

What is Islam. Elaborate the Salient feature of Islam.

Ans.

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(i) INTRODUCTION :-

Human requires two basic elements for survival of life; the basic needs like food, water, and shelter and other natural resources that are essential for physical maintenance and guiding principles which are moral and ethical guidances, that helps individuals to live a meaningful and purposeful life. Many faiths, and philosophies stress guiding principle for virtuous life. Similarly, Islam is one of the religions emphasize a comprehensive way of life for the human existence. Allah, the Creator and Master of the whole universe, revealed Islam as a message through prophet among humans to guide every human at every step of life.

(ii) THE CONCEPT OF ISLAM :-

The word "Islam" is derived from Arabic lexical (S-L-M) which means peace, submission and surrender. This word first used by Allah in Quran "Indeed, the religion in the sight of Allah is Islam." - (Quran 3:19). The context -ual meaning of Islam is the complete submission of Allah for peace. As Karen Armstrong notes, "Islam, it requires human being to make an existential surrender of entire being to Allah and to give up the posturing and prancing ego that's always calling attention to

itself." Therefore, Islam is the path to achieve peace and harmony through submission of Allah's wills and obedience to His commands and prohibitions.

iii SALIENT FEATURES OF ISLAM

The salient features of Islam provide comprehensive framework for everyone individual as well as collective life.

1. UNIQUE CONCEPT OF TAWHID

Islam is a monotheistic religion, its first step based on singleness of Allah. The oneness of Allah is key to enter in the Islam, as first part of Kalima says "There is not except Allah." The belief in concept of Tawhid is reject many god and emphasize of oneness of Allah who is only master of all the living as Allah says in Quran, "He is Allah, [who is] One." - Quran (112:1)

Therefore, the key message of Islam is the unique concept of Tawhid.

2. PROPHETHOOD

Allah conveyed His divine message to Human through Prophets at different time and different places for the guidance. Adam to Abraham, Ishay to Isha and Ismaeel to the last Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) all are the prophets of Allah, they teach the guidance of Allah to everyone and insist to obey righteous path as Allah describe in Quran, "And we sent Messengers as bringers

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of good news and warnings." Quran 1:165
The second ~~part~~ part of First Hajams
also notes, "Mohammad is the Messenger of
Allah." Among the belief in Prophethood, the
key aspect is the belief in the Finality of
Prophets, which states no more prophet
will come after Muhammad (PBUH) in the
Universe, as he reported about himself, "The
line of prophets has come to an end, and there
will be no prophet after me." (Sahih Muslim).
Hence, the teaching of prophets are the role
model for the all humans.

3. COMPLETE CODE OF LIFE

Islam provides the
complete code of life for individual
as well as complete life.

is COMPLETE CODE OF LIFE FOR INDIVIDUALS

From cradle to ^{give} grave, Islam
confers ^{blueprint} to every human, guiding through
all stages from infancy to old age. It
teaches to be kind and respectable towards
everyone, although some one is older or
younger. It tells about family values,
respect for parents, building strong and
relationships with family, relatives and
neighbours. Along with respect and love,
Islam also emphasized for earning
a Halal Rizq that is fundamental
aspect of Muslim Faith. It also

resist from interest-based transactions and paying workers their due wages promptly. as Prophet (P.B.U.H) quotes "Pay the worker his wages before he dies." Therefore, such teachings can be maintained to cultivate a strong relation with Allah.

ii COMPLETE CODE OF LIFE FOR COLLECTIVE

Islam offers complete code of life encompasses social, political, and economic dimensions for collective prosperity. It encourages about importance of neighbourhood relations, and cooperation and community service. It prohibits from oppression and injustice and stresses encouragement of equality and fairness as Prophet narrates, "The Ummah is a body, if any part of body is not well then the whole body shares the sleeplessness." Hence, it persuades to take responsibility for one another's well-being and promote social responsibility, where individuals look out for each other's requirements.

4. THE ISLAM VISION FOR BETTER HUMANITY:

Islam teaches that human has dignity and worth regardless any kind of racism, color, or language. All human are equal before Allah and human life is sacred. Prophet

Mohammad (PBUH) notes, "The blood of Muslim is more sacred than Kabah itself." Islam emphasized social gathering, and on communities ties, prompting a sense of belonging and togetherness regardless their background. Allah says in Quran "And hold firmly to the rope of Allah together and do not become divided." (3:103)

Islam also stresses on philanthropic activities and has obliges Muslims to give charity (Zakat) for needy people, promoting economic equalities. Charity is blessed, and should be given to sincerely. It purifies the soul from greed and selfishness.

In Quran Allah says, "The example of those who spend their wealth in the way of Allah is like a seed [which] one sows in the earth..." - (2:261). Therefore, Islamic guidance inspires everyone to be equitable, working for communities to bring equality in the society.

iv. CONCLUSION → Add more arguments

The divine teaching of Islam provides a comprehensive code of life in every aspect, these guidance are provided by Allah for whole worlds. Through messenger and their way of life is perfect example for humans. A human adhere to Islamic principles for the sake of Allah, will success in this life and the next. This can be achieved

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when one firmly believe in the unity of Allah, follows prophet Muhammad and other prophets and implements their teachings in daily life.

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