ARE YOU LOOKING FOR HAPPINESS!!

التصميم (القرآن الكريم)

IT'S HERE

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Preface

It's my pleasure to introduce this booklet to those who are sincere, honest, serious and open-minded in seeking the truth.

The Islamic view of humanity is filled with mercy and compassion towards all people, and it cannot be otherwise, because Islam is the final true religion that was prescribed by Allah for all humanity. It teaches us to deal with all humanity with respect, justice, humbleness and kindness.

No doubt that happiness is our primary goal in this life. My aim in this book is to show you the source of happiness which is the Quran and it is up to you whether to accept it or reject it.

Kindly, before you read

1- Don't Judge Islam by Actions of Muslims. (Blame the Individual, Not the Faith).

2- Don't believe media because it presents a negative image about Islam. The Western
public often is misinformed about Muslims through the images on television, magazines, radios, and comic strips in newspapers, which promote strong messages among their audiences. Western reporters often say that Muslims are terrorists.

Many people follow their religions blindly without proof under the justification that they “have faith.” Having faith in ideologies, belief systems, or religions that are not based upon clear proof is a source of falsehood.

Finally, READ, THINK AND DECIDE.

It is your decision To Be or Not to Be.
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The Islamic Glossary: Popular Terms

- **Allah**: The Islamic term for supreme and unique God.
- **Islam**: The word Islam means 'submission to the will of God'.
- **Hadith**: A collection of Prophet Muhammad's sayings and deeds.
- **Hajj**: Pilgrimage to Makkah (Muslims are required to perform hajj at least once in their lifetime).
- **Ka'ba**: It is a cube-shaped stone structure that was built by Prophet Abraham and his son Ishmael. It was the first house of worshipping Allah. It is located in the center of the Great Mosque at Makkah.
- **Quran**: The holy book which was revealed to Prophet Muhammad through angel Gabriel.
- **Madinah**: It was called Yathrib, and was located about 200 km north of Makkah.
- **Muslims**: The followers of Islam.
- **Jihad**: This is a struggle or effort in Allah's cause to spread the message of Islam.
Chapter One

1-What is happiness?

2-How can we achieve happiness?
1-What is happiness?

Before we explain the definitions of happiness, we should know that happiness is our primary goal in this life because it can help us to achieve many personal ambitions and goals. All of us want to be happy, and we look for it with all our might, our thoughts and our actions. Happiness is not only important to our personal lives but is also important to our global community.

There are many definitions of happiness. It means different things to different people and each person has his own way of defining happiness. Philosophers, actors, politicians, have their own view of happiness. Happiness is something everyone wants to have.

The Merriam-Webster’s Online Dictionary,¹ defines happiness as: "A state of well-being and

¹-It is edited by Noah Webster in the early nineteenth century, published by Merriam-Website.
contentment A pleasurable or satisfying experience."

Sonja Lyubomirsky\(^1\) defines happiness as, "the experience of joy, contentment, or positive well-being, combined with a sense that one’s life is good, meaningful, and worthwhile."

Denis Waitley\(^2\) defines happiness as:

"Happiness is the spiritual experience of living every minute with love, grace and gratitude"

Albert Schweitzer\(^3\) defines happiness as: "Happiness is nothing more than good health and a bad memory."

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1- Sonja Lyubomirsky A professor of psychology at the University of California.
2- Denis Waitley is an American motivational speaker, writer and consultant.
3- Albert Schweitzer was a French-German organist, writer, philosopher, and physician. Born on 14 January 1875.
2-How can we achieve happiness?

Even though happiness is perhaps one of the most important things in life, it is hard to measure happiness by using surveys, questionnaires and models. We all want to be happy. Life is better if we are happy!

**But how can we achieve it?**

Can we achieve happiness by attaining money? Can we achieve happiness by attaining success? Can we achieve happiness through drug? Can happiness really be purchased?

It is commonly believed that happiness is achieved by attaining money, power, fame etc. Others believe that happiness can be attained through drug or liquor thinking that this is the true happiness. This type of happiness is false and does not last longer, because we find that the many people are very wealthy and have everything but they are not happy and committed suicide. You may be successful and have a lot of money, but without happiness it will be meaningless.
Democritus\textsuperscript{1} said that "Happiness resides not in possessions, and not in gold, happiness dwells in the soul'.

According to the Islamic viewpoint, happiness is the exclusive quality of the soul and it depends totally upon strong faith. Believing in Allah and following His massage which is Quran is the only way to attain perfect happiness for both body and soul, in this world and in the eternal Hereafter. Allah Almighty says:

"O mankind, there has to come to you instruction from your Lord and healing for what is in the breasts and guidance and mercy for the believers."\textsuperscript{2}

Reciting, memorizing and pondering Quran brings a feeling of joy, fulfilment, tranquillity

\textsuperscript{1}- Democritus was ancient Greek philosopher born in 460 BC.

\textsuperscript{2}-(Quran :chapter 10: verse 57)
and ultimate happiness in this world.

because Qur’an is the source of lighting the heart as well as life and remedy for souls. We cannot feel its virtue unless we follow its instruction and change them into actions.

What kind of happiness could be greater than that of someone who humbles himself to Allah, worships Him, strives for His pleasure, and strives to enter Paradise and have salvation from Hellfire? Allah Almighty says:

"Whoever does right, whether male or female, and is a believer, We will make him live a good life, and We will award them their reward for the best of what they used to do."¹

Whoever believes in Allah and in His Oneness will live in a state of real happiness and peace. Allah Almighty says:

"Those who have believed and whose hearts are

¹- (Quran :chapter 16: verse 97)
assured by remembrance of Allah. Truly, by the remembrance of Allah hearts are assured."¹

Like the body, our hearts and souls need food of another kind to supply us with faith and happiness. The reason why there are many people who are unhappy today is because they are away from this source of happiness.

The diseases of the body and the effects they have are not more dangerous than the diseases of the heart and soul. Allah Almighty says:

"Whoever follows My (Allah's) guidance, will neither go astray nor fall into misery. And whoever turns away from My message, verily he will have a miserable life."²

This may explain why some people commit suicide while they enjoy the material comfort and money. For example, look at Cat Stevens

¹-(Quran :chapter13: verses 28)  
²-(Quran :chapter 20 verse 123-124)
(now Yusuf Islam), formerly a famous pop singer who used to earn sometimes more than $150,000 a night. After he converted to Islam, he found true happiness and peace, which he had not found in material success. Many people from different countries, classes and races, have converted to Islam. They include scientists, professors, philosophers, journalists, politicians, actors, and athletes. (To read the stories of people who have converted to Islam, please visit the links at Stories of New Muslims).
Chapter Two

1- What is Quran?

2. The Miracles of the Quran:

A- Literary Miracle

B- Scientific Miracle
1-What is Quran?

Quran (literally) means “the recitation”. It is the Last and Final message of Allah Almighty to all human beings. It is a record of the exact words which was revealed directly from Allah to Prophet Muhammad through the angel Gabriel.

This “revelation” occurred gradually over a period of approximately 23 years. Prophet himself used to recite it to the angel Gabriel once a year and twice when he was about to die. Then it was dictated to his Companions who memorized it and collected it in one volume by scribes.

There are no human contributions to the Quran; it is only the revelation from Allah and it is completely Divine origin. In other words, you will not find any stories about the Prophet written by his Companions in the Quran. In fact, you will not even find any of the Prophet’s
speech outside of what he stated to be the revelation of the Quran.

Quran is one of the greatest gifts of Allah to mankind. It is the main source of the Islamic faith. It is made up of 114 chapters. Each chapter consists of verses. It’s message is eternal and universal, and it contains guidance for all human beings regardless of their religion, colour, race, sex, language, property, and nationalities. A Muslim should not handle the text unless he is in a state of ritual purity. Reciting Quran is preceded by the phrase "I take refuge with Allah from Satan, the accursed one."

Quran is the constitution of this nation and the principle source of every Muslim's faith and practice. It provides general guidelines and solutions for all the aspects of life political, economic and social for all times and places. It deals with all subjects that concern us as human beings, including wisdom, doctrine, worship, deeds and ethics which helped us to live a peaceful and happiness life but its basic theme
is the relationship between Allah and His creatures. It does not condemn or torture the flesh, nor does it neglect the soul. It gives only guidelines without details. Details are derived from the prophetic sayings. The Quran has documented the stories of the Prophets and Messengers from Adam till Muhammad. It tells us about what happened before and what is coming later. Allah Almighty says:-

"We have neglected nothing in the Book" ¹

After the Revelation was completed. Allah Almighty says:-
"Today, I have perfected your religion for you…"

Thus, the Quran is very different from the Bible because the Bible is not today in their original form. The Bible is a collection of writings by many different authors. In the Bible you have many men writing about Allah. But

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¹ (Quran :chapter 6: verse38)
² (Quran :chapter 5: verse3)
the speaker in the Qur'an is Allah. Millions of people from all over the world have memorized the complete Quran letter for letter from beginning to end. So even if all printed copies of the Quran were destroyed it would continue to live in the hearts of those people.

Allah Almighty says:-

"Indeed, it is We who sent down the Qur'an and indeed, We will be its guardian."

Some Unbelievers claims so many things about this holy book, as. It's not book of God; some says It was written by Prophet Muhammad; some says it is copied from other holy books …… etc. Let’s See

1-(Quran :chapter 15: verse9)
2-What Famous Non-Muslims say about Quran?

Allah Almighty says: "We (Allah) will show them (the unbelievers) Our signs in the farthest regions, and within their own selves until it becomes manifest to them that this is the Truth."\(^1\)

Here I am going to quote some of the opinions of important non-Muslim scholars who have studied the Qur'an. Such comments show that those non-Muslim world is taking more serious view of the Qur'an. In order to authenticate the message of the Quran, Allah has provided it with signs and miracles to show that the Quran is indeed from Allah.

Kindly, cast your preconceived notions aside and listen to what these people have to say. Those famous non-Muslims are Great Book Writers, Physicians and Scientist.

\(^{1}\) (Quran :chapter41: verse53)
1- David Samuel Margoliouth said "The Quran admittedly occupies an important position among the great religious books of the world.. "

2- Sir William Muirs said, "There is probably in the world no other book which has remained (fourteen) centuries with so pure a text"

3- Dr. Maurice Bucaille said :-"After I had read the Quran I could not find a single error in it. I had to stop and ask myself If a man was the author of the Quran how could he have written facts in the seventh century A.D. that guidance which the philosophical theories couldn’t bring it."


2-Sir William Muirs was a Scottish Orientalist, scholar of Islam. Born in(27 April 1819. His book "The Quran: Its Composition and Teaching "

3-Dr. Maurice Bucaille was a French medical doctor, and an author. Born in 17 February 1998. His book "The Qur'an and the Bible in the Light of History and Science"
4- Leo Tolstoy said "The legislation of Quran will spread all over the world, because it agrees with the mind, logic and wisdom."  

5- Napoleon Bonaparte said "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 Quran which alone are true and which alone can lead men to happiness."  

6- Ernest Renan said "Quran is authentic – and no modification or changing occurred to this book, and whenever you listen to the Quran, it makes you shiver – and when you study the laws which come in this Quran – you will respect it more and more."  

1-Leo Tolstoy, was a Russian writer who is regarded as one of the greatest authors of all time born in August 28 September 1828.  
2- Napolean Bonaparte was a French military general as Quoted in Cherfils, ‘Bonaparte et Islam,’ Paris, France, pp. 105, 125.  
3-Ernest Renan –was a British philosopher and writer. born in February 28, 1823.His book ( ISLAM AND SCIENCE A LECTURE PRESENTED AT LA SORBONNE 29 March 1883)
7- **Johann von Goethe** said "whenever I read the Quran I feel something is shaken my spirit."¹

8- **Sir George Bernard Shaw** said "I have always held the religion of Muhammad in high estimation because of its wonderful vitality. It is the only religion which appears to me to possess that assimilating capacity to the changing phase of existence which can make itself appeal to every age"²

9- **Michael Hart** said "My choice of Muhammad to lead the list of the world’s most influential persons may surprise some readers and may be questioned by others, but he was the only man in history who was supremely successful on both the secular and religious level."³

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¹ Johann Wolfgang von Goethe (28 August 1749 – 22 March 1832) was a German writer and statesman.

² Sir George Bernard Shaw was Irish comic dramatist, literary critic, and socialist. In his book [The Genuine Islam, Vol. 1, No. 8, 1936.]

3. The Miracle of the Quran.

The definition of a miracle is an unusual and mysterious event that is thought to have been caused by Allah because it does not follow the usual laws of nature. Allah gave some miracles to every prophet. In Quran, Prophet Jesus holds one of the highest statures amongst the Prophets. Unlike other Prophets who performed miracles, Jesus himself was a miracle, as he was born of a virgin mother. Other miracles of Jesus are faith healing, resurrection of the dead.

Allah supported His last Prophet Muhammad with many miracles and much evidence which proved that he is a true Prophet. Although Prophet Muhammad was known to be illiterate Allah gave him the miracle of miracles.

3- Cambridge English Dictionary
the timeless and the eternal miracle which is the Qur’an, the last and final revelation of Allah. Muslims as well as non-Muslims agree that Quran is the best Arabic literature on the face of the earth. It challenges mankind to produce even a single chapter.

**Why is The Quran Considered A Miracle?**

Quran is the most important miracle of Prophet Mohammed. This great miracle is having superiority on all the other miracles from the following:-

1- Although prophet Muhammed was illiterate and he did not attend any formal school system, Qur'an has a unique and inimitable style of language. It is above the eloquence of the excellence poetry and literary.

2- Allah has challenged the Arabs, who were known to have been excellent in Arabic linguists, and the jinn to produce
something like Quran, even one chapter, but they could not do that and will never be able to do that. Several attempts have been made but in vain. Allah Almighty says:

"Say: If the whole of mankind and the jinns were together to produce the like of this Quran, they could not produce the like thereof, even if they helped one another."

3- Qur’an has all the rules and regulations which man should follow if he hopes to be successful both in this world, and in the next. The Qur’an discusses various useful topics (personal or collective) and all the matters of governance, leadership, science, education, marriage and divorce. Allah Almighty says: "We have not neglected anything from this Book".

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1- (Quran :chapter17: verse88)
2- (Quran :chapter6: verse38)
4- It contains many amazing scientific facts which were unknown at that time, and have only been discovered recently.

5- There is a perfect balance as well as a consistency in style between emotional and intellectual passages of the Quran.

6- Unlike some other books, Qur’an is free from any errors or contradictions, despite it being revealed over a period of 23 years.

7- It consists of predictions of many prophecies and events that have been fulfilled in the future.

8- In spite of being revealed over 1400 years ago, Quran is the only holy book remains today without any change. That is due to Allah's promise to protect the Quran from any form of corruption. Allah Almighty says: "Indeed, We have revealed the reminder (the Quran), and indeed we will guard it"

1- (Quran :chapter15: verse9)
There are two main kinds of miracle:

1- Literary Miracle:

2- Scientific Miracle:

Literary Miracle:

Qur'an has a unique and inimitable style of language. Muslim scholars have considered the linguistic miracle of the Quran is the most important one. In fact, the miracles of the other prophets ended as their time passed. The miracle of the Quran will exist until Doomsday.

Since fourteen hundred years have passed Allah has challenged mankind and the jinn to produce something like it, even one chapter, but they could not do that. This challenge remains unanswered these days and nobody will be able to do that for these reasons:

(1) Each word is used in its precise place and cannot be moved or exchanged for a close
synonym without its beauty or meaning being loss.

(2) The Quran has a unique sentence structure and rhythm that sets it apart from both prose and poetry.

(3) The sentences use the smallest number of words without losing any necessary meaning.

2- Scientific Miracle:-

There is no conflict between Islam and science. Islam encourages seeking knowledge and considered it an act of worship. ‘Read.’ is the very first verse from Quran. Quran contains many amazing scientific facts in several scientific fields which were unknown at that time but they have only been discovered recently, through the modern advancement of technological equipment. In this topic we are going to discuss some of these miracles.
Allah Almighty says:

"We will show them Our signs in the horizons and within themselves until it becomes clear to them that it (ie. The Quran) is the truth."

Modern scientists have been amazed by the accuracy of scientific information presented in the Quran. Today, scientists in the various disciplines of natural sciences who study the Quran find that this same divine knowledge, is providing them with the same evidence and confirms that it is from the creator of the universe. They came forward fearlessly and affirmed that this knowledge can only be from Allah, the Creator of the Universe. Some of them wrote books about this phenomenon which attracted their attention and they declared the testimony and embraced

1- (Quran :chapter41: verse53)
Islam!. These are some of the scientific miracle in Quran:-

1-Facts about embryology.

The Qur’an gives a detailed description of the development of the human embryo. These details were unknown to the scientific community until recent times. Allah Almighty says: "O People, if you should be in doubt about the Resurrection, then [consider that] indeed, We created you from dust, then from a sperm-drop, then from a clinging clot, and then from a lump of flesh, formed and unformed - that We may show you."\(^1\)

According to Prof. Johnson" There is no better description of this stage of embryogenesis than the Quranic description ". He also said that "He started to use the Quranic terms in teaching embryology to his students because they were more accurate and easier to learn than the terms in textbooks"\(^2\).

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1- (Quran :chapter22: verse5)
Dr. Moore\(^1\) found that the Quranic terms and statements are amazing in their scientific accuracy. He wrote a specialized book in embryology he said: "It is cited in the Quran, the holy book of the Muslims, that human beings are produced from a mixture of secretions from the male and the female. The Quran and prophet saying also states that the sperm drop develops "into a clot of congealed blood"\(^2\).

2- Facts about Animal Kingdom

From the Animal Kingdom there are so many facts stated in the Qur'an. One of these facts is about the source of the constituents of animal milk which has been described in the Qur'an fourteen hundred years ago and it has been understood only in recent times. Allah Almighty says:- " Verily, in cattle there is a lesson for you.

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1- Prof. Marshall Johnson is one of the leading scientists in US, and is the head of the Department of Anatomy and Director of the Daniel Institute.
2- Prof. Keith Moore was the Professor of Embryology and Chairman of the Department of Anatomy at the University of Toronto, in Canada.

We give you drink from what is inside their bellies, coming from a conjunction between the contents of the intestine and the blood, pure milk and pleasant for drinkers."

Dr. Bucaille made this comments on this verse as follows:" It was totally unknown at the time of the Prophet Mohammed and has been understood only in recent times. The discovery of the circulation of the blood, was made by Harvey roughly ten centuries after the Quranic Revelation. I consider that the existence in the Quran of the verse referring to these concepts can have no human explanation on account of the period in which they were formulated."  

3- Facts about astronomy

The Quran states several facts about astronomy which were discovered in the late twentieth century.

1-One of these facts is about the expansion of the universe. Allah Almighty says:

1- (Quran :chapter16: verse66)
2- Dr. Bucaille ‘s book ( The Bible, the Quran and Science) which was published by the American Trust Publications 1979.
"And the heaven, We have built it with power. Verily We are expanding it."

Let us see what Dr. Bucaille said :- "The expansion of the universe is the most imposing discovery of modern science today it is a firmly established concept and the only debate centres around the way this is taking place. Thus the size of the Universe is probably constantly increasing and this increase will become bigger than the further away the galaxies are from us."

2- Another scientific field is about the importance of water in our life:-

Allah Almighty says:

"Have those who disbelieved not considered that the heavens and the earth were joined together, then We separated them and We made every living thing out of the water." 

1-{ Quran chapter 51, verse 47}
2- Dr. Bucaille 's book ( The Bible, the Quran and Science) which was published by the American Trust Publications 1979.
3-{ Quran chapter 21, verse 30}
Dr. Bucaille said that "The notion of getting something out of something does not give rise to any doubts. The phrase can equally mean that every living thing was made of water and without it, life is not possible. Water is the major component of all living cells."

4- Facts about Mountains:

The Quran states several facts about Geology which were discovered in the late twentieth century. Allah Almighty says:
"And We have placed on the earth firm mountains, lest it should shake with them"\textsuperscript{2}

He also says:
"Have We not made the earth as a bed, And the mountains as pegs"\textsuperscript{3}

The Qur'an draws attention to a very important geological function of mountains. Which is making the earth fix and preventing shocks in the Earth.

\textsuperscript{1} Dr. Bucaille his book The Bible, the Quran and Science, which was published by the American Trust Publications 1979.
\textsuperscript{2} (Quran chapter 21, verse 31)
\textsuperscript{3} (Quran chapter 78, verse 6-7)
This fact was unknown by anyone at the time and it was brought to light only recently. Scientists have now come to realize that the mountains are as pegs and the roots of them beneath the surface of the earth are longer than the part that remains above it and the part of the peg that is driven into the ground is, and these extensions are called mountain roots. Geologists tell us that the Mountains act like stakes or tent pegs that hold the earth’s crust and give it stability.¹

Finally we can say that the Quran and Hadith was in full agreement with the latest discoveries in all fields of science.

The Qur'an strongly recommends us to study these sciences facts on the condition that it leads to truth and reality, that it produces a correct

view of the world based on an understanding of Allah.

It also show us that these facts must have come to Muhammad from Allah and Muhammad is a messenger of Allah. The famous physicist and Nobel Prize winner, Albert Einstein said:-
"Science without religion is lame. Religion without science is blind."¹

¹- Albert Einstein was a famous German physicist and Nobel Prize winner born in 14 March 1879. An article entitled, “Religion and Science” for the New York Times Magazine. It appeared there on November 9, 1930
Chapter Three/ General Information

1-Who is Allah?
2. What is Islam?
3. Who are Muslims?
4. Who is Muhammad?
5. What is Hadith?
7. The main manners in Islam.
8. Woman in Islam
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12. What do Muslims think about Jesus?
13. Benefits of Converting to Islam
14-How does someone become a Muslim?
15. Famous convert to Islam.
1-Who is Allah?

Allah is an Arabic word that means “the one and only True God.”. Allah is not a foreign god, nor is he an idol. Islam rejects any form of idol worship, and rejects the Trinity or any attempt to make God as human. Muslims believe that Allah is free from all impurity, physically and multiplicity. Allah is the proper name of the One True God, used by Muslims all over the world. The word Allah is used by Arabic speakers of all Abrahamic faiths (including Christianity and Judaism). It is a unique term and nothing else can be called Allah. The term has no plural or gender. This shows its uniqueness when compared with the word “God,” which can be made plural, as in “gods,” or made feminine, as in “goddess”.

Muslims believe that there is nothing in the heavens nor on Earth that deserves worship except Allah, the One True Creator. They also believe that Allah has revealed 99 of His names, or attributes. These names are mentioned in...
Quran and Hadith A few of these names are the All-Merciful, the All-Knower, the Protector, the Provider, the Near, the First, the Last. Allah is the perfect which means that there is no sharer in His Nature and His Attributes. He is the Knower of the unseen and the visible. He is the All-Merciful, the All-Compassionate. Allah is the Self-Existing and Self-Sufficient Master who comprises all perfect. He is the Creator, the Healer, the All-Mighty and the All-Wise. He is free from every weakness and defect. He is the source of all Love and Grace. When disbeliever told The Prophet Mohammed to describe his God; Allah Almighty sent down this chapter:

"Say (O Muhammad), He is Allah, the One God, the Self-Sufficient Master, who has not begotten, nor has been begotten, and there is none like unto him"

1-(Quran chapter 112)
2-What is Islam?

The Arabic word 'Islam' simply means submission and obedience to the will of Allah. It derives from a word meaning 'peace'. Islam is a religion of peace for all people from whatever race or background they might be. It is not only a belief system but a complete way of life. Its law covers all aspects of living including moral, spiritual, intellectual, physical, economic, political, etc. Islam is a universal religion and it is the second largest religion in the world. At the same time it is the fastest growing religion in the world today.

Islam is not a new religion, but the same truth that Allah revealed through all His prophets. So, all the prophets were Muslims and their religion was Islam. It enjoins good manners for every occasion and stresses treating people, particularly relatives and neighbours, with kindness.

Islam was revealed over 1400 years ago in Makkah. The start of Islam is marked in the
year 610, following the first revelation to the prophet Muhammad at the age of 40. Therefore, most of the people were worshipping multiple gods.

Seeking knowledge is an obligation matter in Islam. So that Muslims have made a great advances in medicine, art, mathematics,… etc. The Islamic teachings conveyed through the last Prophet were the everlasting guide and the most perfect form of the religion of Allah. The most important fundamental beliefs in Islam are: :-

1. Belief in Allah.
He is the One, Unique God; the Supreme, the Eternal, the Merciful, and the Creator.

2. Belief in the Angels of Allah.
The angels are messengers of Allah. They are purely spiritual and splendid beings. They were created from light and were created, before humans, for the purpose of worshipping Allah.
3. Belief in all scriptures and revelations of Allah. They were the guiding light which the Messengers received to show their respected people the Right Path of God. Muslims believe in the Four books which were sent down to prophets. They are:

a- The Taurah sent with the Prophet Moses,
b- The Zabur sent with the Prophet David,
c- The Injil (Bible) sent with Prophet (Jesus),
d- The Qur’an sent with Prophet Muhammad. It is the last revelation of Allah and it is the only book which left without any changes.

4. Belief in all Messengers from Adam to Jesus ended with the prophet Mohammad without any discrimination between them.

5. Belief in the last Day of Judgement. This is the Day of accounting for all deeds; evil or good, big or small. No one but Allah knows when this day will come, so it is up to us to live each day as if it was our last day.
6. Belief in AL-Qada and Qadar (whether good or bad) (Divine will and Decree) belief that everything happens in this universe happens by the will and decree of Allah.

Finally, Islam is the universal message of Allah to all mankind. Therefore, Allah will not accept any religion except Islam.

Allah Almighty says:

"And any one who chooses a way of life other than Islam, it will not be accepted from him and in the hereafter he will be one of the losers."  

1- (Quran :chapter3: verse85)
3-Who are Muslims?

Muslim” means “anyone or anything that surrenders itself to the true will of Allah”. By this definition, everything in the nature (trees, animals, planets, human beings etc.) are “muslims” because they are in a state of surrender to Allah’s will. So, Muslims are the people who believe in Islam and submit to Allah. Muslims neither worship Muhammad nor pray through him. They devote their lives to the service of Allah, the Creator of the universe.

Muslims base their laws on their holy book the Qur’an, and the Sunnah (practical example of Prophet Muhammad and his sayings). Today, 1.7 billion individuals around the world are Muslims (23.4% of the overall global population). They are from different races, nationalities and cultures. Only about 20% of Muslims worldwide are from Arab.
4-Who is Muhammad?

(Prophet of Islam)

Prophet Muhammad whose name means "highly praised" was born in 570 after the birth of Jesus Christ. He was born in Makkah, in the Arabian Peninsula. He was the descendant of prophet Ismail (Ishmael) the son of Prophet Ibrahim. Prophet Mohammed was an orphan. His father Abdullah died before his birth, and his mother Aminah died when he was about 6 years old. He was taken cared by his uncle Abu Talib. At age of 12, he joined his uncle on a caravan to Syria.

When he was a young man, Muhammad worked as a camel driver between Syria and Arabia. At age 25, Muhammed was hired by, a wealthy widow woman (Khadijah) to trade for her. At the same age he got married to her when she was 40 years old. They were happily
married for 25 years. Khadijah passed away when she was 65 years old. During his marriage to Khadijah he was not married to any woman. At the age of forty, Muhammad received his first revelation and Allah asked him, through the angel Gabriel, to proclaim the religion of Islam publicly. Then he started preaching Islam to people. Although he was known all over Makkah that he was fair, decent and honest, his teachings was met with severe and hostile opposition. At that time, the people of Makkah were devoted to idol-worship. The area was not known as a place of advanced civilization. In the year 622 he left Makkah and emigrated to Yathrib, (Madina) with a number of his followers. In Madina, he laid the foundation for the ideal Islamic state. He sent letters to Kings and leaders beyond Arabia inviting them to Islam. After several years, he and his followers returned to Makkah, where they established Islam definitively. Before he died, at the age 63,
the greater part of Arabia was Muslim, and within a century of his death Islam had spread to Spain in the West and China in the east. The Prophet hood lasted for 23 years. He is the last prophet there won’t be any prophet after him. He was raised illiterate, unable to read or write, and remained so till his death.
5-What is Hadith?

Hadith is the second source of authority in Islam. It is a reliably transmitted report of what the Prophet Mohammed said, did, or approved. Prophet Mohammed did not only convey the revelation that he received from Allah which is Qur’an but also he practiced and explained them in his own life. Hadith explains some historical events in detail since they are mentioned only briefly in the Qur'an. Belief in hadith is part of the Islamic faith. Muslims should believe and follow up the prophet's sayings and actions. It is impossible to understand the Qur’an without reference to the Hadith. The Qur’an is the message, while Hadith is the verbal translation of the message.

To establish the authority of hadith on firmer ground, Muslim scholars developed several disciplines dedicated to examining and verifying the authenticity of various Hadith.
Examples of the Prophet's sayings

The Prophet Muhammed said:

"Allah has no mercy on one who has no mercy for others."

"None of you truly believes until he wishes for his brother what he wishes for himself."

"He who eats his fill while his neighbour goes without food is not a believer."

"The truthful and trusty businessman is associated with the prophets the saints, and the martyrs."

"Powerful is not he who knocks the other down, indeed powerful is he who controls himself in a fit of anger."

"Allah does not judge according to your bodies and appearances but He scans your hearts and looks into your deeds."  

1-Saheeh Al-Bukhari the most authentic book after the Quran.
6-The Characteristics of Islam

Every living thing in this world has some basic characteristics, which distinguish it from others. The main features of Islam religion are as follows:

1. Islam is a perfect religion: It covers all aspects of human life religious, social, political, economic, moral, spiritual, etc. Islam teaches us what we should do from the smallest things until the biggest ones.

2. Equality and Justice: with people regardless of their religion, colour, race, sex, language, property, and nationalities.

3. Islam is a religion of knowledge. Knowledge is compulsory for every Muslim men and women. Knowledge will raise one's degree who has it to the highest degree.

4. Islam commands all kinds of good and forbids all kinds of evil. It encourages good
manners and proper treatment of others, such as truthfulness, patience, kindness, modesty, keeping promises, mercy, good treatment, and self-control in times of anger.

5. Islam is easy and clear. It can be understood and done by everyone. For example; Salah is compulsory for every Muslim, but if you cannot do it by standing you can sit, if you cannot sit, you can lie down, if you cannot lie down you can do it by sign from your eyes.

6. Islam is Universal and Timeless Message. Islam has a message that suitable for all people at all times, in all places from the creation of Adam up until the day of Judgement.

7. Islam is far from contradiction. So you can't find any statements that conflict with modern science. There are Many verses in Quran that speak about scientific facts and processes but they have been recently
discovered and proven as scientific facts by scientists.

8. Islam takes care of healthy. This matter is clear in Quran and Sunnah about how to keep healthy. Allah Almighty says:

"and eat and drink but be not excessive. Indeed, He likes not those commit excess"\(^1\)

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1- (Quran chapter 7, verse 31)
7-The main manners in Islam

Islam places great emphasis on manners and on the proper way to deal with others, whether they are Muslims or not. Relations between people are very important in Islam, Prophet Muhammad said: "I have been sent to perfect the best of manners". These are the most important ethics which Islam urging us to follow:

1. Treat kindly with your parents respect them and obey them.
2. Respect and honour all human beings regardless of their religion, colour, race, sex, language, status, property, birth and job.
3. Treat kindly with your neighbours.
4. Do not shout. Speak politely with low voice.
5. Don’t lie, you should say the truth.
6. Do not mix truth with falsehood.

1-[Hadith Malik Muwatta Book 47, Number 47.1.8]
7. Say with your mouth what is in your heart.
8. Do not talk, listen or do anything in vain.
10. Walk with humility and calmness.
11. Do not be jealous of others.
12. Say I do not know, if you do not have complete knowledge about any matter.
13. Do not follow blindly any information which you have heard from others.
14. Do not make mockery of others, do not insult others by nicknames, do not spy upon one another and do not backbite one another.
15. Avoid suspicion and guesswork.
16. Cooperate with one another in good deeds.
17. Fulfil your promises and commitments.
18. Correct yourself and your families first before trying to correct others.
19. Call people to the way of your Lord with wisdom and beautiful advice.
20. Eat and drink [what is lawful] in moderation.
8-Woman in Islam

There are some misconceptions about the issues of women’s rights in Islam. The Western Media distorted the beautiful picture of women in Islam. It claimed that Islam oppresses women.

Islam was revealed for all societies and for all times. Over fourteen hundred years ago, Islam gave women their basic rights before the West did. Islam honoured and respected women's right. It raised the woman status and gave her a perfect freedom. At the same time the rest of the world, from Greece, Rome, India and China, considered women as no better than children or even slaves, with no rights.

Islam honours women as mothers who must be respected, obeyed and treated with kindness. Pleasing one's mother is regarded as part of pleasing Allah. Islam tells us that the best way to reach Paradise is through one's mother. Islam forbids disobeying one’s mother or making her angry. The mother’s rights are greater than
those of the father, and the duty to take care of her grows greater as the mother grows older and weaker. All of that is mentioned in many texts of the Qur'an and Sunnah Prophetic traditions).

Allah Almighty says:

"And We have enjoined upon man to be dutiful and kind to his parents"\(^1\)

Islam also honours women as wives and says that the wife has rights over the husband like his rights over her. Allah Al-Mighty says:

"And they (women) have rights similar (to those of their husbands) over them to what is reasonable.."\(^2\)

It also urges the husband to treat his wife in a good and kind manner. Prophet Muhammad said:

1- (Quran /chapter 46 verse15).
2- (Quran /chapter 2: verse228).
"The best of you is the one who is best to his wife, and I am the best to my wives."¹

Islam also honours women as daughters, and encourages us to raise them well and educate them. Islam states that raising daughters will bring a great reward. Prophet Muhammad said "Whoever has three daughters and is patient towards them, and feeds them, gives them to drink and clothes them from his riches, they will be a shield for him from the Fire on the Day of Resurrection."²

These are the following rights which the women have in Islam:

1. The right and duty to obtain education.
2. The right to inherit from her father, mother and husband.

² Narrated by Sunan Ibn Majah Vol. 5, Book 33, Hadith 3669
3. The right to work [job or business] to earn money, and keep her own money.

4. The right to equal reward for equal deed or work.

5. The right to provisions from her husband for all her needs.

6. The right to get custody of her children in case of divorce.

7. The freedom to express her opinion, to give sincere advice.

8. The freedom to choose her husband and the freedom to obtain divorce from him.

9. The right to get sexual satisfaction from her husband.

10. The right to re-marry after divorce or after becoming widow.
The women in Islam are required by Allah to cover their hair and wear some sort of loose fitting, full-length garment in the presence of men who are not close relatives.

Finally, in 1930, Annie Besant ¹ "It is only in the last twenty years that Christian England has recognized the right of woman to property, while Islam has allowed this right fourteen centuries ago."

¹- Annie Besant was a famous British political and socialist reformer, born in 1847. Her book (The Life and Teachings of Mohammed, 1932).
9-Human Rights In Islam

According to Islam, the life and property of all citizens in the Islamic state are considered sacred whether a person is Muslim or not. It is the individual, social, and universal responsibility of Muslims to protect the human merits and guard their rights. Freedom of conscience is laid down by the Quran itself:

Allah Al-Mighty says:

"There is no compulsion in religion"

Defending the human rights is a religious duty for a Muslim. Any discrimination between men and women in rights or responsibilities is forbidden in Islam. Muslims believe that Allah has created all mankind equal as human beings, and no one can claim superiority in this respect, whatever his/her ethnicity, family, colour, wealth or

1-(Quran/chapter 2 verse 256).
gender may be. In other words the superiority of one man over another is based only on piety and pure conduct. Racism is not also Allowed in Islam. Allah Al-Mighty says:

"O mankind! We created you from a single soul, male and female, and made you into nations and tribes, so that you may come to know one another. Truly, the noblest of you in Allah's sight is the greatest of you in piety. Allah is All-Knowing, All Aware"¹

Insulting others or making fun of them is not allowed in Islam. Prophet Muhammad said:

"Truly your blood, your property, and your honour are inviolable."²

Muslims are taught by the Qur'an to build their relations with others on kindness. They should always have in mind that no hostility stays permanently, and that if they follow Allah's guidance, their behaviour may turn an

¹-(Quran /chapter 49 verse 13).
²- Saheeh Bukhari, Hadith: No.1739) (Musnad Ahmad, Hadith: No.2037)
enemy into a close friend. Muslims have to be just not only with ordinary human beings but even with their enemies. Allah Al-Mighty says: "Indeed, Allah orders justice and good conduct and giving to relatives and forbids immorality and bad conduct and oppression."

Islam invites all Muslims to be just with all the human beings of the world. Allah Al-Mighty says:-

"O, you who believe! Stand out firmly for justice, as witnesses to Allah, even as against yourselves, or your parents, or your kin, and whether it be (against) rich or poor: for Allah can best protect both. Follow not the lusts (of your hearts), lest you swerve, and if you distort justice or decline to do justice, verily Allah is well-acquainted with all that you do."

1- (Quran /chapter 16 verse 90)
2- (Quran /chapter 4 verse 135).
Islam and other various Islamic terms and concepts are greatly misunderstood by the media especially in the West. Jihad is one of these concepts that is widely misunderstood. Some of the western people consider the word "Jihad" is synonymous with "terrorism". Indeed, Islam is a practical religion that respects all human beings. The term jihad literally means 'struggle'.

Jihad is not a violent concept. It is not a declaration of war against other religions. It is against evil thoughts, evil action and aggression. Although Islam is the religion of peace, but it does not mean that it accepts oppression and aggression.

There are two kinds of jihad.

1-The inner struggle against our evil desires for the sake of attaining inner peace.
2- The struggle for the sake of Allah:

- to spread the message of Islam which is peace and submission.
- to protect Muslims against oppression ruler.
- to punish the enemy who breaks an oath.
- to protect the freedom of Muslims to practise their faith.
- to remove injustice.

   This struggle should be spiritual as well as social, economic and political.

   Allah Al-Mighty says:

   "Fight in the cause of Allah those who fight you, but do not commit aggression. Allah does not like aggressors "¹

   Allah Al-Mighty says:-

   "If they seek peace, then seek to it and rely upon Allah. Indeed He is the hearing, the knowing".

¹-( Quran /chapter 2 verse 190).
2-( Quran /chapter 8 verse 61)
The basic rules of war in Islam are:

Islam lays down strict rules of battles which include :-

1. Do not begin the hostilities.

2. Fight only those who fight you.

3. Stop hostilities as soon as the other party is inclined to peace.

4. Don't harm women, children and the elderly.

5. Don't destroy crops, trees and livestock.

6. Fight for the sake of Allah not to occupy other lands.
It is important to remember that terrorism is not a new phenomenon. Many countries have suffered for decades from terrorists. Perhaps the greatest misunderstanding about Islam today is that it is an inherently violent religion whose followers condone acts of terrorism. Without providing any evidence, the western media, which consider primary source of information, claim that Islam is behind these attacks and they think that ISIS and other terrorist groups represent real Islam. That is because most of the people in the western world haven’t heard the real voice and message of Islam.

In reality, Islam is a religion of peace, mercy and ethics. It encourages people to beautify their relationship with Allah and with those around them through good character and deeds. Indeed terrorism completely contradict the teachings of Islam. Islam and terrorism are at the opposite sides. Islam is not terrorism and terrorism is not Islam. Likewise, Muslims are
not terrorists while terrorists are not Muslims, because Islam preaches love, forgiveness, generosity and respect to all people. According to Islam anyone who commits an act of terrorism in the name of Islam such as killing innocent lives, or destroying peoples' properties, is not Muslim.

No doubt that Islam spread in numerous places, from Western Europe to China, via trade and communication. In the early history of Islam various people living in these lands were not forced to convert to Islam. They were free to keep their own religions. For example, Islam reached Indonesia through Muslim traders dating back to the 13th century.

There are many evidence from Quran and Hadith that Islam is against terrorism. Allah Al-Mighty says:

"Allah does not forbid you from showing kindness and dealing justly with those who have not fought you about religion and have not
driven you out of your homes. Verily Allah loves those who act justly”¹
Also he says :-
"Invite to the way of your Lord (i.e. Islam) with wisdom and fair preaching, and argue with them in a way that is better. "²
Moreover, Allah says:
" And We have not sent you (The Prophet Muhammad) but as a mercy to the worlds."³.

The Prophet Muhammad used to prohibit soldiers from killing women and children, he would advise them saying : "...Do not betray, do not be excessive, do not kill a new born child."⁴

He also said: "Whoever has killed a person having a treaty with the Muslims shall not smell

¹-(Quran /chapter 60 verse 8).
²-(Quran /chapter 16 verse 125).
³-(Quran /chapter 21 verse 107)
⁴-Narrated in Saheeh Muslim#1731, and Al-Tirmizi#1408.
the fragrance of Paradise, though its fragrance is found for a span of forty years." ¹

Muslims are even encouraged to be kind to animals and are forbidden to hurt them. Once the Prophet Muhammad said: "A woman was punished because she imprisoned a cat until it died. On account of this, she was doomed to Hell. While she imprisoned it, she did not give the cat food or drink, nor did she free it to eat the insects of the earth." ²

The Prophet Muhammad said: "When you slaughter an animal, do so in the best way. One should sharpen his knife to reduce the suffering of the animal" ³

When a drunk driver causes a car accident, we never blame the car manufacturer for the violent actions of that driver. This is because we understand that we cannot blame an entire car company that produces millions of safe vehicles

¹-Narrated in Saheeh Al-Bukhari, #3166, and Ibn Majah, #2686
²-Narrated in Saheeh Muslim, #2422, and Saheeh Al-Bukhari, #2365
³-Narrated in Saheeh Muslim, #1955, and Al-Tirmizi, #1409.
just because one of their cars was hijacked by a reckless person who used it to cause harm. So what right do we have to blame an entire religion of over 1.7 Billion peaceful people because of the actions of a relatively insignificant few?

According to the FBI, 94% of terrorist attacks carried out in the United States from 1980 to 2005 have been by non-Muslims. This means that an American terrorist suspect is over nine times more likely to be a non-Muslim than a Muslim. According to this same report, there were more Jewish acts of terrorism in the United States than Islamic. Muslims committed just 12.4 per cent of attacks during the period studied but received 41.4 per cent of news coverage. 

12-What do Muslims think about Jesus?

All Muslims believe in Jesus and consider him one of the greatest messengers to mankind. They also believe that Jesus was born miraculously of a virgin through the same power which had brought prophet Adam into being without a father. They believe that Jesus spoke as a baby, healed the sick and raised the dead. The Quran confirms his virgin birth (a chapter of the Quran is entitled 'Mary'). All Muslims respect Jesus mother 'Mary' and consider her one of the best women. Allah Al-Mighty says:

"And mention when the Angels said, O Mary Allah has chosen you, and purified you, and chosen you above the women of the worlds. O Mary, Allah gives you good news of a word from Him, whose name shall be the Messiah, Jesus son of Mary, honoured in this world and the Hereafter, and one of those brought near to
God. He shall speak to the people from his cradle and in maturity, and shall be of the righteous." Allah Al-Mighty says:

"Truly, the example of Jesus to Allah is like that of Adam. He created him from dust; and then said to him, 'Be!' and he was. "

But Muslims don't believe that Jesus is God or son of God. They do not believe that he died on the cross. They trust that Jesus will return to the Earth again to confirm that Islam is the true and final religion for all mankind.

1-( Quran /chapter 3 verses 42-46).

2-( Quran /chapter 3 verses 59).
13- Famous Converted To Islam

Although the western media has mostly reported negatively about Muslims and Islam, many people converted to Islam. Converting to Islam is growing rapidly not only between ordinary people but also between famous people such as priests, scientists, rappers, actors and athletes.

John Blake, in CNN news network, said that "After the event of 9/11 when the Twin Towers in Manhattan were attacked, many western people prompted to learn and to research about Islam. Islamic books became best-sellers and Colleges started offering more courses about Islam"\(^1\). Thousands of Americans of all colours and creeds have converted to Islam. In Britain the number of converts to Islam almost doubled between 2001 and 2010; from

\(^1\)http://community.beliefnet.com/go/thread/view.
61,000 to 100,000.\textsuperscript{1} Here are some examples of celebrities who converted to Islam:-

\textbf{1-Joseph Estes}

He was an American famous priest from Texas. He was born in 1944. He converted to Islam in July of 1991. He was raised in a strong Christian home and he travelled all around the world and many people converted to Islam via him.\textsuperscript{2} Details of his conversion to Islam and his presentations are available at: \url{http://www.YusufEstes.com}.

\textbf{2- Cat Stevens (Yusuf Islam)}

Yusuf Islam is One of the world’s most famous converts to Islam. He is an educator and activist, still known by millions of people for his music and words as Cat Stevens. He was born in 1948 in a Christian family and brought up in the modern world of all the luxury and the

\textsuperscript{1} \url{http://www.brin.ac.uk/2010/converts-to-islam}.

\textsuperscript{2} \url{https://www.islamreligion.com/articles/97/yusuf-estes-former}.
high life. He converted to Islam at the height of his fame in 1977 after a long spiritual search and after his brother gifted him a Qur’an.¹

3-Vonne Ridley

She is a British journalist who was a chair of the National Council. She was born in 23 April 1958. In 2001 she was captured by the Taliban while she was trying to get into Afghanistan. She stayed 11 days in captivity in Afghanistan. After she was released, she read about Islam and embraced it in 2003.²

4-Professor Tagata Tagasone.

He was the head of the Anatomy and Embryology Department at the University of Shiang Mai in Thailand. He is now the Dean of the College of the Medicine at the University.


²-https://www.theguardian.com/lifeandstyle/2008/jul/06/women.features4
He converted to Islam during the 8th Saudi Medical Conference which held in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, from Oct 30th to November 3rd, 1983.  

5- Cassius Marcellus Clay (Muhammad Ali)

Muhammad Ali (Cassius Marcellus Clay) was born on January 17, 1942, in Louisville, Kentucky. He was an American professional boxer. He was considered to be the greatest heavyweight boxer. He embraced Islam in 1975 Muslim after the championship with Liston.  

6-Mike Tyson

Mike Tyson was born in Brooklyn, New York, on June 30, 1966. At age 20, he became


2-https://www.news.yale.edu/2016/06/09/Muhammad-Ali-originally
the youngest heavyweight boxing champion of the world and he appeared in several films. He converted to Islam in the mid-1990s when he was serving three years in prison over rape charges.¹

7-Lauren booth (Tony Blair’s sister-in-law).

Lauren booth is a journalist and broadcaster from Great Britain and she is the sister in law of British Prime Minister Tony Blair. She was born on July 22, 1967 in Islington, London.

She accepted Islam in 2010 and, in 2012. She established an organization called Peace Trail.²

8-Jermaine Jackson.

Jermaine Jackson was born on December 11, 1954 in Gary, Indiana. He is an actor and


² -http://www.laurenbooth.org/
occasional film director. He was known for The 5th Annual American Cinema Awards. He is brother of world-famous star Michael Jackson. After touring the Middle East in 1989, Jermaine Jackson converted to Islam.¹

9- Simon Collis (British ambassador to Saudi Arabia)

Simon Paul Collis was born on 23 February 1956. He is a British diplomat who has served mainly in the Middle East and South Asia. After studying Arabic he became the Ambassador to Saudi Arabia. He converted to Islam in 2011 after 30 years of living among Muslims.²

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Arnoud van Doorn is a former far-right politician from the anti-islamic Dutch Freedom Party. He was involved in producing the film “Fitna” which was against Islam.

In December 2011, after learning about the teachings of Islam, he decided to become a Muslim.

Until May 2014, he served as a member of The Hague City Council as a political party based on Islam. At the moment he is President of the European Dawah Foundation.1

1-https://www.aljazeera.com/indepth/features/2017/03/dutch-muslims-
14-Benefits of Converting to Islam

There are many benefits of converting to Islam. Here are Some of them:

• Finding true happiness, and inner peace.
• Forgiving all the previous sins.
• Achieving salvation from Hellfire.
• Entering The eternal Paradise (Heaven)
• Realizing the true purpose of the life, which is to recognize Allah and follow His commandments.
15-How does someone become a Muslim?

Becoming a Muslim is a simple and easy process. All that a person has to do is to say sentence called the Testimony of Faith (Shahada), which is pronounced as: I testify that (There is no true god (deity) except Allah, and Muhammad is the Messenger (Prophet) of Allah). Once a person says the Testimony of Faith (Shahada) with conviction and understanding its meaning, then he/she has become a Muslim.

Please save yourself by embracing Islam. Allah Al-Mighty says:

"Whoever seeks a religion other than Islam, it will never be accepted from him, and in the Hereafter he will be one of the losers."

He also said "Truly, the religion with Allah is Islam."

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