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What is Islam?

Ans

## Introduction

In Ancient time, Islam was known as Deen-e-Haneef and word "Haneef" means "Monotheist". Islam word first time used by Allah in Quran. There are many definitions of Islam: like literal or Dictionary, Contextual, Islamic Shariah, famous Islamic scholars and from prominent hadiths view.

### 1- Literal / Dictionary Meaning:

1- The word Islam is a Arabic word which means peace and it is taken from S.L.M (س-ل-م) word. And another meaning of Islam is surrender or submission.

2- Bearing witness of oneness of Allah and witness that Prophet Muhammad (P.B.U.H) is his last prophet and messenger and to follow the Islamic culture.

3- Ideal system of living for all mankind.

4- Islam is a universal religion and for all people.

Allah said in Quran:

يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ

" O people / O mankind!"

(Al-Quran)

2- من قتل نفسا بغير حق...

قتل الناس جميعا.

"Whoever kills a soul unjustly, it is as he has killed entire mankind."

Surah Al-Maidah S:32

## 2- Contextual Meaning:

1- To enter peace by submitting the will of Allah.

Allah said in Quran:

يا ايها الذين آمنوا ادخلوا في

السلام اذ

"O you who believe! enter in peace (Islam) completely."

Surah Al-Baqarah 2:208

2- Islam is submitting of desires to the will of Allah.

## 3- In the light of Islamic Shariah:

Voluntary submission of desires to the will of Allah.

Allah said in Quran:

لا اكره في الدين

"There is no compulsion/coercion in the choice of religion."

Surah Al-Baqarah 2:256.

لَا يَدْعُونَ إِلَهًا إِلَّا هُوَ سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ عَمَّا يُشْرِكُونَ -2

"For you is your religion and for me is my religion."

Surah Kafirun 109:06

#### 4- In the view of our Prophet Muhammad (P.B.U.H):

"Whoever wants to enter in peace then must witness of oneness of Allah and Prophet Muhammad (P.B.U.H) is his last prophet and messengers. And to follow the Islamic culture."

#### 5- According to the famous Islamic scholars:

1- Imam Ghazali:

"Islam is a combination of rights of Allah and rights of people."

Allah said in Quran:

لَا يَسْتَفْزِقُونَ مِنْ قَوْمٍ -1

"let not one people mock another."

Surah Al-Hujurat 49:11

وَبِالْوَالِدَيْنِ إِحْسَانًا -2

"Be kind to parents."

Surah An-Nish 4:36.

Translation:

I did not create jinn and human except -3

to worship Me".

Surah Adh-Dhariyat 51:56

2 - Maulana Sadruddin Islahi :

"Islam is a combination of Faiths and Rituals".

Reference :

Prophet Muhammad (P.B.U.H) said actions are the result of faith.

3 - Dr. Muhammad Hanidullah :

"Islam is a complete code of life that guides both individual and collective life.

4 - Allama Iqbal :

"Islam is a complete system of life that develops human-self.

5 - Khurshid Ahmad :

"Islam is a dynamic and practical way of life and obedience to Allah.

## 6 - From Prominent Hadiths :

1 - Hadith Sahih - Bulchari :

من آمن بالله ورسوله وأقام الصلاة وآتى الزكاة وحج البيت وصام رمضان فهو مسلم

"A Muslim is one from whose tongue and hands people are safe."

Meaning / Explanation :

Islam means peace, safety and non-harm.

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2 - Hadith Sahih - Bulchari :

إن الدين يسر  
"Indeed, religion is easy".

Meaning:

Islam is easy to follow, not very difficult.

3 - Hadith Sahih - Muslim :

Translation :

"Islam is sincerity (and good will)"

Meaning:

Islam means sincerity to wards Allah and people.

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