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## Salient features of Islam:

### Introduction:

Islam is a perfect religion with its distinctive features. It is primarily based upon the concept of the Oneness of Allah (Tauheed). Besides, it also presents a set of fundamental beliefs. In addition to these concepts, Islam deals with the practical life of an individual. Islam teaches a man how to lead his life for this world and the world hereafter? Hence, Islam is the religion pertaining salient features for every aspect of life.

## Salient features of Islam:

The salient features of Islam can be discussed as under:

## 1. Fundamental beliefs of Islam.

Islam pertains a different approach of faith, in the shape of fundamental beliefs. These beliefs ranges from the Oneness of Allah to the belief in destiny. A muslim is required to have a firm belief in these fundamentals of Islam.

Holy Quran has elaborated the importance of fundamental beliefs as,

"It is righteousness to believe in Allah and the last day and the angels and the book and the messengers." 2:177

## 2. Concept of worship:

Fundamental beliefs of Islam are manifested in certain actions, worship or 'Ibadah'. Namaz, Roza, Zakat



and Hajj are worships to be performed by Muslims. The purpose of the Islamic worship is to strengthen the individual's faith and submission to Allah.

Furthermore, a person can practice punctuality, regularity, orderliness and uniformity in his life from these worships. For instance, offering prayer five times a day makes a man punctual in his other activities too.

### 3. Sources of knowledge.

Islam has its own sources of knowledge. A man can derive facts, realities, laws and other aspects of life from these sources. Holy Quran and Sunnah are the two fundamental sources of knowledge in Islam. With the help of Revelation, a man gets knowledge about his

Creator and Sustainer. As Holy Quran says,

الله جل جلاله  
"Allah is the creator of all things".

Moreover, the Revelation enclose knowledge about everything in the universe.

#### 4. The Concept of Piety (Taqwa).

Another important feature of Islam is piety (Taqwa). It is term which describes a man ~~shoving~~ <sup>shoving</sup> firm belief in Allah and his every action is in line with wishes of Allah.

Allah says in the Holy Quran,  
"The pious are those who spend whether in prosperity or in adversity; who restrain anger and pardon and those who have done something wrong, bring God into mind and ask for forgiveness for



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their sins. Surah Al-Imran.

Hence, righteousness and piety are distinct features of Islam. They lead to Islam and build up the true Muslim.

## 5. Social Rights for every class.

It is Islam which gives rights to every class of society. Not only a muslim, minorities and animals enjoy equitable rights in their society. Right to life is primary and essential right of a man. Islam gives other rights too. There are rights of parents, children, neighbourhood, disables and woman. As Holy Quran says,  
"And do good to parents".  
(4:36)

It is therefore implied that Islam is the religion of every social class.

## 6. The Political System:

Unlike other religions, Islam deals with political life of people. It has its own political system. It assists leaders in governing their state. In contrast to democracy, sovereignty belongs to Allah in an Islamic state.

The political system is usually based upon 'Khilafat' governed by a person, called Khulifa.

Islamic laws are the laws of 'Khilafat'. Furthermore, human rights are also protected under the political system of Islam.

## 7. The Judicial System:

Islam pertains a specific system of judiciary. It is based upon free and fair provision of justice. There is a concept of reward and punishment in Islam. The Islamic concept



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Strict punishments for those who use them to earn their livelihood.

Zakat is another feature of the Islamic economic system. It is based upon equitable distribution of wealth. It discourages hoarding and poverty.

Islam is a religion with its distinctive features. Such features of Islam deal with the basic life of man. Islam provides a holistic approach to lead a life in accordance with the guidance of Allah.