

Islam Question & Answer

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1437 - Does the dove hold any significance in Islam?

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In the Christian religion, a dove is a symbol not only for peace but also for the Holy Spirit. In the Islamic religion, does the dove hold any significance ?

Detailed answer

Praise be to Allaah.

We put this question to Shaykh 'Abd-Allaah ibn Jibreel, may Allaah preserve him, who answered as follows.

The dove does not have any particular meaning in Islam. It is simply one of the birds that Allaah has permitted us to eat, just like any other permissible bird.

In Islam, the dove does not stand for peace or for anything else. It is sufficient for us Muslims for us to follow the commands of Allaah to establish justice on earth.