

Salient features of Islam:

Introduction: Islam is a complete code of life. It guides humanity in every aspect of life. Through Islam's salient feature, a person is able to fulfil his religious duties. Islam has its salient features in the form of "pillars of Islam".

Islam : Salient features:

(i) Tauheed:

Tauheed is the core of Islamic ideology. Tauheed refers to the "Oneness of Allah". It means that Allah is singular. All is superior. Allah is omnipotent. It also means that Allah is indivisible, he is present everywhere. As, it is rightly pointed out in the first part of Kalma that:
"There is no god except Allah"
(First part of Kalma)

(ii) To Believe in Prophethood:

Allah sent his messengers time to time for the guidance of humankind.

To believe in Prophethood means to believe in the messenger of Allah, as well as to believe in the finality of Prophethood. As, it is rightly written in the second part of Kalma that: "Muhammad (Peace be upon him) is the messenger of Allah"

~ (Second part of Kalma)

On the other hand Allah says in the holy Quran "Muhammad is not the father of any of your men, but he is the messenger of Allah and the final of the prophets. And ever is of Allah All knowing All listening" ~ Surah Al Ahzab

(iii) Revelation of Holy Quran:

Allah has guide humankind in every aspect of life through Holy Quran and Sunnah. Holy Quran is revealed by Allah on Holy Prophet (PBUH) in the month of

Ramadan: The Quran is regarded as the final and complete of the revelation for mankind. Through holy book (Quran), man can get guidance in moral, spiritual, social, economic, and political affairs. As, Allah has revealed in Surah Baqarah that:

“Allah has sent Holy Quran in the month of Ramadan, as ~~the~~ ~~clear~~ guidance for mankind and clear [signs] for guidance and judgment between right and wrong” ~ Surah Al-Baqarah

(iv) Prayer: Salaah:

Prayer (salaah) is the fundamental act of worship five times in a day. The five prayer which are core of Islam are Fajr, Zuhar, Asar, Maghrib and Isha. Through prayer, believer can get spiritual and moral excellence. Prayer is a way of connection between believer and Allah. As, Allah has

revealed in Holy Quran as:

“Certainly, will the Believers have Succeeded. They who are during their prayer humbly submissive”
~ Surah Al Muminoon

(V) Zakat : Alms giving

Zakat is the obligatory and fundamental feature in Islam. Zakat is distributed in Islam to the poor, needy, and orphan who cannot afford to fulfil his or her basic requirements. As, it is writely written in Holy Quran: “It is not good to turn your face towards east or the west, the best among the believer is those who inspite of having his own wealth distributes to the poor, needy, orphans”

~ Surah Al Baqrah

This verse of Surah is telling us that zakat must be giving to the less fortune in the Society.

(vi) Fasting :

Fasting is one of the salient features of Islam. Fasting means to eat or drink nothing from dawn to dusk. Fasting promotes self-discipline in a believer. Fasting can abstain a believer from evil deeds. It promotes a kind of moral excellence in a believer. As, it is written in Holy Quran as:

“O- Believers, decreed upon you is fasting, as it was decreed upon those before you, that you may become righteous”

~ Surah Al-Baqarah

(vii) Pilgrimage :

Pilgrimage (Hajj) is considered as one of the salient features of Islam. Muslim who is financially and physically stable should perform Hajj once in his lifetime. Through Pilgrimage, the unity and brotherhood is created as of every muslims can come from any nook of the world.

This sense, can create a unity among them. Where, every muslim regardless of different areas of the world all are representing themselves as muslim and unitely performing Hajj.

“And [due] to Allah from the people is the pilgrimage ~~to~~ to the House - And whoever is able to find its way”

~ Surah Al'e An'am

(VIII) Morality and Ethics:

Islam is a Deen of peace as written in Surah - al-Maidah. Islam is a Deen in which Allah have guided its creation in every aspect of life. Allah has revealed holy Quran on Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) to guide humankind. Through Quran's reading one can know how to pursue moral excellence in every aspect of life. One can get every benefit in life by performing prayer.

Fasting, Hajj. If a muslim can start working to perform every duty of life. Surely, their morality and ethics can be grown, and it could be seen in every aspect of their lives.

(ix) Islam is a complete Code of life:

Islam is a complete code of life that guides individually as well as collectively in every sphere of human lives.

(ix) (i) Individual life:

Islam guides individually through Quran and teachings of Shariah, Islamic laws and Sunnah. As Holy prophet said "Seeking knowledge is obligatory to every muslim". Here, Islam is guiding a person to seek Islamic as well as worldly knowledge. On the other hand, Holy prophet has said "The best among those is good in character with others". Here through

Our prophet muslim ummah is getting their guidance to be kind and generous in every aspect of life with every creature. Islam is guiding human kind individually to follow its guidance and live happily.

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(ii) Collective life:

Islam is a Deen that guides muslims collectively in every way. Islam guides collectively through social system, economical system, financial system and political system. How to run these systems collectively through Islam by following Quran, Sunnah, and Islamic laws one can run collective life to show prosperity of mankind in every aspect. As, our holy prophet (PBUH) during his sermon of Hujjat-ul-wudda said that "Your lives and properties are sacred and indivisible among others until you meet your lord?"

~ Hujjat-ul-wudda

Conclusion: Islamic salient features has guided by Allah to human kind through Quran and Sunnah. If, a believer wants to prosper their lives then Islamic law and salient features must be followed to become a better human kind.