

WHAT IS ISLAM:

Background,

Every religion of the world name after its founder of the nation like Christianity "Jesus Christ" Jeweism on the basis of "Judah tribe". But "Islam" is different from other religions and names according to irrespective of caste, creed country name.

LITERAL MEANINGS:

Islam is derived from the word "slm" which means "to submission", "to yield".

Literal meaning of Islam is "Peace or submission".

"Peace and Submission":

Everything in the universe from small object to larger, from one cell to larger

organ system follows the
laws of nature - Human
body and soul follows the
all persuasive laws ordained
by Al- Almighty. This
sphere of between Allah
and human creates
symmetry, which brings "peace".
"Submission" means submitting
to the will of Allah,
Moulding one self according
to orders of Islam.
Thus submission is embodiment
of Islam, and peace is
its outcome.

إِذَا بَدَأْتُمْ آثَاءَ تَطْمِئِنُّ الْقُلُوبُ

Verily! By remembrance
of Allah, hearts are
assured!

إِذَا الْقُرْآنُ فِي الدِّرِينِ

Definitions of Islam:

Merriam

Webster:

"The religious faith of Muslims belief in Allah as a sole deity and Muhammad (PBUH) as his prophet".

Al-Mawardi:

"Islam means to surrender and to submit at the commands of Allah".

Dr. Hammedullah:

"Islam is monotheist deen revealed upon Prophet (PBUH)".

Concept of Islam:

Islam signifies and requires the obedience and submission not only belief but also in ethics, morality, politics, culture, social behaviour, laws and collective spheres.

Submission to Allah guaranteed peace. The fundamental concept of Islam is permitted

on notion, that whole universe
is created by Allah.

He prescribed the divine

code of life for man.

اليوم اكملت لكم دينكم
واغنتكم به
نعم الاسلام دينه

I have perfected for
you, your religion and
completed for you your
religion Islam.

SALIENT FEATURES OF ISLAM:

1) SOVEREIGNTY OF ALLAH (TAWHID):

Bed-rock of Islam and
first part of our "Kalma"
is "Tawhid"

La illaha illa Allah

Tawhid a belief on
"oneness of Allah". It is core
belief of Islam and other
faiths, beliefs, rituals

are according to "Tawhid?"

Sunnah -ul Nabi by
Allama Shibli Numani;

" First chapter of Islamic
Syllabus is Tawhid."

Effects of Tawhid
(Molana Maududi):

- Broad mindedness
- Self-respect and self-esteem
- Modesty and Virtuousity
- Patience
- قل هو الله احد

Say: 1, Allah is one.

2) PROPHETHOOD:

Second part of our Kalma
is Prophethood. Follows the
Sunnah, teachings and
laws of Prophet (PBUH)

Muhammad Rasul Allah

Difference between (PBUH) and
other Prophets. He sent for
whole world and for all
times.

وَكُن رَسُولَ اللَّهِ وَحَامِلَ أَمْرِهِ

But verily, he is
Apostle of God and

last in the line of Prophets

3) ISLAM PROMOTES HUMANITY,

Islam provides natural
instincts of care and humanity
in Muslims. Provide fulfillment
of human rights, animal
rights and environmental
protection.

Islam promotes humanity
by providing characterfulness
to human beings.

"The perfect among
those is who is
best in character." Hadith

Islam provides humanity
by promoting charity,
medical services to
humanity and taught
animal rights.

4) **Islam - Complete way of life:**

Allah 'the sustainer of all worlds':

Message 'a Message for all worlds'

Prophet (PBUH) 'Messenger for whole humanity'

Islam provide guidance in all walks of life. It provide social, political, financial, judiciary systems of understanding.

ذَلِكَ الدِّينُ الْقَوِيمُ

That is the correct religion.

5) **UNIVERSALITY:**

Islam is for entire human race. It is international at its outlook. In Islam no distinctions based on caste, creed, color, and race.

وَمَا أَرْسَلْنَاكَ إِلَّا رَحْمَةً لِّلْعَالَمِينَ

One, who comes for all.

Beliefs : Five Articles of Faith:

- Belief in Oneness of God (Tawhid)
- Belief in Prophets (Risalah)
- Belief in Angels (Malai'kah)
- Belief in Books (Kutub)
- Belief in Day of Judgment (Akhirat)

Devotions In Islam:

- Recital of Creed
(Kalimah)
- Prayer of God
(Salat)
- Paying legal alms
(Zakat)
- Fasting in month of Ramzan
(Siyam)
- Pilgrimage
(Haji)

Devotions also embrace warfare

of defense of Islam needed (Jihad)