



Muslims cannot refuse peace if it is offered. If the other side wants to they have to.

Inner Peace-being fully obedient to Allah and being a good Muslim is most important.

How Muslims Promote Peace

Muslim Peace fellowship works to promote peace within Islam.

Muslim Responses

Islam is a peaceful religion but not racist. They allow violence in Self-defence.

God created all life on Earth. We must protect the environment.

Muslim Response To Violence

It is acceptable to fight in self-defence or for a just cause.

"Do not kill each other, for God is merciful to you."

You will 'suffer fine' if you fight out of hostility and injustice.

When is war acceptable?



GREED: God does not like arrogant, boastful people. War to gain something is unacceptable.



RETALIATION: Can be acceptable but never too harsh. Allah understands the need for justice but forgiveness is the best option.



SELF-DEFENCE: Acceptable if you are protecting the weak and innocent.

I HAD GREATER:

A Muslim's internal struggle to be the best



Muslim possible. This may include fulfilling the 5 pillars correctly.

LESSER: The struggle to defend Islam from threat. It cannot be used against innocent people so would not allow terrorism.



Helping the victims of war

War can leave innocent people without a home or the basics. These Muslim agencies help:



ISLAMIC
RELIEF

Muslim Aid have set up the Beity orphanage in Turkey to look after people escaping from Syria. First help them food, water + shelter.



Orphaned Children from Syria



Peace and Conflict





Quakers

QUAKER are a group of Christians

who believe in no violence at all. They will not allow violence in self-defence.

ARGUMENTS FOR PACIFISM

Quakers believe you can fight for what is right in different ways without using violence.

Christian Responses

Jesus said "blessed are the peace makers!"

Christianity

has always been a religion of peace.

Some pacifists have been accused of cowardice. Men refusing to fight were handed white feathers.



The Bible says that money is the root of all evil. It would not be ok to fight for gain, only self-defence

The NT says not to be afraid of war because they will take place.

"Turn the other cheek" used to settle individual disputes but doesn't work in war which involves lots of people.

St Paul says to live in peace with everyone "if possible"

"A time for love and a time for war." suggests sometimes it is time for war.

Protect Terrorism + WMD:

★ Some things are worth fighting for but you can fight without violence. **MLK** is a great example of this.

★ Nuclear weapons cannot be used but can act as a good **deterrent**.

★ "Live at peace with everyone means no **terrorism**. It harms innocent people."

★ Some Christians may justify violence against atrocities i.e. to stop Hitler.



Helping the Victims of War:



Caritas → Catholic Aid Agency who help all over the world.

★ Working during the Syrian Civil War to help rehome refugees

★ They work to give out food, hygiene, medical care, clothes

★ The Pope said Christians should do this because "The greatest gift we can offer one another is love."

Just War Theory - History:

Man with his book and church: ST Thomas Aquinas!



1: Early Christians = **Pacifist** but Romans needed their army.

2: Key philosophers **Augustine** and **Aquinas** came up with a theory to allow Christians to be peaceful but still fight.

3: They said leaders are chosen by God so if a leader says war is ok, then it is supported by God.



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KEY WORDS:

- war** → fighting between nations to resolve issues.
Peace → An absence of conflict and fighting.
Justice → bringing about what is right and fair.
Holy War → A war fought in the name of religion.
Weapons of Mass Destruction → WMD - weapons that kill large numbers indiscriminately.

Nuclear Weapons:

Debate: Should countries have weapons capable of such destruction?
Do they act as a good deterrent?

Should we take into account the destruction of the environment

At the moment, there is a civil war in Syria. Many countries in the world are involved. Some chemical weapons have been used!



Issues Surrounding War

Theory used internationally to figure out if a potential war is justified. It gives conditions such as:
• Is the war declared by the right authority?
• Is there a good reason for the war? Not greed or revenge.
• Is there a good chance of success?
Many have argued that WW2 was justified as it was important to remove the threat of Hitler and the Nazis.

Just War Theory:

KEY WORDS:

- Protest** → An expression of disapproval.
Terrorism → The use of violence against innocent people to incite fear for a particular cause.
Radicalisation → the process of causing someone to adopt radical positions on political + social issues.
Extremism → Holding extreme political or religious views.

Terrorism:

A very extreme form of protest. Use of violence to spread fear. Not supported by any religions. Causes widespread devastation and destruction.



What is worth fighting for?



Protest: → A right to protest in the UK - but not violently.
→ peaceful Protest can turn violent if people feel threatened.
→ A riot is an out of control protest.



Radicalisation:

Extreme religious or political groups attempt to convert others to their cause. They may do this online and persuade others to join them.



Examples:

- MLK - peaceful protest to increase black rights.
- Bonhoeffer - allow violence to remove bigger issues - Hitler.