

# How to worship Him alone

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"Say: I am commanded to worship God, and not to join partners with Him. Unto Him do I call and unto Him is my return."

Quran (XIII. 36)

This article is not addressed to those who deny the existence of God, the Almighty Creator. Such atheists are only deceiving themselves as they know that nothing can exist without an agent that causes it to exist and that this whole universe must have a Creator who gives it existence: its eternal laws and its dynamic forms.

Those renegades deserve pity as they have closed their eyes to a sunny day simply to swear that it is pitch dark.

I am here concerned about my brothers who do believe in Allah and who are keen to worship Him to the best of their ability and knowledge. I want them to realize two major issues which constitute the essence of Islam:

The first is to worship Him alone.

The second is to worship Him correctly.

The true Muslim believes that Allah alone is the Creator of this existence. He gave us our lives, and He alone can take them away. There is nobody else who can give us sustenance, happiness and the other bounties, which we are enjoying in this world. Prophets and Messengers (Peace be upon them) can do us no good or harm; they bring us the Divine teachings and tidings.

They show us the right paths, the eternal laws and the just models of behavior. They open our eyes to the light of Divinity, to the oneness of the Creator and they advise us of what Allah has revealed to them. Our great Arab Prophet said to his beloved daughter Fatimah while he was about to die, "By Allah, your father would be of no avail to you before Him."

## WILL OF ALLAH

The true Muslim should not even think that anybody, be he a Messenger or a Minister, a king or a ruler, can do him good or harm, unless it is the will of Allah. This exclusive belief in Him, this absolute conviction is what makes the Muslim a true believer and a strong distinguished person. The true Muslim does not fear anybody except Allah and does not ask favors from any body except from Allah.

That is why our Holy Quran identified true Muslims as "dignified" persons. There is not the slightest doubt that as

human-beings we have to cooperate and deal with each other. Every individual is in need of the services of his fellowmen and must co-exist with them. But such normal social order does not mean that one should forget that all individuals are sustained by Allah, that all are His servants and dependents and that one's relations with others is based on equality and egalitarian servitude to Allah.

It is a grievous sin to believe that Moses or Christ or Muhammad (peace be upon them all), or the Chief Minister or the Pope or any creature is above this servitude to Allah.

anything or anybody can do to you the equal of that which God can do. Never feel inferior to any other human even if he is your superior or president, because of two reasons: he is as human as you are, a mere servant of God and nothing more; and because you are a Muslim - member in the Nation of Islam - a believer in the One and Only almighty who can give and deprive, who can benefit and harm and who can conquer and defeat. Hence, you are a true Muslim.

## MOST CIVIL

To believe in Allah as thus does not mean that the Muslim is an impertinent rebel. On the contrary, he is the most civil

positively according to the implications of meditating, remembrance and real faith. In fact, righteous actions and good deeds are the counter-parts of true faith. The Holy Quran has been consistent in citing them together in scores of verses: "those who believe and work righteousness, God will pay them (in full) their reward, but God loveth not those who do wrong." (III, 57).

By remembrance it is meant that attitude where the mind relates all the absolute values, and all the bounties which we enjoy in this life to God Alone. We have to recall that Allah is the absolute truth, that He has created the whole cosmos subjecting them to permanent laws and that He revealed to us through His Prophets and Messengers the Religion which guides us towards peace, fulfillment and happiness.

Dear Brother, never forget that you are a true Muslim, inferior to none and a servant only to Allah, equal to all. And never forget that you cannot be a true believer unless you use your mind to find God's eternal laws, and act according to them. Islam has enjoined upon you to observe all its laws which have been revealed to His Prophets, and these Islamic rules must always be reckoned to as the basis of your deeds and thoughts and guide you in your life. God says:

"As to those who believe and work righteous deeds, they have, for their entertainment, the Gardens of Paradise." (XVIII, 107)

And He says:  
"Say: I am but a man like yourselves, (but) the inspiration has come to me, that God is one God: Whoever expects to meet his Lord, let him work righteousness, and in the worship of his Lord, admit none as partner."

(XVIII, 110)

**Guyana paper decries world economic imbalance**

## GUYANA PAPER DECRIES WORLD ECONOMIC IMBALANCE

GEORGETOWN—Drastic measures must be taken to eliminate the gap between the rich and poor countries and establish a new world economic order, stressed the Guyana government organ "Daily Chronicle" recently.

In a commentary the paper pointed out that under the present world economic order, the gap between the rich and poor countries is growing wider and trade conditions of the developed and developing countries are unequal.

This is because the economies of the developing countries "have evolved on the principle of the international division of labour so that production has been geared primarily not to internal consumption but to export for the rich countries" and that "the international trade relationship has tended to favour the strong at the expense of the weak and to favour the rich at the expense of the poor," it added.



MUSLIMS OF ALL races and nationalities gathered at Chicago's McCormick Place to worship the One God at the Eid ul - Fitr prayer service commemorating the end of Ramadan. (Photo by Ted Gray)

"Whatever beings there are in the heavens and the earth do prostrate themselves to God (acknowledging subjection), with good-will or in spite of themselves: So do their shadows in the mornings and evenings."

(Quran, XIII - 15)

We may revere our Prophets and our leaders, but never associate them with God, never believe that they can save us in the Afterlife or even in this world; and never take them as divine or immortal.

Thus, dear brothers in the Nation of Islam, never think

and sociable individual, because he worships Allah the right way. To perform this worshipping, the Muslim is involved in three phases of activities: meditation, remembrance and gratification.

By meditation it is meant the utilization of the conceptual faculty, which distinguishes a human-being from other creatures, in deliberating over the eternal laws which administer all courses of life and all the beings of this universe. The individual who does not meditate, who shuns

By gratification it is meant the application of meditation and remembrance in our daily life; in our dealings with others and in our prayers when we are alone. Without such application we cannot prove our faith or consolidate our belief. Our Prophet (peace be upon him) told us fourteen centuries ago that "Faith is inculcated in the heart and proven by actions and deeds." To be grateful to Allah does not stop at uttering praise to Him after every and each prayer; one must show his obligation to his Creator by means of acting