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# Have You Taken The Jesus Test?

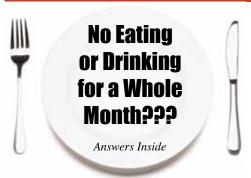
Some people say he was the Son of God, a prophet, others call him a God, while others say he was a very wise man. But whatever your idea is, one thing remains certain:

He was not your ordinary man.



Test Your Knowledge In This Month's Issue!

## **Muslims During Ramadan**



Who is... Nisaar Nadiadwala We Introduce You In This Month's Issue





Muhammad Ali was offered a star with his name on the famous "Walk of Fame" in Hollywood but he refused and said:

"I bear the name of our honorable Prophet Muhammad Peace be upon him, And it is impossible, that I allow people to trample on his name."

He is the only one whose name is not on the ground.

It hangs on a wall.

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# **Jesus Test** 1). Did Jesus teach eternal was conditioned on obeying commandments?

Yes \_\_\_No \_\_

## Test Your Knowledge! 8.) Did Jesus deny any partners (Trinity) with Almighty God?

9.) Did Jesus forbid the Christmas

10.) Did Jesus teach that males

11.) Did Jesus forbid eating pork?

13.) Did Jesus predict the coming of another prophet, like unto him?

14.) What does the "Last Testament" (Quran) say on these same subjects.

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Yes No

Yes No

Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Yes No

Yes No

Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Does it agree?

should be circumcised?

12.) Was Jesus a prophet?

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2). Did Jesus teach his followers to serve no other god, except Almighty

God, and worship Him without any partners? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

3). Did Jesus order us to obey all the commandments? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

4.) Did Jesus forbid bowing down to statues? Yes No

5.) Did Jesus forbid anyone to worship him? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

6.) Did Jesus openly deny divinity

(said he was not God)? Yes\_\_\_ No \_\_\_

7.) Did Jesus deny that he had the power of God to do his miracles?

Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

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Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Dawah Monthly Magazine

# Ramadan and Fasting: Answers

#### Do Muslims Really Stop Eating and Drinking for a Whole Month?

Muslims do not stop eating and drinking for a whole month. From a physical standpoint, Muslims fast from first light of dawn until sundown, abstaining from food, drink, and sexual relations. On the moral, behavioral

Jesus (peace be upon him) is recorded in the Gospels to have fasted like Moses.' "And he fasted 40 days and 40 nights, and afterward he was hungry."

**Matthew 4:2 & Luke 4:2** 

side, one must abstain from lying, malicious gossip, quarrelling and trivial nonsense.

The entire nation of almost 2 billion Muslims, men and women, young and

This describes the month of Ramadan.

The fourth pillar of Islam is fasting in Ramadan. Allah prescribes daily fasting for all able, adult Muslims during the whole of the month of

"O believers! Fasting has been prescribed for you as it was prescribed for those before you in order that you become more conscious of God."

**Qur'an 2:183** 

Ramadan, the ninth month of the lunar calendar, beginning with the sighting of the new moon.

In addition to the fast proper, one is encouraged to read the entire Quran. In

addition, special prayers, called Tarawih, are held in the mosque every night of the month, during which a whole section of the Quran (Juz') is recited, so that by the end of the month the entire Quran has been completed.

These are done in remembrance of the fact that the revelation of the Quran to Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) was begun during Ramadan.

old, rich or poor - all together, for a whole month - not eating, not drinking and not having intimate relations, his

"The month of Ramadan is the one in which the Quran was sent down as a pure source of guidance for mankind. In it are clear teachings showing the Right Way and the Criterion for judging truth and falsehood. Whosoever of you witnesses the month should fast it." Qur'an 2:185

during the daylight hours.

This feature created with notes from articles by Dr. Bilal Philips and Sheikh Yusuf Estes.

Learn More about Ramadan and Fasting
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# Who is...

# THE OTHER NADIADWALA:

# Not From Bollywood

By Dr. Farhat bint Zafar

There are two Nadiadwalas who are popular in the Indian subcontinent. Sajid Nadiadwala, the famous Bollywood producer and Nisaar Nadiadwala, the icon in public speaking and Da'wah.

Nisaar Nadiadwala, a name that has been in the field of Dawah and Islah for 20 years. He is a well-known public speaker on Islam and social systems. He is a multi-talented personality who has excelled as a public speaker, debater, trainer, writer, author and counsellor. He has worked in the high profile Research Department at the Islamic Research Foundation (IRF) as an Executive and then Head of the Department from 2001 to 2013. He used to tactfully handle the open question and answer session at IRF held every Sunday.

#### Promoting the Deen as a writer

Nadiadwala has made a benchmark on Facebook with his regularly posted articles to create awareness in the Muslim community and to inspire them to do good. He has written 500+ articles, having a readership of more than 20 thousand people on Facebook. His topics vary from social issues, current events, youth glitches, parenting advice and dawah education. His main target are the youth drowned in the sea of their problems and deceitful fantasies. He awakens them to the world of reality and offers solutions from an Islamic perspective. Few of his titles include, "Hit him hard man! The cult of violence", "Which way your child inclines to? Real achievers or fake?", "How the Cinderellas of today are deluded by the myth of Prince charming", "When you marry: hopes and scopes..." and the list is a long one.

#### Breaking the shackles of society as an Author

Nadiadwala has published two books, "I want to marry, but-" and "The Modest Muslimah". Both books were appreciated by the readers as eyeopening, inspiring and entertaining through his classy writing and sensational punchlines.



Note this sentence from Nisaar Nadiadwala's second book; 'Among the most rotten things that the Muslims have picked up from the dust bin of the western civilization is the concept of "delayed marriages". Nadiadwala writes like an artist painting his sentences with beautiful words, "Love is not boiling water that can evaporate after certain temperature but it is a strong plinth...".

He will soon be launching his third book, "Da'wah workouts", a book to inspire as well as discipline young aspiring Da'ees in the form of literary Tarbiyah. Nadiadwala writes, "Da'wah is not only talking big about Islam, but also doing small good things in a big way." He advices his readers on the importance of reading books as he writes, "Books with rich content make your personality richer. People don't see how simple you look but how rich you think".

Nisaar Nadiadwala has 8 more titles on his table, which he will be launching one after the other for the benefit of his readers, Insha'allah.

#### An eloquent Speaker

Nisaar Nadiadwala is a well-known public speaker on Islam and interfaith dialogues for over 15 years. An ex-senior speaker of IRF Mumbai, he has delivered more than 200 talks in English, Urdu and Hindi on various topics. This includes Jumuah khutbahs as well as the speeches at International venues and Universities. He has given talks in India, Tanzania, Dubai and Malaysia as well. His lively sessions are a source of motivation for many young Muslims. Few of his topics include, "Characteristics of a Da'ee", "Hazards of conventional economic system", "Media: Handle it with care", among others.

#### An efficient trainer

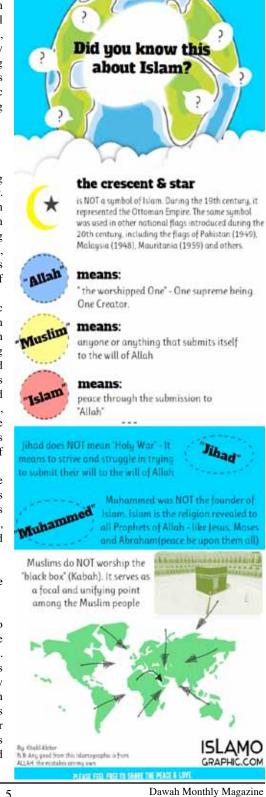
After participating in the Dawah Training Program in 1998 which was conducted by Dr. Zakir Naik personally, Nadiadwala participated in every Da'wah Training Program as one of the main faculty. The participants of these Da'wah Training Programs included management professionals, medical doctors, engineers as well as graduates and post graduates from the Islamic University of Madinah.

Being an experienced trainer in Islamic public speaking, Nadiadwala also holds expertise in training Muslim youth in participating in interfaith dialogues. He takes special interest in the grooming of youth through his workshops. He has conducted his workshops in various parts of India as well as abroad. His recent workshops include, "Beyond education", "Brain capital: Invest your intelligence", "Tell well: Master your communication skills". He also conducts a webinar every week to train his students online, joining him from different parts of the world.

He is the head of the Trainer's Gallery, an institute to bring out the best talents in communication skills among the Muslim youth. Through the Trainer's Gallery, he trains his students in public speaking, panel discussions and anchoring Islamic radio and TV programs.

# He works tirelessly promoting goodness in the society

Nadiadwala says, "Da'wah is a humble effort to promote those values which make a human a true human being. Da'wah is to change the society". He also advices the aspirant young da'ees in his upcoming book, "It is not important how many people you have reverted to Islam, rather how much effort you have made to put across your arguments in favor of Islam". Following his principle, Nisaar Nadiadwala works tirelessly to promote goodness in the society through his talks, articles, books and workshops...as a speaker, writer and trainer.



# WHAT HAPPENS WHILE WE ARE FASTING? MINNING SHOW

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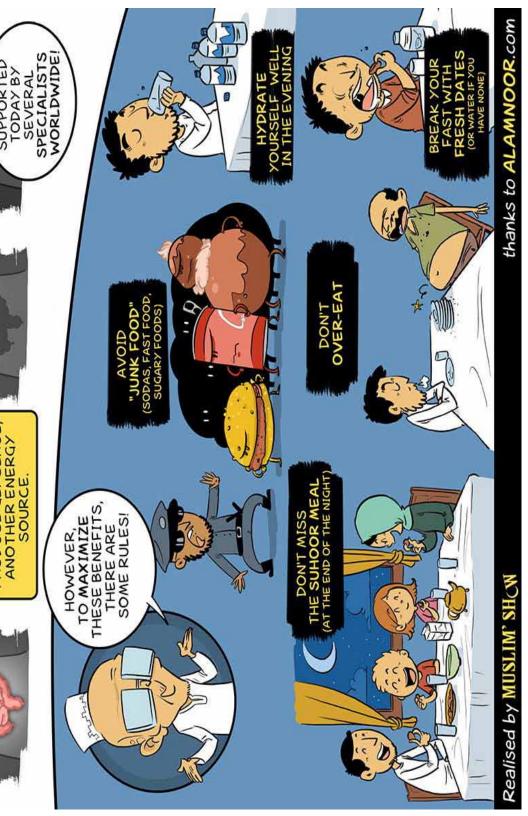
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# **Jesus Test**

#### Answers

#### 1). Answer in the Bible:

And behold, a certain lawyer stood up and tempted him, saying, "Master what shall I do to inherit eternal life? He said unto him, What is written in the Law? How do you read?" And he answered saying, "Thou shall love the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind, and thy neighbor as thyself. And he said unto him. You have answered right; do this, and you shall live."

Luke 10: 25-28

God has only created us to worship Him (without partners).

#### Read Last Testament (Quran)

Chapter 51, verse 56 "And I did not create the jinn and mankind except to worship Me."

Chapter 4, verse 48 "Indeed, God does not forgive association with Him, but He forgives what is less than that for whom He wills. And he who associates others with God has certainly fabricated a tremendous sin."

and Chapter 112, all verses "Say, "He is Allah, [who is] One. Allah, the Eternal Refuge. He neither begets nor is born, Nor is there to Him any equivalent."

#### 2). Answer in the Bible:

And Jesus answered him, the first of all the commandments is,

"Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord, and you shall worship Him with all your strength and all your might and all your soul and all your heart."

Mark 12:29

He also replied to the devil who was trying to tempt

#### Answer in the Bible:

"Get thee behind me, Satan; for it is written, Thou shall worship the Lord thy God, and Him only shall you serve."

Matthew 4:10

## Read from the Last Testament (Quran) Chapter 4 verse 48

"Indeed, God does not forgive association with Him, but He forgives what is less than that for whom He wills. And he who associates others with God has certainly fabricated a tremendous sin."

God tells us that He never forgives anyone making partners in worship with Him, but anything less than this, He forgives whom He pleases, and whoever sets up partners with Him in worship, he has indeed invented a tremendous sin.

## 3). According to the New Testament in Matthew, he did.

#### Answer in the Bible:

"Think not that I came to destroy the Law and the Prophets. I came not to destroy, but to fulfill. For verily, I say unto you that until Heaven and earth pass away not a jot or one tittle shall no wise pass from the Law, till all be fulfilled."

Matthew 5:17-18

#### Answer in the Bible:

"And behold one came and said to him, Good teacher, what good things shall I do that I may have eternal life? So he said, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but One, this God. But if you want to enter into eternal life, keep the commandments." Matthew 19:16-17

#### Answer in the Bible:

Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets.

Matthew 7:12

#### **Answer in the Bible:**

36 Master, which is the great commandment in the law?

37 Jesus said unto him, Thou shall love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.

38 This is the first and great commandment.

39 And the second is like unto it, Thou shall love thy neighbor as thyself.

40 On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

Matthew 22:36-40

While ordering us to obey the "Law" it becomes obvious that he ordered his followers to obey the commandments of Almighty God.

# 4.) By insisting on following the "Law" (Old Testament), Jesus did in fact endorse the message that Moses had brought down to the children of Israel from Almighty God;

#### **Answer in the Bible:**

"Thou shall not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in the heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. Thou shall not bow down yourself to them, nor serve them."

# **Jesus Test**

#### Answers

#### 5.) Answer in the Bible:

"But in vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men."

Matthew 15:19

And in prophesying the Last Days, he clearly taught the same message:

#### Answer in the Bible:

"But the hour comes, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: For the Father seeks such to worship Him. God is a Spirit and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and truth."

John 4:23-24

#### 6.) Answer in the Bible:

"The Father is greater than I." John 14:28

#### 7.) Answer in the Bible:

"I do nothing of myself" John 8:28

"Men of Israel listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you know."

Acts 2:22

#### 8.) Answer in the Bible:

Jesus said unto them, If God were your Father, ye would love me: for I proceeded forth and came from God; neither came I of myself, but he sent me.

John 8:42

#### **Answer in the Bible:**

Jesus answered, If I honor myself, my honor is nothing: it is my Father that honors me; of whom ye

say, that he is your God:

John 8:54

#### **Answer in the Bible:**

...and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God.

John 20:17

#### 9.) Answer in the Bible:

"Thus says the Lord, Learn not the way of the heathen and be not dismayed at the signs of heaven; for the heathen are dismayed at them. For the customs of the people are vain; for one cuts a tree out of the forest, the work of the hands of the workman, with the axe. They deck it with silver and with gold; they fasten it with nails and with hammers, that it move not."

Jeremiah 10:2-4

#### 10.) Genesis 17:10-11 says he did.

"This is my covenant, which you shall keep, between me and you and your seed after you. Every man child among you shall be circumcised. And you shall circumcise the flesh of your foreskin; and it shall be a token of the covenant between me and you."

#### **Answer in the Bible:**

John the Baptist was circumcised (*Luke 1:59*) as was Jesus himself (*Luke 2:21*)

#### 11.) Answer in the Bible:

"And swine, though he divide the hoof, and be cloven-footed, yet he chews not the cud; he is unclean to you. Of their flesh shall you not eat, and

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# **Jesus Test**

#### Answers

their carcass shall you not touch, they are unclean to you."

Leviticus 11:7-8 And Exodus 20:4-5

#### 12.) Answer in the Bible:

And he said unto them, What things? And they said unto him, Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, which was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people.

Luke 24:19

#### Answer in the Bible:

The woman said unto him, Sir, I perceive that thou art a prophet.

John 4:19

#### Answer in the Bible:

They say unto the blind man again, What do you say of him, that he has opened your eyes? He said, He is a prophet.

John 9:17

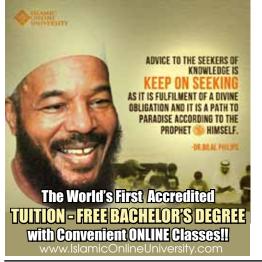
13.) Consider from the Bible, things that are most compatible with Islam, for instance the teaching of John 16:7-8

#### Answer in the Bible:

7 Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you.

8 And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment.

John 16:7-8



#### 14.) Answer in the QURAN:

...Jesus, the son of Mary, said, "O children of Israel, indeed I am the messenger of Almighty God to you - confirming what came before me of the Torah and bringing good tidings of a messenger to come after me, whose name is Ahmad."

Chapter 61 verse 6

Christians Claim - Jesus is "Son of God"

Muslims Say - Jesus is a "Prophet of God"

The Real Question is -

"Who Really Follows Jesus?"

This "Test" was designed by former Christian and convert to Islam, Yusuf Estes from Texas.



Yusuf Estes is an American Muslim preacher who converted from Christianity to Islam in 1991. He was a Muslim Chaplain for the United States Bureau of Prisons through the 1990s.



## pprox The Books of God $^{\circ}$

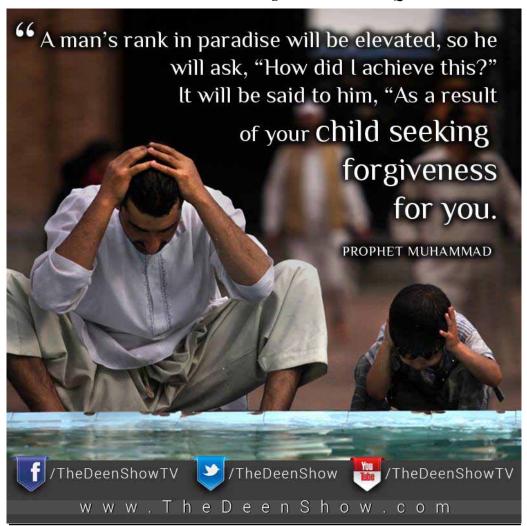
### The Four Main Books are:

BookProphetTorahMosesPsalmsDavidGospelJesusQuranMuhammad

There were also smaller books called *Sahifas* (scrolls) that were revealed to many Prophets such as Prophet Abraham and Prophet Solomon.

God has revealed his books to various Prophets for the guidance of their nations. Muslims must believe in all these books.

"We have sent thee inspiration, as We sent it to Noah and the Messengers after him: we sent inspiration to Abraham, Ismael, Isaac, Jacob and the Tribes, to Jesus, Job, Jonah, Aaron, and Solomon and to David we gave the Psalms." Quran 4:163



#### The Prophet Muhammad's Last Sermon

This sermon was delivered on the Ninth Day of Dhul Hijjah 10 A.H. in the 'Uranah valley of Mount Arafat' (in Mecca).

After praising, and thanking Allah he said:

"O People, lend me an attentive ear, for

I know not whether after this year, I shall ever be amongst you again. Therefore listen to what I am saying to you very carefully and TAKE THESE WORDS TO THOSE WHO COULD NOT BE PRESENT HERE

TODAY.

O People, just as you regard this month, this day, this city as Sacred, so regard the life and property of every Muslim as a sacred trust. Return the goods entrusted to you to their rightful owners. Hurt no one so that no one may hurt you. Remember that you will indeed meet your LORD, and that HE will indeed reckon your deeds. ALLAH has forbidden you to take usury (interest), therefore all interest obligation shall henceforth be waived. Your capital, however, is yours to keep. You will neither inflict nor suffer any inequity. Allah has Judged that there shall be no interest and that all the interest due to Abbas ibn 'Abd'al Muttalib (Prophet's uncle) shall

Beware of Satan, for the safety of your religion. He has lost all hope that he will ever be able to lead you astray in big things, so beware of following him in small things.

henceforth be waived...

O People, it is true that you have certain rights with regard to your women, but they also have rights over you. Remember that you have taken them as your wives only under Allah's trust and with His permission. If they abide by your right then to them belongs the right to be fed and clothed in kindness. Do treat your

women well and be kind to them for they are your partners and committed helpers. And it is your right that they do not make friends with any one of whom you do not approve, as well as never to be unchaste.

O People, listen to me in earnest, worship ALLAH, say your five daily prayers (Salah), fast during the month of Ramadan, and give your wealth in Zakat (charity). Perform Hajj if you can afford to.

All mankind is from Adam and Eve, an Arab has no superiority over a non-Arab nor a non-Arab has any superiority over an Arab; also a white has no superiority over black nor a black has any superiority over white; except by piety and good action. Learn that every Muslim is a brother to every Muslim and that the Muslims constitute one brotherhood. Nothing shall be legitimate to a Muslim which belongs to a fellow Muslim unless it was given freely and willingly. Do not, therefore, do injustice to yourselves.

Remember, one day you will appear before ALLAH and answer your deeds. So beware, do not stray from the path of righteousness after I am gone.

O People, no prophet or apostle will come after me and no new faith will be born. Reason well, therefore, O People, and understand words which I convey to you. I leave behind me two things, the QURAN and my example, the SUNNAH and if you follow these you will never go astray.

All those who listen to me shall pass on my words to others and those to others again; and may the last ones understand my words better than those who listen to me directly. Be my witness, O ALLAH, that I have conveyed your message to your people".

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