# Title: What is Greater Jihad?

**Key Questions:** How willing am I/are we to make sacrifices? How do believers show their loyalty/sacrifices? How do followers of T\* show that they belong to their tradition? What can followers of T\* learn from events in the history of their tradition? Who/what are we faithful and committed to? Who or what do I think deserves my loyalty?

**Key Concepts:** sacrifice, commitment, loyalty, obedience, faith

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| **Learning objectives** | **Activities** | **Resources** |
| To be able to explain what Greater Jihad means for Muslims today and to explore our own struggles and responses to them. | * How easy is it to do the right thing? Agree a list of issues (or already prepared on a sheet) e.g.: not getting angry, being respectful to your parents, using money sensibly, not talking about people behind their backs etc. Students then number how easy /difficult that thing is on a scale of 1 - 10 (1=mega easy, 10=next to impossible) Share and discuss findings. * Explore the meaning of the word Greater Jihad – striving to resist evil within oneself. Dispel misconceptions. * Redo the ranking task concentrating on things a Muslim would be expected to do in addition e.g. praying 5 times a day, going on Hajj, giving to charity, fasting etc. Complete the task as if you were a Muslim. * Ramadan: an example of Greater Jihad - use the TrueTube clip * Students to choose a task:   Create an acrostic poemfor Greater jihad  Read the poem ‘Greater Jihad’ carefully. Write a short paragraph explaining their views on the poem and how it may be relavant to their own life/struggles.  Read the poem ‘Greater Jihad’ and create their own poem called ‘I strive’ Students to imagine they are a Muslimand how greater jihad affects their life or use the poem to show their ownattempts in life to be good – what helps, what makes it difficult?   * Summarise learning by creating a tweet:What do you struggle to do in your life?   #Myjihad is……  Challenge: This is a struggle because…… | TrueTube clip  <https://www.truetube.co.uk/resource/great-british-ramadan/>  Poem  <https://www.fictionpress.com/s/2407377/1/The-Greater-Jihad>  Sample tweets from Muslims and also non-Muslims about their greater jihad at #myjihad. Examples:  <https://twitter.com/MsYassin__/status/1223799548511952896?s=20&t=-mKUqjdPO9eLca5QX5MRpg>  <https://twitter.com/JihadiJew/status/1004467076394700800?s=20&t=FbNFzXvsOv6-FowxlKUUSQ> |