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Reflection Journal #6 - Islam

1 What are the characteristics of those who believe and those who do not?

Believers of Islam believe in both the Old Testament, and the New Testament. They believe in the prophet Muhammad, and that the Qur'an is holy revelation of God's will given through the prophet Muhammad. They believe that they should work in righteous, worship only Allah, and should treat others with kindness. They believe they should speak fair, be steadfast in prayer, and practice regular charity.

Though they seem to have many strict guidelines representing the rules of their religion, they respect each other, and even those who are not practitioners of their religion. They respect their women, though the roles can be perceived much differently from an outsiders perspective.

As an outsider, especially in the culture of the United States, we tend to have a lot of negative bias, and stigmas regarding what this religion teaches. Though the words they consider scripture, and their practices don't seem to differ from what a majority of Christians and Jewish followers believe and value. Our culture has recently emphasized the unique differences, and extremist beliefs, which would lead many to believe that it is a hateful or violent religion, which it

doesn't seem to present itself as. In fact, it's very much to the contrary.