

Twenty-five questions to ask your Muslim friends

1. Because of the doctrine of Taqiyya (ref.: <http://www.meforum.org/2095/Islands-doctrines-of-deception>), many non-Muslims believe that Muslims have no qualms about lying to them. Is this a legitimate concern? If not, why not?
2. The Organization of Islamic Cooperation (the OIC) is attempting, through the so-called Istanbul Process, to have criticism of Islam outlawed as criminal, both in Muslim countries as well as in the West. This would, if applied in the US, conflict with the Freedom of Speech provision enshrined in the US Constitution, and would put the West in compliance with Islamic anti-blasphemy laws. Would you, as an American, oppose such an outcome, or would you, as a Muslim, support it to avoid the risk of being found guilty of apostasy?
3. Can you name one mainstream Muslim denomination that you would consider "moderate", i.e., one that publicly denounces portions of Islamic scripture and law which it believes promotes discrimination or violence against non-Muslims?
4. Do "Moderate Muslims" exist? Are they not in actual fact secular Muslims, and therefore apostates? How do you define "Moderate Muslims?"
5. Muslims are taught that Muhammad was, in essence, the perfect man, and that his sayings and actions (Sunna, or example) appropriately form the basis of Sharia law. However, the Hadiths and Sira in fact reveal the complete opposite, i.e., that Muhammad was an extremely flawed individual. Would you be prepared to admit, after learning what the Hadiths and Sira actually tell us about Muhammad's character, that the characterization of Muhammad as a perfect man is incorrect?
6. According to Sharia law (*Reliance of the Traveller* o8.1), those leaving Islam deserve to be killed. Do you believe (contrary to Sharia law) that a Muslim should be allowed to leave Islam without being targeted for execution?
7. According to the Koran (2:59), the Jews corrupted their scriptures "...the transgressors changed the word from that which had been given them [by Allah]." Where is the evidence to support this?
8. How can you defend the rampant Jew-hatred that permeates your scriptures?
9. By its obsessive and pervasive focus, in its scriptures, on the inferior status of non-Muslims and women, Islam stands out among all major religions as one **not** embracing the "Golden Rule" (Do unto others as you would have them do unto you). In fact, the Golden Rule is understood to be *blasphemy* in Islam? How can you defend this?
10. By far the greatest military and security threat facing the West and Israel is Islamic fundamentalism. The root cause of Islamic fundamentalism is Islam. Do you agree with these statements? If not, why not?

11. How can the Koran call Allah merciful and compassionate and yet command the most merciless punishment for those who do not submit to his will?
12. Clitoridectomy is mandated under Sharia law (*Reliance of the Traveller* e4.3). Why did God create females with clitorises only to mandate their forced removal? Where is the testimony of women that their lives have improved as a result of this barbaric procedure, one with unspeakably detrimental physical consequences?
13. Why are most terrorists Muslims?
14. Why is the consumption of alcohol forbidden in Islamic scripture and law (*Reliance of the Traveller* o16.1), yet martyrs are promised "rivers flowing with wine" in paradise? Why the double standard?
15. Why are non-Muslims not allowed in the holy cities of Mecca and Medina, yet Muslims may freely visit the Vatican or the Temple Mount in Jerusalem? Why is the construction of churches or synagogues forbidden in Saudi Arabia? If Muslims expect religious tolerance from Christians and Jews, why do they not reciprocate accordingly?
16. Why, when natural disasters, such as earthquakes, strike in different countries, do the Israelis (and Western nations) invariably send medical and rescue teams and financial aid, but Muslim nations typically recoil from doing so? (Ref.: <http://www.thereligionofpeace.com/Quran/027-disaster-relief.htm>).
17. It has been argued that laws such as ALAC - American Laws for American Courts - infringe upon Muslims' First Amendment rights to practice their religion. However, such laws do *not* aim to restrict individual Muslim religious practice, but aim to stop the political and supremacist aspects of Islam that infringe upon the rights and freedoms of *non-Muslims*. Do you object to American States passing such laws, which also have the effect of outlawing aspects of Sharia law *injurious to Muslims* (legal treatment of women as inferior to men, amputations for theft, etc.)?
18. Muslims call Islam a "Religion of Peace", but 1400 years of history show it to be a violent, aggressive, expansionist, supremacist movement (Ref.: Fregosi, Paul: *Jihad in the West: Muslim Conquests from the 7th to the 21st Centuries*. Prometheus Books). How can you look me in the eye and deny Islam's bloody history?
19. Islam defines "freedom" (*hurriya*) as "perfect slavery - following Islamic law slavishly throughout one's life" (ref.: <http://pjmedia.com/blog/spring-time-for-sharia-in-araby/>), which is opposed to assigning it the universal meaning accepted in Western culture. How do *you* define "freedom"?
20. Islam outlaws critical thinking and debate about Islam - this is enshrined into Sharia law (*Reliance of the Traveller* r14.1), This being the case, how can you and I possibly have an open and honest discussion about Islam? Moderate Islam?
21. Do you give zakat? Are you aware that, according to Sharia law (*Reliance of the Traveller* h8.17), it is obligatory that a portion of your zakat go toward jihad?

22. The degrading institution of Dhimmitude is mandated by Sharia law (*Reliance of the Traveller* 09.8-011.10). Do you agree with this practice?

23. Can you name one mainstream Muslim organization that has spoken out publicly against the persecution of Christians taking place throughout the Muslim world? (Ref.: *Bulletin of Christian Persecution*, posted regularly on the *Political Islam* website).

24. Given that there are many countries, such as Saudi Arabia and the Islamic Republic of Iran, that identify themselves as Muslim, do you have a problem with Israel being recognized as the Jewish State?

25. According to Sharia law (*Reliance of the Traveller* 09.0), there are two kinds of jihad: Lesser jihad, meaning "to war against non-Muslims", and greater jihad (spiritual warfare against the lower self). Yet, practically all of sharia law regarding jihad is about lesser (violent) jihad, 97% of the hadiths of Bukhari are devoted to it, and only 3% to inner struggle (greater jihad). (Ref.: <http://www.politicalislam.com/blog/statistics-and-the-meaning-of-islam/>). Why so much emphasis on violent jihad, and so little on peaceful jihad in Islam's holy writings?