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# Basic Teachings of Islam

## I am a Good Muslim

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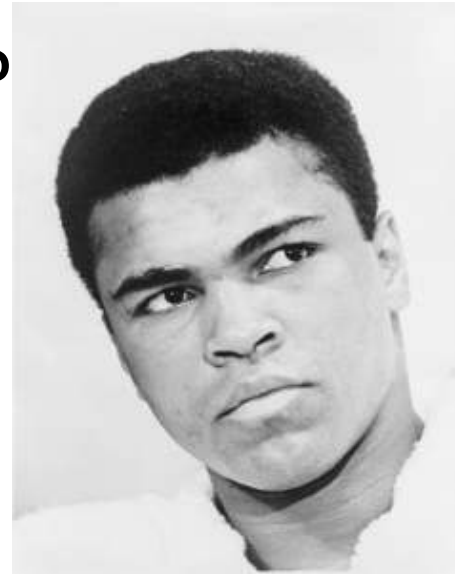
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- Allah Almighty praises the Muslims:
- “You are the best of peoples, because:
  - you tell others what is good,
  - forbidding what is wrong,
  - and believing in Allah.”



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- Who is a good Muslim?





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- Does Allah love me?
- Allah says that “the best among you is the one who is the most **God fearing**”
- So the best Muslim is the one who:
  - Thinks of Allah & His messenger all the time
  - Learns about Islam and follows Allah’s commandments



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- As Muslims, we have to work hard to make our lives similar to the life of our beloved Prophet
- Islam does not discriminate against race, colour, nationality, and richness.
- Islam encourages Muslims to help each other but religious discrimination is disallowed.



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- There is a lot more to Islam than we actually understand.
  - **“Islam is a way of life”**
- It does not only tell us how to worship Allah but also how to live our life.
- So as a Good Muslim, we need to know how to worship Allah AND how to live our life
- **What are my Rights & Responsibilities of living on this earth?**



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- Islam, Me and the World

## Allah & Prophet Muhammad

The world  
around you



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## Quran & Sunnah



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- **Rights & Responsibilities of children**
- Children must be loved and cared for.
- A saying of Prophet Muhammad:
- “the most excellent **gift** from parents to children is that the parents give them **good education** and teach them **good manners**”



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- **Rights & Responsibilities of parents**
- “Your Allah has ordered you that
  - you only worship Allah **and**
  - be kind to your parents.
- If they reach old age do not
  - even say 'uff' to them
  - nor argue with them,
  - but speak to them politely.” (Holy Quran 17.23)



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- **Rights & Responsibilities of parents**
- A statement of Messenger of Allah:
- “the righteous child who looks at his parents with loving eyes receives the reward of one accepted Hajj for each glance.
- People asked “what if he looks in that manner 100 times a day?
- Rasulullah said “Yes, he will continue receiving the reward for each glance”



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- **Rights & Responsibilities of parents**
- Another important ruling by Prophet Muhammed regarding our parents:
- “Whoever visits the grave of both of his parents, or any of them, on a Friday,
  - his sins will be forgiven
  - and he will be recorded as one who is obedient and righteous.”



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- **Rights & Responsibilities of teachers**
- What do you think Islam teaches us how to treat our teachers???



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- **Rights & Responsibilities of “Neighbours”**
- Very strong and special orders have been given to Muslims from Allah & His Messenger regarding neighbours.
- Rasulullah says “Whosoever, believes in Allah and the Day of Judgement, he must respect his neighbours”
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- **Who is a ‘neighbour’?**



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- **Rights & Responsibilities of “Neighbours”**
- Neighbours are not only those who live adjacent to us.
- But anyone who we have any contact with can be regarded as our neighbours,
  - Family members and friends
  - such as travelling on bus, planes,
  - sitting in a mosque or school
  - Muslims and non-Muslims
- Everyone is entitled to good treatment and it is irrelevant whether the other person is a relative or a stranger



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- **Rights & Responsibilities of “Neighbours”**
- The Holy Quran states “Serve Allah, and do not make any partners with Him;
- and do good to parents, family members, orphans, needy,
- neighbours who you know,
- neighbours who are strangers,
- travellers and who work for you:
- Allah does not love the arrogant and the big-headed “(Holy Quran 4.36)



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- **Rights & Responsibilities of “Neighbours”**
- There are three types of neighbours and they have different rights:
  - a non-Muslim who is a neighbour has one right – the right of being a neighbour
  - a Muslim who is a neighbour has two rights – the right of being a Muslim and a neighbour
  - a neighbour who is a Muslim and a relative has three rights - .... (*what are they?*)



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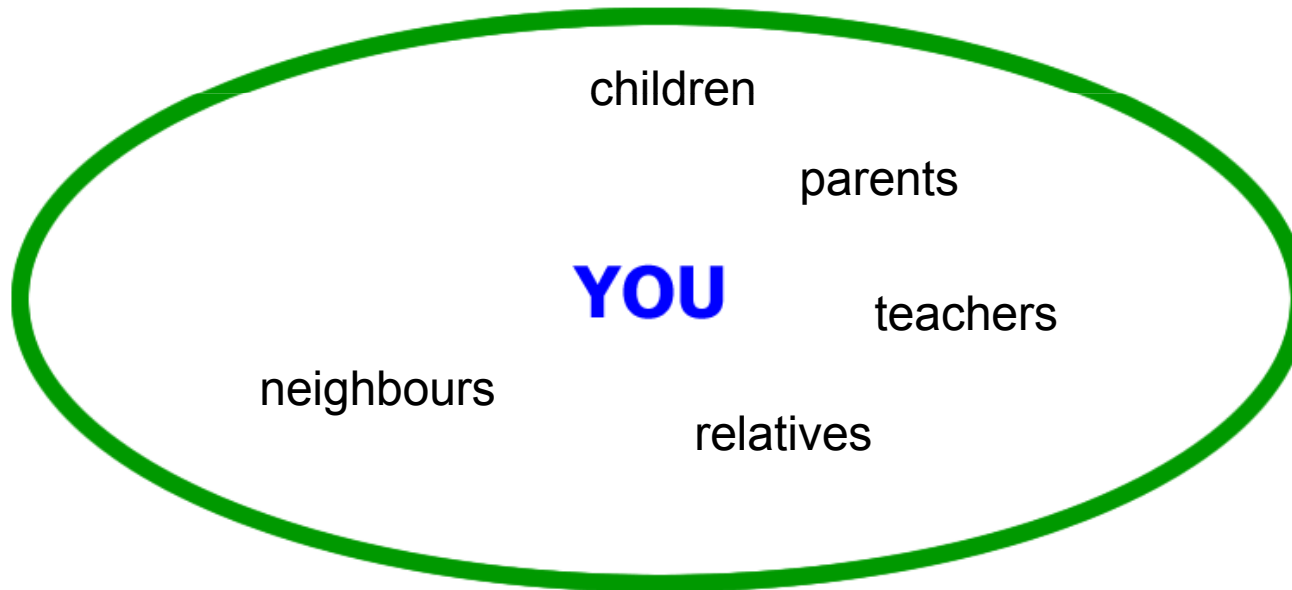
- **Rights & Responsibilities of “Neighbours”**
- Rasulullah (May Allah shower His blessings and peace upon him) was once asked
- “One woman offers prayers during nights and she fasts during days but she abuses her neighbours.”
- Rasulullah said that “There is no goodness in her. She will go to Hellfire.”



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**Allah & Prophet Muhammad**



**Quran & Sunnah**



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- **Rights & Responsibilities towards Environment**
- Islam orders the Muslims to look after the environment, plants, animals, birds and everything else that exists.
- As good Muslims we cannot harm animals, cut down plants and trees unnecessarily , and damage the environment



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- **Rights & Responsibilities towards Environment**
- **Plants** – first caliph Hadrat Abu Bakr ordered his men:
  - Do not chop down any fruit tree.
  - Do not devastate crops and vegetations.
  - Do not slaughter any goat or camel other than for food.



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- **Rights & Responsibilities towards Environment**
- **Birds** – one companion had captured the babies of a bird.
- The sparrow started hovering over the heads of the companions .
- Holy Prophet understood what had happened.
- He ordered the companion to return the babies of the bird where he had found them.



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- **Rights & Responsibilities towards Environment**
- **Animals** – once Holy Prophet was travelling to Makkah.
- He saw a she-dog that had recently given birth to some puppies.
- Holy Prophet ordered one of the companions to stand near the she-dog and look after them so that none other could hurt the puppies or disturb the mother.



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- **Rights & Responsibilities towards Environment**
- Islam is a religion of peace and compassion.
- And Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) is an embodiment of the teachings of Islam.
- He showed so much mercy and compassion towards his own friends, enemies, strangers and even animals.
- Through him we learn how much we need to care for the environment, animals, our friends and even non-Muslims



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- **Rights & Responsibilities towards non-Muslims**
- Islam is free of religious prejudice and discrimination.
- **Every life is sacred (human or non-human)**
- Life and death are given by Allah and we must respect every living being.
- Muslims have a higher duty to protect the life, property and honour of every individual – be they Muslims or non-Muslims.



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- **Rights & Responsibilities towards non-Muslims**
- Once a non-Muslim travelled all the way from Egypt to see the Muslim's leader, Hadrat Umar, and seek justice from him.
- He said "O the Leader of the Believers! The Governor of Egypt, Amr al-Aas, organised a horse race and my horse won the race.
- But the son of the governor, Muhammad al-Aas claimed that the horse was his.



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- **Rights & Responsibilities towards non-Muslims**
- When I reiterated that it was my horse, he struck me with his whip.”
- On hearing this, Hadrat Umar called back the governor and his son to Madina.
- When they arrived back, and it was established that the non-Muslim was telling the truth, Hadrat Umar said to the Egyptian “the son is in front of you, you can strike him now.”



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- **Rights & Responsibilities towards non-Muslims**
- After the Egyptian had avenged himself, Hadrat Umar asked him to strike the governor as well, saying “it was due to the father’s position that the son had the confidence to strike you.”
- But the Egyptian refused to hit the father and said “I have taken revenge from the person who had beaten me.”



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- **Rights & Responsibilities towards non-Muslims**
- This example shows the high level of justice and fairness that the Muslims must establish.
- **Justice is provided to the people without discriminating them by their race, gender or religion.**
- This example also shows that in seeking justice, people should not go beyond the limits.
- The Egyptian was happy in taking revenge from the son and did not hit the father as he had not done any wrong to him.



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- **Rights & Responsibilities towards non-Muslims**
- Similarly, we also learn from this story that if someone does any wrong to us, we must seek proper help to deal with that problem.
- We must never ever take the law into our own hands.



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- **Rights & Responsibilities towards non-Muslims**
- Once a funeral procession passed by Rasulallah (Holy Prophet Muhammad) and he stood in respect for it.
- Other companions thought that perhaps Rasulallah did not know that the dead person was not a Muslim.
- They informed him that the deceased was a Jew.
- Rasulallah replied “Is he not a human being?”



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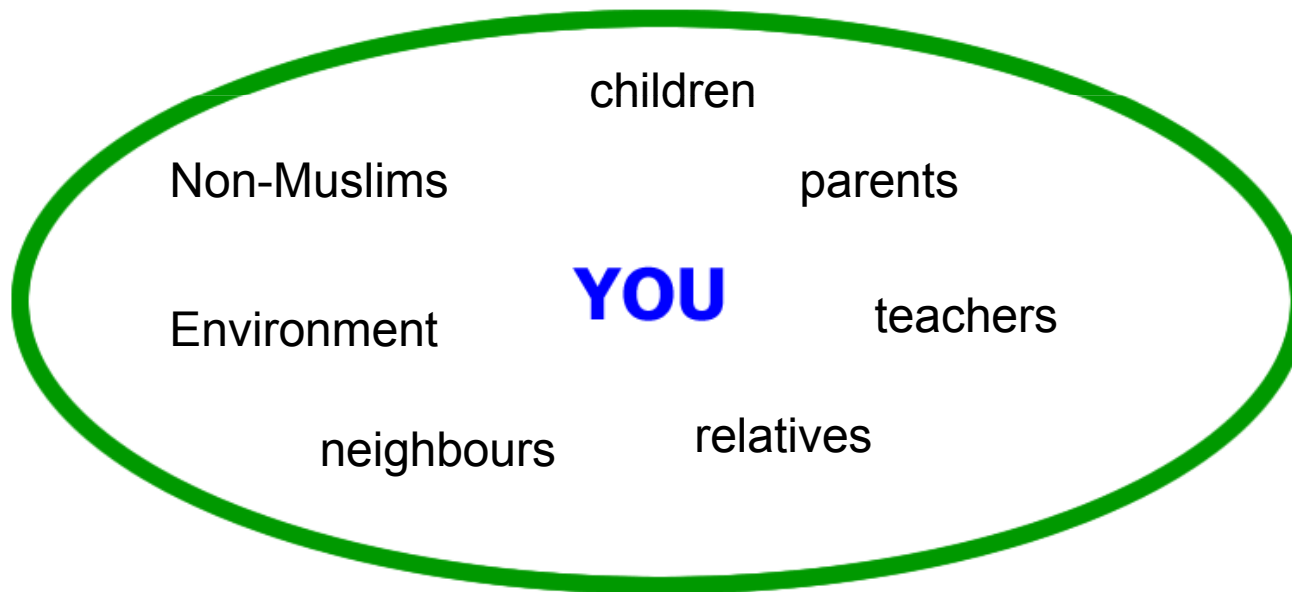
- **Rights & Responsibilities towards non-Muslims**
- It shows that Islam requires us to look at people as fellow human beings and thus treat them with due care and give them their respective rights.
- Muslims also must not verbally abuse others' gods.
- Holy Quran says “And O Muslims do not abuse those gods whom they worship beside Allah, as they will abuse Allah, unknowingly, exceeding all limits” 6.108



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