

Identify Similarities

List the similarities between your group (school of thought) and other Muslim groups.

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Islamic Guidance

إِنَّمَا الْمُؤْمِنُونَ إِخْوَةٌ فَأَصْلِحُوا بَيْنَ أَخَوَيْكُمْ
وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ لَعَلَّكُمْ تُرْحَمُونَ

'Indeed the believers are brothers (and sisters). Therefore, maintain good relations with your brothers (and sisters) and be aware of God. So that you may be shown mercy (by God).' (Surat al-Hujurat 49:10)

وَاعْتَصِمُوا بِحَبْلِ اللَّهِ جَمِيعًا وَلَا تَفَرَّقُوا
وَأذْكُرُوا نِعْمَةَ اللَّهِ عَلَيْكُمْ إِذْ كُنْتُمْ أَعْدَاءً
فَأَلَّفَ بَيْنَ قُلُوبِكُمْ فَأَصْبَحْتُمْ بِنِعْمَتِهِ إِخْوَانًا

'And hold on strong to the Rope of God all together and do not be divided. And remember God's favour upon you, how you were enemies and He brought your hearts together in love so that you became brothers (and sisters) through His grace.' (Surat Alee Imran 3:103)

وَمَنْ أَحْسَنُ قَوْلًا مِّمَّنْ دَعَا إِلَى اللَّهِ وَعَمِلَ
صَالِحًا وَقَالَ إِنَّنِي مِنَ الْمُسْلِمِينَ

'And who is better in speech than the one who invites towards God and does good and says indeed I am from amongst the Muslims.' (Surat al-Fussilat 41)

'Do not envy each other, do not raise prices against each other, do not hate each other, do not turn away from each other, and do not undercut each other. Rather be servants of God as brothers. A Muslim is a Muslim's brother (and sister). He neither wrongs him, nor cheats him, not does he tell him lies, nor does he have contempt for him. Piety is here (and He pointed to his chest). It is sufficient evil for a person to look down on his Muslim brother (and sister). The whole of a Muslim is sacred to another Muslim: his blood, his wealth and his honour.' (Bukhari, Muslim)

'The improvement of people's affairs is in co-existence and close co-operation according to a set measure; two-thirds of which is to have awareness (about each other) and a third of which is to pretend ignorance of each other's faults.' (Kanz al-Ummal)

A Story from the Sirah

'The Muslims of Makkah were being persecuted by the non-Muslims and so to protect their lives and their faith, the Prophet ﷺ instructed them to leave and flee to Madinah where they would find protection. They had to leave their homes and their belongings behind. They became refugees in Madinah and were known as the Muhajirun.

'In Madinah, Prophet Muhammad ﷺ gathered the Muslims in the house of Anas. He explained the terrible situation that the Muslims from Makkah, the Muhajirun, were in. He suggested to the Muslims of Madinah that they take the Muhajirun as their brothers and sisters and look after them. They happily agreed and shared everything with them equally. They were now known as the Ansar, the helpers.

'By doing so the Prophet ﷺ created a relationship of brotherhood and sisterhood between the Muslims of Makkah and the Muslims of Madinah.'

Feedback

Lesson Title: Diversity in Islam

Name:

Madrasah/Organisation:.....

Today I have learnt about:

As a result of this lesson I have learnt that a good Muslim should:

I am going to follow up this topic in my home/school/community by:

Follow-up Worksheet

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Name:

Madrasah/Organisation:

Task:

Work together with your teacher to try and get someone from a different Muslim group to come into your madrasah/school and give a short introductory talk.

Speak to three people (friends/family) who are from a different Muslim group, and identify seven similarities between your group and their group.

Person 1	Person 2	Person 3