



HOW
TO BECOME A
Muslim



English

What should a person do if he wants to accept Islam?

Well, doing so is much easier than what one may think, and there is no complexity whatsoever about it. There is no need for an intermediary between a person and his Lord, nor is there any need for a particular ceremony or celebration, or indeed anything else, for that matter.



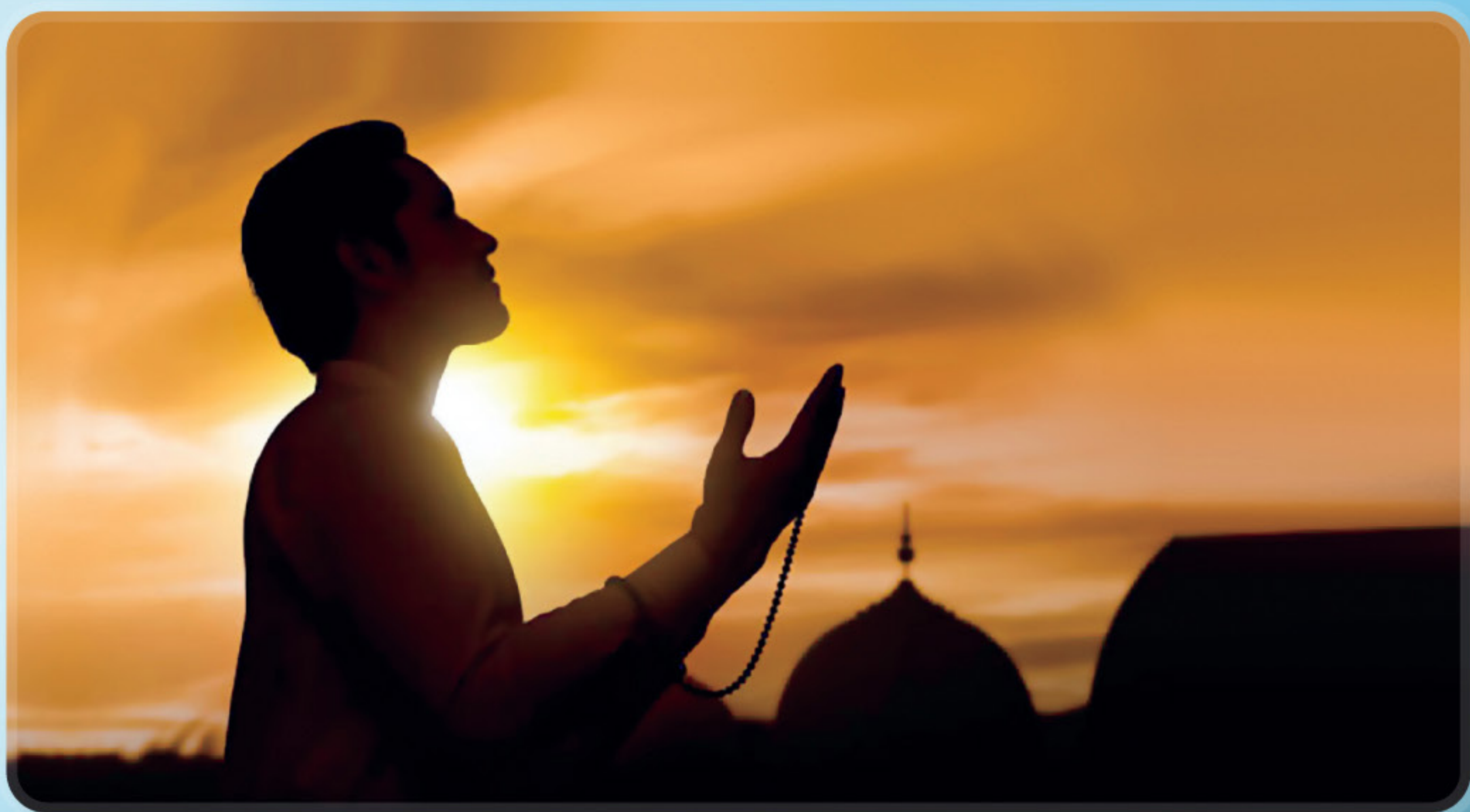
Two Sentences

All a person who is interested in Islam needs to do to become a Muslim is to utter two sentences which embody the very essence of the Muslim faith in its entirety, namely the testimonies of faith.

He needs to say: (Ash-hadu allaa ilaaha illallaah, wa ash-hadu anna Muhammadar-rasoolullaah. This translates as “I bear witness that there is no true deity worthy of worship except Allah, and I bear witness that Muhammad is the Messenger of Allah”.)

The first part of this testimony, namely *Ash-hadu allaa ilaaha illallaah*, means : (I firmly believe in my heart and confess with my tongue that there is no god worthy of worship in truth except Allah, the One True God, while all other deities that humans worship are false)

Alla Almighty says: (That is because Allah alone is the Ultimate Truth and that what they invoke besides Him is sheer falsehood, and because Allah alone is the All-High, the All-Great.) *The Qur'an*, 22:62



The second part of this testimony, namely: (wa ash-hadu anna Muhammadar-rasoolullaah), means: I firmly believe in my heart and confess with my tongue that Muhammad (son of 'Abdullaah, son of 'Abdul-Muttalib son of Haashim from the Quraysh tribe) is the Messenger of Allah, whom He has sent to the jinn and mankind to enjoin them to worship Allah alone without associating anyone or anything with Him, and to whom He revealed the Qur'an which comprises the beliefs and practices of Islam.

Allah Almighty says: (Say (O Muhammad): "O mankind! Verily, I am sent to you all as the Messenger of Allah - to Whom belongs the dominion of the heavens and the earth. None has the right to be worshipped but He; It is He Who gives life and causes death. So believe in Allah and His Messenger (Muhammad), the Prophet who can neither read nor write, who believes in Allah and His Words and follow him so that you may be guided"). *The Qur'an, 7:158.*

This testimony necessitates that he believes in everything the Messenger ﷺ informed of, obeys him in what he has commanded, avoid what he has forbidden and only worship Allah with what he has legislated, by following his practice (Sunnah).





Taking a ritual shower

Taking a ritual shower is indeed one of the remarkable aspects of Islam, which encourages purity and cleanliness. It is, therefore, recommended for a new Muslim to take a ritual shower to convert to Islam. He is still considered Muslim even if he does not take it, but it is recommended to do so.



Learning the pillars of Islam and implementing their dictates

The Messenger of Allah ﷺ, said: (Islam is to bear witness that there is no true deity worthy of worship except Allah and that Muhammad is the Messenger of Allah, to perform the prayers, to pay zakat, to fast in Ramadan and to make the pilgrimage to the Sacred House if you are able to do so.)



Learning the pillars of faith

The Muslim faith rests on six pillars, namely to believe in (1) Allah, (2) His angels, (3) His books, (4) His messengers, (5) the Last Day and (6) the divine decree, both the good and the bad of it.



Learning everything his religion requires him to learn

Then he gradually learns the teachings of Islam, starting with the most important ones first. He must learn everything he is required to learn in order to practise his religion correctly: The Muslim creed, acts of worship, social and economic dealings, manners and forbidden practices. The Messenger of Allah ﷺ: “It is the duty of every Muslim to seek knowledge.”



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