

1) Introduction to Islam:

Meaning and concept of Islam:

اسلام کا برائے نام
Din-e-hanif
which means
ones,
ایک خدا کو مانتے والے

→ Literal/Dictionary meaning: - لغتی معنی

The word Islam's root word is "Slm" which literally means "to submit," "yield" "surrender" or "submission". "peace".

→ In Quran, Allah says:

When his lord said to him, "submit", he said "I have submitted [in islam] to the lord of the world" (2:131)

→ Imam Raghib said,

"Islam means entering into salam, and salam or Slm both signify peace".

→ Contextual/Connotative meaning: - الٰہی اصطلاحی

→ To enter in peace by submitting to the will of Allah

→ peace can be achieved only through this.

→ Submission of desires to the will of Allah.

Terminological →

Islam, as a faith, means total and sincere

surrender to Allah so that can live in peace & tranquillity.

→ لَا إِكْرَاهَ فِي الدِّينِ

"There is no compulsion in religion". (2:256)

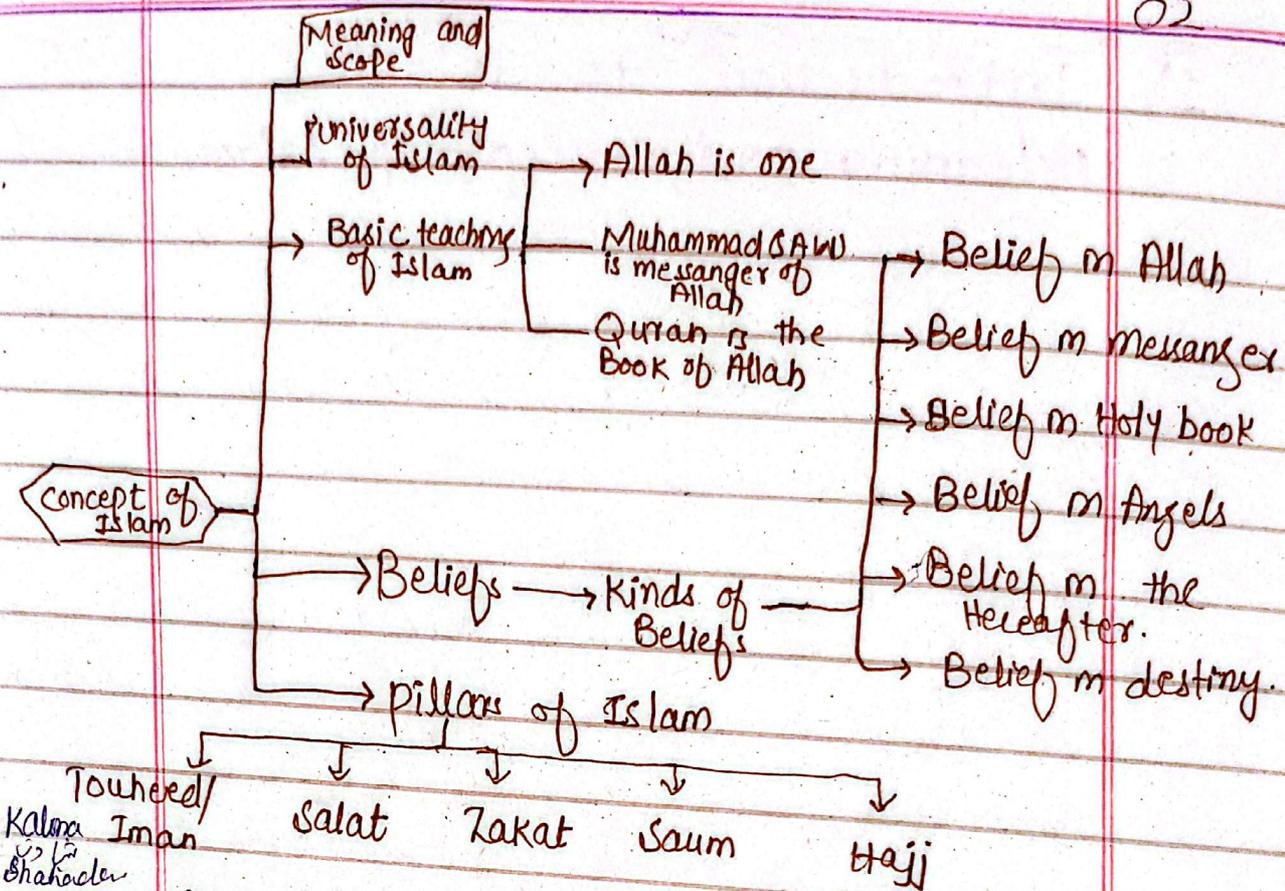
لَكُمْ دِينُكُمْ وَلِي دِينِي

"For you is your deen, and for me is my deen" (109:06).

surely we have been given the message, and surely we are its guardian (Al-Hijr 15:9)

This day, I have perfected your Deen for you, completed my favor upon you, and have chosen for you Islam as your Deen (Al-Maida 5:3).

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By Holy prophet PBUH

- ⇒ "Witnesses of Allah and his messenger. [essence of Islam]
- ⇒ Establish/practice the pillars of Islam.

Kalima, Salat, Zakat, Saum, Hajj

According to Hadees

"It is the only prayers that distinguish b/w a believer and non-believer."

By Imam Ghazali-

Islam is the combination of two things

- ① Rights of Allah حقوق الله
- ② Rights of people حقوق العباد

According to Quran:

Quran endorses Islam as:

"Indeed, religion (Deen) in the sight of Allah is Islam" (Al-Quran, 3:19)

"And whosoever seeks a Deen other than Islam, it will never be accepted from him." (Al-Quran, 3:85).

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By Molana Sadruddin Islahis

Islam is combination of two things

one faith and worships.

"Actions are the results of faiths"

كُلُّ دِينٍ جُلُودٌ

By Dr. Hameedullah. FPSC scholars.

Islam is a monotheist deen revealed upon PBUH.

By Oxford dictionary

⇒ According to OD Islam consist of 3 things

⇒ Oneness of Allah.

⇒ Testimony of the prophet Muhammad (PBUH) messengership.

⇒ To follow and practice muslim culture.

Universality of Islam:

⇒ Islam is a universal deen.

It is not limited to a specific ethnicity

⇒ The name Islam is universal in meaning.

⇒ Islam is not named after a tribe of people or an individual, as Judaism is named after the tribe of Judah, Christianity after Christ and Buddhism after Buddha.

⇒ Islam is not limited for a specific time

⇒ It is not confined to a specific geography it is for all world

like Quran and the Torah, Zaboor & Injeel occur for specific time

⇒ Islam is a global faith not of the east or west

⇒ Islam is a complete way of life, implying a total submission to Allah.

⇒ One who surrenders one's will to Allah voluntarily is called a muslim.

Islam occurs for entire mankind:-
 I Ideal
 S System of
 L Living for
 A all of
 M mankind

Every book has a title so Quran title is mankind
 In Quran
 "Killing one innocent person is like killing all humanity,
 and saving one life like saving all humanity"
 (Al-Quran, 5:32)
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→ It was not Muhammad (PBUH) but Adam who first brought Islam to humanity.

→ Allah is an Arabic word, meaning "the one and only True God", the proper name of the One who created the heavens & the earth.

→ It guides us in every aspect of life.

Salient features of Islam:- Unique concept of tawheed
 Tawheed foundation of Islam
 Tawheed essence of Islam

1) Islamic concept of monotheism (tawheed)
 → Allah is the one and there is no god but Allah is the 1st and foremost teaching of Islam.

Islamic concept of tawheed is our first part of Kalma (witnesses of Allah). Because tawheed is a core pillar of Islam.

→ Shirk - is the biggest sin in Islam.

→ In surah Ikhlas. (30: Chapter 112).

قُلْ هُوَ اللَّهُ أَحَدٌ ۝ اللَّهُ الصَّمَدُ ۝ لَمْ يَلِدْ وَلَمْ يُولَدْ ۝
 وَ لَمْ يَكُنْ لَهُ كُفُوًا أَحَدٌ ۝

"Say: He is Allah, [who is] one ① Allah, the eternal Refuge ② He neither begets nor is born, ③ Nor is there to him any equivalent" ④

OR Say: He is Allah, the one! Allah is eternal and absolute. None is born of him and nor was He born. And there is none like him.

Allama Shabli Nomani.

Quoted Ahadees

"Tawheed is the 1st chapter of Islamic syllabus."

By Holy prophet PBUH said:

"Islam is like a fort and the door of that fort is tauheed."

- ⇒ Every follower of Islam has not only to believe in one God in his heart but also to express this belief by his tongue & demonstrate it through his deeds.
- ⇒ In the technical language of the religion, the belief in one God is called **Tauheed**.
- ⇒ Tauheed is a belief in Allah with all His powers and attributes.

2) Prophethood (Muhammad is the Messenger of Allah)

- ⇒ Finality of prophethood. ⇒ 2nd
- ⇒ The book revealed to Muhammad (PBUH) is **Al-Quran** which is the last revealed message of God to mankind, the religion given to him is **Al-Islam** which is the first and last

religion and was in fact given to every prophet who preceded Muhammad (PBUH).

- ⇒ He (PBUH) has been called by the Qur'an as a messenger of Allah, a warner and a bringer of good news, a seal of the prophets and a witness on the Day of Judgment.
- ⇒ He is a messenger to all mankind and his mission is universal.
- ⇒ He is a mercy for humanity and was foretold by previous prophets especially by Jesus.
- ⇒ He is a role model for his followers and his conduct and character have been called Supreme and superb by the Qur'an.

way of life:

- ⇒ His sayings, his traditions, his practices and his conventions (collectively called the Sunnah) carry great authority for the believers, being only next to the Qur'an which is the word of God.
- ⇒ It is the second part of Kalma.

Finality of prophethood:-

Muhammad PBUH is not the father of anyone of you, but he is Allah's messenger and the seal of the prophets [33:40].

We also receive education from the prophet (PBUH).

Hadees:

"Verily I have been sent as a teacher to mankind".

Rules/Laws- Hazrat Muhammad PBUH is a primary source of Shallah for us.

"Nor does he speak of his own whims. It is only a revelation sent down to him. (53:3-4).

Hazrat Muhammad PBUH is a role model for us.

"Indeed, in the messenger of Allah you have an excellent example for whoever has hope in Allah and the last day, and remembers Allah often (33:21).

3) Dignity of mankind-

→ Islam protects the dignity of humanity.

Islam has bestowed a special status and status on all humanity without any discrimination.

Allah Almighty says in the Holy Quran

"Remember when your Lord said to the angels,

"I am going to place a successive human authority on earth". (Al Quran 2:30).

When Allah creates Humans, Allah says in

Quran "Indeed, we created humans in

the best form. (95:04)

and another verse of the Holy Quran

Allah says "

"Certainly, we have honoured the children of Adam" ^{(17:70) Means} Superior of all the creations is

manhood → Rights of minority

→ Respect of men and women are all from Allah.

→ The children of Adam were honoured.

In Quran " And He honours whom he wills, and he disgraces whom he wills. (3:26)

Human dignity has been one of the central themes in Islamic teachings. Islam has given a distinct position to humanity by viewing humans as the noblest of creatures and man as the vicegerent of Allah on earth.

"According to the Holy Quran, human beings have been inspired by the divine spirit, therefore their status is unique among the creatures (38:72)

4) Complete code of life-

It Guides in every aspect of life. It guides individuals and societies through the Quran and Sunnah in all aspects of life to achieve balance and success in this life and the hereafter.

⇒ Individual lives-

Birth and Upbringing of childrens

Upon birth, rituals like the Adhan (call to prayer) in the ear, shaving hair (Charity given in its weight).

Children have right to be raised in security, love and Islamic values, parents raising children on Islamic teachings, emphasizing virtues like truthfulness, kindness and justice.

Character building-

We all try that our characters are like prophet PBUH (sadiq and Amin) - honesty, justice (even against hatred), compassion, humility & responsibility.

Avoiding harm, back biting and wrongdoing,
Seeking justice in all dealings.

Spiritual discipline like prayer, fasting, charity, and pilgrimage build discipline and connection to Allah.

Education:

"Seeking knowledge is obligatory for every muslim". It's a lifelong duty for every muslim.

Livelihoods-

"Earning lawful (halal) sustenance is also worship". means emphasizing fair trade, avoiding interest and exploitation. providing for oneself and family; the state supports the needy.

family life

Islam promotes both nuclear families and broader familial support networks, with emphasis on honoring parents. Clear rights and duties for spouses, parents and children. A virtuous child is considered a great blessing and brings delight to parents. So from one generation to next generation it guides us in every aspect of life.

⇒ Collective Lives

⇒ social systems

Brotherhood and Equality: Islam promotes the concept of Ummah (universal brotherhood) where no race, color or class is superior; only piety (Taqwa) defines merit.

- Rights and duties of neighbours.

Family as the Unit: Recognizes the family as the nucleus of society, with defined right and obligations for parents, children and spouses.

Social Harmony: Emphasizes compassion, respect for neighbours, care for orphans and the poor, and forbidding evils.

Freedom of beliefs: Allow non-muslims (Dhimmis) to live, practice their religion, and have rights protected within an Islamic states

political systems- Based on tauheed and Rhi lafah, it emphasizes that sovereignty belongs to Allah, and leaders are accountable trustees. Ultimate power belongs to Allah, and leaders are accountable trustees. It mandates Shura (consultation) in decision making and ensures justice for all citizens, regardless of race or religion.

Administrative systems This revolves around meritocracy, honesty and transparency. It mandates that public offices are a trust, requiring officials to serve the public interest with efficiency and integrity.

Financial system:- Islam promotes a circulation of wealth that avoids concentration in the hands of a few. It strictly prohibits interest (Riba), hoarding and exploitation, ^{while mandating} Zakat to redistribute wealth to the poor.

Global affairs Based on the principle of human equality and peaceful coexistence. It demands the honoring of international treaties, forbids unprovoked aggression, and establishes strict ethical codes for conduct even during states of war.

5) Islam promotes humanity:-

Islam prominently promotes humanity and the cultivation of noble character (Akhlaq). The teachings of prophet (PBUH) emphasize that good character is not merely social etiquette, but an integral part of worship and a means to achieve spiritual proximity to Allah.

⇒ In modern day psychology also endorsed that if a person cannot solve someone's problem, but listening with empathy, respect and genuine attention provides emotional support. This act itself is considered a meaningful expression of humanity.

Surah Humazas-

برائی کا اس شخص سے جو کسی کی غیب کرنا ہو۔

Woe to every backbiter, slanderer (104:1)

Surah Hujrats-

Medical services:

providing basic necessities is also humanity. Like para medical staff etc.

In Quran Allah says

"Emphasizes the sanctity of human life, decreeing that killing one person unjustly is like killing all humanity, and saving one life is like saving all humanity." (5:32).

Hadees Qudsi:

"Allah shows displeasure ^{from a person} ↑ who never visit a patient."

Public welfare/social workers:

In modern day many NGOs, who work for public welfare and humanity.

At Azhar University: Dr Wasiullah M Abbas says in his Book (Key features of Islam). Islam's biggest and important quality is "Practice of Social Services".

protection of human rights-

protection of human rights are also humanity.

In article 8 to 28 are basic human rights.

Islam gives ↓ the message of ↑ ^{humanity} 1400 years before

"Hutba Hajjathul wida'ah"

Allah says and how Muhammad (PBUH) elaborate it that "Muslims are brothers, no Arab is superior to non-Arab, nor white to black, except by piety. Emphasis on fulfilling trusts, treating wives/servants with kindness and mutual respect".

protection of animal rights-

Muhammad PBUH gave us the rights of animals in 1400 years before "He reprimended a person just because his camel was thirsty".

The prophet (PBUH) emphasized that kindness to any living creature with a heart carries divine reward.

"Fear Allah in these beasts who cannot speak".

Environment protections-

Muhammad PBUH said that "planting a green tree is a best charity".

"Don't cut green trees if you are in war^{even}".

"Don't waste a single drop of water even if you are sitting on a running stream".

The prophet saw showed much care and concern towards the environment and aimed at caring and protecting it wholeheartedly.

6) Justice and Equality-

Justice is a core principle of Islam. It ensures equality before law and strictly condemns oppression and exploitation.

Allah says: وَلَا تَجْرِمُنَا بِسَاءِ مَا كُنَّا نَعْمَلُ وَلَا تَجْرِمْنَا بِسَاءِ مَا كُنَّا نَعْمَلُ

"And do not let the hatred of a people prevent you from being just. Be just; that is nearer to piety." (05:08)

وَلَا تَجْرِمُنَا بِسَاءِ مَا كُنَّا نَعْمَلُ وَلَا تَجْرِمْنَا بِسَاءِ مَا كُنَّا نَعْمَلُ

"Do not help one another towards sin and transgression." (05:04)

وَلَا تَجْرِمُنَا بِسَاءِ مَا كُنَّا نَعْمَلُ وَلَا تَجْرِمْنَا بِسَاءِ مَا كُنَّا نَعْمَلُ

All human beings are equal in the eyes of Allah, regardless of their race, ethnicity or social status.

7) Balance and Moderations-

Islam promotes moderation and discourages extremism, maintaining a balance between spiritual and worldly life.

والَّذِينَ إِذَا أَنْفَقُوا لَمْ يُسْرِفُوا وَلَمْ يَقْتُرُوا وَكَانَ بَيْنَ ذَلِكَ قَوَامًا

They are those who spent neither wastefully nor stingily, but moderately in between. (25:67)

Allah says that live your life simple and moderate way, Allah says in Quran.

"And walk not on the earth with conceit and arrogance." (17:37). وَلَا تَمْشِ فِي الْأَرْضِ مَرَحًا.

8) Moral and Ethical Values-

Islam stresses honesty, truthfulness, patience, tolerance and good character as the foundation of a stable society.

"The best among you are those who have the best manners and character." (Sahih al-Bukhari).

9) Accountability and Hereafters-

Belief in the day of judgment creates a sense of responsibility and accountability, encouraging ethical conduct. Islam teaches that everyone is fully accountable to Allah for their worldly life on the day of judgment.