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Introduction

The beliefs of Islam are essential foundation on which the building of deen is established. There are ~~four~~ six tenets of belief system in Islam. Starting from Tauheed, the major belief on which whole concept of Islam relies. The monotheistic concept of Islam is further followed by belief on Prophets, messengers, angels, the divine books, Akhirat (day of judgement) and belief on destiny. Islam is merge system of all these beliefs that strengthen the very base of belief on Allah, the one and eternal. These belief system play a significant role in reforming an individuals and societies life.

Basic beliefs of Islam

1. Belief on Tauheed (Oneness of Allah)

The very basic and fundamental belief in Islam is belief on the oneness of God. It requires the faith that there is no one on earth and above earth that resembles him, nor is he born of something and nor something can be born out of him.

In this regard Quran in Surah Ahaad says

“Say! He (Allah) is like one and he is not born, nor anyone was born of Him and none is like Him”

— Quran

2- Belief on Prophets and Messengers

After the belief on oneness of Allah comes the belief on messengers of Allah who guide humanity of the right path and aware them of the day of Judgement.

“And say! Allah is one and Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) is Allah's messenger and prophet”

This Kalima is the basic belief of Islam, that states that the system of Prophets and messengers ended with Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) as the last messenger of Allah.

3- Belief on the divine books

Islam compensates for every Muslim that we must believe on all the prophets, messengers and the messages of divine books. It not only mentions Quran but Torah, Zubur, Bible and other example scrolls of Ibrahim. Islam mandates that all books were sent to guide humanity. However, Quran accomplishes its mission of guiding the people of Allah as final words from Allah. In this regard Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) in his last sermon said,

"Hold among the book of Allah and my teachings (Sunnah) as it will not astray you"

— Prophet Muhammad (PBUH)

4- Belief on Angels

Along with the prophets messengers and divine books, the belief on the angels is also necessary in Islam. The purpose of angels was to bring divine messages of Allah to messengers and guide them about the future testaments.

5. Belief on Akhirat (Day of Judgement)

Belief on Akhirat is fundamental belief of Islam that winds up whole purpose of human life. Belief on day of resurrection mandates that every soul will reunite with its body after death and ~~it~~ every body will then be ^{held} accountable for its good and bad deeds.

Definition of Akhirat

Akhirat in literal meaning is the final day of humanity. However, in the contextual meaning it is a comprehensive concept in all the Abrahamic beliefs (Islam, Christianity and Judaism) that humans would be presented in divine court for divine judgement.

Four Components of Akhirat

1. Accountability of one's actions

Day of resurrection mandates that every soul will be reunited on Day of Judgement and will be given his book (Amal nama) and asked about his actions.

2. Revival of Human body

Day of Judgement also mandates

On Akhirat, everything would be crushed to nothing and then revived again as it was revive made first time.

3. Punishment for bad deeds

Akhirat would be divine judgement where everybody would be presented in front of God and held responsible for his bad actions and will further be punished for his unethical and immoral deeds.

4. ~~Punishment~~ Reward for good actions

Akhirat would also be rewarding people who would have repented and sought forgiveness for his actions and tried his best for his life.

Beliefs reforming individuals Life

1- Accountability of individual

Belief of the Day of Judgement and Tauheed promotes accountability in human life as he would be ^{held} accountable for his actions which are unhidden of Allah the omnipresent.

2. Promoting self purification

These beliefs further purify

an individual's life from greed, lust, desire, ego and anger as final salvation is only through character refinement. It further reforms a human life by following prophets and messengers of Allah, as their life and characters are best examples for all human beings.

3- Bravery

The belief on day of Akhirah and Allah instillates bravery in an individual as human fear is only related to his self harm. The Quran says

"No one can provide you benefit or harm unless I (Allah) Ordains"

4- Character refinement

The belief on Allah's messengers and Books refines the character of human being by making an obligations to follow strict ethical and moral code as religious inductions. It purifies a person from impurities by constantly reminding him of his purpose in life.

5- Sense of purpose

Quran and day of judgement resolves the Question of human being that was he was born. It tells an individual that he is not an biological experiment or the consequence of big bang but has a special purpose to satisfy Allah.

"And I have created"

Jinn and mankind
only to worship
me."

- Quran

This ayat clarifies the question of human existence and purpose on this earth.

Social impacts of beliefs in Islam

1- Community building

Islam requires individuals to build a responsible community where everyone takes care of other person as a divine duty. It teaches the concept of neighbourhood, society values, and other moral and ethical aspects of society.

2- Equality and brotherhood

Islam in its all beliefs ordains respect fraternity and brotherhood with concept of equality. It prohibits all sorts of racial and sectorial inequalities and promotes diversity.

3- Justice and Adl

Islam with its all beliefs gives a single message of justice which

is not only required in social but also practical life of human beings.

**"And say my Lord
Ordains justice"**

- Quran

4- Justice Responsibility of higher purpose

Quran, Prophets, Tauheed and Akhirat combine to aware Muslims that they have bigger responsibilities to protect each other from their actions and be just on land of Allah.

5- Harmony among individuals

The concept of Tauheed mandates that all the creation in this world is made by Allah and every individual is equal in front of Him. This notion makes it clear that no man or woman is distinct in Islam and promotes a sense of collective harmony as a creation of Allah.

Conclusion

Islam is comprehensive deen that includes all the beliefs that ordains individual perfection and societal improvement. The belief in Tauheed and Day of Judgement are the beliefs that encompass the purpose of human life as whole.

Question no 2

Introduction

Concept of salah is one of the crucial ideal in the religion Islam, that strengthens, the connection between creator and created. The word salah literally means to ask, talk or communicate. It is a mandatory practice that strengthens the bond between God and individual. Salah has ^{been} made mandatory five times a day in Islam. Its purpose is to remind an individual back to its divine purpose in the busiest worldly life.

Concept of salah

The concept of salah is a practice that is mandated five times a day for a believer. It is way of communicating back to Allah about anything a person desires. The Humans are made in such a way that worship is needed in their life. If a person doesnot worship God he will begin worshipping and praising himself instead as self obsession and greed. Hence, to full fill this purpose Allah has

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ordained human to prostrate in front of him five times a day.

"And Establish
prayer and give
Zakat"
- Quran

Establishment of Salah (Prayer)

Quran mentions Establishment of prayer again and again on different levels. The prayer or salah is asked not to be read but established. This means the salah should be performed with all the decorums, both outward and inward. Salah should be performed in a way that one may believe Allah is in front of him, so he may fulfill all the rights and duties of a prayer by communicating through salah.

Impact of Salah on Social life

1. Shared responsibility

Salah is mandatory on all the sensible believers who attain age of consciousness and responsibility.

This mandatory duty reflects sense of responsibility on all human believers that they need to be present in prayer areas at the time of salah.

2- Community building

Salah builds community as it is congregation of all the muslims in mosques five times a day. This brings people closer to one another in a community.

3- unity of ummah

Salah unifies whole Muslim ummah as this religious duty is beyond any physical borders. A human where ever he travels, he goes to mosque to pray salah where other muslims are also united to do same.

4- Shared purpose among individuals

Salah provides a sense of purpose to individuals that they are created by one and sent for unified mission on this earth. Hence, this unified mission prospects the sense of unified purpose.

5- Society engagement

Salah engages whole

society in worship within single hour. This again and again gathering of Muslims on single platform to satisfy Allah shares sense of tolerance and equality that everybody wants to seek forgiveness.

Impact of Salah on Moral lives

1- Character development

Salah fosters character development practice in Muslim as one who performs sins is unable to communicate freely to Allah because of Nafs-e-lawama which criticize human for his bad deeds.

2- Accountability of actions

Salah gives a human sense of accountability. A person is accountable of his sins in front of Allah. Salah is direct communication that discourages bad actions.

On the day of resurrection first question would be asked about Salah-Hadith

3- Time management and punctuality

Salah teaches an individual about time management and punctuality

- 4 as salah is fixed for five times a day. It encourages a person to sleep early and pray fajr in morning and be active and punctual by performing ablution and prayer.

4- Self awareness and encouragement of good.

Salah provides a sense of awareness and encourages for good by suppressing evil desires of human being. It restricts a person from performing wrong deeds because a person have to be in front of Allah four times with clear intention and clean body.

Impact of Salah on Spiritual Lives

1. Taqwa and piety

Salah teaches piety and Taqwa as a person who believes Allah only he can be present in front of Allah. It provides sense of obeying to divine injunctions and when a person misses salah he fears to loose his connection with Allah.

2- Love of Allah

Salah is the best way to be actively present oneself in front of Allah. It is worship that strengthens bond of a person with his lord. Prophet Muhammad

(PBUH) said

"A person most closest to Allah is in condition of prostration"

— Hadith

3- way to attain salvation

Salah wipes out sins of individuals like water wipes out fire. Salah is not just a spiritual act but human conscious presence and duty to purify himself from all the internal and external filth.

4- Self purification

Salah is a best method to attain self purification. As Quran says

"Indeed Salah restricts from bad actions And Allah knows what you do?"

5- Remembrance of divine purpose

Salah is five times alarm of divine purpose. It brings a person back from his worldly desires and actions back to his actual purpose.

Conclusion

Salah is important ritual of Islam that defines the relationship between creator and

creation. It has several benefits that transform human being from common person indulged in worldly life to journey of self purification and self mastery.

Question no 4

Introduction

Civilization is a comprehensive term that defines a society's economic, political, social and culture process with its key aspects such as Art, literature, transportation, communication, symbols, way of clothing, education attainment, system of justice, accountability centers, markets, trade and much more. Britannica defines civilization as.

“Action or process of being civilized or civilizing, developing and advancing in a society”

The Islamic civilization is a comprehensive process of political, historical, economic and justice organization of its people with the divine beliefs.

Islamic Civilization

The Islamic civilization can be defined as the one which has following characteristics.

1. Tauheed

Islamic civilization "entirely based on the concept of Tauheed, monotheism and ones of Allah

2. Morality and Ethics

The Islamic civilization is complete system of obligating moral and ethical standards under religious duties.

3. Fraternity, equality

Islamic civilization prohibits any kind of racial, sectorical or disparity based on belief.

4. Complete code under shariah

It is complete code of life that mandates divine book Quran's following in all aspects of life including justice, economy and politics.

Islamic Civilization as living and dynamic perception

1- Promotes Ijtehad with evolving issues of modern

Life

Islam is living and evolving perception rather than fixed narrative. It asks for doing practices like Ijtihad, which is effort of mujtahid - an educated scholar to derive the Islamic rulings and align it with the contemporary issues. Islam does not ask for fixed believes but encourages to evolve with modern society within bounds of Allah.

2- Mandates Consensus

Islam is living perception as it mandates consensus. It requires the approval of all the muslim community on the emerging problems within different context of human life. It does not fix the lifestyle of 10 or 12th century which was the history of Islam.

3- Encourages attaining knowledge and wisdom

Islam encourages people to attain the knowledge and wisdom which are dynamic perspectives of a civilization. The importance of education can be seen in Islam from following verse

**"And proclaim (read)
in the name of**

Allah, who is the
most beneficent and
Merciful" - Quran

4- Promotes diversity not Coercion

Islam ^{allows} promotes diversity and also respect diversity as a civilization system. Islam restricts from any compulsion in matter of belief and religion.

"Let there be no
Compulsion in Islam"
- Quran

5- Maintains Justice with Commu- nities

Islam maintains justice as important tenet of Islam.

"And say my Lord
Ordains justices"

- Quran

It makes its civilization by promoting justice from historical times to mandating it in all aspects of life. In past, Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) showed best practices of justice in Charter of Madinah by making all the Jews, Maghira and Muslims equal and abolishing the tribal systems. Islamic civilization maintains that justice as part of human life still in evolving world by maintaining the

concept of Day of Judgement.

Conclusion

Islamic civilization is indeed a living and dynamic perception with maintaining its fixed beliefs on Quran, Tawheed, teachings of Prophet, it allows the Muslims to evolve in modern society with Ijtihad and Ijma.

Question no 5

Introduction

Ijtihad is a fundamental aspect of Islam that allows the Muslim Ummah to evolve and make themselves relevant to emerging world. It allows Muslims to seek guidance in daily life matters which are not clearly defined in Quran and Sunnah. The world is rapidly evolving and changing in 21st century. This rapid development also brings issues such as surrogate babies, Women working, Online frauds, Banking systems issues that needs the clear understanding of Islamic injunctions to normalise

in life. Hence, Ijma and Ijtihad had been made compulsory with the consensus of All muslim Ummah

Ijtihad

Ijtihad is derived from the word.

All these words are derived have single meaning of struggle and efforts.

Ijtihad is effort of a Mujahid to seek the correct rulings from Quran and sunnah about a particular matter

Role of Ijtihad in establishment of Muslim Ummah

1- Requires consensus of Whole Muslim Ummah

Ijtihad establishes muslim ummah by requiring the consensus of whole muslim community on a single matter. It requires the agreement of all the muslims on a significant issue that muslims face in particular time period.

2- Joins all schools of Jurisprudence.

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3. Connects previous teachings
and modern modern
knowledge

4. Requires mutual affirmation