

Islamic Studies
Assignment No. 1

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Q: no. 1 :- What is Islam? Elaborate the salient features of Islam.

Islam is the faith / religion followed by muslims. According to Muslims islam is a deen not merely a religion but a complete code of life. Word "Islam" Originated from An Arabic Word 'SLM' (سلم) which means peace and Submission.

As defined by Molana Moududi, "Islam is the submission of one's own self to the will of Allah Almighty and living life According to the teachings of islam." Islam is the fastest growing religion and practiced by several billion people across the globe. Islam is the religion of Peace and prosperity with love and compassion towards the Creation of Almighty Allah. Islam is a monotheistic religion and the Supreme power is Allah Almighty Creator of Everything. Islam is very dynamic and different from all other religions in the world. These salient features are its very own principles, structure and functions.

Universality of Islam

After the Creation of this world, Allah Almighty sent his prophets and Messengers for his creation. But most of them were sent to a specific Place; a tribe, a village or a country but our Prophet (PBUH) was sent for the whole mankind and given this task to Preach Islam which is a completely different religion at that time being. And till the day of Judgement, Islam is the beacon of light, guidance and hope for all upcoming generation.

Pure and Protected

As compared to other religion, Islam is the purest even the dialects in which Quran was read is safe because Allah Almighty himself took the responsibility of protecting his message which is still the same for ages. Quran is the Holy book in which after 1400 years not a single Alphabet is misplaced or changed. That's why it is present in its original form.

Religion without Discrimination and Superiority:

Islam promotes peace and Empathy. The only religion on Entire earth which never discriminated Anyone on the basis of Color Creed or Race.

Holy Prophet (PBUH) said:

"There is no superiority to an Arab over non-Arab or for a white over a black."

So in Islam everyone is equal not like Hinduism, Jainism, Christianity and other religions where social classes exist between people some are considered high status due to their clan, creed, race or social status while others are considered impure even they have the concept of Untouchability.

Islam as a rational and Practical Religion:

Islam is the only religion which is according to human Nature and rationality. Holy Prophet (PBUH) said,

"There is no compulsion in Deen".

Islam promotes Different social, Moral values and Norms which are very Practical and easy.

Islam Promotes moderation in Prayers, work finance almost in every aspect of life is has lifted the burden imposed by Impractical and unjust religions which included impractical practices against human Nature. for Example the ritual of Sati in Hinduism in which wife of a deceased husband is burned alive with him.

Islam do ask for a lot of Practices but they are possible and practical.

Islam promotes Humanity:

Islam is the biggest advocate of Human Rights, Women rights, Animal right even the destructions of Plants trees are not allowed in Islam. Whenever Holy Prophet (PBUH) went for a holy war he would ask his companions not to hurt women and children or burn their crops and stopped them from cutting down trees. So this level of environmental protection is not found in any other religion. There is a concept in islam called human dignity which encompasses all human should be treated respectfully and one should

not hurt the feelings of other.

Islam a complete religion

Islam is the only religion which encompasses all the aspects of life and provide guidances to all the mankind for every topic of Human life. Allah Almighty said in Quran

اليوم اكملت لكم دينكم واتممت تكميل نعمتي لعلكم
الاسلام ديناً . (الحجرات: 3)

Today I have Perfected for you, your religion Completed upon you, my favour; and chosen for you Islam as a deen.