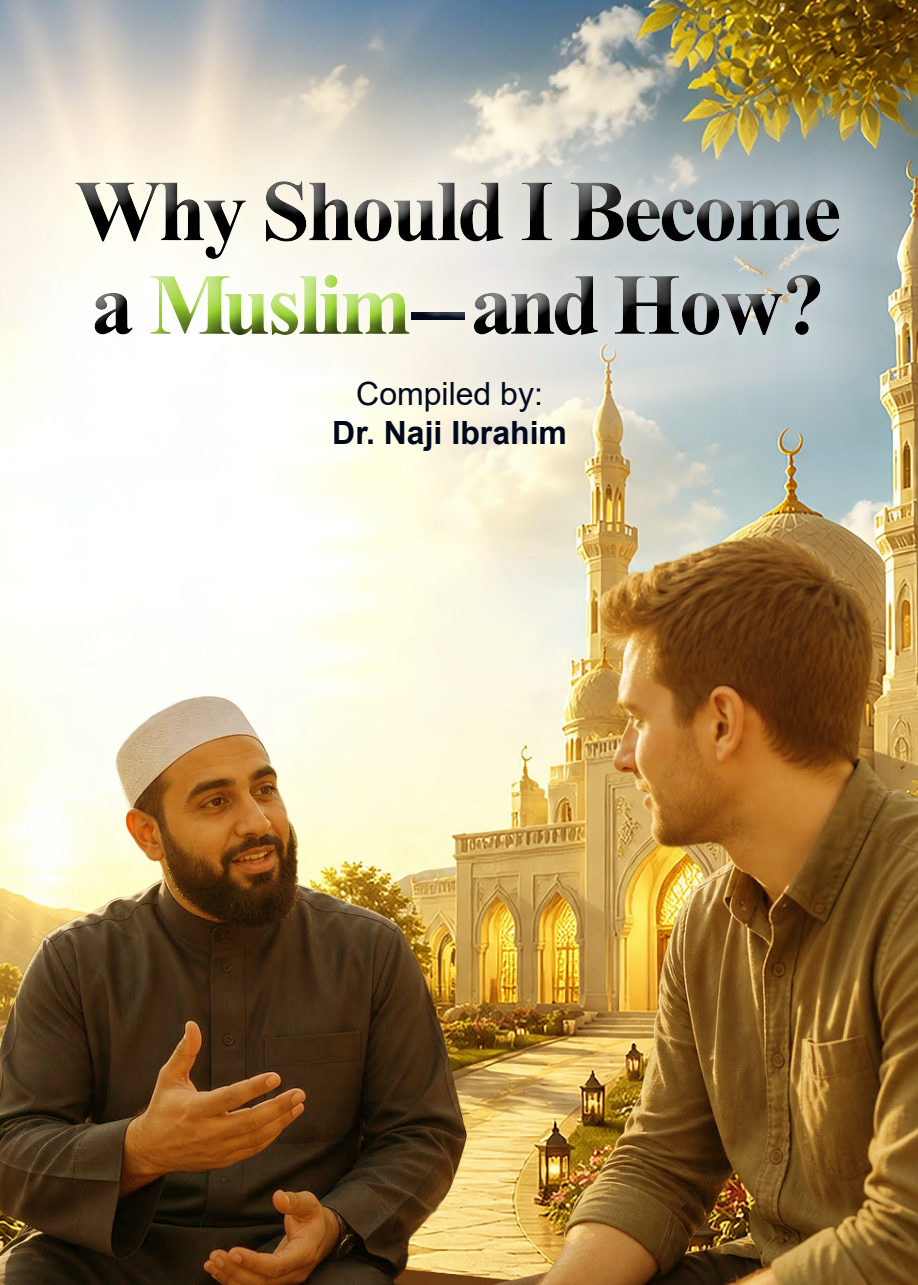


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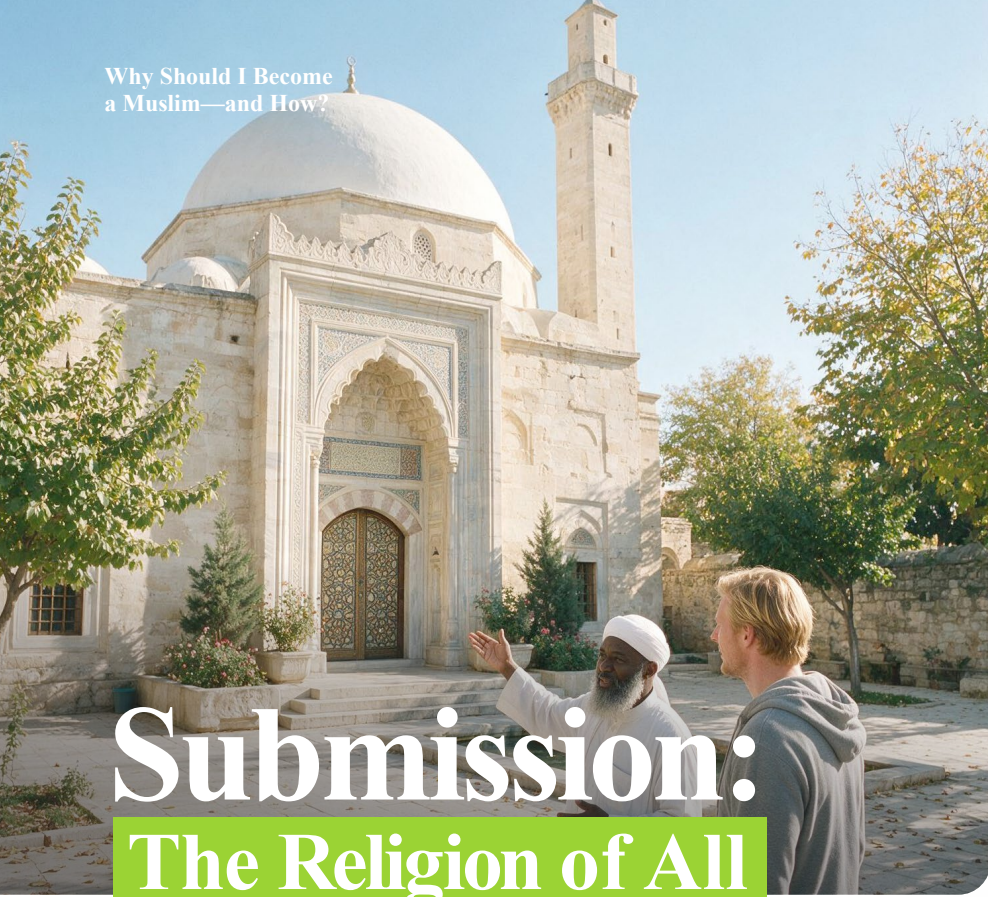
From the first man, Adam, through Noah, Abraham, Moses, Jesus, and finally Muhammad (peace be upon them all), every prophet was sent with the same timeless message: **worship the One True God alone, without partners, and submit wholeheartedly to His will.** This was not a series of different religions, but one divine message delivered through different prophets to different peoples throughout history.

Islam was not founded by Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him). Rather, it is the continuation, preservation, and completion of the faith preached by all of God's prophets. Becoming a Muslim is therefore not about adopting a new religion—it is about returning to the faith of Abraham, the message of Moses, the teachings of Jesus, and the final revelation given to Muhammad (peace be upon them all). It is a return to humanity's original relationship with its Creator.

The word **Islam** means *submission* to God, and a **Muslim** is one who willingly submits to Him in faith, worship, and obedience. At its heart, becoming a Muslim is not merely joining a community; it is answering the call that has echoed throughout every generation since the beginning of humanity—the call to know your Creator, worship Him alone, and live according to His guidance.

Before answering this important question, it is helpful to understand what becoming a Muslim truly means. The answer may surprise you: you are not embracing a new religion—you are **returning to the original message that God revealed to humanity from the very beginning.**





Submission: The Religion of All God's Messengers.

Since all of God's messengers preached the same fundamental message, they all called people to the same religion: submission to the One True God. In Arabic, this submission is called Islam.

The Qur'an repeatedly confirms that submission to God is the religion of all the prophets.

Allah says:

"He has ordained for you of religion what He enjoined upon Noah, and that which We have revealed to you [O Muhammad], and what We enjoined upon Abraham, Moses, and Jesus: establish the religion and do not be divided therein." (Qur'an 42:13)

Regarding Prophet Abraham, the Qur'an says:

"When his Lord said to him, 'Submit,' he said, 'I have submitted to the Lord of the worlds.'" (Qur'an 2:131)

The Qur'an further states:

"Abraham instructed his sons, and Jacob [did as well], saying, 'O my sons, indeed Allah has chosen for you this religion, so do not die except while you are Muslims.'" (Qur'an 2:132)

Allah also says:

"Abraham was neither a Jew nor a Christian, but he was one inclining toward truth, a Muslim, and he was not among those who associated others with Allah." (*Qur'an* 3:67)

The **Qur'an** describes other prophets in the same way.

Prophet Noah said:

"...I have been commanded to be of the Muslims." (*Qur'an* 10:72)

Prophet Moses told his people:

"O my people, if you have believed in Allah, then rely upon Him, if you are Muslims." (*Qur'an* 10:84)

Prophet Joseph prayed:

"...Cause me to die a Muslim and join me with the righteous." (*Qur'an* 12:101)

When Jesus' disciples accepted God's message, they declared:

"We believe in Allah, and bear witness that we are Muslims." (*Qur'an* 3:52; see also 5:111)



This is why Muslims say that embracing Islam is **returning to the original message revealed by God through all His prophets.**

Even the Bible contains statements expressing the principle of submission to God:

"Submit yourselves therefore to God."
(James 4:7)

"Submit to God and be at peace with him."
(Job 22:21)

From the Islamic perspective, these verses demonstrate that every prophet called people to worship God alone and submit to Him.

While different prophets were given different laws suitable for their communities, their core message remained one and the same.

The Arabic word **Muslim** literally means **"one who submits to God."** Therefore, Muslims believe that Adam, Noah, Abraham, Moses, Jesus, Muhammad, and all of God's prophets were Muslims in the sense that they sincerely submitted themselves to the One True God and called others to do the same.

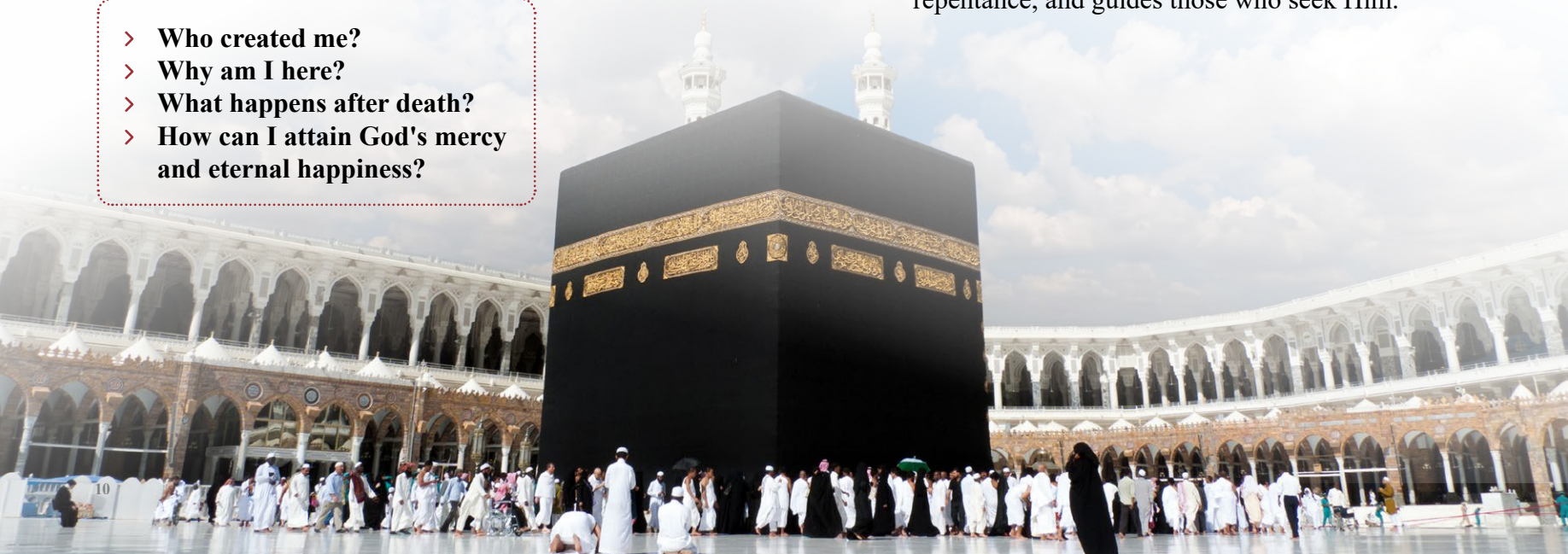
Why Should I Become a Muslim?

Every human being naturally seeks purpose, peace, forgiveness, and a meaningful relationship with the Creator. Islam provides clear answers to life's greatest questions:

- **Who created me?**
- **Why am I here?**
- **What happens after death?**
- **How can I attain God's mercy and eternal happiness?**

Islam teaches that we were created to know and worship our Creator alone. Through sincere faith, repentance, and righteous living, a person can attain God's forgiveness, inner peace, and eternal life in Paradise.

By becoming a Muslim, you return to the pure worship of God without intermediaries. You establish a direct relationship with your Creator, who hears every prayer, forgives every sincere repentance, and guides those who seek Him.



How Do I Become a Muslim?

Becoming a Muslim is simple.

First, a person sincerely believes in the fundamental articles of faith:

1 Belief in Allah—His existence, His absolute Oneness (Tawheed), His Lordship, His perfect names and attributes, and that He alone deserves worship.

2 Belief in the Angels, whom Allah created to worship Him and carry out His commands.

3 Belief in Allah's revealed Books, including the original revelations given to Abraham, David, Moses, and Jesus, while believing that the Glorious Qur'an is God's final, preserved, and complete revelation.

4 Belief in all of Allah's prophets and messengers, including Adam, Noah, Abraham, Moses, Jesus, and Muhammad (peace be upon them all).

5 Belief in the Last Day, when every person will stand before Allah and be judged according to faith and deeds.

6 Belief in Divine Decree—that Allah has complete knowledge and control over all things, and that believers trust in His perfect wisdom.



After sincerely believing these truths, a person enters Islam by declaring the **Shahadah (Testimony of Faith)**:

"I testify that there is no god worthy of worship except Allah, and I testify that Muhammad is the Messenger of Allah."

In Arabic:

Ashhadu an lā ilāha illā Allah, wa ashhadu anna Muhammadan Rasūlu Allah.

Once this testimony is sincerely declared, the person becomes a Muslim.

Living as a Muslim

Islam is not only a belief but also a way of life.

Every Muslim strives to practice the Five Pillars of Islam:

- 1 **Shahadah**—Declaring faith in Allah and His Messenger. 
- 2 **Salah**—Performing the five daily prayers. 
- 3 **Zakah**—Giving the prescribed charity to those in need. 
- 4 **Sawm**—Fasting during the month of Ramadan. 
- 5 **Hajj**—Making the pilgrimage to Makkah once in a lifetime, if physically and financially able. 

These acts of worship strengthen one's relationship with Allah and cultivate gratitude, discipline, compassion, and spiritual growth.

Definitions of Key Terms

Allah: The Arabic name for the One True God, the Creator of all things.

Islam: Submission to Allah through sincere faith, worship, and obedience.

Muslim: A person who submits to Allah alone.

Muhammad (peace be upon him):
The final Messenger sent by Allah to all humanity.

The Glorious Qur'an: The final revelation from Allah, preserved exactly as it was revealed to Prophet Muhammad over twenty-three years.

Masjid (Mosque):

A place where Muslims gather to worship Allah, especially through prayer.





Do You Want to Become a Muslim?

If you believe that there is no god worthy of worship except Allah and that Muhammad is His Messenger, then you can become a Muslim today.

Simply declare with sincerity:

"I testify that there is no god worthy of worship except Allah, and I testify that Muhammad is the Messenger of Allah."

By embracing Islam, all your previous sins are forgiven by Allah, and you begin a new chapter of life with your Creator. You become part of a worldwide community of believers united by faith, worship, and the pursuit of God's pleasure.

Your journey does not end with the Shahadah—it begins. Continue learning, praying, reading the Qur'an, and seeking knowledge.

Ask Allah for guidance, and trust that He will guide those who sincerely seek Him.

"Indeed, those who say, 'Our Lord is Allah' and then remain steadfast—the angels will descend upon them, saying, 'Do not fear and do not grieve, but receive good tidings of Paradise, which you were promised.'" (Qur'an 41:30)

Conclusion

Embracing Islam is a journey of discovering the purpose of life, strengthening your relationship with your Creator, and finding peace through faith, knowledge, and righteous actions. We hope this article has provided a clear and sincere introduction to why millions of people around the world choose Islam.

If you would like to learn more about the practical aspects of Islam—such as how to maintain purity (taharah), how to perform ablution (wudu), how to pray (salah), and how to practice other essential acts of worship—please scan the QR code or visit the link below. You will find reliable, step-by-step guidance to help you continue your journey with confidence and understanding.



We pray that God guides you to the truth and grants you wisdom, peace, and blessings on your path.



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