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What is Islam? and its salient features.

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Introduction

Versity, the nearest deed to Allah Almighty is Islam. Various religions occur in world since ancient time but Islam remains always unique. Allah almighty send it various messenger to convey his divine message. The last prophet of Allah is prophet Muhammad (PBUH), after him there will be not sent any prophet, he is seal of prophethood. The holy book revealed on Muhammad (PBUH) is Quran, which covers every aspect of life and it either covers early divine book which

revealed on early prophets as Ibrahim, an
Zakoor. Angel. Islam promotes equality,
charity and peace. The objective of
every messenger were to spread and
convey message of peace.

What is Islam

Islam is complete code of life.
It is a religion between God and indi-
viduals and society. Islam is a Deen.

The literal meaning of Islam is derived
from word SLIM which means to sub-
mit, to obey, the contextual meaning

of Islam to enter in peace by submit-
ting to will of Allah, to dedicate and
surrender from your will and spend
life according to Allah enjoins. The

Shariah meaning of Islam, it is voluntary
that is no compulsion to follow

Islam. Allah says in Quran in last
verse of Surah Kaafiroon

"لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ دِينُ اللَّهِ"
 "There is no god but Allah, the religion of Allah"

For you is your Deen and for me
is my deen.

Islam is either defined by
several elite scholars which
are here:

- 1 **Mahummad (PBUH)**
The last prophet of Allah
Mahummad (PBUH) defined Islam
in hadith jibrail "to bear wit-
ness of Allah and it messenger
further he said that is only prayer
which creates distinction between believer and
non believer
- 2 **Dr Hameedullah**
Islam is monotheistic deen revealed
through prophet PBUH
- 3 **Imam Ghazali**
Islam is combination of rights.
Rights of Allah and rights of humans
- 4 **Sadar ud din**
Islam is combination of two
things. 1: The faith
2: The rituals
Islam is universal deen
Islam is universal deen.
which revealed through prophet (PBUH)
It is a complete code of life for
every individual of world father
he or she belongs to any race,
nation, class, creed, region and
language. Islam is not confined on

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Specific ethnicity, as Judaism. Islam is not confined on specific geography. Islam is not confined on specific time-period. Islam is for whole mankind. It is ideal system of living for all mankind.

Salient features of Islam

Islam encompasses several features from which few are following:

Tahweed:

Tahweed means oneness. which means Allah is one and only worthy of worship. He is only creator and sustainer of universe. He is only dominant. Each and every thing is given by him and each goes back to him. The first part of kalma

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ

Except Allah no one is able to worthy of worship

The second part of kalma

مُحَمَّدٌ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ

And Mahummad (PBUH) is his Rasool. means prophet is

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messenger of Allah. prophet conveys message of Allah to his creations.

The context of

Surah Najam 53: 3-4

prophet (PBUH) never talks from his side he enjoins of those which revealed from Allah.

Islam is complete code of life.

Islam is complete code of life. It covers every aspect of life. Islam is complete righteous path to individuals. Islam guides since birth of child. After birth of child the first order is announcement of Azan on child head. Certain rituals are performed for upbringing of child mother is first institution of child and masjid is second institution of child. Islam guide to follow Sunnah of prophet (PBUH) for character building (Mahummad (PBUH) said who do not respect the elders, ulma and do not love childrens he is not from us) & education, Islam emphasizes on education according to hadith

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Seeking knowledge is obligatory for each man and woman. Islam sends guidance regard sources of earning for livelihood - rightfull earning in islam is worship. Islam either elaborated regard individual and collective life.

Charity (Zakat)

Islam stated regard charity before 1400 years the charity is humanity. Allah says in Quran Suttah Al Baqra 2:177

"Muslim are those who gives wealth in spite of loving"

Regular giving amount of Zakat led community to rid of poverty. The amount of Zakat can not be given to descendent of prophet (PBUT) Syeds, and can not be spend on mosque. Zakat means purification it is way to purify some one income - it takes from wealthy and give to poor. Zakat is associated with spiritual moral and social impacts.

Islam promotes humanity.

The instinct in human without any discrimination is called humanity. According to Islam the dealing with all people with love, care, empathy, sympathy, welfare and tolerance is humanity. Islam further partitioned humanity in distinct factors, including rights of humans (women, parents, offspring) rights of animal and environmental protection.

According to Hadith

"The perfect among the believers are those who are best in character" ~~the~~ professor of Egypt university Dr. Wasi Ullah M. Abbas explained Islam features as the key feature of Islam is to practice social services. Islam either gives priority to servicing as medical for humans as Allah almighty stated in Quran at chapter five (Al-Maidah) verse number 32 if you have saved a person you have saved entire humanity.

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Allah shows displeasure a person who never visit a sickman.

Conclusion

In a nutshell Islam is a Deen of peace and nearest to Allah almighty. From Adam to last prophet all have similar religion with same objective. Islam always remain universal Deen not confined for any specific factor.

Islam is associated with various features as promotion of humanity including human rights, animal rights and environmental protection as prophet (PBUH) said do not cut green trees even you are in case of war. In account of these features Islam always remain unique from other religion.