

Misconception: Islam and The Quran promotes a 'clash of civilisations'



Background: Some think that Islam and the West are on an inevitable collision course due to their irreconcilable differences.

The Quran is a book that transcends group mentality, and emphasises unity and righteousness:

Say: "O people of the Scripture, let us come to a common understanding between us and between you; that we do not serve except God, and do not set up anything at all with Him, and that none of us takes each other as patrons beside God." If they turn away, then say: "Bear witness that we have submitted." [3:64] also see [29:46], [49:13]

O believers! Stand out firmly for justice, as witnesses for the sake of God, even (if this may go) against yourselves, or your parents, or your kin... [4:135]

...help one another in righteousness and piety, but do not help one another in sin and wickedness.... [5:2]

Let there be no compulsion in religion: Truth stands out clear from Error: whoever rejects evil and believes in God has grasped the most sure hand-hold, that never breaks. And God is Hearing, Knowing. [2:256, 10:40-41, 73:19]

Tolerance and respect for other faiths:

Those who believe, and those who are Jewish, and the Sabiens, and the Christians; whoever of them believes in God and the Last Day and does good works, then they will have nothing to fear nor will they grieve. [5:69]

