

Answer to a non Muslim's Questions:

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Here are answers to some questions; a non Muslim asked me, it is good that Muslims should also look at it.

Q 1: Difference between an Angel and Human?

A: Both are created by Allah, Angeles are given no choice by Allah to act at their own, they strictly follows Allah's commands and have no desires of their own. They are creation of Noor (Light) which we humans cannot see and they are not constrained by speed and space. They are creation of unseen world. They will not be held accountable for their deeds as they do not disobey Allah. Angles have no gender.

Humans are also created by Allah, first Allah created Adam and Eve by His special command and then human race started through the interaction of Men and Women. Humans are not forced by Allah to follow His commands, He/She is free to choose how they spend their lives, and they can either follow Allah's commands or disobey Him. Although Allah has given them choice but have provided him guidance through His books, Messengers and his own conscious and intellect to what is wrong and what is right path. They will be held accountable for their deeds at the Day of Judgment. Allah may punish or reward them according to their deeds in this world, but definitely they will be rewarded or punished in the next life, which is eternal.

Q 2: Difference between Angeles, Humans and God?

A: Allah is the creator of both, but nobody created Allah. He is Allah the one and only; Allah is the self sufficient (independent of all, while all are dependent on Him) ; He begets not, nor is He begotten (He has no child, nor He a child of any one); and there is none comparable to Him (112/1-4 Quran) . Nothing is like unto Him (42/11 Quran)

Q 3: Who is God?

- 1) A: The most comprehensive as well as concise introduction of Allah is given in the very first three Ayahs (verses) of the Quran. Surah Al-Fatiha, Ayah1-3.
 - All (*sincere, genuine and ultimate*) praise and thanks belong to Allah (*This praise and thanks is totally independent of anybody's praise or thanks*).
 - He is the Rabb (*meaning of Rabb in Arabic includes Owner, in charge, Care taker, Maintainer, Giver of gifts, Master, Sustainer and Provider etc*) of all the nations.
 - He is extremely loving and caring and merciful.
 - He is the owner of the Day of Judgment.
- 2) Allah! There is no deity except Him, the Ever-Living, the Sustainer of all existence. He neither slumbers nor sleeps. To Him belongs all that is in the heavens and the earth. Who can intercede with Him without His permission? He knows what is before them and what is behind them (Allah's knowledge encompasses every aspect of His creation in the past, present and future). They encompass not a thing of His knowledge except for what He wills. His Kursi (Chair, although, we humans cannot imagine or visualize the exact nature of His chair) extends over the heavens and earth, and guarding of these both does not fatigue Him. He is the Exalted, the Supreme.
[Quran 2/225]
- 3) Allah is the ally (patron and supporter) of those who believe. He brings them out from darkness into the light. [Quran 2/257].
- 4) Allah is Mighty, capable of retribution. Surely nothing in the earth or in the heavens is hidden from Allah. It is He Who shapes you in the wombs of your mother as He wills. There is no deity except Him, the Exalted in Might, the Wise. [Q 2/4-6].
- 5) Allah is one and has no partners, has no equals or associates; God cannot be characterized in any human form. None of His creation resembles Him; No part of God is present in anyone (Although His knowledge encompasses everything).
- 6) No being or object is worthy to be worshipped except Allah, Allah hears all who praise Him, and everyone has direct access to Allah. Allah is He who judges everyone based on their own deeds and everyone is accountable for his/her actions.

- 7) Allah is over His creation separated from His creatures. Allah is high above being compared to anything. Allah is incomparably more merciful to His creation than a mother to her baby. Allah can forgive all sins if you sincerely repent to Him.
- 8) Allah has no rivals, He has control over everything. Obedience to Allah does not increase His Power, and disobedience to Allah does not decrease His Power anyway. Not a leaf falls without the permission of Allah.
- 9) Allah's beautiful names and attributes also include: The creator and sustainer, the forgiver and pardoner, the appreciative, the All-Knower and All-Aware, The One who answers the one in need if he asks Him, The one free and far removed from any imperfection or deficiency and The incomparably great.

Note: Above are few attributes, Power and capabilities of Allah, human mind cannot even comprehend tiniest details of God's power, its attribute and creations.

Q 4: Do you believe Jesus performed Miracles?

A: Yes, Jesus was a Messenger of Allah as many other Messengers Allah sent for human guidance. He was given divine book bible, but that book has been altered, added, deleted by people and is no more the word of God. But Quran is now preserved word by word or even letter by letter exactly as God revealed as divine book. Millions of people throughout the world has memorized the whole Quran which itself is living miracle. Jesus did perform miracle but only with GOD'S power, help and His permission. Jesus could not perform any miracle at his own He has no ability to perform any miracle by himself.

Q 5: Who is God's son?

A: God has no son, He begets not, nor is He begotten (He has no child, nor He a child of any one); All human, Jinns and everything in the heavens and earth is created by Him, nobody created Him. He is one and only one, nothing is comparable to Him. He is self sufficient, all depends on Him, and He is not dependent on anyone.

Q 6: Do you believe in Judgment day?

A: Absolutely, Surely God will raise all the dead. But God has His own plan of things. A day will come when the whole universe will be destroyed and then again the dead will be resurrected to stand before God. That day will be the beginning of the life that will never end, and that Day, every person will be rewarded by God according to his good and evil deeds.

The explanation that the Qur'an gives about the necessity of judgment Day is what the moral consciousness of man demands. Actually, if there is no judgment Day, the very belief in God becomes irrelevant, or even if one believes in God, that would be an unjust and indifferent God: having once created man only to be unconcerned with his fate. Surely, God is just. He will punish the tyrants whose crimes are beyond count: having killed hundreds of innocent persons, created great corruption in the society, enslaved numerous persons to serve their whims, and so forth. Man, having a very short span of life in this world, and this physical world, also, not being eternal, punishments or rewards equal to the evil or noble deeds of persons are not possible here. The Qur'an very emphatically states that the Day of Judgment must come and God will decide about the fate of each soul according to his or her record of deeds:

Those who disbelieve say: The Hour will never come unto us. Say: Nay, by my Lord, but it is coming unto you surely. (He is) the Knower of the Unseen. Not an atom's weight, or less than that or greater, escapes Him in the heavens or in the earth, but it is in a clear Record. That He may reward those who believe and do good works. For them is pardon and a rich provision. But those who strive against our revelations, challenging (Us), theirs will be a painful doom of wrath. (34:3-5)

The Day of Judgment will be the Day when God's attributes of Justice and Mercy will be in full manifestation. God will shower His mercy on those who suffered for His sake in the worldly life, believing that an eternal bliss was awaiting them. But those who abused the bounties of God, caring nothing for the life to come, will be in the most miserable state.

The belief in life after death and Judgment Day not only guarantees success in the Hereafter, but also makes this world full of peace and happiness by making individuals most responsible and dutiful in their activities.

The denial of judgment day has its consequences not only in the Hereafter, but also in this world. When a nation as a whole denies it, all kinds of evils and corruptions become rampant in that society and ultimately it is destroyed.

Thus, there are very convincing reasons to believe in life after death.

First, all the prophets of God have called their people to believe in it.

Secondly, whenever a human society is built on the basis of this belief, it has been the most ideal and peaceful society, free of social and moral evils.

Thirdly, history bears witness that whenever this belief is rejected collectively by a group of people in spite of the repeated warning of the Prophet, the group as a whole has been punished by God, even in this world.

Fourthly, moral, aesthetic and rational facilities of man endorse the possibility of life after death and judgment Day.

Fifthly, God's attributes of Justice and Mercy have no meaning if there is no life after death and Judgment Day.

Q 7: Do you believe that Hell is in the next life?

A: Yes, absolutely, not only Hell, but paradise is also there in the next life. As answered in Question # 6, on the Day of Judgment, the righteous people will be rewarded paradise and evil doers will be casted in Hell.

Q 8: How are you saved from Hell?

A: First you have to have a true faith, a testimony that

- 1) None has the right to be worshipped but God (Allah) and that Muhammad is His slave and the last Messenger
- 2) Believe , in Angeles, All divine books (Scripture of Abraham, Torah, Psalms, Gospel and the Noble Quran)
- 3) Believe in All Allah's messengers.

- 4) Belief in Judgment Day (life after death)
- 5) Belief in predestination.(Qadhaa and Qadar in Arabic)

Then you have to follow Allah's commandments as outlined in Quran and by His Prophet Muhammad (SAW). For this read the article I gave you titled "What Quran requires from us". If you follow all the above you will be saved from Hell fire and will go to Paradise (Inshah'Allah/God Willing)

Q 9: Are we all equal in God's eye?

A: Yes, as Allah is the creator of everything, all are equal in His eyes whether you are of any color, rich/poor, and any race or belong to any country/tribe, intelligent, handicapped etc. The only person who has higher status in Allah's eye is the one who is righteous, follows His commands and does not disobey Him.

Q 10: What is Sharia law and do you believe in it?

A: The term Sharia comes from an Arabic word meaning "Path to the water", which reflects the concept that Sharia is divine guidance drawn mainly from Quran and Sunnah (teaching and guidance of Prophet Muhammad (SAW) for the purpose of helping humanity draw close to God and live in kindness and justice with His creation. The term Sharia is used by Muslims to refer to values, code of conduct, and religious commandments or sacred laws which provide them guidance in various aspect of life. Sharia addresses both personal and communal aspect of life. Sharia can be divided into two broad areas

- 1) Guidance in religious worship, which is the central focus of Islam
- 2) Guidance in worldly matters, such as visiting the sick, taking care of parents, marriage, inheritance, investment and business affairs etc.

Note: Most other religions have sacred laws or religious standards for the different areas of life like Sharia laws. For example Jews have "Halakhah", which is similar to Sharia in method and content. Catholics

have the teachings of the magisterium (teaching authority), which deals with things like marriages, business practices, and social justice.

Public law issues, like criminal law, war and peace, etc, Sharia requires Muslim to obey “the law of the land”. Based on above we believe in Sharia Law.

Q 11: What you believe about Jihad or holy war?

A; Linguistic meaning of Jihad is to struggle. The exact meaning of the term Jihad depends on context. It has often been erroneously translated in the West as “holy war” Jihad, particularly in the religious and ethical realm, primarily refers to the human struggle to promote what is right and to prevent what is wrong. In the Quran, Jihad is a term with multiple meanings. For example;

1. Patient and forbearance in trying conditions
2. Implying a verbal and discursive struggle against those who reject the message of Islam.
3. The internal, spiritual struggle against the lower self
4. Different ways of promoting what is good and preventing what is wrong.
5. Striving in the path of God.
6. Military Jihad (called Qital in Arabic) is permitted in order to preserve the well being of society, to prevent oppression, ethnic cleansing, and genocide from spreading and to promote justice, in self-defense against the aggression. It should be noted that Quran explicitly forbids the initiation of war and permits fighting only against the actual aggressors. Resisting oppression, persecution or standing up to a tyrant is also Jihad. Even during times of Military Jihad, Muslims are told to hold morality. Acts of torture are strictly forbidden. Harming civilians, women, children and elderly are also strictly forbidden.
Note: Only a government or state can declare a legitimate military Jihad, not individuals or any group.

Q 12: What is difference between Sunni and Shia and what are you?

A; Sunni and Shia Muslim share the most fundamental Islamic beliefs and article of faith. There is no difference about believing in oneness of Allah, His worship alone, belief in Allah's Messengers, His divine books including final testament Quran and His last and final Prophet Muhammad (SAW). They all believe and practices five pillars of Islam. That is 1. Shahada, 2 . 5 times daily prayer 3. Fasting in the month of Ramadan, 4. Paying prescribed charity, 5. Pilgrimage to Mecca.

They do differ, however, and that separation stemmed initially, not from spiritual distinctions, but political ones. The political difference was that who will take the leadership role of Muslims after the death of Prophet Muhammad (SAW). This difference created rift and over the centuries it created two sects Sunni and Shia. Islam has nothing to do with sects; Quran strictly forbids division in Muslims based on color, creed, national origin, language and different ideology and sects.

Sunni and Shias can be compared like the two groups with Catholics and Protestants or Jews orthodox, conservatives, reform and Reconstructionist. Fundamentally, they share some common belief but practice in different manners. It is important to remember that despite this difference of opinion and practices, Shia and Sunni Muslims share the main articles of Islamic belief and are considered by most to be brethren in faith. In fact, most Muslims do not distinguish themselves by claiming membership in any particular group, but prefer, simply, to call themselves "Muslims" I call myself as Muslim, not Sunni or Shia Muslim.

Q 13: What are the day, month and year of God?

A: I do not understand your question, but trying to answer what may be in your mind. According to Quran one day in hereafter (Judgment Day) is equivalent to 50,000 years of this worldly life. Lords days are totally different in quantities as we count our hour, days, months and

years and God knows the best. According to Quran, Allah created the universe in six days (we cannot understand and comprehend these 6 days in terms of our worldly days).

Note: this notion in other scriptures that God rested the 7th Day has no concept in Islam, Allah doesn't need rest.