



THE ISLAMIC CONDEMNATION OF **EXTREMISM & TERRORISM**

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**IS THIS WHAT COMES TO YOUR
MIND WHEN YOU THINK OF
MUSLIMS?**



**SO, WHAT IS THE
MEANING OF
ISLAM? AND
WHAT IS A TRUE
MUSLIM?**

Islam is the religion which was revealed to all of the Prophets of God. To be a Muslim, a person is required to submit to God by worshipping Him alone without partners, to obey His commandments and to keep away from all forms of idolatry. Muslims refer to God as Allah, the One who alone deserves to be worshipped.



WHO ARE THE PROPHETS OF ISLAM?

Muslims believe in the same Prophets as the Jews and the Christians. However, they also believe in the final Prophet who was born in Makkah in 570 CE. His name was Muhammad (ﷺ). Just like the Prophets before him, he invited the people to worship God alone. So Muslims believe in all of the Prophets of Allah such as Noah, Abraham, Moses, Jesus and Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allah be upon them).



HOW SHOULD MUSLIMS BEHAVE AROUND NON-MUSLIMS?

Allah and His Prophet (ﷺ) have instructed the believers to treat people with kindness, justice, mercy and good manners. The Quran states: **"Allah does not forbid you to deal justly and kindly with those who did not fight against you on account of Religion and did not drive you out of your homes. Verily, God loves those who deal with equity."** (Qur'an 60:8)



WE OFTEN SEE ISLAM AND TERRORISM MENTIONED TOGETHER. SO WHAT DOES ISLAM SAY ABOUT TERRORISM?

Islam forbids all forms of terrorism. There are however some extreme groups who, in the name of Islam, terrorise both Muslims and non-Muslims. The most well-known of these militant groups are Al-Qaeda and ISIS. These terrorist groups are called Khawarij. The title refers to those who rebel against Islam and the Muslim rulers. The Prophet (ﷺ) foretold their appearance and instructed the Muslims to stay away from them and to defend themselves if they attack them. They first rebelled against the Prophet's Companions.





WHY DO TERRORISTS (OR KHAWARIJ) LOOK UPON THE REST OF HUMANITY AND VIEW THEM AS WORTHLESS?

That's because they believe they are the only ones left with any true faith in Allah, and everyone else besides them is an infidel, or an apostate whose life has no value. They see themselves as God's chosen people who must punish all the "enemies of God" and cleanse the earth by the mass killing of Muslims and non-Muslims alike in order to establish the Law of Allah as they see it. But what they do has nothing to do with the Law of Allah or the Quran and Prophetic way. These Khawarij are merciless killers who have no compassion and no true religion. They kill innocent, unarmed civilians without any regard for life or faith. The Prophet Muhammad (ﷺ) said: **"Whoever does not show mercy to people, Allah will not show mercy to him."** (Muslim)

WHAT ARE THE FIVE SIGNS OF AN EXTREMIST THAT I CAN IDENTIFY?

1

He will constantly focus on the political situation in the Muslim lands, advocating uprising and revolution

2

He will vehemently criticise the Muslim rulers and ignorantly declare them to be apostates who do not follow Shariah Law

3

He will praise the founders of the modern-day extreme political ideologies such as Sayyid Qutb, Hasan Al-Banna and Al-Maududi

4

He will declare Muslims who contradict his extremist political views to be unbelievers (this is called takfeer)

5

He will glorify the acts of violence perpetrated by terrorists and insurgents, such as suicide bombings and beheadings

**IF I SEE MUSLIM WOMEN IN HIJAB OR
MEN WITH BEARDS PRAYING AND
BOWING, SHOULD I BE WORRIED? WILL
THEY TRY AND HURT ME?**

You should not be worried at all. Muslims are commanded to dress modestly and pray five times a day, spend in charity, fast in Ramadan and do righteous deeds. So when you see Muslim women in hijab, men wearing long shirts and growing beards, do not take these as signs of extremism. You should never confuse orthodox Islam with extremism. Many learned practising Muslims are the most vocal in opposing terrorism. **Eating halal meat, praying five times a day, growing a beard and wearing a hijab are not signs of extremism!**



WHAT SHOULD MUSLIMS DO IF SOMEONE INVITES THEM TO JOIN AN EXTREMIST GROUP OR IS PLANNING A TERRORIST ATTACK?

They must tell someone in authority, tell a parent, a teacher or the police. It is a duty in Islam to stamp out terrorism.

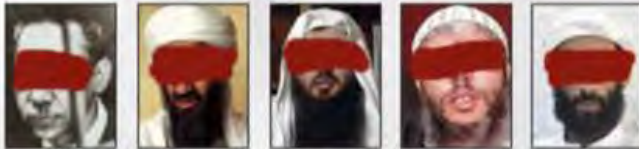
A Muslim cannot stand by and let a criminal act take place. Allah and His Prophet have instructed Muslims to help stop oppression and the killing of innocent people.

The Prophet (ﷺ) said: **“There is not a people amongst whom sins are committed and they are stronger than those who commit them yet they do not prevent them except that Allah will punish all of them.”**

TRUE SALAFIS ARE AGAINST EXTREMISM

Ibn Taymiyyah said, **“The Khawarij are more evil to the Muslims than others - and there is none more wicked to the Muslims than them, not the Jews nor the Christians. They strived to kill every Muslim who did not agree with them. They made permissible the spilling of Muslim blood, and the taking of their wealth and property, and the killing of their children, declaring them to be unbelievers. The Khawarij took this path as their religion due to their extreme ignorance and their misguided innovation...”** (Minhaj As-Sunnah 5/248)

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