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Introduction

In the Name of God, The Most Gracious, The Most Merciful.

Praise be to God, blessing and peace be upon our sir Mohammed, the chosen prophet, his family, his companions and all his lovers.

After answering the questions of our non-Muslim brothers who want to know more about Islam, they were published in our book: Questions of Non-Muslims. As people who asked those questions were non-Muslims, they had some suspicions about Islam as a religion, the personality of prophet Mohammed and things happened during his lifetime, the book of Islam which is Qur'an and some legislations ordered by Islam. All this needed rational evidences to persuade people who asked such questions.

There were also some questions about the existence of God and they sought evidences and proofs for the existence of God.

We answered those questions and others in a modern way depending on logic, rational and scientific evidences.

Then we had lots of other questions on our site from non-Muslims in Arabic and other languages too.

We translated those questions, put aside those questions we answered before in our book: Questions of Non-Muslims, then we answered these questions following the same previous method depending on logic, rational and scientific evidences. We hope people who asked them find them persuading, leading and guiding to the right path.

As we see the people who asked these questions are not obstinate and not willing to offend Islam, they only want to be sure of things in their minds and dispel suspicions, so we called it:



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Dialogues of modern man

I beg God to make people who read it knowledgeable after ignorance and guided after misguidance.

I beg God to make certainty stronger in the hearts of Muslims and dispel suspicions and illusions from the hearts of hesitant people.

I also beg Him to make it a light guiding the hearts of confused and those who are thirsty for truthful knowledge among all people.

May the blessing and peace of God be upon our sir
Mohammed, his family and his companions.

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Dialogues about:

*Noble Qur'an, Prophet
Mohammed, the spread of Islam,
some advantages of Islam,
Adam, Islam and others, Islam
and society, Jesus (Peace be upon him),
Islamic issues, atheism and
atheists, manners of Prophet
Mohammed, Islam and the world,
Islamic Faith, Islamic acts of
worship, some forbidden Islamic
matters*



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The first dialogue

A dialogue about Noble Qur'an

- Arab preference

- Muslims' care about Qur'an

- Muslims memorize Qur'an

- Reciting Qur'an repeatedly

*- Reciting Qur'an without full
understanding*

- The benefits of listening to Qur'an

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 - *Modern technology and scientific miracles of Qur'an and Sunna*
- *The forms of inimitability of Qur'an*



1- Arab Preference

Why did Qur'an say that Arabs are preferred to other nations?

The answer:

Qur'an didn't say that Arab are the best among nations, but it says that the offspring of Adam who are all human beings, are honored and preferred to all other creatures of God, God says about this:

15:70. "We have honored the sons of Adam; provided them with transport on land and sea; given them for sustenance things good and pure; and conferred on them special favors, above a great part of our creation."

2- Muslims' care about Qur'an

Why do we see Muslims give great care to Qur'an?

The answer:

Muslims care about Qur'an because it is the sacred words of God; No falsehood can approach it from before or behind it. It is the constitution for their life sent to them from God; they follow its orders and fulfill its laws to achieve their good life in this world and great happiness in the hereafter. They



see that everything told in Qur'an becomes true in their lives. They also get sure that everything in Qur'an matches what man reaches in science, inventions and discoveries. They also find in Qur'an the ease for their souls, contentment for their chests and pureness for their hearts.

3- Muslims memorize Qur'an

Why do most Muslims memorize the whole of Qur'an or at least most of it?

The answer:

We see most Muslims know Qur'an by heart or at least most of it because they greatly love and connect to it, they also find in it truthfulness, honesty, orders and legislations which help them to overcome the problems and difficulties of this life. They memorize it so that it can be easier for them to fulfill its orders and follow its guidance and legislations.

Whoever can't memorize the whole of Qur'an due to his being busy or any other reason he tries to memorize as much as he can. They are aware not to do anything against the orders of Qur'an, so they do their best to memorize it to be alive in their minds



when doing any work either for this life or for the hereafter or for God's sake.

4- Reciting Qur'an repeatedly

Why do most Muslims recite Qur'an frequently even those who memorize it?

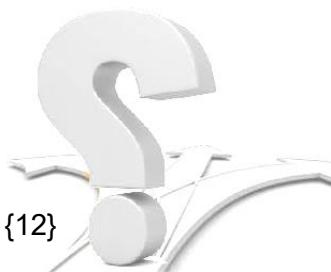
The answer:

Muslims read Qur'an again and again to keep to memorizing it and not to forget it; this is for those who know it by heart. Or they try to contemplate and understand its meanings and assimilate its aims and legislations to use them in their practical lives, and this is for all Muslims. They also do this for easing their souls, purifying their hearts and clearing their chests, it is as God says:

41:44. "Say: It is a Guide and a Healing to those who believe".

God shows in another verse the type of this cure, he says:

10:57. "And a healing for the (diseases) in your hearts".



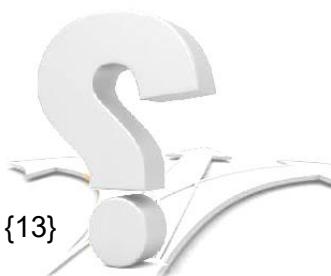
5- *Reciting Qur'an without full understanding*

Is reciting Qur'an without full understanding to its meanings a kind of worship?

The answer:

Reciting Qur'an even without understanding the meanings is a kind of worship, because the reader spends his time obeying God, and reciting Qur'an is obedience to God, the reader is away from heedlessness, fun, play and other things God ordered us to avoid.

Reading Qur'an collects the facts of man after separation; it collects his mind, his heart, his soul and his organs during recitation. This full occupation in reciting makes one forget his worries and feel serenity and tranquility and this gets him to be safe from being affected by emotions and also safe from the power of anger that destroys him and makes him ready for psychological, mental and physical diseases.



6- *The benefits of listening to Qur'an*

Are there any benefits for listening to holy Qur'an?

The answer:

There are many benefits for listening to noble Qur'an such as:

Modern technology proved that listening to noble Qur'an gives the soul quietness, serenity, peace and tranquility; it is like high standard sedative tablets without any side effects as other chemical medicines. The researcher doctor Ahmed Al-Kady proved that in his book in Arabic and English "The effect of Qur'an on human soul".

Listening to Qur'an also lessens the gloomy soul and widens the luminous soul of the listener, and this affects his behavior and his deeds:

- This hides the incentive and desire of evil and strengthens the motives and desire to do the good.

- It also increases love, passion, cordiality, kindness and pity towards human beings, and weakens the incentives of evil, hatred, offense, harm and oppression towards human beings.

There is no doubt that all humanity needs all this badly.



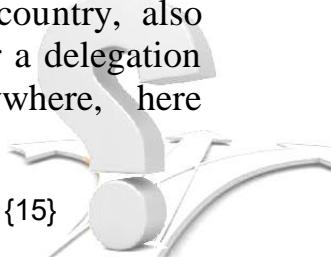
7- Getting angry when offending Qur'an

Why do Muslims become very angry if there is a physical offense to Qur'an? What is wrong if someone fired or threw the book of Qur'an? Isn't this extreme anger an exaggeration in respecting material thing and a kind of paganism? Doesn't Qur'an deserve to be respected for its contents?

The answer:

As noble Qur'an contains the greatest legislations, the best morals and the most eloquent instructions coming from God, Muslims get interested in respecting and glorifying it whatever it is.

As holy Qur'an contains the sacred words, so it refers to it and it is a symbol of it, so respecting and venerating the book is respecting and venerating holy Qur'an, and offending it is an offense to the meanings and the legislations it has, so we get angry when someone offends it. We see nowadays that countries get angry and sometimes start violent wars when offending a symbol like a flag, is the flag the country or it is just a symbol of it? Offending the symbol of a country is an offense to the whole country, also offending the president of a country or a delegation or anyone who represents it anywhere, here



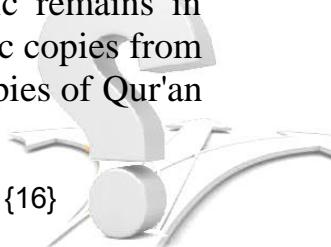
offending the symbols is an offense to what these symbols represent.

8- The original copy of Qur'an Is there an original copy of Qur'an?

The answer:

There is an original copy of Qur'an in the chest of every Muslim who memorizes it; we see that all Muslims, unlike others, they never differ about the chapters of the Qur'an or its verses or its words or its accents or even its letters. Qur'an memorized by Arab Muslims is the same Qur'an memorized by an Indian or a Persian or a European or an American or a Russian or any other Muslim.

Besides, the authentic copy of noble Qur'an collected by our sir Abu-Bakr and put at the house of lady Hafsa, daughter of Omar Ibn-Al-Khattab, was taken by our sir Othman and he made four copies and sent them to different parts of the Muslim nation of his time. The copy sent to Egypt is still kept in the Islamic museum at Bab El-Khalk in Cairo and it is called: "The Mos'haf of Othman". There is another copy kept in the museum of prophetic remains in Astana in Turkey. They are the authentic copies from which are written and printed all the copies of Qur'an



until now.

9- *The Qur'an revealed to the prophet*

How can we get sure that the Qur'an with us now is the same Qur'an that was revealed to Prophet Mohammed?

The answer:

We are sure that the Qur'an with us is the same Qur'an that was revealed to Prophet Mohammed because all Muslims all over the world recite it, and no one adds or omits a single letter or word.

It is also the same origin Muslims resort and reference to it in all their legislations and acts of worship. There are no differences among them about this origin, if there is a difference, it is in the minor branches but the origin for all is only a stable and a permanent one. The Qur'an in our hands is the same as the copies written by prophet's companions especially the one upon which all of them agreed to, which is written by our sir Othman Ibn-Affan.



10- *The methodology for guarding Qur'an*

What is the methodology followed to preserve Qur'an from the time it was first revealed until now?

The answer:

The methodology followed to preserve Qur'an is receiving the Qur'an verbally and orally from man to man in a chain to the apostle of God (*Blessing and peace of God be upon him*). The one we should learn Qur'an from must have received it verbally and orally and corrected it from an older man, and this man from an older man until they reach the messenger of God (*Blessing and peace of God be upon him*).

So earlier Muslims laid a wise rule: "Don't learn Qur'an from Mos'hafey (someone who learnt it from Mos'haf)" i.e. do not learn Qur'an from that who learnt it from mos'haf only not verbally from a sheikh, because such man will do mistakes in reciting. This is the right method old and contemporary Muslims follow in receiving and memorizing Qur'an. They stipulate, after good memorizing, that one should get a license from earlier sheikhs.



11- *The favor of reading translated Qur'an*

Is the favor of reciting translated Qur'an the same as reciting it in Arabic?

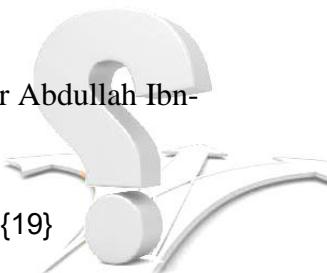
The answer:

The favor of reciting Qur'an is very great, the prophet (*Blessings and peace of God be upon him*) said about that: "Whoever reads the Qur'an, he gets ten Favors for each letter, I don't say Alef-Lam-Meem is a letter but Alef is a letter, Lam is a letter and Meem is a letter"¹.

This favor for letters is only for one who recites it in Arabic, because a Muslim who is careful about his religion should try to learn Arabic to be able to recite the book of God as reading it by the language of origin is wider in understanding and recognition, more accurate and precise in legislations and wider in information and knowledge.

But whoever reads the translation also gets great favor from God either he reads it for contemplation or for worship as the prophet

¹ Narrated by Attermethy and Al-Bayhaky after Abdullah Ibn-Mas'ood.



(*Blessings and peace of God be upon him*) said: "The best act of worship for my nation is reciting Qur'an"².

On the Day of Judgment he will be among those the prophet said about them: "The people of Qur'an are the family of God and His favorite"³. Besides the former physical and mental benefits, we mentioned for man.

12- Non-Muslim who learns Qur'an How a non-Muslim studies Qur'an if he has no right to touch it?

The answer:

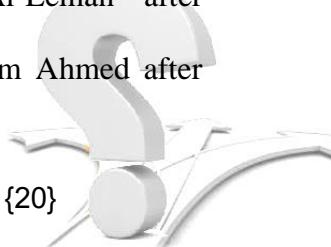
A non-Muslim can read Qur'an but he is not asked to do its orders, so he can read it or listens to it the way he likes.

He can just skim or browse through it on the internet or on computer, he can also listens to it recited by other people who can utter the letters and words correctly.

That who is to be questioned and blamed for touching it if he is not on ablution is the Muslim who

² Narrated by Al-Bayhaky in Sho'ab-Al-Eeman after Anno'man Ibn-Basheer.

³ Narrated by Ibn-Maja, Addaramy and Imam Ahmed after Anas Ibn-Malik.



believes in God and His messenger as this book is his constitution in life.

*13- Fundamental and abrogated verses
Why there are fundamental and abrogated
verses in Qur'an?*

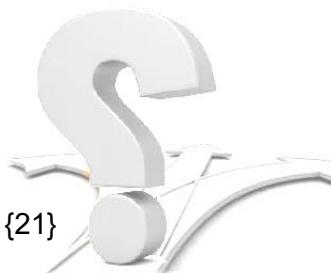
The answer:

Qur'an contains fundamental verses, they are the verses related to faith like believing in God, the Day of Judgment. Angels, the book and prophets, a Muslim should never suspect these things.

Those related to abrogation are all about gradual legislation.

Islam was first sent to an ignorant community, so it was thoughtful not to send all the orders of Sharia at one time, but it used to send them gradually so that they could be familiar with them and it could be easier to do, it used to promote those orders gradually as necessary.

At Hajjat Al-Wadaa' (the farewell Hajj the prophet did) it was completed, so this verse was revealed:



5:3 "This day have I perfected your religion for you, completed My favor upon you, and have chosen for you Islam as your religion".

Then following Muslims should just follow the complete perfect final orders at the end of the prophet's life.

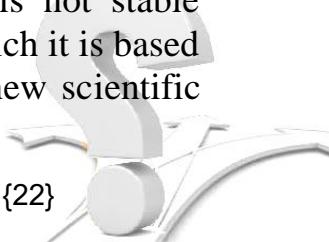
14- Modern technology and scientific miracles of Qur'an and Sunna

Modern technology helps scientists to understand the scientific miraculous nature in Qur'an and traditions (Hadith) of the prophet. How could Muslim ancestors understand this inimitability without modern technology?

The answer:

Modern technology helps scientists to understand the scientific miraculous nature in Qur'an and traditions (Hadith) of the prophet.

As science always changes according to new scientific theories, the latest discoveries of universal rubrics and the most proper modern inventions, consequently, this miraculous nature is not stable because scientific rules and laws on which it is based are not stable. It changes with every new scientific



fact. This means that the people of every age take their suitable contemporary miracles. This can be a great scientific antecedence for them but soon it can be changed after that.

Hence, we know that early Muslims knew miraculous nature that was suitable for them and that matched their contemporary scientific theories, each people get what is suitable for them according to their time. The unlimited fact may not be reached by anyone yet, it may not be reached by us or by the people of our age, nor those who will come after us because science keeps developing all the time, God refers to this fact and says:

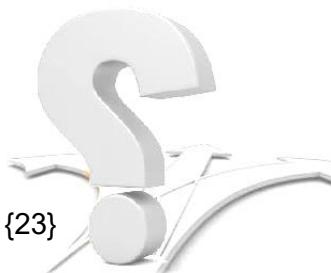
16:8. "And He creates (other) things of which you have no knowledge".

*15- The forms of inimitability of Qur'an
What are the forms of inimitability in Holy Qur'an
and the traditions of the prophet?*

The answer:

Inimitability in Holy Qur'an and also in Sunna has many forms, some are old and some are modern, such as:

1- Scientific inimitability:



It means that what in Qur'an and Sunna corresponds with modern science; it contains medical, astronomic, botanical, physical, chemical and mathematical inimitability.

2- Linguistic inimitability:

Qur'an came by the language of the Arabs, it challenged them to get 10 chapters like it but they couldn't, then it challenged them to get only one chapter but they couldn't either, then it challenged them to get one verse like it but they all couldn't do either.

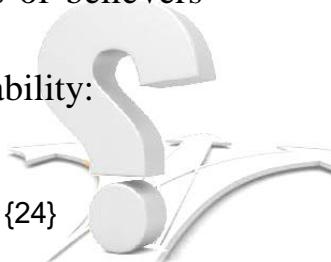
3- Rhetorical inimitability:

Qur'an preceded and no one could catch up with it in wonderful rhetoric forms, fantastic similes, marvelous metonymies, amazing metaphors, exalted idioms and different types of rhetoric that astonished great men of eloquence in the past and the present in their structure, obviousness and high concepts.

4- Musical inimitability:

The words, phrases and verses of Qur'an have musical tune the ears admires when listening to it although it is not poetry or prose but it has an effect in the souls of listeners and the chests of believers that can never be denied.

5- Mental (Psychological) inimitability:



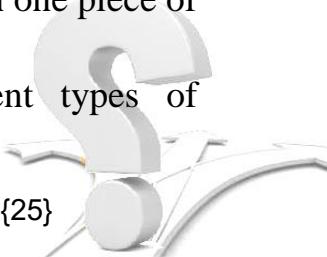
Holy Qur'an is the first book that pictures the human soul with its obsessions, emotions, diseases and cures. It addresses the soul directly and the soul listens to it attentively and it has so great influence in the souls of listeners that it suffices them so they don't need to go to psychological clinics or take tranquilizers or chemical medicines as it gives the soul tranquility, peace of mind, serenity, assurance and determination.

It puts an end to all mental troubles and suspicions by keeping to reciting or listening to it for some time. We see lots of non-Muslims resort to listening to it even if they don't understand Arabic properly and they get tranquility and serenity, their chests get ease, troubles and depressions leave their souls as soon as they do this.

6- Informative inimitability:

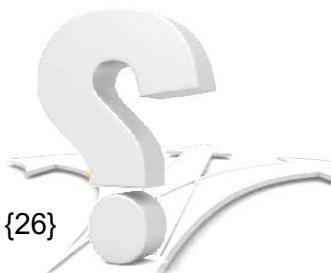
Only Qur'an transmits true news accepted by mind and assured by truthful transmission after former nations. It is the only book that tells about metaphysical events that not yet happened in the universe and it tells about the time when it happens and how it happens to the Day of Judgment. No one of those who disbelieve could deny even one piece of news or finds it untrue.

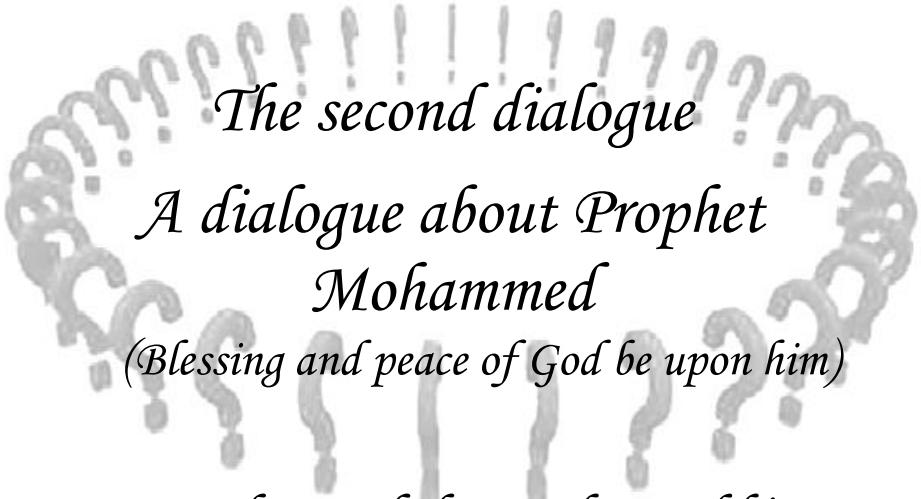
We see that there are different types of



inimitability of Qur'an, it is not easy to limit them. Whoever wants more, he can look up such books about the inimitability of Qur'an, they are easy to find and available at public libraries for those who want to peruse them or those who want to buy them. Some of them are also translated to many live languages other than Arabic.

There are also different sites about the inimitability of Qur'an and Sunna on the internet; we mentioned lots of them in our book: "Modern calling to Islam for the youth".





The second dialogue
A dialogue about Prophet
Mohammed
(Blessing and peace of God be upon him)

- *Photos of the prophet and his companions*
- *The lessons of prophetic career*
 - *The name Mohammed*
- *The sources of Islamic legislation and intellect*
 - *Prophet Mohammed*
- *Criticizing Islam and its prophet*
 - *Islamic jealousy*
 - *Man and woman*



16- *Pictures of the prophet and his companions*

Why can't we see any pictures of Prophet Mohammed and his companions though we see pictures of Jesus and his mother?

The answer:

Christians drew pictures of Jesus (*Peace be upon him*) and his mother from their imagination. They are unreal pictures because modern machines that can take typical pictures were not found yet, so this was from their imagination.

Because Muslims didn't see any pictures of the prophet (*May the blessing and peace of God be upon him*) or his companions, they refrained from drawing the detailed description said by the companions of the prophet as an imaginary picture lest they offend him or change some of his features unwillingly.

Their great respect to the prophet and his companions, keeping to reality and refusing illusion and imagination made them not only abstain from drawing but they prohibited drawing from illusion or imagination any pictures of the prophet or his noble companions.



*17- The lessons of prophetic career
What are the useful lessons taken from the story of
Prophet Mohammed (May the blessing and peace of God
be upon him)?*

The answer:

We can take endless and unlimited lessons such as:

1- The right will certainly win and prevail even if it takes a long time.

2- The apostles who are asked to call to God are carefully brought up and reared under the eye of God, so they seek nothing but guiding people to God. They don't ask people to give them money, honor, reign, fame, repute or anything related to human soul in return.

3- Anyone who wants his call to succeed should be sincere in his determination, faithful in his intention and having good manners in dealing with people.

4- God supports those who call to Him by tranquility, serenity and trust in Him, He also provides them with acceptance and preference among people and triumph upon their enemies. God also employs the entire universe for them to show His support to them and how truthful they are.

5- The true religion people should follow is that which calls them to pure monotheism, easy acts of worship, good dealings, good morals and that contains everything man needs in his life and what brings him happiness in the hereafter.

*18- The name Mohammed
Was the name Mohammed found as a name
before Prophet Mohammed?*

The answer:

The name of Prophet Mohammed (*May the blessing and peace of God be upon him*) was not famous before his time, it was only known at his time. It was narrated that four of the Arabs had this name after they knew the prophecy that it was the time of a prophet called Mohammed.

*19- The sources of Islamic legislation
and intellect*

*What are the best resources to learn more about
Islamic law (jurisprudence) (Fik'h) and schools of
intellect?*

The answer:

The best are the authentic books in the four schools of Islamic jurisprudence, Maliki, Hanafi,

Shafi'i and Hanbali, the most important reference in this is (Al-Moghny by Ibn-Kodama). Though it is the basis of Hanbali fik'h, it also refers to the opinions of other schools in everything it mentions. It is considered as comparative fik'h.

Schools of intellect are studied in Islamic Philosophy now; it studies Islamic schools of intellect such as Mu'tazila, Asha'irah, Khawarij, Rawafid and Shi'a. There are lots of old and new books about them, older books such as: Al-Melal Wan'nehal (Sects and Creeds) by Shahrestany and Al-Fark-Baynal-Ferak (The difference between sects) by Ibn-Hazm Al-Andalusy, new books such as the books of Sheikh Mohammed Abu-Zahra and the books of Doctor Mohammed Emara and others.

20- Prophet Mohammed

Who is Prophet Mohammed?

The answer:

Prophet Mohammed is an Arab man from the family of Bani-Hashem from the tribe of Kuraysh. They used to dwell in Mecca; he was born in 571, his ancestry ends to Prophet Ishmael son of Prophet Abraham. He was an orphan, his father died before his birth while his mother was 6 months pregnant, his mother died when he was 6 years old. He was



supported by his grandfather Abdel-Mot'taleb who died when he was 8 years old. Then he was supported by his uncle Abu-Taleb, revelation was revealed to him when he was 40 years old, he started to call people to God until Islam was spread all over Arabia, then he died and his mission was continued by his companions and successors.

*21- Criticizing Islam and its prophet
How can someone criticize Islam or Prophet
Mohammed in an academic or theological way
without being accused of aggression to Islam and its
prophet and consequently punished or killed?*

The answer:

Anyone who wants to criticize Islam or any other religion or any opinion should follow the objective method to that. He should be impartial for any desire, he should not have any beforehand opinion before studying that, he should study the matter fairly and considers it from all sides, by merely scientific observation he should seek true scientific inference away from any desire or fanaticism. He should mention the advantages and disadvantages side by side if there are any. His tongue or his pen should abstain from curse, abuse, insult, offense, falsehood and perjury.

A critic who follows these bases has worthy and considerable views; no one denies or neglects his views. There are several examples for such critics among orientalists, European philosophers who followed this method and all accepted their results.

22- *Islamic jealousy*

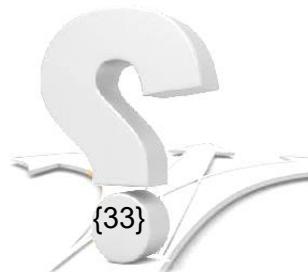
Why do Muslims look with great sensitivity and consider it an attack upon them when mentioning God or Mohammed?

The answer:

Muslims look very sensitive or jealous only when mentioning Islam or Mohammed with such unwarrantable violent attacks.

A Muslim also gets jealous if someone wants to mock or make fun of the divine Godhood or the prophet (*May the blessing and peace of God be upon him*).

This is human nature; anyone of any nationality easily gets fanatic, enraged and maybe irritated if someone insults his father, his mother, his country or his place, what if the offense is about his creed and faith?



23- Man and woman in Qur'an

Why does Qur'an use the word "man" in this verse:

33:4. "God has not made for any man two hearts in his (one) body", *and it doesn't refer to woman?*

The answer:

The wording of Qur'an followed the way of predominance, i.e. Qur'an mostly addresses both man and woman in one form directed to man though they both share the same orders. God made men protectors, maintainers and responsible for women, so they have to seek knowledge and then teach them. God says about Lady Mary though she is a woman:

66:12 "And Mary the daughter of 'Imran, who guarded her chastity; and We breathed into (her body) of Our spirit; and she testified to the truth of the words of her Lord and of His Revelations, and was one of the devout men (servants)".

God does not say: "devout women" though it is about a woman, following the predominance method of Qur'an when addressing people.



The third dialogue

A dialogue about the spread of Islam

Relation between Muslims and others

The tribute (poll tax)

The spread of Islam

Development of Islam

The black embrace Islam

Islam and the world

Islam urges to superiority

Islam is religion of peace

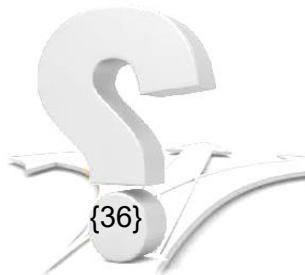


The description of God
Calling to Islam
Willing good for the world



Third Dialogue: About The spread of Islam

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24- *Relation between Muslims and others*

*Does Islam order Muslims to exterminate humans
who don't believe in Prophet Mohammed?*

The answer:

This is a false allegation; it shows that those who say it are ignorant about the facts of Islam. Islam orders Muslims to follow the good method when talking or dealing with all people, God says:

2:83. "Speak fair to people".

People mean all people everywhere. When there is argument, Islam orders to do it in a good way, God says:

29:46. "Do not argue with the people of the scripture (Jews, Christians, and Muslims) except in the nicest possible manner,".

As for being a Muslim, it must be willingly, freely and without any kind of force or obligation, God says:

2:256. "Let there be no compulsion in religion.".

God even says to the prophet (*May the blessing and peace of God be upon him*):



10: 99. "Will you then compel mankind, against their will, to believe?".

It never happened in history that Muslims used violence or forced a man or a woman at any place or anytime to become a Muslim.

Islam organized the bases of relation between Muslims and people of other religions at the same country on the freedom of building their own places of worship, practicing the rituals of their religions and choosing the proper system of their lives without Muslims interfering in their life. Islam accepts that they have their own judges who judge among them according to their own legislations.

The covenant Omar Ibn-Al-Khatab wrote to the people of Jerusalem is still a white spot or a mark in history; it testifies that Islam takes good care of people of other religions in Muslim countries.

25- The tribute (poll tax or Jezyah)

How much money does a non-Muslim pay to Muslims as a tribute, and if I refused to pay it, can they kill me?

The answer:

Jezyah or tribute is a sum of money nearly a dinar, non-Muslim young people used to pay annually to Muslims, as they did not use to join the

army or defend the homeland. But if a non-Muslim young man joins the army and defends the homeland as it happens nowadays, he doesn't have to pay such money. Children, women and older people don't have to pay any Jezyah at all.

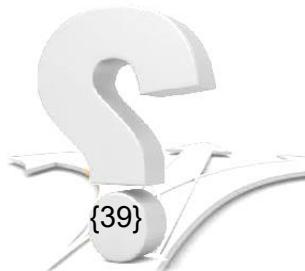
26- *The spread of Islam*

How was Islam spread especially in Asia and Africa?

The answer:

Muslim traders who toured Asia Africa and Europe for trade spread Islam. Native people of those countries admired their good manners, honesty and good dealings, they asked them about that, and this is what led them to believe in Islam because of good behaviors of those traders.

This is what spread Islam in the biggest Muslim countries now like Indonesia, Malaysia, China, India, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Russian Republics and all the countries of central and southern Africa.



27- *Development of Islam*

Why does Islam spread more widely than any other religion in the world today?

The answer:

Islam spreads and grows more widely than any other religion nowadays because:

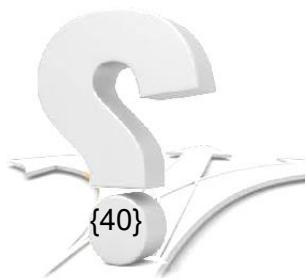
1- It addresses the mind, and a sound mind accepts it because of its strong evidence and truthful proofs.

2- It calls for balance by working for this life and for the hereafter at the same time, so it makes a Muslim enjoys and works for both lives.

3- It calls to spread love, cordiality and peace among all people, its logo is "Peace for all people."

4- Islam agrees with all modern scientific discoveries and harmonizes with them.

5- Islam constructs the lives of individuals, families and groups upon straight and correct behavior, it spreads that among them and this makes their lives good, delighted and happy.



*28- Black people believe in Islam
Why do we see many black people convert to
Islam? Did Islam played a part in the
annihilation of slavery?*

The answer:

Many black people embrace Islam as it is the only religion that removes discriminations among people that based on sex, color or wealth. It laid the only measurement among people, which is piety and fearing God, God says:

49:13. "Verily the most honored of you in the sight of God is (he who is) the most righteous of you".

And the apostle of God (*May the blessing and peace of God be upon him*) said: "O people, verily your Lord is One and your father is one, only by righteousness an Arab can exceed a non-Arab, a non-Arab can exceed an Arab, a red man can exceed a black man and a black man can exceed a red man"⁴.

Islam is the first religion that worked hard to free slaves; it is one of its rules and legislations. It made the penance of Dhehar (man who tells his wife that she is the same for him as his mother's back),

⁴ It was narrated by Imam Ahmed after Abi-Nadrah.



breaking an oath and eating during a day in Ramadan without an excuse to free a slave.

Therefore, we see Islam sets the legislations and rules that free man from slavery, besides, Islam calls for complete equality in rights and duties among all people. It originates justice and fairness among all Muslims, it does not favor or take the side of an honored man for his honor, it does not leave a high ranked man for his prestige but all Muslims are the same in front of law.

We know that when a high ranked woman stole something at the time of the prophet (*May the blessing and peace of God be upon him*), her family hurried to Osama Ibn-Zayd to intercede to the prophet, Orwa said: When Osama talked to the prophet about her, his face got different colors and he (*May the blessing and peace of God be upon him*) said: "You talk to me about the limits set by God? Osama said: Ask God to forgive me o apostle of God.

In the evening the apostle of God stood and preached people, he started by praising God then he said: The people before you were perished because when an honored person amongst them stole something they left him and when a weak person amongst them stole something they punished him. By Him Who owns my life (God) if Fatimah



daughter of Mohammed steals something, I will cut her hand"⁵.

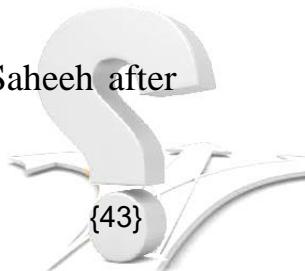
29- *Islam and the world* *Will Islam control the world?*

The answer:

The morals of Islam and its good ethics will control the whole world because the world is in bad need for that to spread virtue and good ethics and to exterminate wars, fights, evil and vice from the world. This can only be achieved by the orders of Islam, once it happens, the world will live in peace, happiness and cordiality.

Controlling, in the meaning of authority, armies, wars, dominating the land and possessions of other people, this contradicts with the tolerance, humanism and mercy of Islam. War in Islam is only allowed to defend oneself not to invade others.

⁵ It was narrated by Al-Bukhary in his Saheeh after Orwa Ibn-Az'zubayr.



*30- Islam urges to superiority
Which verses of Qur'an inspire man and urge
him to superiority?*

The answer:

All the verses of Qur'an inspire man and urge him to superiority, but if man can't understand them all, he can concentrate on some of them. We prefer for that, what God said to His apostle (*May the blessing and peace of God be upon him*), one should repeat daily this verse:

20:114. "And say: "O my Lord! Advance me in knowledge".

And also:

94:1 "Have We not expanded you your breast?"

*31- Islam is religion of peace
Why don't most people believe that Islam
is a religion of peace?*

The answer:

Because there are few people believe in the abnormal, expiatory and terroristic thoughts and they attribute that to Islam though it is free from that. Those people alleged that their deeds agree with

Islam or in the name of Islam but they completely contradict with Islam. Rational Muslims disavow from them.

Rancorous and fanatic people take the deeds of these few people to spread rumors about Islam and Muslims. They use all possible media and modern means of communications they have for that.

32- The description of God

Why is God attributed to masculinity? In all texts He is referred to as Him not Her and that he was never begotten or begets

The answer:

God, as He described Himself in Qur'an:

112:3, 4. "He begets not, nor is He begotten; and there is none like unto Him".

He also says about Himself:

26:11. "There is nothing whatever like unto Him, and He is the One that hears and sees (all things) ".

The description in Qur'an is just an approximation not His fact. It was said: "Whatever comes to your mind, it is perishable, and God is never like that." But as Qur'an addresses both man and woman, so it follows the way of predominance,

so man predominate woman as man is the origin as God says:

4:1. "(God) Created you from a single person, created, of like nature, His mate, and from them twain scattered (like seeds) countless men and women".

Therefore, God told people about Himself by what they can realize, because He knows that they can't realize what beyond this.

33- *Call to Islam*

Why does every Muslim try to convert others to Islam? I met people of other religions; none of them tried to convert me, this confuses me, does Islam order this?

The answer:

When the fineness and softness of belief is in a Muslim's heart, he feels passion and tenderness towards all humans.

When he feels tranquility in his soul, serenity in his heart, happy family life and social cooperation and solidarity, and he sees other people suffer from psychological disturbances, nervous influences, mental tensions and social disputes and enmity, he feels pity for his fellow humans and he tries to get



them out of their selfishness, spite, envy, abomination and hatred to the world of love, cordiality, altruism, affection and mercy.

This can only be achieved when they believe in Islam, then they will enjoy these advantages and good features, so he calls them to Islam for their peace and benefits. This call is only by motivation and free choice without any kind of force, fright or obligation.

34- Willing good for the world

*Why do Muslims desire to convert the world to Islam
either peacefully or by force?*

The answer:

This is a false allegation, as we said in previous question, Muslims want humanity to be as one family ruled by the values of freedom, equality, justice, cooperation and doing the good. This leads to the happiness of all people, ends disputations and differences between countries and peoples and finishes wars. The earth will be as one nation where all people connect together, exchange benefits among themselves and cooperate to achieve good life for all.

As for what was said that Islam spreads in the world by war, this contradicts with reality and history, there are no proves that Islam made wars

except to defend homeland and people. War is only allowed in Islam for defending oneself.



Third Dialogue: About The spread of Islam

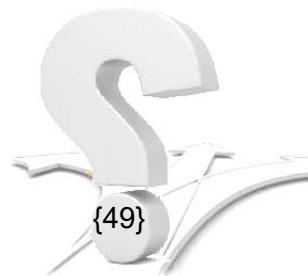
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The fourth dialogue

A dialogue about some advantages of Islam

- *benefits of fasting*
- *Islam and the soul*
- *The life of a Muslim and others*
 - *The fate of man*
 - *Family correlation in Islam*
- *Islam cares about family correlation*
 - *Double birth*
 - *The secret of creature*
 - *Religion*
 - *Sacred life*
 - *Equality and justice*

35- Benefits of fasting

What are the advantages and benefits of fasting in Islam?

The answer:

There are different advantages and benefits of fasting:

- 1- Health benefits: Books of doctors are full of such benefits, abstaining from food and drink during days for a month per year purifies the stomach, clarifies the heart and renews their energy. It also lessens the amount of substances that cause diseases like diabetes, blood pressure, cholesterol and others not to exceed the limits. It also lessens tensions, so someone who fasts becomes tranquil, patient and open-minded.
- 2- Social benefits: Families gather for food at Iftar (*breaking the fast at sunset*) and Sohoor (*eating before dawn*). Rich people feel the pain of hunger so they get kinder to the poor, so fasting enhances being thoughtful and increases social solidarity.



- 3- Moral benefits: A truthful Muslim fasts by abstaining from nonsense words, sins and all kinds of evil and what leads to it. It develops willing for the good for oneself and all people around him.
- 4- Fiduciary benefits: Because during fasting a Muslim performs acts of worship by a pure soul and a sound heart, so his spirit gets refreshed and he longs for the higher world and to be near God, this is what makes him rise high by his humanity and spirit above all creation around him.

36- Islam and the soul

Is Islam a strict religion, restricts the freedom of the soul and restrain it from enjoying life?

The answer:

Islam is not a cruel religion, it does not order hardship, it does not agree to extremism in general. It does not bond the soul or prevents its desires or cravings, but it inhibits it from practicing that in ways lead to harm, evil, wickedness and diseases.

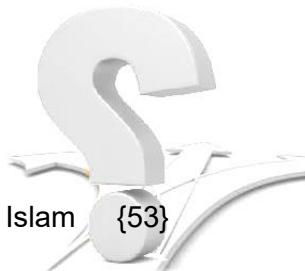
For example, Islam allows man to satisfy his sexual desire, but according to legal ways, by

marriage, to keep offspring and to keep people healthy away from different diseases that result from illegal sexual practices like AIDS which is the plague of the age.

When Islam orders a Muslim not to drink alcohol, it is because of the different harms proved by medicine to those who drink it, the most dangerous is destroying the liver and spoiling the mind, this leads to irresponsible behaviors.

When Islam orders a Muslim not to eat pork, it is because the type of meat can affect man, a pig is not jealous for its female, so we see people who eat lots of pork are not jealous for their spouses or children, and now we see this so clear among those who eat pork.

So when Islam restricts something it is for high reasons that can be discovered by modern science at such fields. We see that life can be correct and normal only if one follows the method set by Islam.



*37- The life of a Muslim and others'
What is the difference between my life as a Muslim
and my life without Islam?*

The answer:

If man believes in Islam, he feels serenity and tranquility because he knows there is a God who grants him His good and guides him to the right and straight path, so he succeeds in his life and gets happiness after his death. A non-Muslim person feels he is lost in the crypts of this life, he does not have anyone to guide him or a rescuer to rescue him or a hidden power to award him peace and tranquility or makes him feels happiness in his soul and serenity in his heart.

*38- The fate of man
What is the destiny of man?*

The answer:

The destiny of man is that he gets the result and the harvest of his works and deeds in this life. After his death, man will be resurrected in a day to present a list of his deeds during his life in this world. If his deeds are good, he gets happy and God grants him suitable rewards in paradise. But if he does wrong to himself and to others, he will be punished after the divine judgment by suitable



punishment for his crimes in Hell, an evil refuge indeed.

39- Family correlation among Muslims

What is the secret of family correlation among Muslims?

The answer:

The secret of family correlation among Muslims lies in the divine recommendations to do good to parents, to care about children, for a husband to do his duties towards his wife, for a wife to give the rights of her husband. Islam assured these rights and duties strongly in the same verses God orders to unify and worship Him He also connects this with doing good to parents, God says:

17:23 "Your Lord has decreed that you worship none but Him, and that you be kind to parents".

God made entering paradise and His contentment connected to the contentment of parents, the prophet (*May the blessing and peace of God be upon him*) said: "Contentment of Lord is in contentment of a parent and discontentment of Lord is in



discontentment of a parent"⁶. He also said: "Paradise is under the feet of mothers"⁷.

40- Islam cares about family correlation

How does Islam care about family correlation?

The answer:

Islam cares about family correlations by setting rules for legal rights for all the members of the family towards each other. If one of them falls short of these rights on purpose, the law can force him to do these rights or he will be punished by law, besides social punishment represented by the gazes of despise and scorn from the people around him in the society which can be more effective than legal punishment by law.

There are also many recommendations in verses of Qur'an and Hadith of the prophet. Islam sets an important rule in this respect that makes all Muslims do what they are asked to do about family rights, the prophet (*May the blessing and peace of God*

⁶ by Attormothy and Ibn-Hebban after Abdullah Ibn-Amr.

⁷ Mosnad Ashehab after Anas Ibn-Malik.

be upon him) said: "Be as you want ever, as you treat others you will be treated"⁸.

Whoever wants his children to be kind to him, he should treat his parents kindly. Whoever wants God to grant him long age and provide him with more sustenance, he should keep relations to kinship, the prophet (*May the blessing and peace of God be upon him*) said: "Whoever wants to be provided with more sustenance and be remembered after his death, he should keep relations with his kinship"⁹.

41- Rebirth

How can man be reborn again?

The answer:

This question might depend on what was narrated after Jesus (*Peace be upon him*) when he said: "He will not enter the Kingdom that who not born twice". This meaning corresponds with what God says in Qur'an:

6:122. "Can he who was dead, to whom We gave life, and a light whereby he can walk amongst people".

⁸ Abu-Na'eem in Ma'refat As'sahabah and in Az'zuhd Al-Kabeer by Al-Bayhaki.

⁹ Narrated by Al-Bukhari in his Saheeh after Anas Ibn-Malik.



This means that whoever wants to be acquainted with the world of The Kingdom while he is still in this life, he should get rid of the desires inside him, like sex, food, drinks, sleep, dignity, wealth ... etc., the desires that make man connected to this world, adoring perishable things and stuck to these desires.

If he exalts these desires and replaces them by loving God, loving the apostle of God, keeping to good deeds and doing favors, the covering of his heart will be removed, the eye of his insight will be illuminated and then he can be enjoyed by seeing the lights of the world of The Kingdom.

Then he feels as if he is newborn because a child witnesses the world of The Kingdom soon after his birth and before he realizes by senses, he is deprived of this after he gets senses like hearing, sight, smell, touch, taste and others. If he regains this case, then he is as it was said: "Born twice".

42- *The secret of creation*

Why were we created?

The answer:

We were created for countless reasons such as:

- 1- To represent the best names of God, He manifested to our ears by His name The All-



Hearing so we hear. He manifested to our eyes by His name The All-Seeing so we see. He manifested to our tongues By The Speaker so we speak and utter. He manifested to our minds by The All-Knowing so we know. He manifested to our bodies by The Everlasting so we are alive and move, the same for the other best names.

2- To show God's honor to mankind among all creatures as God says:

17:70. "We have honored the sons of Adam; provided them with transport on land and sea; given them for sustenance things good and pure; and conferred on them special favors, above a great part of our creation".

3- To confess the oneness of God, remember His grants, thanks Him for His bounties and worship Him the way He deserves, God says:

51:56. "I have only created Jinn and people, that they may worship Me".

4- To inhabit the earth, take out its treasures and benefit from its resources according to the foundations set by God in religion and following justice and equality in all this as God says:

11:61. "It is He Who has produced you from the earth and settled you therein,"

5- To know and become acquainted with all people as God says:

49:13. "O mankind! We created you from a single (pair) of a male and a female, and made you into nations and tribes, that you may know each other".

43- Religion *What is religion?*

The answer:

Religion is the system that organizes the relationship between man and His creator, the relationship between man and his fellow men; it also organizes the journey of man in the universe following guidance accepted by sound minds and prudent individuals.

44- Sacred life *How can I live a sacred life?*

The answer:

To lead a sacred life, man should know the two sides of religion came from God, prohibitions, things God banned and the prophet warned us to do,

and orders, things and legislations God ordered us to do.

If man strives and controls his ego, abstains from doing all sins, follows the orders as possible and does his best doing acts of worship, God will grant him a sacred life where he looks like angels about whom God says:

66:6. "(angels) Who flinch not (from executing) the commands they receive from God, but do (precisely) what they are commanded".

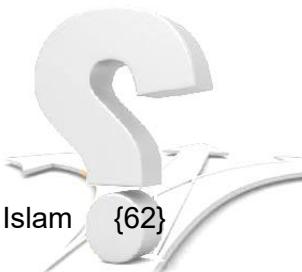
45- Equality and justice

How can equality and justice be achieved regarding differences and preferences among personal abilities of people?

The answer:

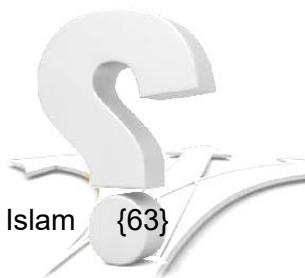
Equality can be achieved in rights and duties a government guarantees for its citizens. Equality does not mean that everyone gets the same portion, but it means everyone gets the appropriate portion for the effort he does for his work and his country. As for justice in disputes, differences, conflicts and pronouncing judgments and decisions according to the deeds or crimes, there is no difference in this between a rich and a poor, a high rank and mean, or a

governor and a governed. I.e. there is no courtesy or preference for certain individuals, groups or troops, but all are the same in front of law and right. So there is no contrast between preference and achieving justice or equality.





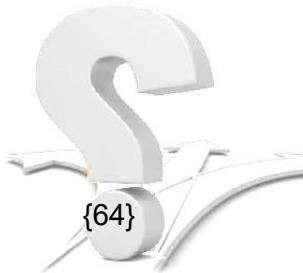
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The fifth dialogue

A dialogue about Adam

- *The first of mankind*
- *The price of Adam's sin*
- *Adam sent out of paradise*
- *Sons and parents' sins*
- *Forgiveness and justice*



*46- The first of mankind**Were Adam and Eve really the first of mankind?*

The answer:

Prophets and sacred books, which are the only source about this, prove that Adam and Eve are the first of humanity. Other opinions do not have any scientific resources, practical evidences or mental proofs accepted by a sound human mind.

*47- The price of Adam's sin**Did humanity pay the price of Adam's sin?*

The answer

This is a kind of inferiority repeated by some people of other pro-Islam heavenly religions, but Islam denied and refuted it. Showing His just order and His best name The Source of balance and equality, God says:

6:164. "No bearer of burdens can bear the burden of another".

I.e. no one should be questioned about the sin of another even if he is his son or his father or his brother. It is not fair to punish someone about the sins of another. God says to all of us:

4:58. "God does command you to render back your trusts to those to whom they are due; and when



you judge among people, that you judge with justice".

How can such a just judge (God) punish all people for the sin of one of them? Such talk does not deserve to be repeated or cared about.

*48- Adam sent out of paradise
Was Eve the reason why Adam sent out of paradise
or is it the opposite?*

The answer:

Eve was not the reason of sending Adam out of paradise. The reason is when God made Adam as His successor, He made this succession on the earth not in paradise, God says:

2:30. "I will create a vicegerent on earth".

Being in paradise was just for a period of time to see God's favors in it, long for it and work in this life to get there again, God says:

2:35. "O Adam! Dwell you and your wife in paradise".

Following these divine principles, Adam and Eve should have got out of paradise to succeed God on earth following God's will.



49- Sons and parents' sins

Can sons be responsible for parents' sins or benefit from their righteousness?

The answer:

It is from God's bounty as He says:

6:164. "No bearer of burdens can bear the burden of another".

He does not question parents about the sins of sons either, but by His bounty, He benefits sons by parents' righteousness. Qur'an told us that God sent a prophet who talked to God, he is also one of the prophets with strong determination (Moses), and a great righteous man to build a wall of a house that was about to collapse. This house belonged to two young orphan boys, God wanted to delay the appearance of a treasure saved for them under that wall by their grandfather until they are adult so that they can take it out themselves, God says:

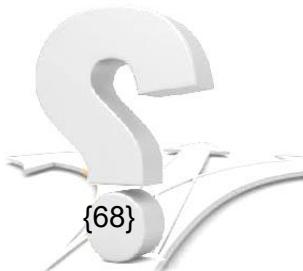
18:82. "As for the wall, it belonged to two young, orphans, in the Town; there was, beneath it, a buried treasure, to which they were entitled: their father had been a righteous man: So your Lord desired that they should attain their age of full strength and get out their treasure - a mercy (and favor) from your Lord".



50- Forgiveness and justice

If forgiveness is one of God's characteristics, does it contrast with His justice?

God's forgiveness does not contradict with His justice; it refers to His perfect justice because God forgives His servant who gets back to Him, regrets his sins and beg Him for repentance. But that who doesn't repent or ask for forgiveness, God does not forgive him and this is the perfect justice of God.



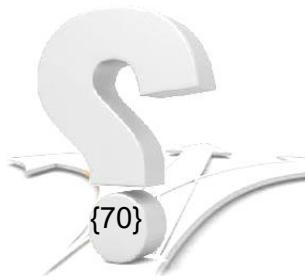
The sixth dialogue

A dialogue about Islam and others

- *The spread of atheism*
- *Islam and science*
- *Between Islam and Christianity*
 - *Antichrist*
 - *A true Muslim*
- *True Islam and extremism*
 - *Extremists*
- *Aggressive feelings towards Islam*
 - *Islam phobia*
- *The west and extremism*
- *Dealing with fanatics*



- *Ignorance about moderation of Islam*
 - *Islam and violence*
 - *Multi religions and prophets*



*51- The spread of atheism**Why did atheism spread?*

The answer:

Atheism spread for many reasons, such as:

- 1- The spread of religious illiteracy in all different levels, ignorance about religion makes ignorant people blind and do not see the right path.
- 2- The human soul wants to get its desires, so it wants to get rid of everything that restricts it. Therefore, it wants to get rid of religion altogether to have no rules in a random and savagery life that many people want to lead now.
- 3- Different mass media in the world deform religions, their morals and their principles because those who are responsible for mass media are such materialistic and atheist people. They only believe in material and tangible matters, they deny the unseen facts though they are really clear and obvious.
- 4- Some famous European philosophers adapt atheism and try to prove it. Some of our young people, who are scientifically and mentally vacant, just imitate the western people as monkeys do. This blind imitation made them not only follow those atheist



philosophers, but also adopt their weak pleas, spread them, depend on them and also call other people to atheism.

52- Islam and science

Does Islam contradict with science or harmonize with it?

The answer:

Islam agrees completely with the bases and results of science that are proved to be true, after following the proper scientific method. As for scientific rules that still under experimentation and not proved to be right yet, we should not try to harmonize them with Islam.

As for rules we thought they were true and proved they were accurate, but later, we find out that they are not based on a fixed scientific foundation, we shouldn't also match them with Islam, because what Islam gets is the truest right, as it is a revelation from God, Al-Khalek (The Creator), Al-Bare' (The One who brings out things in a phenomenal way), Al-Mosawer (The Fashioner of shapes). God says:

4:87. "And whose word can be truer than God's?"



*53- Between Islam and Christianity
What are the similarities and differences between
Islam and Christianity?*

The answer:

Similarities between Islam and Christianity appear in calling to good morals, pure qualities, asceticism, working for the hereafter, believing in God as true Christianity does, believing in angels, believing in the hereafter and believing in resurrection and doomsday.

As for the differences between them, Islam gets perfect and full legislations in marriage, divorce, heritage, sale, buying and other things man needs to organize his life. Christianity does not have any rules for inheritance, divorce in Christianity open and close according to the desire of saints.

Legislations in Islam are limited to Qur'an and Sunna of the apostle of God (*May the blessing and peace of God be upon him*). No Muslim can change these legislations or even some of them for any reason, but in Christianity, popes are free to restrict, cancel or renew legislations.

Islam also differs from Christianity in acts of worship; in Islam, a Muslim can perform the prayers on his own, in congregation with imam in a mosque,



in his house or at any place, but a Christian only performs prayers with a priest at the church.

Also fasting for Muslims is only one month a year in Ramadan, and it is the abstaining from food or drinks from dawn to sunset. However, in Christianity, there are many different days for fasting, and there are different types of fasting too. Sometimes they just abstain from eating anything from animals but they can eat anything else, sometimes they fast the same way as Muslims do.

Hence, there are similarities and differences easily known by anyone who studies the principles of Islam and Christianity. They both agree to what humanity needs now to reform this life, good morals.

54- Antichrist Who is Antichrist?

The answer:

Scholars have different opinions about that; if you want more, go to books of Tafseer (interpretations), creed and Hadith that mentioned him and read them deliberately.



*55- A true Muslim
Who is the true Muslim?*

The answer:

A true Muslim is that who keeps to acts of worship for God's sake, he also keeps to ethics of Qur'an, prophetic morals and legislations of Islam with people.

*56- True Islam and extremism
How can I distinguish between true Islam and
extreme Islam?*

The answer:

True Islam is that which calls to peace with all people, such Muslims are known by mercy, pity, compassion and kindness not only for all people but also for all creatures even for birds and animals. Such a Muslim only says good words and does good deeds.

Extreme Islam is a new term just found in our age, but it is not right, because anyone who belongs to extremism, transgresses safe people, frightens people in their lives and always causes troubles and problems for them, he does not understand true religion and he is not truthful in his allegation as a Muslim.



The prophet (*May the blessings and peace of God be upon him*) defined a true Muslim, he said: "A (true) Muslim is that from his tongue and hand Muslims are safe"¹⁰.

57- Extremists

If Islam is a religion of peace, why there are many extremists in it?

The answer:

Extremists are found in all heavenly religions, Jewish and Christian extremists are more violent, more frightening and more killing than Muslim extremists are. The world mass media try to stick this accusation to Muslims and declare non-Muslims innocent.

If we remember what Serbian extremists did in Bosnia and Herzegovina and what Sikh extremists does in India, we see horrible things, but hellish western mass media hide these crimes and only vituperate what is attributed to Muslims. Those extremists adopted some unusual abnormal ideas to reinforce their aims, or their malicious intentions, or misunderstanding, those who have the same aims united with them.

¹⁰ It was narrated by Al-Bukhary in his Saheeh after Abdullah Ibn-Amr.



However, vast majority among Muslims and those who are moderate deny their deeds, refuse their sayings and show the world their reality. The vast majority should be considerable not the minority. Those who judge Muslims should consider the vast majority not the perverted minority amongst them.

*58- Aggressive feelings towards Islam
What is the role of a Muslim to face aggressive
feelings towards Islam and Muslims, prevailed in the
world today?*

The answer:

The role of a Muslim now is to keep to the way of Islam, including good sayings, good morals and good dealings with people around him, either Muslims or others. It is enough for him to follow the apostle of God (*May the blessings and peace of God be upon him*) in his dealings with non-Muslims and the way of his noble companions in this.

He always remembers verses of the book of God (Qur'an) that talks about the best way a Muslim can deal with non-Muslims. If there is a true determination, a sound intention and Muslims follow this, then all people will believe in God's religion in crowds, because the world around us judges Islam by the behaviors of Muslims not by its tolerant orders or



legislations. This requires a Muslim to be a good example in his manners and his dealings to what Islam calls for.

59- *Islam phobia*

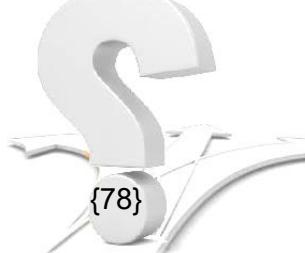
What are the latent and hidden reasons of Islam phobia?

The answer:

Islam phobia means fearing Islam. The first reason of Islam phobia is that lots of European, American and other extremists want to defame Islam by twisting facts to prove that it calls for frightening, killing and terrorism, though they are completely sure it does not.

The second reason is that the Europeans and the Americans wanted to select elite among those who tend to them in thinking and their ideas, they help them to be leaders and rulers, then they can dictate their policies, then Muslim countries are under their orders, policies and wishes.

This made few people among those who are jealous and care about Islam to rise to face these conspiracies, they try to control things and get some of those who are loyal and truthful to lead Muslim countries.



This of course hurts western countries and their followers, so they try to stick some vexatious accusations to them, they make all this and others to be an excuse and justification to the phenomenon of Islam phobia so that people all over the world fear Islam. In time, they make people more scared from Islam to make the world fight Islam and not giving hand or help Muslims but boycott them totally.

60- The west and extremism

Why does the west complain from Islamic extremism but at the same time protect Muslim extremists, give them diplomatic immunity and refuse to send them back to their countries to be judged?

The answer:

This proves that the west makes extremism and extremists. They support them with money, give them weapons, give them plans and information, then they accuse them by frightening, killing and corruption so as not to be accused of conspiring with them.

The whole world knows it is the United States of America, who made Al-Qaeda in Afghanistan and trained their leaders in the desert of Nevada in America, in order to face communist Russia and dismiss them from Afghanistan to protect its utilities.



When Russia was dismissed from Afghanistan, America reversed against Al-Qaeda, and this was the reason to enter and occupy Afghanistan.

The same thing happens with all extremist groups everywhere and at all times, they are made by the west, they support them, watch over their formation, set plans for them and they assume prevailing and inflating their deeds by the enormous mass media they have.

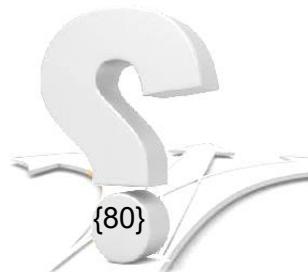
61- Dealing with fanatics

How can I deal with religious fanatics?

The answer:

Dealing with religious fanatics requires avoiding argumentations and discussions with them especially in controversial issues. We just deal with them as necessary for our lives.

We should not make friendship with them, live with them, sit with them or keep talking to them, we just do it as necessary, at the same time, we should be cautious about the ideas they believe in and circulate.



*62- Ignorance about moderation of Islam
Why do some people think that there are no moderate
Muslims?*

The answer:

This happens because they are far away from Muslim countries; they also do not see Islam in its pure resources and do not read what Muslims write about their religion. They became like this because they only read what is written and listen to what is said by spiteful people among orientalists and western journalists who are fanatics against Islam and Muslims. Besides, the western curriculum in schools and universities is full of wrong information that defames Islam and Muslims.

*63- Islam and violence
Does Islam push Muslims to violence? Or is it just a
human behavior as a reaction to violence against
Islam and Muslims all over the world?*

The answer:

Islam urges Muslims to tolerance, pardon, forgiveness, mercy, kindness, cordiality and good dealings with all other people.

What gets some so-called Muslims to be violent is that they feel they are offended, when they see what the westerners do to Islam and Muslims in



their cruel wars that have no mercy even for women, children or old people, and the spite they write in their books and newspapers, or say in their seen or heard mass media.

When they see all this, they realize how those people greatly offend Islam, though they know that the reality is completely different, but they did all this by the spite, rancor, malice, hatred and dislike they have against Islam and Muslims.

This leads to a negative response, those young people react to this offense, this is assured by modern science, "For every action there is an equal and opposite reaction". But if those Muslim young people found kindness, sympathy, mercy, or containment, their behavior and their conduct would change.

64- Multi religions and prophets

If the creator is one God, why are there many religions? And if the religion of God is one, why are there different prophets and legislations?

The answer:

Because every prophet was only sent to his people during his life, when he dies and his people or other people need a prophet, God sends them another prophet to call them to the religion of God. So sometimes, we see more than one prophet at the

same time, because every prophet is only sent to his people. The religion of all prophets and apostles is the religion of Islam, God says:

3-19 "The religion before God is Islam (submission to His will)".

Different names of religions happened by those people not by God, e.g. the Jews called their religion this name, God says:

7-156 "For we have turned unto You,"

I.e. we got back to you, after their repentance when God pardoned them.

Christian people called themselves Nasara, they attributed it to Nasera, the place where Jesus was born, God says:

5-82 "Those who said: We are Christians".

Some of them called it Christianity (Maseehaya) attributing it to Jesus the Christ (Maseeh). God tells us in Qur'an that previous prophets like Abraham and his sons used to call to Islam, God says:

2-132 "And this was the legacy that Abraham left to his sons, and so did Jacob: Oh my sons! God has chosen the Faith for you; then die not except in the Faith of Islam".

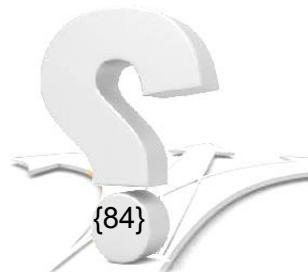


Legislations used to come to the people of every age according to their needs to organize their lives.



Seventh Dialogue: About Islam society

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The seventh dialogue

A dialogue about Islam and society

- *Women drive cars and planes*
- *The golden age of Islam*
 - *Taxes in Islam*
 - *Islamic Sufism*
- *Islam and photography*
- *Illegal foods*
- *Prohibition of sex during menstruation*



65- *Women drive cars and planes*

Does Islam deprive women from driving cars or planes?

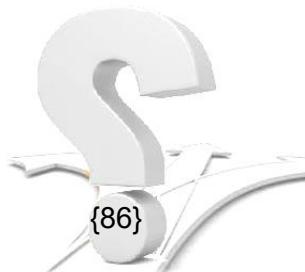
The answer:

Originally, in Islam, everything is allowed as long as there is no legal reason prohibits it. As there is no order in the book of God or Sunna of the prophet prohibits women from driving cars or planes, so it is allowed. She might be traveling with her husband and he suddenly gets sick and can't drive, who drives then? She should be trained and have license.

Even at home, if her husband suddenly gets ill and he needs to be rescued, or one of the children gets sick while her husband is away, who drives the sick person to doctor or hospital? She is the wife who is trained and can drive cars.

The same thing in driving children to their nurseries or schools in the morning, when the wife does this, it is much better than any other driver.

So driving cars for woman is a modern necessity for families and societies, it is not an extra work or welfare to be abandoned or canceled.



66- *The golden age of Islam*

Why did the golden age of Islam end? Can it come again?

The answer:

The golden age of Islam was ended by division and separation among Muslims, seeking authority and leadership. This enabled European colonists to occupy these countries and exhaust their resources. Muslim peoples at that time were also illiterate, not aware of their responsibilities or what they should do for their nation and religion.

However, by God's bounty, now there is Islamic wakefulness. Modern Muslim youths are now aware of different interior and exterior conspiracies against Muslim nation. They start to remove separations among Muslim peoples, unifying their word (decision), collecting their troops and ripen the awareness of their young people.

The effect of this effort will be clear soon, God willing. Muslims will be unified, their word will be one and their troops will be collected. They will be a strong nation, their word will be listened to all over the world, their will be fulfilled, and God's promise in Qur'an for this nation will be achieved for them and by them as God says:



9:33. "It is He Who has sent His Messenger with guidance and the Religion of Truth, to proclaim it over all religion".

67- Taxes in Islam

What is the concept of taxes in Islam?

The answer:

Taxes is an amount of money appointed by the government, paid by rich people, businessmen, customs, factories and vital agencies in return for the essential services done by the government, like power supply, water, infra structures, building roads, public hospitals, safety services like police, army, ambulances, rescue and other services they need and can't go in life without them. The government does all this for them.

68- Islamic Sufism

What does Islamic Sufism mean?

The answer:

Sufism is seeking pureness in the heart. A Sufi works hard until his heart is free from envy, rancor, malice, hatred, stinginess, egoism and other bad characteristics. He beautifies it with love, cordiality, passion, kindness and tenderness for all creatures of



God, he also fills it with loyalty, truthfulness and fearing God, he beautifies his apparent body by good manners mentioned in Qur'an and followed by the prophet (*May the blessings and peace of God be upon him*) in his practical life.

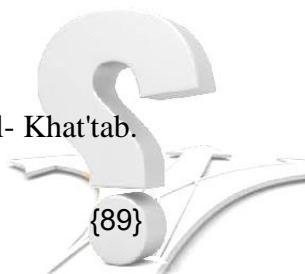
69- Islam and photography *Does Islam forbid photography?*

The answer:

Islam forbids full figure pictures of man and animals if they are completely naked and their private parts appear, because this contradicts with human good manners and heavenly legislations. Photographing human is legal as long as a man covers his private parts from his navel to his knee and a woman covers all her body except her face and her hands.

As a woman has her specialty, so it is also illegal for her to be photographed with a marriageable person in privacy, as privacy is prohibited in our religion, the prophet said: "A man should never be in privacy with a marriageable woman as Satan is the third with them"¹¹.

¹¹ By At'tabarany in Al-Awsat after Omar Ibn-Al- Khat'tab.



70- *Illegal foods*

What are the foods prohibited by Islam? And why?

The answer:

Foods prohibited by Islam are peg, dead animals, blood and animals not slaughtered on the name of God.

As for peg, man is affected by what he eats, as the peg is not jealous on its female, so people who eat it also lose jealousy on their females either they are wives, daughters, sisters, mothers or others.

As for prohibiting blood, because it contains the germs and microbes in the body of man or animal, so if someone eats it, he can be infected by these diseases.

As for dead animal, because the blood does not get out of its body, but it permeates the flesh and organs, so viruses and microbes lie and hide in their tissues and make themselves a layer of fats so they don't die when the meat is cooked even in high temperature. When man eats such meat, he gets sick because of those viruses and microbes.

As for the animals on which any other name has been invoked besides that of God, they become illegal because the name of God hasn't been mentioned when slaughtering them, so it is not blessed, when we eat it, it doesn't cure us but increases illnesses.



*71- Prohibition of sex during menstruation
Why doesn't Islam allow a husband to do sex with
his wife during menstruation?*

The answer:

Islam does not allow a husband to do sex with his wife during her period for many reasons, such as:

- 1- At that time the uterus is loose and flabby, it does not afford excitement, so doing sex lead to more laceration and pains and might lead to sterility.
- 2- Man gets disgusted when he sees woman and her uterus at such case, so he might hate to do sex altogether.
- 3- At such case, a woman is psychologically not well; doing sex needs both spouses to be well and psychologically stabled so as not to cause any mental shakes or abnormal situation.
- 4- Some of the blood of menstruation might get into man's penis; this can lead to different diseases mentioned in medical and scientific books.

For all these and other reasons, Islam prohibits doing sex with wife during her menstruation.



The eighth dialogue

A dialogue about Jesus
(Peace be upon him)

- *The return of Christ*

- *Suspicion of the death of Christ*

- *Crucifixion of Jesus*

- *Slavery of Jesus*

72- *The return of Christ*

*Will Jesus really return before the end of this life?
Why does Jesus return but not Mohammed though he
is the last prophet?*

The answer:

The prophet (*May the blessing and peace of God be upon him*) told us as narrated in Al-Bukhary: "The Day of Judgment won't come until Jesus the son of Mary comes down to live amongst you, as a fair judge, He breaks the cross, kills the peg and set the tax, money exceeds until no one accepts it"¹².

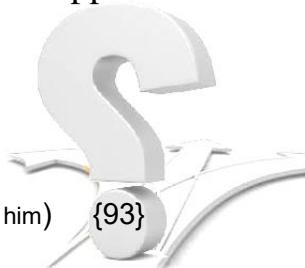
The prophet, (*May the blessing and peace of God be upon him*) also said: "By That who owns my life, (God), the son of Mary is about to come down to you, as a fair judge, He breaks the cross, kills the peg and set the tax, money will be so much that no one wants it, then one prostration is better than life and everything in it"¹³. The reason why he comes back as mentioned in Qur'an:

4:159. "And there is none of the People of the Book but must believe in him before his death".

He comes back to be an evidence against the people of the book, to show that he is a worshipper to

¹² Saheeh Al-Bukhary after Abi-Horayrah.

¹³ Saheeh Al-Bukhary after Abi-Horayrah.



God and that he is a normal human, not God or son of God and God never inhabited his body as they alleged. He also comes back to assure that the religion of God is only one, it is Islam, as God says:

3:19. "The Religion before God is Islam".

It is the religion of all prophets; but all other names of religions were invented by them.

73- Suspicion of the death of Christ

How do you say that Jesus did not die though his death is mentioned in Qur'an 3-55?

The answer:

God says:

3:55. "Behold! God said: "O Jesus! I will take you and raise you to Myself and clear you (of the falsehoods) of those who blaspheme".

Some people suspect that Jesus was dead as God says in this verse: "I will take you".

When God uses the word death in Qur'an, it has two meanings, it can be the greater death which is mortality or the small death which is sleep, God says about this:

39:42. "It is God that takes the souls (of people) at death; and those who die not (He takes) during their sleep".

This verse shows that sleep is a small death, as for the verse mentioned in Surat Ala-Imran (3:55), God says: "I will take you", it means I will make you asleep, "and raise you" so that he can be raised without any pain or worry. The death mentioned in Qur'an about Jesus before his real death is the small death, it is sleeping. When God wants him to come down once again to complete his worldly life, He awakens him and gets him down to the earth to complete his mission and finish his life then dies the final death at the end of this world.

74- Crucifixion of Jesus

How can you prove that Jesus the Christ was not crucified?

The answer:

As the tidings about crucifying Jesus only written down 300 years after raising him, and they are so different and contradicted, so we don't have to trust them, but we should trust the most truthful narration about that which comes in Qur'an. No one contradicts or weakens this narration of Qur'an.

This narration in Qur'an shows that God made the betrayer disciple who betrayed Jesus and told the Romans about him looks exactly like him; he was called Yahoodha Al-Iskharyoty. The Romans

captured him and crucified him thinking he was Jesus, but Jesus was raised by God.

75- *Slavery of Jesus*

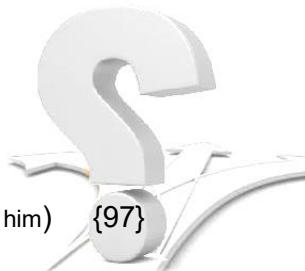
What are the proofs that Jesus is not God but a prophet sent by God?

The answer:

The proofs that Jesus is a worshipper and not a God are:

- He was born by Mary, and God never to be born.
- He was exposed to be killed and crucified, and a true God controls everything on earth and in the heavens and none of His creatures can ever cause any harm to Him.
- Jesus used to talk to people, walk with them and share them, but God never to be seen by eyes, thoughts can never realize His reality, imaginations and illusions can never recognize Him. He is the pure perfection, it was said about him: (*Everything realized by your mind will be vanished and God is never like that*).
- Jesus used to appear in a limited place, and he can be located and contained at that place.

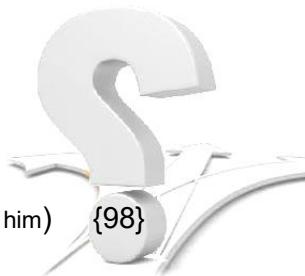
- But God:
- Never to be restricted in a place.
- Never to be shown in a limited time.
- Never to be limited or enclosed by any availability.
- He always appears, exists and encircles things but things never to encircle Him.
- He forms things but never to be formed, He controls things but never to be controlled and He harmonizes things but never to be harmonized.
- And He has power over all things.





Eighth Dialogue: About Jesus (Peace be upon him)

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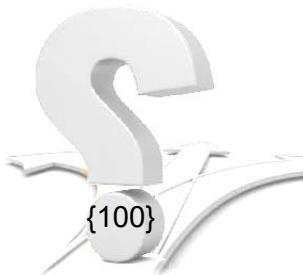


The ninth dialogue

Islamic issues

- *Touching dogs*
- *Cleanliness of body and heart*
- *The origin of man*
- *Sexual deviation and homosexual marriage*
- *Murder in Islam*
- *Jihad in Islam*
- *Masturbation*
- *Prohibition of gambling*
- *Democracy in Islam*
- *Muslims relations with Jews and Christians*

- *Islam and modern man*
- *The beauty of Islam*
- *Nourishment of spirit*
- *Manners and religion*
- *Gains (benefits) of ethics*
- *Signs of God's love to man*



76- Touching dogs

Why do Muslims hate dogs and avoid touching them?

The answer:

Muslims do not hate dogs; they care about them and breed them. They can touch a trained dog and eat the preys it catches. They do not avoid its saliva because they think it is pure, as God says:

5:4. "And what you have taught your trained hunting animals (to catch) in the manner directed to you by God, eat what they catch for you, but pronounce the name of God over it".

They only avoid lost dogs found in dirty places and eat dirt; they avoid their saliva as they eat rotten, impure and dead animals. Their tongues are always polluted by microbes, germs and viruses on things they eat. Modern technology proved that the mouth and saliva of a dog transmit different types of diseases especially rabies. Therefore, this is a reasonable caution of course; modern science and medicine urge and encourage it.



77- Cleanliness of body and heart

Does Islam care about body cleanliness more than heart cleanliness?

The answer:

As Islam seeks the perfection of man's powers, it cares about the cleanliness and pureness of both heart and body. A believer can never go in life without both of them; his relation with God cannot be perfect, getting him nearer to God and seeking His satisfaction unless he cleans his heart from polytheism, suspicion, uncertainty, rancor and envies.

People will not love him unless he is pure, clean and smells good in his body, his mouth and all over his body. He should be healthy and care about his hair, his skin and all his organs. Therefore, we see Islam urges a Muslim to do good behavior inside him, i.e. his heart, apparently i.e. his body to get God's satisfaction and love from all people around him.

78- The origin of man

What is the origin of man in Islam?

The answer:

The origin of first man who is Adam (peace be upon him), is from a quintessence of clay, a mixture



of dust and water, this formed his body, then God breathed in him from His spirit so his organs moved. The origin of everyone else except Eve, who was formed from Adam, is from a spermatozoon from his father carrying his genes and an ovum from his mother carrying her genes.

When father meets mother, the spermatozoon meets the ovum and they form the sperm-drop which turns into a clot of congealed blood which turns into a lump, then God creates bones from this lump and clothes it with flesh. Then God orders an angel to come down from the heavens and breathe spirit into it, and then he becomes a new creature.

79- Sexual deviation and homosexual marriage Why does Islam prohibit sexual deviation and homosexual marriage?

The answer:

Islam and sound natural instincts refuse and prohibit sexual deviation and homosexual marriage because this is turning away from the nature created by God. God created humans from a male and a female, each have own role and task. He provided each with suitable equipment for their tasks.

He made man responsible for impregnation and provided him with the reproductive system

suitable for this task. He made the woman the fertile soil suitable for growing the plant of God on earth, which is man, and He prepared her for this task. He made this depends on the relation between male and female, this paves the way to God's will to create a new human. This is the reason for marriage and sexual relation between male and female.

When those perverts deviate against this nature and left the normal way, a man got married to a man, they have the same reproductive system, so one of them has to do sex with the other from behind and it is not the suitable place for this, they are exposed to endless dangerous diseases, modern medicine warns from this.

The same thing happens when a woman gets married to a woman, they can't satisfy each other without using another artificial or natural means like a banana or an artificial penis. Such things are against the nature upon which God created people, they can't propagate and they will harm themselves as a result of entering unsuitable objects inside themselves.

Whoever does this either man or woman, they show that they have abnormal minds, bad manners and corrupt nature. They do not deserve to be examples for normal people because they decline and



descend not only below people but also below animals, as animals do not do such savage deeds.

80- Murder in Islam

Why does Islam allow murder?

The answer:

Islam only allows murder if someone kills another, so as not to prevail violence among believers, so there is just equality, the killer is to be killed to save and immune the whole society from doing this cruel crime, God says:

2:179. "In the Law of Equality there is (saving of) Life to you, O you men of understanding; that you may restrain yourselves".

We should mention here that equality (*killing the killer*) in Islam can only be done by rulers and governors after proving the crime by assured proofs without any doubt. Individuals and groups are not allowed to do this, to keep peace and safety in society.



81- Jihad in Islam

What does Jihad mean in Islam?

The answer:

Jihad in Islam means defending oneself, or defending the homeland if others attack it or want to frighten the people or extort the land or the wealth, God says:

2:194. "If then any one transgresses the prohibition against you, Transgress you likewise against him".

God also says:

2:190. "Fight in the cause of God those who fight you, but do not transgress limits; for God loves not transgressors".

82- Masturbation

Why does Islam prohibit masturbation for man and woman?

The answer:

Islam prohibits masturbation for man because it has bad effects inside him and in his future life. As for himself, it causes congestion in his genitals that might lead to varicosity of his testicles. When he gets married he can't do sex properly, consequently he



feels he is not a real man and he might get psychological shock.

If he becomes addicted to masturbation, it might affect his nervous system and might directly lead to Parkinson's disease; it might also affect his memory and lead to Alzheimer, and many other diseases. Some young men cannot do sex with their wives after marriage or let out the semen from the penis unless they use hands as they got used to this.

As for the girl, who uses an artificial penis or any other means inside her vagina to satisfy herself, this affects her reproductive system badly. It might even lead to complete sterility in addition to endless diseases that infect her vagina such as: syphilis, gonorrhea and others.

83- Prohibition of gambling

Why does Islam prohibit gambling?

The answer:

Islam prohibits gambling; playing for gifts or money for the winner, because firstly, it increases rancor and hatred among Muslims, as the loser hates and envies the winner for sure, but Islam seeks pureness, love, cordiality and clearness for all Muslims. God says about how Muslims should be:

15:47. "And We shall remove from their hearts any lurking sense of injury: (they will be) brothers (joyfully) facing each other on thrones (of dignity)".

Secondly, Islam brings up Muslims upon knowledge and hard work, useful for man in his life and uplifting him in the hereafter. So Islam warns them from distraction and amusement because this wastes the time, what if there is also wasting of money. A believer always does something useful for himself or his family in this life or an uplifting deed for himself or for others in the hereafter.

84- Democracy in Islam *Is there democracy in Islam?*

The answer:

We can call Islam the religion of democracy, but Islam calls it Shura (consultation). The word democracy is Greek, Shura is an essential basis in government, God says:

42:38. "Who (conduct) their affairs by mutual Consultation".

God says about societies in general:

3:159. "And consult them in affairs (of moment)".

Even in private life, the life of a man with his wife and children inside his house should be based on Shura in everything and seeking their opinions about different matters. Islamic history is full of great examples of Shura in Islam in the life of the prophet (*Blessing and peace of God be upon him*) with his good companions, and examples of the good caliphs and all just Muslim rulers.

85- Muslims relations with Jews and Christians

Do Muslims hate Jews and Christians?

The answer:

A Muslim never hates anyone of any religion as long as he keeps to the orders of his religion and he is not fanatic against others. If there had been any hatred, Muslims would have dismissed Jews and Christians from their countries and their lands, or at least destroyed their monasteries so that they could not perform acts of worship.

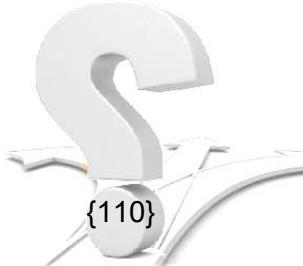
However, we see the opposite, Muslims care more about the people of the book (Jews and Christians) who live with them, they have their own places of worship, and they can follow the orders and legislations of their religions amongst themselves.

History of Muslims shows and testifies that all over ages.

When Amr-Ibn-Al-Aas entered Egypt, the head of Christians in Egypt at that time was Called Benyamin, he escaped from the Romans to the desert and mountains, he was afraid of them when he knew they wanted to kill him though he was following their religion. Amr-Ibn-Al-Aas reassured him, ordered his church to be rebuilt, and determined him as head of Christians all over Egypt.

Since then, head of Egyptian Christians (Pope) is appointed by the ruler of Egypt, after Christians choose him. To show the great care of Islam towards the Jews and the Christians, when the Mongols invaded Syria and the scholar Ibn-Taymeya went to them to rescue the prisoners of war, they offered to give him Muslim prisoners of war, but he insisted on getting Jewish and Christian prisoners of war too.

There is a lot to say about this, whoever wants to know more, he can refer to the books of history; they are full of such incidents that show the great care Islam pays for the people of the book (Jews and Christians). It is enough to mention what the prophet (*May the blessing and peace of God be upon him*) said about this:



"They (Jews and Christians) have the same rights and same duties as Muslims"¹⁴.

86- Islam and modern man Does Islam suit modern man?

The answer:

Islam suits man at all times and everywhere, modern man in particular is in bad need to the orders of Islam because:

- It is the only religion that addresses people of this age by their own language.
- It matches the most modern scientific discoveries in this age.
- It urges to civilize and construct this life by more inventions and more discoveries and always matches everything new.
- With all this, Islam seeks the safety of individuals and reformation of societies.
- It also calls for peace, tranquility, forgiveness and pardon among all people.

¹⁴ Narrated by At'termedhy, Fayd Al-Bary Sharh Saheeh Al-Bukhary, Magma' Al-Anhar.



87- The beauty of Islam

How can I recognize the beauty of Islam whereas most Muslims are not good examples for Islam?

The answer:

We realize the beauty of Islam by perusing the descriptions mentioned in Qur'an about Islam and Muslims. Muslims should work hard to follow this, and so the recommendations recommended by the prophet of Islam for Muslims themselves, their families and their societies.

We see this practically in the life of the prophet (*May the blessing and peace of God be upon him*), his blessed companions and the good examples after them at all ages until our time. The pages of history shine by mentioning such examples and the good ethics they used to have.

88- Nourishment of spirit

What is the food of spirit?

The answer:

The food of spirit is everything ordered by God, or recommended by the apostle of God, (*May the blessing and peace of God be upon him*). Man only seeks God's satisfaction as he is following and doing them. Such as reciting Qur'an with deep thinking, contemplation, remembering God with sincerity and

sound heart. Blessing upon the prophet, (*May the blessing and peace of God be upon him*), by recalling his beauty and his perfection. Asking God's forgiveness from sins with regret and intending not to do them again. Doing good deeds for people seeking God's bounty and His gifts, useful knowledge that leads to doing good and urging a person to do it and keep doing it.

89- Manners and religion

Can we see ethics without religion?

The answer:

Ethics can be found without keeping to any religion, by reformative education in schools and universities, by prevailing good morals among individuals and groups and making them the criteria upon which we look at people in the society, and the will to attract other people, to spread trade, industry, agriculture and other things.

Individuals and society are eager to work hard and for hard work; they care about their products, away from all kinds of cheat and trickery so that they are trusty in other societies. So other people want to deal with them and their products have a priority and preference, like what the peoples of Japan, Germany, America Britain, Sweden and others did.

They worked hard and mastered this until these names and their brands become desirable, as people trust what they do because they master what they make and they are away from industrial fraud.

90- Gains (benefits) of ethics

Can man be good without believing in a religion?

Or can he be bad though he believes in a religion?

The answer:

Man is the child of his society, in his manners, his nature, his customs and his behaviors. If the society values good morals, encourages them and punish people who do not follow them, the beauty of manners and good dealings will appear on most of the people of this society. Religions order good manners, urge for them and promise rewards for this. They also set punishment for those who do not follow good manners, but only in the hereafter.

Therefore, if a believer has perfect certainty, he observes God in his deeds, and he knows undoubtedly that he will be questioned in the hereafter about his deeds towards himself and other people. He will follow good manners and commended qualities.

However if the certainty of a believer is weak, he forgets the hereafter, his observation and fear

from God is reduced, he will not follow good manners ordered by religion. Instead, he might do the opposite, as he is heedless, forgets death, the hereafter and resurrection.

Man can follow good manners because he is brought up in a society that values good manners even if he is not following a religion, like the people of Japan, Scandinavian countries, Sweden, Norway, Denmark and others. However, man can be belonging to a religion but he doesn't follow its orders because of his heedlessness and his ignorance.

91- Signs of God's love to man

Does God love man? What are the signs of this love?

The answer:

God loves man because He honored him and ennobled him over all creatures, God says:

17:70. "We have honored the children of Adam; provided them with transport on land and sea; given them for sustenance things good and pure; and conferred on them special favors, above a great part of our creation".

The evidence that God loves man is that He prepared the earth for him before creating him; He prepared everything he needs, food, clothing, medicine, dwelling, mounts and others. He created

plants and fruits for him to eat, He created sweet water for him to drink and saltwater to mount, eat fish and to be a store for water when he needs it. He employs animal for him to ride, drink its milk, eat its meat, use its wool and leather and some of them to guard him.

He created air and carries on refreshing it to keep his life. He created the sun to provide him with light and warmth, show him night and day and to calculate days, months and years. At nights, He made the moon and the stars to light and guide him on land and sea, He saved all kinds of metals he needs under the ground so that he uses them in his life.

We see that all creatures in the heavens, on earth and in between them are all created and employed for man as he is the pearl of universes, he is the successor chosen by God to dwell the earth, God says:

2:30. "I will create a vicegerent on earth".

He employed everything in heavens and on earth for this vicegerent (man), God says:

45:13. "And He has subjected to you, as from Him, all that is in the heavens and on earth".



The tenth dialogue

Atheism and atheists

- *Coincidence*

- *Pantheism, polytheism and monotheism*

- *Atheism*

- *The cause of atheism spread*

- *Denying God*

- *Preventives of atheism*



92- *Coincidence*

Could this universe be created just by coincidence?

The answer:

If the universe was just created by coincidence, there would never be this method, accuracy, order, creativity and perfection we see in everything. Is the accurate alternation of night and day in a perfect way, just coincidence?

The earth orbits the sun and orbits itself precisely, is it just coincidence? We have never seen or heard that something fell from its surface, not even once.

Is it coincidence that we find on earth everything needed by man, plants, animals, insects, light, air, water, food, clothing and medicine?

93- *Pantheism, polytheism and monotheism*

What is the difference between pantheism, polytheism, atheism and monotheism?

The answer:

1- Pantheism: This is a philosophical issue, it is not found in religions or in fact. Those who imagine it think that the universe is one thing, which is God and nothing is separated from Him. They think that the universe even in its different pictures has only one fact that controls and

moves it, which is the divine fact. They illegally accuse some great Muslim Sufis like Ibn-Araby and Asahrawardy that they say the same thing, but their words and their deeds are against it.

2- Polytheism: It is worshipping one or many with God, they allege they help and support God in divine deeds, and this is not correct as God says:

21:22. "If there were, in the heavens and the earth, other Gods besides God, there would have been confusion in both".

3- Atheism: It is denying Godhood totally; they allege that this universe was found by coincidence or naturally, and that it is not created or innovated by God. This atheism spread more in our time with the development of sciences because most young people are controlled by their desires, they do not want them to be following the orders of other people, society or even God. As human desires are organized and controlled by religion, and religions set certain divine ways to get and organize them, those people deny religions totally to free their human desires completely even if this hurts them and others, God says about such people:

7:186. "in their trespasses, (they are) wandering in distraction".

4- Monotheism: Confessing that Godhood is only due to God, believing from deep heart that this universe has only one God, who created it from nothing and perfectly organizes and runs it, you can't find any small defect and you can't add anything to the creation and innovation of God. This God never be in a thing, or from a thing, or on a thing, or needs anything, or located on anything, God says:

42:11. "There is nothing whatever like unto Him, and He is the One that hears and sees (all things)".

He has no father, no mother, no wife, no son, no daughter, God says:

112:3,4. "He begets not, nor is He begotten. And there is none like unto Him".

He knows and watches all our movements, our stills, our outsides and our insides, nothing is unseen by Him either on earth or in heavens, nothing is hidden from him even inside the secrets of man and his conscience. He has the ultimate power over His world, His Kingdom and all His people, He says:

21:23. "He cannot be questioned for His acts, but they will be questioned (for theirs)".

94- Denying God

Why do people deny the existence of God?

The answer:

The answer was included in the previous question.

95- The cause of atheism spread

What is the cause of the spread of atheism among young people?

The answer:

The answer was included in the question before the previous one.

96- Atheism

Can atheism be a religion?

The answer:

Atheism can never be a religion because it denies religions. Religion is the belief in the existence of a God.

- It can be a real God as in monotheism and the three heavenly religions, Islam, Judaism and Christianity.

- It can be an imaginary God, some people believe in him, even if it does not match monotheism in heavenly religions. This is found in the religions invented by man, such as Buddhism who sanctify cows and make them as God, Magianism, who worship fire, Sabians, who worship stars, Pagans who worship trees and stones and others.

97- Preventives of atheism

How can I stop myself from being an atheist?

The answer:

To prevent myself from being an atheist I should:

- Study heavenly religions and their true resources in heavenly scriptures and from the sayings of truthful prophets away from desires.
- In addition to modern scientific researches that serve these heavenly books and assure their issues by true modern science, this is what is called scientific inimitability.
- Sit with those who are known by their worship and asceticism among people of religions to see how they reach serenity,

tranquility and happiness of hearts sought by all people.

If I do this, God will open my heart to the right, guide me to it and lead me to the right way to it.



The eleventh dialogue

Manners of Prophet Mohammed

- *Manners of the prophet with his wives*
 - *Manners of the prophet with his neighbors and his enemies*
 - *Manners of the prophet with his companions and his guests*
- *Manners of the prophet with animals, things and plants*
- *The prophet and the people of his time*



98- Manners of the prophet with his wives

How were the manners of Prophet Mohammed with his wives?

The answer:

He (*May the blessing and peace of God be upon him*), was eager to care about them and provide them with all their needs.

He provided each one of them with a house that contains all the means of life according to that time. He used to provide each one of them by her food and her needs for a whole year.

He used to care about their psychological health. He was fair amongst them, he used to stay with each one of them for a night, if he paid one of them an additional visit, he used to do the same to others and visit all of them, he was careful that they gather every night at the house where he stayed that night.

If he was to travel, he used to draw lots amongst them to choose one by lot to travel with him. He used to deal with them kindly, he used to talk to them nicely, he never dealt with them in a rude, harsh or a rough way. He never insulted or offended them. He was as God says:

4:19. "Live with them on a footing of kindness and equity".

99- *Manners of the prophet with his neighbors and his enemies*

How were the manners of Prophet Mohammed (May the blessing and peace of God be upon him). with his neighbors and his enemies?

The answer:

He, (*May the blessing and peace of God be upon him*), was eager to deal with his neighbors in a high way. He used to ask about a neighbor if he did not see him. He used to visit him if he was ill. He used to share him his happiness, he used to support him at times of sorrow and he used to do him good.

He appointed a neighbor the right that made him about to be a member of his family who deserves to inherit him. He, (*May the blessing and peace of God be upon him*), said: "Gabriel kept recommending me about neighbor until I thought he will appoint him a part of the inheritance."¹⁵.

As for his enemies, he, (*May the blessing and*

¹⁵ Narrated by Al-Bukhary and Muslim in their Saheehs after Ibn-Omar.

peace of God be upon him), never had any rancor, spite or malice towards them. When he knew the people of Mecca who were severely fighting him, were rainless and had starvation, he sent them 500 camels loaded with food and other things. He, (*May the blessing and peace of God be upon him*), never initiated war with people but he was only defending himself.

He was sent as a caller to guidance, when his people offended him severely, his companions asked him to supplicate God to destroy them, he, (*May the blessing and peace of God be upon him*), said: "I was never sent as insulter but I was sent as mercy"¹⁶.

He, (*May the blessing and peace of God be upon him*), was so kind and merciful to his enemies. He used to say to his soldiers: "I recommend you to fear God, don't disobey God, don't be false to your trust, don't be cowards, don't destroy a monastery, don't cut palm trees, don't fire plants, don't kill animals, don't cut fruit trees, don't kill an old man, a child or a woman, you will see people stay in hermitages, let them do what they devoted themselves for"¹⁷.

I.e. they only fight fighters, even when they

¹⁶ Narrated by Muslim in his Saheeh after Abi-Horayrah.

¹⁷ Jame' Al-Masaneed Wal-Maraseel after Ibn-Omar.

fight people who fight them, he recommended them not to initiate war with them, not to betray, not to torture or distort their bodies and organs after killing them. He used to respect the dead people among his enemies. Once a funeral passed him, he stood at once, they said: It is the funeral of a Jewish, he said: "Isn't it a soul?"¹⁸.

We see that the messenger (*May the blessing and peace of God be upon him*), was the best example of tolerance, care and good manners even with his enemies (*May the blessing and peace of God be upon him*).

100-The Prophet's manners with his companions and his guests How did the Prophet treat his companions and guests?

The answer:

The Prophet's behavior with his companions and his guests was mainly based on love, affection, peace and friendship. During his sessions, the Prophet, (*May the blessing and peace of God be upon*

¹⁸ Narrated by Al-Bukhary in his Saheeh after Abdel-Rahman Ibn-Abi-Layla.

him), used to treat everyone in the same way, that each one thought he was the nearest to the Prophet and that the prophet loved him more than anyone else.

In this respect, Amr Ibn-El-Aas told one of the most amazing situations. He said: once I was sitting with the Prophet and his other companions. He treated me so kindly and lovingly that I thought he (*May the blessing and peace of God be upon him*), loved and preferred me more than anyone else. Then I asked him: "O Messenger of God; who is the most beloved to you? He said: She is A'ishah. I asked him: among men? He said: He is her father (Abu Bakr). I asked him: The next? He said: Omar Ibn-El-Khattaab, and he mentioned many people"¹⁹.

So, we have known that the Prophet, (*May the blessing and peace of God be upon him*) used to treat and love his companions and advise them equally. He also used to prefer them to himself and when they asked him for something, he always gave them what they wanted and never let them down. When the Prophet's companions were sitting with him, he asked them not to raise up their voice, not to mention any other one's bad deeds, and not to quarrel or disagree with each others, in this concern

¹⁹ By Albokhary about Amr Ibnel Aas.

he said:

"People shouldn't quarrel or dispute in the presence of a prophet"²⁰.

Thus, he (*May the blessing and peace of God be upon him*), used to bring up his companions according to good manners, true saying, and pleasant and friendly treatment which appeared clearly over his face when he answered people or advised them. He used to be simple not rough with them even when they quarreled, he used to be gentle and polite with them to make them behave according to what is mentioned in the holy Qur'an:

15:47. "And We shall remove from their breasts any deep feeling of bitterness (that they may have). (so they will be like) brothers facing each other on thrones".

The prophet was so kind and generous to his guests that he preferred them to himself. This was clearly shown when the Prophet, (*May the blessing and peace of God be upon him*), was visited by a delegation of Al-Nagashi (*The king of Ethiopia at that time*). He began to serve them by himself and his companions begged him to let them do that but he insisted to serve them by himself saying: "They

²⁰ By Albokhary and Muslim about Ibn Abbaass.

were kind and generous to my companions and so I'd like to reward them"²¹.

So the Prophet, (*May the blessing and peace of God be upon him*), usually encouraged his companions to do the same and he thanked and praised them for doing that. He reminded them that God praised Al-Ansaar (the people of Al-Madinah in KSA) in the holy Qur'an for being generous to the Prophet and his companions.

59:9. "And give them (emigrants) preference over themselves even though they were in bad need of that".

So the Prophet was keen to praise and mention generosity to his companions saying: "God is Generous, He loves good manners and Hates bad manners"²². The Prophet also said: "A generous person is close to God, close to paradise, close to people and far away from Hellfire, but a greedy mean is far from God, far from paradise, far from people and near to Hellfire, an ignorant generous person is more beloved to God than a greedy mean

²¹ This hadith was narrated by At'tabarany and Al-Baihaky after Katadah.

²² This hadith was narrated in Al-Mustadrak by Sahl Ibn Sa'd.

scholar"²³.

101- The Prophet's manners towards animals, things and plants

How were the Prophet's manners towards animals, solid bodies and plants?

The answer:

The Prophet behaved with animals, solid bodies and plants according to what is mentioned in holy Qur'an:

21:107. "And We have sent you (O Muhammad) not but as a mercy for Alamin (mankind, jinn and all that exists)".

The Prophet, (*May the blessing and peace of God be upon him*), asked his companions and followers to treat animals kindly. In this respect, he told them an interesting story to make them like such good deeds: "Once a prostitute woman of Israel children went out to the desert, suddenly she saw a very thirsty dog; there was a well containing little water. She took off her shoe, (as she found nothing else to use) and gave it water. The Prophet said: for

²³ This Hadith was narrated by At'termezi and Al-Baihaki after Abu-Horayrah.

doing that good deed, God rewarded her and lodged her in paradise".

The Prophet also pointed out the low position of a person who hurts animals. He said: "A woman was punished severely by God for locking up a cat until it died, she neither gave it food or water nor left it eat from the remains on land"²⁴. He, (*May the blessing and peace of God be upon him*), was so keen on being kind to animals that he ordered Muslims not to starve them, not to make them carry heavy weights and not to use them badly.

The due care of the Prophet about animals made one of his companions, (Abu-Dharr Al-Ghefari) talk to his camel while he was dying he said: "O My camel, don't prosecute against me to God, I never starved you nor made you carry heavy weights".

There are many useful recommendations of the prophet in this respect, in addition to the good examples, which show the great care of the Prophet towards all kinds of animals.

The Prophet, (*May the blessing and peace of God be upon him*), also recommended Muslims to take care of plants by planting them well and caring

²⁴ This hadith was brought out by Al-Bokhary about Abdullah Ibn Omar.

about them. He banned burning plants and trees even if in time of wars and prevented people from making water or excreting on plants or grass or in their shadows. In this respect he, (*May the blessing and peace of God be upon him*), said: "Avoid the three cursed dangers: Excreting: in running water, in the middle of the road and in shade"²⁵.

Prophet Muhammad, (*May the blessing and peace of God be upon him*), recommended planting more trees, he said: "Even if it's time for resurrection day while you are carrying a palm seedling, plant it."²⁶

As for solid bodies, the Prophet, (*May the blessing and peace of God be upon him*), treated them as if they were human beings. He said about the mountain of Uhud in Mecca: "Uhud loves us and we love it too"²⁷.

He also asked people to divide their inheritance of lands among them fairly, in this respect, the Prophet, (*May the blessing and peace of God be upon him*), said: "He who takes a span of land unfairly in his life, he will be neck banned by seven

²⁵ It was narrated by Abu-Da'wood after Ibn Wahb.

²⁶ This hadith was narrated by Imam Ahmad after Anas Ibn-Malik.

²⁷ It was narrated by At'tabranay after Anas Ibn Malik.

lands in return in the Hereafter"²⁸. He also ordered people to walk on land peacefully, modestly and be so down to earth thinking deeply of God's graces, not to walk on land proudly and boastfully like tyrants, as God says:

31:18. "Nor walk in insolence through the earth. Verily, God likes not any arrogant boaster".

God also says:

25:63. "And the (faithful) slaves of the Most Gracious (God) are those who walk on the earth in humility and sedateness".

This is because people know very well that they will be surely buried in this land. They should know that the former good and bad people who lived before them, existed on this land which hid their bad deeds and was very proud of their good deeds. In this respect a former Muslim believer called Al-Baji, mentioned in his authentic that he said: "A mountain asks another "Did anyone who remembers God pass you today? If the answer is yes, the mountain becomes very pleased".²⁹

²⁸ This hadith was narrated by Al-Bukhary and Muslim after Sa'id Ibn-Zayd.

²⁹ This hadith was narrated by Ibn-Mas'oud

*102- The Prophet and the
people of his time
Was the Prophet different from the people of his
time?*

The answer:

Yes, the Prophet, (*May the blessing and peace of God be upon him*), was different from them in many ways:

1- The Prophet, (*May the blessing and peace of God be upon him*), was so well mannered and well bred that all people of Mecca, (although they were not Muslims yet) used to call him the sincere honest man, and although they disliked him, he was a safe bank for them as they saved all their valuable things with him.

2- He didn't use to take part in their festivals in which they worshipped idols and offered sacrifices for them, he, (*May the blessing and peace of God be upon him*), never prostrated for an idol.

3- In his youth, the Prophet, (*May the blessing and peace of God be upon him*), never had fun nor had the desire of amusing oneself like all the other young people of his age. Once when he wanted to watch an amusing festival, God the Glorious made him fall asleep and was awaken up by the hot sun of the morning so as to be preserved from taking part in the

deeds of ignorant people (*pre-Islamic people*), this happened to him twice.

4- Prophet Muhammad, (*May the blessing and peace of God be upon him*), used to go once a year to the Cave of Hiraa in Mecca and stay there for a month worshipping God, following the way of his father Abraham and thinking deeply of the creatures of God.

5- He was safely kept by God the Preserver, from the bad deeds of ignorant people. He neither drank wine nor committed adultery although they were so common at that time. He was so fair and did not oppress anyone that people loved him more than they loved their parents. The best example for that was Zaid Ibn-Ha'rethah, who was a servant of Khadijah, (the Prophet's wife) and she gave him to the Prophet.

Zaid's family and relatives searched for the boy, they found him at the Prophet's, so they came to take him offering a big sum of money. The Prophet allowed them to take the boy without money, but he asked them to ask Zaid's opinion, whether to go with them or to stay with the Prophet. They stayed with the boy for three nights to bargain with him, but the boy preferred to stay with the prophet, this was before prophecy. This made the prophet adopt him; it also shows how good treatment the prophet had.

The twelfth dialogue

Islam and the world

- *Science and religion*
- *Saying (amen)*
- *Treatment of slaves*
- *Wearing white or black garments*
- *The world and Islam*
- *Fearing Islam*
- *True religion*
- *Islam and developing human thinking*

- *Inflating crimes*
- *The perfect religion suitable for humanity*
- *Disagreements among the three religions*



*103- Science and religion
Is science different from religion?*

The answer:

Religion is a great matter, which is revealed from God to a prophet who is qualified and chosen by God. This revelation can be on the prophet's heart, on his spirit or through an angel. The legislations revealed to the prophet and his followers are preserved against human desires and irresponsible actions.

However, science is the use of fixed scientific rules and regulations set to invent and discover new and modern things, which may add a value to humanity.

*104- Saying (amen)
What does the word (amen) which Muslims say in
prayers mean?*

The answer:

Amen, is a short form of (O God, respond to us), i.e. the congregation behind imam say this word to beg God to respond to what imam supplicates either during performing prayers, or just supplication.



105- *Treatment of slaves*

How should a Muslim treat his slave (servant)?

The answer:

A Muslim should deal with his slaves as brothers in humanity; he should share them food, drink, clothes and residence, and he should not hit or hurt them. He should not insult them or ask them to do heavy duties.

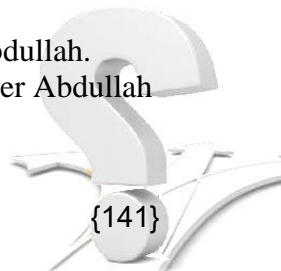
In this respect, the prophet, (*May the blessing and peace of God be upon him*), said: "Your servants are your brothers, God made them under you, so anyone who has a brother under his hand, he should feed him same as he eats, dress him same as he wears, he shouldn't ask them to do heavy work, if he asks him to do that he should support and sustain them" ³⁰.

Islam sets a big penance (as punishment) for slapping the face of a servant, the prophet, (*May the blessing and peace of God be upon him*), said: "He who slaps the face of his slave, he must set him free as penance" ³¹.

Even when we call or ask our servants to do some-thing, we should treat them well. In this respect

³⁰ By Al-Bukhary and Muslim after Jandab Ibn Abdullah.

³¹ By Muslim, Abu-Da'wood and Imam Ahmad after Abdullah Ibn Omar.



the Prophet, (*May the blessing and peace of God be upon him*), said: "Don't say my slave or my female slave because you are all slaves and servants of God and all your women are female slaves and servants of God, but say: My boy or my servant, my girl or my maid"³².

This happened whenever there was slavery, but Islamic ideology concentrated on getting rid of slavery, this happened gradually by setting restrictions and limits for that and by encouraging people to set their slaves free. Now thanks God there is no slavery all over Islamic countries.

106- Wearing white or black garment

Why do most Muslim men wear white garments and most Muslim women wear black garments?

The answer:

It's not an Islamic obligation for men to wear white clothes or to wear black clothes for women. The Prophet approved wearing white clothes for men when he (*May the blessing and peace of God be upon him*), said: "The best garment amongst clothes is the white one, wear it and use it to enshroud your dead

³² Muslim, Abu Da'wood and Imam Ahmad after Abu-Horayrah.

people"³³. Therefore, wearing this kind of clothes was just approved by the prophet but it is not an obligation on Muslims.

Wearing black garments is an old Persian female habit referred to sorrow and sadness for the death of Imam Husseini (prophet's grandson), and people of the prophet's family. That was their slogan in their wars when they wanted to take revenge for them.

This appeared clearly during the rule of the Abbassi era. They made black color their slogan when they wanted to destroy the Omayyad state. Their army had a majority of Persians under the leadership of Abu-Muslim Al-Khorasani who wanted to revenge for the death of people of the prophet's family.

They wore black uniforms and turbans, and this black color became the slogan of the Persian country (Iran). The Persians ruled some Islamic countries for long time. Their women considered wearing black garments a sign of respect and modesty although it has no origin in Islam.

³³ Narrated by Ibn Majah after Ibn Abbaass.



107- The world and Islam

What will happen if the entire world accepts Islam?

The answer:

If the entire world accepts Islam as a religion, peace and love will be spread everywhere among people and communities. There will be neither hatred nor envy and the world will get rid of wars, fights and disputes. The world then will become one country. The Prophet (*May the blessing and peace of God be upon him*), said about that: "Believers, in their love, mercy and kindness towards each other, are like one body, if one of its parts feels pain, all the other parts immediately feels the same"³⁴.

Then, cheating, monopoly, fraud, and falsehood will not exist any more; there will be trust, loyalty, honesty, safety and promise fulfillment among people.

108- Fearing Islam

Why do western people have fears from Islam?

The answer:

Western people have fears from Islam for many reasons:

³⁴ Muslim, Imam Ahmad and Al-Bayhaki after An'noman Ibn-Basheer.



1- Western people are fanatic, they think they are the best race in the world and all the other people are less than them in degree and rank, but Islam made people equal in everything. The Prophet (*May the blessing and peace of God be upon him*), said: "Verily, God took the pre-Islamic boastfulness and pride of ancestors away from you (Muslims), people are either a pious believer or a miserable dissolute, people are Adam's children and Adam was created out of earth"³⁵. The Prophet also said about the scale by which people are preferred away from fanaticism for color, race or language: "An Arab never exceeds a non-Arab, a non-Arab never exceeds an Arab, a red man never exceeds a black man, a black man never exceeds a red man except by fearing God"³⁶.

2- Western people used to be unfair to Islamic communities. They took over their lands, claiming that they only want to construct them, but they robbed them, took the treasures and used them in setting up their own civilization. They also robbed the mineral, agricultural and animal materials and used them for their

³⁵ It was narrated by At'emerzii after Abu Horayrah.

³⁶ It was narrated by Imam Ahmad after Abu Nadhr.



industry. They were keen on making Muslim countries as salable markets for their products. Because they feel guilty, they have the desire of revenge and they can't be tolerant or forgive people as Muslims do. Thus, they were afraid lest Muslims might have their own culture and take their revenge from them because they oppressed them.

- 3- Western people valued desires and whims among people so that they can easily control them. However, Islam moderates these desires and recommends having them moderately so that man can be free and honorable enough to behave and do well asking his rights and doing his duties. This will affect the western societies, which were based on anarchy and savagery.
- 4- With the power of their armies and weapons, western people got very prominent international positions like controlling the Security Council, having the right of veto for their own good, controlling the military and economical markets and the technological and medical services. Western people are so interested in those privileges that they do not want to give them up. They know well that if Muslims have their power, they will deprive



them from these privileges because Islam is the religion of equality among people in all rights and duties.

109- *True religion*

Why do Muslims think that Islam is the only true religion?

The answer:

Because when Muslims compare the recommendations and teachings of Islam with those of other religions, they find big differences:

- 1- Islam is the only perfect religion, which introduces everything man needs anywhere and at all times, creed, acts of worship, manners, dealings and legislations.
- 2- The teachings and acts of worship of Islam are the only ones which can be flexible. Acts of worship of other religions need certain and fixed places, moreover, they need to be done in the presence of certain religious people like Christian bishops and Jewish rabbis, and ordinary people of these religions can't do these acts of worship without those specialists.

However, in Islam, a Muslim can perform acts of worship anywhere and anytime alone or in a group (with or without a specialized



leader). In Islam, there are neither bishops nor rabbis. The Prophet, (*May the blessing and peace of God be upon him*), said: "The whole land was made a pure place and a mosque for me"³⁷, He also said to his followers: "Whenever the time of prayers comes, a Muslim can perform prayers"³⁸.

- 3- Islam is the only religion, which set perfect legislations to regulate the relationship among individuals, families and communities. It decreed relations and laws of marriage, inheritance and relations. It also set the perfect rules of buying and selling in all conditions. It organized the economic life upon the best bases known and used by modern economic systems.
- 4- Islam is the only religion that strengthens the correlations among Muslims, individuals, families and groups, whether they are old or young. These strong unique correlations made western people wish to have a similar discipline that urges to respect the old, have mercy upon the young, respect parents, keep the ties of kinship, give rights to neighbors, respect scholars and others. Such social rights can

³⁷ Abu Da'wood after Abu Dharr.

³⁸ Al-Bokahry after Jaber.



strengthen Islamic correlations like saying Assalam Alaykom when meet somebody, giving the right of someone who sneezes, visiting sick people, sharing the funeral of dead Muslims, sharing people their happy occasions and supporting them at hard times. These characteristics in Muslim societies made western communities call to fulfill Islamic values and morals. This happened in a German program on the radio when the presenter asked German people to apply these Islamic values in their lives to overcome selfishness, isolation and introversion, nervous and psychological diseases, which prevailed in spite of good economic conditions.

110- Islam and developing human thinking

Did Islam contribute in developing human thinking?

The answer:

All European scholars and researchers know very well that Islam took a great part in developing human thinking because it is the only comprehensive religion, that brought all human sciences and arts appeared before Islam. These civilizations included sciences of Greeks, ancient Egyptians, Chinese,



Romans and Indians. Islam studied and extracted these sciences and introduced them ready to use to Europeans, who established their modern civilization on these sciences and arts.

Muslims supplied human culture with many great modern contributions; they set the rules of Algebra and the zero, on which modern Mathematics was based. Muslims set and introduced the bases of chemistry and physics, they were the first people to make scientific and medical experiments as well.

Muslims developed these sciences. The Canon of medicine by Avicenna was the main medical reference used in Europe for six centuries. The books of Ibn-Zahr Al-Andalusi, considered the basis of inventing modern surgical instruments. Muslim scientists also took part in developing botany and getting modern agricultural technology to Europe.

All the laws organize the rights among individuals and groups were taken from Muslims. The French took their main laws from the doctrine of Imam Malik in Spain. The French found that fanatic Europeans might refuse this law; they called it the Roman law. It was known as the father of laws because it was the source of all recent European legislations and laws. They were originally taken from the laws of Imam Malik. Whoever wants to know more about that, he can reference to books,



references and encyclopedias about that, there are so many of them can be found everywhere.

111- *Inflating crimes*

Why does the world ignore the crimes committed by Christians during the world wars and the inquisitions courts of Spain and others? But they inflate the crimes committed by Muslims?

The answer:

This is because:

- 1- Firstly: Fanaticism that controls them.
- 2- Secondly: The big media they have, they direct it to fabricate and spread their lies and falsehoods and defend their bad deeds.
- 3- Thirdly: Their books forged their true history and made their terrible crimes less dangerous than they are.
- 4- Fourthly: Concentrating on and inflating what Muslims do and attributing it to Islam is far away from that.



112- The perfect religion suitable for humanity

Is Islam the perfect religion suitable for humanity?

The answer:

Islam is the perfect religion suitable for humanity for many reasons:

- 1- It is the religion that addresses mind and feelings.
- 2- It is the religion that keeps up with modern science.
- 3- It establishes love and cordiality in the hearts of all people and takes out rancor, envy, hatred, fanaticism and enmity.
- 4- It makes all people co-operative, loving each other, willing good for all, dismiss evils amongst them, love others, loved by others and help each other to do good for all people.

113- Disagreements among the three religions

If the three religions are from God, why there are disagreements among their followers? Why should a Christian or a Jewish person leave his religion and become a Muslim?

The answer:

All people agree to Godhood, disagreements among people happened because of their interference



in revelation. It went further than that when man attributed that to God to convince people to trust and follow it. The origin of all religions is Islam, God says:

3:19. "Truly, the religion with God is Islam".

Thus, any change to this origin is an alteration done by those people who claim they have the divine power and have the ability to change and alter what was really revealed from God. If the people of the Book, (Christians and Jews), kept to their nature and didn't alter or change their religions, they would be guided to Islam and embraced it because they would find complete agreement in faith and monotheism in all religions as long as they are not changed by man, God says:

4:78. "(O Muhammad) Say: "All things are from God, so what's wrong with these people that they fail to understand any word".



The Thirteenth Dialogue

Islamic Faith

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114- Islamic overall view to prophets

The holy Book introduced prophets as disobedient and guilty people. What is the Islamic view to prophets?

The answer:

Prophets are described in Islam as infallible and sinless people preserved by God in order not to make mistakes or do anything God may be displeased with. They controlled their desires, behaviors and put them under their control. Therefore, they did not do anything without permission or revelation from God. They were also preserved from Satan because God says about His ordinary believers:

17:65. "Verily, My slaves (i.e. the true believers of Islamic Monotheism) you have no authority over them".

115- Divine characteristics of God

Is there a contradiction among the Divine Characters of God like justice, forgiveness, mercy, punishment and others?

The answer:

There is no contradiction among God's divine characteristics. Some of them are characteristics of perfection, they are only for God the Glorious and no



one else can have them, like: the Eternal, the One, the Free from want and others.

Some of them are His pretty Characteristics by which God deals with His creatures and believers, like: the Provider, the Giver, the Forgiver, the Pardoner and others.

Some of them are the majestic names by which God deals with disbelievers and atheists, like the Almighty, the Omnipotent, the Avenger and others. So, every group of people have their share of God's divine characteristics which fit them without any contradiction.

116- Miracles of the Prophet

Some people accuse the prophet of having no miracles. What are the miracles of Prophet Mohammed?

The answer:

Prophet Mohammed, (*May the blessing and peace of God be upon him*), had many miracles. The biographers collected about three thousands of them concerning all fields of humanity. These miracles are found in the books and encyclopedias, which deal with the prophet biography.

The greatest and the most important eternal miracle is the holy Qur'an, which keeps up with all



modern scientific discoveries in all fields man needs, healthy, social and political fields.

117- Invocation to God in a non-Arabic language

Is it allowed to invoke to God in a foreign (non-Arabic) language?

The answer:

A Muslim who is not good at Arabic can invoke God in his own language, God will respond to him. Moreover, anyone can invoke God by heart without moving his tongue or lips and God will respond to what in his heart.

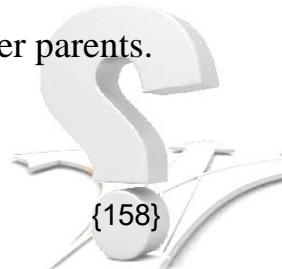
118- Financial liability of women

Do women have a financial liability separated from men?

The answer:

Yes, Islam made an independent financial liability for woman separated from her husband; she can dispose by herself, like:

- Her dowry, which is imposed to her by Sharia.
- The inheritance she inherits from her parents.



- The gifts given to her by her husband or others.

- The money earned from her work after her husband's permission.

Thus, a woman has the right of disposing of these things without her husband's permission.

119- Newly Muslim

What is the Islamic lawful judgment concerning the wrong deeds committed by someone before embracing Islam?

The answer:

Prophet Muhammad, (*May the blessing and peace of God be upon him*), said: "Islam cancels what was committed before embracing it"³⁹. As long as the person embraced Islam and becomes a good Muslim, God forgives all his previous wrong deeds and he starts a new page with God.

³⁹ It was narrated by Abu Na'eem in Ma'refat As'sahaba after Amr Ibn-El-Aas.



*120-The need to worship
Does God need man's worship? Did He create
man to worship him?*

The answer:

God does not need the worship of all creatures. Piety of believers does not add anything to Him, disobedience of disbelievers does not cause any harm to Him. God says:

45:15. "Whosoever does a good deed, it is for his own self and whosoever, does evil, it is against (his own self) Then to your Lord you will be made to return".

The one who gets benefits from worship is man who testifies the Godhood of God and submits to Him. Man seeks His satisfaction because he knows definitely that God can do what He wills.



121- God, the most Gracious the most Merciful
Muslims allege that they worship One God although
they say: In the name of God the most Gracious the
most Merciful, and the Christians say: In the name
of Father, Son and the Holy Spirit. Then how can
we understand this similarity?

The answer:

Muslims worship one God only, which is God. They just describe Him as He described Himself. He is the most Gracious, the most Merciful, the Kind the Generous.

They don't the word "and" between adjectives or names. Using the word "and" requires differentiation, i.e. what before it is different from what after it. This is what happens in Christianity, the father is different from the son, and they both are different from the Holy Spirit, each of them has its own being.

God in Islam has neither son nor daughter, neither wife nor father nor mother, God says:

112:1 to 4. "Say (O Muhammad)" He is God, (the) One. God-us-Samad [God-the Self-Sufficient Master, whom all creatures need, (He neither eats nor drinks)]. "He begets not, nor was He begotten". "And there is none co-equal or comparable unto Him".



122- *Good and evil*

How dare you say that God is the most Gracious the most Merciful and at the same time He is the One who created evils, volcanoes, earthquakes, viruses, toxins and monsters?

Answer:

Everything in this world has good and evil features from our point of view. If we look at the evil features as a whole universal system, we find that that evil obviously happens according to a divine assumed destiny.

For example, God sends the wind in spring to take the male pollens of plants to the female ones to complete the process of pollination so that these plants produce their fruits, God says about this:

15:22. "And We sent the winds fertilizing (to fill heavily the clouds with water)".

Everything man sees as evil from his point of view, if we contemplate in the divine power and add the modern scientific inimitability, we will find out that it is a pure good deed. Prophet Muhammad, (*May the blessing and peace of God be upon him*), said about that:

"How astonishing the matter with a believer, it is all good for him, and this is only for a believer. If something good happens to him, he thanks God and



this is good for him. If something bad happens to him, he is patient and this is good for him too" ⁴⁰.

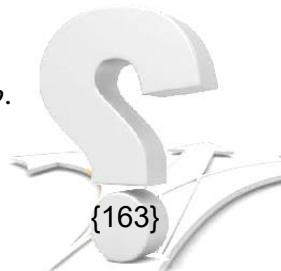
*123- Prostration for anyone other than God
Does God allow prostration to anyone other than
Him? If the answer is no, then why did He allow the
angels to prostrate to Adam and allowed Josef's
brothers and his parents to prostrate to him?*

Answer:

God does not allow anyone to prostrate to anyone else in the meaning of putting his forehead on the ground feeling humiliated because this is only for God. Prostration of the angels to Adam was a kind of respect to him, valuing and appreciating his position, it was an abstract prostration not a physical one.

The same was the prostration of Josef's brothers and parents to him. It meant to show respect, admission of his preference and appreciating his great position, which was granted to him by God. There is a big difference between both prostrations.

⁴⁰ This hadith was narrated by *Muslim* after *Sohaib*.



124- Reasons for sending Prophets

Why did God send many Prophets?

The answer:

God sent many Prophets to have the plea against all humanity in guiding them to the straightway. They cannot have any excuse when they do not believe as God sent Prophets for them from amongst them. God says:

4:165. "In order that mankind should have no plea against God".

God sent every nation a Messenger from amongst them to speak with them in their language, God says:

14:4. "And We sent not a Messenger except with the language of his people".

Therefore, God sometimes sent more than one Messenger at the same time because every one of them sent to his own people.

125- Reasons for selecting certain places for sending prophets

Why did God send prophets to certain places? What about the places with no prophets or missions?

The answer:

In the past, God sent Prophets to the populated places, but places, which were not populated at that



time like North and South America, Australia and Antarctica, did not need prophets at that time.

When God sent the Seal of messengers and prophets (Muhammad), there was development in humanity and means of transportation and communication during his time and after his time. Humanity achieved a very good degree in culture and civilization enabled people to comprehend all the rituals and duties of religion.

So, God sent Prophet Muhammad, (*May the blessing and peace of God be upon him*), for the whole creatures and made his mission extended and existed until the Resurrection day because God knows very well that his mission will reach the whole world to the Day of Judgment and then they will have no excuse.

126- Validity of the Holy Book How can I know if the Holy Book is true or distorted?

The answer:

When you have a look at the current copies of the Holy Book, you can realize how different they are from each other. If this is the book revealed by God, there must be no difference between them. The differences lead to contradictions between them and



this proves that human hands have interfered and altered them to the extent that they became very different from the original one revealed by God.

If we see to scientific verses in the Holy Book and apply them to modern science, there will be a big difference. If this Holy Book is the original one revealed from God, it must completely agree with the achievements of modern science.

127- People of the interval

If the followers of Prophet Muhammad will enter Paradise, what about the former generations before Islam?

The answer:

Generations before Prophet Mohammed are two parts, those who had apostles sent to them, people who believed in them would enter Paradise, and people who did not believe in them would go to Hell. This period extended from Adam to Jesus (peace be upon them).

The second are those in the time after Jesus to Muhammad, (*May the blessing and peace of God be upon him*), they are called the people of the interval, they had no missions. All Muslim scholars agree that those people are safe from punishment as God says:



17:15 "And We never punish until We have sent a Messenger (to give warning)".

*128- Allegations of missionaries against Islam
Some missionaries allege that Islam is not a religion
but it is just a distorted copy of Judaism and
Christianity Muhammad received from the monk
Bohayra and Warakah Ibn-Nawfal*

The answer:

These claims lack proves and they are not valid historically. Prophet Muhammad met monk *Bohayra* only once when he was traveling with his uncle *Abu-Talib* to Syria. When *Bohayra* saw him, he asked him some questions and then he told his uncle *Abu-Talib* to take him back to Mecca, they immediately got back to Mecca. Prophet Mohammed did not stay with *Bohayra* even for a night to learn from him. If this really happened, it would have appeared after he got back to Mecca, or why the prophet hid it for about 25 years.

Historically the Prophet only met *Warakah Ibn-Nawfal* after he had received the revelation from God. The prophet's wife, our lady *Khadijah* took the prophet to *Warakah Ibn-Nawfal* to know his opinion.

Warakah asked the prophet some questions, when he got sure, he told the prophet that it was



revelation from God and it was the same as what was revealed to Moses, Jesus and the other former prophets and he told him that he is the prophet of this nation. The prophet did not meet *Warakah Ibn-Nawfal* after that. If he met him, that meeting would actually have an effect on the prophet's call and talks later.

Warakah studied the former heavenly religions well and he preferred to worship God on the belief of Prophet Abraham. We cannot see any effect of those former religions in Islam, so it is just a very weak plea against the prophet to misrepresent Islam, God says about this:

61:8. "They intend to put out the light of God (i.e. the religion of Islam, this Qur'an, and Prophet Muhammad) with their mouths, but God will bring His light to perfection even though the disbelievers hate (it)".

*129- Freedom of the people of the Books
Does Islam give freedom to Christians who live in
Islamic countries as Christians do to Muslims in
western countries?*

The answer:

Islam gives Christians complete freedom to perform their rituals, beliefs and legislations. They



are allowed to build monasteries and churches. Islam never imposes restrictions upon Christians in their lives or their religion. The Christians themselves notice and praise the good and ideal treatment of Muslims towards them because God recommended Muslims saying:

2:256. "There is no compulsion in religion".

Muslims do not force Christians or any other people to leave their religion to embrace Islam but they let them do what they want, as God says:

18:29. "Then whosoever wills, let him believe; and whosoever wills, let him disbelieve".

Muslims also let the Christians learn their religion freely in schools and universities, they give them holidays on their feasts, they share them in good and bad times and congratulate them on their happy occasions.

Muslims give the poor and the needy among Christians part of their charity, as God says:

9:60. "and (give charity) to attract the hearts of those who have been inclined (towards Islam)".

Muslims share Christians in everything; in accommodation, work and in all services offered by the government without any differences. All the people, Muslims and Christians raise one slogan:



"Religion belongs to God and homeland belongs to all".

130- Burying non-Muslims in Muslims' graves

*Why aren't non-Muslims allowed to be buried in
Muslims' graves?*

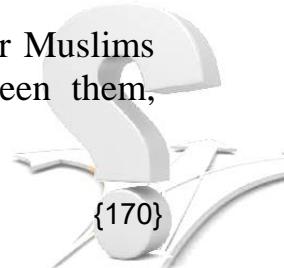
The answer:

According to the wise peaceful coexistence and neighborhood, there should be graves for Muslims and others for Christians, although these graves may be neighboring as it happens in many places. Muslims have their special burial rituals, concerning preparing and burying their dead people, and Christians have their own rituals too.

So the political and social circumstances made it wise to have graves for Muslims and others for Christians to avoid disputes or disagreements. Every grave may have more than one dead person inside, and different people own them at different times.

Therefore, if a grave was owned by Christians and after a while Muslims came to take it, there would be an endless disputes among them. Scholars and wise people never gather to decide or agree but on something which is very good for all.

Therefore, having different graves for Muslims and Christians is not a separation between them,



because the living Muslims and Christians live together, inhabit in the same building, they are next-door neighbors. They work together in the same office and sit side by side in the same means of transport without any differences.

131- Nationalism and Racism

What is the opinion of Islam about nationalism and racism?

The answer:

Islam urges all people to be one community and live in love and peace, so it bans fanaticism, the Prophet, (*May the blessing and peace of God be upon him*) said: "He who calls for fanaticism is not from us"⁴¹.

Islam prohibits anyone to be fanatic towards nationalism, racism, color, gender, language or towards any other thing that may bring disputes, problems and disagreements between people.

Therefore, Islam gathered Arabs, Persians, Romans, Ethiopians and Indians and many other nationalities and made them one unity and they all cooperated and shared in raising the Islamic affair.

Moreover, when we have a look to the beginning of Islamic nation, we find that many great

⁴¹ It narrated by *Abu-Da'wood* after *Jober Ibn Mota'am*.



scholars and scientists were not Arabs. The most famous men who helped in keeping and collecting the Prophet's traditions like *Al-Bukhary*, *Abu-Da'wood*, *At'Termezzi* and *An'Nasa'ei* were Persians and Russians. The same thing happened in all fields of knowledge. The Prophet, (*May the blessing and peace of God be upon him*), said: "If science were in Pleiades, men from Persia would reach it"⁴².

132- The meaning of Islam *What does Islam mean?*

The answer:

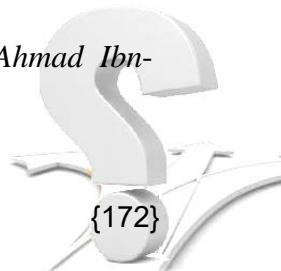
Islam means to resign oneself to the will of God, to follow His teachings and legislations and to apply them in life according to the Divine procedure decreed by God to His creatures.

133- The meaning of belief *What does belief mean?*

The answer:

Belief means to believe in what was revealed in Qur'an (*i.e. legislations, beliefs, heavenly books,*

⁴² This hadith narrated by Muslim and Imam Ahmad Ibn-Hambal after Abdul-Rahman Ibn Sakhr.



prophets, angels). It also means to believe in death, life in graves, judgment day, to believe that there is a place for reward and another for punishment and believe in all other things revealed in Qur'an and pointed out or explained by the prophet (*May the blessing and peace of God be upon him*).

*134-A good believer
Who is the righteous man in Islam?*

The answer:

A righteous man in Islam is that who believes in God as Lord, in Islam as a religion, in Prophet Muhammad as a prophet and messenger of God and in Qur'an as a holy book.

A good man should learn what he needs from legislations and teachings of Islam to apply in his practical life his behaviors. He should consider that God watches and sees everything he does. Then his heart is full of fear of God and this fear prevents him from making mistakes or committing sins.

*135- Seeing God in this life
Can we see God in this life?*

The answer:

We can see signs of God, proofs of His power and His accurate creativity in this life. Nevertheless,



we do not have the senses or equipments in our bodies that enable us to see God's real being or even some His majestic descriptions. If man cannot see his own soul, the secret of his life, or his own mind, the secret of his honor even if he uses his ability or his modern machines, so how he can see the Creator of soul and mind, God says:

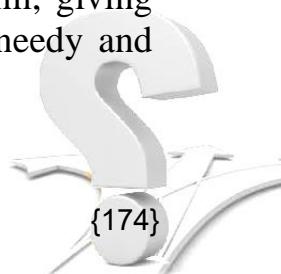
42:11. "There is nothing like Him; and He is the All-Hearer, the All-Seer".

In the hereafter, God will provide us with divine power from His Own by which we will be able to see some of His luminous features.

*136-Declaring the two testimonies
Is it enough for man to embrace Islam by intention
or must he declare the two testimonies?*

The answer:

Intention is in the Heart and none can know what inside it but God. When someone becomes a Muslim, other Muslims should know to support and help him. They should carry out duties and rights towards him, such as visiting him, showing love to him, asking about him when they miss him, giving him some of the charity if he is poor or needy and



preparing him for his final resting place when he dies.

This can only be done when he declares the two testimonies openly before people as declaring the two testimonies is an announcement for people that he has embraced Islam. This removes all his former sins and mistakes and gives him the same rights of Muslims, so the prophet, (*May the blessing and peace of God be upon him*), said:

"I was ordered (by God) to fight people until they declare that there is no God but Allah, that Muhammad is the messenger of Allah, perform prayers and give alms. When they do so, their blood and money are safe guarded as long as their actions are not against Islam, and their judgment then belongs to God"⁴³.

137- Declaring the two testimonies in other languages

Can the two testimonies be declared in a foreign language?

The answer:

Yes, it is accepted to declare the meaning of the two testimonies in a foreign language for those who

⁴³ It was narrated by *Al-Bukhary* after *Ibn-Omar*.



cannot speak Arabic. This is accepted on condition that they learn to learn and train themselves to declare them in Arabic, the language chosen by God to reveal Qur'an, God says about Qur'an:

42:195 "In the plain Arabic language".

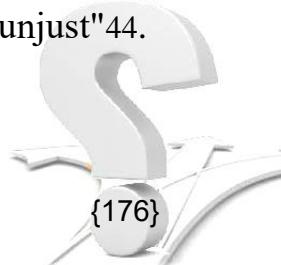
*138- Resurrection in the hereafter
Will all creatures be resurrected in the hereafter?*

The answer:

Yes, all creatures found on earth will be resurrected in the hereafter so that God rewards the righteous and revenge for the wronged people. In this day, the poor and humble people know that God defends them, the tyrants and unjust people know how they were unfair towards the weak and poor people.

This is the ideal Divine justice of God, Al-Hakam (The Maker of Immutable Judgments) and Al-Adl (The Source of balance and equality). Then He judges His creatures, gives everyone their complete rights, rewards good people and punishes bad people. God says in His Divine tradition: "O My slaves, I made it illegal for Me to be unfair and I made it prohibited for you too, so don't be unjust"⁴⁴.

⁴⁴ It was narrated by Muslim after Abu-Dharr.



To make His creatures more assured about , He said in Qur'an:

41:46. "And your Lord is not at all unjust to (His) slaves".



The fourteenth Dialogue

Islamic acts of worships

- *The philosophy behind the five pillars of Islam*
- *Performing the major ritual ablution when embracing Islam*
- *Shaving off when embracing Islam*
- *Water and washing with clean sand or earth*
- *Washing for cleanliness*



- *Sacrifices of Christian*
- *Prayers of a non-circumcised person*
 - *Giving Charity*
- *Hardship of acts of Worship*
 - *The philosophy behind Circumambulation*
- *Implementation of Islamic Law upon non-Muslims*
 - *Birth Sacrifice*



139-*The philosophy behind the five pillars of Islam*

What is the philosophy behind the five pillars of Islam?

The answer:

Beyond these five props, there are many reasons because each of them has its own specifications, but we will just mention common and general ones:

- 1- They make a Muslim state and confess slavery for God and His deity and this makes him avoid all forms of paganism and atheism.
- 2- They testify the validity of belief, because when a person embraces Islam, he needs to prove that he is truthful and this can be done by applying the five props of Islam.
- 3- Applying these props purifies a soul and helps it to get rid of bad manners a believer should avoid to gain people's love in life and God's satisfaction in the hereafter.
- 4- Performing these five props frequently gives a Muslim high qualities and good manners such as avoiding wrong deeds and evils and makes him do good deeds instead.
- 5- They give a believer Psychological balance, which is very necessary for leading a happy and a quiet life that helps him to meditate,



think properly and make good decisions, discoveries and inventions which make life easier.

6- Keeping to by these pillars helps a Muslim to remember and glorify God most of the time, this leads to tranquility of hearts, clarity of chests and ease of consciences.

There are also many other religious, scientific and social reasons man gets from these pillars. Whoever wants to know more, he can refer to books of Fik'h and Islamic philosophy.

140- Performing the major ritual ablution when embracing Islam

Does he who embraces Islam have to wash first?

The answer:

Yes, he has to do external wash with water. The internal washing refers to cleaning the heart from atheism, doubts, delusions and suspicions a Muslim should not have. External washing also refers to cleaning our physical parts like hands, feet, eyes, ears, tongue, belly, and sexual parts from sins and mistakes committed before embracing Islam to begin a sound and pure life in order to be beloved by God. God says in Qur'an:



2:222. "Truly, God loves those who turn unto Him in repentance and loves those who purify themselves (by taking a bath and cleaning and washing thoroughly their private parts and bodies, for their prayers)".

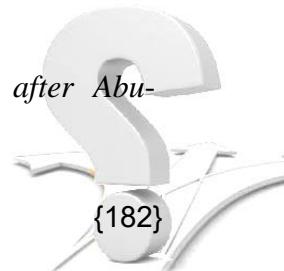
*141- Shaving off when embracing Islam
Is it necessary for those who want to embrace Islam
to shave off? Is it part of purity and ablution?*

The answer:

It has not been proved that Islam asks any one to shave off to become a Muslim. He should only do if he has very long hair that makes him look ugly or shaggy. The prophet, (*May the blessing and peace of God be upon him*), said: "He, who has got hair, should look after it"⁴⁵.

However, the most important and required thing for a male who has recently embraced Islam is to do circumcision if he had not done earlier, because it is a main difference between Muslims and people of other religions.

⁴⁵ This hadith was narrated by Abu-Da'wood after Abu-Horayrah.



142-Water and washing with clean sand or earth

Is there a contradiction, when Islam asks Muslims to purify with water before performing prayers, and at the same time asks them to use earth or sand where water is unavailable?

The answer:

There are great reasons beyond performing some rituals in Islam, which may seem mysterious for some people at first, and the case of ablution is one of these mysterious matters. God ordered a Muslim to purify with water before performing prayers for many reasons:

Firstly, to clean oneself from the apparent dirt.

Secondly, to do inner cleaning from seen and unseen atheism when he remembers during ablution with water that he was first created from water as mentioned in Qur'an:

77:20. "Did We not create you from a despised water (semen)?"

Can this despised water hear, see, speak, or survive? Of course not, so where did man gain these honorable descriptions, such as life, speaking, hearing, seeing, power and realization? They



certainly came to him after the Divine breathing of life from God. God says in Qur'an:

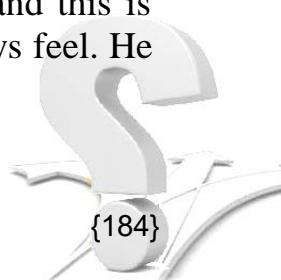
15:29. "So, when I have fashioned him completely and breathed into him (Adam) the soul which I created for him, then fall (you) down prostrating yourselves unto him".

Thus, man realizes that he was mainly created from water, so he is weak and helpless. All the perfect features he has are completely endowed and granted to him from God the owner of due care. Man must attribute praise and favor to God and thanks Him by performing prayers, and then the supreme reason from performing prayers comes true.

When he does not find the first origin from which he was created (water), he returns to the previous origin which is dust or earth, as God says:

30:20. "He created you (Adam) from dust".

Therefore, Adam was originally created from the dust of earth and also his descendants were formed from elements from earth. This earth has no mind or ability to move, hear, or see. If man remembers that he was originally created from dust, he will then feel helpless and neglectful and this is the position of a true slave he should always feel. He



should also attribute all the perfect features to God, the one who created, donated and gave them to him.

The aim beyond the two scenes, (*water and dust*), is to make a believer sure of his slavery to God and feels that he is helpless and powerless before the Divine Might and Perfection of God. He thanks Him for the endowments and gifts he is surrounded by, and thus God will endow him more and more of these graces, as He said in Qur'an:

14:7. "If you give thanks (by accepting Faith and worship none but God) I will give you more (of My blessings)".

143- Washing for Cleanliness

When a Muslim washes after sex, why does he use much water although he can wash his privates only?
When an apple falls from a plate, we only wash it not all the apples

The answer:

All parts of the body take part in sexual intercourse, so both man and woman are in bad need of renewing their energy and regaining their strength after performing this action. In this case, Islam made washing obligatory, it means passing water over the whole body in addition to massaging all parts to



activate the blood circulation and regain the body activity.

It was narrated that Imam Abu-Hanifah was asked about the secret beyond bathing after sexual intercourse. He asked the questioner to get a male horse and female when they were in the top of their sexual desire and asked the people to gather them and give them the chance to make love. They did. When the couple finished their sexual intercourse, Imam asked the people to make the horse and the filly repeat the action again but the horse could not do that.

Imam asked them to wash the horse, after they did that, the horse regained its strength and it did it to the filly again without feeling any exhaustion. People got certain of the importance of washing the whole body with water after sexual intercourse. It is as a medical care first revealed from heavens and man has recently realized that through his modern medical science.



144-Sacrifices of Christians

Can Muslims eat meat from Christian's sacrifices?

The answer:

Islam allows Muslims to eat meat of Christian and Jewish sacrificed animals, God says:

5:5 "The food (slaughtered cattle, eatable animals) of the people of the Scripture (Jews and Christians) is lawful to you and yours is lawful to them".

It is allowed on condition that they mention the name of God over that animal when slaughtering it and to cut the veins of the neck to make sure that blood flows easily. It is not allowed in Islam to slaughter animals in any other way, such as letting animals to die, shocking them with electricity or by choking them or by any other way that does not shed blood. God says:

6:121. "Eat not (O believers) of that (meat) on which God's Name has not been pronounced (at the time of the slaughtering of the animal)".

God also says:

5:3. "Forbidden to you (for food) are: dead meat, blood, the flesh of swine, and that on which has been invoked the name of other than Allah. that which has been killed by strangling, or by a violent blow, or by a headlong fall, or by being gored to death; that which has been (partly) eaten by a wild



animal; unless you are able to slaughter it (in due form); that which is sacrificed on stone (altars); (forbidden) also is the division (of meat) by raffling with arrows: that is impiety."

*145- Prayers of a non-circumcised person
Is the prayer (salat) of a person who embraced Islam
but not circumcised yes, accepted?*

The answer:

If a newly Muslim delays circumcision because of a medical excuse or because of being unaware of this, his prayer is accepted. If he knows it but he insists on rejecting it and does not have the desire to change, his prayer is not accepted because he does not accept God's orders.

*146- Giving charity (Zakat)
Why does a Muslim have to give charity?*

The answer:

God made alms a right for the poor, taken from the rich to find joint liability in Islamic nation. Giving charity is not a gift from the rich to the poor, but it is a religious obligation. All the blessings and other resources found on land are gifts from God and belong to Him, so all people should share these gifts and make good use of them.



Rich people are gifted their wealth by God and the poor should have shared them this wealth, but God gave them this share in another way through charity given to them in order to have love and amicability in society and to avoid hatred and envy which lead to corrupt. God says:

9:103. "Take Sadakah (alms) from their wealth in order to purify them and sanctify them with it".

147- Hardship of acts of Worship

If Islam is an easy religion, why does it order difficult worships like fasting and praying in dawn?

The answer:

The modern wondrous nature of science has proved that a sleeping person should wake up from time to time at night in order to keep his heart healthy. So Islam ordered Muslims to get up early to perform the dawn prayer, (Salat Al-Fajr), which helps the heart and the other organs and parts of the body to move and regain their activity.

Salat Al-Fajr is like the modern intensive care unit which brings man back to his youth and activity. It is a real fact which passes from an Islamic generation to another and made Muslims keen on performing it in group and in its due time to help a



Muslim get rid of the early signs of old age and to lead a happy sound life till he meets God.

As for fasting, it has countless useful medical, healthy, physical, social and moral benefits. Whoever wants to know about that, he can refer to our book: *Fasting as an Islamic order and a real fact, (As'Siam sharia Wa'Hakikah)*.

148- The philosophy behind Circumambulation

What is the reason for circumambulating Ka'ba?

The answer:

God made everything in the universe goes around its origin, so the earth turns round the sun and the moon turns round the earth and all the planets and stars move round their origins as God says:

36:40. "They all float, each in an orbit".

As land (earth) is the origin of man, and because the House (*ka'ba*) is the centre and the symbol of the earth, God ordered Muslims to move round their origin to be like all the other upper living things. In addition to that, *when God* told the angels that *He* would make *Adam* His Caliph (successor) on land, they objected to that as mentioned in Qur'an:

2:30. "And (remember) when your lord said to the angels: "verily, I am going to place (mankind) generations after generations on earth." They said:



"will you place therein those who will make mischief therein and shed blood,-while we glorify You with praises and thanks and sanctify You." He (God) said: "I know that which you don't know".

The angels felt very sorry so they walked around the Great House in the heavens. *God* told them to get down to land and build *the House (Ka'ba)* for *His* servants. When they commit sins as angels did, they can walk around it as angels went around the Great House and then *He* forgives them as *He* did with angels. *God* made walking around *Ka'ba* a reason for forgiving Muslims' mistakes.

149- Implementation of Islamic law upon non-Muslims

Why does Islam order to apply Islamic law upon non-Muslims in Muslim countries?

The answer:

Islam never orders to apply Islamic law upon non-Muslims because it is only for Muslims. Nevertheless, non-Muslims are left to practice their own laws stated by their religions and go to the courts they choose. They sometimes choose to be judged before Islamic courts when they do not find what they want in their own courts.



Christians come to Islamic courts especially in inheritance and they do that with pleasure because Christianity does not have laws of inheritance.

150- Birth Sacrifice

Why do Muslims offer a slaughtered sheep for the newly born baby girl and two for the baby boy?

The answer:

Prophet Muhammad, (*May the blessing and peace of God be upon him*), found it nice for Muslims to offer a slaughtered sheep or any other kind of animals on a newly baby birth to be generous to the poor and the needy. He ordered Muslims to offer one slaughtered animal only whether it is for a boy or for a girl. He himself offered one sheep for his grandson Al-Hassan and one for Al-Hussein.

The aim is to be more generous for the poor. When the prophet noticed that all people feel happier when they receive a baby boy than when they receive a baby girl, this happens everywhere even in the civilized countries like Europe and America, he ordered Muslims to be more generous and offer two sheep for a boy and one for a girl.

This birth sacrifice either it is one or two sheep:



- It is not obligatory, it is Sunna done by the prophet, if someone does not do it, he will not be punished for that.
- It is Sunna especially for people who can afford and offer it.
- It can be done at any time when someone can do it. If he does not do it, even if he can afford it, there is nothing against him.

Thus, the whole matter of the birth sacrifice is not of such great importance to be disagreed about.



Dialogue Fifteen

Islamic forbidden matters

- *Entering the Sacred House for non-Muslims*
- *Forbidding Tobacco*
 - *Forbidding usury*
- *Forbidding Chess and Backgammon*
- *Similarity between Qur'an and holy Books*
 - *Miracles and Magic*
- *Witching and Poisoning the prophet*
 - *Dismissing evil spirits*



151- Entering the Sacred House for non-Muslims

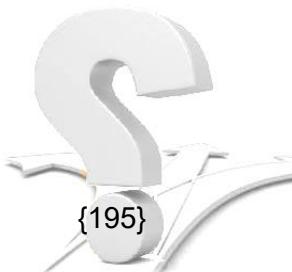
Are non-Muslims allowed to enter the Sacred House in Mecca? If not, why?

The answer:

Non-Muslims are not allowed to enter the Sacred House in Mecca, and so a Muslim who is in a state of major ritual impurity and the woman who is menstruating are not allowed to enter it. Performing the ritual ablution and bathing is the main condition for entering the Sacred House and any other mosque. So entering the Sacred House is not only banned for non-Muslims but also for impure Muslims.

This is to keep sacredness of this place and all the other places of worship, where Muslims can perform prayers, glorify God, recite Qur'an, walk around the House and perform all other rituals that require purification and ablution. As God says in Qur'an:

9:18. "The mosques of God shall be maintained only by those who believe in God and the Last Day; perform *As-Salat* (*prayers*) and give *Zakat* and fear none but God. It is they who are on true guidance".



152- Forbidding Tobacco (smoking)

Why do Muslim scholars prohibit tobacco (smoking) although it was not existed during the time of the prophet?

The answer:

Muslim scholars are different about prohibiting smoking tobacco. Some of them banned it totally, others disliked it, others said it has the five judgments of Islam, it can be liked, it can be disliked, it can be legal, it can be prohibited and sometimes smokers can choose whether to smoke or not.

Disagreement in scholars' opinions happened because there is no definite text in Qur'an or in Sunna about it. The plea scholars used is the hadith of the prophet narrated by his wife Omm Salamah: "The prophet banned taking all kinds of intoxicants and drinks of lassitude"⁴⁶.

Scholars considered that smoking causes lassitude. Muslim scholars considered and asked the medical opinions of doctors and scientists about dangers of tobacco, as God says:

⁴⁶ *It was narrated by Abu Da'wood, Imam Ahmad and Al-Bayhaky after Omm Salamah*



16:43. "So ask of those who know (the people of knowledge like scholars and scientists) if you know not".

Opinions of scholars are different according to different opinions of doctors. Some doctors may advise sick people of certain diseases to give up smoking; such people are not allowed to smoke. Sometimes doctors advise fat people to smoke a little in order not to have appetite and lose weight; such people are allowed to smoke.

We should not also forget social conditions; they have great effects on smokers, some smokers may be so poor that their income cannot afford smoking; such people are not allowed to smoke.

Therefore, the opinion about smoking tobacco depends on the person's healthy and social conditions. Scholars of Sharia determine this after referring to doctors and other specialists.

153- Forbidding Usury

What is usury forbidden?

The answer:

There are many reasons for banning usury illustrated by Sharia and modern economy:

- 1- It gives the usurer the right to get a lot of money without hard work. Islam is so keen on



investing money in a good way to allow poor people to find good work. Investing money in usury makes these opportunities of work for them very few.

- 2- European modern societies agree that the reason for inflation that many countries are suffering from is usury. Big interests paid to creditors lose budgets of these countries. Paying money back for debts has a bad effect on the services offered by those countries to their employees whether in educational or healthy fields or in the fields of transportation and electricity and all other services needed by all citizens of these countries.
- 3- This kind of investment exploits the need of poor people and makes them live in everlasting poverty. Islam can find a good alternative to help them by lending them a good loan without asking them to pay back any interests. This kind of loans is approved by rich people and pleases God and people.



*154-Forbidding chess and Backgammon
If the prophet ordered entertainment for Muslims,
why do scholars prohibit playing chess and
backgammon?*

The answer:

Muslim scholars do not prohibit playing chess or backgammon but they consider them as mental exercises that help in developing human thinking and intelligence. Islam sets certain conditions to play such games:

- 1-** Playing them must not be for getting any money because in this case, it will be called gambling, and getting any money in such way stirs the losers' hatred and envy towards the winners and this lead to rancor in society.
- 2-** Playing these games should not take a long time so as not to be addicted to them. People should do their necessary work, fulfill their families' needs first, and play such games afterwards.
- 3-** Performing prayers and the other religious duties should be done first. When time for prayers comes, people should leave the game at once and respond to God's call for prayers.



155- Similarity between Qur'an and holy Books

What are the similarities between Qur'an and other holy books?

The answer:

All the holy books should be similar as they all revealed from God to selected prophets. They all have divine legislations that make people happy in their worldly lives and in the hereafter. They all call to good manners that spread peace and love among people. They all invite all people to believe in God, the Judgment Day, in paradise as a house for good people and in hellfire as a house for bad people.

In addition to that, holy books talk about the start of creatures and how *Adam* and *Eve* were created. They also tell us stories of Prophets and Messengers of God although some people interfered, altered and changed these stories according to their whims and desires.

156- Miracles and Magic

How can we differentiate between miracles and magic?

The answer:

Miracles only happen to Messengers and Prophets of God to show God's sustenance and support to them against their enemies. These



miracles confirm as if God says to people: "My servant and apostle tells the truth, follow him."

He who denies and objects to these miracles, surely he will be punished by God. A miracle is an extraordinary matter done by a prophet or an apostle challenged by liars and disbelievers.

Magic is different; it is imagination to eyes makes them see unreal things as if they were real. God says in Qur'an about Moses and the magicians:

20:66. "by their magic, appeared to him as though they moved fast".

Magicians came in a very hot midday and brought ropes covered with mercury. When the magicians put those ropes down they expanded by the heat of the sun and the viewers saw them as if they were moving snakes.

It was optical illusion like the fiction and the 3D films nowadays made by certain techniques using cameras and videos. All these matters are just fiction very far away from fact and reality. So we see there is a great difference between reality in miracles and delusion of tricks and magic.



*157- Witching and poisoning the prophet
God says about the prophet in Qur'an: 5:67. "God
will protect you from mankind". Then how was he
poisoned and witched many times?*

The answer:

It was not proved that the prophet, (*May the blessing and peace of God be upon him*), was witched but once, it happened when a Jew called Lobayd Ibn-El-A'sam witched the prophet (*by making the penis loose during sexual intercourse*), and this kind of witchcraft is called in Arabic *rebatt* or *rabit*. It happens more when someone is in very bad psychological state, this happened to the prophet, (*May the blessing and peace of God be upon him*), when he was badly treated by the Jews, disbelievers and other hypocrite people.

That witchcraft did not have any effects on the revelation or on the prophet's mental power or on anything related to religion or his call or Qur'an or Sharia.

And also it was proved in many narrations that a Jewess poisoned a goat and offered it to the prophet and his companions. When the Prophet, (*May the blessing and peace of God be upon him*), raised it to his



mouth, he left it and said to them: "Don't touch the food, it (the meat) has told me that it is poisoned"⁴⁷.

So he, (*May the blessing and peace of God be upon him*), was not poisoned because he did not eat the food and was protected by God. Thus, we know the fact that the prophet was protected by God against harmful things especially the black witchcraft and poison.

The best reply and answer to narrations that mentioned the accidents of poison and witchcraft happened to the prophet is what Sheikh Muhammad Abdu said in his explanation of both *Surah Al-falak 113 and An-nass 114*.

He said that these narrations are against the protection of God to His prophets and messengers. He who wants more about this matter he can read the explanation of Sheikh Muhammad Abdu of the last part of Qur'an (part 30 Surats 113-114) to get more assured about that.

⁴⁷ It was narrated by Ibn-Sa'd in At'tabakat Al-Kobra after Abu-Salamah.



158-*Dismissing evil spirits*

Is there an Islamic way to dismiss evil spirits?

The answer:

The way set by Islam to protect man against evil spirits includes applying Sharia (Islamic law), avoiding committing sins, performing the obligatory prayers in their due times and keeping to remembrance of God.

If a Muslim get used to doing these things, God will protect him against any thing and keep him safe, God says:

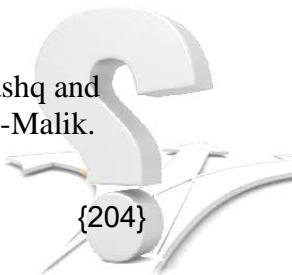
17:65. "Verily, My slaves (i.e. the true believers of Islamic Monotheism) you (Satan) have no authority over them".

Neither Satan nor an evil spirit can come close to such people. The prophet pointed out this matter clearly to his companions when he was talking about one of them though they are all the same: "When Omar walks in a path, Satan never goes through it"⁴⁸.

I.e. Satan runs away from Omar fearing God's punishment.

Thanks to God this work was done by His support

⁴⁸ It was narrated by Ibn A'saker in Tareekh Demashq and Imam Ahmed in Fda'el As'sahabah after Anas Ibn-Malik.



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Restoration of Islamic glory by reviving the spirit of belief, prevailing the Islamic manners and establishing the principles of the Qur'an.

May the blessings and peace of God be upon our prophet
Mohammed, his family and his companions.



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