

Q: Religion Islam is a complete code of life forever. Discuss in detail?

Solution:

Introduction to Islam:

Islam is a religion of truth. It is the embodiment of the code of life which God, the creator of universe, has revealed for the guidance of man. For the complete development of life, man needs two elements. (a) The resources that will be used for the material means to maintain life on the earth. (b) Knowledge of the basic principles of individual and society which helps man maintain order and tranquility. However, the Lord provided these elements in full measure. To cater the material need, He has put all the nature's resources at the disposal of man. To provide man's spiritual, societal and cultural needs, He revealed his knowledge on

his prophets and raised them from among men to believe and guide them for the right path. This Code of life is called Islam. The religion preached by his prophets called Islam. Good Sadaq:

“ Say. We believe in Allah and (in) that which revealed had been revealed to us, and (in) that which was revealed to Ibrahim and Ismail and Ishaq and yaqub and the nations, and (in) that which was given to Musa and Eser and (in) that which was given to the prophets from their lord, we do not make any difference between any of them and to him we do.”

(Al-Baqarah 2:136).

All of them called humbly to the way of Allah, and spent their lives for the guidance of human kind.

Meaning and Concept of Islam:

Islam means Submission and Peace. Submission not only to

only belief and mode of thought but in ethics and morality, social, economic, cultural, manner nation and international affairs of society or mundane life. Submission to the will of Allah is the safeguard of peace and harmony enabled man to make peace with himself on one hand, and to the mankind and Allah on the other hand. This Submission does not take away human's freedom rather it frees the mind from superstition.

Basic Building Blocks of Islamic belief System:

1. Tawhid: The bedrock of Islam:

The starting point of Islam is the belief in the Oneness of Allah (Tahw (Tawhid)).

Tawhid is a revolutionary concept and constitutes the essence of the teachings of Islam. It means that there is only one Supreme leader and the creator of the universe who is omnipotent, omnipresent and the sustainer of the world and mankind. This creator

is called Allah. God truly said:

• O Mankind! worship your Lord, who created you and those before you, so that you may ward off evil; who has made the earth a resting place for you, the sky a canopy and who causes water to flow from the heavens to pour down on earth, thereby producing fruits/food for you. So do not set up rivals to God when you know better.

2. Prophethood, The practical role model of Islam: (Al-Bayrah).

The second part of Kalimah signifies that God has left nothing by guiding mankind. He has revealed his teachings by means of Prophet and Muhammad (Peace be on him) as the final prophet of God. To believe in a prophet means to believe in the revelation he received, to accept the law that transmitted through him by God, and to follow the conduct of life that he practices for humanity.

"We have not sent any messenger but that he was to be obeyed" (Al Nisa) 64

Thus believe in prophet means believe in God. This believe leads human from darkness to light and the guidance that the prophets of lord preached to mankind helps man and collective life to maintain tranquility in society.

3. Life after death:

The world, according to Islam, is the testament of man and man is being judged in it.

One day, he will be accountable for what he did in this world.

After this mortal world, he will be resurrected in a new world, where he will be rewarded or punished according to his deeds and misdeeds. The result of Good deeds leads him to eternal bliss while bad deeds give him bitter fruits.

"Whoever bring good deeds, he will have ten like it, and whoever brings an evil deed, he shall be recompensed only with the like of it and

They shall not be dealt with "unjustly" (Al-Maddah).

"Characteristics of Islam"

1. Revealed Ideology:

Islam is divinely revealed ideology which was revealed on the prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him), who is the last messenger of Allah. Quran says:

"Allah conferred a benefit upon the believers when He raised ~~to~~ among them a believer messenger from among themselves reciting to them his communication and purifying them, and teaching them the Book and the wisdom, although before that they were surely in manifest error" (Al-Imran).

Other religions claims to be revealed but their revealed teachings has been changed.

2. Simplicity, rationality, Permanence;

Islam is a religion without mythology. It is a divine

religion in its original form. He ~~bel~~ It believes in the rationality of human beings and encourages questioning. The teachings of Islam are simple and intelligible, and are free from superstition. The ~~ones~~ oneness of Allah, the believe in the prophethood of Muhammad (peace be upon him) and the belief in hereafter are the basic articles of faith. These articles are based on reason and logic. All teaching flow from these articles. There is no concept of priest hierarchy in Islam. Everyone may approach these teaching and translate and dictates into practice. Moreover, Islam awakens in man the faculty of reason and transform his life from darkness to light.

3. Unity matter and spirit:

The unique feature of Islam is that, It does not divide life into just two parts. It believes in the human personality and guides about its fulfillment. Islam does not believe in asceticism. It does not avoid humans to acquire material things.

but to guide man to acquire it and live in prosperity. The Qur'an advises:

"O Lord! Give us something fine in this world, something fine in hereafter.

(Al-Baqrah).

Thus God strongly censures those who refuse to benefit from his blessings.

4. A Complete Way of Life:

Islam is not a religion in the common and distorted sense, for it does not confine only to one's private life. It is a complete code of conduct. It is present in every field of life, and shed light on spiritual, material and mundane domains of individual life. It provides guidance to every aspect of life from politics to economics, to social, religious, law, order, marriage, divorce, business, commerce, profit, loss each and every aspect of individual and collective life. Thus even a cursory teaching or study of the teachings show that it is an all-embracing term and give solutions even to the modern problems.

5. Balance between individual and Society:

Another basic concept of Islam is that it embarks a balance between individualism and Collectivism. It believe in the human personality and holds everyone accountable to Allah. It guarantee the fundamental rights of human and not allow any one to temper them. It does not subscribe the man to the view to lose his individuality in society and state.

6. Universality and humanism:

The message of Islam is for all of the mankind.

The teachings of Islam is not limited to a specific community rather it vested to call the humanity to adopt them and transfer them into practice life.

However, It is Islam that rejects the discrimination of color, cast creed, wealth, language or nationality. It banish the barriers that promotes the specific cast, color or creed.

It is undeniable fact, that these difference continue to exist in today's world. Moreover, Islam promotes

The idea of collectivism. Islam encourages everyone to embrace its guidance and stand under the banner of Islam.

7. Permanence and Change:

The permanence and change always co-exist in the history. Islam is the religion of radiability. It does not stand hard on the rituals and permanence of a system. Too much permanence makes the system too much rigid. However, it promotes the idea of relevancy and modernization. It is imperative for humans to adopt change according to the teachings of Islam.