

What is Islam. Elaborate the Salient features of Islam?

Islam:-

Islam is an arabic word which mean Peace > Surrender & Submission. Whereas the contextual meaning of Islam is Submission of desire to the Allah is called Islam.

Defination of Islam as per Prophet (PBUH)

Islam mean that Witnessess of Allah and his messenger Prophet (PBUH) as an last messenger.

Whereas Dr Hammed ullah author of Introduction to Islam said, "Islam is monotheist deen & revealed upon Prophet (PBUH)

Islam is Universal deen:

- It guide each muslim how to live life according to the Sunnah of Prophet (PBUH)
- Islam is not specified to specific ethnicity.
- Islam is not confined to specific geography like Saudi Arabia but Islam is spread all over world like wise in India, Australia USA etc.
- The teaching of Quran & revealed on Prophet (PBUH)

as guide to all people humanity, not just to specific group.

• Islam is such a peaceful deen that it welcome all individuals, regardless of their background, to embrace the faith.

Islam is for entire mankind

- Islam teach us the perfect way of living our life according to sunnah of Prophet (PBUH)

- AlQuran 33: 21

"There has certainly been for you in the Messenger of Allah an excellent pattern for anyone whose hope is in Allah and the last Day & remember Allah often."

- Surah Al-m-Maidah 5: 32

On the account of this. We wrote for the Children of Israel that whoever killed a soul not to retaliate for a soul, nor for creating disorder in the land, then it is as if he had killed all mankind. And whose gave life to one soul, then it is as if he had given life to all mankind.

And undoubtedly, our messenger came to them with clear proof then, undoubtedly many of them (Israel) commit excess in the land.

Salient Features of Islam.

• Touheed:-

• In Islam Touheed is the first part of Kalma which mean that the absolute oneness of Allah the creator of all universe.

• Touheed is the core principle of monotheism in Islam, emphasizing that there is only one Allah & One creator of Universe.

• Al-Quran Surah Al-Ikhlās

Say, he is Allah the one? none is born of him & nor was he born. And there is none like him. Allah is eternal & abso

• Touheed grants an individual peace & courage because he has belief that Allah is the giver and taker of life. It also gives mental peace to an muslim.

• Surah Luqman 31: 13

"Do not associate anything with Allah, most surely polytheism is a grievous iniquity"

• Surah Nisa 4: 48

"And whoever associates anything with Allah, he perform indeed a great sin"

• Risalat:-

Surah Al-Azab 33: 40

"Muhammad (PBUH) is not the father of any of you men, yes he is the messenger of Allah & last one among all the messenger

Allah know all the things.

Belief in the Prophet PBUH is one of the pillars of Faith. Along that all muslim are obliged to believe in all the prophets because they all preached the same message.

Surah Al-Ghafir 40: 78

"And indeed we have sent prophets before you (O Muhammad), of some of them. We have related to you their story, and of some we have not related to you their story."

Prophet PBUH sent as teacher for the universe where all the Muslim believe of Prophet PBUH shall follow all the teaching of Prophet PBUH.

Allah chose Prophet PBUH from among all the human, they are not divine. The sole purpose was to convey the true message of Allah, not to convert all people into religion. Prophet PBUH visited different places to convey the message of Allah that to worship Allah alone and to explain the way which would bring happiness in the world but to bring paradise to those who believed and the warning of Hell to those who disbelieved.

Surah Al-Azab 33:21

Undoubtedly, you have the best in following of the message. For him who hopes for Allah and the last day & remembers Allah much.

③ Dignity to Mankind

One of the main tenets of Islamic teachings has been dignity to mankind.

Islam has given humanity a unique position. It became clear that a person is intrinsically venerable and honourable by nature, no one has the right to degrade, deny or diminish the respect of any human being.

Al-Isra To

"And we have definitely preferred the children of Adam over many of those whom we have created, and carried them on land & sea & provided them good things."

Not only are human rights based on the fundamental idea of human dignity but all of the tenets of the divine religions support it as well. In Islam every person has the same dignity, regardless of gender, caste and creed.

"Human rights rest on human dignity. The

Dignity of man is an ideal worth fighting for and worth dying for.

"Robert C. Maynard."

Islam arrived with the message of equality without regard to social class, age, race or colour centuries before contemporary theories of human dignity were developed.

Surah Al-Hujrat 13

"O people, indeed, we created you from male & female and made you people and tribes so that you know one another. Indeed the most honorable of you in the sight of Allah is the most righteous of you."

Creator of Universe commanded humanity not to be suspicious of anyone, even slaves, nor to pry into their personal affairs. Allah gave the order to refrain from disparaging them or engaging in backbiting to harm their reputation. Allah compare this to eating the flesh of one's deceased brother.

Islam strongly emphasizes humanity, the thing that unites all the people and human dignity. Nevertheless the angels are informed that there will be created beings who will serve as Vicegerents on earth

and be accorded honour.

Surah Isra 17:70

"We have certainly honoured the children of adam and carried them on land and sea and provided for them of the good things we preferred them over much of what we have created with preference."

Respect the children of adam include all the universe along with minorities and their right. When Hazrat Umar took over as caliph, the Christians complained to him about al-walid's forcible occupation of church land. Hazrat Umar ordered the official to get that part of mosque demolished which had been constructed on the land of church and return it to Christians."

Also guarantee of legal equality & justice is an absolute statement of Quran and there is no mentioning of faith or religion. So it is universal right for all the mankind.

Quran 4:56

"Surely Allah commands you to entrust the belongings to those who are worthy of them."

Quran 4:58

"And when you judge matters among people give judgement with justice."

Allah honour children of adam as all born without discrimination.

Surah Al-Imran 3:26

"Say like this, O Allah master of the kingdom. You give the kingdom to whom you please and seize the kingdom from whom you please. And you exalt whom you please and you abase whom you please. In your hand it all is good. No doubt you can do all things"

(4) Complete code of life.

"I Challenge anyone to understand Islam, its spirit, & not to love it. It is a beautiful religion of brotherhood and devotion."

"Yann Martel, Life of Pi"

• Islam teach us to do right things with everyone and also doing right deeds in the world.

Quran 6: 162-163

"Truly, my prayer, my sacrifice, my living and my dying are for Allah, the Lord of the worlds."

NO partner has He: this am I commanded and I am the first of those who submit to his will.

The ayah also state Islam is complete code of life, as Allah has given his will with regards to the way muslim live life and according to this Allah promise for muslim to reward ~~them~~ consequently.

Quran 41:8

"For those who believe and work deeds of righteousness in a reward that will never fail."

To submit to the will of Allah, which please him and he then rewards a better world to the muslim.

The real righteousness for muslim is not this that we turn our faces toward east or west but Allah command each followers to be honest in every walk of life, especially it come to trading in the form of selling & buying.

Quran 5:8

"O you ~~have~~ who believe! Stand out firmly for Allah, as witness to fair dealing, and let not hatred of others make you swerve to wrong and depart from justice. Be just and fear Allah is well-acquainted with all that you do."

This ayah instructed muslim to be fair in their dealing. Whereas Prophet PBUH said that "The seller and the buyer have the right to keep or return good as long as they have not parted or till they part; and if both the parties spoke the truth and described the defects and qualities (of the goods) then they would be blessed in their transaction and if they told lies or hide something, then blessing of their transaction would be lost." Bukhari

Additional honesty in every kind of business is important ~~there~~ doesnot matter that is small or big business. Islam have strick instruction for measuring and weighting goods.

Quran 17:35

"Give full measure when you measure, and weight with an even balance. That is the best (way) and best in result."

Whereas Islam have also some strick instruction for condemnation of bribery as this is an another evil for which the world today have laid down and regulations is bribery.

Quran (2:188)

"And do not consume one anothers wealth unjustly or send it (in bribery) to the ruler in order that (they might aid) you

to consume a portion of the wealth of the people in sin, while you know (it is unlawful).

Additional Islam itself mean peace and Islam explain us how much an peace is important for a society to be successful as Quran says

Quran (42:40)

"The recompense for an injury is an injury equal ~~to~~ but if a person forgives and make reconciliation, his reward is due from Allah, for Allah loves not those who do wrong."

Islam does not encourage violence but it teach us lesson of peace and forgiving to ensure a society where love prevails.

The most important code of life in Islam is to show kindness toward all humanbeing and living being. As it is clear mention in Quran that

Quran 2:83

"Treat with kindness your parents and relatives, orphans and those in need, speak fair to the people, be steadfast in prayer, & give Zakaat"

Prophet PBUH said, "Planting a green tree is charity & don't cut green plant in state of war"

Islam make kindness in every aspect of life as Allah has given talk about women right and Allah say

Quran 4:19

"O you who believe! You are forbidden to inherit women against their will. Nor should you treat them with harshness, that you may take away part of the dowry you have given them, except where they have been guilty of open lawdness. On the contrary live with them on a footing of kindness and equity if you take a disliking to them it may be that you dislike a thing and Allah brings about through it a ^{great} deal of good.

There is No matter of life about which Islam has not spoken either in the form of Quran or in tradition of Prophet PBUH. Islam give us teach of all aspect of life.

(5) Islam promotes humanity.

Islam is the only religion that provides a sense of humanity to all people.

Islam promotes peace and it does not promote inhumane act or injustice in the society.

Islam without any discrimination distributes all the rights equally in mankind.

Islam promotes love, care, sympathy, empathy, tolerance for everyone equally. Islam talks about the fulfillment of rights of all human, animal and environment protection.

Prophet PBUH said, "Planting green tree is an charity."

Another one is "Don't cut green plant in state of war".

Unity of humanity is never compromised and the differences that exist among people are resolved through a process of mutual understanding on the basis of idea.

Quran 39:6

"He created you (all) from a single person, then created a like nature, his mate, and he sent down for you eight head of cattle in pairs. He made you in the

Wombs of your mother, in stages, one
after another, in three veils of darkness.
Such is Allah, Lord and Cherisher to
him belong all dominion. There is no
god but He, then how are you turned
away from your true centre.