

Topic 1: Concept of Islam

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Introduction : "It is not righteousness that you turn your face towards East or West, but righteousness is of him who believe in Allah, the Last days, the Angels, the Book and the prophet; and Spend his money for Love of Him, on the relatives and the orphans and the needy, the way farer, the beggars, and for ransoming of captives, and who establishes salat and pay zakat, and those who fulfill their promises which they have made and the patient in afflictions and steadfast in the time of war, it is these people who in poverty have proved truthful and it is these who are God-fearing" (2:177)

Literal Meaning of Islam

The word Islam is from Arabic roots word "SLM" which means "to surrender, to submit, to yield, to give one's self up".

Contextual meaning of Islam

Islam mean submission to Allah. The word Islam means "entering into a condition of peace and security with God, through allegiance or surrender to him."

Syed Amir Ali in his book *The Spirit of Islam* defines Islam as: "Salam in its primary sense means to be tranquil, at rest, to have done one's duty, to have paid up, to be at perfect peace in its secondary sense to surrender oneself to Him with whom peace is made. The noun derived from

It means peace, greeting, safety, salvation. The word does not imply, as is commonly supposed, absolute submission to God's will, but means, on the contrary, striving after righteousness.

In Quran Allah says

Indeed in the remembrance of Allah alone find the heart of man finds rest those who believe and act righteously, joy is for them, and a blissful home to return

Try to add the Arabic of quranic ayats

(13: 28-29)

Islam is a Deen which was revealed to prophet Muhammad (PBUH) 570 CE who lived in Mecca Makkah from 570 CE to 632 CE.

Articles of Belief in Islam

* Beliefs in one Allah

“Say; Allah is the only one Allah the eternal refuge.

He neither begets, nor is born

And there is none equal to him”

(112: 1-4)

* Belief in the prophet of God and especially Muhammad (PBUH).

“Say; we believe in Allah and what was revealed to us what was revealed to Abraham, Ismael, Isaac, Jacob, and the tribes, and what was given to Moses, Jesus and the prophets from their Lord. We make no distinction b/w any of them, and to him we submit”

(3: 84)

- * Belief in the angels of God
- * Belief in Book of Allah, most importantly Quran.
- * Belief in the day of judgment.
- * Belief in the Supremacy of Allah.

Pillars of Islam

* Shahadah :

"I bear witness that there is no God but Allah, and I bear witness that Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) is the messenger of Allah"

* Salah

And establish prayer and give Zakat and bow with those who bow (in worship & obedience) (2:43)

* Zakat

* Saum

* Hajj

Concept of Islam

The basic concept of Islam is that the whole world, universe and every single thing was created by Allah, and who is Lord and sovereign of the universe. He is the one who created men and appointed for each person a fixed span of life. Allah has given a complete code of life through Quran and sunnah, but also at the same time conferred upon man the freedom of choice as to whether or not he adopts this code as the actual basis of his life.

One who chose to follow the code given by Allah is known as Muslim. Those who don't is Kafir.

An elaboration of concept of Islam by Syed Amree

Ali says: "The essence of ethical principles of

Islam involved and embodied in Islam is thus

summarized in the 2nd chapter of Surah

There is no doubt in this book is a guidance to

pious, who believe in unseen and observe the

prayers and distribute among others of what

we have given them. and they believe in

what was revealed to you and what

was revealed before you and they are

certain of the hereafter. It is they who

are guided by your Lord"

"Ahmed A. Galwash" in his book "The Religion of

Islam" has summarized the concept of Islam,

He said "The word Islam which literally signifies

'resignation' (to God's will), is a comprehensive name

commonly applied to the religion of followers of the

prophet Muhammad (PBUH) which Allah has

established for the guidance of His people, both for

the worship of their Lord, and for the duties of life.

The sections are five in number

(i) Beliefs

(ii) Practical devotions

(iii) Transactions

(iv) Moralities

(v) Punishments.

Beliefs :

- (1) God
- (2) His angels
- (3) His Books
- (4) His prophets
- (5) The day of judgment

Practice Devotions

- 1) Shahada
- 2) Ka Saalat
- 3) Zakat
- 4) Saum
- 5) Hajj

- JIHAD is also a devotion.

Transactions

duties required b/w man to man; • Three subdivisions of them :

- contracts
- Nuptials
- securities

All civil jurisprudence lies under these 3 sections like sale, agency, marriage, divorce, power, partnership etc

Moralities

Morality embrace the considerations of all those moral excellences which are enjoined in Quran & Sunnah like

- Confidence in Allah
- Humility
- Prohibiting from wrongdoings
- Giving good council & advice

In Quran Allah says

They ask you about wine and gambling, say 'There is great sin in both, and some benefit for people, but the sin is greater than the benefit?' and they say ask you what should give in charity. Say 'Give what is beyond your needs'. This is how Allah

makes his teachings clear for you so you
can understand

2:219.

Punishment

Punishment includes:

- Penalties exacted for killing & harming
- Theft punishment
- Punishment for fornication & adultery
- Punishment for slander by lashes
- Punishment for apostasy by death
- Punishment for inebriation.

Conclusion

The basic concept of Islam is complete
surrender to Allah Almighty and a belief that
there is no God but Allah. It includes not
only verbal acceptance but practical acceptance
too. by following the path provided by Quran
& Sunnah. Islam is not only a religion, but
it is a complete code of life.