

QUESTION AND ANSWER BUCKET





Q1

Are Muslims allowed to pray for the forgiveness of their non-Muslim relatives and acquaintances?

Ans

It is not permitted for a Muslim to pray to Allah (swt) asking for forgiveness for the non-Muslims because they have transgressed against Him and associated partners in His worship.



“Whether you ask for their forgiveness, or not, (their sin is unforgivable): if you ask seventy times for their forgiveness, Allah will not forgive them: because they have rejected Allah and His Messenger: and Allah guides not those who are perversely rebellious.”

Al Qur’an 9:80



Q2

Since Islam obligates segregation between men and women, why are men and women allowed to pray in the same mosque in the Masjidul Haraam in Makkah?

Ans

The Masjidul Haraam is an exceptional case because of the presence of the Ka'bah in it, and also due to its structure.

Firstly, in the other Masjids, you pray in a single direction, while in Haram it's a circular direction due to the presence of the Ka'bah in its centre.

Secondly, one must differentiate between organised mixing and random mixing.

Random mixing is something you cannot escape, for example when you're sick and must go to the hospital. Though there are women there, you don't go and mingle and chit chat with them, but rather for saving your life and getting treated.

While on the other hand, the mixing in co-ed universities and colleges is not random but rather organised which must be abstained from.



Q3

Explain the attributes of Allah (swt) – Al Muqaddim and Al Mu’akkhir.

Ans

Al Muqaddim (Who sets forward whoever He wishes) and Al Mu’akkhir (Who sets backwards whoever He wishes) are two of the attributes of Allah (swt).

It is from the understanding of these attributes that we learn that the more you ask Allah (swt) and try to get closer to Him, the more Allah (swt) would accept you, and the further you are from Allah, the further He would turn you away.



Aa’ishah (ra) said that the Prophet (pbuh) said:

“People will continue to stay at the back rows of the Masjid until Allah would delay them in Hell.”

People who go to the Masjid for prayers but come late and stay at the back rows, Allah (swt) would delay them in Hell, meaning that Allah would not take them out of Hell to Paradise in the first batch.

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