



**HOW TO BECOME A  
MUSLIM  
AND TO PRONOUNCE  
SHAHADA**

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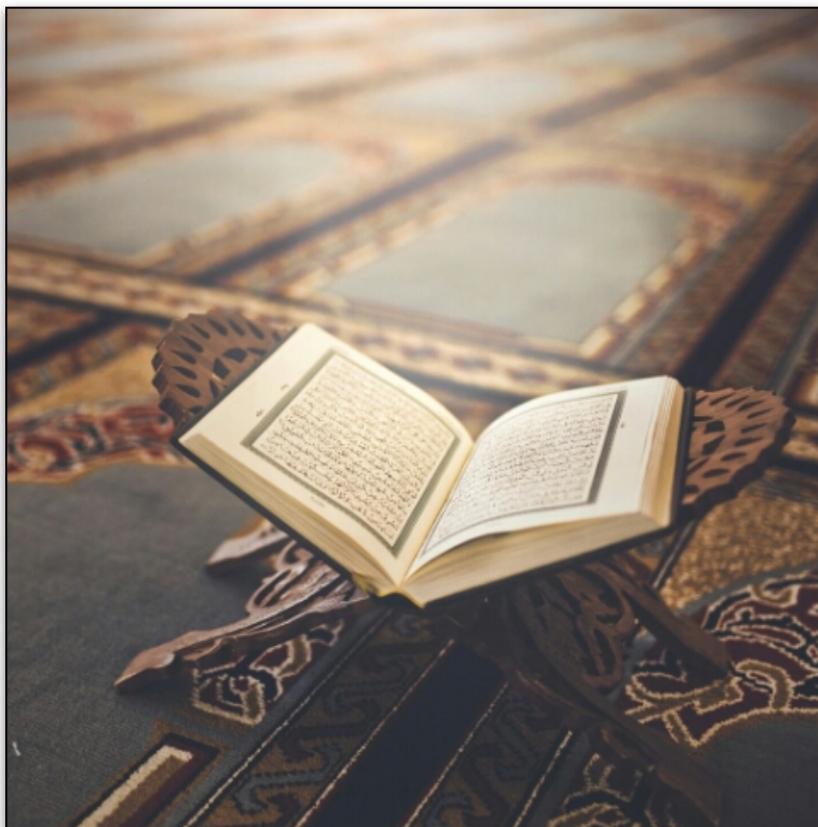
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## Introduction

With this booklet I would like to provide a breif of information how to become a muslim.



## The Meaning of Shahada

The testimony of faith (***Lā ilāha illā-llāh***) is the decisive criterion by which man is judged to be a Muslim or a Kafir (disbeliever). This testimony is the foundation upon which Islam is based. The concept of life, the universe and man is diffused from it, and upon it is based the message of all Messengers beginning with Noah and ending with Muhammad, (peace be upon them all).

***Allah, the Exalted says: "We did not send the Messenger before you without revealing to him: There is no god worthy of being worshipped except I, therefore worship Me." (Holy Qur'an, 21:25)***

Allah has created men and jinn and the rest of creation on account of the testimony of faith, there is no god worthy of being worshipped except Allah. Consequently everything in this universe submits in worship to Allah, to Whom belong the creation and the authority. He is aware of all things.



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## **The Meaning of the testimony of faith**

The testimony comprises two concepts: denial and affirmation.

**First:** The testimony of faith denies everyone and everything other than Allah, the Exalted, and the attribute of divinity. All those other than Allah, such as the angels, the Prophets, and the rest of mankind, let alone the idols and the political regimes in the world, are not gods nor do they deserve to be worshipped. Thus denial in this respect is not denial of the existence of the alleged gods, rather the denial of divinity which is attributed to them.

**Second:** The testimony of faith affirms and restricts divinity to Allah Alone. That is, the slave must believe that Allah is the only true God, and dedicate accordingly no act of worship to other than Allah.

Since worship with all its legitimate acts and rites must be dedicated only to the God who deserves it, therefore, the true God to whom worship must be dedicated is the one who enjoys certain attributes, some of which are:

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1. **Divinity, the Oneness of Allah** Who is singled out as the only true God having no partner to share His divine attributes, nor His domain.
2. **Self-sufficiency.** Allah stands in need of no one; He needs neither a helper nor a spouse or a son.
3. **The capability of doing everything.** There is nothing which frustrates His capability. He does anything He wishes without exhaustion or support. If He wills to do a thing, He only says to it, "Be", and it is.
4. **The absolute life** which is unaffected by perishment. Allah is Everlasting.
5. **Alertness:** Allah never sleeps nor is He heedless, He is neither seized by slumber or sleep.
6. **Inclusive proprietorship:** All existing things belong to Allah alone.
7. **Knowledge:** Allah's knowledge encompasses the whole universe that even an ant weight does not escape His knowledge.
8. **Pride and grandeur:** There is nothing greater that Allah neither in His essence or in his grandeur, nor in his supremacy.
9. **Merciful beneficence:** Allah does not wrong a thing or punish unjustly rather He loves His devotees, and forgives the sins of those who repent to Him.

Allah, Who is far removed from every imperfection, exclusively enjoys the attributes of divinity. This divinity entails: The right of legislating laws.

Allah is the One who legislates laws for His creatures, therefore no one may legislate laws for himself or for others that do not confirm with those of Allah, or those given by His Messengers nor may any one design a mode of worship or a transactional regulation for individual or groups.

Neither is it the right of anyone to deem things lawful or unlawful on his own accord. Whoever gives himself such rights presumptuously sets up himself as god.

Man as part of His creatures, must dedicate all his life worshipping Allah, he must be aware of Allah's rulings, respecting everything he does, thus every lawful thing he does, intending it to be a means of bringing him closer to Allah, turns to be an act of worship.

Worship is an inclusive term comprising every utterance and deed, apparent or hidden that Allah loves.

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### **These requirements are:**

1. The belief that Allah is the true God to Whom worship must be dedicated. He is the One Who possesses all attributes of perfection, and Who is far removed from every imperfection such as taking a spouse or a son.
2. The belief that Allah is the Creator of all existing things, the Sustainer, the Giver of life and death, the Proprietor of the universe, the only Ruler and Legislator.
3. The belief that Allah possesses the attributes of perfection, and is far removed from every imperfection as the Messenger of Allah (SAW) informed us in the Qur'an and the Sunnah. The only two sources from which we know the attributes of Allah.
4. Taking the believers for friends, loving and supporting them.

The above are some of the requirements of the testimony of faith, the testimony, which is considered a prelude and access to Islam, rather its base.

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Whoever confesses it with sincere attestation, and applies its requirements, would ultimately be admitted to the Jannah, the heavenly garden, with the will of Allah. If such a person committed some sins and died before repenting, it is up to Allah, He either forgives him or punishes him, but would the later take him out of it and admits him to Jannah having been purified from his sins.

It is mentioned in the prophetic tradition that Musa, the Messenger of Allah, (Peace and blessings of Allah be upon him), asked Allah to assign for him an act of worship and be particularly his to perform.

**Allah, the Exalted, commanded him:** *[O Musa, say], "There is no god who deserves to be worshipped but Allah"*

**Musa said:** *"My Rabb (Lord)! All your slaves confess this testimony."*

To indicate the significance of the testimony of faith,

**Allah then said:** *"O Musa, were the seven heavens and seven earths, and all what they contain put in one side of the scale, and [There is no god who deserves to be worshipped but Allah] was put on the other side of it would have overweighed them."*

**The Prophet, (SAW) said:** "He who concludes his life with uttering the testimony of faith, that is to be his last words before he dies, he will be admitted to the Jannah".

## Confessing the testimony of faith must be coupled with fulfilling its conditions

1. **Knowledge:** which consists of recognizing Allah as the only true God to whom worship must be dedicated, and denouncing all gods worshipped beside all as false, and that they can neither extend benefit nor cause harm.
2. **Certainty:** that the belief in Allah must be unblemished with any doubt.
3. **Acceptance:** that is to accept all its conditions.
4. **Submission:** that is to fulfill its conditions submissively and willingly being content with Allah as the Lord, and Muhammad, (SAW), as His Prophet and Messenger.
5. **Truthfulness:** that is to fulfill its requirements truthfully.
6. **Sincerity:** that is to be sincere in worshipping Allah, dedicating all acts of worship to Him alone.
7. **The Love Of Allah;** the Exalted, and the love of His Messenger, Muhammad (SAW), and the love of Allah's devotees and the people of His obedience.

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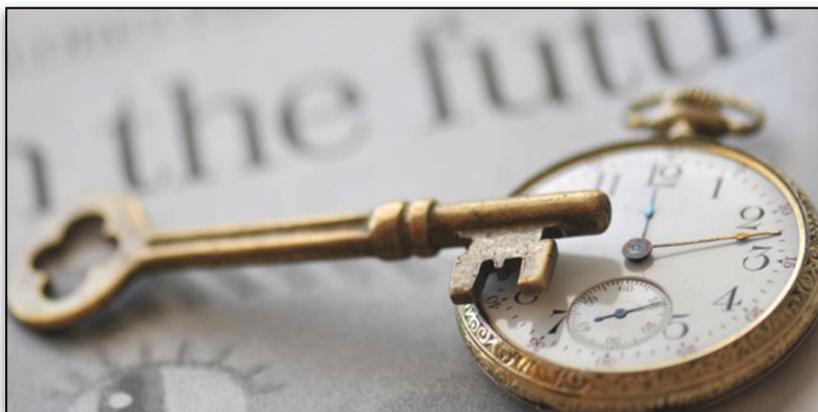
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Finally, it should be borne in mind that Allah must be obeyed by following His commands and refraining from his prohibitions.

Obedience to Allah must be associated with loving Him, fearing His punishment, and hoping for His reward, seeking His forgiveness, and adhering to the teachings of His Prophet Muhammad (SAW). Do I have to do to become a Muslim?

***“It is indeed the greatest blessing to be rightly guided and to turn to the Creator and to be able to build a relationship with the Creator. It is the ultimate source of peace, contentment and happiness.”***

In order to become a Muslim, if you believe in the following **below** then you are ***“technically”*** a Muslim



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## 1. Brief summary what to you need to believe in

1. **Belief in one Allah:** Muslims believe Allah is one, eternal, creator, and sovereign.
2. **Belief in the angels:** Angels are a form of spiritual beings created by Allah to perform various assigned duties. There are numerous angels. They are bound to obey the commands of Allah. Unlike human beings, they have not been given the choice to do either right or wrong.
3. **Belief in the prophets:** The prophets include the biblical prophets but end with Muhammad as Allah's final prophet.
4. **Belief in the revelations of Allah:** Muslims accept certain portions of the Bible, such as the Torah and the Gospels. They believe the Qur'an is the preexistent, perfect word of Allah.
5. **Belief in the last day of judgment and the hereafter:** Everyone will be resurrected for judgment into either paradise or hell.
6. **Belief in predestination:** Muslims believe Allah has decreed everything that will happen. Muslims testify to Allah's sovereignty with their frequent phrase, inshallah, meaning, "if God wills." When you accepting islam

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***"Do you not know that accepting Islam destroys all sins which come before it?"***

*The Prophet Muhammad (pbuh)*

When one accepts Islam, they in essence repent from the ways and beliefs of their previous life. One need not be overburdened by sins committed before their acceptance.

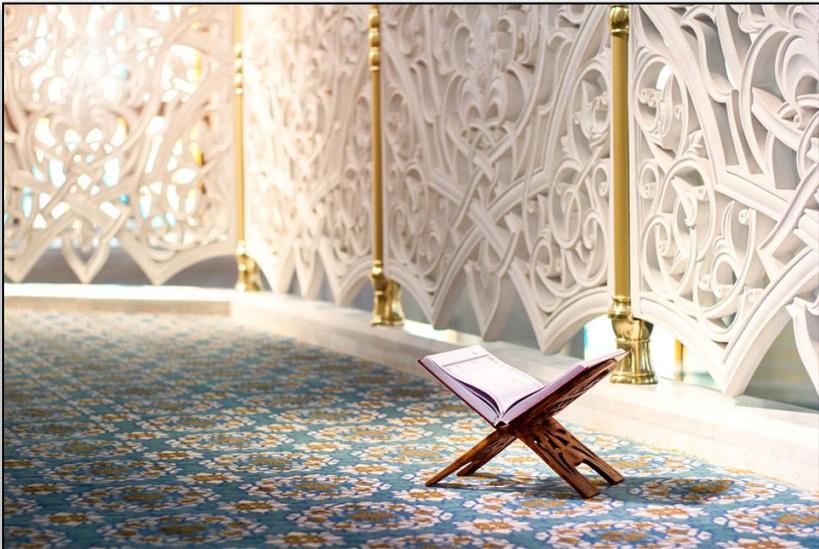
The person's record is clean, and it is as if he was just born from his mother's womb. One should try as much as possible to keep his records clean and strive to do as many good deeds as possible.

## 2. Read Islamic scripture.

The Quran is the central religious book of Islam, believed to be the unadulterated word of God and the culmination of all previous Christian and Jewish scripture.

Another very important religious scripture is the Hadith, the sayings and accounts of Muhammad.

Hadith collections form the basis for much of Islamic law. Reading these writings will give you an understanding of the stories, laws, and teachings that make up Islamic belief.



### 3. It is good to talk with an local Imam

Imams are Islamic religious scholars who conduct religious services inside and outside the mosque (Masjid). Imams are chosen for their knowledge of Islamic scripture and their good character.

A good Imam will be able to provide you with advice when deciding whether you're ready to devote yourself to Islam.



## 4. Say the Shahada

If you're absolutely sure you want to become a Muslim and fully submit to the will of Allah, all you need to do is recite the Shahada, a short oral declaration of faith. Be aware that once you have said the Shahada, you are committed to following Islam for life. The words of the Shahada are

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***"ʾAšhadu ʾan lā ilāha illā-llāh, wa ʾašhadu ʾanna Muḥammadan rasūlu-llāh",***

**Which translates to:**

I testify that there is no other god but Allah, and Muhammad is God's messenger (prophet)." By saying the Shahada, you become a Muslim.

**The first part** of the Shahada ("La ilaha illa Allah ") refers not only to deities from other religions, but also to earthly things which can take the place of Allah in your heart - wealth and power, for example.

**The second part** of the Shahada ("***Muḥammadan rasūlu-llāh***") is a recognition that the word of Muhammad is Allah's messenger. Muslims are required to live by the principles of Muhammad revealed in the Quran - the Shahada is a pledge to follow these principles.

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The Shahada must be said with sincerity and understanding to be binding. You can't become a Muslim just by pronouncing the words - the oral recitation is a reflection of belief that's held in the heart.

You will never kill, lie, steal, or anything of the sort, and will follow Allah's commands detailing how He wishes to be worshiped. In other words, you will follow the Islamic rules.

To become a legal member of the Muslim community, have witnesses present at your recitation. Witnesses are not strictly required to become a Muslim - God knows all things, so a Shahada said alone, with conviction, will make you a Muslim in God's eyes.

However, to become legally recognized by the Muslim mosque, you generally must make your Shahada in front of witnesses - two Muslims or an Imam (Islamic religious leader) who is authorized to certify your new faith.

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## 5. Wash yourself

Immediately upon becoming a Muslim, you should take a shower or bath as a form of purification. This is a symbolic act that signifies the washing away of the past and of emerging from darkness to light.

No one's sins are too grave to prohibit newfound purity. Upon making your Shahada, your past sins are forgiven and you are pure. You symbolically begin a new life centered around striving to improve your spiritual state through good deeds.

Males are ***strongly recommended*** to submit to circumcision as soon as possible after becoming Muslim. Although this may seem daunting, it is considered important for cleanliness and represents an act of love for Allah, seeking His reward. The local mosque should be able to direct you to a nearby clinic where this quick procedure is available.

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