

Muslims: An Introduction to Worldview & Practices and Our Witness among Them

Eight Cultural Blocs of Islam

Six Trends in the Muslim World

Your/Their Worldview(s) Matters

Islamic Worldview

The Islamic worldview is ...

Islamic Worldview: There is no distinction between the sacred and the secular...

(Is the God of the Bible the God of Islam?)

Articles of Islamic Faith:

- Muslims believe in all the messengers of God without any discrimination among them.
- Muslims believe in all the scriptures and revelations of God.
- Muslims believe in the angels of God.
- Muslims believe in the Last Day of Judgment.
- Muslims believe that every person is born free from sin and all claims to inherited virtue. He is like a blank book.
- Muslims believe that man's submission to God is the hope of his salvation.
- Muslims believe that in human nature, which God created, there is more good than evil, and the probability successful reform is greater than the probability of hopeless failure.
- *Muslims believe that the Quran is the word of God revealed to Muhammad through the agency of the Angel Gabriel.*
 - It is Muhammad's standing miracle that if all mankind were to work together they could not produce the like of one Quranic chapter (2:22-24; 11:13-14; 17:88-89).
 - A Faith – Lived Out...
 - HOW? Submission

- *Islam = voluntary submission to the will of Allah practiced in the observance of the 'Five Pillars'*
 - Testimony of Faith (Shahada)
 - Prayer (Salat)
 - Almsgiving (Zakat)
 - Fasting (Sawm)
 - Pilgrimage (Hajj)

Even if I am faithful in each of these practices, THERE IS NO CERTAINTY OF SALVATION

Our Witness

What do Muslims perceive that “becoming a Christian” means?

Is there hope? A survey of 750 Muslims who became followers of Christ shows five predominant factors...

What Can I Do? The Heart of the Matter... Is the Heart!

- Nurture Your Joy and Delight in God
- Nurture Your Heart for Others

Common Responses to those Not Like Us...

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| 1. Xenophobia | <i>Fear</i> |
| 2. Ethnocentrism | <i>Superiority</i> |
| 3. Forced Assimilation | <i>You're welcome if you become like me.</i> |
| 4. Segregation | <i>Remain separate</i> |
| 5. Acceptance | <i>Coexist, accommodate, and build relationships</i> |
| 6. Celebration | <i>Valuing other cultures in their diversity</i> |

Principles of Ministry

- Ministry is God-dependent.
- Ministry begins in the heart... Works outwardly toward others.
- Ministry is relational and instructional.

What Can I Do?

- Have a treasure... God!
- Pray constantly
- Respect his/her customs and sensibilities
 - Ask questions ...
 - Listen carefully
 - Adapt my lifestyle appropriately
 - Ways to Demonstrate Care
- Start with what they believe and take them further
- Use the Word of God on every possible occasion
- Invite the person to study God's Word with you.
- Present what you believe without hesitation
- Reason without arguing
- Persevere... be committed to bringing them to Jesus

Common Muslim Questions

- "DO YOU BELIEVE IN THREE GODS?"
- "DO YOU BELIEVE JESUS IS THE SON OF GOD?"
- BUT JESUS NEVER CALLED HIMSELF GOD, SO WHY DO YOU?
- WE BELIEVE THAT JESUS IS ONLY A PROPHET. HOW CAN YOU BELIEVE OTHERWISE?
- HOW CAN YOU BELIEVE THAT GOD WOULD ALLOW HIS PROPHET TO DIE ON A CROSS?
- THE QURAN SAYS THAT JESUS DID NOT DIE ON THE CROSS.
- IF JESUS IS GOD AND HE DIED ON THE CROSS, WHO WAS TAKING CARE OF THE WORLD WHEN GOD WAS DEAD?
- YOUR BIBLE HAS BEEN CHANGED!!!

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