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# Introduction



## Da'wah: A Duty for All Muslims

Islām is a universal religion meant for all of humanity. Allāh ﷻ is the Lord of all creation, and Muslims have been entrusted with the sacred duty of conveying His message to the world. Unfortunately, many Muslims today have become indifferent to this responsibility. While we accept Islām as the best way of life for ourselves, many of us hesitate to share this divine guidance with those who have not yet received it.

The Arabic word *Da'wah* (دَعْوَة) means "a call" or "an invitation." In the Islamic context, it refers to the effort to propagate Islām. As Allāh ﷻ says in the Glorious al-Qur'ān:

ادْعُ إِلَى سَبِيلِ رَبِّكَ بِالْحُكْمَةِ وَالْمَوْعِظَةِ الْحَسَنَةِ وَجَدِلْهُمْ  
بِالَّتِي هِيَ أَحْسَنُ

*"Invite (all) to the Way of thy Lord with wisdom and beautiful preaching; and argue with them in ways that are best."*

*(Sūrah an-Naḥl, 16:125)*

## Twenty Most Common Questions about Islām

In the process of conveying the message of Islām, engaging in dialogue and debate is often necessary. The Glorious al-Qur'ān instructs us:

وَلَا تُجَادِلُوا أَهْلَ الْكِتَابِ إِلَّا بِالَّتِي هِيَ أَحْسَنُ إِلَّا الَّذِينَ  
ظَلَمُوا مِنْهُمْ

*"And dispute ye not with the People of the Book, except with means better (than mere disputation), unless it be with those of them who inflict wrong (and injury)."*  
(Sūrah al-ʿAnkabūt, 29:46)

When discussing Islām with non-Muslims, it is often not enough to only highlight the positive aspects of the religion. Many non-Muslims harbor questions about Islām that remain unanswered in their minds, which can prevent them from seeing the truth of Islām.

They might agree with your explanations about Islām's positive qualities, but they may still say, "Aren't you the same Muslims who marry more than one wife? Aren't you the people who oppress women by making them wear veils? You are fundamentalists!" and so on.

Personally, I prefer to ask non-Muslims directly—with their limited knowledge, whether right or wrong, from whichever source it may be—what they think is wrong with Islām. I encourage them to be open and frank, assuring them that I am open to hearing criticism about Islām.