

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  
يَأْتِي اللَّهَ بِقَوْمٍ يُحِبُّهُمْ  
وَيُحِبُّونَهُ أَذِلَّةٍ عَلَى  
الْمُؤْمِنِينَ أَعِزَّةٍ عَلَى  
الْكَافِرِينَ يُجَاهِدُونَ فِي سَبِيلِ  
اللَّهِ وَلَا يَخَافُونَ لَوْمَةَ لَائِمٍ  
ذَلِكَ فَضْلُ اللَّهِ يُؤْتِيهِ مَنْ  
عُ عَلِيمٌ يَشَاءُ وَاللَّهُ وَاسِعٌ

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.

أَفَتُؤْمِنُونَ بِبَعْضِ الْكِتَابِ  
وَتَكْفُرُونَ بِبَعْضٍ فَمَا جَزَاءُ  
مَنْ يَفْعَلُ ذَلِكَ مِنْكُمْ إِلَّا خِزْيٌ  
فِي الْحَيَاةِ الدُّنْيَا وَيَوْمَ  
الْقِيَامَةِ يُرَدُّونَ إِلَىٰ أَشَدِّ  
الْعَذَابِ وَمَا اللَّهُ بِغَافِلٍ  
عَمَّا تَعْمَلُونَ

“...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

وَإِذْ أَخَذَ رَبُّكَ مِنْ بَنِي آدَمَ  
مِنْ ظُهُورِهِمْ ذُرِّيَّتَهُمْ

وَأَشْهَدَهُمْ عَلَىٰ أَنفُسِهِمْ  
 رَبِّكُمْ قَالُوا بَلَىٰ أَلَسْتُمْ بِ  
 شَهِدِنَا أَنْ تَقُولُوا يَوْمَ  
 الْقِيَامَةِ إِنَّا كُنَّا عَنْ هَذَا  
 غَافِلِينَ

And (remember) when your Lord brought forth from the Children of Adam, from their loins, their seed (or from Adam's loins 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**

وَآتَاكُمْ مِنْ كُلِّ مَا  
 سَأَلْتُمُوهُ وَإِنْ تَعُدُّوا  
 نِعْمَتَ اللَّهِ لَا تَحْصُوهَا إِنْ  
 الْإِنْسَانَ لَظَلُومٌ كَفَّارٌ

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 ) 14: 34

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

إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَأْمُرُ بِالْعَدْلِ  
 وَالْإِحْسَانِ وَإِيتَاءِ ذِي  
 الْقُرْبَىٰ وَيَنْهَىٰ عَنِ  
 الْفَحْشَاءِ وَالْمُنْكَرِ

وَالْبَغْيَ يَعِظُكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ  
تَذَكَّرُونَ

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  
بِالْقِسْطِ وَلَا يَجْرِمَنَّكُمْ  
لَا شَنَاةَ قَوْمٍ عَلَىٰ أ  
تَعْدِلُوا وَعَدِلُوا هُوَ أَقْرَبُ  
لِلتَّقْوَىٰ وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ إِنَّ  
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 تُطِيعُوا أَكْثَرَ مَنْ فِي  
الْأَرْضِ يُضِلُّوكَ عَنْ سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ  
لَظَنَّ وَإِنْ أَنْ يَتَّبِعُونَ إِلَّا  
هُمْ إِلَّا 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  
إِلَىٰ مَا أَنْزَلَ اللَّهُ وَإِلَىٰ  
الرَّسُولِ قَالُوا حَسْبُنَا مَا  
وَجَدْنَا عَلَيْهِ آبَاءَنَا  
أَوْلَوْ كَانَ آبَاؤُهُمْ لَا  
وَلَا يَهْتَدُونَ يَعْلَمُونَ شَيْئًا  
يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا  
عَلَيْكُمْ أَنْفُسُكُمْ لَا يَضُرُّكُمْ  
مَنْ ضَلَّ إِذَا اهْتَدَيْتُمْ إِلَىٰ  
اللَّهِ مَرْجِعُكُمْ جَمِيعًا  
فَإِنِّي كُنْتُ مِمَّنْ  
تَعْمَلُونَ

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

وَالَّذِينَ 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.

**6. Many are committing innovations of the Deen**

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لَقَدْ كَانَ لَكُمْ فِي رَسُولِ  
اللَّهِ أُسْوَةٌ حَسَنَةٌ لِّمَن كَانَ  
يَرْجُو اللَّهَ وَالْيَوْمَ الْآخِرَ  
يَرَّأَوْ ذَكَرَ اللَّهَ كَثُرَ

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**

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وَاعْبُدْ رَبَّكَ حَتَّىٰ يَأْتِيَكَ  
الْيَقِينُ

**8. Many recite Qur'an which ends at the lips**

أَلَمْ يَأْنِ لِلَّذِينَ آمَنُوا أَنْ  
تَخْشَعَ قُلُوبُهُمْ لِذِكْرِ اللَّهِ  
وَمَا نَزَلَ مِنَ الْحَقِّ وَلَا  
يَكُونُوا كَالَّذِينَ أُوتُوا  
فَطَالَ الْكِتَابُ مِنْ قَبْلُ

عَلَيْهِمُ الْأَمْدُ فَكَسَتْ  
 قُلُوبَهُمْ وَكَثِيرٌ مِنْهُمْ  
 فَاسِقُونَ

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  
 التَّوْرَةَ ثُمَّ لَمْ يَحْمِلُوهَا  
 كَمَثَلِ الْحِمَارِ يَحْمِلُ  
 أَسْفَارًا بِيَسْ 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

#### **9. 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

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