

How did you convert?

Wow

Are we already at episode number ten?

Ten goes by fast huh?

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and the number one question that I got asked is what?

How do you convert to Islam?

Well, it's a long story

And I'll give you the short version of it

Here we goes

Before Islam, I used to hang around with people

Who were into really bad stuffs

I mean really bad stuffs

When I come think of it

I didn't have the best choice of friends

Man..

These guys were bunch of characters

Here are some of the characters I remember

The Con Artist

Hey, Ali

How is it going baby, how is it going.

I would ask you a question

That book you have in your hand.

How much did you buy that for?

25 Dollars

Not bad, not bad

I can sell it for \$30

Yes.. \$30

And I'll give you \$15, huh.

We got a deal?

Come on!

Okay okay, I'll give you \$20

The Crazy Guy

What!

The Trash Talker

I tell you, they come up to me like

Dude, what r u talking about man, what r u talkin bout

If you got something to say

Say it in ma face

And he was like..

he just looked at me like I was crazy

?????And told me ?????

You know what??????

What?

Is he behind me?

Is he behind?....

Oh.. Okay

Anyway I told him..mmm

What did I tell him?

The Weird Guy

So what are you doing today?

I don't know

I guess

Cred

I'm sorry, did you want some?

... You sure?

... Okay

The Thief

What's going on man?

Everything cool? You cool?

Once I got those credit card numbers,

I'll be in business

Bam! I'll be in business

You know what I'm saying? Wohooo

so one day

one of my best friend

which is also one the worst friend

Ask me to come play basketball

with him at a Muslim basketball tournament

in Muslim basketball tournament

So I asked him

Cool.. Who do we know is Muslim?

He tells me he's Muslim

You're Muslim?

Mr. Illegal?

Mr. I just get arrested

Mr. Let me teach you

how to cheat at school?

Mr. Hey look at that girl over there?

You're Muslim?

What..

You serious?

Okay. I'm sorry bout it, I'm sorry.. Just errr..

You're not Muslim

Who r u kidding man...?

I'm getting outta here...

I couldn't believe it

So then when I go to his house

Our teammates are meeting up there

They're wearing hats that say

the word Allah and the word Islam on it

Oh my.... What?

How can this be?

I see these guys at the school

all the time

I have no idea these guys are Muslim

Zero

With all the stuff I see these people do.

I didn't think they have any association

with any religion

So we went to the tournament

And when it came to the time for prayer

My team walked out

Yes,

They said "Let's go chill outside"

Oh my, Chill?

Don't you guys go pray like, five times a day?

No man, it's cool

We can go chill outside

Judging by their action

I thought Islam was some type of cultural thing

So of course after seeing the way these people were muslim

I had no interest into looking into Islam

Did I become Muslim after seeing these guys?

No

As time went on,

I know it's more and more of my friends
were getting me into trouble

I guess this is what happened
when you have bad friends around you

Sometimes you don't look for trouble
but trouble seems to find you

One guy get arrested,
the other one is in trial

And Bam!

I got shot out

Twice!

And what religion am I practicing?

Nothing

I was worshipping idols
wearing superstitious rock around my neck
thinking that this rock could benefit me somehow
but they didn't

I was lost in the world of jahiliyya
a world of ignorant

Islam was never given to me

So I have no Idea what it was

Eventually I realized that these idols

doesn't benefit me

So one day I decide to search for the truth

I told myself if I find it

I would change my life

So I start looking into different religions

and different ways of life

One by One

I found errors in different religion

Each time I found error in each religion

I would throw it out

I mean

If the religion is from the creator of all thing

The One who make everything

From God the almighty

How come it has error in it?

or how can I accept messages that

has been changed by man?

Or how God can get killed or die?

I didn't buy it

Or blind following some clergy guy?

Someone who claims he is closer

to God than the rest of us?

Pretty soon I start losing hope
It looks like all religion were eliminated
Then one day someone gave me
a flyer to an Islamic camp
So I thought it will be a great time
to check out the religion of Islam
Unfortunately it was bad timing
You see my father was in the hospital
And the doctor told us he has few days to live
So my mother told me we should stay here
Because it is the last time we probably see our father
So at first I decided to stay
and then, suddenly I don't know
what happened I changed my mind
I figured that there's only one religion left
I had to check out what this Islam is
So against my family will,
I decide to go
So I took my purple haired girlfriend
and we went to the Islamic camp
purple haired girlfriend?
Dude
I told you I was lost
Anyway as we get to the camp

I was causing a lot of problems

Let's say I was just a big troublemaker

And they want to kick me out

Yeah

I was pretty bad

And then after I got so tired of causing trouble

I took a break and I sat down

I actually start listening to the lecture

It sounded very interesting

the speaker was talking about things

that i never heard before

I start evaluating, analyzing, questioning

and for the 1st time in my life

I started thinking

It was amazing

It all makes sense

I told myself If I ever found

the truth. I will go after it

and less than 24 hrs

I became Muslim

I told my long time girlfriend

it's over

she was in shock

when I came home I told my parents

I became Muslim

they were in shock

and when I told my friend I am Muslim

I think they probably thought

I went crazy

Crazy!

I think the reason the camp being such a different

is it isolated me from all the distractions

you get in this life

you see at normal life

we are distracted to so many different things

but it takes all this distraction away

and you get a chance to actually think

and Islam is presented to you

it makes perfect sense

Do you ever wonder why

so many prisoners become Muslim?

all the distraction are gone

they have nothing to do except to think

solely think

So I come back and everyone thinks

I'm crazy

How come they didn't think

I was crazy when I was worshipping rocks?

you see

I don't get that

Alhamdulillah I've been muslim ever since

Alhamdulillah

Now look at the different of the

two types of Muslim I've met

The one I went to high school with?

were nothing but a bunch of characters

The one I met at the camp?

You see

both type of Muslim had an effect on me

But only one had a positive effect

the other, had a negative effect

You see

when Islam is presented correctly to me

I became Muslim the next day

So if you call yourself Muslim

and you imitate the misguided people around you

why would anyone want to be like you

I mean if you go have a beer with your friend

and then you're try talking about how great Islam is

They'll think that you're hypocrite

You see there are people

out there that are just like me

they're sincere, they want the truth

but they just needed someone

to present it to them

Subhanallah

Allah SWT gives you Islam

Subhanallah

It's the greatest gift

you can get in your life

and to leave all that away

so you can imitate the misguided people?

How does that makes sense?

I mention two types of Muslim

it is up to you to decide which one you wanna be

yeah

one path is gonna be tougher than the other

but the end result is worth it

as you know that there are

no compulsion in Islam

so the way we carry ourselves

is the way we carry Islam to the people

Subhanallah

Those who had Islam

and decide to be bad examples around me

and never gave me Islam

what are they gonna say to Allah SWT

on the day of judgment

instead of giving me Islam

they're giving me nothing

you see if you slack off up in your religion

it doesn't just affect you

but it also affect everyone who interacts with you

do you know what I'm saying?

No seriously!

Do you know what I'm saying?

I hope you do Insha Allah

This is Ali reminding you just in case you forgot

What, that's it

That's the last episode

10 episodes

we finish them alhamdulillah

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