

## Q: Elaborate the salient features of Islam

Ans: Islam is the religion of truth. To believe in Oneness of Allah, the creator and finality of Prophethood are the core beliefs in Islam. It is monotheism religion and its followers are called 'Muslims'. There are many religions in the world but Islam has many features that make it unique and superior to all 'religions' because it is from the Lord, not from humans. Allah sent His revelations through special humans chosen by our Lord and they are called 'Prophets' upon which Allah's revelation and books revealed. Salient features of Islam consists of: concept of tawheed, finality of Prophethood, complete code of life, gives the purpose of life, dignity of mankind, promotes humanity, characterbuilding, its pillars which are the fundamentals of this religion.

First of all the word 'Islam' means 'peace' and 'submission to God'. Islam always promote peace and to live life according to our Lord, our creator which is sustainer and every living thing needs Him. There are some other religions that give concept of monotheism but they

think of world's son, wife or  
nice versa. Which is not a concept  
of oneness. Islam gives the concept  
of touched me in 'oneness'.

## Concept of Oneness of Allah:

As Quran says:

قُلْ هُوَ اللَّهُ أَحَدٌ ۝ اللَّهُ هُوَ الْقَيُّومُ ۝ لَمْ يَلِدْ وَلَمْ يُولَدْ ۝ وَلَمْ يَكُن لَّهُ  
كُفُوًا أَحَدٌ ۝ (112: 1-4)

"Say, O Prophet, He is Allah - One and  
Indivisible. Allah, the sustainer - needed  
by all. He has never had offspring,  
nor was he born. There is none  
comparable to Him." (112: 1-4)

It means that Allah is one and  
no one worthy of worship except Him.  
He is the only creator of this  
vast universe. As explained in  
first Kalma that "Allah is only  
worthy of worship and Prophet (ﷺ)  
is the Prophet of Allah."

It is unique concept given by Allah/  
Islam. All the Prophets from Hazrat  
Adam (A.S) to the Muhammad (P.B.U.H)  
spread the message of oneness of  
Allah.

## Finality of Prophethood:

Other feature of Islam is the concept  
of finality of Prophethood. Because the

message of Islam given by Prophet Muhammad (ﷺ) is sealed and it is for all the peoples of all times till the end of the world.

Prophet Muhammad (P.B.U.H) is the Last Prophet of Allah and is called the mercy for all mankind. It means that the message given by Allah through Prophet Muhammad (P.B.U.H) is not only for Muslims (followers of Islam) but is for all mankind.

As Allah says in Surah:

"Muhammad is not the father of any of your men, but the Messenger of Allah and sealed to the prophets. Allah is the 'perfect' knowing all the things." (33:40)

The Prophets of Allah are not ordinary men but the chosen one. They have piety, righteousness, characterful and are unique from all other one and they are being chosen by Allah to guide the mankind for right path.

## Complete Code of Life:

Islam is the deen that gives complete code of life, individually as well as collectively.

In Islam, Man builds relation with his loved and all the mankind.

Allah has said that all muslims are brother to each other firstly Islam provides rules and regulations that make individual life better for men but also for others. As in individual life, a man is connected to God, makes his character good, doing good deeds and avoid bad deeds. As for collective life, Islam builds a well social, economic, political system that if a man follows all these rules, it makes welfare for all other peoples.

### Gives the Purpose of life:

In Islam, certain beliefs make a life purposeful such as the concept of worship; prayer, zakat, soza that make a man's life purposeful because he will worship Allah according to rules of Islam and Allah also says in Quran that "I have created man and jinn to worship me". It means that humans are born to worship Allah and everyone should worship Allah and surrender themselves in front of their Lord.

Other concept is belief in Hereafter which makes man doing good

deeds because if a man thinks that there is only worldly life and not any accountability of this world will taken. So he will live his life according to his will, his desires. But If a man thinks of accountability of this worldly life into other world, he became responsible in his deeds because every act or action will be judged on the day of judgement.

It makes life purposeful because hereafter is the permanent place and this world is just the travelling to reach that permanent place. So if one will be responsible for his actions, so he will do good deeds and avoid bad deeds.

### Dignity of Mankind:

Islam gives everyone equal rights. It makes equality among men and women, muslim and non muslim. Because human being is the superior creation of Allah. So Islam doesn't distinguish humans on the basis of age, race, caste, caste. As Allah says that everyone is equal but the duty person is nearer to Allah.

Prophet (P.B.U.H) said in his last

Sermon: "No Arab is superior than non Arab and not non Arab is superior than Arab, no white is better than black and no black is better than white, the superior and better is the one who is piously righteous in his duties and piously - one is nearer to Allah"

Allah creates human with wisdom and intellectual powers and made him superior to all other creation.

As Allah says in Surah Taha:  
**"Indeed, we have created man in the best form."**

All men ~~are~~ are created by Allah and everyone has to give his accountability of his actions according to his deeds. Everyone is equal in front of Allah so we also create equality among all mankind because Islam promotes equality. As for Education,

Prophet (P.B.U.H) says:

**"Education is mandatory for all men and women"**

**Promotes humanity:**

Islam promotes humanity by giving rights to human and as well as to animals. Humans should

gives rights to other humans and also to the animals such as take care of them, feed them and do not hurt them.

**Character building** :: It is the main quality of a man which conquered all hearts because to give respect, spread love among all is the best deed in front of Allah.

Hazrat Muhammad (P.B.U.H) said:

"One among you is not stronger than overcome others by his strength but stronger is one who controls his anger." (Bukhari).

As Allah says that "Hazrat Muhammad (P.B.U.H) is the best example of character building". When Islam was spreading far away at starting time, when Prophet Muhammad (P.B.U.H) spread the message of Islam, his enemies accepted Islam only by seeing his character and the non-believers (mushrik) also called Prophet 'Sadiq' and 'Ameen'. It means they were also inspired by the character of Prophet (P.B.U.H).

## Pillars of Islam: Zakat and Salat

Zakat (charity) is mandatory for all capable men and Islam provides this to overcome the poverty.

Through zakat, rich man gives his some wealth to poor which makes life easy for a poor and society will also developed.

Similarly Salat is the main pillar of Islam because it connects man to his lord. Salat makes man responsible and away from evils.

Allah says in Quran:

الَّذِينَ هُمْ فِي صَلَاتِهِمْ خَاشِعُونَ  
"Those who are humble in their prayer."

Finally, Islam has many salient features that make it a truthful and unique religion.

It is the religion of truth.

Because it covers all aspects

of all. It provides all guidances for all the mankind.

If one follows Islam, his life will be more better in this world and in here after.

As Quran says:

إِنَّ الدِّينَ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ الْإِسْلَامُ  
"Indeed, the religion in the sight of Allah is Islam."