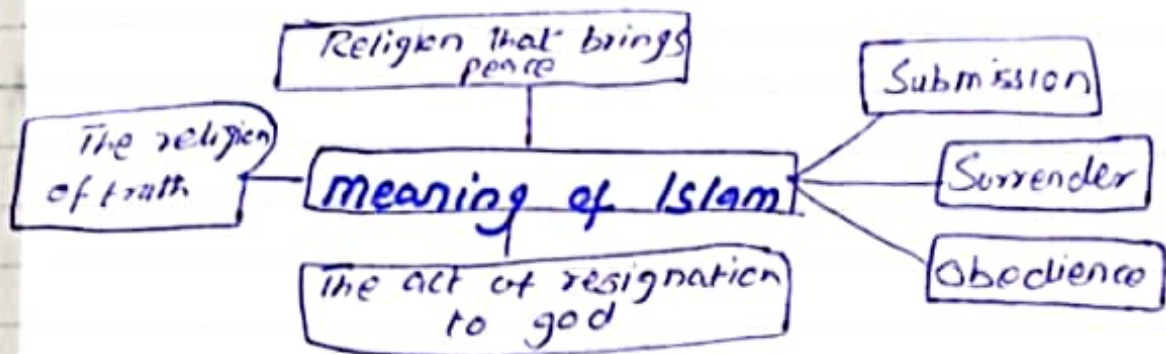


## Assignment # 1

Q: what is the concept of Islam and elaborate the salient features of Islam?

- Concept of Islam :-
- meaning of Islam

Islam means peace, religion of truth, the act of resignation to God, Submission, Surrender to the will of God and obedience.



For the development of man life, man need two things :

### 1) Resources:

Resources to maintain life and that are provided through nature.

### 2) Knowledge

Knowledge to provide for spiritual, social and culture <sup>need</sup> and that is revealed through prophet (PBUH).

That knowledge is called code of life and that code is **Islam**.

According to Khurshid Ahmad:

Three things are necessary to become true muslim:

A) Faith Faith described in Quran as:  
"Iman consists in believing that Allah alone is worthy of worships" and that prophet is the messenger of Allah.

B) Action Action includes these four pillars of Islam: Prayer, Zakat, Hajj and fasting. And it also includes Jihad.



- Prayer (Establishment of communication with God)
- Fasting (Complete abstinence from food, drink, sexual activity and smoking from dawn until sunset)
- Hajj (Symbol of Supreme brotherhood)
- Fasting (The act of sharing to those who are less fortunate)

C) Realization

Realization of that Allah is seeing all your action and you're the representative of Allah (swt) on earth.

According to Dr. Hameedullah:

"Islam the monotheist-deen, revealed upon Prophet (PBUH)."

According to Molana Sordar udin Salahi:

"Islam consists of two things:

- a) Faith
- b) Worships.

• Freedom of religion:

Quran states:

"There is no compulsion in the choice of religion"

Islam is the religion of peace and freedom as it does not allow its believer to force someone to convert into their religion.

• Salient features of Islam.

1) Tawheed:

It is the affirmation of believing that there is no divinity other than Allah. And he is without any partner. There is a chapter in

Quran: "Oneness of Allah" which states: "In the name of Allah

the most merciful, the infinitely

compassionate: Say, 'He is the Allah,

the one Allah, the eternal original,

He does not bear children, nor was

he born, and he is beyond compare.

He is the only creator of the whole universe. He is the master and human beings are his slaves.

## 2) Prophethood:

The second feature of Islam is Prophethood, which means believing in the prophethood of Muhammad (PBUH) and the revelation that he has received.

Quran states 'We have not sent any messenger but that he was to be obeyed with the Allah's permission'.

The prophet (PBUH) was sent to reveal the message of Allah to teach the code of life to the whole mankind.

## 3) Complete Code of life:

Islam guides us to every path of life. From birth to upbringing and character building. Islam promotes rights of education and rights of human. It gave rights for women, education, children, humanity, animals, justice, and freedom etc.

Quran states: 'We have revealed to you the book which clarifies every matter.'

Islam gives us guidelines regarding every aspect of life.

#### 4) Islam promotes humanity:

Islam promotes humanity several ways.

- Characterful: Be humble towards other.

The prophet says: 'The perfect among believers are those who are best in character'

- It persuade people to give charity to those who are <sup>less</sup> fortunate.  
Quran states: 'Muslims are those who give charity wealth in spite of love for it'

- Provision of medical service.

"Allah shows displeasure for a person who never visits a sick."

- Environment protect.

Islam promotes environment-protection as in Quran it states:  
'Do not waste a single drop of water even if you are sitting on a running stream.'

- Islam is against racism and nationalism and strictly prohibits them.

#### 5) Simplicity, Rationalism and Practicalism

Islamic teachings are simple, It does not promote mythology. Its teachings are based on logic and reason and are not irrational. It urges men to observe and use his intellect.

In Quran it is written as "Those who do not observe and understand are worse than the cattle".  
Quran advise man to pray 'O Lord! Advise me in my knowledge'.

Islam is a practical religion. It is something to be lived not a mere lip-service.

Prophet says "God does not accept beliefs if they are not expressed in deeds, and does not accept deeds if they are not conform with belief!"

## 6) Unity of matter and spirit.

Islam establishes equilibrium between matter and spirit. It advise the man to maintain the balance between these two. It say that world for man and man is for higher purpose.

Quran ~~states~~ advised us to pray 'O Lord Give us good in This world and The good in the here after.'

## 7) Balance between Individual and Society:

Islam awakens man to carry the responsibility as well. It also recognize the individual personality. Islam has given every individual their own rights and also advised them to keep the

The balance between their right and the rights of the society.

Prophets say: 'He is not a believer who takes his fill while his neighbors starves?'

### 8) Humanism and Universalism:

Islam is a great proponent of humanism. It wants Muslims to live with dignity and equality with each other. It says that Islam is for all the human race. It wants to unite the entire human race under one banner.

In the words of Quran: 'O people! I am the messenger of God to you all'.

### 9) Permanence and Change:

Islam presents an ideology which fulfills the demands of stability as well as change. Because too much permanence will make it rigid and too much change will make it shapeless. For example its guidelines remain permanent but its method of application can change according to the situation.

### 10) Moderation:

Islam encourage Muslims

to practice moderation and stay away from extremism.  
In the word of Quran: 'Do not exaggerate your religion'  
Prophet says "make things easy and do not make things difficult. make people calm and do not frighten them away"

Islam promotes mercy, kindness and fairness. It also advises the believers that do not make religion difficult for other people by adding your own restrictions and rules.

## 11 No Compulsion:

Quran states: 'There is no compulsion in Islam'. Muslims say that it's wise for Muslims to force non-believers to accept Islam. Those who choose to accept Islam with the will of their heart are proof to be true Muslims. Islam does not believe in forcing people to accept Islam and discourage this act.

## 12 Deen of tolerance:

Tolerance is a part of Iman (faith) in Islam. Islam encourages its believers to show tolerance towards the people of other faiths. Prophet showed tolerance towards



Non-believer ~~and~~ despite their hostile behavior and oppression towards him (PBUH).

Prophet says 'Show tolerance and you will receive tolerance.'

13) Unique concept of worship:

In Islam anything the individual does for the pleasure of Allah is considered worship.

Prophet (PBUH) said 'Seeking knowledge for one hour is better than praying for 70: Seventy years'

In Islam social courtesy and cooperation is also considered worship.

(u) Women in Islam:

There is an entire chapter in the Quran entitled "Women" discuss women spirituality. Islam equalizes men and women in their creation, religious obligation, honor and dignity. It has given women every possible right. From the right of vote to the right of education, right of speech, freedom, right to be concerned before marriage and rights work and inheritance. Prophet said, 'There is a share for men and a share for women from what is left by the