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### Introduction:-

Islam is universal religion revealed by Allah to guide all humanity. The word Islam is derived from the Arabic root "S-L-M," which means peace, submission and surrender. Thus Islam means achieving peace by submitting to the will of Allah. It is not only a religion but a complete code of life that covers spiritual, moral, social, economic, and political aspects. Almighty God and His teachings are geared to bringing harmony and peace. The Quran refers to Islam as the path of peace.

"Subul al-Salam." (al-Maidah 5:16)

It raises the banner of reconciliation, Sulh (an-Nisa) (4:18) and state that God abhors disturbance of peace, Fitnah (al-Baqarah) 2:205). Allah is al-Salam, which is one of His Ninety Nine most Beautiful Names. and the ideal society, according to the Quran, is 'Dar al-Salam' which means the abode of peace (Youn 10:25)

## Literal Meaning of Islam

Literally, Islam means peace, submission and surrender, and to give one's self up.

## Contextual Meaning of Islam

Islam means to submit willingly to Allah. To surrender one's desires to His commands. To live a life according to His guidance.

The Quran also emphasizes freedom of belief.

Surah Al-Baqarah (2:256)  
"There is no compulsion in religion"

Surah Yunus (10:99) "Would you compel people to become believers?"

## Islam As a Submission to Allah:

Islam teaches that true peace comes only when a person submits completely to Allah. It requires obedience, faith and sincerity. Islam is both belief & action.

According to prophet Muhammad (S.A.W) "Islam is the combination of the belief in Allah and his messenger and to establish and practice all five pillars of Islam."

## Scholars perspective; about Islam.

→ According to Imam Abu Hanifa:

"Islam is to surrender and submit to the Command of Allah."

→ According to Imam Al-Ghazali:

"Islam is a complete system conforming rights and of Allah and rights of people"

→ According to Dr. Hameedullah:

Islam is monotheistic religion revealed upon prophet Muhammad (S.A.W)

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He (Jibril) said: "O Muhammad, tell me about Islam. He said: "It is to bear witness that there is none worthy of worship except Allah and that Muhammad is the messenger of Allah, to establish the Salah, to give Zakat, to fast Ramadan, and perform Hajj to the house of you are able to tolerate the journey," he said, "you have spoken the truth"

## Islam is a Universal Deen:

→ It guide us on every aspect of life.

→ It is not limited to a specific time, unlike the other heavenly book. This is eternal.

→ It is not confined to a specific geography unlike the previous Deen e.g. Hameeth Ibrahim was only for his own era.

- It is not limited to a specific ethnicity unlike the other religion like judaism, hinduism as they are sacred.
- Islam is for entire mankind:  
It is an ideal system of living for all mankind.

## Silent feature of Islam

**A- Tawheed** - Unique concept of Tawheed.

The most important belief in Islam is Tawheed (Oneness of Allah)

According to our prophet (SAWA) said  
It is our first part of (Khatma).

Surah Al-Akhlak (112:1-4)

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Allah is One, Eternal, neither born nor gives birth, and none is equal to Him.

Allama Shibli Nomani writes in his Sirat-un-Nabi

Tawheed is the first chapter of Islamic teaching, and Islam is like a fort whose in-house gate is Tawheed.

It is the core belief of Islam. Everything is for God; faith, worship, ritual etc and every system, law and rule is regulation all give us Allah.

## 2- Prophethood :

Belief in finality of Prophethood that Muhammad is the last prophet.

Surah - Al-Ahzab (33:40)

"Muhammad is not the father of any of your men, but he is the Messenger of Allah and Seal of the Prophets"

### Sumrah as a Source of Guidance

The life of the prophet provides practical guidance in every field of life; a source of Education, morality, laws/Rules etc.

Surah An-Najam (53:3-4)

"He does not speak from his own desire. It is only revelation sent to him."

The prophet is a role model in leadership, justice, character, education etc.

Surah - Al-Ahzab (33:21)

Indeed, in the Messenger of Allah, you have an excellent example.

## 3- Islam Ensure Human Dignity :-

Islam Ensures dignity to everyone Irrespective of colour, race, gender.

It gives respect to all humans.

→ Surah Al-Isra (17:70)

"We have honored the children of Adam"

Surah At-Tin (95:4)

"We created man in the best form"

فقد خلقنا الانسان في احسن تقويم

Surah Al-Baqarah (2:30)

Humans are made Khalifah

(Viceregents) on earth

This shows the superiority of humans

#### 4- 4- Equality & Justice

Islam promotes equality and justice and rejects discrimination based on race, color, or health.

Surah Al-e-Imron (3:26)

"You give honor to whom you will."

Islam teaches that all humans are descended from a single pair, Adam and Eve. This shared ancestry means that no individual is inherently superior to another by birth or lineage.

Surah Al-Hujurat (49:13)

"Indeed, the most noble of you in the sight of Allah is the most righteous of you."

Hajj (pilgrimage) and Daily Prayer are practical examples of this equality. Million of people from diverse background stand side by side in the same rows. With reserve seat for elite symbolize equality before Allah.

#### 5 -5 Islam as a Complete Code of life.

Because it guide in every aspect of life (individual and collective) life

## 1- Individual life:

On the individual level, Islam guide a person from birth to death. including upbringing of child - Aqan, Aqusa, etc., character building of a person, Education - (Hadiith) " Seeking knowledge is obligatory for every muslims." It highlights emphasis on intellectual growth, moral development, lawful earning and family responsibility.

## 2- Collective life:

On the collective level Islam provides a comprehensive system for society, including social system, political system, economic fairness, through Zakat, and a legal system based on justice and accountability. Thus, Islam extends to all areas of life.

## 6- Islam promotes Humanity :-

Islam provides humanity, compassion and the protection of human rights.

It teaches to help the needy, care for others, and maintain strong moral character. As mentioned in

Surah - Al-Hujrah (49: 13)

Indeed, the most noble of you is the most righteous of you, Allah is knowing and Acquainted.

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Surah Al-Maidah (5:32)

"And whoever save one - it is as if he had saved mankind entirely"

→ Charity is humanity:

Surah Al-Baqara (2:177)

Righteousness as helping relatives, orphans, and the needy.

Hadith -

The prophet (SAW) said, "Every act of goodness is charity."

The Prophet (SAW) Farewell Sermon  
(Khutba-e-huja-tul-ula)

Emphasized the protection of life, property, and honor, of all mankind laying foundation of human rights long before modern declaration.

⇒ Social work and provision of medical services are the promotion of humanity.

: In Egypt one old university (Al-Azhar university - Dr. Wasiullah Mabkas - wrote a book -

(Key feature of Islam) where he says social work is the key feature of Islam.

7- Animal Rights:

Islam gives significant importance to animal rights and its protection  
Hadith:

The prophet Muhammad (SAW)

reprimanded a person for his camel was thirsty."

The Prophet (S.A.W.) taught kindness towards animals and warned against cruelty. For instance, a woman was punished for starving a cat.

## 8- Protection of Environment

Islam encourages environmental care, as planting tree is considered an act of charity.

Hadiths:

- "Planting tree is a best charity"
- "Don't cut green tree even if you are in war"

The prophet (S.A.W.) prohibited cutting green tree unnecessarily. These teachings reflect Islam's comprehensive approach toward all living beings and the environment.

## 9- Islam as a Universal Religion

Islam is a universal religion meant for all mankind. It is not confined to a specific time, place, or nation. Its teachings are eternal and applicable in every era.

Unlike previous religions that were limited to particular communities, Islam addresses all humanity and provides guidance for every situation. This universality makes Islam timeless and complete system of life.

## 10 - Accountability & Concept of Hereafter (Akhirah)

Islam strongly emphasizes accountability and belief in the Hereafter. Every individual is responsible for his/her actions and will be judged by Allah on the Day of Judgment. This belief creates a strong moral consciousness in society, as that no action is hidden from Allah.

Surah Az-Zalzalah (99:7-8)

"Whoever does an atom's weight of good will see it, and whoever does an atom's weight of evil will see it." This ensures justice, discipline, and ethical behavior.

## -11 Brotherhood & Social Solidarity:-

Islam establishes a strong sense of brotherhood and unity among believers. It teaches that all Muslims are equal and part of one community (Ummah), regardless of race, nationality, or status. This unit promotes cooperation, mutual help & social harmony.

Surah Al-Hujurat (49:10)

"The believers are but brother"

This concept eliminates divisions and creates a society based on love, justice, & mutual respects.

## -12 Balance Between Spirituality & Materialism:-

One of the unique features of Islam is that it maintains balance between spiritual and worldly life. It teaches that worldly activities like earning livelihood, business,

and family responsibilities can also become acts of worship if done with the right intention.

Surah Al-Qabas (28:77)

"Seek the hereafter with what Allah has given you, but do not forget your share of the world."

Hadith - Aisha - Bint-Abi Bakr (رضي الله عنها)

"She narrated three men came to inquire about the worship of prophet (S.A.W)

One of them said, "I will pray all night and never sleep." Another said,

"I will fast continuously & never break my fast." The third said, "I will avoid marriage and never marry."

When prophet (S.A.W) heard this, he corrected them and said:

"By Allah I am the most generous of Allah among you and the most pious, yet I fast and I break my fast, I pray and sleep, and I marry women. Whoever turns away from Sunnah is not from me." (Sahih al-Bukhari)

## Conclusion

According to Syed Abul Maududi Islam is a comprehensive code governing every aspect of human life. Islam is a complete code, balance and universal way of life that integrates belief, worship, morality, and social justice under the central

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Concept of Tawheed. It provide guidance to both individual and collective life. ensuring dignity, and equality and accountability for all human beings. As highlighted by Allama Iqbal, Islam is not merely a set of beliefs but a dynamic system that shapes both the inner self and outer society. Through the teaching of the Quran and Sunnah of Prophet (S.A.W), Islam establishes a harmonious balance between spiritual & material life formless frame work this world and hereafter.