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Question no. 01

What is Islam? Elaborate
the salient features
of Islam?

Islam :-

The literal meaning of Islam is "Surrender" or Submission.

It is derived from the Arabi word S-L-M which means "Peace", "Surrender" and Submission.

The Contextual meaning of Islam is refer as the religion founded by Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H). It is the comprehensive way of living which encompasses the practice, ethics based on the teachings of Holy Quran and Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H). Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H) said:

"Islam is based on the five pillars of And there is no God but Allah and Muhammad is messenger".

(Sahih Bukhari B-1, V-2)

According to Shariah Islam is defined as submissive to Allah Almighty and follow the Commandments of Allah and Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H). Sadat-ud-din Itahi said: "Islam is the name

name of faith and worships"

Dr. Hamidullah in "Introduction to Islam book" said: Monotheistic religion revealed upon Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H). Islam is the Commitment of oneness of Allah and to strive for righteous, justice and Compassion.

Allah says in Quran:

"لا إكراه في الدين قد تبين الرشد من الغي"
 "There is no Compulsion in religion right direction is henceforth distinct error". (Al-Quran 2: 256)

Imam Ghazali in book "Meaning of Islam" says "Islam is the name of Rights of Allah and Human".

Islam is the Universal religion it guides in every aspect of life not limited for specific time, geography and confined to specific ethnicity. Islam is for all Mankind and there is Ideal system for all Mankind. The Subject of Holy Quran is also Mankind. Allah says in Quran:

"ورضيت لكم الاسلام ديناً"
 "And we have chosen for you Islam as Deen"
 (Al-Quran 5: 3)

Salient features of Islam :-

1- Quran:

Quran is the last and latest book as guidance for Mankind. It is most preserved and perfect book. Allah says in Quran:

”اناذحن نزلنا الذكر واناله الحفظون“

”Indeed it is Who sent the Quran and will be the Guidance.“

(Al-Quran 15:19)

It is the practical and relevant book to all. Liberates the humanity from Superstition.

2- Islam is the

Universal Religion:

Islam is the universal religion and God is the creator of all humanity. Allah says in Quran:

”ورحمتي وسعت كل شيء“

”My Mercy embraces all things“.

(Al-Quran 7:56)

4- Eternal Religion:

Islam is the eternal religion. Allah says in Quran

” ان الدين عند الله السلام ”
 “ Surely the only deen in the sight of Allah is Al-Islam.
 (Al-Quran Al-Imran: 19)

5- Preserved Sharia:

Sharia is certainly preserved in the shape of Hadith by Holy prophet (P.B.U.H). Allah says in Quran:

” لقد كان لكم في رسول الله اسوة حسنة لمن كان يرجو الله واليوم الآخر وذكر الله كثيرا ”
 “ There has certainly been for you in messenger of Allah an excellent pattern for anyone whose hope is in Allah and the last day who remembers often Allah.
 (Al-Quran 33: 21)

6- Complete Code of Life:

Islam is the complete code of life its guides its followers in every aspect of life from worship and ethics to social and economic interactions.

Allah says in Quran:

”اليوم اكملت لكم دينكم واتممت نعمتي
ورميت لكم السلام ديناً“

“Today I have perfected your Deen and completed favours upon you and have you chosen for your Deen as Islam”.

(Al-Quran 5:3)

7- Unique Concept of

Tawheed:

Tawheed is explain in the first part of Kalima Tayyab “لا اله الا الله”

“to one except Allah” Surah Ikhlas also explain unique concept of Tawheed as:

”قل هو الله احد، الله الصمد لم يلد ولم يولد، ولم يكن له كفوا احد“

“And say Allah is one and only. Allah is Eternal, absolute, He begotten not, not is He begotten. And there is none like unto Him”.

(Surah Ikhlas - 1-4).

Allah says at other place in Quran:

”واللهم الا اله احد لا اله الا هو الرحمن الرحيم“
“And your God is one God and there is no deity except the most beneficent and the most merciful.”

(Al-Quran 2:163)

8. Based on Authentic:

Distinctive feature of the Islam is preservation of the scripture of Holy Quran was carried out with authentic source and with precautions to avoid any alterations, errors, additions and omissions. Allah says in Quran:

"Say if Mankind and Jinn gathered in order to produce like of this Quran they could not produce like it even if they were each others assistant."

(Surah Bani Israel : 88)

9. Balanced B/w Individual and Society:

Islam balance between Individual and Society, beliefs in the individual personality of Man and holds everyone accountable to God. Guarantees fundamental rights.

Allah says in Quran:

"That no bearer of burdens shall bear the burden of another, and that there is not for man except what he strives for and that his striving shall soon be seen."

(Al-Quran 53: 39)

Islam awakens the sense of social responsibility in man for social

Social good. Pages in Islam indicates social discipline among Muslims.

10- Advocates the truth of all Prophets and their books:

Islam advocates the truth of all Prophets and their books Allah Says in Quran:

" Say we believe in Allah and has been revealed to us and has been revealed to Abraham and Ismail and Issac and Jacob and the tribes and what has given to Moses and Jesus and Prophets from their lord. we make no distinction between any of them and we are Muslims Submitting to Him.

(Al- Quran 3: 84)

11- Unity and Brotherhood:

Islam emphasises the Unity and Brotherhood among believers.

Allah says in Quran:

" And hold firmly the rope of Allah all together do not become divided."

(Al- Quran 3: 103)

12- Finality of Prophethood

Muslims believe the Muhammad (P.B.U.H) is the last Prophet of Allah and there is no more to come. Allah says in Quran:

مُحَمَّدٌ لَا يَكُونُ أَبَا أَحَدٍ مِّنْ رِّجَالِكُمْ وَلَكِن رَّسُولَ اللَّهِ وَخَاتَمَ النَّبِيِّينَ وَكَانَ اللَّهُ بِكُلِّ شَيْءٍ عَلِيمًا

"Muhammad is not father of any of your Men, but he is the messenger of Allah and the finality of Prophets. Allah is Ever Knowing of all things".

(Surah Al-Ahzab : 40)