



Core Curriculum

2 Foundations of Islam - Theology

2.8 **The Sharī'a: Purpose and Practice**

Question: What is the literal meaning of the Sharī'a?

Answer: It means "way," as in the way to God and salvation in Him

Question: Can we enforce Sharī'a in non-Muslim countries?

Answer: No

Question: What is the purpose of the Sharī'a?

Answer: To help guide us to spiritual discipline and serve God

Question: How is the Sharī'a universal?

Answer: You don't need to be in a Muslim majority country to pray or fast or feed the power or abstain from sin. This can be done anywhere.

Question: According to the Sharī'a, am I allowed to disobey civil laws?

Answer: As long as they don't contradict the foundations of Islam, you are not allowed to disobey them.