

# Islaam is Spreading without Force, won't you see

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.

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).

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.

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.

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.

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.

"Let there be NO compulsion in Religion: Truth stands out clear from error", (Al-Quraan\_002:256).

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