



Is it permissible to say “rest in peace” (RIP) for a deceased who was not a Muslim? Is it permissible to say “Jumuah Mubarak” every Friday? Coinciding with this; is it permissible to say “Merry Christmas”, “Happy Deepwali” to those that celebrate these festivals?

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ
السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكُمْ وَرَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ وَبَرَكَاتُهُ

Muslims can and should greet people of other or no faith in all manners which are not based on religion. For instance, saying, “Hi” is in some way recommended as it is maintain peace through the community. However, Muslims are not permitted to greet others with religious greetings like, “Happy Deepwali” or “Merry Christmas” or any calling which is a form of blessing. You can also wish a happy holiday break without any religious connotation.

The proclaiming of Jumuah Mubarak is an innovative practice.

وَاللَّهُ أَعْلَمُ وَعَلِمُهُ أَحْكَمُ وَأَنْعَمُ