

## Welcoming Sisters to Islam

*“...Nor let some women laugh at others: It may be that the (latter are better than the (former): Nor defame nor be sarcastic to each other, nor call each other by (offensive) nicknames: Ill-seeming is a name connoting wickedness, (to be used of one) after he has believed: And those who do not desist are (indeed) doing wrong” (Holy Quran S49:A11)*

Narrated ‘Aishah (R.A), Allah’s Messenger (SAW) said, “Allah is Kind and He loves kindness, and confers upon kindness which He does not confer upon severity, and does not confer upon any thing besides it (kindness).” (Muslim)

Narrated Ibn ‘Umar (R.A), Allah’s Messenger (SAW) said,

“A Muslim is a brother of Muslim, he neither wrongs him nor does he hand him over to one who does him wrong. If anyone fulfils his brother’s needs, Allah will fulfil his needs; if one relieves a Muslim of his troubles, Allah will relieve his troubles on the Day of Resurrection.” (Al-Bukhari and Muslim)

When we see a new sister in our Masjid, we should greet her with a smile and welcome her. We should not look at her questioningly, as if she is an outsider (a Masjid should be a home for all). After welcoming her, if she is a recent revert, we should inquire if there is any area you can be of assistance. Ask her if she has some basic books like a copy of the Quran, an English translation of the Quran, a copy of Elementary Teachings in Islam.

Allah (SWT) in his infinite Wisdom knowing the trials a revert may go through with their family etc has indicated that such a person is eligible to receive Zakaah :

*“..for those whose hearts have been (recently) reconciled (to Truth)..” Holy Quran Surah 9 Ayah 60*

If you are not in a position to assist her in any way, direct her to the Imam, or this website where she can contact us.

Let us welcome our sisters in such a way so that we would be considered to be among those referred to in S3:A104 in the Quran :

*“Let there arise out of you a band of people inviting to all that is good, enjoining what is right, and forbidding what is wrong: They are the ones who shall be successful” (Qur’an Surah 3 Ayah 104)*

I invite you to read some of the accounts some of our sisters who have reverted which we have presented here Insha Allah ...