

Things People Should Know About Islam

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Student A

There are some important things people should know about Islam. Firstly, all Muslims show lots of commitment. They show this by praying five times a day, either in a mosque (a muslims worship place) or at home. When Muslims pray they face the city of Mecca. They face the city because Muhammed (pbuh), the profet, met the angel Gibril there in a cave and was told the words of Allah (Muslim's only god).

Secondly, there are five pillars of Islam - Praying, Fasting, Pilgrimage, Giving and Sharing. Every year during the month of Rammadan Muslims fast during the hours of daylight. They do this because it helps them understand how it feels to be one of they less fortunate. It also makes their faith stronger.

Thirdly, giving is a very important issue for Muslims. In the Quar'an (the holy book full of Allah's words) it states that giving is good. It also states that if you are kind and caring, kindness will find you. Muslims give money to charity regularly.

'What can non-Muslims learn?'

Muslims are taught to be very committed to Allah, their God. But this does not mean that if you are a non-believer you can not show commitment. If you like to do a particular sport or hobby and you want to get better, the only way is to be committed and either go to practice whenever you can or trying your hardest always.

Also Muslims are kind and caring. If the whole world did this then there would be no wars. As well as this Muslims give money and if all people did this then there wouldn't be so many people in need.

Student B

There are some important things people should know about Islam. Firstly, Muslims pray 5 times a day which is very important to their religion because the story which tells them how many times they should pray is about Muhammad (pbuh) going up to Allah and asking him how many times Muslims should pray the first time Allah told him that Muslims should pray 100 times a day but when Muhammad (pbuh) went back down and told Mosses how many times they should pray Mosses told him it was to many and he

ought to go back up and ask again so Muhammad (pbuh) did and when he went back down again Moses said it was still too much and he carried on doing this until it got down to the number 5 so then Moses said that was ok. Muslims are very committed to Allah and their religion the story shows this very well. Because I certainly wouldn't pray 5 times a day. Would you?

Furthermore, Muslims do eat in the time that they fast because they are allowed to eat in the night time not in the day. The time that they fast is called Ramadan. Also children, older people and pregnant women don't have to fast if they don't want to only people who want to do but if they don't then they aren't really a Muslim unless they are children, old people or pregnant women.

'Our correspondent say' In the letter we received there were some errors. The child who wrote the letter claimed the Muslims do not give money to charity but in actual fact giving money to charity is one of the five pillars of Islam. Also Muslims do not wear Turbans they actually wear small head caps or the women wear head dresses.

'What can a non-Muslims learn?'

A non Muslim could learn that they should be kind, generous and that they should respect other people as who they are. You could also learn to be patient like Muhammad was (pbuh) when no one believed him at first that a god called Allah had spoken to him and told him that he and the city should follow a religion called Muslim. But he waited and in the end lots of people began to believe him. Muslims also would like peace for the world.

Student C

There are some important things people should know about Islam. Firstly, people should get a good education because other people around the world have. People like Muslim's don't have to pray in the mosque they can pray at home. It is important to cover the Qur'an up with a cloth and you can't touch it either. Also you have to put it onto the Qur'an stand so it doesn't get all dirty.

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Secondly, Muslims don't worship Muhammad they worship Allah. It says that Muslims don't give money when Muslims actually do give money to charity. Also, the children, ill people and old people do not have to give up food otherwise the people that are not ill it might make the children ill and the old people might become ill. Non Muslims can learn

that if you wanted to be respected then you should respect others how you want to be respected. Try not to let people start fights or try and stop the fight.

Student D

There are some important things people should know about Islam. Firstly, Islamic people pray 5 times a day and they face Mecca. Also before they pray, they wash themselves. They face Mecca, because that was where Muhammed met the angle who was sent down from God. "Our correspondent" says "in the letter we recived some erros. Muslims do not starve themselves they eat in when the sun has set they also eat and drink when the sun is rising they eat dates for there breakfast and have a fresh glass of water. Also not all muslims where turbans, men wear those small round hats and ladys wear those scars which cover up the hole of there heads so no one can see there beautiful hair. Finally, non-Muslims can learn a lot from muslims such as muslims are kind to non-muslims so I think we should be kind back because what have the done to us.