

IN THE NAME OF ALLAH, THE MOST GRACIOUS, THE MOST MERCIFUL

COMMON MISTAKES MADE BY MANY MUSLIMS

INTRODUCTION

Many Muslims think that Islam needs them or Allah Needs them. They forget that Allah is NOT in need of anyone. In fact, Allah has Promised to Replace us if we decide to lose interest in Islam:

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا مَنْ فَسَوْفَ يَرْتَدَّ مِنْكُمْ عَنْ دِينِهِ يَاْتِي اللَّهُ بِقَوْمٍ يُحِبُّهُمْ وَيُحِبُّونَهُ أَذِلَّةٍ عَلَى وَيُحِبُّونَهُ أَذِلَّةٍ عَلَى الْمُؤْمِنِينَ أَعِزَّةٍ عَلَى الْمُؤْمِنِينَ أَعِزَّةٍ عَلَى الْمُؤْمِنِينَ أَعِزَّةٍ عَلَى الْمُؤْمِنِينَ أَعِزَّةٍ عَلَى اللَّهِ وَلَا يَخَاهِونَ لَوْمَةَ لَائِمٍ اللَّهِ وَلَا يَخَاهُونَ لَوْمَةَ لَائِمٍ اللَّهِ يُوْتِيهِ مَنْ ذَلِكَ فَضْلُ اللَّهِ يُوْتِيهِ مَنْ ذَلِكَ فَضْلُ اللَّهِ يُوْتِيهِ مَنْ وَاللَّهُ وَاللْهُ وَاللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ وَاللْمُ

O you who believe! Whoever from among you turns back from his religion (Islam), Allah will bring a people whom He will love and they will love Him; humble towards the believers, stern towards the disbelievers, fighting in the Way of Allah, and never afraid of the blame of the blamers. That is the Grace of Allah which He bestows on whom He wills. And Allah is All-Sufficient for His creatures' needs, All-Knower. 5: 54

Many Muslims have taken Islam for granted, especially those in Muslim countries. In fact there was a saying:

"I went to a Muslim country but I see many Muslims but no or very little Islam. I went to a non Muslim country I see a few non Muslims but many Islam."

Many think Islam is just about Ramadan or Eid, but fail to realise that Islam is a way of life, and that Islam must mean complete submission to Allah. It's not up to us to pick and choose.

"...Then do you believe in a part of the Scripture and reject the rest? Then what is the recompense of those who do so among you, except disgrace in the life of this world, and on the Day of Resurrection they shall be consigned to the most grievous torment. And Allah is not unaware of what you do." 2: 86

WHAT ARE THE COMMON MISTAKES THAT THE MUSLIMS ARE MAKING?

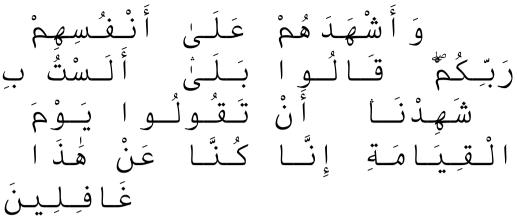
1. Many do not understand Allah

In fact many do not even know what Islam means, and do not understand the purpose of life

Tawheed must be completely understood inshaAllah. If you understand Tawheed then submission will follow inshaAllah.

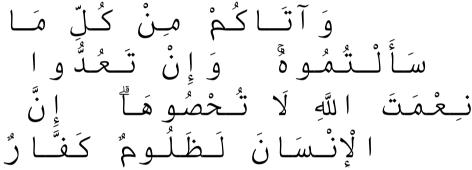
The 7 conditions of shahadah

We have made a covenant with Allah 7: 172



And (remember) when your Lord brought forth from the Children of Adam, from their loins, their seed (or from Adam's loin his offspring) and made them testify as to themselves (saying): "Am I not your Lord?" They said: "Yes! We testify," lest you should say on the Day of Resurrection: "Verily, we have been unaware of this." 7: 172

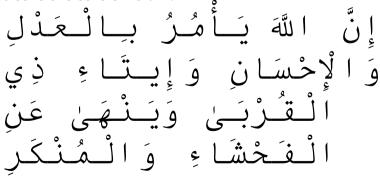
2. Many are not grateful to Allah



And He gave you of all that you asked for, and if you count the Blessings of Allah, never will you be able to count them. Verily! Man is indeed an extreme wrong-doer, – a disbeliever (an extreme ingrate, denies Allah's Blessings by disbelief, and by worshipping others besides Allah, and by disobeying Allah and His Prophet

Muhammad (Golffel on 1987). 14: 34

3. Many want justice but do not practise justice upon others Justice is the core of Islam.



وَ الْبَغْيِ يَعِظُكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ وَ الْبَغْيِ يَعِظُكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَنْكَرُونَ

Indeed, Allah orders justice and good conduct and giving to relatives and forbids immorality and bad conduct and oppression. He admonishes you that perhaps you will be reminded. 16: 90

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا كُونُوا قَوَّامِينَ لِلَّهِ شُهَدَاءَ بِالْقِسْطِّ وَلَا يَجْرِمَنَّكُمْ لاَّ شَنَآنُ قَوْمِ عَلَىٰ أَ تَعْدِلُوا هُوَ أَقْرَبُ تَعْدِلُوا هُوَ أَقْرَبُ لِلتَّقْوَیُّ وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ إِنَّ اللَّهَ خَبِيرٌ بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ اللَّهَ خَبِيرٌ بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ

O you who have believed, be persistently standing firm for Allah, witnesses in justice, and do not let the hatred of a people prevent you from being just. Be just; that is nearer to righteousness. And fear Allah; indeed, Allah is Acquainted with what you do. 5: 8

4. Many follow the majority

وَإِنْ تُطِعْ أَكْثَرَ مَنْ فِي الْأَرْضِ يُضِلُّوكَ عَنْ سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ الظَّنَّ وَإِنْ إِنْ يَتَبِعُونَ إِلَّا اللَّهَ الطَّنَّ وَإِنْ إِنْ يَتَبِعُونَ إِلَّا اللَّهَ الْمُصْونَ أَلَّا يَخْرُصُونَ أَلَّا يَخْرُصُونَ أَلَّا يَخْرُصُونَ

And if you obey most of those upon the earth, they will mislead you from the way of Allah. They follow not except assumption, and they are not but falsifying. 6: 116

Many end up committing innovations, shirk, etc because they just guessed. Then when you advise them to change they say:

وَإِذَا قِيلَ لَهُمْ تَعَالَوْا اللهُ وَإِلَى اللهُ وَإِلَى اللهُ وَإِلَى اللهُ وَإِلَى اللهُ وَإِلَى اللهُ وَإِلَى وَحَدْنَا عَلَيْهِ آبَاءَنَا مَا وَجَدْنَا عَلَيْهِ آبَا وَٰهُمْ لَا وَلَوْ كَانَ آبَا وُهُمْ لَا وَلَوْ كَانَ آبَا وُهُمْ لَا وَلَا يَعْتَدُونَ يَعْلَمُونَ شَيْئًا وَلَا يَعْلَمُونَ شَيْئًا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا عَلَيْكُمْ أَنْ لَا يَضُرُّكُمْ عَلَيْكُمْ أَنْ فُسَكُمٌ لَا يَضُرُّكُمْ عَلَيْكُمْ أَنْ فُلَ يَضُرُّكُمْ مَنْ ضَلَّ إِذَا اهْتَدَيْتُمْ إِلَى اللهِ مَرْجِعُكُمْ جَمِيعًا اللهِ مَرْجِعُكُمْ جَمِيعًا فَيُنْبِئُكُمْ بِمَا كُنْتُمْ فَيَكُمْ بِمَا كُنْتُمْ وَمَلُونَ تَعْمَلُونَ تَعْمَلُونَ تَعْمَلُونَ تَعْمَلُونَ تَعْمَلُونَ تَعْمَلُونَ تَعْمَلُونَ تَعْمَلُونَ تَعْمَلُونَ وَيَعْمَلُونَ وَالْمَعْمِلُونَ وَيَعْمَلُونَ وَيَعْمَلُونَ وَيَعْمَلُونَ وَلَا يَعْمَلُونَ وَهُمْ فَيَعْمَلُونَ وَيَعْمَلُونَ وَيَعْمَلُونَ وَيَعْمَلُونَ وَيَعْمَلُونَ وَيَعْمَلُونَ وَيَعْمَلُونَ وَلَا يَعْمَلُونَ وَيَعْمَلُونَ وَعُمْلُونَ وَلَا مُعْمَلُونَ وَلَا فَيَعْمَلُونَ وَلَا مُعْمَلُونَ وَلَا فَعْمَلُونَ وَلَا فَا فَالْمُونَ وَلَا فَالْمُونَ وَلَا فَالْمُونَ وَلَا فَعَمِيعًا فَيَعْمَلُونَ وَلَا فَا فَالْمُونَ وَلَمْ فَالْمُونَ وَلَا فَلَا فَلَا فَلَا فَلَا فَلَا فَالْمُنْ وَلَا فَلَا فَلَا فَلَا فَلَا فَا فَلَا فَا فَلَا فَلَا فَالْمُونَ وَلَا فَا فَالْمُونَ وَلَا فَلَا فَالْمُونَ وَلَا فَالْمُونَ وَلَا فَلَا فَالْمُونَ وَلَا فَلَا فَلَا فَلَا فِلَا فَلَا فَ

And when it is said to them, "Come to what Allah has revealed and to the Messenger," they say, "Sufficient for us is that upon which we found our fathers." Even though their fathers knew nothing, nor were they guided?

O you who have believed, upon you is [responsibility for] yourselves. Those who have gone astray will not harm you when you have been guided. To Allah is you return all together; then He will inform you of what you used to do.

5. Not working hard to seek His Guidance

Guidance MUST BE ACTIVELY AND REGULARLY SOUGHT! Not just during Umrah or Ramadan.

- Recite Qur'an
- Praying consistently
- Make du'a
- Attend classes of knowledge

وَ الَّذِينَ اهْتَدَوْا زَادَهُمْ هُدًى وَآتَاهُمْ تَقْوَاهُمْ

And those who are guided - He increases them in guidance and gives them their righteousness. 47: 17

Examples

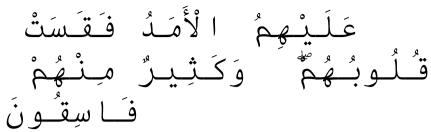
- The priest who attended Islamic talk but refused to attend because he was afraid to get guided
- The woman who walked past by Islamic bookshop and eventually took shahadah

Many people are afraid to seek Guidance because they are afraid of guidance – they may have to sacrifice dunya.

<u>6.</u> Many are committing innovations of the Deen 5: 3,

Indeed in the Messenger of Allah (Muhammad) you have a good example to follow for him who hopes in (the Meeting with) Allah and the Last Day and remembers Allah much. 33: 21

7. Many never think that they might die in the next few minutes 15: 99



Has not the time come for the hearts of those who believe (in the Oneness of Allah – Islamic Monotheism) to be affected by Allah's Reminder (this Qur'an), and that which has been revealed of the truth, lest they become as those who received the Scripture [the Taurat (Torah) and the Injeel (Gospel)] before (i.e. Jews and Christians), and the term was prolonged for them and so their hearts were hardened? And many of them were *Fasiqun* (rebellious, disobedient to Allah). 57: 16

مَثَلُ الَّذِينَ حُمِّلُوا التَّوْرَاةَ ثُمَّ لَمْ يَحْمِلُوهَا كَمَثَلِ الْحِمَارِ يَحْمِلُ أَسْفَارًأَ بِئْسَ مَثَلُ الْقَوْمِ الَّذِينَ كَذَّبُوا بِآيَاتِ اللَّهِ وَاللَّهُ لَا يَهْدِي الْقَوْمَ الْمِينَ الظَّ

The likeness of those who were entrusted with the (obligation of the) Taurat (Torah) (i.e. to obey its commandments and to practise its legal laws), but who subsequently failed in those (obligations), is as the likeness of a donkey who carries huge burdens of books (but understands nothing from them). How bad is the example (or the likeness) of people who deny the *Ayat* (proofs, evidences, verses, signs, revelations, etc.) of Allah. And Allah guides not the people who are *Zalimun* (polytheists, wrong-doers, disbelievers, etc.). 62: 5

<u>9.</u> Many has wrong priority of their lives

Time Management and priorities are always bad when comes to the Deen. When dealing with exams or interviews or even going for holidays, preparations start at least 4 weeks before.

10. Many have no patience

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Allah is with the patient 2: 153 Patience is key in many situations. 3 situations that require patience:

- When tested by Allah
- Doing good deeds
- Preventing yourself from disobeying Allah

Reactions to calamities

- Turn away from Allah
- Patient
- Redha accept the calamity
- Say Alhamdulillah

Du'a 7: 126