



Ask Our Imam

Connecting The Creation To The Creator



If an individual accepts Islam solely in their heart, passing away without any formal acknowledgement, would they still be considered a Muslim?

QUESTION:

A person left his home with the intention that he will go to an Islamic scholar and accept Islam. He had accepted Islam in his heart but did not say it with his tongue. Sadly, he passed away en route. Will this person be classed as a Muslim?

ANSWER:

In the Name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful.
As-salāmu ‘alaykum wa-rahmatullāhi wa-barakātuh.

In essence, if an individual privately acknowledges their faith in Islam in their heart without making it known to anyone else, the Islamic rulings will not be applicable to them in this world. Nonetheless, since the person has testified their belief internally, they will be recognised as a Muslim in the divine court of Almighty Allah in the hereafter.

However, if an individual has embraced Islam and openly proclaimed their faith to someone, yet is awaiting an official declaration in the Masjid by scheduling a specific day to declare their faith in front of a gathering of Muslims, they will still be acknowledged as a Muslim, even in matters pertaining to Islamic rulings.

And Allah Ta'ālā Knows Best

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