

2) (Concept of Islam)

→ Introduction :-

Islam is the religion of Peace and it is the complete code of life which Allah has revealed for the guidance of mankind.

As in Quran, Surah Baqarah, Ayat no 5, Allah says that

Translation:-

"It is they who are 'truly' guided by the Lord, and it is they who will be successful."

→ The meaning of Islam :-

Islam is an Arabic word which means to submission, surrender and obedience. The root word is "aslama". Another meaning of Islam is peace. This signifies that one can achieve real peace of mind and body only through submission and obedience to Allah.

Allah says in Quran, Surah Ar-Ra'd, Verse no 28

الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَتَطْمَئِنُّ قُلُوبُهُمْ بِذِكْرِ اللَّهِ
الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَتَطْمَئِنُّ الْقُلُوبُ (٢٨)

Translation:-

"Those who believe and whose hearts find comfort in the remembrance of Allah. Surely in the remembrance of Allah do hearts find comfort."

In this ayat it is clear that the peace is only achieved in the way of Allah and this the true meaning of Islam to find peace in the way of Allah by submission and obedience.

→ Concept of Islam:-

The basic Islamic concept is that the whole universe was created by Allah and he sustain everything. In Quran Allah says that, Surah AL-Ikhlās Verse 1 and 2

قُلْ هُوَ اللَّهُ أَحَدٌ

"Say, 'He is Allah, [who is] One'"

اللَّهُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ

"Allah, the Eternal Refuge."

In these verses the Oneness of Allah is proclaimed and also Allah refers to Himself as the eternal refuge. He is the one who fulfil all the desires and needs of all human being. This is the basic concept of Islam that Allah is one, indivisible and without any partner.

(a) Kalma-e-Tayyeba and concept of Islam

Allah sent many prophets for the guidance of the mankind, starting from Hazrat Adam (A.S) to the Prophet Muhammad (P.B.U.H) who was the final messenger of Allah. His teaching shows us how to live with faith and kindness.

Kalma-e-Tayyeba

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ مُحَمَّدٌ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ

"There is none worthy of worship except Allah (and) Prophet Muhammad (P.B.U.H) is the messenger of Allah."

In the Kalma-e-Tayyeba the concept of Islam is clear that we declare oneness of Allah and the guidance of Prophet Muhammad (P.B.U.H)

(b) Faith, Action and Understanding.

When we believe there is one god Allah, and Prophet Muhammad (P.B.U.H) is its last messenger, we become muslim. Now, in order to be a good muslim we should have faith in Allah, we should do action and understand Islam.

(i) Faith:-

Faith is basically to believe in six pillars of Islam which is detailed described in Iman-e-Mufasssal
Iman-e-Mufasssal

اصد بالله وملكاته وكتبه ورسوله واليوم
الآخر والقدر خيره وشره (عن الله تعالى) والبعث
بعد الموت.

Translation -

I have faith in Allah and His angels, His books and His Messengers, and the Day of Judgment and that all good and evil and fate is from Almighty Allah and it is sure that there will be resurrection after death.

The six faiths that are described in this are:

1. Believe in Oneness of Allah
2. Believe in the existence of angels
3. Believe in the existence of Books of Allah.
4. Believe in the prophets
5. Believe in the Day of Judgment
6. Believe in the existence of Allah's predestination.

(ii) Action:-

Action is the rules and regulations according to which we organise our individual and social behaviour. There are five core

Practices of Islam, also called Five Pillars of the core beliefs:

1. Faith in Allah and Prophet Muhammad
- is the last messenger of Allah
2. Prayer
3. Alms
4. Fasting
5. Hajj (Pilgrimage)

(iii) Understanding:-

Faith inspires action, as our beliefs guide our behaviour. Through actions, understanding occurs, shaping a deeper comprehension of our faith and its impacts on our lives.

As Allah says in Surah Al-An'am Verse no 103 that

Translation

No vision can encompass Him, but He encompasses all vision. For He is the most Most Subtle, All Aware.

Conclusion

Surah Fatihah, Ayat no. 4

إِيَّاكَ نَعْبُدُ وَإِيَّاكَ نَسْتَعِينُ

Translation:

You 'alone' we worship and You 'alone' we ask for help

The conclusion of the concept of Islam is in this ayat that only Allah is One which muslim ask for help and He is alone to worship.