

# سُورَةُ الْعَنْكَبُوتِ

## Surat al-'Ankabūt (29)

# The Spider

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COMMENTARY OF THE QUR'AN

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# Sūrat Al-‘Ankabūt: Review for Today



**Session 20**  
**Review for Today**  
**Āyāt 46-47**



# Sūrat Al-‘Ankabūt: Introduction

## God’s precedence in testing humans’ faith

Testing people’s faith at all times. (Verses 1-4)

4 Verses



Different groups going through Divine Trials. (Verses 5-13)

9 Verses



Consequences of disbelieving in Prophets sent by God. (Verses 14-44)

31 Verses



The trials which those who opposed the Prophets went through. (Verses 45-68)

24 Verses

Achievements of those who struggle in the way of God – Divine Mercy and Guidance. (Verse 69)

1 Verse



# Sūrat Al-‘Ankabūt: Verses 46 & 47

وَلَا تُجَادِلُوا أَهْلَ الْكِتَابِ إِلَّا بِالَّتِي هِيَ أَحْسَنُ إِلَّا الَّذِينَ ظَلَمُوا  
مِنْهُمْ وَقُولُوا آمَنَّا بِالَّذِي أُنزِلَ إِلَيْنَا وَأُنزِلَ إِلَيْكُمْ وَإِلَهُنَا وَإِلَهُكُمْ  
وَاحِدٌ وَنَحْنُ لَهُ مُسْلِمُونَ ﴿٤٦﴾

Do not dispute with the People of the Book – *The Jews and Christians* - except in a manner which is best, except when it comes to those who are wrongdoers from amongst them *as with them, there is no way possible to discuss and debate so leave them to be as they are*, and say to the Jews and Christians, "We believe in that which has been sent down to us *in the Quran* and has been sent down to you; our God and your God is one *and the same*, and to Him do we submit." (46)



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Verbal

...بِأَتِي هِيَ أَحْسَنُ...  
...in a manner which is **best**...

Non-Verbal



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...بِأَتِي هِيَ أَحْسَنُ...

...in a manner which is **best**...

- Meaning of the term "...**best**...": The correct and appropriate way of discussion and can include NOT ONLY the words used, but rather, how they are spoken, in what tone and other such aspects of verbal communication.



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...بِأَتِي هِيَ أَحْسَنُ...

...in a manner which is **best**...

Therefore, the implication of this sentence is that: "Your words must be polite; your style of speaking is that you must employ a voice of friendliness; your content must be balanced; your tone of speaking must be one that is free from shouting and abuse, harshness and insults. In addition, your facial expressions and hand gestures must also be calculated – in summary, your entire presence must be 'the best'."



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...بِأَيْتِي هِيَ أَحْسَنُ...

...in a manner which is **best**...

“In **ONE WORD**, the Quran has presented a **COMPREHENSIVE** course in **HOW** to speak to people!”





# Sūrat Al-‘Ankabūt: Verses 46 & 47

## WHY SHOULD WE TALK TO NON-MUSLIMS?

“For Muslims, the purpose of the debate with Jews, Christians or OTHERS is **not** to seek supremacy and to embarrass the other party, but rather, it is done to influence and penetrate deep into the heart of the other person to make them see the beauty of Islam.”



# Sūrat Al-‘Ankabūt: Verses 46 & 47

...إِلَّا الَّذِينَ ظَلَمُوا مِنْهُمْ...

...except when it comes to those who are  
**wrongdoers** from amongst them...

- What is the meaning of this portion of the verse?



# Sūrat Al-‘Ankabūt: Verses 46 & 47

وَكَذَلِكَ أَنْزَلْنَا إِلَيْكَ الْكِتَابَ فَالَّذِينَ آتَيْنَاهُمُ الْكِتَابَ يُؤْمِنُونَ بِهِ  
وَمِنْ هَؤُلَاءِ مَنْ يُؤْمِنُ بِهِ وَمَا يَجْحَدُ بِآيَاتِنَا إِلَّا الْكَافِرُونَ ﴿٤٧﴾

Thus have We sent down the Book - *the Quran* - to you, *O Muhammad*, and those to whom We have given the Book *before* – namely *the Jews and Christians* – they believe in it – *the Quran* and have converted to Islam, and of these - *the Polytheists* - there are *also* some who believe in it - *the Quran* - and none fight against Our signs except the faithless *from amongst the Jews, Christians, and Polytheists*. (47)



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...وَمَا يَجْحَدُ بِآيَاتِنَا إِلَّا الْكَافِرُونَ ﴿٤٧﴾

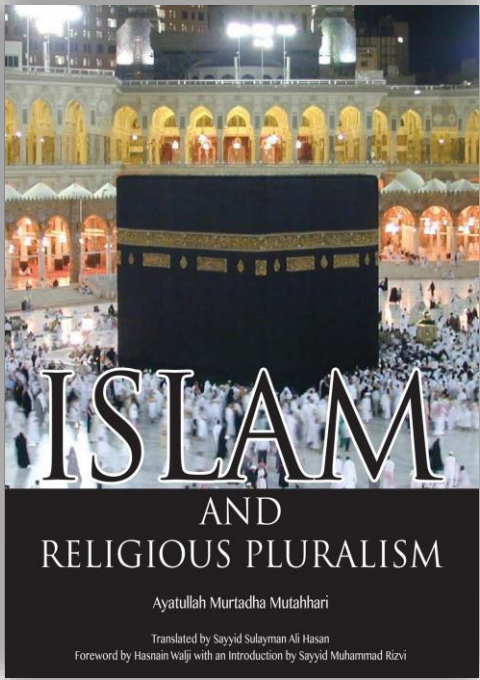
...and none **fight** against Our signs except the faithless *from amongst the Jews, Christians, and Polytheists.* (47)

- The meaning of “fight” is when a person acknowledges something as being correct, however still works against it – in the case of the Prophet, this may be due to their own stubbornness, intolerance and blind following of their forefathers.

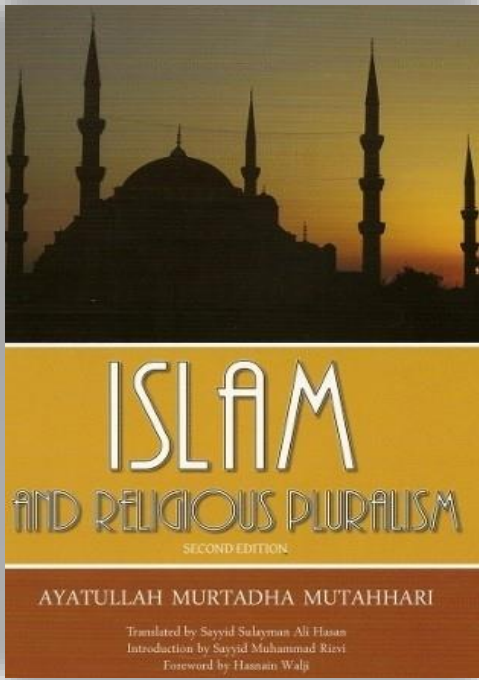


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## Points for Reflection

1. The exchange of views and engaging in dialogue between various schools of Islam and outside of Islam, between various cultures and the nations of the earth is acceptable in Islam.
2. All of those who are not Muslims and do not accept Islam ARE NOT AUTOMATICALLY working against Islam.
3. Islam “accepts” that people may be Jews, Christians, etc. however ultimately, the goal is for ALL to follow ONE RELIGION and the theme of “Islam and Religious Pluralism” must be correctly understood.

