

Islam Question & Answer

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12225 - Non-Muslims touching the Qur'aan

the question

is it permissible for a non muslim to read the Quran without the thorough cleansing of self beforehand like a Muslim would?

Detailed answer

Praise be to Allah.

The Holy Qur'aan should not be touched by anyone except those who are purified. Allaah says (interpretation of the meaning):

“Verily, the Mushrikoon (polytheists, pagans, idolaters, disbelievers in the Oneness of Allaah, and in the Message of Muhammad) are Najasun (impure)” [al-Tawbah 9:28]

On this basis, the kaafir should not be permitted to touch the Qur'aan, whether he is a Christian, a Jew, a Buddhist, a Hindu or anything else. But it is permissible for him to listen to the Qur'aan on radio or TV, or from tapes, and it is permissible for him to read the translations of the meanings of the Qur'aan which are available in different languages.