

# **BELIEVERS AND MUSLIMS**

## **DIFFERENT GROUPS OF PEOPLE**

The desert Arabs say:

We believe. Say; You have no faith; but you (only) say -  
We have submitted our wills to Allah, for Faith has not  
yet entered your hearts. However, if you obey Allah and  
His Messenger, He will not belittle aught of your deeds:  
for Allah is Oft Forgiving, Most Merciful.

**(Qur'an – Chapter 49, Verse 14)**

Mir Ahmed Ali (AR) writes:

The desert Arabs, in general, were uncertain in their faith.  
Their hearts and minds were petty, and they thought of  
petty things, while Islam demands complete submission to  
the will of Allah. The reference here is to the Bani Asad  
who came to profess Islam in order to get charity during a  
famine.

This verse refers to the actual possibility of professing faith  
as lip-profession, without a deep, inward and living  
assurance of the heart, which in fact is the basis of reward  
given by Allah to His sincere servants. The lip-profession  
was resorted to because of many advantages available to  
the Muslims.

Aqa Mahdi Puya says:

Real submission to the will of Allah creates *iman*  
(conviction that enters and abides in the heart). So those  
who say; *We submit*, can be called Muslims but they are  
not *mu'minin*, whereas *mu'min* is necessarily a muslim.  
Islam is the outer circle and *iman* is the inner core. Islam is  
submission and *iman* is the full realization of the faith with  
complete conviction. Both can be verbal declaration  
without conviction, and both can be from the bottom of the  
heart, real and sincere.