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Q1:

What does Islam means? Describe the prominent characteristics of Islam.

Ans:

1. Literal Meanings of Islam: Islam has been derived from Arabic word *SLM* (سلم) which means "surrender", submission to the will of Almighty Allah. other meaning of Islam is peace *Salm* (to make peace) peace to his mankind.

2. Contextual Meaning: In above we discuss meaning of Islam, to enter in peace by submitting to the will of Allah and submission of desires to the will of Allah.

Ref: In surah no 2:208

يا ايها الذين آمنوا ادخلوا في السلم كافة

O you who have Faith! Enter all together into submission whole heartedly.

3. Islam / Shariah: Following Allah's commands according to one's own wishes. IF you follow the commands of Allah then follow completely,

Ref: (In surah Al-Baqarah, 2:56) 8

(In surah Al-Kafirun, 109:6)

(In surah Al-Kahf, 18:29)



⇒ According to Prophet Muhammad (PBUH):

The witness of Allah and his messenger Prophet (PBUH) said that establish the pillars of Islam (Kalma, Namaz, Zakat, Haj and Fasting), Prophet (PBUH) said Namaz is only that distinguish Muslim and disbelievers

⇒ Islam According to Dr Hamidullah: He defined, Islam is a monotheist deen revealed upon prophet Muhammad (PBUH).

⇒ Islam According to Imam Ghazali:

Islam defined as completed submission and obedience to Allah not just outward acts of worships, but also inner purity, sincerity of intention and reform of the heart are essential.

⇒ Molana Sadaz uddin Islahi: Defined

Islam as Faiths and worships. He emphasizes that Islam is not merely a set of rituals but a comprehensive way of life that encompasses beliefs, worships, ethics, and social conduct.

⇒ Islam as a universaldeen:

• Islam promote justice For the muslims and as well as not - muslims .

• It teaches mercy and Fairness For every-one

• Guides us every aspect of life

• It is not confined to a specific geography.

• It is not limited to a specific time.

• It is not limited to a specific ethnicity.

⇒ Islam is For entire mankind: It is an ideal system of living For a mankind.

Ref: (In surah 5:32)



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(Prominent Characteristics)

- 1. Unique concept of Tawheed: It is our first part of Kalma. In surah Ikhlas 112:1-4

قُلْ هُوَ اللَّهُ أَحَدٌ ۝ اللَّهُ صَمَدٌ ۝ لَمْ يَلِدْ وَلَمْ يُولَدْ ۝
يَكُنْ لَهُ كُفُوًا أَحَدٌ

Say, O Prophet, "He is Allah — one and invisible; Allah — the sustainer needed by all. He has never had offspring, nor was he born. And there is none comparable to him.

- Tawheed is a core belief of Islam. (Faiths, worship, rituals, systems) these all are depends on tawheed. Tawheed is the first chapter of Islamic syllabus. Islam is like a Fort and the gate of that Fort is tawheed.

- 2. Prophethood: It is the second part of Kalma. (In surah Al-Ahzab 33:40) Mentioned that the finality of prophethood. Muhammad (PBUH) gave us a way of life that we called sunnah. He learn us Rules / laws.

In surah An-Najm 53:3-4

وَمَا يَنْبَغِيكَ عَنْ الْقَوْلِ ۝ إِنْ هُوَ إِلَّا وَحْيٌ يُوحَىٰ ۝

Nor does he speak from (his own) inclination. It is not but a revelation revealed.



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3. Dignity to mankind: We have certainly honored the children of Adam.

(Surah A-Isa, 17:70) In this surah clearly affirms that all human beings regardless of Faith, race, or status, are honored by their creator.

Rd: (In surah Al-Baqarah 2:30) -

(In Al-e-Imran 3:26)

4. Complete code of life:

Islam guides us every aspect of life. Individual life as well as collective life. From birth to death Islam guides us; In Character building. Seeking education is obligatory on every muslim these are the words of prophet Muhammad PBUH.

Islam also give path how to live In collective life (Social system, political system, Financial, Justice, Administration, Global affairs), as well as teaches us Family life.

(In surah 16:89) "Surah An-Nahl," and we have sent down to you the book as clarification For all things and as guidance and mercy and good tidings For the muslims.



5. Islam promotes humanity:

Humanity is referred to as a species & as a moral quality. As a species refers to all human being collectively and as a morally represent the best aspect of human character: love, empathy, charity, Forgiveness and the willingness to help others.

1. Characterful:

The perfect among the believers are those who are best in character.

Ref: (Surah Hujrat : 1-15)
(Surah Humazah : 1)

2. Charity:

Islam promote humanity through charity, In Islam Zakat and Sadaqat is known as charity.

Ref: (Surah Bakarah 2:177)

3. Social work:

Islam covers human lives, How can you deal with other persons? Deal with a good way, Helps needy, behave good to your

Servants • Give charity and being mercy on human beings.

Ref: Dr wasiullah M Abbas's book → Key Feature of Islam → Practice of social Services.

4. Medical Services:

Allah talla shows anger ~~who~~ for whom, who do not visit the sick.

Ref: (In Surah Al-Ma'idah 5:32)

5. Protection of human rights: In Farewell sermon and In Quran, protection of human life is essential and it's promotes humanity, kindness and developed brotherhood among mankind.

6. Protection of Animal rights:

Muhammad (PBUH) to scold a man who leaved their camel thirsty. Every muslims need to shelter animals and take care.

7. Environmental Protection:

Planting a tree is a best charity. ~~an~~ Islam promotes & plantation. Plantation also in the circle of humanity.

