

*Bismillah-hir-Rahman-nir-Raheem*  
In the name of Allah (God), the Compassionate, the Merciful



Please accept our greetings of PEACE.

There are hundreds of immigrants entering this beautiful country of ours every day from all around the globe who belong to different religions which include Muslims. The impression Americans have about Islam and Muslims is mostly through the media, which has treated Muslims rather unfairly. They have been labeled as terrorists, fundamentalists and so forth. As a matter of fact, this image is far from the truth.

At the Institute of Islamic Knowledge we consider it our responsibility to inform the residents of North America about Muslims and their religion ISLAM just as we are obligated to tell Muslims around the world about America at large and United States in particular. We would like to enlighten the reader about some of the basics of Islam with the intention of building a bridge between the Muslim and non-Muslim communities. This will create much better understanding and a sense of harmony between our community members, enabling all of us to live and work together with integrity and honesty in a peaceful atmosphere.

Islam is an Arabic word, which not only means submission (to God) but also means PEACE. It is our aim to clarify our position and dispel any false impression that exists about Islam and Muslims. We hope that by informing the reader about Islam, our daily interaction with each other will become more productive for our communities of God-Loving and God-Fearing people.

*May God Almighty bless you for taking the time  
to read this booklet.*

*Your Well Wisher  
Muhammad Farooq-i-Azam Malik  
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# AT A GLANCE

## ISLAM

What is **Islam**?  
Is Islam a new **Religion**?  
What is the distinctive **Feature** of Islam?  
How does Islam relate to **Mankind**?

## MUSLIMS

Who are the **Muslims**?  
What are the **Pillars of Faith**?  
Why Muslims use the word '**Allah**' instead of '**God**'?  
How does someone become a **Muslim**?

## PROPHETHOOD

What is **Prophethood** in Islam?  
Who is **Muhammad**?  
What is **Sunnah**?  
What does Islam say about **Torah** and **Bible**?  
How Islam views **Judaism** and **Christianity**?  
What does Islam say about **Original Sin**?  
What does Islam say about **Jesus**?

## QUR'AN

What is the **Qur'an**?  
Does Islam recognize **Science** and **Technology**?

## WORSHIP

What is **Worship** in Islam?  
What are the **Five Pillars** of Islam?  
What is the **Ka'bah**?

## COMMUNITY

What are **Human Rights** in Islam?  
What is **Jihad** in Islam?  
What is **Hijab** (Islamic Dress Code)?  
How does Islam view **Family Life**?  
What is the **Status of Women** in Islam?  
What is **Marriage** in Islam?  
Why is **More than One Wife** permitted in Islam?  
What does Islam say about **Parents and the Elderly**?  
What does Islam say about **Food**?  
What does Islam say about **Intoxicants and Gambling**?  
What Islam say about **Business Interaction**?

## CONCEPTS

What is the concept of **God** in Islam?  
What is the concept of **Life** in Islam?  
What is the concept of **Life after Death** in Islam?  
What is the concept of **Sin** in Islam?





