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What is Islam? Elaborate the salient features of Islam?

Islam:

Cyril Glasse says in "The Encyclopedia of Islam"

"Islam means peace or subordination"

According to Lisan-ul-Arab

"Islam means to the submission of Allah & follow the Shariah introduced by the holy prophet (P.B.U.H.)"

Quwan says "the true religion before Allah is Islam"

Salient features of Islam

1- Belief in the Oneness of Allah

Islam is strictly monotheist. Islam teaches us these things. He is only one God, Allah. He has no partner, family or equal. He is the controller, creator & sustainer of the world. His belief shapes the entire worldwide & complete submission to Allah.

Quran say

"He is Allah (who is) one (sami' al-khassir)"

2. Belief in finality of prophethood:

The Holy prophet (S.A.W) was the last messenger of Allah. After him, no prophet will come. This means the message of Allah has complete in a preserved form.

Quran say

"But he is the messenger of Allah & the seal of the prophets."

3- Belief in Divine Books

Angels believed in all the Books revealed Allah on this prophets like Torah (Musa), Zabur (Dawood), Injeel (Issa) & the last one Quran on the Holy prophet (P.B.U.H) which is a guidance of all human being.

4. Belief on Angels:

Angels are created from lights & perform duties assigned by Allah. For Example Jibreel bring revelation, the Israfael will blow trumpet on the day of

judgement, and Karaman Kullibeen
 record deeds so they perform
 their duties and never
 disobey to Allah

5- Belief on the day of judgement:

Belief that
 every soul will be
 resurrected & judged
 by Allah on the
 basis of their deeds.
 Good deeds will be
 rewarded with paradise
 & wrongdoers will face
 punishment. This motivates
 Muslim to live righteous
 & responsible life

6- Equality & Universal Brotherhood.

Islam teaches that all
 human beings are equal
 regardless of their race,
 colour & social status.
 Superiority is based on
 piety & good deeds
 not on wealth or
 birth. This promotes a
 sense of unity.

7. Balanced Between Religion & worldly life.

Islam encourages Muslims
 to maintain a

Balanced in religion & worldly life. Its worship is important, but earning halal livelihood, supporting family & contributing in a society is also a kind of worship in Islam.

8. Rights & Duties (Huquq-ul-Allah & Huquq-ul-Ibad)

Islam gives importance to the rights of Allah (Fasting & Praying). But also gives importance to the rights of human (Kindness, honesty & fulfilling promises) neglecting either is sin. Islam teaches complete ethical & moral responsibility.

9. Peace, Tolerance & Coexistence

Islam itself means peace. Islam promotes tolerance toward other religion, cultures & peaceful coexistence in society. It forbids compulsion in religion & encourages dialogues & mutual respect.

Quran
"There is no compulsion in religion. For the truth stands out clearly from falsehood."

10- Islam as a complete code of life:

Islam is not limited to rituals. It guided about all the areas of life such as spiritual, social, economic, political & moral. It provides comprehensive guidance for individual & societies to live in harmony & righteousness.

Conclusion:

The salient features of Islam guide highlight that is not only a belief system but a complete way of life. It promote faith, discipline, justice, equality, universality & peace. Its teachings are timeless & universal, offering guidance for both individual & collective life.