

What is the difference between Islam and other religions?

ISLAM NOT ONLY PROHIBITS THE GREAT SINS. IT ALSO BLOCKS THE WAY THAT LEADS TO IT:

✓ Importance of controlling our tongue. Slandering and backbiting are great sins: "Indeed, those who falsely accuse chaste, innocent, and believing women (and men) are cursed in this life, and they will be severely punished here and in the Hereafter." (The Quran, 24: 23)

✓ These acts of slandering and backbiting ruin the life of the blamed person. Unless he is cleared of the slander and accepted by his people as false, he will lose his honour and dignity, making him live in torment all his life, due to the blame laid upon him. It is worse than being murdered. This same warning is found in the Surah Al-Humazah (104: 1-9), where Allah says:

*"Woe to every slanderer and back-biter ...they will be thrown into the crushing fire..."*

✓ And, HE warns that, "on the day when their tongue, their hands, and their legs will bear witness against them, Allah will pay them the recompense of their deeds in full." (24: 24,25)

✓ Allah prohibits even approaching drinks, drugs, and gambling, to prevent man from losing his senses, which induces him towards greater sins, like robbery, murder, debauchery, etc.

✓ Allah prescribes the way men and women should behave; to prevent approaching Zina, by lowering their gaze, encouraging marriage, covering themselves in the appropriate manner (Hijab for both men and women), and not being alone with a person not related to them/her, etc., thus, preventing vulgar actions and other shameful deeds. (Al-Quran- 24: 30- 33).

✓ "...and let them pardon and overlook. Would you not like that Allah should forgive you? And Allah is Forgiving and Merciful." (24: 22) Thus, by forgiving others, we can hope for Allah's forgiveness, and also be saved from many mental ailments, like stress, Blood Pressure, Heart disease, etc.

✓ To prevent enmity among one another, Allah forbids the believers to ridicule others, nor insult one another, calling offensive names. Do not spy on or doubt each other, or backbite. Those disobeying HIM, in the above matters, and not rectifying their mistakes, are termed wrongdoers.' (Al-Quran- 49: 11, 12)

✓ And in case of enmity: "...Repel [evil] by that [deed] which is better; and thereupon the one whom, between you and him, is enmity [will become] as though he were a devoted friend."- (This again saves us from hatred, enmity, and resultant stress. - (Al-Quran- 41: 34)

**✓ *To prevent injustice to inheritors, and fights and enmity among the relatives, Allah has fixed the amount due to each of them. If we follow this when distributing the wealth of those who are no more, there will be love and peace among all concerned.***

✓ Our prophet advised us to train our children from a young age, the moral values of Islam, so that they will grow up hating evil deeds, and to keep away from bad temptations.

✓ He also advises us not to allow our children to sleep in one bed, or at least they should be given separate blankets, so that bad thoughts will not enter their minds, due to the proximity of their siblings. This helps to prevent most of the evil temptations of LGBTQA.

Thus, Islam not only prohibits great sins, but also shows us the way to prevent being trapped into committing them. If we remain humble and avoid the great sins, seeking forgiveness all the time, for any sin we may do during our life, only then can we attain the Grace of Allah, live a healthy, peaceful life in this world, and attain the everlasting bliss in the Hereafter, promised to us.