1204 - Rules Related to Befriending Non-Muslims

the question

What is the view of Islam towards friendship with followers of different religions

Detailed answer

Praise be to Allah.

; Reply for this question would be the same as the reply to question #23325. In addition, the following should be noted:

- We should differentiate between good treatment of non-Muslims and befriending them.
- We should differentiate between establishing a relationship with a non-Muslim for the purpose of da’wah (i.e. teaching him and inviting him to Islam) and befriending him for no valid Islamic purpose.
- We should differentiate between establishing a relationship with a non-Muslim for trading and/or education reasons and befriending him, as friendship would mean deeper feeling of affection and fondness, comradeship, and being influenced by him.