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What is Islam? Enlist salient features of Islam (15 Headings)?

What is Islam?

Introduction: Islam is not only a religion, it is also a Deen. It does not only confine to ones private life. It is a complete code of life. It is universal and is present in every field of human existence. Islam guides us in every aspect of life; individual and social, material and moral, economic and political, legal and culture. The primary source of islam teaches man to embrace islam without any reservation and follow Allah's guidance in all areas of life. In the Holy Quran Allah mentioned!

"I have perfected your religion for you, completed my favour upon you, and have chosen for you Islam as

as your religions."

— Al-Quran (05:03)

Islam is the religion which mainly promotes justice, equality and honesty. The main objective of Islam is the purification of souls.

* Salient features of Islam:

① Islam favours a balanced approach:

Islam favours and emphasizes balance in everything. Islam does not separate the worldly life and the hereafter for each complements the other.

In the Holy Quran Allah SWT state:

"But seek, through that which Allah has given you, the home of the hereafter, and yet, do not forget your share of the world!"

— Surah al-Quran (2:21)

The verse means use anything that has been given by Allah SWT to you in terms of abundance in property and continuous blessings in performing obedience to your Rabb.

(2) Islamic principles and teachings can provide real life :-

For the proper development of human life, man need two elements

a) The resources to maintain and fulfill ~~the~~ the material needs of the individual and society.

b) Knowledge of the Principles to maintain justice and tranquility in human life.

Allah SWT has sent prophets to guide us about worldly affairs and preach us to the way of submission of Allah SWT.

The real peace of mind and body can be achieved through a complete

Submission and obedience of Allah.

(3) Islam is a complete truth:

Islam encourages discovery and reason when approaching faith. It does not reject any question, but God consciousness can only be built on a firm foundation of knowledge. People may have different belief systems, born in different families and countries, they may have doubts on their faith, Islam is the only religion that is complete and perfect truth for all mankind.

a) Islam is the same message of all prophets

From the first human being and prophet Adam (PBUH), to the last prophet, Muhammad (PBUH), the message to the mankind has not changed.

that is, the one and only true God and the other pillars of Islam to follow.

b) The Quran is the only Holy Book that has never been changed by man;

Every word, letter and even every pause of the Quran has been passed down and remains the same till this day and since its revelation.

c) Islam promotes the use of logic, reason and knowledge:

Allah SWT has given man intellect for a reason, God knows that man needs proof in order to have deeper faith.

→ Even Abraham (PBUH) asked God to give him a sign, so his faith could be firm. God did so through the birds Abraham trained and called back to himself

after their death.

(d) Scientific proof:

Some of the proofs of Islam are now discovered by man.

(i) "The seas do not mingle with one another."

→ "He released the two seas, meeting (side by side). Between them is a barrier, so neither of them transgresses!"

- Al-Quran (55:19-20)

(ii) The expansion of the universe.

"And the heaven we constructed with strength, and indeed, we are its expander."

-(Al-Quran 51:47)

After all, the truth can only be singular. In Islam the message is one, God is one, and the Prophets came and revelation

of the Quran with a singular message.

(4) Islam is a religion without any mythology:

The teachings of Islam are simple and understandable. It promotes simplicity, rationality and practicality. It is free from superstitions.

(5) Islam emphasizes both evidence and faith:

For evidence; knowledge and justified belief is necessary.

- Every creature in this world is an evidence and shows the presence of God. So, to have belief in God is a definite thing.

(6) Islam teaches that is the most justice:

Islam is the only religion that teaches that God is perfect justice, fairness and wisdom. Neither he does any

wrong to anyone nor he tolerates wrongdoing.

"God will not burden anyone with more than they can bear because he is fair to everyone."

(Al-Quran — 23:62)

(7) Islam strengthening our relationship with Allah (SWT):

The five pillars of Islam brings man more close to Allah (SWT). It strengthen his relationship with Allah (SWT).

→ Offering Namaz is just like gossiping with Allah alone.

(8) The divine message of God to humanity was completed and perfected through Islam:

The religion of prophet Muhammad (PBUH); (Islam) and its humanity no longer needs prophets and messengers. Islam completed all.

(a) Islamic concept of knowledge:

According to Islam, all knowledge belongs to Allah (SWT), but opportunities and capacities to learn, and knowledge itself, are divine favours conferred on mankind.

Knowledge is a means of perennial connection with heaven.

Conclusion:

Islam is a complete code of life. Its features of universality, unity, equality, tranquility, justice, humanity, humility, peace and submission to Allah (SWT), and

The oneness of God, offering prayers performing hajj, paying zakat and observing fasting shows that it covers all aspects of life in practical with rationality.