islam is to be God conscious.

Thus the worship, whether it is prayer, fasting, or charity, is a means to achieve God consciousness so that when one becomes conscious of God, in thought and in action, he is in a better position to receive His bounties both in this world and the hereafter and **thus automatically stays away from all evils.**

Muslims don't worship **semi-naked** or **naked** or **sing** and **dance** or **play music** in the mosques in order to please the God. Their way of prayer is very simple, direct and spiritual.

IS 'WORK IS WORSHIP' FOR A MUSLIM ?

No.

It is a just a Eastern philosophy that 'Work is Worship'. Any thing apart from 'Worship' is 'Work' for a Muslim and anything apart from 'Work' should be a kind of worship (truthful, kind, loving, helping, righteous etc).

Muslims must remember that Worship is Worship and it can't be mixed with any other thing though taken granted in secular way. The importance of worship is not equal to work.

In the same way work is not a 'duty'. Work is ones 'job'. Muslim has many other things than the 'official job' which are duties for him.



WHAT ARE THE PILLARS OF ISLAM ?



There are five major pillars of Islam which are the articles of faith.
These pillars are

1) The belief (Imaan) in one God and that Muhammad (Pbuh) is His messenger,

2) Prayer (Salaat or Namaaz) which are prescribed five times a day **

- 3) Fasting (Siyam) which is required in the month of Ramadan,
- 4) Charity (Zakaat) which is the poor-due on the wealth of the rich and
- 5) Hajj which is the pilgrimage to Mecca once in a lifetime if one can afford it physically and financially.

All the pillars should be of equal height and strength in a building in order to give the building its due shape and proportions.

It is not possible that one would do hajj without observing fasting or without practicing regular prayers.

Now think of a building which has pillars only. It would not be called a building. In order to make it a building, it has to have a roof, it has to have walls, it has to have doors and windows.

These things in Islam are the moral codes of Islam such as honesty, truthfulness, steadfastness and many other human moral qualities. Thus in order to be a Muslim, one should not only be practicing the pillars of Islam but should also have the highest possible attribute for being a good human being. Only then the building is completed and looks beautiful.

** Unlike other religions, in Islam the prayer can be leaded by anyone (rich, poor, old, young, black, white etc). In Islam even a small kid (who knows how to pray correctly) can lead a prayer, no matter even if there are old and highly qualified people standing behind him.



WHAT IS SHARI'AH ?





Shari'ah is the comprehensive **Muslim law** derived from two sources,

a) the Qur'an



"Shall I seek other than God as the source of Law, when he has revealed to you THIS BOOK FULLY DETAILED?"



(The Holy Qur'an, Chapter 6, Verse 114)

b) the Sunnah or traditions of Prophet Muhammad (Pbuh).



"Who ever obeys the messenger is obeying God..."



(The Holy Qur'an, Chapter 40, Verse 80)

Shari'ah covers every aspect of daily individual and collective living. The purpose of Islamic laws are protection of individuals' basic **human rights** to include **right to life**, **property**, **political** and religious freedom and safeguarding the rights of women and minorities.

The low crime rate (actually 'NO crime rate' as compared with other countries) in Muslim societies is due to the application of the Islamic laws.

Muslims believe that Islam is a total and a complete way of life. It encompasses all aspects of life. As such, the teachings of Islam do not separate religion from politics. As a matter of fact, state and religion are under the obedience of Allah through the teachings of Islam. Hence, economic and social transactions, as well as educational and political systems are also part of the teachings of Islam.

Muslim believe that people are born free of sin. It is only after they reach the age of puberty and it is only after they commit sins that they are to be charged for their mistakes. **No one is responsible for or can take the responsibility for the sins of others, neither Prophet Muhammad.** However, the door of forgiveness through true repentance is always open.

WHAT IS FATWAA ?

Announcement of a 'ruling' or 'decree' based upon Qur'anic or in the light of Sunnah is called fatwaa.

[\(Click here for more details regarding Law\)](#)

WHAT IS HALAAL AND WHAT IS HARAAM ?

Islam allows Muslims to eat/use everything which is good for the health/ soul (which are even scientifically approved) and what it disallows not even science as approved it to date.

[\(Click here for more details regarding Law\)](#)



DOES ISLAM PROMOTES POLYGAMY ?



No.

Polygamy in Islam is a permission not an injunction.

Historically, all the prophets except Jesus, who was not married, had more than one wife.

Actually Qur'an is the only book on the earth which limited the numbers of wives, no other religious limited the number of wives to marry.

For Muslim men to have more than one wife is a permission which is given to them in the Qur'an, not to satisfy lust, but for the welfare of the widows and the orphans of the wars.

In the pre-Islamic period, men used to have many wives.

One person had 11 wives and when he became Muslim, he asked the Prophet Muhammad (P), "What should I do with so many wives?" and he said, "Divorce all except the four."

The Qur'an says,



"you can marry 2 or 3 and up to 4 women if you can be equally just

with each of them"



(Holy Qur'an, Chapter 4, Verse 3).

Since it is very difficult to be equally just with all wives, in practice, most of the Muslim men do not have more than one wife.

Prophet Muhammad (Pbuh) himself from age 24 to 50 was married to only one woman, Khadija.

In the western society, some men who have one wife have many extramarital affairs. Thus, a survey was published in "U.S. A. Today" (April 4, 1988 Section D) which asked **4,700 mistresses** what they would like their status to be.

They said that **"they preferred being a second wife rather than the 'other woman"** because they did not have the legal rights, nor did they have the financial equality of the legally married wives, and it appeared that they were being used by these men."

(Click here for more details regarding Polygamy)



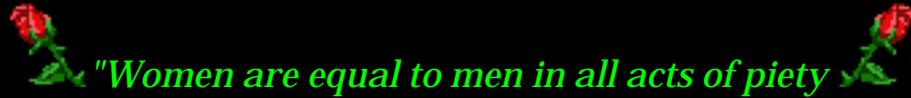
DOES ISLAM OPPRESS WOMEN ?



No.

On the contrary, Islam elevated the status of women 1,400 years ago by

giving them the **right to select their own husband** , **the right to divorce**, **the right to have financial independence**, **the right to have maintenance even after divorce** and the right to be identified as dignified women (Hijaab) when in the rest of the world, including Europe, women had no such rights.



"Women are equal to men in all acts of piety"

(The Holy Qur'an, Chapter 33, Verse 32)

Islam allows women to keep their maiden name after marriage, their earned money and spend it as they wish, and ask men to be their protector as women on the street can be molested.

Prophet Muhammad (Pbuh) told Muslim men, "the best among you is the one who is best to his family."

Not Islam, but some Muslim men, do oppress women today. This is because of their cultural habits or their ignorance about their religion. Female Genital Mutilations has nothing to do with Islam. It is a pre Islamic African Custom, practiced by non Muslims including coptic Christians as well.

[\(Click here for more details regarding Women in Islam\)](#) _





WHO IS KAFIR





There are much debates these days within political as well as religious circles regarding the word "Kafir".



The exact word Kafir has been used ONLY five times in the Qur'an as follows :

1.  *'And believe in what I reveal, Confirming the revelation which is with you, And be not the first to **reject faith** therein, Nor sell My signs for a small price, and fear me and me alone'* 


(The Holy Qur'an, Chapter 2, Verse 41)

2.  *'And if any of you **turns back from** his faith and die in disbelief, Their works will bear no fruit in this life and the Hereafter'* 

(The Holy Qur'an, Chapter 2, Verse 217)


3.  *'The **disbeliever** is a helper (of evil) against his own Lord'* 

(The Holy Qur'an, Chapter 25, Verse 55)

4.  *'It is He who has created you; and of you are some that are **unbelievers**, and some that are believers; and Allah sees well all that ye do'*



(The Holy Qur'an, Chapter 64, Verse 2)

5.  *Verily, We have warned you of a Chastisement near-The Day when man will see (the deeds) which his hands have sent forth; and the*

Unbeliever *will say, 'Woe unto me! Would that I were (mere) dust!'* 

(The Holy Qur'an, Chapter 78, Verse 40)

Since the average mind is biased and the word Kafir has assumed an abusive connotation for some time, I feel that a more detailed analysis of the word Kafir is called for.

Kafir is a subject based on the verb Kuf'r. One who commits Kuf'r is Kafir. Kuf'r in Arabic dictionary bears three meanings.

i. To conceal,

ii. To be ungrateful

iii. To deny or to reject

This word has been used in all these three meanings in the Holy Book.

Now let us deliberate over these three meaning of 'Kuf'r':

Concealment

Concealment is associated with possession and endowment. One who possesses nothing precious has no need to hide.

The Word of God, the Knowledge given by Him is a most valuable asset a man may possess. All along in the history of mankind, men of knowledge have been concealing from masses the Knowledge they possess so as to exploit them in the name of religion.

Those who forbade the Knowledge of Vedas to the Shudras were indeed 'Kafir'.

Those who conceal from masses that Vedas forbid idol worship, have committed the crime of concealment. Not a single verse of the four Vedas speaks of the next life of a person in the mould of any animal or vegetation. Instead, they explain in detail the descriptions of eternal paradise and hell Hereafter.

There are detailed prophecies of Prophet Muhammad (Pbuh) in Vedas. Those who conceal these facts from the people having faith in Vedas are Kafir (in Arabic).

Jesus Christ never once in his gospel, claimed to be 'The Only Begotten Son of God'. On the contrary, to emphasize his human origin he always referred to himself as 'son of man'. Those who hide this truth are Kafir in the eyes of Qur'an, which is in Arabic.

This is an undisputable fact that prior to Qur'an, all the previous scriptures revealed by God could not remain safe from human interpolation. Those who made changes in the Word of God were Kafir.

It is also a verifiable truth that among all scriptures, claiming to be Word of God, only Qur'an is unaltered to the last word and letter. This is the biggest endowment of God to the mankind that Muslims claim to possess. This wealth was sent for the whole of mankind. If the possessors of this precious asset do not distribute it among mankind, for whom it was revealed, they would be Kafir.

In the past, the men of knowledge stopped others from knowing the word of God, but at present, those who possess the most precious wealth, the way to 'Mukti' and salvation, are in general becoming the greatest criminals of concealment if they do not distribute the 'Ilm',

‘Gyan’ or 'Knowledge' of salvation.

Ungratefulness

Gratitude and ingratitude are also associated with prize, endowment and bestowment. Whoever has been bestowed by someone has an obligation to be grateful to his benefactor.

If we think that we have been bestowed with the safest and unaltered Word of God by our Lord, it is we who can be grateful or ungrateful. If our lives do not bear witness to the teachings of Islam and Qur’an, if we are becoming unwanted instead of blessing for the society and if our conduct is driving Non-Muslims to hate Islam and Qur’an then we are becoming ungrateful or Kafir in Arabic.

Denial and Rejection


Ones common sense is enough for a human to know about the ONENESS of God, but Human on the other hand is determined to deny His Oneness and Rejects God's signs.

These are those people who are stubborn in nature and have closed their senses towards any light of truth coming to them are Kafir.

Kafir thus in itself is not an abuse.

Kafir means Rejecter. The rejecter of - what? Muslims are the Kafirs of Hinduism (in its present form) while Hindus are the Kafirs of Islam. In Islamic terminology the word, if spoken without an object, is used for

those who reject the Islamic Faith.

 *O people, we created you from the same male and female, and rendered you distinct peoples and tribes, that you may recognize one another.*

The best among you in the sight of God is he who is most righteous.

GOD is Omniscient, Cognizant. 

(The Holy Qur'an, Chapter 49, Verse 13)



IS ISLAM INTOLERANT OF OTHER RELIGIOUS MINORITIES ?



Islam recognizes the rights of the minority.


To ensure their welfare and safety, Muslim rulers initiated a tax (Jazia) on them. Prophet Muhammad (P) forbade Muslim armies to destroy churches and synagogues.

Jews were welcomed and flourished in Muslim Spain even when they were persecuted in the rest of Europe.

They consider that part of their history as the Golden Era.



"God does not enjoin you from befriending those who do not fight you because of religion, and do not evict you from your homes. You may befriend them and be equitable towards them. God loves the

equitable" 

(The Holy Qur'an, Chapter 60, Verse 8)

God further tells how to be polite with the non-Muslims...



"Do not argue with the people of the scripture (Jews, Christians and Muslims) except in the nicest possible manner - unless they transgress - and say, 'We believe in what was revealed to us and in what was revealed to you, and our God and your god is one and the same; to Him we are

submitters" 

(The Holy Qur'an, Chapter 29, Verse 46)

In Muslim countries, Christians live in prosperity, hold government positions and attend their church. Christian missionaries are allowed to establish and operate their schools and hospitals.

However, the same religious tolerance is not always available to Muslim minorities as seen in the past during Spanish inquisition and the crusades, or as seen now by the events in Bosnia, Israel and India.

Muslims do recognize that sometimes the actions of a ruler does not reflect the teachings of his religion.



WAS ISLAM SPREAD BY THE SWORD ?



...You shall proclaim to those who received the scripture, as well as those who did not, 'Would you Submit?' If they submit, then they have been guided, but if they turn away, your sole mission is to deliver this message.

God is Seer of all people"

(The Holy Qur'an, Chapter 3, Verse 20)

According to the Qur'an, "There is no compulsion in religion" (2:256), thus, no one can be forced to become a Muslim.

While it is true that in many places where Muslim armies went to liberate people or help the freeing their land, they did carry the sword as that was the weapon used at that time, but it wasn't used against innocents.

The another PROOF which falsifies this theory that Islam was spread by the sword is that can I ask which army went in places where there are Muslims now, in the Far East like Indonesia, in China, and many parts of Africa and even America now ?

To say that Islam was spread by the sword would be to say that Christianity was spread by guns, F-16's and atomic bombs, etc., which is

not true.

Christianity spread by the missionary works of Christians. Ten-percent of all Arabs are Christians.

The "Sword of Islam" could not convert all the non-Muslim minorities in Muslim countries. In India, where Muslims ruled for 700 years, they are still a minority. In the U.S.A., Islam is the fastest growing religion and has 6 million followers without any sword around.

Mahatma Gandhi, statement published in 'Young India,' 1924 says :

I wanted to know the best of the life of one who holds today an undisputed sway over the hearts of millions of mankind.... I became more than ever convinced that it was not the sword that won a place for Islam in those days in the scheme of life. It was the rigid simplicity, the utter self-effacement of the Prophet the scrupulous regard for pledges, his intense devotion to his friends and followers, his intrepidity, his fearlessness, his absolute trust in God and in his own mission. These and not the sword carried everything before them and surmounted every obstacle. When I closed the second volume (of the Prophet's biography), I was sorry there was not more for me to read of that great life.

Lawrence E. Browne in 'The Prospects of Islam,' 1944 says :

Incidentally these well-established facts dispose of the idea so widely fostered in Christian writings that the Muslims, wherever they went, forced people to accept Islam at the point of the sword.

A. S. Tritton in 'Islam,' 1951 says:

The picture of the Muslim soldier advancing with a sword in one hand and the Qur'an in the other is quite false.

De Lacy O'Leary in 'Islam at the Crossroads,' London, 1923 says:

History makes it clear, however, that the legend of fanatical Muslims sweeping through the world and forcing Islam at the point of sword upon conquered races is one of the most fantastically absurd myths that historians have ever repeated.





The word "**Jihad**" means "**Struggle**", or to be specific, striving in the cause of God.

Any struggle done in day-to-day life to please God can be considered Jihad.

One of the highest levels of Jihad is to stand up to a tyrant and speak a word of truth.



Control of the self from wrong doings is also a great Jihad.

One of the forms of Jihad is to take up arms in defense of Islam or a Muslim country when Islam is attacked. This kind of Jihad has to be declared by the religious leadership or by a Muslim head of state who is following the Qur'an and Sunnah. ([Click here to know more about Jihaad](#))

 *You can fight for the cause of God, you are responsible only for your soul, and exhort the believers to do the same, God will neutralize the power of those who disbelieve. God is much more powerful, and much more effective.* 


(The Holy Qur'an, Chapter 4, Verse 84)

But soon a warning follows....

 *You can fight for the cause of God against those who attack you, but do no aggress. God does not love aggressors* 

(The Holy Qur'an, Chapter 2, Verse 190)

While Qur'an even says the following...

 *"anyone who saves one life, it is as if he has saved the whole of mankind and anyone who has killed another person (except in lieu of murder or mischief on earth) it is as if he has killed the whole of mankind."*


(The Holy Qur'an, Chapter 5, verse 32)

The first verse is in only applicable when Injustice takes place or the Legal Rights are killed etc..

Islam does not promote terrorism, neither do Qur'an. Prophet Muhammad once said...

"Never cut down a tree which bears fruit"

On another occasion during a war he said ...

"Never poison wells of the unbelievers, nor kill the women, old people and children"

One who fights for the cause of TRUTH or Allah is called **Mujaaheed** and one who dies struggling is called **Shaheed**.

Shaheed literally means "One who has WITNESSED the Truth and died for it"

In English Shaheed means Martyr.

If a common man dies he is said '**Marhoom**' as for what in English we say "**Late**". **Marhoom** means '**upon whom God showed His Mercy**'. The root word of "Marhoom" is "Rahem" (Mercy).

It shows that how stressful thing life is and God gives human RELIEF from the earthly pains thru a thing he created named DEATH.

Death is the actual FRIEND of a human. For a Muslim earth is a temporary adobe, a place of temporary life. His actual life starts Hereafter.





DOES ISLAM PROMOTES VIOLENCE & TERRORISM ?



No.

Islam is religion of peace and submission and stresses on the sanctity of human life.

A verse in the Qur'an says, [Chapter 5, verse 32], that

" anyone who saves one life, it is as if he has saved the whole of mankind and anyone who has killed another person (except in lieu of murder or mischief on earth) it is as if he has killed the whole of mankind."

Islam condemns all the violence which happened in the Crusades, in Spain, in WW II, or by acts of people like the Rev. Jim Jones, David Koresh, Dr. Baruch Goldstein, or the atrocities committed in Bosnia by the Christian Serbs.

Anyone who is doing violence is not practicing his religion at that time. However, sometimes violence is a human response of oppressed people as it happens in Palestine. Although this is wrong, they think of this as a way to get attention. There is a lot of terrorism and violence in areas where there is no Muslim presence. For example, in Ireland, South Africa, Latin America, and Sri Lanka. Sometimes the violence is due to a struggle between those who have with those who do not have, or between those who are oppressed with those who are oppressors.

We need to find out why people become terrorists. Unfortunately, the Palestinians who are doing violence are called terrorists, but not the armed Israeli settlers when they do the same sometimes even against their own people. As it turned out to be in the Oklahoma City bombing, **sometime Muslims are prematurely blamed even if the terrorism is committed by non-Muslims.** Sometimes those who want Peace and those who oppose Peace can be of the same religion.

[\(Click here for more details regarding Who are the Real Terrorists \)](#)



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WHAT IS THE DRESS CODE FOR MUSLIM ?





Islam emphasizes modesty.

No person should be perceived as a sex object.

There are certain guidelines both for men and women that their dress should neither be too thin nor too tight to reveal body forms.

For men, they must at least cover the area from the knee to navel and for women, their dress should cover all areas except the hands and face.

 *"Tell (O Mohammad!) the believing men to lower their gaze and to guard their modesty. That is purer for them. Verily Allah is acquainted with all that they do.....And tell (O Mohammad!) the believing women to lower their gaze and to guard their modesty, and not to display their adornments, except that which ordinarily appears thereof, and to draw their head veils over their necks and bosoms...."* 

(The Holy Qur'an, Chapter 24, Verse 30)

Few scholars ask to cover the face too.(Click here for more details regarding Law)



DO MUSLIMS HAVE SECTS ?



No !

Muslims have no sects. In Islam, there are **two major schools of thought**, the Shia and the Sunni.

Both have many things in common.

Both follow the same book - Quran. They follow the same prophet

Muhammad (P). Both offer their prayers five time a day. Both fast in the month of Ramadan. They both go for hajj, pilgrimage to Mecca.

Those who follow Prophet Muhammad (P), in accordance with his sayings and actions, are called Sunni and those who in addition follow the sayings and views of Ali (Muhammad's son-in-law), as the rightful successor to Prophet Muhammad (P), are called Shia.

Shia means a partisan (party of Ali) and it started more as a political party to help Ali in his conflict with his political adversaries. Most Shias live in Iran and Iraq while the rest of the Muslim world is mostly Sunni. Shias comprise about 16-percent of the Muslim population.



"Those who divide themselves into sects do not belong with you. There judgment rest with God..."



(The Holy Qur'an, Chapter 6 Verse 159)





WHAT DO MUSLIMS THINK OF JESUS ?





Muslims think highly of Jesus (Peace be upon him) and his worthy mother, Mary.

The Qur'an tells us that Jesus was born of a miraculous birth without a father.

 *"Lo! The likeness of Jesus with Allah is the likeness of Adam. He created him of dust, and then He said unto him: Be and he is"* 

(The Holy Qur'an, Chapter 3 Verse 59)

 *The say God has begotten a son !!! Be He glorified, Never !!! To Him belongs everything in the heavens and the earth; all are subservient to Him.* 

(The Holy Qur'an, Chapter 2 Verse 116)

Even Bible says the same...

".. Why callest thou me good? There is none good but one (Monotheism), that is, God: but if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments.

(Matthew, 19:17)

He was given many miracles as a prophet. These include speaking soon after his birth in defense of his mother's piety. God's other gifts to him included healing the blind and the sick, reviving the dead, making a bird out of clay and most importantly, the message he was carrying. These miracles were given to him by God to establish him as a prophet.

According to the Qur'an, he was not crucified but was raised into Heaven. (Qur'an, Chapter Maryam/Mary)

Click here to know ['What is His Name ?'](#), a book by Ahmed Deedat. It gives us an account that Elohim or Elah to whom Jesus addressed and the Ilaahi upon whom Hindus swear is none other but ALLAH.

Click here to know ['Was Jesus Crucified? or Crucifixion or Cruci-fiction'](#) and ["Resurrection or Resuscitation?"](#) more books from Ahmed Deedat.

Click here to know ['Is Jesus same as God?'](#), another eye-opening books from Ahmed Deedat.

Click here for ['Comparative Study of Islam & Christianity'](#).





HOW DO MUSLIMS TREAT JEWS & CHRISTIANS ?



The Qur'an calls them "People of the Book", i.e., those who received Divine scriptures before Muhammad (P).



Muslims are told to treat them with respect and justice and do not fight with them unless they initiate hostilities or ridicule their faith.

The Muslims ultimate hope is that they all will join them in worshipping one God and submit to His will.

 *"Say (O Muhammad): O people of the Book (Jews and Christians) come to an agreement between us and you, that we shall worship none but Allah, and that we shall take no partners with Him, and none of us shall take others for Lords beside Allah. And if they turn away, then say: Bear witness that we are those who have surrendered (unto Him)."* 



(The Holy Qur'an, Chapter 3, Verse 64)

What about Hindus, Bahai, Buddhists and members of other religions? They should also be treated with love, respect, and understanding to make them recipients of Invitations to Islam.

 *"Say, O you disbelievers, I do not worship what you worship. Nor do you worship what I worship. Nor will I ever worship what you worship. Nor will you ever worship what I worship. To you is your religion, and to my is my religion"* 

(The Holy Qur'an, Chapter 109, Verses 1 to 6)

But this doesn't means that God promotes Other Religions... He said so because He has given free-will to everybody. They are now to judge and submit..

 *"The only religion approved by God is Submission (Islam), Ironically, those who have received the scripture (earlier) are the one who dispute this fact, despite the knowledge they have received, due to jealousy. For such rejecters for God's revelations , God is most strict in reckoning"* 

(The Holy Qur'an, Chapter 3, Verse 19)



A. Calendar

Islamic practices are based on the lunar calendar. However, Muslims also use the Gregorian calendar in their daily religious lives. Hence, the Islamic calendar includes both the common era and the migration (Higrah) year of the Prophet of Islam from Makkah to Madinah in the year of 623 C.E.

B. Celebrations (Eid)

Muslims have two celebrations (Eid); namely, Eid of Sacrifice and Eid of Fast-Breaking. The Eid of Sacrifice is in remembrance of the sacrifice to be by Prophet Abraham of his son. The Eid of Fast-Breaking comes at the end of the month of fasting, Ramadan.

C. Diets

Islam allows Muslims to eat everything which is good for the health. It restricts certain items such as pork and its by-products, alcohol and any

narcotic or addictive drugs.

D. Place of Worship

The place of worship is called Mosque or Masjid.

There are three holy places of worship for the Muslims in the world.

These are: Mosque of **Kaabah** in Makkah, **Mosque of the Prophet Muhammad in Madinah**, and **Masjid Aqsa**, adjacent to the Dome of the Rock in Jerusalem.

A Muslim may pray any where in the world whether in a Mosque, a house, an office, or outside. The whole world is a place of worship. It is preferable that Muslims pray in a congregation, however, he/she may pray individually anywhere, facing towards the Kaabah (a uniformity in prayer) at the right timings (**Dawn, Noon, Afternoon, Dusk, Night**).

E. Holidays

The holy day of the Muslims is Friday.

It is considered to be sacred and the Day of Judgment will take place on Friday. Muslims join together shortly after noon on Friday for the Friday congregational prayer in a Mosque.

A leader (Imam) gives a sermon (Khutbah) on current social, political and economical affairs and then leads the congregational prayer.





Muslims are required to respect all those who are faithful and God conscious people, namely those who received messages. Christians and Jews are called People of the Book.

Muslims are asked to call upon the People of the Book for common terms, namely, to worship One God, and to work together for the solutions of the many problems in the society.

Christians and Jews lived peacefully with Muslims throughout centuries in the Middle East and other Asian and African countries.

Jews fled from Spain during the Inquisition, and they were welcomed by the Muslims. They settled in the heart of the Islamic Caliphate. They enjoyed positions of power and authority.

Throughout the Muslim world, churches, synagogues and missionary schools were built within the Muslim neighborhoods. These places were protected by Muslims even during the contemporary crises in the Middle East.





ARE MUSLIMS FUNDAMENTALISTS ?



No.

There is no concept of "Fundamentalism" in Islam.

The western media has coined this term to brand those Muslims who wish to return to the basic fundamental principles of Islam and mould their lives accordingly.

Islam is a religion of moderation and a practicing God fearing Muslim can neither be a fanatic nor an extremist.

Let me explain how.....

The hottest term in use these days is "Fundamentalism".

Where some people avoid, other feel proud being called them so.

Muslims haven't yet got the right sense of it. They still mix "Fundamentalism" and "Extremism" into each other.

"Fundamentalism" is a Western term, that's why its necessary for us to investigate and determine its meaning.

If you go thru ...

- 1) Encyclopaedia Britannica,
- 2) Encyclopaedia Americana,
- 3) Encyclopaedia of Religion and
- 4) Everyman's Encyclopaedia

What we find is as follows :-

A) At the end of 19th century an un-satisfaction was observed among the educated Christians regarding many Christian beliefs like 'Trinity', 'Theory of Evolution', (as Bible says that humans are living on this plant only since 7000 years) and

B) How a sacrifice given by one person (Jesus Christ, peace be upon him) could wash the sins of all peoples till the doomsday etc.

To suppress this "Thoughtfulness" and "Reasoning" of the educated and liberal minded people, Protestant Evangelical Church of America issued an order that though "many" Biblical Verses goes against the finding of "Modern Science", everyone has to keep faith in every verse of Bible.

Thus many booklets were written from 1908 to 1915 to save the Bible.

William Jennings gave many victories to this Movement.

Many district schools were forced to pay a penalty of \$ 100 for teaching the "Theory of Evolution" to the students.

Thus the people supporting this "dogma" were labeled "FUNDAMENTALISTS" by the Educated Community.

This movement of Fundamentalism came to an end in the fifties and Modern Science got the victory.

These incidents caused two things.....

1. Less than 1% of Christians now feel that they should believe every word of Bible and
2. "FUNDAMENTALISM" was recognized as "Unscientific", "Nonsense" and an "Irrational" movement.

Coming to the point, we cant apply this term with ISLAM because.....

1) There is not a single idea or a verse of Qur'an which contradicts with

"Modern Science", "Nature" and "Rationalism".

2) Not even any open-minded (forward/ spoilt) Muslim has never raised voice against any aspect of Qur'an, and if one does so he automatically feels himself out of Islam.

3) Unlike Bible, as per Qur'an one has to keep faith in every word of it.

4) The fourth main thing is this that the Western Movement of "Fundamentalism" was purely a "Religious Movement" and not a "Political Movement", but in today's world where Islam is concerned, every movement labeled as "Fundamentalist" is purely "Political" and "Not Religions".

This is the only reason that "Fundamentalism" in the WEST was governed by the Religious people and in Islamic world it is in the hands of Learned People like Doctors, Engineers, Scientists, Students etc.

The bottom line is....

"FUNDAMENTALISM" is a term nourished died in the west for its "Unreasoning" and "Unscientific" standards. So we as MUSLIMS musn't be called FUNDAMENTALIST anymore, because when ever we will be called so a image of an "Unlearned", "Nonsense" and a person hating Science will come forth and we arent so.

we need to have a new term to convince the WESTERNERS and the WORLD about our Ideas, Realities and Mental Richness.

That's why it will be better if we call ourselves "ISLAMIST" instead of "FUNDAMENTALISTS".

A new term, which has an Serious & Sincere Aim going shoulder to shoulder with Earthly Wisdom and a Divine message to flourish.



IS DECLARING 'I AM LIVING A RIGHTEOUS LIFE AND I NEED





NO RELIGION' ENOUGH FOR SALVATION ?



[Click here to read it... \(its at the end of the page named "Warning"\)](#)

Napolean Bonaparte as Quoted in Christian Cherfils, 'Bonaparte et Islam,' Pedone Ed.,
Paris, France, 1914

"I hope the time is not far off when I shall be able to unite all the wise and
educated men of all the countries and establish a uniform regime based on the
principles of Qur'an which alone are true and which alone can lead men to
happiness."

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