

Guidelines for Posting Comments on MEREISLAM.INFO

Comments submitted to the **Mere Islam** weblog are closely and rigorously moderated, so please keep the following guidelines in mind when attempting to post comments:

- As the benevolent dictators of the petty cyberfiefdom of **Mere Islam**, we reserve the right to delete any comments that are blasphemous, profane, slanderous to Islam (not to be confused with simply and honestly disagreeing with it), or contain anything else that we feel is inappropriate, completely lacking in merit or unduly sloppy.
- We welcome any questions or comments that have to do with promoting a proper understanding of Islamic beliefs and practices, clarifying misconceptions about Islam, rebuttals to attacks on Islam or issues of comparative religion as relating to Islam or any other topic that we've blogged upon.
- If you have a specific question to ask which is unrelated to any of our blog postings, please send us an email (both of which are displayed in SPAM-proof graphics on the sidebar). God willing, this is a much better solution than posting comments asking about the price of tea in China under a posting about the price of wheat in the Ukraine.
- Feel free to disagree with what we've posted and to take issue with anything that you disagree with, but please try to do so in a reasonably polite matter. This is not to say that you can't be emotional and even somewhat heated, but please try to refrain from flowery superlatives and the like.
- Understand that **Mere Islam** is not a democracy, but rather a personal forum for expressing views and opinions on topics of our own choosing. If you don't like our views or the topics of our choosing, then we advise you to start your own weblog.
- The above isn't meant to discourage comments—and an examination of this blog should demonstrate that we've allowed plenty of comments that take issue with our various postings—but rather is intended to eliminate the slop and drivel that rambling Islamophobes, foul-mouthed hate-mongers, self-serving spammers and various others who are seemingly intent on trying to waste our time have submitted in the past.
- On the topic of "*unduly sloppy*"—and many a comment has been rejected due to this—submittals with links (a.k.a. URLs) which are not imbedded with HTML will be, almost without exception, rejected. For those of you who are HTML-challenged, to imbed a link, for example <http://www.mereislam.info/>, within the text **Mere Islam**, one would simply type the following:

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<a href="http://www.mereislam.info/">Mere Islam</a>
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When posted, this will produce a clickable link that looks like this [Mere Islam](http://www.mereislam.info/).

- Likewise, comments submitted wholly in UPPERCASE will also be rejected since this violates one of the most basic etiquette rules of the Internet—and in the end life's all about etiquette (*adab*): To Almighty God, to our fellow human beings and to our own selves.
- Please be aware that we are not qualified to give Islamic legal opinions (*fatawa*), since that is the sole domain of classically-trained, qualified and experienced Islamic scholars. If you have such *fiqh* related questions, we recommended submitting them to the applicable forum on the [SunniPath.com](http://www.sunnipath.com) website.

Whatever truth and goodness comes from this endeavor, it is from Almighty God, and whatever falsehood or error comes from it, that is from our own selves. And truly God knows best...