

Welcome, as you are

Two great faiths, one huge question: who is God?

In short. The Catholic Church regards Muslims with esteem: they adore the one God, merciful and all-powerful, the Creator of heaven and earth.¹ The Church rejects nothing that's true and holy in other religions.²

Key points

- Muslims and Catholics both adore the one, merciful God.³
- Muslims revere Jesus as a prophet and honor Mary.¹
- The Church urges mutual understanding after centuries of hostility.¹
- Faith is never forced: it's of its nature a free act.⁴

Try this, this week

1. **Read *Nostra Aetate* 3.** It's one paragraph, the Church's own words about Islam.
2. **Write down one question.** Bring it to the next step, or to a Catholic friend.

Watch out: what this does not mean

- No one may be forced to believe: the act of faith is of its very nature a free act.⁴
- The Church doesn't brush off other religions: she sees all the goodness and truth in them as "a preparation for the Gospel."⁵

Common questions

Do Catholics think Muslims worship a different God?

Video answer: Catholic Answers, stoneandincense.com/en/questions/do-catholics-think-muslims-worship-a-different-god/

The Catechism says Muslims "together with us" adore the one, merciful God.³

Remember: Respect first. Honesty always.

Sources

1. *Nostra Aetate* 3
2. *Nostra Aetate* 2
3. CCC 841
4. CCC 160
5. CCC 843

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