

## "ISLAMIC STUDIES"

What is Islam? Enlist the salient features of Islam.

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### Introduction:

The term Islam derives from the three-letter Arabic root, "S(س)-L(ل)-M(م)" which generates words with interrelated meanings, including "Surrender", "Submission", "Commitment" and "Peace".

"Submission means that you should bear witness that there is no god but God and that Muhammad is God's messenger, that you should perform the ritual prayers, pay the alms tax, fast during Ramadan, and make the pilgrimage to the house if you are able to go there."



## Definitions:

✎ In Hadith-e-jibraet, Holy prophet (P.B.U.H) said.

"Deen is combination of two things:

(i) To bear witness of Allah and his messenger.

(ii) To establish pillars and practice pillars of Islam."

✎ Doctor Hamid-ullah define Islam as:  
"Islam is a monotheist deen revealed upon Prophet (P.B.U.H).

✎ According to Sadar-ud-din Islahi:

"Islam is the combination of two things.

(i) Faith/beliefs.

(ii) Virtuals.

Holy prophet said:

"Indeed, actions are the results of their intentions."

## Salient features of Islam

Here are salient features of Islam

(i) Monotheism (Tauheed).

Islam emphasizes the belief in

## Oneness of God.

In the Holy Quran Allah said

Say, 'He is Allah, (who is) One, Allah, the eternal refuge. He neither begets nor is born, nor is there to him any equivalent'

(Quran 112:1-4)

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Prophet (P.B.U.H) said:

"Islam is like a fort and the gate of that fort is tauheed"

## (ii) Prophethoods-

Islam recognize a line of prophets sent by God, including Adam, Noah, Jesus, Moses, Abraham and Muhammad (P.B.U.H).

In Quran, Allah said:

"Muhammad is not the father of (any) one of your men, but (he is) the messenger of Allah and the last of the prophets."

(Al-Quran 33:40)

In Surah-Al-Anbiya (The Prophet), Allah said.

"And we have not sent you, (O Muhammad), except as a mercy to the worlds"



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### iii) Islam is complete code of life.

Islam guides in every aspect of life. It has deep impacts on individual as well as collective life.

#### Individual life.

The impacts of Islam on individual life are profound and multifaceted, encompassing various aspects such as spiritual, moral, social and personal development. Here are some key impacts:

- (1) Spiritual Fulfillment.
- (2) Moral Guidance.
- (3) Personal Discipline.
- (4) Sense of purpose.
- (5) Personal Growth.

#### Collective life.

Islam has significant impacts on collective life, shaping societies, communities, and cultures in various ways.

Here are some key impacts:

- (1) Social justice.
- (2) Community cohesion.
- (3) Family values.
- (4) Education and knowledge.
- (5) Governance and justice.

#### (iv) Islam promotes humanity.

Islam promotes humanity in many ways, emphasizing compassion, justice, dignity, and care for all individuals. Here are several ways in which Islam promotes humanity.

##### (i) Characterful.

Holy prophet (P.B.U.H) said:

"The best among you is the one who is best in character"

In Surah Al-Humzah, Allah said:

"Woe to every scormer Scormer and mocker."

(Quran 104:1)

##### (ii) Welfare of people.

According to Dr. Wasi-ullah Muhammad Abbas (An Egypt professor).

"Key feature of Islam is practice of social services."

##### (iii) Charity.

"Charity is humanity"

In Quran, Allah said:

Muslims are those who give wealth inspite of love with it."

(Al-Quran 2:177)



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(iv) Human rights.

Allah said:

"And do good; Indeed, Allah loves the doer of good."  
(Quran 2:195)

(v) Animal rights.

Abdullah bin Mas'ud said:

"And do not abuse the animals for sale (or work), and whoever is kind to Allah's creatures, is kind to himself."  
(Sahih Bukhari).

(vi) Islamic law (Shariah).

Allah said in Quran

"And we have revealed to you, (O Muhammad), the book in truth, confirming that which preceded it of the scripture and as a criterion over it"

(Quran 5:48)

(vii) Day of judgment.

Islam teaches the belief in day of judgment

Does man think that we will not assemble his bones? Yes (we are) able to proportion his fingerprints/fingertips. (75:3-4)

## (vii) Five pillars of Islam.

(i) ~~Shahada (Declaration of faith)~~. Salah.

"And establish prayer and give zakah and bow with those who bow"  
(Quran 2:43).

(ii) Zakat (Almsgiving)

"And establish prayer and give zakah, and whoever good you put forward for yourselves - you will find it with Allah. Indeed, Allah of what you do, is seeing"  
(Quran 2:210).

(iii) ~~Salah (Ritual prayer)~~. Shahada.

"There is no god but Allah, And Muhammad is the messenger of Allah"

(iv) Sawm (fasting in Ramadan).

"O you who have believed, decreed upon you is fasting as it was decreed upon those before you that you may become righteous"  
(Quran 2:183).

(v) Hajj.

"And (due) to Allah from the people



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is a <sup>pr</sup> pilgrimage to the house. For whoever is able to find thereto a way"

(Quran 3:97).

(viii) Equality and justice.

Emphasis on equality and justice among... people.

"O you who have believed, be persistently standing firm for Allah, witness in justice, And do not let the hatred of people prevent you from being just. Be just; that is nearer to righteousness"

(Quran 5:8).

(ix) Respect for parents.

"Honor your father and mother, so that you may live long in the land (Your God) the Lord is giving you"

(Bible 20:12)

(x) Peace and Submission.

Islam means submission to the will of God and striving for peace.

"Indeed, Allah commands justice, good conduct, and giving to relatives, And he forbids immorality, bad conduct, and oppression. He admonishes you that perhaps you will be reminded.

(Quran 60:90)

(xi) The Quran.

Belief in the Quran as the literal word of God.

"This is the book about which there is no doubt, a guidance for those conscious of Allah"

(Quran 2:2).

(xii) Revelation (Wahy).

Islam teaches that God communicated His guidance through revelations.

"And this is a book which we have sent down, blessed and confirming what was before it, that you may warn the mother of cities and those around it"

(Quran 6:92).

Work on the structure of the answer. Use headings, subheadings and description

End the answer with conclusion

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