

Respect and Religious Tolerance

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Man has two Relations

Relation between Man and God --- Religion
Relation between Man and Man --- Humanity

Quran teaches and promotes love and tolerance for all
Teaches to respect choice and urges inclusiveness of others

AlHujrat Chapter-49:13 The Divine Gift of Diversity

O mankind, indeed, We created you from male and female, and We made you into nations and tribes so that you may come to know one another. Indeed, the most noble among you with God is the most spiritually conscious of you. Indeed, God is All knowing, All Aware.

يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ إِنَّا خَلَقْنَاكُمْ مِنْ ذَكَرٍ وَأُنْثَىٰ وَجَعَلْنَاكُمْ شُعُوبًا وَقَبَائِلَ لِتَعَارَفُوا إِنَّ أَكْرَمَكُمْ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ أَتْقَىٰ إِنَّ اللَّهَ عَلِيمٌ خَبِيرٌ

AlMaidah Chapter-5:48 Many Lanes on the Divine Pathway

For each among you, We appointed a divine law and a clear way. And if God had willed, He would have made you one nation. But that He may try you in that which He has given you. So race one with another in good deeds. To God you will return all together, He will then inform you of that in which you used to differ.

لِكُلِّ جَعَلْنَا مِنْكُمْ شِرْعَةً وَ مِنْهَا جَاءَ وَلَوْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ لَجَعَلَكُمْ أُمَّةً وَاحِدَةً وَلَكِنْ لِيَبْلُوَكُمْ فِي مَا آتَاكُمْ فَاسْتَبِقُوا الْخَيْرَاتِ إِلَى اللَّهِ مَرْجِعُكُمْ جَمِيعًا فَيُنَبِّئُكُمْ بِمَا كُنْتُمْ فِيهِ تَخْتَلِفُونَ

AlBaqarah Chapter-2:256 No force for Acceptance

There shall be no compulsion in the religion.

لَا إِكْرَاهَ فِي الدِّينِ

AlBaqarah Chapter-2:139 If they argue - Respond as taught by Allah

Say: "Do you argue with us about Allah, and He is our Lord and your Lord. And for us are our deeds, and for you are your deeds. And we are sincere to Him."

قُلْ إِنَّمَا جُؤِنَا فِي اللَّهِ وَهُوَ رَبُّنَا وَرَبُّكُمْ وَلِنَا أَعْمَالُنَا وَلكُمْ أَعْمَالُكُمْ وَنَحْنُ لَهُ مُخْلِصُونَ

AalImran Chapter-3:199 God is the Judge of Faith

And indeed, among the People of the Scripture there are those who believe in God and that which is revealed to you, and that which was revealed to them, humbling themselves before God. They do not trade the verses of God for a little price. Those, for them their reward is with their God. Indeed, God is swift in taking account.

وَإِنَّ مِنْ أَهْلِ الْكِتَابِ لَمَنْ يُؤْمِنُ بِاللَّهِ وَ مَا أُنزِلَ إِلَيْكُمْ وَ مَا أُنزِلَ إِلَيْهِمْ خَشِعِينَ لِلَّهِ لَا يَشْتَرُونَ بِآيَاتِ اللَّهِ شَيْئًا قَلِيلًا أُولَئِكَ لَهُمْ أَجْرُهُمْ عِنْدَ رَبِّهِمْ إِنَّ اللَّهَ سَرِيعُ الْحِسَابِ

AalImran Chapter-3:64 There is but One God

Say: “O People of the Scripture, come to a word equitable between us and you that we shall not worship except God, nor shall we associate with Him anything, nor shall one of us take others for deities other than God.” So if they turn away, then say: “Bear witness that we are those who have submitted.”

قُلْ يَا أَهْلَ الْكِتَابِ تَعَالَوْا إِلَى كَلِمَةٍ سَوَاءٍ بَيْنَنَا وَ بَيْنَكُمْ أَلَّا نَعْبُدَ إِلَّا اللَّهَ وَلَا نُشْرِكَ بِهِ شَيْئًا وَلَا يَتَّخِذَ بَعْضُنَا بَعْضًا أَرْبَابًا مِنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ فَإِنْ تَوَلَّوْا فَقُولُوا اشْهَدُوا بِأَنَّا مُسْلِمُونَ

AlAnkaboot Chapter-29:46 Show Respect in Mutual Discussion

And do not argue with the People of the Scripture except it be in a way that is better, except with those who do wrong among them. And say: “We believe in that which has been revealed to us and revealed to you. And our God and your God is One, and we are to Him those who surrender.”

وَلَا تُجَادِلُوا أَهْلَ الْكِتَابِ إِلَّا بِالَّتِي هِيَ أَحْسَنُ إِلَّا الَّذِينَ ظَلَمُوا مِنْهُمْ وَقُولُوا آمَنَّا بِالَّذِي أُنزِلَ إِلَيْنَا وَ أُنزِلَ إِلَيْكُمْ وَ إهْنَا وَ إهْنُكُمْ وَاحِدٌ وَ نَحْنُ لَهُ مُسْلِمُونَ

AalImran Chapter-03:51 A Universal Message

Indeed, God is my God and your God, so worship Him. That is the straight path.

إِنَّ اللَّهَ رَبِّي وَ رَبُّكُمْ فَاعْبُدُوهُ هَذَا صِرَاطٌ مُسْتَقِيمٌ

Fussalit Chapter-41:34. Response to the Message of Hate/Enmity

And not equal are the good deed and neither the evil deed. Repel (evil deed) by that which is better, then he between you and him there was enmity (will be) as though he was a devoted friend.

وَلَا تَسْتَوِ الْحَسَنَةُ وَ لَا السَّيِّئَةُ ادْفَعْ بِالَّتِي هِيَ أَحْسَنُ فَإِذَا الَّذِي بَيْنَكَ وَ بَيْنَهُ عَدَاوَةٌ كَأَنَّهُ وَلِيٌّ حَمِيمٌ

