

Q What is Islam? Elaborate the silent features of Islam?

CONCEPT OF ISLAM

The word "Islam" is derive from the Arabic word SLM (سلم), which means to one's self resign to the will of God. In other words Islam means "peace" which mentioned in Syed Ameer Ali's book "The Spirit of Islam." This shows that one can achieve real peace of body and of mind only through submission and obedience to Allah.

The fundamental concept of Islam is that the whole universe is created by Allah Almighty, He created man for a fixed period of time to be lived on the earth. Allah has

Prescribed a divine code of life for man and granted freedom to follow this code. In other words It also cover the political, social, economic and legal aspects of life because Islam contains clear and definite rules and practices.

As in Surah Al-Kahf Allah Says:

فَمَنْ شَاءَ فَلْيُؤْمِنْ
وَمَنْ شَاءَ فَلْيُكْفِرْ -

"whosoever wants, he should believe; and whosoever wants he should disbelieve."

Those who follow the right path revealed by Allah are considered Muslims while those who decline to follow the right path are considered Kuffar (disbelievers).

SILENT FEATURES OF ISLAM

1. Tawheed
2. Prophet hood
3. Life after death
4. Education

1. TAWHEED (MONOTHEISM)

INTRODUCTION:

Tawheed have been derived from the Arabic word (w.h.d) which means 'Oneness and uniqueness.' He is present everywhere in the universe and Controller of the world and of mankind. Tawheed is core belief of Muslims. This belief is all about accepting and believing fact that there is no other God except Allah Almighty.

Khushid Ahmed "Islam its meaning and message." defined tawheed & revolutionary concept which means that there is only one Supreme Lord of the Universe. who is Omnipotent, Omnipresent and Magnificent. The Comprehensive Concept of Tawheed is given in the Surah AL- Ikhlas.

قل هو الله أحد

"Say: He is Allah, the one

الله الصمد

Allah, the eternal and absolute

لم يلد ولم يولد

He begets not nor is He begotten

ولم يكن له كفوا أحد

And there is none comparable to him." (112:1-4)

Similarly, at another place it has been stated in Quran that:
"O humankind! worship your Lord (Allah) who created you and those who were before you, so that you may become Al-muttaqim (the pious). (Al-Baqarah 2:21).

2. PROPHETHOOD (RISALAT)

INTRODUCTION:

Risalat have been derived from the Arabic word (RSL) which means "to send." In other words, to convey the message of Allah to his worships.

Although, Prophethood is the second part of Kalimah after Tawheed. God has transmitted the divine message to the people through His prophets, they are called Rasool. The divine message is given to them through revelation. The prophet do not say anything from their own but only transmit the Sharia.

It has been stated about
prophethood in Quran.

The Quran Said;

" Every messenger who was
sent by us was sent
for the purpose that he
should be obeyed under
the sanction of Allah."

(Al-Quran, 4:69)

Similarly, Khurshid Ahmed defined
that the belief in the prophet
involves acceptance of Shariah, the
path of halal and haram things
given by Allah through the prophet.

3.

BELIEF IN AKHIRAT (LIFE AFTER DEATH)

INTRODUCTION:

This deals with the day of judgement, bodily resurrection, heaven and hell. It is referred to as 'al-akhirah' in the Quran.

In other words, belief in the last day, Day of Reckoning and the Day of Requital is the fundamental beliefs of Islam. It means we will be rewarded or punished to our deeds; everyone will be judged the same way.

Holy prophet said about akhirat;

"you will have to die, like you sleep, and you will have to get up as you wake up."

According to Quran it is stated that:

"Whoever brings a good deed, he shall 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-Maidah 6:160)

4. EDUCATION

The prophet Mohammad (peace be upon him) has sent to guide people by explaining them the implication of Islam creed, the moral code, the divine injunctions and the form of worship that sustain the whole system. He taught to the Muslims:

Spiritual Life:

Mode of prayer, fasting, giving charity, love for Allah and his messenger, love for truth and humanity the sake of Allah.

Personal Life:

Purity and cleanliness, a diet and proper behaviour.

Intellectual Life:

Islam demands faith in Allah on the basis of knowledge and research.

COMPLETE CODE OF LIFE

It guides us every aspect of life.

1. INDIVIDUAL LIFE:

It teaches us at birth time perform Azan, Upbringing of a child, character building.

2. EDUCATION:

Seeking knowledge is obligatory for everyone.

The Holy prophet said: "It is duty of every muslim man and woman to acquire knowledge."

3. FAMILY LIFE:

God devoted much respect to the parents, especially the mother.

Marriage is a religious duty on all who are capable of meeting its responsibilities.

4. COLLECTIVE LIFE:

It is all about social, political system, financial, justice and global affairs.

6. ISLAM PROMOTES HUMANITY:

Humanity is what connects us to each other, and to the world around us. It is the essence of being human, and it is what makes life meaningful and valuable.

In Islam, humanity is defined as the quality of being a righteous and compassionate person, who possesses certain virtues and values that are pleasing to God.

Some key aspects of humanity in Islam include:

- without discrimination
- Human rights, Animals right
- Characterful
- Charity
- Love, care, welfare, sympathy, empathy.

CONCLUSION:

From the above discussion, it became clear that "Islam" is a peaceful religion in the whole Universe. In which it is clearly evident that belief in oneness of Allah is of important as per injunctions of Quran and Sunnah. It also teaches to the muslims complete code of life. Therefore, it impacts individuals and society as a whole positively.