

Five Toes Method

Can be used to share Gospel with practicing, hostile Muslims or fundamentalist Hindus.

1. Toe: Love

(How to remember: Big toe, without it one cannot walk properly. To show love to a person opens up a relationship.)

Show love by offering prayer. *"How are you and your family? You and I both believe in the importance of prayer. I would like to bless you with my prayer. Have you got any specific needs I can pray for you (e.g. sickness, job, etc.)?"*

2. Toe: God

(How to remember: Longest of the thin toes. God is the greatest.)

"How do you get forgiveness of sins?" Question for Hindu: "How do you get rid of your Karma."

3. Toe: Lost

(How to remember: Third toe is smaller than the second, indicating that no one can measure up with God. We are all lost in our sins in front of Him.)

"Are you absolutely certain that God forgives your sins and you will go to heaven (Hindu: Nirwana) one day?"
Ultimately God can do whatever he pleases in Islam and Hinduism and therefore his followers have no certainty.

4. Toe: Gospel

(How to remember: Fourth toe appears insignificant when compared to the first three toes. The Gospel looks like foolishness to those who do not believe.)

"My answer to the last question is different. Here is why:" Explain the Gospel starting with events found in both, the Bible and the Quran regarding sacrifice (of animals) for the forgiveness of sins:

-Adam and Eve: When they sinned and discovered they were naked they felt ashamed and tried to cover themselves with leaves. God covered them with a garment (of animal skin), pointing to the first sacrifice of an animal to take away our sins (Surah 7, Al Araf, verses 19-27, Genesis 3:7, 21).

-Cain and Abel known as Habil and Kabil: God accepted the animal sacrifice of Abel but rejected the sacrifice of crop made by Cain (Surah 5, Al Maida, verse 27, Genesis 4:3-7).

-Abraham known as Ibrahim: God provided an animal as a sacrifice instead of Abraham's son (Surah 37, Al Saffat, verse 107, Genesis 22). If it was only a test of Abraham's faithfulness there would be no need for sacrifice.

-Moses: He was commanded by God to sacrifice animals for the absolute certain forgiveness of sins of the people of Israel (Surah 2, Al Baqara, verses 67-74, Numbers 19:1-10). In Surah 17, Al Isra, verses 1-7, the Jewish Temple in Jerusalem is mentioned. It was built in obedience to God's commanded and has worship through sacrifice for the forgiveness of sins at the very heart of its existence (2 Chronicles 2:4)!

-Jesus: Animals sacrifices in the Torah (Old Testament) are less valuable than humans. They only pointed to the perfect and sinless sacrifice to come, known as the Messiah, a title only given to Jesus (Daniel 9:24-26, Mark 14:61-62, Surah 3, Al Imran, verse 45). He died on behalf of all people in the world to take away the sins of all those who repent and believe in him.

5. Toe: Decision

(How to remember: Like in the five finger Gospel sharing method, the smallest finger represents us who have to make a decision whether we want to accept Jesus)

The stories I just told you come from the Torah and Injeel (New Testament) the books given and protected by God according to the Quran. Do you believe what they say about how to have your sins forgiven for certain?

Objections:

"The Bible has changed." The Quran says in Surah 5:47 it is still trustworthy. Other verses talk about how some people recited it wrongly but never was the written word changed.

"We follow the Quran now." Your prophet said, "seek knowledge from the cradle to the grave." Would you like to do a Discovery Bible Study to find out more, also in the light of Surah 10, Yunus, verse 94, where Allah commands to ask the people of the Scriptures (e.g. followers of Jesus) for clarification?

"The previous books were abrogated." According to Surah 2, Al Baqarah, verse 106, they would have to be replaced with something similar or better. What could be better than to have certainty of forgiveness through Jesus?