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Islamic Studies

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Salient Features of Islam

Allah revealed books and treatises upon his prophets time to time to guide human kind the true path of Allah. This phenomenon began with Hazrat Adam (AS) and ended up with Hazrat Muhammad (PBUH). These treatises and books were revealed on different prophets, but they were replaced by new commandments of Allah according to the time and condition except Holy Quran which is still in its original form. Therefore Islam have some distinct features which separates it from other religions.

① Tawheed (Monotheism) The concept of Tawheed constitutes the basic pillar of Islam, by believing in One Supreme God; worshipping One God, and following the rules and laws of that God.

Tawheed means that Allah is the supreme leader, he is Omnipresent, Omnipotent and the creator of the whole universe.

② Prophethood

The Second basic part of Kalma

claims that believing in the messenger of Allah and that Muhammad (PBUH) is the last messenger of Allah KHATAM-UN-NABIYEN and after him no messenger or prophet will come is the iman of every muslim.

No religion can claim that every aspect of the life of their prophet or founder will be known to all of his followers except Islam. Because Prophet Moses (AS) and Prophet Jesus (AS) aspects of life are very limited and are present in very few treatises. However the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) each and every aspect of life are present from every source of Hadith to his followers.

Allah say in Surah Ahzab, "Indeed, in messenger (Prophet PBUH) of Allah you have the perfect model to follow" (33:21).

③ Complete code of life Islam is a complete code of life, which covers every aspect of life whether it is political or economical, social or moral, Justice or administrative, Ethical or racial, Individual or collective, racial or cultural, or family life.

④ Wasathiya (Din of Moderation)

Unlike other religions like Judaism, which is too strict to follow or Christianity which is too soft. Islam is a moderate ~~Din~~ Din which is not too hard nor too soft, but it is based on a moderate teachings to his followers.

Islam doesn't have any concepts like Monasticism (Monkhood) or Materialism, whether it is based on moderate Islamic rules and principles which can be easily followed by every individual.

⑤ Protection of Quran Unlike other books revealed upon prophets, which have been changed and replaced by individuals or political parties according to their personal or political motives. Quran ~~is~~ has never been changed and it's still in its original form from the last fourteen hundred years.

Allah says in Surah Hijr, "We have sent down the Quran and we shall safeguard it". So Allah took its responsibility himself. William Muir in his book, "The life of Muhammad"

claims that every Verse is the composition of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) himself, though his research either he is a Non-Muslim.

⑥ Universal Din Islam is a universal Din. which is for every person, whether Muslim or Non Muslim. Allah is the only supreme God and Muhammad (PBUH) is the messenger of Allah and a messenger for the whole Mankind.

Islam doesn't have any discrimination in regards to race, gender, cultural, moral and societal. It does not have any classes or sects like Hinduism upper brahmanas, or Greeks or Buddhist idols.

⑦ Concept of Life after Death Islam has a concept of life after death, that the present world is the place of trial and if you obey the guidance of Allah you will be rewarded with eternal peace after death, and if you disobey the laws and principles of God you will be punished for your bad deeds.

⑧ Islam teaches Humanity

① You must be charitable as Prophet (PBUH) said,
"Those are best among you who are charitable".

② Islam teaches that charity is humanity and Zakat is the best charity.

③ Protection of Human rights and Animal rights

④ Protection of Environment

Prophet (PBUH) said, "Planting green tree is the best charity", "Do not waste a single drop of water even if you are sitting on rivers stream".

⑨ Individual relation with God In Islam there is no concept of any hierarchy of Priests or any complicated rights and rituals. Every person have a direct relation with God, and there is no mediator or intercessors in Islam to convey your message to God and bond between you and God.

Allah says in Holy Quran and the explanation of that verse is, "Indeed, the intercessions of the intercessors have no use to them".

⑩ Moral Religion Islam is based on practical and moral beliefs which have logic and reasoning behind it. Islam does not

believe any myths or superstitions however it rejects the concept of mythology. Every person whether Muslim or Non-Muslim can approach the Quran and dictate its meanings and practise it without any restrictions.

⑪ Dignity of Mankind Allah says that I made human as a Caliph which is superior to every living being on the entire world. There is no social classes of man on the basis of social and racial classes like in Hinduism and Buddhism. Allah says in the Holy Quran and the explanation of the verse is that I made human in such an excellent Mould.

⑫ Political and Economical System In the dark time Arab was led by dictatorial regimes which was placed by true pluralistic Democracy of Islam. Islam promotes a political system in which the leader was appointed by the public which must be the follower of Islam and it also rejected the Capitalist and Communist economic systems in which elites and the state exploits the poor and through materialism.