

The innate religion

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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

In the name of Allaah, the Most Merciful, the Bestower of Mercy

Question: Is the religion one is born into the true one?

Answer: Every human is born in a state of Fitrah (divinely endowed natural disposition of monotheism/Islaam). The Prophet (peace be upon him) said: **Every newborn is born in a state of Fitrah. Its parents then make it a Jew, a Christian, or a Magian.**¹

However, Fitrah alone is not enough to know the details of Tawheed (belief in the Oneness of Allaah/monotheism) and how to worship Allaah (Glorified and Exalted be He). It is incumbent to learn and try to become versed in religion; to follow and obey the Messenger of Allaah (peace be upon him) who conveyed all details that the servants need about religion and `Ibaadah (worship). This is the way a Muslim can know the `Ibaadah for which Allaah created humanity. Allaah (Glorified be He) says: **[And I (Allaah) created not the jinn and mankind except that they should worship Me (Alone).]**

May Allaah grant us success. May peace and blessings be upon our Prophet Muhammad, his family, and Companions.

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