01 Chapter 01: "Introduction to Islam"

Meaning and Concept of Islam:

literal meaning:

The literal meaning of word Islam is "سلم" which means peace, Submission and Surrender.

Contextual meaning:

To enter into peace by Submitting to the will of Allah. It also means Submission of desires to the will of Allah.

According to Shahriah:-

It is the Voluntary Submission of desires to the will of Allah and the voluntary entering into peace by Submitting to the will of Allah.

2:256 لَآ إِكْرَاهَ فِى ٱلدِّينِ (Baqrah)
Let There be no Compulsion in Religon.

109:6 لَكُمْ دِينُكُمْ وَلِىَ دِينِ (kafiroon)
"You have your way, and I have my way.

Scholarly According to Prophet:-

Hadith Jibrael: witness of Allah and His Messenger. Establish and practice the pillars of Islam.

Pillars:

1) oneness of Allah.. (Tauheed)
2) Prayers (Salah)
3) Zakat (financial worship)
4) Hajj
5) fasting (SOM).

Dr Hameedullah:- He says that Islam is a Monotheist Deen revealed upon Prophet Muhammad (PBUH).

Imam Ghazali:-

Islam is combination of, Rights of Allah and Rights of people.

Ibn Tamiyyah:-
It is the Surrender to Allah Alone by dedicating servitude, obedience and Submission for his sake.

"Islam is a Universal Deen."

Explanation:-
Islam means to achieve peace — peace with God, peace within oneself, and peace with creations of God — through wholly Submitting oneself to God and accepting his guidance.

Islam means Submission and peace, Submission to the moral imperatives of one and only God and peace with his creatures.
On the vertical level God to man Relationship, Islam means Submission and on horizontal level Man to Man Relationship, Islam means peace. The true love of God and Submission to his commands.

Essence of Islam:-
Prophet Muhammad mentioned in a narrative the best Summary of the core of Islam as:

"Submission means

that to bear witness there is no God but Allah and Muhammad is Allah's Messenger, that you should perform the ritual prayer, pay the alms tax, fast during Ramadan, and make the pilgrimage to the House if able to go there."

Basis of Islamic Belief:-

Muslims believe in the absolute oneness of God (Tauheed), belief in the Messengers, the Angels, the Revealed Books and the last day of Judgement.

Conclusion:-

The Islamic devotional system which is comprised of daily prayers, alms giving, fasting the month of Ramadan and pilgrimage to Makkah not only vivifies one's devotion to God but also cultivates Self-Discipline, Self-Sacrifice kindness, benevolence and Self-Accountability.

"whoever wants, he should believe, and whoever wants he should disbelieve"
(18:29) Al-Kahf.