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Introduction:

Islam is a religion sent by Allah Almighty through His messengers. In its latest form, Islam is brought by Hazrat Muhammad PBUH. It is defined as 'submission and obedience to the will of Allah'. It is a complete code of life that provides guidance in all spheres of life. Islamic teachings shape a person's character and worldview. These teachings are tied to beliefs, known as the six basic beliefs of Islam. Acceptance of these beliefs is the essential part of a Muslim's faith.

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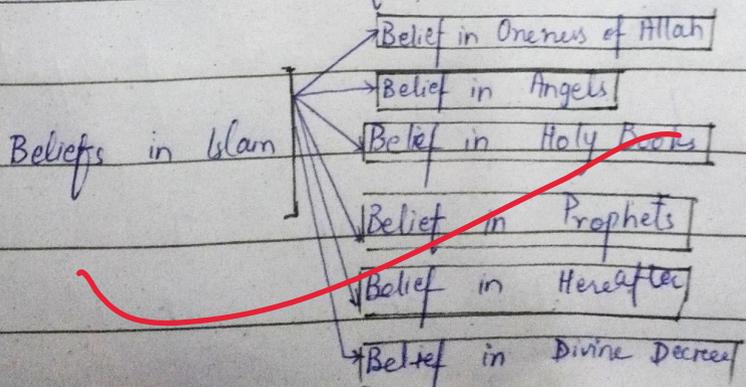
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Basic Beliefs of Islam

There are

six basic beliefs in Islam.



1) Belief in Oneness of Allah:

This is the core belief of Islam. Every Muslim believes in

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'There is no God except Allah.'

Every other faith & belief arise from this one i.e. Tauheed. The belief in oneness of Allah gives a person sight to view the world and universe from a greater vision instead of his own short and limited sightedness. It gives a man self-respect by giving him independence from all worldly chains and connect him to one and only 'Creator of Everything'. Moreover, a person reckons his powerlessness before Allah and eventually gets rid of ego and pride becoming the epitome of humility. The importance of Tauheed can be described by the hadith of Prophet Muhammad SAW.

"Islam is like a fort and the gate of that fort is Tauheed."

2- Belief in Angels.

The second basic belief of Islam is belief in the existence of Angels. Angels are created from light and carry out Allah's commands without any question & disobedience is the belief of every Muslim. The four angels who are given tasks for the world are

Hazrat Jibrail As who convey revelations to Prophets.

Hazrat Michael As who is responsible for sustenance.

Hazrat Izrael As responsible for capturing the soul.

Hazrat Israfeel As who will blow the trumpet on the day of judgement.

3. Belief in Holy Books.

Allah send His Messengers to guide the humanity on this earth. For the support of those Prophets and Messengers, Allah Almighty provided them with the holy

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books and scriptures. There are four Holy Books revealed by Allah Almighty and belief in them is the basis of Islam.

Torah revealed upon Hazrat Musa AS

Zuboor revealed upon Hazrat Dawood AS

Injil revealed upon Hazrat Isa AS

Quran revealed upon final Prophet Hazrat Muhammad PBUH.

Quran is the final, complete and unaltered holy book and it is the source of guidance for all the Muslims mankind till end.

4. Belief in Prophets.

Allah Almighty created man as a greatest of all species. For his guidance and training Allah Almighty sent his Prophets on earth for every nation to convey his message. Belief in all Prophets is the core belief of Islam.

From Adam AS to Hazrat Muhammad PBUH

Belief in them without discrimination is the major belief in Islam.

5. Belief In the Day of Judgement (Akhirat)

Belief in the temporariness of this world is a core belief of Islam.

Every Muslim believes that the world is mortal and temporary. It will end one day and humans will be gathered on the day of judgement and will be held accountable for their deeds.

Everyone believes that Almighty Allah will grant reward to those who would have done good deeds & there'll be punishment for those with bad deeds & sins.

6. Belief in Divine Decree

The concept of 'Taqrir' is the belief of Islam: Allah Almighty is all-knowing and all-powerful and everything in the world happens according to His Will.

Allah Almighty gave free will to human beings but they are responsible for their actions but Allah Almighty has prior knowledge of all this is the basic belief of Islam.

Doctrine of Akhirat (Day of Judgement)

The key belief of Islam is belief that

~~'Everyone here (on earth) is to perish'~~

(Sura Al Rehman: 26)

Every Muslim believes that the world is temporary and 'everybody will taste the death' (Al Quran). The day of judgement and the concept of reward and punishment is the belief in Islam.

Muslims believe that on the day of judgement, there will be an account of every deed, they did in this world and they'll be questioned by Almighty Allah. One with good deeds will be rewarded with eternal peace

and reward in heaven while those who did not believe in Islam and those with bad deeds will be punished in Hell eternally.

Impacts of Belief in Akhirat on Human Life:

The belief in the Akhirah has its impacts on human's life.

a. Concept of Reward and Punishment

This concept is so satisfying for those who have submitted themselves to the will of Allah and do good deeds. For them Allah says in Quran

'Your Lord is going to grant you & you'll be satisfied.'

(Sura e Duha: 5)

At the same time this concept is a reflection for those who do bad or wrong to others. On the day of judgement they'll be questioned & punished.

b. Sense of Responsibility

This concept gives human being a sense of responsibility

to check out their deeds and move towards a better action in future.

e. Patience and Forbearance.

With concept of reward and punishment, a person becomes contented to the decisions of fate. He becomes patient even if he is wronged because he'll be atoned for the wrongs happened to him on the day of judgement.

How Islam Reforms Individuals and Society.

All these beliefs are inclined towards the transformation of human behaviour and society.

• Tauheed:

It creates a strong sense of purpose and then accountability, before Allah Almighty, in an individual. It gives a person freedom from worldly powers and make him bow for one and only Creator of the universe. The concept of Tauheed gives

humility to an individual.

- **Belief in Angels** and the concept that they record every deed encourages self control and behaviour management. It gives a sense of constant supervision to an individual.
- **Belief in Holy Books**, specially Quran, provides moral guidance. It is the divine scripture and a source of learning right & wrong and helps in development of individual's nature according to divine morals like justice, compassion etc.
- **Belief in Prophets** is the core of guidance. When a person witnesses practical role models and learn from their actions, it makes it possible to adopt the values of divine.
- **Belief in Akhirat** install a deep sense of accountability and hope in an individual. A person controls his actions with the sense of reward in akhirat and remains hopeful even in misery because

he will be atoned.

Belief in Tawqif, is important for developing resilience and balance in life. It teaches individuals to strive while accepting the outcomes with all trust in Allah.

In Society:

Social justice and equality is the outcome when a person believes in Tauheed and day of judgement. A society becomes less harsh when individuals learn to do good and be honest for the sake of reward and punishment in the Akhirat.

Conclusion:

The core beliefs of Islam provide balance and stability to individuals and society. With the sense of being held accountable and watched over, individuals create empathy and social responsibility which gives rise to a better society and form better individual values.

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The word 'Salat' is derived from Arabic language meaning 'to pray'. In its literal meaning salat is a humble request for something. In Islam it is the obligatory worship (ibadah). It is a communication between individual and Allah Almighty. A person presents himself before Allah five times a day and asks for forgiveness and praise The Almighty Allah.

Importance of Namaz:

Namaz is an obligatory worship in Islam. Allah Almighty states in Quran.

"Guard strictly (your) prayers ... and stand before Allah with devotion."

(Surah Al Baqarah)

Namaz is considered as the important pillar of Islam. Its importance can be

known through a Hadith in which Prophet Muhammad PBUH said

'The difference between a momin and a kafir is Namaz.'

Philosophy of Prayer:

Salat is an important ibadah due to various reasons. But the most important of them is stated in Quran:

'Prayer prevents from immorality of character and wrong doing.'

(Sura Al Ankaboot)

Namaz prevents a person from doing sins. ~~Like~~ A person who performs salah, make wudu, stand before Allah, he hesitates in doing sins which harm his soul and character. He seeks forgiveness and prevention from these kinds of habits.

When a person does wrong, he knows that he will be punished by Allah Almighty. So he prevents

himself from committing even a minor crime.

The importance of prayer can be known through the fact that Prophet Muhammad PBUH said that 'first thing man will be held accountable for on the day of judgement is prayer.' (Hadith)

Obligation of Prayer:

The command to perform Salah is mentioned for almost 700 times in Quran by Almighty Allah. It was made obligatory in 10th of Nabuwat. There are many references in Quran which make the prayer obligatory for every Muslim. Allah says in Quran:

'What has brought you in lower hell?' they will say, 'we were not of those who established salat.'

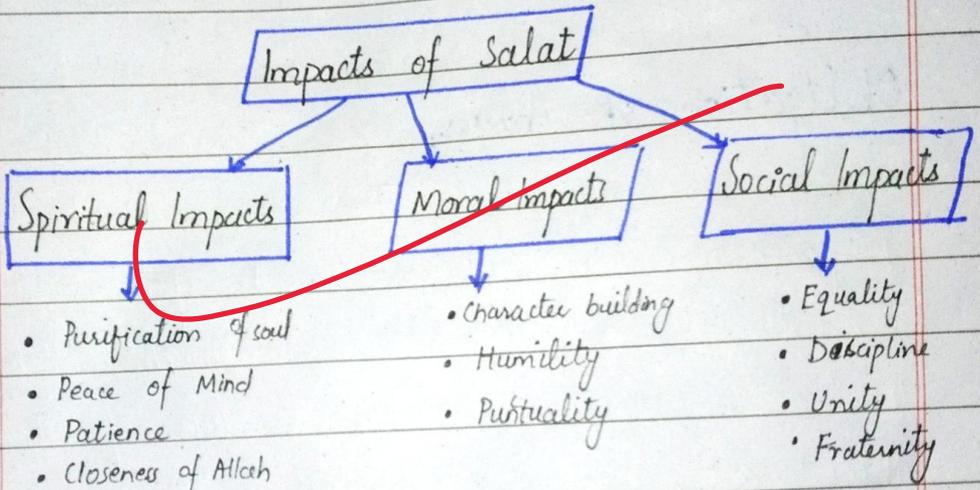
(Sura Al Mudassir)

The main thing that prevents a muslim from being a 'Mushrik' (Al Quran)

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Impacts of Prayer on Social, Moral and Spiritual life of an Individual;

Namaz (Prayer) indeed has its impacts on all spheres of an individual's life.



Social Impacts of Salat:

• Equality:

Salat gives an individual a sense that everyone is equal. When people despite of their difference in caste, creed, class, race stand in a line and perform salat, it removes all differences and everyone becomes equal.

• Discipline:

A person becomes disciplined when he prays five times a day. He keeps things in managed condition when he knows that he will be presenting himself to Allah five times a day.

• Unity of Muslim Ummah:

When a huge number of Muslims gather in a Mosque to offer prayers, they not only pray but also unite for social causes in the name of Allah and it creates unity among them.

• Fraternity and Mutual Help:

When Muslims gather in a mosque, they come to know about the situations of other Muslim brothers. It gives them a chance to help their brothers which creates fraternal environment.

Moral Impacts of Salat:

• Character Building:

Salah creates a

a sense of responsibility for ~~one's~~ actions when he has to pray to Allah. A person prevents himself from sins of soul and body which gives him help in building a strong moral character.

• Humility:

A person becomes humble when he has to face Allah for prayer. He comes across the individuals of other creeds and classes so he stands besides them and prays the same Salah as theirs. It creates humility in an individual.

• Punctuality:

When a person sets his work by placing time of Salah in it, he becomes punctual. He does work on time and ~~from~~ getting late.

Spiritual Impacts:

• Purification of Soul:

Salah makes a person feel his ~~soul~~ purified when he seeks divine forgiveness and keeps himself away

from sins.

• Peace of Mind & Heart.

Allah states in Quran:

الَّذِينَ يَذْكُرُونَ اللَّهَ تَطْمِئِنُّ الْقُلُوبُ

"Surely in the remembrance of Allah do hearts find peace."

(13: 28)

so a person finds peace when he shares his thoughts and seek for divine help and guidance in salah.

• Patience:

Salah gives a person patience when he hopes for divine help & forgiveness. Allah states in Quran:

"Take help from Patience and Namaz."

(Sura Al Baqrah: 153)

• Closeness of Allah Almighty:-

A person feels the closeness of Allah Almighty when he meets Allah five times a day and seek help

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Conclusion:

Namaz / salat is a great source of spiritual, moral and social gratification of an individual. Allah Almighty made it obligatory for the sake of human beings so that they can feel the responsibility and bow to the all-knowing Allah for their sake of getting guidance & forgiveness.

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Islam is not just a religion but a complete code of life for all human beings. It provides guidance and teaches individual in every walk of life. Islam is a religion which promotes equality and rights of human beings in society. Through these rights Islam protects the dignity of human beings in society. These rights are all divine and were included in the Islamic system, revealed in Quran by Allah and taught by Holy Prophet PBUH to all human beings. Allah Almighty granted these rights and state or any authority must abide by them. There is no taking back of these. Through these actions, Allah Almighty provides dignity to all individual equally, without any difference.

Recognition of Dignity of Human Specially Women.

Islam grants dignity

to all human beings by the fact that Allah stated in Quran

"And when your Lord said to the angels, 'I will make upon earth a successive authority.'"

(Sura Al Baqarah: 30)

Man is the 'Khalifa' of Allah on this earth. Allah Almighty gives every individual equality as stated in Sura Al Nisa 'He created you from one soul.' This is the proof that Allah Almighty gives all human beings equal rights to live.

To dignify human beings, Islam provides them with basic human rights like right to life, freedom of religion, right to property, education, justice, protection of honour etc.

Special Recognition of Women,

Women are provided with equal opportunities for life to dignify them. Islam changed the whole course of society of Arab where women had become a mere non-human

creatures. Islam reformed the whole society by granting women a dignified status.

• Equality in spiritual status.

Islam gives equal status to women as men in faith, reward & accountability. Allah says in Surah Ahzab that for all men and women there is equal reward.

• Right to life.

Islam condemned the ritual of female infanticide in Arab and restored the dignity of women by providing them with the respectful status of being a daughter, wife, and a mother. Islam gave rights to women as their roles in society.

• Right to Inheritance.

Women were provided with the right of inheritance of property. As a daughter, as a wife and as a mother, the woman receives specific share of property. As in Quran,

'For men there is share of what parents and close relatives leave and for women there is share ... be it little or much - a fixed share? (Surah Al Nisa: 7)

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• Right to Education:

Islam gives right to women to get education. They can be teachers and mentors as well. They can adopt any profession with limits. Education is the right of every individual. Prophet PBUH emphasized:

'Seeking knowledge is obligatory for every Muslim man & woman.'
 (Ibn e Moja)

• Respect as Mothers:

Islam gives more respectful status to women as mothers. According to a Hadith, 'Paradise is under the feet of mother.' This statement proves how much dignity a woman holds when performing her role as a mother.

Efforts Adopted by Islam to Maintain Human and Women Dignity:

Islam provides safety to the dignity of human beings & women.

• Shariah:

Islam provides divine laws for protection of honour, life and property and those who try to take this dignity will get punished by these laws.

• Family System:

Islam gives a proper social system where individuals have rights and duties for each other. Islam defined rights & duties of husband & wife, parents and children etc.

• Social Reforms:

Islam prohibits the slavery specially for women. Islam also emphasizes on the protection of orphans and gives rights to widows.

• Example of Prophet PBUH:

Hazrat Muhammad PBUH serves as an example of dignified individual. Prophet gave rights to His wives, kids and companions. Prophet PBUH demonstrated the respect for women as a husband, and father. He said: "The best among you are those who are best to their wives"

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Conclusion

Islam gives protection to the dignity of human beings specially women. Islam gives a complete account for rights and duties of social circle and gives equal spiritual and legal rights to all individuals. The strong insistence of Islam on dignity of mankind through a social and divine system creates for everyone an equal and upright status in society.

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Ijtihad is derived from an Arabic word 'Jehd' means to struggle. It is defined as 'the individual effort to find solution of an emerging problem according to fiqh'. Among four most important sources of Shariah, Ijtihad is fourth most important. Allah has permitted the reasoning for solution of a problem, if it is not to be found in Quran or Sunnah. For modern problems like those related to economy and digital business, Ijtihad is the solution for it.

Importance of Ijtihad in Islam.

Allah

Almighty has stated in Quran:

"And those who strive for us - we will surely guide them to our ways. Indeed Allah is with the doers of good."

(Sura Al Ankabut)

Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) also supported the idea of ijtihad when He^ﷺ asked Muaz bin Jabal, while appointing him as a governor to Yemen, that how he will decide among people. All the four great caliphs of Islam and Imam Hussain (AS) also did ijtihad for the solution of problems they faced. Hazrat Abu Bakr allowed jihad against those who weren't paying zakat. Hazrat Umar (RA) proposed zakat on horses to avoid lavish style of living. Hazrat Ali (RA) lifted the zakat due^{to} the breakout of wars in that era.

Role of Ijtihad in establishing Muslim Ummah.

• Unity and Solidarity of Ummah.

It helps Muslim Ummah to face challenges with intellect. Performing collective ijtihad to solve the problems is surely the best way to unite Ummah.

• Addressing Modern Challenges:

challenges e.g. those related to digital innovation like e-money, digital banking etc. and other issues like women empowerment and its limitations are only addressed by conducting ^{Modern} ijtihad.

• Strengthening Governance:

Ijtihad encourages critical thinking, research & reasoning. It can now restore the golden governance rules of past to face the present day governance challenges.

Role of Ijtihad in Making Humanity:

• Promotion of Justice:

Ijtihad can help in providing the solutions of challenges faced to protect dignity of human beings, equality and justice. Minority issues, labour laws and other social issues regarding injustice can be solved through it.

• Ethical Guidance,

changing values with the time have caused loss of morality and ethics. Ijtihad can bring back the lost positive values.

• Social Welfare,

Ijtihad can support the development of welfare systems to address poverty, administrative failure & injustice.

• To attain Peace and Harmony.

To overcome the growing religious tensions and sectarian issues, there must be collective Ijtihad that can result into a common solution of the problem now faced by Ummah.

Conclusion,

Ijtihad is the solution of many conflicts. The present time is facing to many modern issues

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which need critical thinking, research
and analysis. If the ijtihad is done
it can make the peaceful and
harmonious solutions to many problems.