ONE God, ONE Religion

Some claim, "One God but many Paths." Would God teach His Prophets **different** religions which have **conflicting** descriptions of Himself?

Times have changed, but the Creator of Time is still the **same**! And so is the Religion He gave us.

"The Religion with Allah is Islam -Submission to His Will." [3:19] "... the same Religion given to all Prophets." [42:13] "If anyone seeks a Religion other than Islam, never will it be accepted from him, and he will be a loser in the Hereafter." [3:85]

Allah sent all Prophets with Islam's universal call:



Muslims are **respectful** of other faiths because Allah has given everyone **freedom** to choose. "There is no compulsion in Religion. Truth stands clear from error." [2:256]

Worship ALLAH ... the Right Way

Our Creator is also our **Guide**. Through **Prophets** and **Revealed Books**, He teaches us **the Right Way** to worship Him:

Alone, without any partners or associates
 Unseen, without images and idols

• **Direct**, without worshipping intermediaries such as Prophets, angels, priests, saints - living or dead

• **Pure**, without superstitions and assigning Allah's Perfect Attributes of Knowledge, Protection, Power and others, to created things. These include stars, tombs, spirits, fortune-tellers, trees, idols, animals, amulets, good-luck charms and pieces of string

• Follow Prophet Muhammad's (pbuh) example.

To worship Allah in the wrong way as well as to worship false gods is the **worst** form of **ignorance**, **ingratitude** and **injustice**, and the **greatest sin**. Their good works in this life will be **fruitless** on the **Day of Judgment** in the **Hereafter**.

Islam teaches: Worship the Creator, not His Creations, ... or your creations!

A Happy Ending

True happiness is attained when you know and fulfil the **purpose** of your Life. Allah says, **"I did not create the** *jinn* **and mankind except to worship Me."** [51:56]

Believers know that everything **"belongs to Allah and will surely return to Him."** [2:156] Only Allah knows the time-span of each creature and of His entire creation.

THE END

"Everything will perish except Allah." [28:88] In the End, Allah "will fold up the heavens ..." And just as He "originated the first creation, He will produce a new one "/[21:104]

THE RETURN "Allah gives you Life, then causes you to die, then He will resurrect you and assemble you for the Day of Judgment." [45:26]

Believers strive their utmost to achieve a good ending to this worldly life by adhering to Allah's Guidance in The Qur'an and following the Way of Prophet Muhammad (pbuh). Certain of Accountability before Allah, Believers pray for Allah's Mercy on the Day of Judgment when He will rule with Perfect Justice. [21:47] "Then whoever is saved from Hell-fire and admitted into Paradise will be truly successful." [3:185]

This is The Truth from Allah. Know Allah better, *read The Qur'an.* Submit to Him, *be a better person.* Serve His Creations, *help make a better world.* Live the Right Way of Islam, *be happy.*

Allah knows best.

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ISLAM IS TRUTH



Knowing our Creator from authentic sources gives Life its true meaning and happiness.



THE BEGINNING There <u>are no</u> accidents in the universe.

Scientists say the universe had a beginning. It began with the "Big Bang" from nothingness. Who caused the origin of the universe? It is God.

Knowing GOD

In Islam, knowing God is the key to **real happiness** in this Life and in the Hereafter.

We are incapable of knowing God fully on our own. We can know God better from what God has revealed about Himself in **authentic** sources.

The authentic description of God is found in **The Qur'an**, the **exact** Word of God, in **Arabic**, revealed to His Final and Universal Prophet, **Muhammad** (peace be upon him).

GOD's Name

The Qur'an begins, "In The Name of Allah, ..." [1:1] God calls Himself "ALLAH" in The Qur'an. This Arabic Name is the proper Name unique to The One and Only God. It has no plural and is gender-free.

Muslims all over the world call God "Allah".

Indeed, everyone - regardless of language and belief may call God by His proper Name **"Allah".** But they must say **only the Truth** about Allah which He Himself has revealed in The Qur'an.



Allah also calls Himself: The Beneficent (Ar-Rahmaan) The Merciful (Ar-Raheem) The All-Knowing (Al-'Aleem) The All-Hearing (As- Samee') The All-Seeing (Al-Baseer) The All-Powerful (Al-Qaadir)

Knowing Allah fills the hearts of Believers with **awe** and **love** for Him, and **faith** and **hope**. They know **only Allah is worthy of worship**. They joyfully **submit, as Muslims,** to His Will, earnestly seeking **His Pleasure** for their every thought, word and deed.

Who is ALLAH?

"All Praise is for Allah, Lord of the Worlds." [1:2]

The Eternal Creator

Allah is **Infinite**, outside of space and time. He was **not** created. He existed **before** Creation and will remain **after** its End. **"Allah is the Ever-Living, Self-Subsisting."** [2:255]

> Things exist only by the **Will** of Allah. Allah is the **Originator** of the universe. **"When** *Allah* decrees any matter, **He says to it, 'Be!' and it is."** [2:117]

"To Allah belongs the **dominion** of the heavens and the earth, and all that is therein, and it is He Who **has power over all things**." [5:120] "(Allah is) **regulating** and **governing** all things." [10:3]

Allah is Uniquely One



Say: "He is Allah, the One and Only (God); Allah, the Eternal, Absolute (the One on whom all depend, while He is independent of all); He did not beget, nor was He begotten; And there is none like unto Him." [112:1-4]

Allah is not God of only Muslims

He is the **Creator** and **Sustainer** of you and me, and everything in the universe!

Allah sent all **Prophets**, who include Adam, Noah, Abraham, Moses, Jesus and Muhammad (pbut), to convey the same **Message of Islam: "Worship none other than Allah."** [21:25]
Allah told Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) to declare to all: **"Allah is our Lord and your Lord."** [42:15]

Where is Allah?

Allah is the **Unseen** Creator. Allah is **unlike** anything that the human mind can imagine. He does not in any way resemble His Creation. **"Nothing whatsoever is like Him."** [42:11]

Allah exists **without form or place.** He is not in His Creations or part of it. Is Allah distant from us? **No**, on the contrary, we are never alone! **"He is with you wherever you may be. And Allah sees well all that you do."** [57:4]

ALLAH is not ...

Not a guy

No language can adequately describe Allah. Using pronouns such as "He", "Him", and "We" is **not** intended to ascribe **human** qualities to Allah.

Islam does not humanise the Creator, nor does it attribute divinity to His Creations.

"No slumber can seize Him nor sleep. ... and He feels no fatigue in guarding and preserving (the heavens and the earth) for He is the Most High, the Supreme." [2:255] "It is He Who feeds (all His Creation) but He is Himself not fed." [6:14]

Not a team

Allah is not a "Supreme Being" heading a team of "minor assistant gods".
Allah has no partners or associates, whether equal, superior or subordinate.
No "rival gods" compete with Allah.

"(If there were many gods), behold, each god would have taken away what he had created. And some would have lorded it over others!" [23:91]

Allah's Divine Attributes cannot be made into "sub-gods" (or "goddesses"), for example, the "god of Fortune" or the "goddess of Mercy". Allah is the "Invisible" and the "Indivisible"!

Not a family person

Allah has no parents, child, siblings or spouse! "And exalted is the Majesty of our Lord: He has taken neither a wife nor a son." [72:3]

Not a Trinity

Allah warns us: "They do disbelieve who say: 'Allah is one of three in a Trinity,' for there is no God except One God." [5:73] Indeed, Prophet Jesus said: "Worship Allah, my Lord and your Lord." [5:72]

Pure Monotheism

Belief in One God based on authentic sources, free of irrational man-made doctrines makes *Islam* the only pure monotheistic faith.