

The Muslim patient belongs, because of the necessity to respect traditions and teaching of Quran, to the most complicated religious challenges for physicians and health care providers of other denominations. It is so not only in the Muslim countries, where these experts are often hired to provide health care in medical care centres, but also in countries with a considerable Muslim minority. The author of this diploma work defined as his aim to clarify the complexity of health care with regard to rather distinctive limitations, often contradicting common diagnostic and therapeutic procedures, which stem from Islamic traditions, Islamic law and unneglectable attitudes of Muslim clerics. In his thesis the author attempts to a brief insight into the Islam with focus on orthopraxis of each Muslim, which accompanies him for the whole life, dividing the issue into the Muslim life phases and a broader Muslim family interests – see the work content.

The author himself worked with Muslims for more than 15 years, out of which almost 10 years in Islamic countries (Kosovo, Afghanistan, Iraq, Kuwait and Pakistan) as well as in countries with strong Muslim population (Israel, Botswana, South Africa). In Basra (Iraq) he did Islamic Studies in English for two years, met many Muslim clerics and hundreds of doctors and other health care workers, He dares to say that he is well qualified in this field, by the way he deals with this issue in several of his publications.

The work could also serve as a manual for theologians, in the Muslim world, but also social and pastoral workers, as all the sub-issues of the work - health and illness, family, children's upbringing, birth, death, fasting, food restrictions, pilgrimage to Mecca (Hajj) – could be in areas with prevailing Islam of everyday use. Especially today, at the time of great Muslim migration to Europe it becomes a necessity to understand this issue not only in regards with the Muslims, but also because of the non-Muslim, rather confused and badly informed public.

In this work the religious topic is intertwined with the issues of medical and social type and, according to the author, it could represent an expert contribution in the theological and religionist circles.

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