

What is Islam?

Introduction:-

'ISLAM' is an Arabic word. It has two literal meanings "peace" and "submission".

Peace refers to the calmness and satisfaction of heart, mind, body and soul whereas submission refers to leave everything on God's will or in other words it means to surrender yourself to the will of Allah.

Concept of Islam:-

The basic concept of Islam is that whole universe is created by Allah. From an atom to everything big in this world is created by one and only Allah. He created man and sent them on

Earth for a fixed period of life. He gave a proper code of law to mankind as the right path for them but at the same time gave them the freedom of choice to choose for themselves.

A man who fully believes and profess faith in the oneness of Allah and His last Prophet (P.B.U.H) joins the religion Islam. These two beliefs are epitomized in the kalimah:

**There is no God
but Allah and
Muhammad is
His Prophet.**

The first part of kalimah presents the concept of Tauheed and the second part affirms the prophethood of Muhammad.

One who chooses to follow the right path given by

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Allah becomes a Muslim
and one who refuses to
follow it becomes a kafir.

As Hazrat Muhammad (P.B.U.H)
said:

"The only difference
that distinguishes
between a believer
and non-believer
is prayer."

Universal Deen :-

Islam is a
universal deen of all time,
all places and all people.

Muslims are monotheistic
and worship one God,
Allah, Creator of whole
universe and of mankind.

Muslims aim to live
a life by the will
of Allah and they
believe that everything that
happens is with the
permission of Allah, but

humans do have free will.

As The Quran says:

"O believers! Enter into Islam whole-

heartedly and do not follow Satan's footsteps.

He is your sworn enemy."

(02: 208)

Voluntary Islam:

There is free will in Islam for everyone to follow their choice. No man is bound to follow Islam. Shariah gives full liberty to a man to choose for himself and forcing someone to follow Islam is strictly condemned.

In Surah Bakarah it is clearly mentioned :

"There is no compulsion in religion. Truth stands out clear from error."

(2:256)

Another reference to the freewill given to the people is :

Muslims are called to respect the free-will of people with other faiths, and are told never to compel others to accept Islam against their will."

(10:99)

These words are quite clear in their meanings.

Conclusion:-

The beauty of Islam is that it has come for whole mankind. It is a complete way of life and all fields of human existence and also each human have the freedom to choose Islam or any other religion for themselves.
