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## Salient features of Islam:

### (1) A Religion of Peace:

Islam alone is the faith that guarantees peace in all spheres and at all levels: individual, social, economic, national.

The Holy Prophet (PBUH) said, "A Muslim is he whose words and deeds do no harm to others."

The momentous address of the Holy Prophet delivered shortly before his death called the Farewell Pilgrimage is an eternal charter of peace for all mankind.

### (2) Islam is Deen chosen by Allah:

Islam is the only Deen chosen and selected by Allah.

Allah says in Holy Qur'an; "Indeed, Allah has chosen for you this Deen (Islam)."

(Al-Baqara 2:132)

"Today I have completed your Deen and have completed my bliss upon you and accepted for you Islam as Deen."

(Al-Mai'da 5:3)

Thus, any other Deen (except Islam) will

not be accepted by Allah.

### (3) Unique concept of worship:

According to the teachings of Islam everything that a human does with the pure intention of pleasing God is an act of worship. Almighty God has revealed in the Holy Qur'an that His purpose for creating human beings was to worship Him and Him alone.

Allah says in the Holy Qur'an,  
"And I (Allah) created not the (created) jinns and humans except they should worship Me (Alone)."

[Quran 51:56]

### (4) Direct relationship with God:

In other religions, even the ones who claim belief in "One God", people often approach God through a saint, an angel, the Virgin Mary or Jesus. In Islam, there are no priests or clergy - each worshipper, man or woman has a direct relationship with their Merciful Creator Allah.

**Allah** says,

“If my servants ask you (O Muhammad) about Me; (tell them that) I am very close, answering the caller (who invokes) <sup>me</sup>.” [Surat Al-Baqarah, 2:186]

### (5) Islam is a practical religion:

Islam is a perfect religion and does not allow indulgence in empty and futile theorizing. It says that faith is not a mere profession of beliefs, but rather that it is the very mainspring of life. Religion is something to be practiced and not an object of mere lip-service.

**The Prophet Muhammad** said:

“Allah does not accept belief if it is not expressed in deeds, and does not accept deeds if they do not conform to belief.” (Tabarani)

Thus, Islam is a simple, rational and practical religion.

### (6) Islam is an eternal religion:

Unlike the teachings of other religions, the teachings of Islam do not need to be updated in

order to appeal to a human being living in today's troubled world. The message of Islam is eternal and is applicable to all eras of human history. The eternal nature of its message can be found in **Surah-Al-An'am:**

“The word of your Lord is complete in truth and justice. None can alter His words, and He is the Hearing, the Knowing.”

(6: 115)

### (7) A Religion of justice and equity:

Islam is a religion that promotes justice, equity and fair treatment of all individuals and encourages believers to act justly in all aspects of life.

Allah says in the Holy Quran,

“O you who have believed, be persistently standing firm for Allah, witnesses in justice, and do not let the

hatred of people prevent you  
from being just. Be just;  
that is nearer to righteousness.  
And fear Allah; indeed Allah is [fully]  
aware of what you do. ”

(5:8)

## (8) A religion based on authentic

### Sources:

The preservation of the scripture  
of Islam — the Holy Quran is  
unique among world religions.

The Quran serves as a guide  
for Muslims in all aspects of  
life.

Allah promised in the Quran to  
protect and preserve the Quran  
“ Absolutely we have preserved  
the reminder, and, absolutely, we  
will preserve it ”

(15:9)

The Quran is the literal word of  
God revealed to the Prophet (PBUH).

“ This is a blessed book we have revealed.

So, follow it and be mindful of Allah,  
so you may be shown mercy. ” (6:155)