

Islām's Teachings of Peace & Mercy

and some misconceptions



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»» Basic Islamic Teachings

The 5 Pillars of Islām



Prayer
(Ṣalāh)

Fasting
(Sawm)



Belief
(Imān)

Pilgrimage
(Hajj)

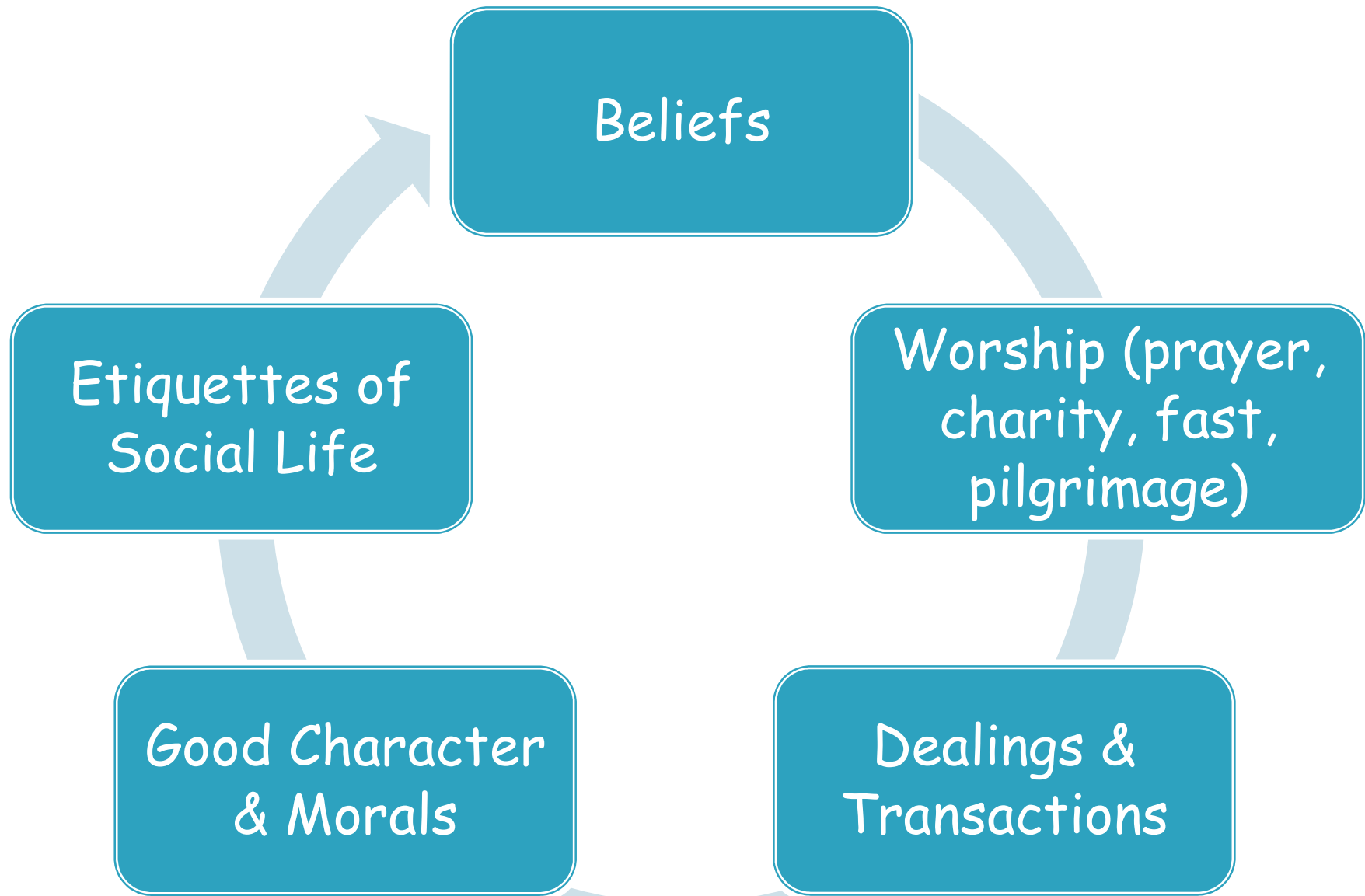
Charity
(Zakāh)



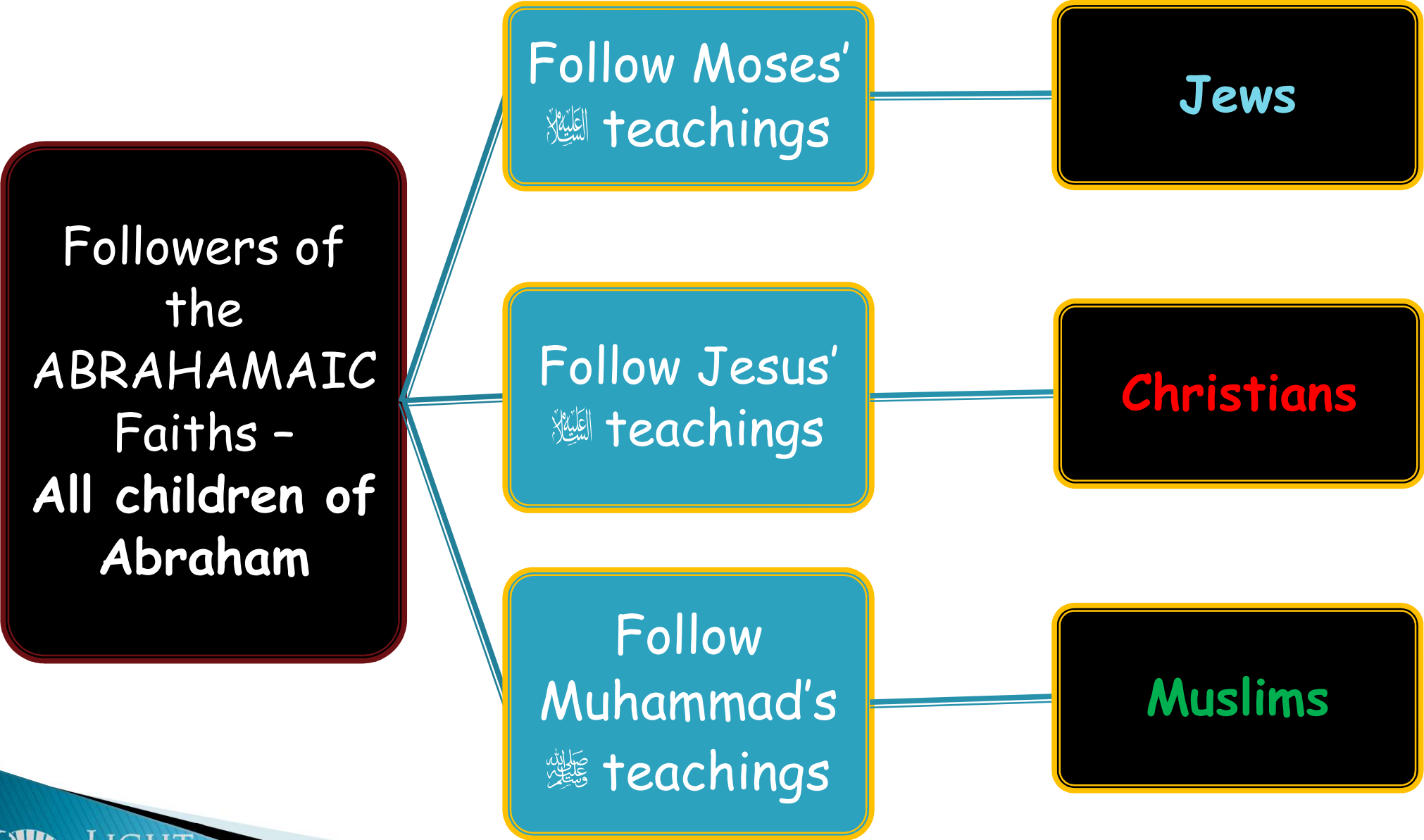
Articles of Faith



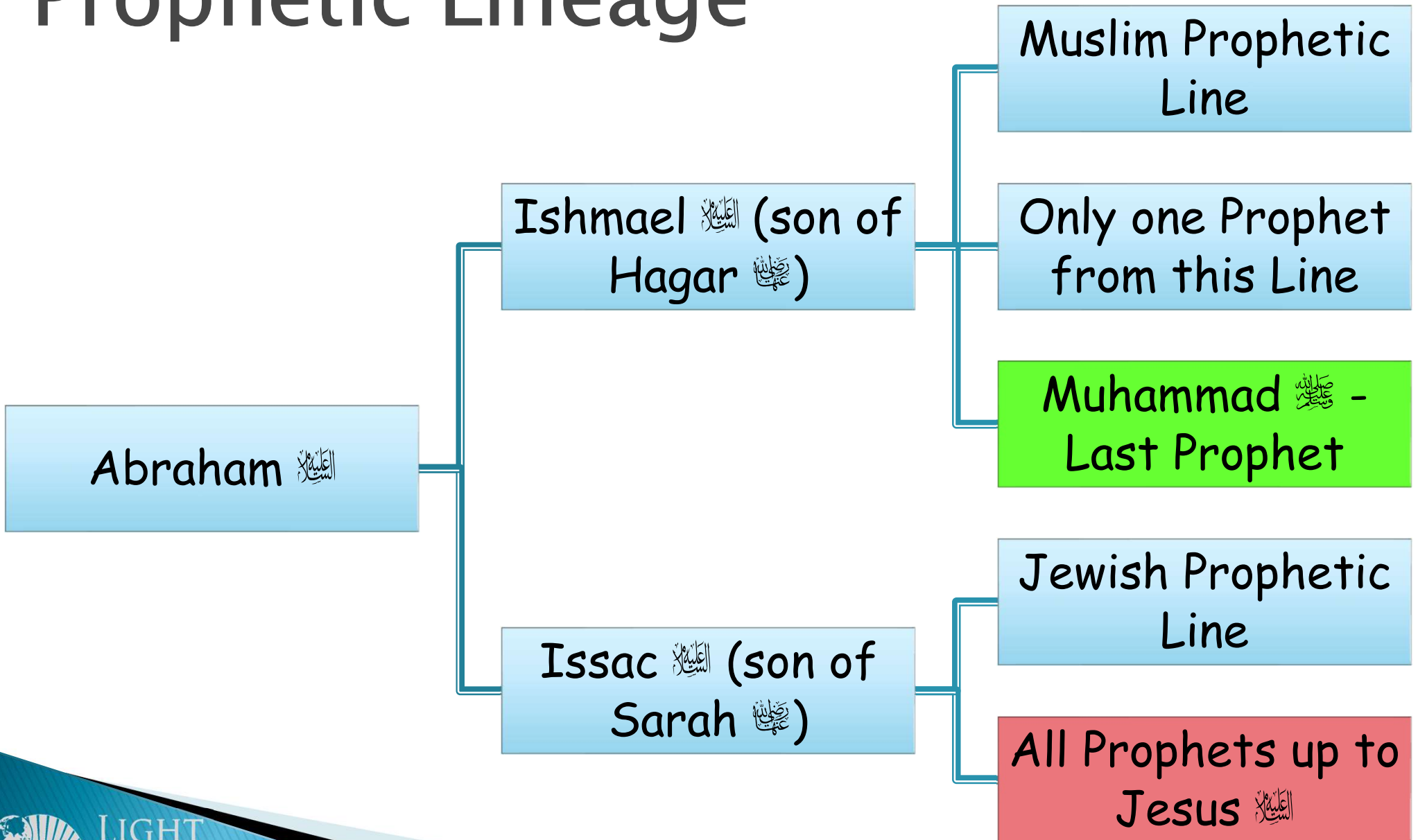
Five major branches of Islām



People of the Book



Abrahamaic Faiths' Prophetic Lineage



Jesus / 'Īsā عليه السلام (peace be upon him)



- Given the New Testament
- Miraculously born of Mary
- Performed many other miracles
- The Messiah, the Christ, the word of God, the Anointed One
- Muslims love and hold Jesus عليه السلام in great esteem as one of the greatest Prophets of all times

Muhammad (peace be upon him)

صلى الله
عليه
وسلم

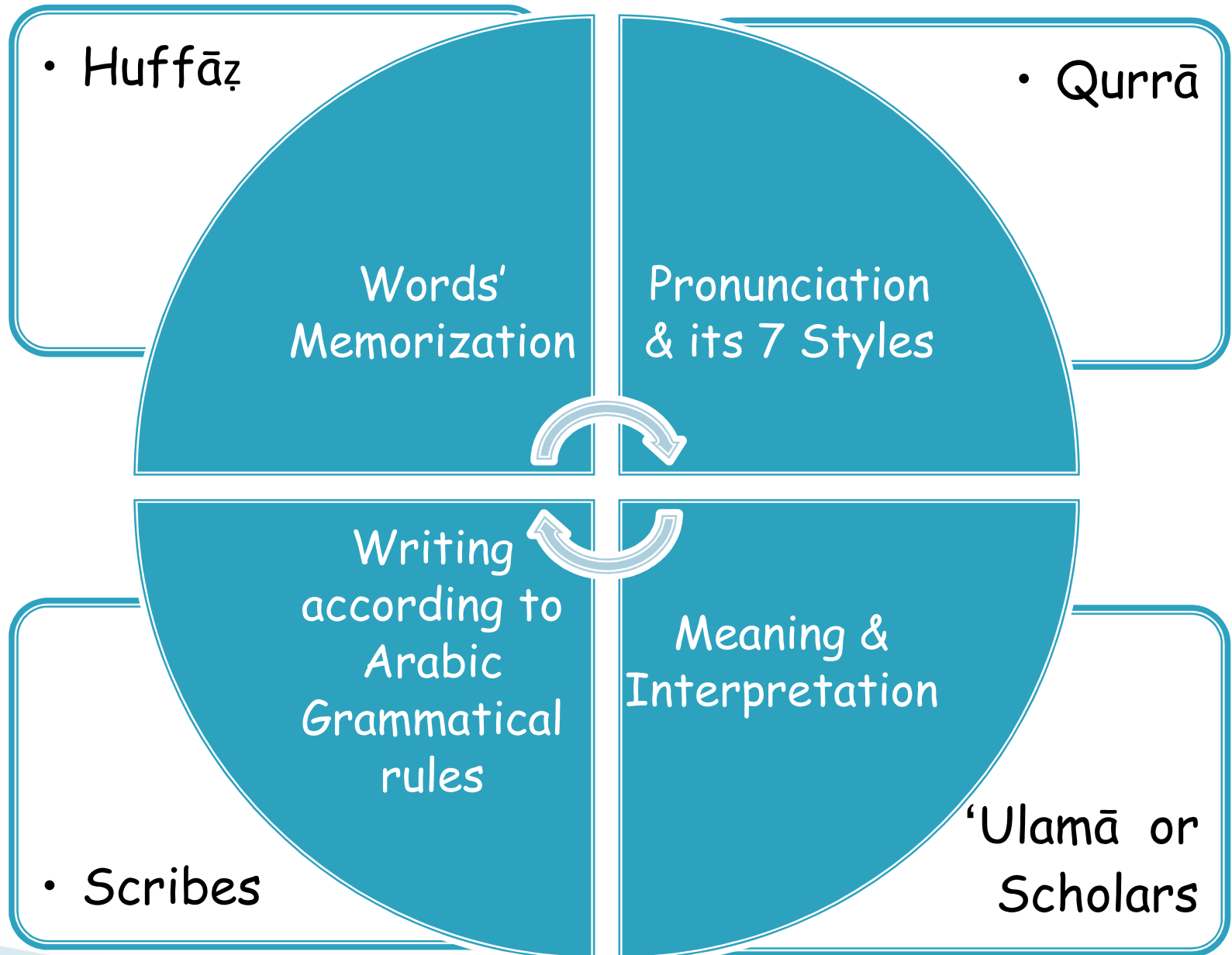
- Given the Qur'ān
- Illiterate, yet most eloquent of Arabs
- Known as the most truthful, most trustworthy
- Mercy to the Worlds

GEORGE BERNARD SHAW said about him:

*"He must be called the Saviour of Humanity.
I believe that if a man like him were to assume the
dictatorship of the modern world, he would succeed in
solving its problems in a way that would bring it much
needed peace and happiness."*

The Genuine Islām, Singapore,
Vol. 1, No. 8, 1936)

Preservation of the Qur'ān



Islām teaches Mercy for All



1-Mercy towards Parents & Relatives -

- *'And be kind to parents and relatives.'* (2:83)

2-Mercy towards Children -

- *'He who does not have mercy on our young and does not honour our elders is not of us.'* (Aḥmad)

3-Mercy towards Orphans, Widows & the Destitute -

- *'The one who spends upon widows and the destitute is like the one who wages war for the sake of God.'*
(Bukhārī)

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4-Mercy towards Neighbours (regardless

of faith) - 'Whoever believes in Allāh and the last day should not cause harm to his neighbour.' (Bukhārī)



5-Mercy towards Fellow Citizens -

- *'A complete and perfect Muslim is one from whose tongue and hand people are safe.'* (Nasa'ī)
- *'He who is not merciful will not be shown mercy.'* (Tirmidhī)
- *'Whoever kills a person with whom there is a [peace] treaty will not smell the fragrance of Paradise.'* (Bukhārī)

6-Mercy towards Animals - Look after the animals as they also have rights.

Islamic Rights Of Women Since 1400 Years Ago

Right to Live	✓	Education	✓
Social Rights	✓	Legal Rights	✓
Inheritance	✓	Privacy & Chastity	✓
Maintenance Rights	✓	Respect during Menstruation days	✓
Ownership Rights	✓	Security & Protection	✓

» Invaluable Teachings of Islām

Value of Human Life in Islām

The Prophet ﷺ (pbuh) said:

"Whoever kills a person with whom there is a treaty will not smell the fragrance of paradise." (Bukhārī)

"...As Muslims, we value human life irrespective of geography, race and gender. We do not distinguish between the poor and the wealthy, women from men, the less able from the less able bodied, as a life is a life, hence sacred and precious. Therefore, a loss of life in any corner of the world is a loss of grief and sorrow for every true Muslim."

(Shaykhul Ḥadīth Mawlānā Muhammad Saleem Dhorat ḥafīẓahullāh - Leicester)



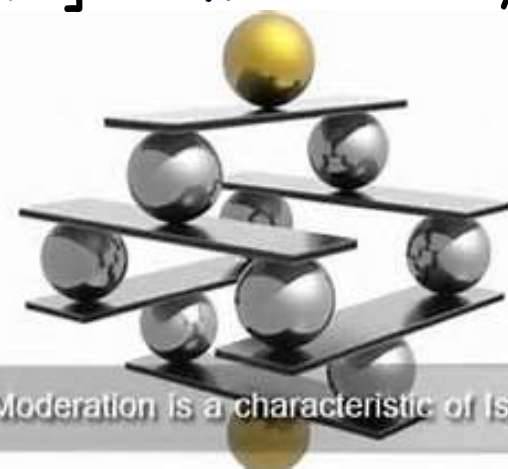
A Proper Muslim is Moderate

"Any person who becomes extreme, that is a sign that he has either not understood Islām correctly, or he understood Islām correctly but he is not following Islām correctly.

A person who understands Islām correctly and he follows Islām correctly can never become extreme, because:

- the Qur'ān is moderate,
- the Aḥādīth [prophetic teachings] are moderate,
- the teacher [Prophet Muhammad ﷺ pbuh] is moderate,
- the [Islamic] teachings are moderate."

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Moderation is a characteristic of Islam

Equality of Races

Prophet Muhammad ﷺ (PBUH) said:



'O people! Indeed your Lord is one and your father (Prophet Ādām ﷺ) is one. Listen carefully, no Arab has any superiority over a non-Arab, nor does a non-Arab have any superiority over an Arab. Nor does a white man have any superiority over a black man, or the black man any superiority over the white man, except by (excelling in) piety.' (Aḥmad)

'You are neither better than a red person nor a black person, unless you surpass him in piety.' (Aḥmad)

Justice & Compassion

Prophet Muhammad ﷺ (pbuh) said:



- *'A believer is a treasure of love.'* (Aḥmad)
- *'Oppression will be a cause of much darkness on the Day of Judgement.'* (Bukhārī)
- *'All the (living) creatures are the dependants (under the care) of Allāh, and the most beloved to Allāh from all the creatures is the one who does good to His dependants.'* (Baihaqī)
- *'The (perfect) believer is he from whom people feel safe and secure with regards to their lives and wealth.'* (Nasaī)
- *'The Most-Merciful (Allāh) has mercy on those who are merciful. Have mercy on the inhabitants of the world, He who is in the heavens will have mercy on you.'* (Tirmidhī)

Summary

- ▶ “To be a perfect Muslim it is necessary to fulfil all of the requirements of Islām. One of these is to ensure that one does not cause harm to another human being, Muslim or non-Muslim. This is an extremely important component of the teachings of Islām.”

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- ▶ Whoever performs atrocities of any sort against any human being cannot be classified a Muslim.
- ▶ For any questions contact an 'Ālim (Scholar), a local Imām, or any prison Imām if you work in prison.

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Misconceptions about Islām

WHY do they happen? Two major reasons:

1-Outer:

- ▶ Lack of authentic knowledge about Islām amongst the people....both Muslims & Non-Muslims
- ▶ Misrepresentation by the Media/Social Media

2-Inner:

- ▶ Muslims amongst the masses disconnected from the authentic Muslim Scholars.
- ▶ In prison, prisoners not learning directly from the Imāms.

A Few Major Misconceptions

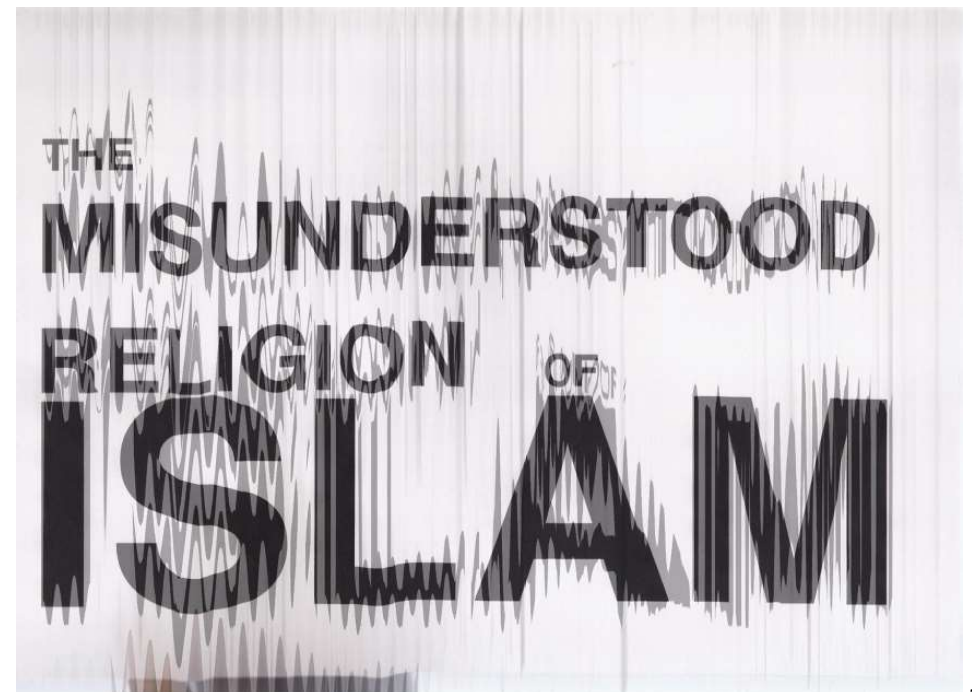
1-Attacks on Civilians

2-Killing of followers of other Faiths

3- Khilāfah (establishment of Islamic Rule in Non-Muslim lands)

4- Jihād

5- Extremism & Radicalisation



1-Attacks on Civilians- Permissible???



VALUE OF LIFE

In light of Islām's teachings of mercy and tolerance, it is impossible that oppression or the taking of life is permitted in any circumstance. The life of every human, Muslim and Non-Muslim is sacred. The value of life is captured in the following verse of the Glorious Qur'ān:

'Whoever kills a person not in retaliation for a person killed, nor (as a punishment) for spreading disorder on the earth, is as if he has killed the whole of humankind, and whoever saves the life of a person is as if he has saved the whole of humankind. ...' (5:32)

2–Wiping out of Non–Muslims?

Islām does not allow for the extermination of people who differ in faith, in any part of the world. History bears testimony to the tolerance towards Non-Muslims who lived in Islamic-ruled lands:

- ▶ Muslims ruled:
 - Undivided India for approximately 600 years
 - Al-Andalus (Spain) for 800 yrsThe governing elite never exterminated the indigenous majority.

- ▶ Salahuddin Ayyubī عليه السلام of Palestine as well as Sultan Muhammad Al-Fātih عليه السلام of Turkey, both granted religious freedoms to all peoples of all faiths at times when religious persecution was the norm of the day.

3–Khilāfah (Establishment of Islamic Rule)

- ▶ Muslim minorities living in Non-Muslim majority countries are Law-abiding citizens.
- ▶ In Islamic terminology, a Non-Muslim country wherein Muslims are at peace and have the liberty to freely practice & preach their religion is known as **Dārul Amn (Abode of Peace)**.

3-Khilāfah (Establishment of Islamic Rule)

- ▶ The majority of Non-Muslim countries in the world are Abodes of Peace. Therefore **Hijrah (Migration)** is not compulsory for Muslims, especially from **Dārul Amn** because we are at peace.
- ▶ We in the UK have more freedom of religion than in many other Muslim countries.

***No need for ANY Muslim to migrate to Daesh/ISIS controlled territory.**

4–Jihād















Jihād means to wage war for the sake of God. It has many pre-conditions, primarily:

- 1- Jihād has to be waged by a valid Islamic Government, under the instruction of the rightly appointed Muslim leader.
- 2- Jihād cannot be waged in Dārul Amn.

Note: Although there are Muslim countries, there is no Khilāfah (Islāmic territory ruled according to the Sharī'ah) at this moment in time anywhere in the world.

Islamic Teachings on War

From over 1400 years ago, way before the Geneva Convention, Islām emphasised these principles be followed during war:

Muhammed's (PBUH) commands in Wars	
Don't cut a tree 	Don't kill a woman 
Don't kill a child 	Don't kill a sick person 
Don't kill old people 	Don't kill a monk or a priest 
Don't destroy a temple or a church 	Don't disfigure the dead 
Don't destroy a building 	Don't kill an animal except for eating 
Don't kill those who surrendered 	Be good to the prisoners and feed them 
Don't kill who ran away 	Don't enforce Islam 

5-Extremism & Radicalisation

- ▶ Extremism is a distorted interpretation of Islām. The true Islām is already moderate.
- ▶ A person becomes radicalised due to being unaware of the teachings mentioned above. One of the main instigators is Social Media, which depicts such actions to be attractive and appealing to the those who are ignorant Muslims who have no Islamic religious identity.
- ▶ Prisoners, especially new Muslims, become easily radicalised by extremist prisoners.



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