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Submitters and the ‘Islamic’ World

Submitters are people from all over the world with different backgrounds, educational levels, different origins and races who follow the religion of Abraham as decreed by God for them in the Quran:

[42:13] He decreed for you the same religion decreed for Noah, and what we inspired to you, and what we decreed for Abraham, Moses, and Jesus: “You shall uphold this one religion, and do not divide it.” The idol worshippers will greatly resent what you invite them to do. GOD redeems to Himself whomever He wills; He guides to Himself only those who totally submit.

Submitters believe, recognize and uphold God’s words in the Quran when He points out that it doesn’t matter what people call their religion,

as long as they fulfill the following three criteria:

[2:62] Surely, those who believe, those who are Jewish, the Christians, and the converts; anyone who (1) believes in GOD, and (2) believes in the Last Day, and (3) leads a righteous life, will receive their recompense from their Lord. They have nothing to fear, nor will they grieve.

Submitters uphold the true teachings of Submission (Islam in Arabic). They strive to peacefully spread the truth about the Quranic message. Their hope is to bring believers and worshippers of God alone closer together, regardless of what they call their faiths.

Submitters are against oppression (2:217), and for the freedom of religion and peace (2:256).

The ‘Islamic’ World

The so-called Islamic world DOES NOT follow the true Islam as decreed by God in the Quran. They follow man-made rules and books containing falsehood, contradictions and a lot of nonsense.

It is in these fabrications, which have been falsely attributed to Prophet Muhammad, that evil people and terrorists who hijacked the beautiful religion of Islam find support for their tyrannical and unjust laws. Because people insist upon disregarding God’s word and following blindly their scholars and religious leaders, the so-called Islamic world will remain in its sad state where they can’t get along with one another; they are the worst in oppression and the least in development, etc.

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Some Muslims are very quick with condemning the Christians and the Jews to Hell for not accepting the Quran as the word of God. What they need to think about first however, is how many “Muslims” are there who truly believe in and abide by the Quran after reading it for themselves, as God commands (17:36)? What percent of those who say “I’m a Muslim” have actually read the Quran for themselves (from cover to cover) in a language they understand? How many are simply quoting their parents, their *imams*, or their friends, without having any real knowledge from the Quran? How many are actually quoting Quran at all, and not other sources?

Should we actually be surprised that some people choose to shun Islam when there are “Muslims” killing innocent people while shouting Allahu Akbar (God is Great) on our TV screens? Can we blame them for not running to the library in excitement to pick up a Quran – the book these “people of God” claim to uphold and represent?

Should we really be surprised at how some people view Islam when there are so-called Islamic governments in this world, claiming to represent the Quran while shooting journalists to death because they don’t print the “right” things, and punishing or killing people for having the “wrong” opinions and/or life-styles?

As it turns out, the majority of those who call themselves Muslim today are completely ignorant when it comes to the Quranic message. Instead they follow traditions passed on to them from their parents, friends, their imams, or all

their books and pamphlets besides the Quran. Their information is based on Hadith and Sunna, which are mostly innovations attributed to Prophet Muhammad. They consist of stories about the prophet gathered over eight generations, and written down some 200 years after his death. What is astounding is that these stories directly contradict most of the Quranic teachings. This explains why many traditionalists become very upset when someone cites the Quran to them, since they feel that it contradicts what they were taught to believe.

One God, One Religion

God teaches us in the Quran that being Muslim is not something we become by referring to ourselves as such, or by even accepting Islam as it is known to the world today. This sounds confusing at first, and it needs further explanation. God teaches us in the Quran that we are Muslims (Submitters) in His eyes when we believe in Him, believe in the Last Day, and lead a righteous life. This is regardless of what we call ourselves.

Leading a righteous life means obeying the information that God has given to each of us. Those who were given the Bible, and who have not familiarized themselves with the Quran are expected to uphold God’s commandments accordingly. This is why we read in the Quran about the righteous Jews and Christians:

[5:44] We have sent down the Torah, containing guidance and light. Ruling in accordance with it were the Jewish prophets, as well as the rabbis and the priests, as dictated to them in GOD’s scripture, and as witnessed by them. Therefore, do not reverence human beings; you shall reverence Me instead. And do not trade away My revelations for a

cheap price. Those who do not rule in accordance with GOD’s revelations are the disbelievers.

[7:159] Among the followers of Moses there are those who guide in accordance with the truth, and the truth renders them righteous.

[5:46] Subsequent to them, we sent Jesus, the son of Mary, confirming the previous scripture, the Torah. We gave him the Gospel, containing guidance and light, and confirming the previous scriptures, the Torah, and augmenting its guidance and light, and to enlighten the righteous.

Most people who call themselves Muslim today are very confused about these Quranic facts, and actually harbor beliefs which contradict these verses. This is why many rush to harsh judgment and hate towards people of other faiths, instead of seeking all ways and means towards being kind and offering peace, as God commands us to in the Quran in so many verses (16:125, 4:90; 4:94; 4:114; 8:61; 9:6).

The religion of Islam (Submission) is not anywhere near what people have been taught. In fact it is a very easy religion to practice: One that decrees total religious freedom for all, one that brings ease after difficulty, not the other way around.

The truth is very simple to follow, has full support in the Quran, makes all the sense in the world, and makes people happy. The traditions and innovations on the other hand are difficult to follow, contradict the Quran, don’t make any sense, and make people miserable (5:16; 10:64; 92:7).

God teaches us to seek the truth. He wants us to verify with our own God given senses the practices we accept and attribute to God.

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God Willing

Annual Conference of United Submitters

August 4-6, 2006

Tucson, Arizona

The conference registration form and the hotel information were mailed out with May newsletter for the majority of the readers. If the registration form was missing, or you need additional forms, you can get it on line. God willing we have set up a web page on the internet to circulate the conference information at

www.masjiduntucson.org/conference/

Remember that this is a great opportunity to be with Submitters from all around the world.

God willing, please do not wait till the last minute to make travel arrangements, and start making your plans to meet the family of submitters. Send in your registration forms as soon as possible, even if you are planning to pay the registration fee at the door. If we do not have enough people signed up by July 12 deadline given by the hotel, we will have to cancel part of the meeting room.

Note: The conference starts at 10am with registration on Friday Aug 4, ends at noon Sunday Aug 6. God willing we are looking forward to see you all there, and to have a wonderful and rewarding conference.

Fourth International Quranic Essay Contest

Submission.org, a non profit organization, is pleased to announce its 4th International Quranic Essay Contest for the youth group ages 12-19. The youth will be divided into two groups, ages 12-15 and 16-19.

Prizes:

\$900.00 (US dollars) will be given away in prizes for the top winners. Three winners will be picked from each age group and the winners will be rewarded as follows:

Ages 12-15: 1st place winner - \$200, 2nd place winner - \$150 and 3rd place winner - \$100

Ages 16-19: 1st place winner - \$200, 2nd place winner - \$150 and 3rd place winner - \$100

The essay must be written in English, and must consist of 500-800 words for the age group 12-15 and 800-1000 words for the age group 16-19. The verses of the Quran will not be counted in the word count, so you can use as many verses as you like. To check more on the rules of the contest, and for the official entry form, please see the web page www.submission.org/quran/contest.html. Essays must be sent to info@submission.org by July 15, 2006. God bless.

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Most of us were often taught to follow our parents, and not question the religious clergy, but this is not at all the behavior that God wishes for His worshippers. His worshippers are intelligent, they research and study, and then they follow their sincere convictions (3:7; 39:18; 17:36).

[17:36] You shall not accept any information, unless you verify it for yourself. I have given you the hearing, the eyesight, and the brain, and you are responsible for using them.

[39:18] They are the ones who examine all words, then FOLLOW THE BEST. These are the ones whom GOD has guided; these are the ones who possess intelligence.

God teaches us that we can only be a Submitter if we worship Him alone. Worshipping Him alone means not associating anything with Him, devoting all of our worship to Him alone.

[7:181] Among our creations, there are those who guide with the truth, and the truth renders them righteous.

[12:108] Say, "This is my path: I invite to GOD, on the basis of a

clear proof, and so do those who follow me. GOD be glorified. I am not an idol worshiper."

[16:125] You shall invite to the path of your Lord with wisdom and kind enlightenment, and debate with them in the best possible manner. Your Lord knows best who has strayed from His path, and He knows best who are the guided ones.

[3:104] Let there be a community of you who invite to what is good, advocate righteousness, and forbid evil. These are the winners.

Y.H.

Soup Kitchen Activity

Ramadan 2006

God willing

Sep 23 – Oct 22

Yes, it is right around the corner.

For more information and details, please see our Ramadan page at <http://www.masjiduntucson.org/submission/practices/ramadan/index.html>

God bless

We participate in an ongoing project to help feed the hungry in our town in cooperation with Casas Adobes Congregational Church and Congregation Whovarín, Temple Emanu-el Jewish groups. This project has started in 1993. By God's grace, we feed 350 to 400 homeless and poor families every month.

We use the kitchen facilities of Casa Maria, a Catholic run operation in south of Tucson. We also use the facility of Masjid Tucson to prepare 600 sandwiches a day before since Casa Maria kitchen is too small for our group. Usually three or four volunteers from each group get together and make the sandwiches. Children also participate in making the sandwiches. They are great helpers.

Volunteers from the four communities run the soup kitchen. These volunteers get together once a month. They buy all the necessary food for the soup kitchen. They prepare, cook and distribute the food the next day at the Casa Maria's kitchen facility. May God accept the efforts of the volunteers.

Sister Senobar coordinates the soup kitchen activities.