

What is Islam? Elaborate the Salient Feature of Islam?

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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 Shariyah:

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

→ In Surah Al Kafsoon : 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 Allamashibli

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 Kalma: 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 man but he is the messenger of Allah and the last of the prophets.”

Holy prophet (PBUH) ~~the sole~~ model for us. He (PBUH) guides us ~~how~~ we can spent our life in a better way.

→ **Holy Prophet Muhammad (PBUH)**

Said:

“Verily, I have been sent as a teacher.”

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3. Dignity To Mankind

Islam gives dignity to all mankind without any discrimination.

→ In Quran

verse 70

Surah-E-Bani Israel

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

4. Complete Code of Life

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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.

Suah-Al-Baqarah (2:275)

“Allah has permitted trade and forbiddenriba.”

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
- Fulfilments 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." lengthy description.....

7.) Balanced and Moderate way of Life

Islam promotes a balanced life between worship and

worldly duties.

Surah- Al- Baqarah (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 make 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 (Akhiyah)

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 principal 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 akhirah.