

Q. What is Islam?

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Enlist the Salient Features of Islam.

Introduction:-

Islam is the religion of truth. Islam is the complete code of life for all the human beings in the world. Islam guides about all aspects of life and gives knowledge of this world and life after death. Islam is the religion by Allah for all of us.

The meaning of Islam:-

The world Islam is from an Arabic word 'SLM'. Its literal meaning is to 'submit', 'surrender', and to be at 'peace' in the will of Allah. Islam in its contextual meaning is the complete submission

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of one's self to Allah.

"Embrace Islam and you  
will get salvation."

(Sahih Bukhari)

### Concept of Islam:-

Islam is for all mankind and also it is a universal deen. Islam guides you about everything but also Islam gives full freedom to each human being to embrace Islam with their own will as there is no compulsion in religion. A man who believes in Allah fully and his prophets and recite the kalimah, becomes the believer.

**La illaha illa Allah Muhammad  
Rasool Allah**

"There is no deity except Allah; Muhammad is His Prophet."

The first part of kalimah is **Tauheed**, the second part is **Prophethood**.

**Tauheed: Oneness of Allah :**

Allah is the omnipotent, omnipresent, and the sustainer of Allah. He is the creator of the universe and all the mankind. He is above all and there is no deity worthy of worshipping except him.

"He is the creator of all mankind. He is the Guardian and Disposer of all affairs."

Quran says:-

"Allah, in Islam, is the Allah of all the world."

(Quran 1:1)

## Prophethood : Finality of Prophets:

A true believer has full faith in Allah and his prophets as Allah has sent different prophets for the guidance of people. The messengers of Allah were sent down to spread the word of Allah through their actions. Their lives represent the model, how to live a righteous and pious life.

Prophet said:

"I am to you Allah's apostle, worthy of all respect. So be committed to Him, heed him, and obey me."  
(Surah An-Nisa)

Quran says:-

"We have not sent any messenger but that he was to be obeyed with Allah's permission."

(Surah Al-Maidah)

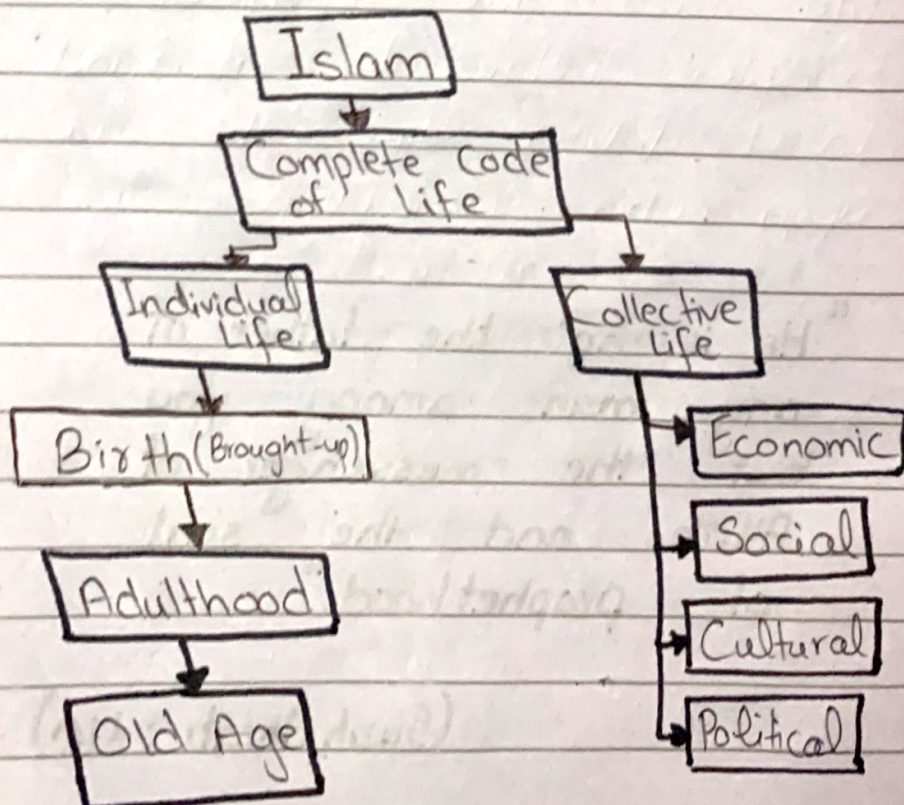
Every prophet preached the same message of Allah. Hazrat Muhammad (S.A.W) was the last prophet of Allah and his life is the perfect example for the mankind to follow and to live upon his teachings fully.

"He is not the father of any man among you but the messenger of Allah and the seal of prophet hood."

(Surah Ahzab : 40)

## Islam: Complete Code of Life:

Islam gives all the insights of individual life as well as collective life. Islam is the complete code of life that starts from the birth of a child and how he is brought-up. Islam builds the character and also gives the knowledge about economic, social, cultural and other fields of life.



## Belief in Hereafter:-

Muslims have full faith on the day of Resurrection when all mankind will be raised back from death and their records of world will be with them and they will take full responsibility of their deeds, those with good deeds will have eternal bliss whereas those with disobedience and bad deeds will be punished severely.

“Our Lord! Provide us Fine things in this world as well as in the Hereafter.”

(2:201)

## Islam promotes Humanity:-

Islam is for every entity.

Islam is to promote humanity, equality, and

empathy among everyone. In Islam every person is equal and deserves kindness and rights to live accordingly. Islam is against violence and hatred.

"Certainly, all Muslims are brothers."  
(Hadith)

### Islam abolishes discrimination:-

In Islam no one is superior to anyone based on race, color, ethnicity, etc. Islam is same for everyone. Islam does not discriminate or create sense of superiority in anyone. In Islam in front of Allah, all his believers are same. Islam teach us to be kind and to give respect to everyone.



Our Prophet Muhammad (S.A.W) himself always said to be good in manners and character.

He said:-

"The best among you are those whose character is the best."

### Animal Rights Protection:-

Islam is so beautiful that not only it teaches us about the rights of humans but also animals. Islam guide us to take fully care of animals, not to harm them, and to protect them. Once Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H) saw a camel thirsty and reprimanded the owner of the camel. This shows that animals are to be

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looked after too in Islam.

## Protection <sup>of</sup> (of) Environment:-

Islam tells us about the protection of environment and how important is it to make our environment clean for our well beings as there are multiple benefits of it. There are many of the Hadiths about environment by our Holy Prophet Muhammad (P.B.U.H.) Some of them are as follow:

"Donot cut a green tree even if you are in a war."

"Plant a green tree as it is charity."

"Donot waste a single drop of water even if you are

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sitting in a running stream."

## Critical Analysis:-

Islam is the religion by Allah which gives complete guidance of how to live your life according to Sunnah and Quran. It is the word of Allah without a single change in it.

"I affirm that there is no deity except Allah and Muhammad (P.B.U.H) is His Prophet."

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