FAMILIAR NAMES, FRESH QUESTIONS

An invitation to explore

Whether Islam is new to you or part of your daily life, these teachings offer reasons to read closely, ask questions and reflect.

01 Muslims believe in Moses and Jesus, peace be upon them

The Quran calls Muslims to believe in the revelations given to Abraham, Moses, Jesus and other prophets, peace be upon them all.

Quran 2:136

02 A chapter is named after Mary

Mary, peace be upon her, the mother of Jesus, peace be upon him, is honored in the Quran. Chapter 19 is called Maryam.

Quran 3:42; chapter 19

Read with curiosity. Read each passage in context, then ask a knowledgeable teacher about its meaning.

READ. ASK. DISCOVER.

Keep the conversation going.

These points paraphrase Quranic teachings and authentic hadith from Sahih al-Bukhari and Sahih Muslim. Read the originals in context.

Verify each point

01 Quran 2:136
02 Quran 3:42; chapter 19
03 Quran 6:164
04 Quran 2:256
05 Quran 30:22
06 Sahih Muslim 1009
07 Sahih al-Bukhari 2363
08 Sahih al-Bukhari 5199
09 Sahih al-Bukhari 1312-1313
10 Sahih Muslim 1631

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10 things you might not know about Islam

An invitation to study, ask questions and discover more.

Familiar names.
Everyday compassion.
Unexpected lessons.

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CONSCIENCE & HUMAN DIFFERENCE

Responsibility. Conviction. Diversity.

03 You do not inherit another person's sin

No person bears another's burden of sin. Each person has moral responsibility for their own conduct; ancestry does not transfer someone else's guilt.

Quran 6:164

04 No compulsion in religion

The Quran states that there is no compulsion in religion and distinguishes guidance from error. Faith calls for understanding and conviction.

Quran 2:256

05 Human diversity is a sign of God

The variety of human languages and colors is among Allah's signs, alongside the creation of the heavens and earth. Our differences invite reflection.

Quran 30:22

COMPASSION IN DAILY LIFE

Goodness in ordinary moments

06 Charity reaches beyond money

The Prophet Muhammad, peace be upon him, taught that a good word, helping with a load, resolving a dispute fairly and removing harm from a path can be charity. These do not replace obligatory zakat.

Sahih Muslim 1009

07 Mercy extends to animals

The Prophet Muhammad, peace be upon him, told of a man forgiven by Allah after giving water to a desperately thirsty dog. Caring for living creatures can bring reward.

Sahih al-Bukhari 2363

08 Your body has rights over you

The Prophet Muhammad, peace be upon him, taught a devoted worshipper to honor the rights of his body, eyes and wife. Devotion includes balance and responsibility.

Sahih al-Bukhari 5199

DIGNITY & LASTING BENEFIT

Lessons that reach beyond us

09 Respect for a Jewish funeral

The Prophet Muhammad, peace be upon him, stood for a Jewish funeral procession, pointing to the humanity of the deceased.

Sahih al-Bukhari 1312-1313

10 Beneficial knowledge can outlive you

The Prophet Muhammad, peace be upon him, described continuing reward after death through ongoing charity, knowledge that benefits others, and a righteous child who prays for the deceased.

Sahih Muslim 1631

What surprised you?

Which passage would you like to read in full? What question would you ask? Which small act of goodness could you put into practice today?