

**What Islam has contributed in or done towards society**

Muslims are enjoined to maintain inner spiritual purity through constant remembrance and prayer to God. Islam balances the spiritual dimension by emphasizing human responsibility. Human beings are created with a purpose. Attainment of piety is but one dimension of that purpose; playing an active role in the creation of a just society is another. Because Muslims attach importance to what happens in this world, they have made substantial contribution to the development of science, medicine, mathematics, physics, astronomy, geography and literature. Muslims like Avicenna and Averroes have played major roles in the advancement of science in the west. The first university in the world was established by Muslims in Cairo, Egypt. Many crucial systems such as the Arabic numerals, algebra, and the first map of the globe and navigational maps were developed by Muslims and adopted by the medieval Europeans.

Portrait of Avicenna



AVICENNA (980-1037 AD)

**The Qur'an**

The Qur'an is the holy book of Muslims. It contains many stories that are familiar to Christians and Jews. It was not created by man but was revealed to the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him and his family) through the Angel Gabriel at the command of God. The difference between the Qur'an and the past holy books like the Bible and others is that it contains no scientific fallacies or internal contradictions and in fact, it contains much scientific knowledge discovered by scientists only in this century, therefore it is believed to be a miracle within its self. The Qur'an is an unparalleled Arabic literary masterpiece. Furthermore, it survives in its original revealed form unaltered or changed since 1400yrs ago, unlike the Torah and the Gospel. So therefore this miracle should not be neglected and it will certainly raise the fascination of all readers.

"It follows, I think, that not only is there no conflict between genetics and religion but, in fact, religion can guide science by adding revelation to some of the traditional scientific approaches, that there exist statements in the Quran shown centuries later to be valid, which support knowledge in the Quran having been derived from God." (Dr. Joe Leigh Simpson, Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Molecular and Human Genetics)

Many have been astounded by the miracles of the Quran, so why not have a look for yourself?



**Further Information**

Islam was not born in the 7th century A.D. Rather; it is the same religion that God revealed through His messengers (peace be upon them) to every people. Islam sometimes seems strange to non-Muslims because it is a religion which impacts every part of life, from eating and sleeping to working and playing. Muslims seek to live in accordance with God's laws. All aspects of their practice including prayer, fasting, charity, and pilgrimage are intended to help meet this goal. Muslims believe that God is One, indivisible, and they believe in all the prophets of the Christians and Jews including Adam, Noah, Abraham, Ishmael, Moses, David, Solomon and John the Baptist (peace be upon them). Muslims also recognize two other prophets Jesus and Muhammad (peace be upon them) who is a direct descendant of Abraham through his first born son, Ishmael. His prophet-hood was prophesied in the Bible in several places, including Deut 18:18, John 14:16 and John 16:12

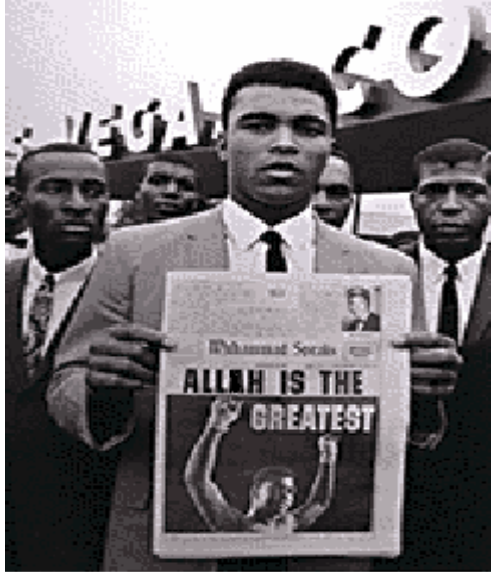
**Islam and the Media**

Media is, and has been giving false information about Islam and Muslims. For example, why was Islam mentioned in the act of Bin Laden? Bin Laden did something AGAINST Islam and yet Islam was mentioned. That's just like if a Christian, for example, went on a killing spree and the media starts blaming Christianity for it when the act of murder is against Christianity. So before coming to any conclusion to what Islam is, Islam must be studied in its proper accordance and not just be assumed to be what is shown by the media or by non-practicing Muslims or extremists following false Islamic teachings and calling them selves Muslims.

**Becoming a Muslim**

Since Islam is a universal religion, it is easy to become a Muslim. One has to believe and affirm "There is no (other) god but All^h and Muhammad is the Messenger of All^h".

(All^h means God in the Arabic language) Today, the Islamic community in North America, Europe and worldwide is growing rapidly with Muslims playing major roles in virtually all sectors of society. Muhammad Ali (formerly Cassius Clay), Malcolm X, Yusuf Islam (formerly Cat Stevens) are some of the well-known people who have embraced the faith.



Muhammad Ali holding a NOI (Nation Of Islam) newspaper, saying: All^h (meaning God in Arabic) Is The Greatest.

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