

**Did you know Muslims believe in all the Prophets from Adam to Prophet Jesus (pbuh)?**

*“Behold! the angels said: “O Mary! Allah giveth thee glad tidings of a Word from Him: his name will be Christ Jesus, the son of Mary, held in honour in this world and the Hereafter and of (the company of) those nearest to Allah;” - Quran 3:45*

*“She said: “O my Lord! How shall I have a son when no man hath touched me?” He said: “Even so: Allah createth what He willeth: When He hath decreed a plan, He but saith to it, ‘Be,’ and it is!” - Quran 3:47*

**Did you know that in Islam men and women have equal rights?**

Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) said “Whosoever has a daughter and he does not insult her, and does not favor his son over her, God will enter him into Paradise.” - Musnad Ahmed Ibn Hanbal, Hadith No. 1957

It is quoted by Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) as saying that “...that paradise is beneath your mothers feet.” - Sunan an Nasa'i 3104

“Treat women nicely, for a woman is created from a rib, and the most curved portion of the rib is its upper portion, so, if you should try to straighten it, it will break, but if you leave it as it is, it will remain crooked. So treat women nicely.” - Sahih al-Bukhari 3331

*“O mankind, fear your Lord, who created you from one soul and created from it its mate and dispersed from both of them many men and women.” - Quran 4:1*

*“From what is left by parents and those nearest related there is a share for men and a share for women, whether the property be small or large-a determinateshare.” - Quran 4:7*

**Did you know that it is forbidden in Islam to kill another human being?**

The right to life is the most basic of human rights; the Quran equates the killing of a single person (despite their religion, race, ethnicity) to killing all of human kind. God has created all humankind equal and has given each the right to pursue their own destiny.

*“...whoever kills a soul in the land - it is as if he had slain mankind entirely. And whoever saves one - it is as if he had saved mankind entirely...” -Quran 5:32*

**Did you know that the 10 commandants are also mentioned in the Quran?**

**Did you know that Islam is the fastest growing religion in the world?**

**Did you know that Muslims constitute the world's second largest religious groups?**

There are 1.6 billion Muslims or 23% of the world's population

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indeed We have  
created you from  
male and female  
and made you  
peoples and tribes  
that  
you may know one  
another.  
Indeed, the most  
noble of you in the  
sight of Allah  
is the most righteous  
of you. Indeed,  
Allah is Knowing  
and Acquainted.”**

**Quran:49:13**

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خَلَقْنٰكُمْ  
مِّنْ ذَكَرٍ وَأُنْثَىٰ  
وَجَعَلْنٰكُمْ  
شُعُوبًا وَقَبَائِلَ  
لِّتَعَارَفُوا  
إِنَّ أَكْرَمَكُمْ  
عِنْدَ اللَّهِ  
أَتْقٰىكُمْ



**ISLAM 101**



***“Those who believe, and whose hearts find satisfaction in the remembrance of Allah: for without doubt in the remembrance of Allah do hearts find satisfaction.” - Quran 13:28***

***“Verily, with every difficulty there is relief.” - Quran 94:6***

***“...Have no fear, for Allah is with us...” - Quran 9:40***

### **What is Islam?**

In Arabic the word Islam means “submission,” it is derived from the root word salam, which means “peace”; followers of Islam are called Muslims

### **Who are Muslims?**

Muslim is an Arabic word that means “a person who submits to the will of God” Muslims are followers of the religion of Islam. The one who has faith in the Almighty and the absolute God only, and one who preserves to do good deeds

### **Who is Allah?**

*Allah - there is no deity except Him, the Ever-Living, the Sustainer of [all] existence. Neither drowsiness overtakes Him nor sleep. To Him belongs whatever is in the heavens and whatever is on the earth. Who is it that can intercede with Him except by His permission? He knows what is [presently] before them and what will be after them, and they encompass not a thing of His knowledge except for what He wills. His Kursi extends over the heavens and the earth, and their preservation tires Him not. And He is the Most High, the Most Great.” - Quran 2:255*

### **What does Jihad mean?**

Did you know that Jihad does NOT mean holy war. The Arabic word jihad is derived from Johod, which means “to strive and place effort .”

Jihad, refers to internal as well as external efforts to be a good Muslim. “The best Jihad (for you) is (the performance of) Hajj.” - Sahih al-Bukhari 2876

### **Did you know that Islam is a monotheistic religion:**

Islam, is a monotheistic faith based on revelations received by the Prophet Muhammad (Peace Be Upon Him) in 7th-century Saudi Arabia. According to Islamic tradition, the angel Gabriel appeared to the Prophet over the course of 20 years, revealing to him many messages from God. Muslims believe in only one entity and they do not ascribe anything to God.

*“And your god is one God. There is no deity [worthy of worship] except Him, the Entirely Merciful, the Especially Merciful.” - Quran 2:163*

*“...That we worship none but Allah; that we associate no partners with him; that we erect not, from among ourselves, Lords and patrons other than Allah.” -Quran 3:64*

### **Did you know that racism, sexism, and prejudice is unacceptable in Islam?**

*“O mankind, indeed We have created you from male and female and made you peoples and tribes that you may know one another. Indeed, the most noble of you in the sight of Allah is the most righteous of you. Indeed, Allah is Knowing and Acquainted”, “We have believed in Allah and what has been revealed to us and what has been revealed to Abraham and Ishmael and Isaac and Jacob and the Descendants and what was given to Moses and Jesus and what was given to the prophets from their Lord. We make no distinction between any of them, and we are Muslims [in submission] to Him.” - Quran 2:136*

### **Did you know it is required (except for those who are pregnant, breastfeeding, ill, on medication, travelling, and small children) for Muslims to observe fast during the holy month of Ramadan?**

*“O you who have believed, decreed upon you is fasting as it was decreed upon those before you that you may become righteous” - Quran 2:183*

*“The month of Ramadan [is that] in which was revealed the Qur’an, a guidance for the people and clear proofs of guidance and criterion...glorify Allah for that [to] which He has guided you; and perhaps you will be grateful.” - Quran 2:185*

### **What is Ramadan?**

It is where Muslims around the world observe fast for a month from dawn until dusk. Muslims are prohibited from eating, drinking, smoking, and sexual activity. Ramadan, first started when the Angel Gabriel conveyed the first message to Prophet Muhammad (pbuh). Eid, marks the end of the holy month, Muslims celebrate for 3 days, buy sweets for family and friends, buy new clothes for their children, and visit family and friends

### **What is the purpose of Ramadan?**

To be grateful

To appreciate your life

To become closer to God

To clear your mind

To have strong will and not give into temptations

To learn to control your emotions and to speak kind words (ex. not too much sadness, angry, etc.)