

## 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, leaders and heroes to be emulated for ever  
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 as taught in Islam, 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  
Interest is prohibited, Muslims maintain till to-day

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 go for Hajj 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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