

184450 - How to Safeguard the Islam of Newly Reverted Sister

the question

I would like to thank the founders and the workers on this web site because it helped me and is still helping me a lot.

I embraced Islam three years ago (Al-hamdulillah), and from that time on I worked to convince my family members and my close friends to submit to it.

My little sister (15 years old) who was watching me for the past three years grew in her belief and eventually uttered the Shahada (testimony of faith) one week ago (Al-hamdulillah).

Now my concern is, how can I protect her faith; how can I help her to strengthen it?

I feel she might lose her faith any time because the environment we are living in encourages people to go astray. In addition to that, my parents still don't know about her conversion, I'm sure that if they knew they would not be pleased with it and they would try to get her back to Judaism.

Please, I need your advice, I really don't know how to deal with this situation.

Detailed answer

First:

From that which makes a Muslim happy is his seeing people enter into the true religion of Allah, the Exalted and leaving their false and distorted religions. We'd like to congratulate you on having been chosen by Allah for Islam and then for being granted the ability to call towards the guidance

which resulted in the Islam of your sister and her being saved from the wrath and punishment of Allah. This takes our minds back to the glorious companion, Abdullah ibn Salam, who was a Jew and who entered Islam and perfected his Islam. We ask Allah, the Exalted, to keep you and your sister firm and to grant you the strength and ability to attain beneficial knowledge and work righteous deeds.

Second:

From that which we advise you to do with your sister who entered Islam in order to help keep her firmly upon the religions is the following:

1. Encourage

her to recite and to listen to Quran a great deal. It would be nice if you could assist in selecting recitations of reciters whose voices are pleasing to the listeners.

2. Make

available to her small but highly beneficial Islamic books which contain simplified Islamic rulings and the biographies of great Islamic scholars and leaders. It would be preferred if they contained biographies of female scholars, callers and warriors.

3. Make every

effort to keep her away from bad company, especially those friends which she had before Islam and who had an impact on her due to their strong personalities or gentleness. Be gentle while doing this so as not to turn her away from you and have her more attached to her friends.

4. Make

easily accessible to her touching audio materials which talk about Islamic issues and the fate of man after death and the hereafter.

5. Encourage

her to regularly praise and thank Allah, the Exalted, for the blessing of guidance. Through gratitude, blessings last and every slave requires of his Lord, the Exalted, to assist him, strengthen him and keep him firm upon his religion.

6. Encourage

her to pray regularly and on time while giving the prayer its due by carrying out its necessary and compulsory actions in the best manner and urge her to supplicate abundantly during the prostration.

7. Be sure to

tell her not to reveal her reversion to Islam to her family at this time out of fear that they will influence her negatively and cause her harm in her religion. See the answers to the two questions

[33827](#) and

[69752](#).

8. The fact

that you were able to influence her and she accepted Islam after observing you shows that she respects you and has love for you. Therefore, try to be her best friend and the rock she can lean on. Try your best to give her all the moral support you can; continue being a good example for her, let her talk to you and share her thoughts with you and let her feel that you are there for her whenever she needs you. Insha Allah your companionship and support will be a positive influence on her.

9. It goes

without saying that perhaps one of the most effective means (if not the most effective) is for you to regularly and consistently supplicate to Allah (du'aa) for her. Everything is in Allah's Hands and He is the One Who

controls the hearts, therefore, implore Him to keep your sister firm upon the truth.

10. Gently try

to help your sister find a new set of friends who will be supportive and act as good role models.

We ask Allah to keep you both firm upon His religion and to grant you success in pleasing Him. Thank you for taking the time to benefit from our site.

May Allah grant you beneficial knowledge and the ability to act according to it.