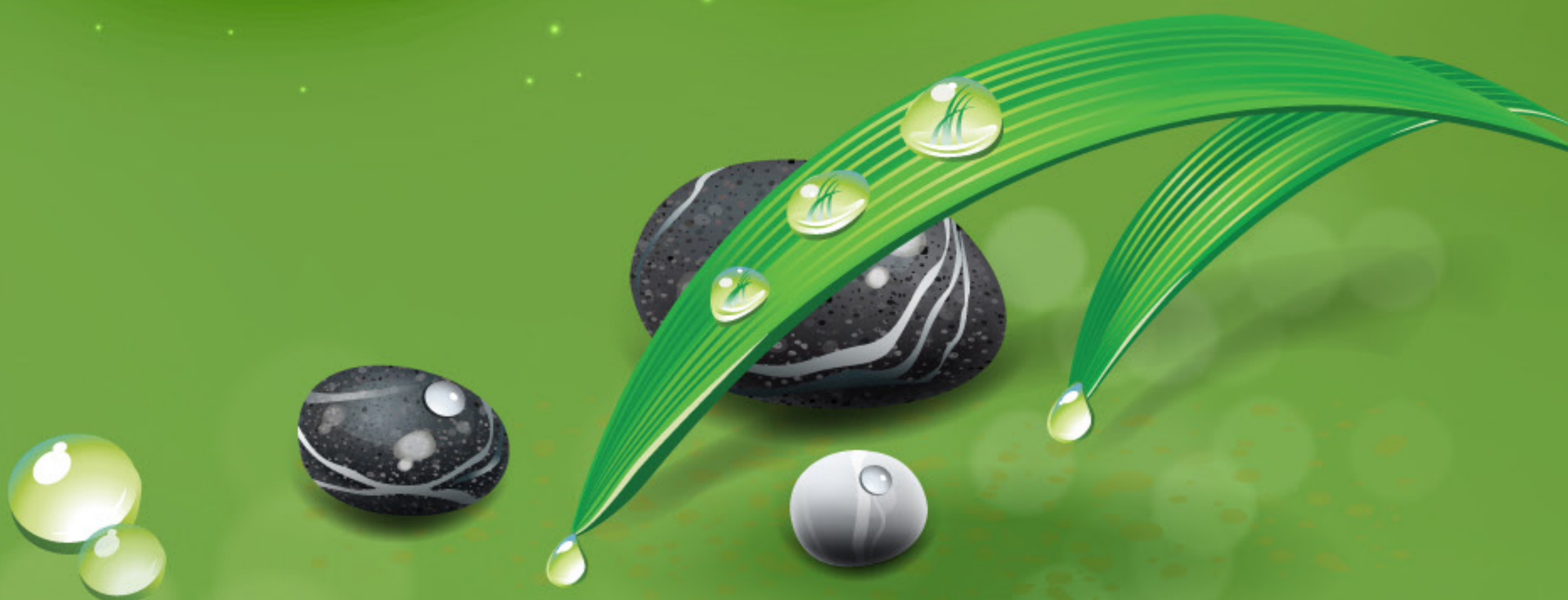


Why Islam



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The greatest thing that distinguishes human beings from all other creatures is the intellect, whose function is thinking and reasoning.

A non-Muslim may ask:

- Why should I embrace Islam ?
- Why should I renounce my religion and accept Islam ?
- What is so special about Islam that prompts me to take such a decision ?

The following is the answer to these questions:

1 *You should accept Islam to satisfy your intellect which is searching for the truth*

When a sensible person thinks objectively without being influenced by external pressures, he will undoubtedly realise that the religion he follows other than Islam is false and that it is utterly rejected by the intellect.

Would a person of perfectly sound intellect truly believe that an idol made of stone, brass or gold is the True God who created the heavens and the earth?!

Does an idol worshipper not really realise that the material from which a stone idol, for instance, is made is actually the same as that of any rock in a mountain and that it is as mute as any of these rocks ?!



Would a person of perfectly sound intellect accept to worship a human being like himself ?

Islam teaches that the True God is Allah, the Creator of the heavens and the earth, who alone provides for all creatures, including humans, jinn and animals; and that He alone is worthy of worship.

Any sensible person who contemplates the universe around him would definitely find that it bears witness to the existence of Allah and that He alone is deserving of worship. The entire universe, along with the heavens and the earth, bears witness to the existence and oneness of the One True God - Allah. Indeed, everything testifies to this fact, including the heavens, the planets, the stars and galaxies, the Earth along with its mountains and rivers, the night and the day, the various plants and even the amazing creation of humans.

Allah Almighty says: **(There are countless signs on earth for firm believers, and also within yourselves. Then will you not see ?.)** *The Qur'an, 51:20-21*



You should accept Islam to satisfy your soul

Every human being is born Muslim, with a natural disposition to worship the One True God; then his parents change such pure innate nature by making

him follow another religion. The soul yearns for its pure innate nature, which is Islam.

Let us compare two religions:

- One that calls people to worship the One True God who has absolute perfection, who is the Creator, the Provider and the Ever Living who never dies.
- The other states that God is powerless, falls sick and eventually dies.

Which of the two religions, then, is in perfect harmony with reason and the pure innate human nature?

It is doubtless that Islam is in perfect harmony with reason and the pure innate nature, by which Allah has made mankind naturally disposed to accept the pure faith of Islam.

You should accept Islam to experience inner peace and tranquillity

Islam gives its followers inner peace and tranquillity and mental bliss, as testified by many of those who have accepted it.

One of them observed: “When I accepted Islam and declared the testimony of faith (Shahaadah), I felt that light and tranquillity filled my soul. I truly pray to Allah to guide all people’s hearts to the truth and make them accept this religion to enjoy happiness in this world and be saved from the Fire on the Day of Resurrection.”

Thus, it is only this great religion of Islam which can provide bliss in this life and in the life to come. Allah Almighty says: *(Whoever works righteousness, whether male or female, while he (or she) is a true believer (of Islamic Monotheism) verily, to him We will give a good life (in this world with respect, contentment and lawful provision), and We shall pay them certainly a reward in proportion to the best of what they used to do (i.e. Paradise in the Hereafter.) The Qur’an, 16:97*

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You should accept Islam to fulfil your primary purpose in this life

Your real and primary purpose in this life is not to earn a living, make money, eat, drink and then die!

Rather, the real purpose for which you are here is to worship Allah who has created you and given you sustenance and to know Him very well; for He is the One who has brought you to life, the One who will cause you to die and the One who He will bring you back to life on the Day of Resurrection. Allah Almighty says: (I have only created the jinn and mankind to worship Me alone. I do not want from them any provision, nor do I want them to feed Me. Indeed, it is Allah who is the Provider of all sustenance, the Possessor of power, the All-Strong.) *The Qur'an, 51:56-58*



5

You should accept Islam because Islam promotes good morals, gentle manners and all aspects of good

One of the greatest objectives of Islam is to cleanse us from all vice and adorn us with moral virtue and good manners,

Allah Almighty says: (It is He who has sent forth among the unlettered people a Messenger from among themselves to recite His revelations to them

purify them and teach them the Book and Wisdom; for indeed they were, before that, clearly misguided.)

The Qur'an, 62:2

That is to say, to purify them from associating partners with Allah, sin, vice and all bad morals and manners. Muhammad ﷺ, said: “I have only been sent forth to perfect good moral character.” This includes, among many other things, honesty, trustworthiness, maintaining ties of kinship, sustaining good neighbourliness, justice, generosity, modesty, forgiveness, benevolence and abstaining from harming others.



6 *You should accept Islam to attain eternal bliss in the hereafter*

Imagine that a person built a large palace which he tastefully furnished with the very latest gadgets of modern technology. However, as soon as it was completed, he demolished it. Would this person be considered wise and sensible?

If it is inconceivable that a sensible person would behave in such an unwise manner, would it be conceivable that Allah Almighty created this perfectly flawless universe only to destroy it, without there being any real purpose for creating it in the first place?!

Allah Almighty says: (Did you think that We had created you in play (without any purpose), and that you would not be brought back to Us?" So Exalted be Allah, the True King, none has the right to be worshipped but He, the Lord of the Supreme Throne!.)
The Qur'an, 23:115-116

Thus, Allah Almighty has created mankind only to worship Him. He will bring them all back to life on the Day of Resurrection to judge them and repay them according to their actions. Whoever, therefore, believes will be admitted into Paradise to lead a life of sheer bliss for all eternity, but whoever rejects Allah's true religion to which He calls us will be among the dwellers of Hell.

A sensible person will definitely accept Islam to be happy on the Day of Resurrection, and thus enter Paradise and be saved from Hell.





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