

Islam Question & Answer

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6703 - It is Easy to Enter Islam

the question

My father is African American and my mother is white and I have done a lot of research on this religion. I am 16 and I really want to become a Muslim. I wanted to know if I could be one?

Detailed answer

Praise be to Allah.

Among the beauties of Islam is the fact that in this religion there are no intermediaries in the relationship between a person and his Lord. Entering this religion does not involve any special ceremonies or procedures that need to be done in front of any other person, nor does it require the consent of any specific people. Becoming Muslim is very easy and anyone can do it even if he is all alone in the desert or in a locked room. All it takes is to say two beautiful sentences which sum up the meaning of Islam and which include the statement that a person is the slave of his Lord and that he submits himself to Him and recognizes that He is his God and Helper and Protector Who decrees for him whatever He wills; and that Muhammad is the slave and Messenger of Allaah whom he must follow with regard to what was revealed to him from Allaah, for obeying the Messenger is part of obeying Allaah. Whoever utters these twin statements of faith, with conviction and believing in them, becomes a Muslim, sharing all the rights and duties that other Muslims have. After that he can start straight away to do the things that Allaah has made obligatory, such as the five daily prayers at the right times, fasting during the month of Ramadaan, and so on. From this it should be clear to you that you can become a Muslim straight away, so get up, have a shower and say: "Ash-hadu an laa ilaaha ill-Allaah wa ash-hadu anna Muhammadan 'abduhu wa rasooluhu (I bear witness that there is no god except Allaah and I bear

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witness that Muhammad is His slave and Messenger).” For more information, see

[those who want to become Muslim](#). May Allaah help you to do all that is good and guide your steps aright. May He decree for you happiness in this world and the next. Peace be upon those who follow true guidance.