

Did you know?

There are many famous Muslims in the world but unfortunately a lot of people only know of Muslims associated with terrorism.

Famous Muslims:

Muhammad Ali (Boxer)
Malcolm X
Yvonne Ridley (Journalist)
Amir Khan (Boxer)
Akon (Music artist)
Samir Nasri (Footballer)
Zinedine Zidane (Footballer)
Jermain Jackson (Music artist)
Shakeel Oneil (NBA player)
Lauren Booth (Journalist)

**I believe in the religion of Islam.
I believe in Allah and peace"**

(Muhammad Ali)

Myths:

- X** Islam is a religion of terror
- X** Women are inferior to men
- X** Islam is a religion only for Asian or Arabs.
- X** Muslims only believe in Prophet Muhammad (Pb.u.h)

Realities:

- ✓** Terrorism is forbidden in Islam
- ✓** Men and women are equal in the sight of God
- ✓** Islam is for all Mankind regardless of race, gender, and social background
- ✓** Muslims believe in all Prophets including; Adam, Noah, Abraham, Moses, & Jesus (Peace be upon them)

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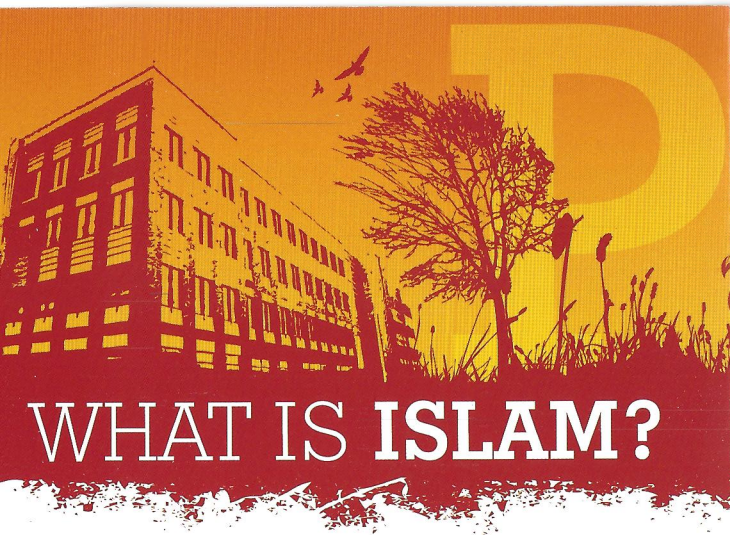


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WHAT IS ISLAM?

Did you know?

One of the meanings of "Islam" is "peace through the submission to God"; in fact the word Islam has the same root as the word "Salaam" which in Arabic means peace!

Islam is based on a set of beliefs called the 6 articles of faith; these are:

- 1 Belief in the oneness of God
- 2 Belief in all the Angels of God
- 3 Belief in all of the scriptures revealed to the prophets in their original form ie:

The Tawrah (Torah) of Musa (Moses) Peace be upon him (P.b.u.h)

The Zabur (Psalms) of Dawud (David) (P.b.u.h)

The Injil (Gospel) Isa Jesus (P.b.u.h)

And the Qur'an revealed to Muhammad (P.b.u.h)

- 4 Belief in ALL the Messengers of God (including Adam, Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Ismail, Moses, Jesus, John and Muhammad Peace be upon them all)
- 5 Belief in the day of Judgment
- 6 Belief in divine pre-destination

If someone holds these beliefs there follows a set of practices that Muslims are expected to fulfil to the best of their ability.

These are known as the 5 pillars of islam:

- 1 **Shahadah** - Declaration of faith (There's no God but Allah and Muhammad (P.b.u.h) is His servant and messenger)
- 2 **Prayer** - A muslim is required to pray 5 times a day at fixed times during the day
- 3 **Fasting** - A muslim must fast in the month of ramadan from sunset to sundown
- 4 **Zakat** - A muslim should give 2.5 percent to charity from his or her surplus wealth that has been with them for one year
- 5 **Hajj** - A muslim is requested to perform a pilgrimage once in his or her lifetime if they can afford to.

Unfortunately there are some who hold the misconception that Islam is a religion that promotes violence, oppression, extremism and terror.

Nowhere in Islam is it encouraged to oppress, kill or terrorise anything or anyone.

Since **Islam is about promoting peace**, justice and social order, there is no such thing as an Islamic terrorist because terrorism promotes the opposite!

A Muslim who believes terrorising or unlawfully killing innocent people is sanctioned by their religion is mistaken.

"If any one slew a person... it would be as if he slew the whole of humanity: and if any one saved a person, it would be as if he saved the whole of humanity". (The Holy Quran - Chapter 5 Verse 32)

The Holy Quran teaches Muslims that life is very precious in Islam no matter what faith or what race people are from.

The Prophet Muhammad (P.b.u.h) said, "Allah is Kind and He loves kindness. Kindness is not to be found in anything but that it adds to its beauty." (Sahih Muslim)

The hadith (saying of the Prophet Muhammad P.b.u.h) above states that a muslim should be kind to all creation.

Muslims are **OBLIGATED** to obey the laws of the land in which they reside; to be kind to their neighbours, to deal honestly and justly with people, to strive to do good and benefit society wherever they are, to treat everyone with dignity and equity and to even be kind to the environment!

Therefore:

A GOOD MUSLIM = A GOOD CITIZEN

Did you know?

Jihad literally means "struggle"

So struggling to do good is Jihad ie struggling to get educated, struggling to be a good citizen, even struggling to give up smoking are all forms of Jihad.

However killing innocent people on buses, trains or planes is **MURDER!**

Terrorists exploit people's lack of knowledge of Islam to promote their own ideological position for their own agendas. Understanding Islam better, provides solutions against terrorism!