

In the Name of Allah, Most Gracious, Most Merciful

# Islaam is spreading without force, won't you see

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It is a common complaint among some non-Muslims that Islaam would not have millions of adherents all over the world, if it had not been spread by the use of force. The following points will make it clear, that far from being spread by the sword, **it was the inherent force of truth**, reason and **logic** that was **responsible** for the **rapid spread of Islaam**.

## 1. Islaam means peace:

Islaam comes from the root word 'salaam', which means peace. It also means submitting one's will to Allah (swt). Thus Islaam is a religion of peace, which is acquired by submitting one's will to the will of the Supreme Creator, Allah (swt).

## 2. Sometimes force has to be used to maintain peace:

Each and every human being in this world is not in favour of maintaining peace and harmony. There are many, who would disrupt it for their own vested interests. Sometimes force has to be used to maintain peace. It is precisely for this reason that we have the police who use force against criminals and anti-social elements to maintain peace in the country. Islaam promotes peace. At the same time, Islaam exhorts its followers to fight where there is oppression. The fight against oppression may, at times, require the use of force. In Islaam force can only be used to promote peace and justice.

## 3. Opinion of historian De Lacy O'Leary:

The best reply to the misconception that Islaam was spread by the sword is given by the noted historian De Lacy O'Leary in the book "Islaam at the cross road" (Page 8):

"History makes it clear however, that the legend of fanatical Muslims sweeping through the world and forcing Islaam at the point of the sword upon conquered races is one of the most fantastically absurd myth that historians have ever repeated."

## 4. Muslims ruled Spain for 800 years:

**Muslims ruled** Spain for about **800** years. The Muslims in Spain **never** used the sword to force the people to revert. **Later** the **Christian Crusaders** came to Spain and **wiped out the Muslims**. There was not a single Muslim in Spain who could openly give the adhan that is the call for prayers.

## 5. 14 million Arabs are still Coptic Christians:

Muslims were the lords of Arabia for 1400 years. For a **few years** the **British** ruled, and for a **few years** the **French** ruled. Overall, the **Muslims ruled Arabia** for **1400 years**. Yet today, there are **14 million Arabs** who are **Coptic Christians** i.e. **Christians since generations**. If the Muslims had used the sword there would not have been a single Arab who would have remained a Christian.

## 6. More than 80% non-Muslims in India:

The **Muslims ruled** India for about a **thousand** years. If they wanted, they had the power of reverting each and every non-Muslim of India to Islaam. Today more than **80%** of the population of **India** are **non-Muslims**. All these non-Muslim Indians are bearing witness today that Islaam was not spread by the sword.

## 7. Indonesia and Malaysia:

Indonesia is a country that has the maximum number of Muslims in the world. The majority of people in Malaysia are Muslims. May one ask, "Which Muslim army went to Indonesia and Malaysia?"

### 8. East Coast of Africa:

Similarly, Islaam has spread rapidly on the East Coast of Africa. One may again ask, if Islaam was spread by the sword, "Which Muslim army went to the East Coast of Africa?"

### 9. Thomas Carlyle:

The famous historian, Thomas Carlyle, in his book "Heroes and Hero worship", refers to this misconception about the spread of Islaam: "The sword indeed, but where will you get your sword? Every new opinion, at its starting is precisely in a minority of one. In one man's head alone. There it dwells as yet. One man alone of the whole world believes it, there is one man against all men. That he takes a sword and try to propagate with that, will do little for him. You must get your sword! On the whole, a thing will propagate itself as it can."

### 10. No compulsion in religion:

With which sword was Islaam spread? Even if Muslims had it they could not use it to spread Islaam because the Quraan says in the following verse:

"Let there be NO compulsion in religion: Truth stands out clear from error", [Al-Quraan\_002:256].

### 11. Sword of the Intellect:

It is the sword of intellect. The sword that conquers the hearts and minds of people. The Quraan says in Surah Nahl, chapter 16 verse 125:

"Invite (all) to the way of thy Lord with wisdom and beautiful preaching; and argue with them in ways that are best and most gracious", [Al-Quraan 16:125].

### 12. Increase in the world religions from 1934 to 1984:

An article in Reader's Digest 'Almanac', year book 1986, gave the statistics of the increase of percentage of the major religions of the world in half a century from 1934 to 1984. This article also appeared in 'The Plain Truth' magazine. At the top was Islaam, which increased by 235%, and Christianity had increased only by 47%. May one asks, which war took place in this century, which reverted millions of people to Islaam?

### 13. Islaam is the fastest growing religion in America and Europe:

Today the fastest growing religion in America is Islaam. The fastest growing religion in Europe is Islaam. Which sword are forcing people in the West to accept Islaam in such large numbers?

### 14. Dr. Joseph Adam Pearson:

Dr. Joseph Adam Pearson rightly says, "People who worry that nuclear weaponry will one day fall in the hands of the Arabs, fail to realize that the Islaamic bomb has been dropped already, it fell the day MUHAMMED (Peace-Be-Upon-Him) was born".

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