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Concept of Islam:

The word Islam comes from the Arabic root word "Salam" (plw). In literal sense, it means to surrender, submit, & yield to the will of Allah SWT, one's will. This way, one who submits to the will of Allah SWT, will be granted peace and solace. This is why, Islam also means peace in its literal translation. The one who embrace Islam will be salvated, as per the ~~Hadith~~ of Prophet SAW saying of Prophet SAW: "Embrace Islam, and you will get salvation" (Hadith).

When Prophet Muhammad SAW, one day, was sitting with the people, Jibrael came in human form, and started to questioning the Prophet Muhammad SAW and the second question he enquired was: "What is Islam?" The Prophet Muhammad replied, "Islam is to worship Allah and not worship anything besides Him, to offer prayers perfectly, to pay the charity (Zakat) and to fast in the month of Ramadan." This beautiful incident depicts the importance of certain injunctions in the religion of Islam. It is a religion which put emphasis on the belief of oneness of Allah SWT, without which all the fulfilment of other injunctions would be of no use. And only through oneness of Allah SWT, the religion is complete. It is the starting and the ~~main~~ ^{right} means to achieve salvation, peace and contentment.

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Distinctive Aspects of Islam

- ① Declaration of Oneness of Allah SAW and Prophet-hood of Prophet Muhammad SAW : Shahad.
- ② Universal Religion
- ③ Prayer (Salah)
- ④ Complete Code of life
- ⑤ Alms-giving (Zakat)
- ⑥ Promotes Peace
- ⑦ Fasting (Sawm)
- ⑧ Convenience in following the daily life functions.
- ⑨ Pilgrimage (Hajj)
- ⑩ Knowledge to use Logic and Reasons.

Importance of Din in Human Life

Islam is a complete code of life; it provides guidance to human at every stage of life, in any situation. It provides a being with the motive of life, helps being to distinguish between right and wrong and also helps being to establish every kind of system that one needs.

The importance of Din in Human life is listed below:

- ① Complete code of Life : The word "Din" itself means a general and comprehensive code of life; not only rituals and beliefs, but guidance to lead a productive life; it provides.
- ② Provides all kinds of systems : As it is a complete code of life, it provides the systems through which one can easily live a happy life. Judicial, Social, Political, Economic, and Administrative

systems, the *dein 'Islam'* provides. And these systems had been implemented in the times of prophet Muhammad SAW, and Caliphs of Hazrat Abu, Hazrat Umar, Hazrat Uthman and Hazrat Ali. These system may have prominent impacts, if established in true sense.

③ Provide Guidance: Islam is a source of guidance. Quran provides guidance which is most upright and true and good:

'Surely, this Quran guides to that which is ~~good~~ most upright and gives good news to the believers who do good that they shall have a great reward?'

(Al-Quran)

It not only provides guidance that is good, it also attracts humans to do good and they shall receive reward.

④ Motive of this life: As per the verse of Quran:

'I did not create the Jinn and the humans except for the purpose that they should worship me?'

As one finds this, he would be tilted towards ~~the~~ obeying the injunctions, as only these injunctions and worship will give one the eternal reward. And ~~one's~~ fulfilling the injunctions will become the motive, which surely is good.

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Islamic Beliefs and Fundamentals

① Tawhid - Oneness of Allah SWT:

It is one of the beliefs of Islam which puts emphasis on believing that there is no god, but Allah. And Allah SWT has no beginning and no ending; He is the one who created this universe from scratch without any help of any other being; and He is the one who provides sustenance for all the living creatures.

② Belief in Angels:

Angels are the creatures of Allah SWT. To obey Him is their only purpose, and no one turns against its respective purpose.

'They don't disobey Allah SWT in what He has commanded them, but do all that they are commanded.'

(Al-Quran)

Millions of the angels obey Allah, of whom four superiors are: Jibrael, Mikael, Israfeel, and Israail. Along with them, are 70,000 angels who perform Tawaf around Baitul Ma'moor, Kiraameen-Katibeer who scribes the everyday deeds of humans, and Munkar Nakeer who ~~asks~~ question the deceased ones, once they are placed in the grave.

③ Belief in Akhirat:

Every Muslim believes that this life is temporary and is merely a test. The real life starts in the hereafter (Akhirah) which is permanent abode for all the humans, and there no one will die, as death there would be abolished. According to the verse of Quran:

‘While the Hereafter is much better and much more durable.’

(Al-Quran)

There are two destinations; Jannat which is called to be a guesthouse of Allah for His believers and obedient servant. While Jahannam is a place where Allah SWT will punish the non-believers and those who go against His commands.

④ Belief in Prophet of Islam:

Prophethood is something that a prophet had to transmit the commandments of Allah SWT. And the commandments of Allah SWT are called ‘Wahy’ or revelations. Allah SWT chose persons for this purpose, and the chosen prophets are the best among the people to whom Allah SWT entrust His commands.

‘Allah SWT knows best whom to entrust with His mission and how to get it conducted?’

(Al-Quran)

All these prophets, had spread message for the good of humanity, the knowledge of God and they were infallible.

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⑤ Belief in Holy Books:

Allah SWT had sent down holy books to certain prophets for the purpose of goodness and warning as well. The books revealed are: Taurat to Prophet Musa (A.S), Zabur to Prophet Dawud (A.S), Injil to Prophet Isa (A.S), and lastly Quran to Prophet Muhammad SAW. Besides these books, Allah SWT also sent scrolls to different ~~prophets~~ prophets like Prophet Ibrahim, Prophet Shaleh and Prophet Musa (A.S) and also to others.

Impacts on Individuals

- ① Moral and Ethical values: Islam promotes a comprehensive moral and ethical mechanism based on the teachings of the Quran and Sunnah.
- ② Responsible approach towards life: Belief on Tauhid, and Akhira encourage one to do good and be able to live a responsible life, and never to tilt away from the correct course of life.
- ③ Rewards in hereafter: This will lead one to have a better life cause the fear of punishment and guidance that one get from Quran will encourage one to do even better so as to receive a better reward.
- ④ Endeavor to achieve selflessness: These beliefs have tremendous impact on individual. When one knows the sole purpose is to worship Allah SWT; ~~and~~ he would do away with irresponsibility and turn towards Allah and asks his forgiveness and achieves the selfless life, that is to say, he has no value in itself.

Impacts on Society:

① Utopian Society: The beliefs creates the ideal society, the collection of individual would lead towards a virtuous and pious life, the mischief will disappear and an utopian society will come into being.

② Sense of Brotherhood: The belief on the holy books and the message of Quran about the good deeds or to do good with creates a sense of brotherhood. Prophet Muhammad SAW asked the believers to enjoy the guests, visit the ill ones and succor the poor one, bring all the society together.

③ Sense of Austerity: As the believers know that this world makes no sense, but it is a test. A test to do good, share love, help the needy, and the wealth that one hold will be of no use in hereafter, one then tend to sacrifice that wealth.

Conclusion:

This world is short, but what ever we do here, we would be held accountable for that. So every believers would try to achieve the bliss and avoid misery that awaits humanity after the end of this temporal journey.

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Systems of Human Rights in Islam

① Sanctity of life: life is sacred and anyone who tries to harm any other person commits a crime.

“Whoever kills a person, unless it is for the murder or corruption on earth - it is as if he killed the whole mankind; and whoever saves it, it is as if he saved the whole of the mankind.”

(Al-Quran).

Islam provides a basic right of sacred life, no one has authority to injure or harm a person.

② Equality in the sight of Allah SWT: Every human being, male or female, all are equal in the sight of Allah, no matter how the world thinks about it. Be one a stronger, intelligent and wise, it does not matter to Allah SWT.

“The Best among you in the sight of Allah SWT is the one who is the most righteous. Allah SWT is all-knowing, Well-Experienced.”

(Al-Quran).

③ Sanctity of property: It is prohibited in Islam to deprive one's rightful property forcefully.

“Do not deprive one another's wealth by false and illegal means.”

(Al-Quran).

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④ Right to Basic Needs: Every one is entitled to have or possess basic amenities (comfortability) to survive. And there is a right the property of capable, of the pious and the needy and legal right.

‘And in their wealth there is an acknowledged right for the needy and the destitute?’

(Al-Quran)

‘And give the relative his rights, and the poor, and the wayfarer, and do not squander wastefully?’

(Al-Quran)

Those who do not give the needy and destitute and relatives, their due right, would be held accountable in the hereafter.

⑤ Right to Inheritance (Gender Neutral).

As per the verses of Al-Nisa of the holy Quran, the amount is reserved for the people in a family towards each other, be it a wife, mother, father, daughter, or sons towards their respective husband, son, and father. They all are entitled to own their legal right of inheritance, without any gender discrimination.

⑥ Right to Education (Gender Neutral).

Every one is obliged to have education, no matter if one is a male or female.

‘Seeking knowledge is obligatory to every Muslim male and female?’

(Al-Hadith).

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⑦ Right to Privacy: No one has authority to breach others' privacy. It is prohibited in Islam to spy on the homes of others.

'And do not spy on one another, nor backbite one another.'

(Al-Hedith).

'Do not enter any house except your own house ~~and~~ unless you are sure of their occupants' consent.'

(Al-Quran).

Dignified Status of Women:

Before the advent of Islam in Arabian peninsula, women were treated inhumanely. The people of Makkah felt embarrassed if a girl was born in their homes, and they used to bury their own daughters alive.

'When the girl, buried alive, is asked: For what crime was she killed?'

(Al-Quran).

And women were treated as property, even in western countries till 19th century. The son used to inherit his mother as well after the death of his father like all his other wealth in Arabian Peninsula. But Islam provided and ensured rights of women, any one who breach these rights or deny these rights given to women will be held accountable in hereafter.

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① Men and Women Equal in the sight of Allah:

'And so their Lord answered them: "I will not waste the work of any worker among you whether male or female. You are one of another."

(A1- Quran).

② Order to Respect Mothers Abundantly:

③ Order to Treat Women in the Best Manner

④ Order to Treat Daughters Well

⑤ Order to Respect Women in General.

⑥ Right to live

⑦ Right to having Education

⑧ Right to Remarry.

⑨ Khula' (Request from the courts for divorce)

⑩ Right to Inherit.

⑪ Right to Being provided with all Basic Needs.

⑫ Right to Own Property.