

Introduction:-

Islam is an Arabic word. It means the act of resignation to God. The root word is *SLM*, pronounce 'salm' means peace from which comes the word 'asalam' means he submitted, he resigned himself.

Islam is the religion which brings peace to mankind when man commits himself to God and submit himself to His will. It is the religion of truth and is the embodiment of the code of life which God, the Creator and the Lord of the universe, has revealed for the guidance of mankind.

In Quran (3:83) Allah said; Say, we believe in God, and in the revelation given to us and to Abraham, Isaac and the tribes. We believe in the revelation that was sent to Moses, Jesus and other Prophets from their Lords. We make no distinction between them, and unto Him we surrender".

The basic Islamic Concept is that the entire universe was created by Allah, who is the Lord and the Sovereign of the universe. Allah has prescribed a certain code of life as the correct one for him, but has at the same time conferred on man freedom of choice as to whatever or not he adopts this code as the actual basis of his life.

ITS DISTINCTIVE ASPECTS:-

1) Tawhid:-

Tawhid is the essence of Islam, It is an Arabic word which means "oneness" and unity.

The Holy Quran says,

"And your God is One God: there is no god but He, most Gracious, most Merciful."

Islam enjoins the believer to worship One Allah alone. No other being or object is worthy for worship, if he did so he is doing shirk and shirk is strictly forbidden in Islam.

2) Angels:-

Belief in angels is one of the cardinal articles of a Muslim's faith and Allah says in Quran:

"And surely, guardians have been appointed over you. The honoured recorders who know what you do."

3) Belief In Revealed Books

Belief in the Holy Book is a basis of Islamic faith

In Holy Quran (2:117);

Allah says,

"But righteous is he who believes in Allah and the Last Day and the angels and the Scripture"

4) Beliefs In Prophets.

Prophets are the chosen people of Allah. Muslims must believe in the line of Prophets from Adam to the Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H). Allah sent His Prophets to every nation for the guidance of mankind.

Allah says, "For every nation there was a guide".

5) Beliefs in Faith:-

Muslims must believe that all events that are to take place are pre-ordained by Allah. Belief in the pre-ordinator is the freedom of will, not freedom of actions.

As in Quran it is mentioned that nothing will ever happen to us except what Allah has ordained for us.

6) Beliefs In Resurrection And the Last Day:-

Beliefs in resurrection and the last Day, accountability and everlasting life in Heaven or Hell is a basic component of faith in Islam. The Holy Quran highlights the belief in the resurrection mainly because it is a significant principle of righteousness and reform in the world.

Importance of Deen In Human Life.

Deen comprehensively serves the needs of mankind. For every occurrence in all places and all-times there is a Deen ruling that applies to it. It is evergreen:-

Deen is the harmony with the inherent nature of man, it is completely just, it comprehensively deals with all aspects of life, and it can just as appropriately be applied today as it was applied more than 14 centuries ago -

Guides In all aspects of Life:-

It does not exclusively deal with man's worldly needs, nor does it deal solely with his religious duties, rather, it comprehensively takes care of both.

Brings closure to Allah:-

Deen introduces us with Allah. It brings us closer to Him and explains the relationship between Creator and creature.

CONCLUSION:-

Islam is complete, comprehensive and magnificent. In every respect, it strikes as a perfect balance.

"And We Have Explained Everything
(In Detail) With full Explanation"
(17:12)

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Shahada ("The declaration of faith")

Shahadah "The first of the five pillars is the

"I bear witness that there is no god except Allah, and I bear the witness that Muhammad (S.A.W) is the messenger of Allah."

Allah has no partners, neither does any one share His divinity!

Individually responsibility here becomes clear, since the commanding presence of Allah alone makes each one of us acutely aware of his duty throughout the world's worldly. It helps the soul to communicate with Allah and remind people of the purpose of their lives, invokes self-respect and makes people humble and modest.

Prayer (Salat)

It literally means to "supplicate"
Prayer in Islam means to worship Allah five times a day, as taught by the Holy Prophet (S.A.W.W)

Quran says: "Undoubtedly, the prayers fort one from indecency and evil thing" (29: 45)

Praying purifies the body and the heart, from the sin of the past. It brings positive energy and consistency to life. It also fosters equality, brotherhood and humility among people and offers peace to soul.

It creates best discipline and obedient to one leader. It also diminish the distance of high and low ranks; weak and strong, rich and poor, ruler and ruled.

iii) Zakat

Zakat literally meaning purification. It was made compulsory for the first of Ramadan in the 2nd year of after Hijra.

Rasool says;

"Keep Up Prayer and pay Zakat"

(Zakat) Charity helps one to become selfless for a minute and help them to understand the plight of others. It teaches people that the poor and deprived have a right in the wealth of the rich and constantly exhorts the rich to meet the obligations.

It helps to increase the count of wealth and maintains a balance in society.

iv) FASTING:-

The literal meaning of fast

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is abstinence. In Islamic terminology, it means to abstain from eating, drinking, smoking and not allowing anything to enter the stomach from the break of dawn till the sunset. B:7

Holy Quran Says:-

"O believers! Fasting has been prescribed for you as it was prescribed for those before you so that you may attain piety."
(2.183)

Fasting helps to develop will power and teaches the art of patience. It teaches compassion and solidarity with other and in particular with the poor. Fasting is an institution for the improvement of the moral and spiritual condition of man. One learns to be punctual and to manage his time in an organized way.

HAJJ

The literal meaning of the word Hajj is 'to set out' or 'to make a pilgrimage'. It refers to a Muslim's act of worship, performed annually in the month of Ramadan.

The Holy Quran Says:-

"Pilgrimage to the House is a duty which man owes to Allah, who can find a way to it."

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Hajj is a journey of individual self-renewal, inspired by self-purification and devotion to Allah. It is the wholesome demonstration of the universality of Islam, Muslim brotherhood and equality. Hajj is the symbol of unity and equality before Allah. During the journey people overcome their class and race biases to worship Him. It helps the individual in controlling the temper and moving forward with determination. Muslims living in various parts of the world get to know each other, discuss common affairs, promote general welfare and lay the foundation of a strong socio-religious culture.

Human rights in Islam stem from two foundation principles - dignity and equality. Dignity is a fundamental right of every human being merely by virtue of his or her humanity.

The diversity of humanity into many races is a testament to Allah's majesty and wisdom. Racial superiority and discrimination is prohibited in Islam.

The Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H) in the last sermon said that:-

No Arab has any superiority over a non-Arab, nor does a Non-Arab have a superiority over an Arab. Nor does a white man have superiority over black men, and vice-versa. You are all the children of Adam and Adam was created from clay.

Status Of Women In Islam.

In Islamic tradition, a woman has an independent identity. Islam regards men and women as being of the same essence created from a single soul.

In Islamic perspective, a woman has an honoured position. She has special respect, love, gentle feeling along with her legal and civil rights.

Islam has high regard for women as mother, daughter, sisters and wives.

STATUS OF WOMEN AS MOTHER.

A believer who is obedient to his mother is promised to enter paradise. To disrespect one's mother is a major sin.

The Holy Prophet said;

One who looks at the face of his mother with sentiments of reverence and love once, is rewarded as if he had performed the Aljirime.

STATUS OF WOMEN AS DAUGHTER (SISTER).

Holy Prophet (S.A.W.W) called daughter as a blessing of Allah. A father who brings up one, two or more daughter is declared as an inmate of Paradise.

The Holy Prophet (S.A.W) said:-

"Whoever supports two girls till they attain maturity, he and I will come on the Day of Resurrection like this." The Messenger of Allah (S.A.W.W) then joined his fingers to illustrate this.

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Status of Women & Relatives:-

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The Holy Quran describes the position of the wife in a beautiful verse,

"He created for you mates from among yourselves that you might find solace in them and he ordained between you love and mercy" (30:21)

Islam emphasizes upon a husband to be kind and give respect his wife. He must give honorable and sufficient sustenance to his household according to his status. It is unlawful forbidden a man to mistreat his wife in any fashion with abuse, hardships, insult etc.