

MUSLIMS BELIEVE IN ...

One God, the Creator of all things

Angels and evil spirits

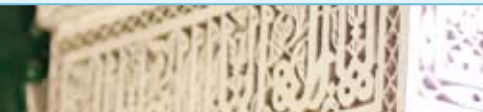
Prophets (Adam, Noah, Abraham, Moses, David, Jonah, Jesus, Mohammed)

Mohammed, the last and greatest prophet

Holy books (the Torah, Zabur (Psalms), Injil (Gospel) and the Qur'an)

The Day of Judgement for all people

The Bible has been corrupted and modified by Jews and Christians.



Jesus says,

“You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”

Are my ideas and attitudes toward Muslims shaped by this commandment?

Muslim attitudes

Concerning the West and Christians in General

Many Muslims would have preferred to maintain a traditional lifestyle and to have limited their contact with non-Muslims to a minimum. However, for decades the world has continued to move toward greater interaction. Globalization, the Internet, television, improved travel and communications bring Muslims and non-Muslims into constant contact. Some Muslims are delighted; others cringe.

For many Muslims, Western society is Christian. Many of them do not differentiate between Western culture and Christianity. For Muslims, alcohol consumption, pornography, popular films, music, a liberal lifestyle and a lack of public religious practise are sure signs of the failure of Western countries. For them, the word “Christian” signifies materialism, a lack of spirituality and moral failure. Because of this numerous Muslims reject trends and attitudes that come from Western society, which they consider perverted. Islamic fundamentalists and terrorists have termed Western societies as Satanic. Muslims often believe that Christians are deceived and that they have an obligation to lead them to the truth of Islam.

On the other hand, many Muslims do not practice their own religion regularly. They find themselves torn between Islam and Western values and culture. The relationships between Muslims and Westerners are sometimes tense. Each have attitudes of suspicion, rejection and feelings of injustice toward the other. This can lead to hatred. In addition, simple non-moral differences between cultures can be a major source of prejudice, problems and misunderstandings.



Unfortunately, believers are not always good examples of God's character. In the words of one person who knows Muslims well, “Many Muslims have never met a believer who is actually living a real Christian life. This is certainly one of the greatest hindrances to effectively making the Messiah known among Muslims.”

Prayer Requests:

► *Pray that Muslims will be able to meet sincere practicing believers and discern how they are different from cultural Christians.*

Scriptures to meditate on and proclaim in prayer: Leviticus 19:2, Mt 5:48, Rom 12:2