

Da'wah Course DP206 at IIU

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Recommended Book.

1. Islam's Relationship to Christianity and Judaism by Assad Nimer Busool
Al-Huda, P.O. Box 24, Skokie, IL 60076, Tel. (847) 675-1204; Fax (847) 679-7232
 2. Da'wah Among Non-Muslims in the West by Khurram Murad
Islamic Foundation, Leicester, England, U.K.
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Reading Assignment.

1. Call To Islam by Amin Ahsan Islahi, pp. 103-133
 2. The Women's Status in Islam & Christianity
An article by Bint Isma'il, posted at www.ilaam.net and sent to the students.
 3. An article by Ologunde Sa'eed of Nigeria, Email saeedolog@yahoo.com
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Developing an Islamic personality:

A. Standing firm after declaring the faith, Qur'an 41:30-36.

1. Allah promises that once you have declared that Allah is your Rabb and you became firm on it, the angels descend upon you and assure you that they are your protecting friends in this life and in the next life; you have nothing to fear and no reason for regret or grief.
2. The angels provide whatever you ask for and whatever you desire. This is noteworthy that the promise certainly will be fulfilled in the next life and for the life of the world, there is contentment and happiness under all conditions, this is the gift for the life of the world.
3. Allah's forgiveness for all unintentional errors and the errors due to forgetfulness and ignorance.
4. The best speech of such a person is to call others towards Allah and call Allah for all his needs and he does good works. In addition, he declares to the world that he is a Muslim meaning that he submits to the Will of Allah.
5. When he reaches out to others calling towards Allah, some people may hurt him. When others hurt him, he is patient and has perseverance. He responds to an evil deed with something better, which brings friendship between him and his opponent.
6. However, developing the attribute of responding to an evil with good is not easy except for those who have received a good fortune from Allah. Such a good fortune is bestowed to those good souls who have pleased Allah.
7. If Shaytan incites you to anger and to take revenge, ask protection of Allah from the Shaytan, the accursed. Allah is All Hearing, All Knowing. Also see 7:200.

B. Opening an account with Allah, Qur'an 42:36-43, 2:110 and 73:20.

Whatever Allah has given is for the life of this world; whatever you send ahead of you and deposited with Allah is the real worthy investment. According to the teachings of the

Prophet, three things can be deposited for investment with Allah: (a) wealth spent for the cause of Allah, (b) good and beneficial knowledge taught to others, and (c) raising good children who pray for their parents and their ancestors. However, everyone is not qualified to open an investment account with Allah except a few who meet the following conditions.

- a. Must be a believer as described in the Qur'an, for example see 2:177 and 4:136.
- b. Must put total trust in Allah (*tawakkul 'ala-Allah*). This concept is repeated many places in the Qur'an.
- c. Stay away from all major sins (*kabaa'er*), some example are given in the Qur'an passage 17:22-39.
- d. Stay away from all abominations, that is, sins and activities that lead to major sins. The concept of *fahishah* (sing) and *fawahish* (plu), abomination is repeated in the Qur'an at many places.
- e. When wrong is done to you making you angry - forgive. Also see 41:34-35.
- f. Respond to the call of Allah, which is conveyed through God-fearing (*muttaqi*) leadership. The call of Allah may come for jihad, money donation, giving time and talent for Da'wah work and other activities for the survival and progress of the Muslim Ummah.
- g. Observe five-time daily-prescribed prayers. This is oft repeated in the Qur'an.
- h. Never be a dictator but carry out mutual affairs through consultation. This concept is for all situations from individual life to political affairs. A true Muslim is never a dictator at home, in the office or as a president of the country.
- i. Spend in the cause of Allah from whatever Allah has given, which includes health, wealth, time, talent and, if necessary, life because everything one possesses belongs to Allah.
- j. When they face wrong and persecution, they defend themselves but forgiveness is better. However, there is a balance between forgiveness and defending oneself. If forgiveness means submission to tyranny and persecution, that is not acceptable.

The verses 42:41-43 explain this point further. If a Muslim stands up to fight back for his right of living in peace then there is a limit as given in the verse 41:34-35, that is, to inflict hurt or damage to the transgressor only to the extent of the damage done to you. If you go beyond the limit then you are a transgressor, deserving of punishment from Allah. It is a matter of judgment and self-control.

Conclusion. The teachings of Islam are one thing but ignorant Muslims living it are another.

Study of the Bible and Christianity.

1. Islam compatible verses in the Bible
 - A. There is only One God (**Q 2:255, 112:1-4**)
 - B. "I am God, and there is no other, I am God, and there is no one like me."
(**Is 46:9**)
 - C. "The Lord our God, the Lord is one;" (**Mk 12:29**)

- D. Praying from dawn to dusk (**Q 11:114, 17:78-79, 20:130, 30:17-18**)
 “From the rising of the sun to it setting, the name of the Lord is to be praised. (**Ps 113:3**)
- E. Praying at specified times (**Q 4:103**)
 “...Peter and John were going up to the temple at the hour of prayer, at three o'clock in the afternoon.” (**Acts 3:1**). Asr time is around 3 o'clock in the afternoon.
- F. Bowing (Ruku') and Prostrating (Sujood) **Q 3:43, 4:102, 96:19**
 Jesus (**Mt 26:39**), Moses (**Ex 34:8**), Abraham (**Gen 17:3**), Joshua (**Josh 5:14**), Ezra and his people (**Neh 8:6**)
- G. Washing (Wudu') before prayers (**Q 5:6**)
 Moses and Aaron and his sons washed (**Ex 40:31-32**)
- H. Fasting (**Q 2:183**)
 Jesus fasted for forty days (**Mt 4:2**)
 “When you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites” (**Mt 6:16**)
- I. Alms (Zakat) (**Q 7:156, 19:31, 55, 9:71**)
 The law concerning tithes (**Lev 27:30-33**)
 “When you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing (**Mt 6:3**)
- J. Prohibition of flesh of pigs (**Q 2:173,5:3**) **Lev 11:7-8, Deut 14:8**
- K. Prohibition of animal that dies of itself. (**Q 2:173, 5:3**) cf. **Deut 14:21**
- L. Prohibition of animal killed by another animal (**Q 5:3** cf. **Ex 22:31**)
- M. Intoxicants and illicit sex condemned (**Q 5:90, 17:32** cf. **Prov 20:1**)
- N. Usury/interest forbidden (**Q 4:161, Ex 22:5**)
- O. Circumcision, for example Jesus (**Lk 2:21**)
- P. Hijab dress for women (**Q 24:31, 33:59**) **1Cor 11:6**
- Q. Men and women to not dress like the other (**Deut 22:5**)
- R. To greet by saying: “Salam alaykum (peace be with you)” **Q 6:54, 19:47**
 Cf. “**Shalom**” **Jn 20:19,21,26, Lk 24:36**
- S. To say “Insha Allah” (if God wills) (**Q 18:23-24** cf. **James 4:14-15**)

Also see the article by Ologunde Sa'eed sent to you already.

2. Position of women in the Bible: see the article by Bint Isma'il sent to you already.

Handling New Muslims: Discussed section I.