

Welcome to the Straight Path of Islam

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It is certainly true that some basic values
like honesty, kindness, charity and so on
are common to all religions and schools of thought,
but if you study more,
you will find that the teachings of Islam make more sense

There is no god, say atheists
There are three main gods, say Hindus
There are three in one, say Christians
There is only one God, Allah, The Exalted, say Muslims

You can't prove God exists, said non-believers
You can't prove God does not exist,
responded Muslims and Muslim scientists
How true, we can't prove through science that God doesn't exist
finally admitted non-believing scientists
Everyone knows He exists
assert Muslims and Muslim scientists with confidence

We are ignorant about God, admit agnostics
Then be prepared to learn from us, say Muslims

Do not believe in Jesus and Muhammad as Prophets, say Jews
Do not believe in Muhammad, say Christians
Believe in all the Prophets sent by Allah,
such as the blessed Abraham, Moses, Jesus and the final Prophet Muhammad,
peace be upon them, say Muslims

The blessed Jesus Christ is son of God, say Christians
He was just a rabbi, say Jews
He is one of the five greatest Prophets, say Muslims

Jesus was born through a normal biological process, say scientists and their followers
The blessed Jesus was born of the blessed Virgin Mary, say Christians and Muslims

Jesus was crucified, buried and raised up after three days, say Christians
Jesus was crucified and buried, say historians who can't see beyond their nose
Jesus was never crucified but was raised up to the heavens by Allah, say Muslims

Jesus Christ died for our sins, say Christians
No one can take on the sins of another, say Muslims
Each person is answerable for his or her own actions, say Muslims
Allah rewards good deeds and will punish for bad deeds in the Hereafter, say Muslims
Those who enslaved Africans, colonized whole continents and plundered their resources,
will answer for it in the Hereafter, say Muslims

Power comes from Shiv, say Hindus
Power comes from fire, say Zoroastrians
Power comes from the barrel of a gun, say communists
Power comes from nuclear bombs,
and countries with the greatest number of nuclear bombs
are super powers, say capitalists
Power comes from Allah, Who is the Only Supreme Power, say Muslims

We are the chosen people, say the Jews
Brahmins are superior to others,
while the Harijans are “untouchables”, say Hindus
Aryans are the superior race, said the Nazis
There is no difference between an Arab and a non-Arab;
nearness to Allah depends on piety, say Muslims

Science cannot tell you anything about good and evil, admit scientists
Do good and avoid evil, say Muslims and all the religious minded

Emancipate slaves, said concerned Christians in the last century
Prophet Muhammad emancipated slaves
and turned them into nobles and leaders
thirteen centuries earlier, say Muslims

Blessed are the poor, say Christians
Blessed are the rich, the poor are a drag, say capitalists
Blessed are the pious, whether rich or poor, say Muslims

Always apply reason, say rationalists
Have faith in the unseen and apply reason where necessary, say Muslims

We have evolved out of monkeys,
say evolutionists in their unproven theory of evolution
We are born of Adam and Eve, say Jews, Christians and Muslims
who are a very large majority

A priest should never marry, say Catholics
Take only one wife, say Hindus
Womanize, wine and dine, say capitalists
Those who have more than one wife are criminals, decree womanizing politicians

Take as many wives as you can afford, say African traditionalists and Mormons
You are allowed to have up to four wives, say Muslims

You will have abortion on demand, promise vote-seekers
Replenish and multiply, and do not kill the unborn, say Jews, Christians and Muslims

Homosexuality is normal, say heretics
Homosexuality is a sin, say billions of Jews, Christians and Muslims

Same-sex relationship and same-sex marriage is allowed
and you can organize “gay parades”, decree heretics
God have mercy on us,
and save us from such insanity,
pray the rest!

Groom women as dolls, say capitalists
Women should put on the sari of Sita, say Hindus
Nuns should put on the hijab, say Catholics
Women should put on the niqab or the hijab, say Muslims

Womanize, wine and dine, say capitalists
Have “sin taxes” on alcohol, also say capitalists
Take wine symbolizing Christ’s blood, say Christians
Do not even touch alcohol, say Muslims

Turn the other cheek, say Christians
Blessed are the crusaders who killed Muslims, also say Christians
An eye for an eye, say Jews
Retaliate legally if you must but to forgive is better, say Muslims

Adopt capitalism to become rich, say free marketers
We have the Protestant work ethic, the Catholics don’t;
hence we are rich, they are not, say Protestants
Do not crave for riches, say Muslims and the like-minded

Charge market price and maximize profits, say capitalists
Do not have any mark-up and reduce profits to zero, say communists
Charge a fair price and do not make unreasonable profits, say Muslims

Charge the market rate of interest, say capitalists
Do not take interest from fellow Jews, say Jews
We prohibited interest in ancient history but not any longer, say Christians
Prohibit interest, maintain Muslims till today

Property is theft, say communists
Property is stored up labour, say capitalists
Property is theft if illegally acquired, say Muslims

Countries of capitalism are the first world,
former communist countries of eastern Europe are the second world,
and the rest are the third world, say capitalists
The rest just listen and smile
Makkah and Madina are the best of all the possible worlds,
say Muslims on the basis of faith

Cremate, say Hindus
Bury with best clothes, say Christians
Wash the body covered in cloth, wrap it in clean white cloth,
and then bury, say Muslims

There is reincarnation, say Buddhists and Hindus
There is no hell, but the last heavenly stage of communism is bound to come,
as “the state withers away”, prophesied communists!
There is only heaven, no hell; say Jehovah’s Witnesses
There is heaven and hell, say Jews, Christians and Muslims

All these diverse positions cannot be right at the same time.
You can either wail at the Wall or wear Ihram but cannot do both.
The choice is yours.
I follow the Prophetic tradition of Pure Monotheism,
that is the straight, median path of Islam
as taught by the beloved Prophet Muhammad,
peace be upon him,
and I welcome you to Islam.

Request: Please add “The Exalted” after the Name of Allah. Also add “peace be upon him” after the name of any Prophet. Also add “peace be upon her” after the name of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and our mother Hawwa (Eve).

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