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People of Arab oil-producing countries often say that Oil is the grace of Allah. They genuinely appreciate Allah who gave them rich oil wealth. It also means the superiority to other groups having no oil. Indeed, many of the world's oil-producing countries are Islamic ones. Iraq, Saudi Arabia. Algeria, Libya and other MENA (Middle East and North Africa) oil producing countries are Arab ethnic groups. Their belief is Islam. Iran is also Islamic state. In Nigeria south of the Sahara, majority is Muslims. Indonesia, an oil producing country in Southeast Asia, is a country of Islam, too. Islamic countries account for nearly half of the world's crude oil production. Judging from oil reserves, they have the much larger share. It doesn't exaggerate to say that oil is the grace of Allah.

There is no relationship between oil and Islam. It is coincidence by chance. Oil Had been produced beneath the ground a few hundred million years ago. On the other hand, Islam was born in 7th century. Therefore, it is very curious to connect oil and Islam together. Muslims believe that everything in this world is the work of Allah. Allah made oil for the Muslims under their soil in ancient times. Controversy between scientific atheism and religion is an eternal debate.

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