

What is Islam? Elaborate the Sallent Feature Of Islam?

Islam:

Islam is an arabic word firstly used by Allah - Almighty. Islam is derived from an arabic word "SLM" meaning "peace, surrender and submission".

→ It's contextual meaning is

"To enter in peace by submitting to the will of Allah."

→ According to Shariah:

"To enter in peace by submitting to the will of Allah voluntary."

→ In Surah Al Kafzoon : Last verse

Allah - Almighty said

"For you is your Deen and for us is our Deen."

→ Holy Prophet (PBUH) said that

"Islam is built upon five pillars."

→ According to Imam Ghazali

"Islam is a combination of two things, rights of Allah and rights of people."

Islam is for entire mankind.
It's an ideal system of living
for all mankind.

Dr. Hamedullah defined Islam
that "Islam is a monotheist deen
revealed upon Prophet Muhammad
(PBUH)".

Salient Features of Islam:

1) Unique Concept of Tauheed

Tauheed is the core belief of
Islam. It means that Allah is
the sole creator, sustainer and
sovereign of the universe.

→ In **Surah Ikhlas** Allah said that

"Say: He is Allah the one"

→ According to Prophet (PBUH)

"It's our first part of our
Kalma?"

In Sirah-Tun-Nabi Allama Shibli

Normani said that

"Tauheed is the first chapter
of Islamic Syllabus."

Tauheed liberates human from
Slavery to man-made gods. It
makes all humans equal.

2) Prophethood

It's our second part of our
katma: To believe in all the
prophets and finality of the
Holy Prophet (PBUH).

→ In **Surah-e-Ahzab (33:40)**

Allah said that

"Muhammad is not a father
of any of your men but he is
the messenger of Allah and
last of the prophets."

Holy prophet (PBUH) ^{are} the ~~sole~~ model
for us. He (PBUH) guides
us how we can spend our
life in a better way.

→ Holy Prophet Muhammad (PBUH)

Said:

"Verily, I have been sent
as a teacher."

3. Dignity To Mankind

Islam gives dignity to all mankind without any discrimination.

→ In Quran Surah-E-Bani Israel
verse 70

Allah Almighty said that
"Certainly, we have honoured
the children of Adam."

4. Complete Code of Life

Islam is a complete code
of life. It guides in every
aspects of life.

Surah-Al-Maida (5:3)

"Today, I have perfected your
religion for you."

In this guidance for individual
life as well as for collective
life of a person.

• In Individual Life → Islam tells

about upbringing of children
after birth.

→ It helps in character building.

→ Islam tells us the rights
and duties of parents and children,
so it helps in family life.

- **In Collective Life** → Islam gives us information about social system, political system, financial system, system of justice, and global affairs.

Surah-Al-Baqarah (2:275)

"Allah has permitted trade and forbidden riba."

5) Islam Promotes Humanity

Humanity is a natural positive instincts, human rights, animal rights and environment protection.

→ Islam promotes humanity in several ways like

- Charity or Zakat
- Provision of medical services
- Social work
- Fulfillments of human rights
- Animal rights
- Environmental protection etc.

→ Our Holy Prophet (PBUH) said
"Planting a green tree is the best charity."

6.) Universality OF Islam

Islam is a universal deen.
It is not confined to specific
time, ethnicity and geography.
It addresses all humanity.

In Surah-Al Anbiya (21:107)

Allah said

"We have sent you (O Muhammad
(PBUH)) as mercy to all mankind."

The great poet Allama Iqbal
said that

**"Islam's message transcends
borders and civilizations."**

Islam is neither a regional
faith nor limited to one group.

→ Our Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) said

**"Every prophet was sent
to his nation, but I was sent
to all humanity."**

7.) Balanced and Moderate way OF Life

Islam promotes a balanced
life between worship and

worldly duties.

Surah-Al-Baqrah (2:143)

"We have made you a balanced nation."

This balance prevents spiritual rigidity and materialistic excess,

So balance is necessary for life.

Imam Malik said that

"Moderation is Path of Sunnah."

8) Brotherhood

Islam eliminates racial, ethnic and social discrimination. In

Islam all humans are equal.

In Last Sermon OF Prophet (PBUH)

he said that **"No Arab is superior to a non-Arab; no white is superior to black except in piety."**

Islam unites humanity under one moral order. Islam gives us lesson of brotherhood.

In Surah-e-Hujrat Allah said:
"The most honorable among
you is the most righteous."

9) Freedom Of Religion

Islam prohibited the forced conversions. Islam allows freedom of thoughts and conversions. This makes Islam compatible with human rights and pluralism.

In Surah Baqarah (2:256)

"There is no compulsion in
Religion."

10) Social Justice

Islam protects the rights of poor, orphans, women and minorities.

Holy Prophet (PBUH) said:

"The best of the people are
those who are most beneficial
to others."

Islam granted women respect,
inheritance, education and marital

rights. Islam protects the all human rights. Justice is central to every islamic teaching.

→ Allah Almighty said in

Surah-e-Nisa (4:135)

"Stand firm for justice even if it is against yourselves."

II) Hereafter (Akhirah)

Every action will be judge by Allah. this belief creates moral responsibility and discourage wrong doings.

Surah- Al Imran (3:185)

"Every soul will taste death."

Humans are responsible of their deeds and ^{also} answerable of their deeds in front of Allah at the day of judgement.

The Prophet (PBUH) said:

"The intelligent person is the one who prepared himself for hereafter."

Every deed will be judged in the Hereafter; humans are answerable of their deeds.

12) Everlasting

Islam does not become outdated. Its principles are universal and adoptable in every field of life.

Allama Iqbal said that

"Islam is capable of evolving while remaining true to spirit."

Conclusion:

Islam is not merely a religion; it is a complete code of life. It helps in practical system of life based on justice, equality, morality and peace. Islam teachings address every dimension of human existence spiritual, social, political, economic and global.

→ Islam aims to create a leading humanity toward success in this world and the **Akhira**.