

In the Name of Allah, the most gracious the most merciful  
Peace and blessing be up on the kindest messenger who was not sent but to be  
the mercy for the entire universe...  
My dear brothers and sisters ASAWW

Dear guest of the house of Allah, in this moment of time, the Muslim Uma has an identity crisis in terms of Muslims knowing where they get their opinions, thoughts and ideologies! Do they get them from Islam or from the west? In another terms, the members of the Muslim communities have issues such as dissolving within themselves and wondering what their actual identities are.

All nations are developing well just because they have no identity crises like us. However, if all Muslim Uma get together and attach themselves to the faith of Islam, believe in it and acting as appropriately then they will prevail and become a role model in the modern society.

However, the history can vouch for the undeveloped Uma of Islam and it has started from the point where they have left their faith, lost their commitments towards it and changed faith for their enemies.

It is with no doubt that all previous empires have colonised, invaded and to certain extends, destroyed those nations which were ignorant and clearly washed their hand of their faith.

One of the very important pillars of Islam is that those with Muslim faith ought be passionate, caring and loving their faith of Islam, in order to be followed by the others who are willing to understand the faith.

Its fundamentally unacceptable if the advancement of the disbeliever and undeveloped Muslims used as reasons for Muslims to follow their faithless counterpart and do what they do or imitate their traditions days and nights because the holly book of Nobel Quran and the traditions of our beloved prophet (peace and blessing be up on him) is forbidding Muslims to imitate or celebrate disbelievers and their traditions.

Muslims have been ordered to be proud of their faith and Islam- even at the time where they feel weak, unable and powerless.

### **Allah SWT tells us in surat Fussilat verse 33**

**And who is better in speech than one who invites to Allah and does righteousness and says “Indeed , I am of the Muslim”**

Being proud of Islam publicly and also the difference between Muslim and disbelievers are the fact that Muslims have been ordered at least 17 times every day to read Sallah and say in Surat Al Fatiha verse 6 and 7

**“ Guide us to the straight path, the path of those upon whom you have bestowed favour , Not of those who have evoked Your anger or of those who are astray..**

There are loads of verses in Quran and countless traditions which are all confirming that Muslim must not imitate disbelievers as they are off track and whosoever, copy or imitate them means they have imitated disbelievers who worship idols.

### **Allah SWT tells us in surat Al Jathyah verse 18**

**“We put you (Oh Mohammed) on an ordained way concerning the matter of religion, so follow it and do not follow the inclinations of those who do not know”**

### **Allah SWT also tells us in Surat Al Raad verse 37**

**If you should follow their inclinations after what has come to you of knowledge, you would not have against Allah any Ally or any protector”**

According to all scholars, imitating the Jews and Christian on their celebrations and traditions such as Christmas, New Year and Easter is not permissible -this means, we respect them for who they are but it should be bone in mind that if anyone does say Merry Christmas or happy new year to someone who believes in it, its if he approves the prostration to their statutes or cross!

### **Allah again tells us in surat Al Baqarah verse 120**

**“ And Never will the Jews or Christians approve of you until you follow their religion”**

Allah SWT has forbidden Muslims to accept and embrace the disbelievers celebrations, and great them in the way they great people like “merry Christmas and happy new year!”

**Allah SWT tells us in surat Az Zumer verse 7**

**“ If you disbelieve, Indeed Allah is free from need of you. And he does not approve for his servant to disbelieve. If you are grateful, he approves it for you”**

Sabit bn Zahak said, a man had a sacrifice to do and went to see our beloved prophet (PBUH) who had asked him some questions.

1) has there been any idol worshipping here in the time of ignorant, the man said No, then the prophet asked the second question, where there any celebration which might have taken place here, the man said, No, he than (PBUH) said, be careful with your scarifie because there is no benefit in such a sacrifices should there be any disobedient to Allah!

Dear brothers and sisters, our beloved prophet (PBUH) did not permit a man to implement his sacrifice in a place where there might have been an idol worshipping during the time of ignorance, how it can be ok for believers to great the disbelievers on their celebrations i.e. Christmas and new year?

May Allah help us to understand our faith well enough to perform it accurately! Oh Allah, help us to be proud of our faith of Islam and for Muslim to be able to call on Islam confidently-Ameen