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Concept of Islam

Islam is a religion that believes in one God and follows the teachings of the prophet Mohammed (S.A.W.W).

1. Literal Meaning:

The word 'Islam' comes from an Arabic word that means "peace" and "submission". It literally means "to submit" or "surrender" to the will of Allah.

2. Contextual Meaning:

Submission of desires to the will of Allah. In everyday life Islam means following God's guidance as described in Quran and the teachings of Muhammad. It involves practicing faith, doing good deeds, and living a life of peace and justice.

3. Shari'ah Meaning:

Shari'ah is the Islamic law. Islam is a set of rules and guidelines that helps Muslims live according to God's will. These rules cover many aspects of life, including prayer, fasting, charity and how to behave in society.

لَا إِكْرَاهَ فِي الدِّينِ قَدْ تَبَيَّنَ الرِّشْدُ مِنَ الْغَيِّ فَمَنْ يَكْفُرْ بِالطَّاغُوتِ وَيُؤْمِنْ بِاللَّهِ فَقَدِ اسْتَمْسَكَ بِالْعُرْوَةِ الْوُثْقَىٰ لَا انْفِصَامَ لَهَا وَاللَّهُ سَمِيعٌ عَلِيمٌ
(Surah Bakara 2: 256.)

Translation:

There is no compulsion in religion. Verily, the Right path has become distinct from the wrong path, whoever disbelieves in Taghut and believes in Allah, then he has grasped the most trustworthy handhold that will never break. And Allah is All-Hearing, All-Knower.

OR

لَكُمْ دِينُكُمْ وَلِيَ دِينِ
(Surah Kaafirun (109:6))

Translation: "For you is your religion, and for me is my religion (Islamic Monotheism)

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① Islam requires obedience to Allah in all aspects of life, including belief, worship, ethics, politics, culture, social behaviour, laws, and economics. This submission brings peace and harmony, freeing mind from false beliefs.

Islam, the true religion revealed by God provides both material resources and spiritual guidance. Allah has given humans nature's resources for their needs and sent prophets to guide them. This comprehensive code of life is called Islam.

Fundamental Concept of Islam.
② Islam teaches that Allah created the universe and sustains everything. Human life on Earth is a trust and a test from Allah, who provided a code of life for people to follow, giving them the choice to obey or not. As in Surah al-Kahf says:

﴿مَنْ شَاءَ فَلْيُؤْمَرْ وَمَنْ شَاءَ فَلْيُكْفُرْ﴾

"Whosoever wants, he should believe; and whosoever wants, should not believe!"

(Al-Kahf 18:29)

Those who follow the code revealed by God are considered Muslims (believers) while those who declined to follow the same are termed as Kuffar (disbelievers).

(ii) Islam is the religion of truth. It is the embodiment of the code of life which God, the creator and Lord of the Universe has revealed for the guidance of mankind.

→ Islam is a Universal religion. Islam is for every one, every where. It shows how to live life in every part: what to believe, how to act, and how to get along with others. It helps people be better individuals and live together well in society. No matter who you are or where you're from, Islam has guidance for you to live a good life.