

# WHO IS A MUSLIM

A Muslim is someone who submits to Allah (God). Literally the word Muslim means 'One who practises Islam'. Islam is not a new religion, but acknowledges the same teachings revealed to mankind through all of Allah's (God) Messengers (Peace Be Upon Them All). A Muslim worships Allah (God) alone without associating any partners with Him.

Any of Allah's creation from anywhere in the Universe who has belief in the One and Only Allah (God), and His Prophets (Peace Be Upon Them All) and whatever message they brought, is described as a Muslim.

To become a Muslim, one only needs to believe in and declare the Testimony of Faith: "I testify that there is none worthy of worship except Allah (God), and I testify that Muhammad (Peace Be Upon Him) is a Messenger of Allah (God)."

Islam is a structured way of life which is followed by more than a fifth of the world's population. A Muslim can be of any background, race, ethnicity, colour, or gender. People following the teachings of Islam can be found throughout the world in many countries, ranging from Australia, China, Russia, India, Middle East, Italy, France, U.K, Brazil, Canada and the U.S.A.

A Muslim takes his/her guidance from the final Holy Scripture – The Qur'aan (Koran), and from the teachings of the Prophet Muhammad (Peace Be Upon Him) – The Hadith. A Muslim must also believe that what ever Teachings and Books the previous Prophets brought from Allah (God) were correct and they were a source of guidance for the people of those eras - i.e. Torah (Tawraat), Psalms (Zabur) and Gospel (Injeel). These sources would have provide guidance on the day to day practices, codes of conduct and rights and responsibilities in life.

**A Muslim is one who must also believe in the Articles of Faith, that is, to have belief in:**

One God (Allah)  
Angels of Allah

All Divine Scriptures of Allah (e.g. Torah, Psalms, Bible and The Qur'aan)

All Messengers of Allah (e.g. Abraham (Ibraheem), David (Dawood), Moses (Musa), Jesus (Isa) and Muhammad, Peace Be Upon Them All)

Destiny (Al Qadr)  
Life after death  
The Day of Judgement

