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Assalamu alaikum to all our Muslim brothers and sisters. We ask Allah to perfect us in goodness of Taqwa, Taoheed and Istiqama.

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Simply Lovely!

Wa alaikum Salam warahmatullah....

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Those supporting Muslim Muslim Ticket. Come and read how Islam hates Christians. In Summary it is wrong for a Muslim to greet Christian first.

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**makapella:**

You make Christians swear to comment on Muslim post but Christian posts are merry go round abi..

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**womenareapezz:**



Here you go for those who is in support for Muslim -muslim ticket 🤔

Islam hate we Christian with passion hence the Islamisation agenda by the evil party

Know this and know peace! Islam a religion of hate and vawulence

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Western Christianity= White saviour

Islam= Arab Messiah

Both indulged in slave trades

Both don't care about africans or black rights

Religion is a tool to keep our (afrikans) minds enslaved

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What if a Muslim greets an a non religious person who's not arab al-salaam alaykum?

Does he not have right not to answer him since he doesn't understand his language? 🤔🤔🤔

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This proves Muslims don't worship the Judeo/Christian God.

If they did they will stop killing Christians & Jews, also there will not be a problem with greeting Jews & Christians.

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And this is religion of peace?

Segregation even in simple stuff like greetings.

Please nairaland admin should ban these extremists from this forum.

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This is very wrong and non believers would deliberately not say death be unto you as a greeting. Islam should be more just and upright in her teachings with other members of the society. Thank you .

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