

I AM NOT **A** MUSLIM

This would be seen as a undesirable **S**tatement to be made by some.

In today's world full of hate and prejudice against Islam, I felt compelled into writing such an article...

It was in fact my detailed study of Islam that led me to this **C**onclusion.

The word 'Muss-Lim' which is in two syllables, coming from the root 'sa la ma' describes the actions of a human being peacefully aligning their will with God's Will, making it unequivocally a verb by all accounts. **S**imilarly the word 'kaafir' describes the actions of someone who covers or hides the truth, making this also a verb as it comes from the root word 'kaffaara' meaning to cover or hide.

Many times **G**od Almighty describes these two actions side by side, calling for people to the way of the prophets (Peace Be Upon Them), sent to earth offering guidance to a straight & moral path or code of conduct. Often these actions call to humankind to restrain their lower desires, and stand up for justice which can go against the norms of our **S**ocieties.

Islam calls humankind to be upright and in good standing, by rectifying their own social habits, and to encourage this in society, to create a long lasting solution for peace and harmony. **T**his is a constant struggle or jihad.

If we look deeply firstly at the word **M**uss-Lim, it describes the actions of a person in submission to **I**slam, but that action is actually a continuous one- for instance a submitter to the system of Islam. No one can categorically claim he is 'A' Muslim just as no one can categorically claim that they are '**A**' Kaafir. This is the ultimate judgement.

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Only **G**od Almighty has the power to assess and judge if they are or they are not. God Almighty clearly describes the actions involved in becoming either one of these, but rests it solely on the ability to align their inner desires with God's Will.

In this the use of the '**A**' in 'A Muslim' that almost announces to the listener that is a noun, making it a label of self righteousness, bordering on insinuating that everyone else is the **O**pposite.

To the best of my experience and knowledge this is the epitome of ego and self acclaimed piety. This trait was **N**ot found in the **P**rophets of God Almighty or their companions. In fact, I would say that this is the sole reason Shaitaan was cursed and rejected.

So I ask the question, should we not be trying instead to be Muss-Slim (submitting to the system of **ISLAM**) rather than stating that we have already submitted and therefore, passed the test that God Almighty set for us. Isn't life a constant trial, one that continues from cradle to the grave?

So I conclude that I am not 'A Muslim' but rather I'm trying to **BE** Muslim constantly, and within these trials and tribulations I sometimes must fall out of **ISLAM**, consciously or unconsciously. I am taking my testimony of faith (**S**hahada) in every offering of Salah, to renew my submission to God, while also praying that **G**od Almighty throws a veil over my shortcomings and accepts my meagre efforts.

(REMOVING
MISCONCEPTIONS)