

# Diwali Celebrations

## A Muslim's Perspective

Rasoolullah *Sallallaahu Alayhi Wa Sallam* has stated (on the day of Eid), "Every nations has a day of celebration and today is our day of celebration."

Furthermore Rasoolullah *Sallallaahu Alayhi Wa Sallam* has stated, "Whoever imitates a nation is from them."

These Ahadith provide a powerful message. Islam and the practice of its adherents will always be apart and will never merge with practices of other faiths, religions or ideologies.

For the individual who believes that Islam is beyond doubt the ultimate truth revealed by the All-Knowing, All-Powerful creator of the universe, the lifestyles and customs of others should hold no attraction whatsoever. Yet why is it that so many, be it directly or indirectly, actively pursue and involve themselves in the religious celebrations of others?!

Pyrotechnics, fireworks and crackers might be a fun way to burn our money, but it is also a disastrous way of burning and destroying our chances of salvation in the hereafter.

So as of now and in future let us stay clear of the religious festivals of others and perhaps if we truly educate ourselves on what Islam really is, we would truly discover a religion that provides us fulfilment in every aspect of our lives.

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