

What is Islam, enlist salient features of Islam.

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Islam is derived from the Arabic word "SLM" pronounced as "Salm" which means peace and from word "Salm" comes word "aslām" which means "he submitted" hence conclude the meaning of Islam as entering into peace. Islam is religion which bring peace to mankind by committing himself to Allah and submit himself to His will. Islam is based on the doctrine monotheism Seal of prophet hood and judgement day. Islam was revealed upon Holy prophet Muhammad (PBUH), hence the primary source of Islam is Holy Quran and Sunnah ^{saying & practice of} Prophet Muhammad (PBUH). Islam is safe religion form changes as Allah has himself taken responsibility for preserving the primary source of Islam in Quran. Allah says, "Verily we have revealed this book and we would protect it" (Surah. hijr, 9)

Salient features of Islam.

There are many features of Islam so following are the salient features of Islam.

① Tawhid.

Tawhid is basic principle of Islam, it means belief unity of Allah. Tawhid is revolutionary concept especially during time when it was revealed and the starting point of Islam. Tawhid is essence of Islam, it is composed of below attributes:

- ① Oneness/Unity.
- ② ~~So~~ Absolute Sovereignty of Allah.
- ③ Omnipotence.
- ④ Eternal and Immortal.
- ⑤ All knowing.
- ⑥ All-mighty.
- ⑦ Perfect.

Quran says "There is none like unto him" (42:11) that shows the Oneness and Uniqueness of Allah.

② Prophethood.

Allah created this Universe and everything in it, He created this world for noble purpose, to worship Him alone and ^{lead} virtuous life based on His teaching and guidance, but this purpose cannot be fulfilled without guidance for this reason Allah appointed certain humans to ~~demo~~ spread His message and purpose to all humans, and these appointed humans are Prophets. Quran says "And certainly we sent to every nation a messenger. = worship Allah and avoid falsehood (16:36), Allah sent prophets over time but message given by messengers lost and

Corrupted. In Quran Allah says "Muhammad is not father but finally of prophet" which means Muhammad is last messenger sent to humankind and his message has been preserved in Quran.

2 Sunnah. The message of prophet Muhammad (PBUH) is complete harmony with teaching of previous prophets and re-affirm their message.

Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) is complete role model of whole humanity in every aspect of our life. Allah Himself says "Indeed in the messenger of Allah [Prophet Muhammad (PBUH)] you have an excellent example to follow for whoever hopes (in the meeting with) Allah."

Muhammad (PBUH)'s guidance cover all walk of life; social, commerce, economy, law & justice, Human rights and relations, Knowledge and ethical etiquettes, hygiene, Politics & governance.

③ Complete Code of life

Islam ^{has} organised all aspects of life, it has established a clear system of worship, laws about living a life, civil rights, Political right. Social life, laws of marriage, inheritance and all others which we deal in our daily life.

It is not confined to the worship but gives provide complete guidance in every aspect of life.

Guidance on different aspects of life, provided by Islam is as follows.

④ Islam promotes humanity.

Islam has given an ideal code of human right, aim to confer honour, dignity on mankind and eliminating exploitation, oppresses and unjust; Islam promotes equality and mutual respect. in quran Allah ^{says} "help and cooperate one another in righteousness and piety but help and cooperate not one another in sin and unrighteousness." (5:2)