

ISLAMIC STUDIES

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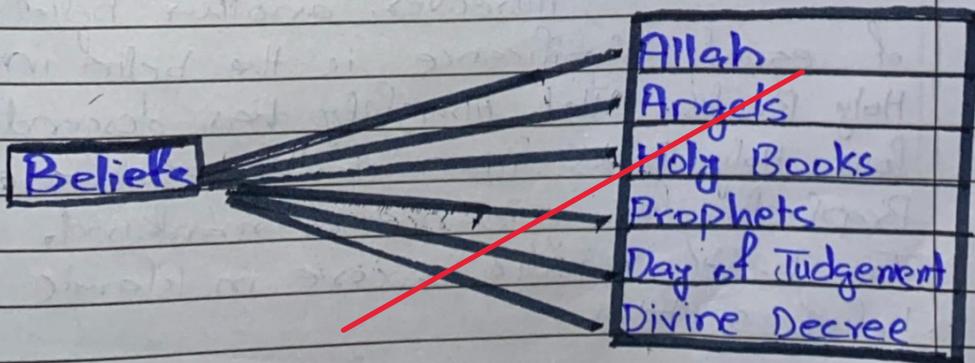
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Introduction

Islam is the religion of monotheism, believing in oneness of God. Islam exceeds the definition of a religion and encompasses a whole dynamic structure. Islamic principles are based on some important beliefs without which no one can be recognized a muslim. Islamic beliefs have a profound impact on individual and society as a whole. It transforms an individual's lifestyle, his dealings and overall regulation of society. As stated by Allah Almighty in mighty Quran:

"The Deen in the sight of Allah is Islam."

(3:19, Al-Quran)

(ii)
Basic Beliefs In Islam



a- Belief in Allah

"Indeed I am Allah, There is no deity except Me, so worship Me and establish prayer for My remembrance."

-(20:14, Al-Quran)

In Islam, the most fundamental belief is believing in the oneness of Allah. Without this belief, no one can be called as a Muslim.

b- Belief in Angels

Belief in Angels is another significant aspect of Islam. Holy Quran emphasize the existence of Angels and guides us that they are responsible for carrying out tasks ordered by Allah Almighty. The best example is the task of delivering messages to Prophets by Jibraeel (AS).

c- Belief in Holy Books

Moreover, another belief of equal significance is the belief in Holy Books. Allah Almighty has descended four Holy Books upon earth to different Prophets for guidance of mankind. This belief is also a core in Islamic belief system.

d. Beliefs in Prophets

Believing in Prophet as messengers of Allah Almighty is also an essential belief in Islamic system of belief. Holy Prophet (PBUH) states, in Sahih Bukhari, that

"Each Prophet was sent for a nation, but I have been sent for all of mankind."

e. Belief in Day of Judgement

Belief in the Day of Judgement is also a core belief in Islam. It means that all actions and deeds of a person will be judged on the final day and the sinners would be awarded punishments and well natured and people committing good deeds will be awarded Paradise (Jannah).

"And whoever does an atom weight of good will see it, and whoever does an atom weight of evil will see it."

(Al Quran)

f. Belief in Divine Decree

The belief in Divine Decree, which means that all actions occur due to will of Allah Almighty is also a significant belief in Islam.

Allah Almighty in Quran states that

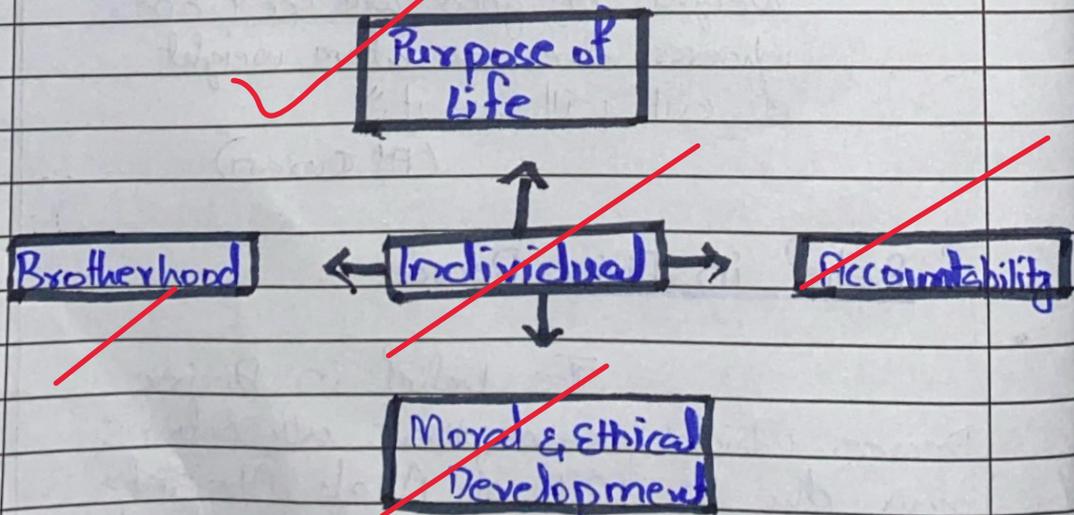
"No disaster occurs except by the will of Allah."

(Al-Quran)

(iii) Doctrine of Akhirat

In Islamic belief system, the doctrine of Akhirat stands as a core belief among others. In simple terms it means that every action done in every second is being recorded by Angels and when a person dies, he will be shown all the deeds in front of him. Allah will then judge everyone according to his deeds and decide whether he enters Hell or Paradise.

(iv) How Islamic Beliefs Reform Life of an Individual and Society



1a- Islamic beliefs tells an individual purpose of life

"And I do not create the jinn and mankind except to worship Me."

(Al-Quran)

Islamic beliefs guides a person, the true purpose of this life that is to worship Allah and follow the right path. It makes a person refrain from evil activities and helps him stay on the path of truth.

1b- Islamic belief creates a sense of accountability for individual

Islamic beliefs create a sense of accountability. The belief in the Day of Judgement makes a person vigilant and helps him stay on the right path.

1c- Islamic beliefs promotes brotherhood ties among individuals

"And all Muslims are but brothers."

(Al-Quran)

Islamic beliefs promote brotherhood ties, they help person to live in harmony and peace. The commandments of Almighty Allah for

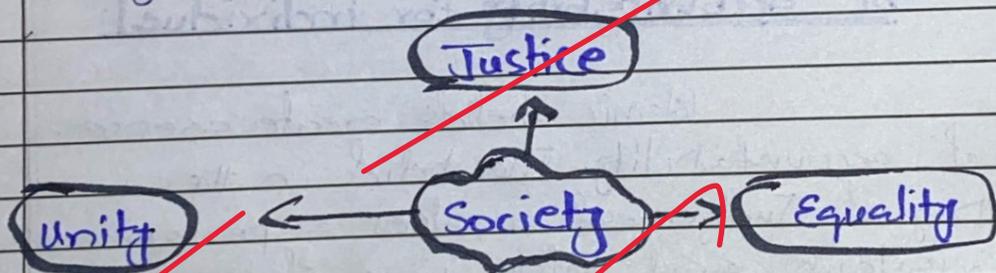
peace and brotherly ties makes it clear

1d- Islamic beliefs helps moral and ethical development for Individual

"And speak to people good words."

(Al-Quran)

Belief in Islamic beliefs promote moral and ethical development of a person. They ensure that a person maintains high calibre of attitude and refrain from hurting any individual or bring special.



2a- Islamic beliefs creates a just society

"Indeed Allah commands justice and good conduct."

(Al-Quran)

The Islamic belief system promotes justice in society. It ensures that every individual gets justice as it is commanded by Allah Almighty in Holy Quran.

2b- Islamic beliefs promote unity

"And We created you from Adam and Eve and divided you in nations and tribes so that you recognize one another."

(Al-Quran)

The Islamic belief system promotes unity in society. It exhorts that all Muslims are brothers to one another.

2c- Islamic beliefs promote equality in society

In his last sermon, Holy Prophet (PBUH) stated that, no Arab is superior to a non-Arab. Everyone is equal in the sight of Allah. The Islamic belief focuses on equality in society as it is commanded by Allah and His Prophet (PBUH).

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Conclusion

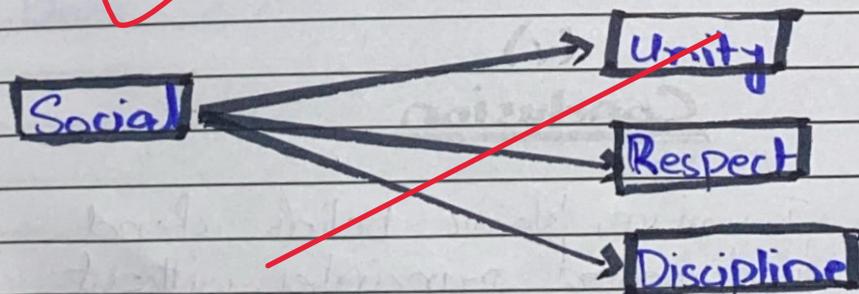
To sum up, Islamic beliefs stand as fundamental principles without which no one can be called as a Muslim. It is mandatory upon all Muslims to follow these beliefs without any doubt to improve their life at individual level and transform society positively.

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(I) Introduction

Salaat or Prayers is one among the fundamental pillars of Islam. It is the best way to make a man close to his creator, the Allah Almighty. Salaat plays a significant role in transforming an individual's life. It makes a person close to Allah, refrains from evils, builds character and helps him to be better person in sight of Allah. The importance of this principle can be understood by this that it is mentioned 700 times in Holy Quran to stick to it.

(II) Impacts of Salaat on Social, Moral and Spiritual Life of an Individual



19- Salaat Promotes unity

The salaat ensures that Muslims are united and there emerge no

distinction among Muslims or any sense of superiority as both the rich and the poor stands together when performing Salaat in congregation. Allah Almighty states in Quran,

"The prayer in congregation is 27 times more rewarding than praying alone."

b- Salaat ensures respect among Muslims

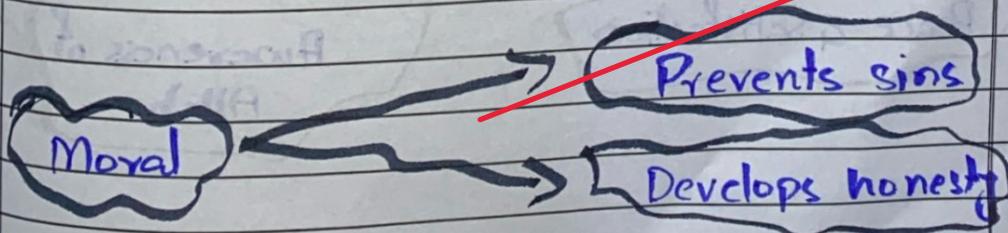
Five times Salaat makes a person humble and earns him respect in the sight of Allah. Moreover, it also develops mutual respect and cooperation.

"Indeed, Muslims are but brothers."
(Al-Quran)

1c- Salaat builds discipline

Salaat helps a person be disciplined, the five times prayers makes a person spend his time well and forbids him from wrong doing.

"Indeed prayer prohibits immorality and wrong doing."
(Al-Quran)



2a- Salalah prevents a person from sinful acts

Salah helps a person to refrain from wrongful acts as being in front of Allah five times a day promotes a good behaviour and helps person attain a good habits.

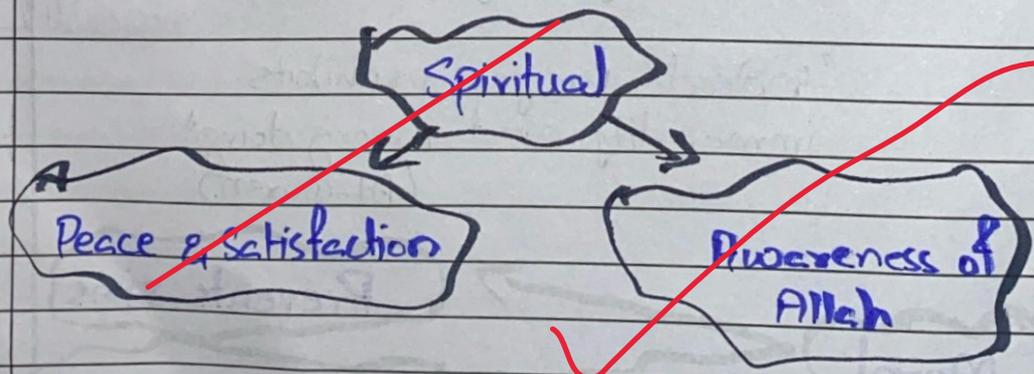
"Indeed prayer restrains from immorality and wrongdoing."
(Al-Quran)

2b- Salah develops honesty

Salah ensures that a person refrains from lying. It promotes honesty and encourage a person to avoid *deceitfulness* in all dealings of life.

"The best among you are those who have the best manner and character."

(Holy Prophet (PBUH), Sahih Bukhari)



3a- Salat ensures peace and satisfaction

"Verily, in the remembrance of Allah do hearts find rest."
(Allah in Al-Quran)

By praying Salat, a person finds rest and satisfaction. It ensures that a person remains at rest and keeps him at peace.

3b- Salat creates awareness of Allah

"Indeed, I am Allah, there is no deity except me so worship me and establish prayer in my remembrance."
(Al-Quran)

Salat creates awareness of Allah. It makes a person know the real purpose of life and guides him on right path.

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Conclusion

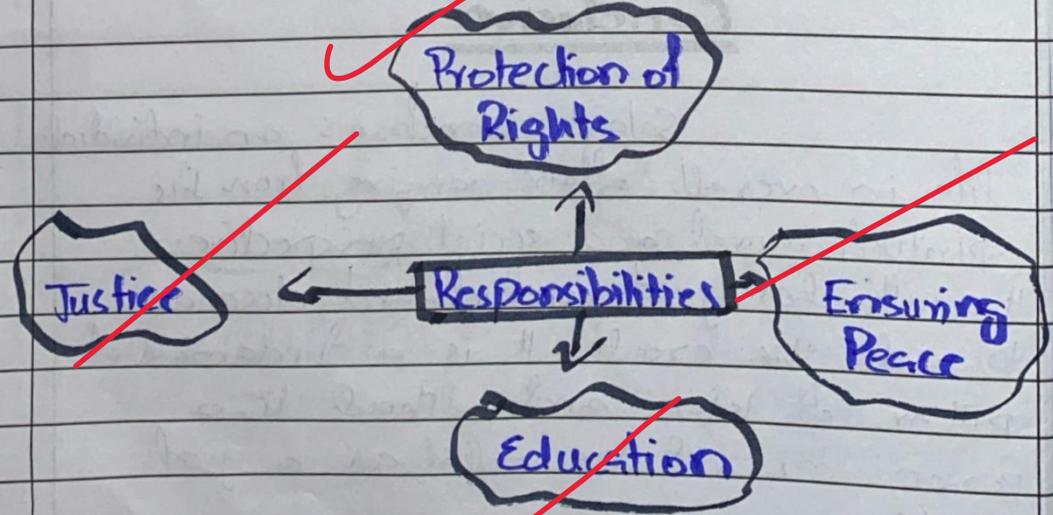
Salat transforms an individual's life in overall affairs ranging from his spiritual, moral and social perspective. It cultivates good conduct and closeness towards the creator. It is a fundamental pillar of Islam and without it, a person can not be called as a good Muslim.

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(i)
Introduction

State is the territory where people live in full sovereignty and their own rule. The Islamic concept of state is that of Muslim Ummah, transcending the boundaries and applying unity and uniform laws in whole. There exist many social responsibilities of Islamic state, those include protection of rights, freedom of trade and business, protection of minority, promotion of peace and justice and ensuring education for all. The social system of Islam is one of the best in world and it can improve the modern society in curbing all the problems of modern civilization.

(ii)
Social Responsibilities of State in Islam



a- Protection of Rights

In Islam, it is mandated upon the state or governing body to ensure protection of rights of all people including travellers and minorities. The best example for this is the peace agreement reached with Jews of Madinah by Holy Prophet (PBUH) which ensured protection of rights and peaceful co-existence.

b- Ensuring peaceful society

Islamic state make it mandatory to maintain a peaceful society where war is avoided and the peace is maintained. Almighty Allah in Quran states,

"Show forgiveness, enjoin what is good, and turn away from the ignorant."
(Al-Quran)

c- Promotion of justice

"Indeed Allah commands you to render trusts to whom they are due and when you judge between people, judge with justice."
(Al-Quran)

Islamic society promotes justice and protection of property and

trusts of people.

d- Promotion of Knowledge and Education

"Seeking knowledge is compulsory for all men and women."
(Al-Quran)

In an Islamic society, it is essential that each individual, whether male or female are given knowledge. They are encouraged to get education and it is responsibility of state to ensure it.

(iii)

How Social System of Islam can Help Address Problems of Modern Civilizations

- Promotion of peace
- Concept of equality
- Moral & ethical values
- Economic balance
- Brotherhood ties

a- Promotion of peace

The social system of Islam is built on peace and justice. By adopting the knowledge from Islamic system, it can be made sure that these aspects are maintained in society and no person's rights are violated.

b- Concept of equality

In Islamic society, there is a concept of equality among all. No one is superior from other in any manner except in character. Therefore, by adopting this system, there will be equality in society.

c- Development of moral and ethical values

In Islamic society, there is emphasis on good conduct and behavior. Moreover, Islam bars an individual from corrupt practices. Therefore by adopting the Islamic system, moral and ethical values can be improved.

d- Economic balance

In Islamic society, ill practices like hoarding and usury (riba) are forbidden. They create a system of imbalance in society. Moreover, Islamic system discourages from concentration of wealth. This system can solve the modern problem of economic imbalance in modern civilization.

e- Brotherhood ties

Islamic society promotes brotherhood ties and discourage any ill behavior or treatment. This will ensure a peaceful and harmonious society from from divisions and hate.

Conclusion

The Islamic system of state builds up on protection of rights, equality, justice, and brotherhood. This system forbids a person from adopting ill practices that can harm individual and society as a whole. Islamic system if adopted in modern civilization can ensure peace, tolerance, ethical and moral development, economic balance and equality. These remain vibrant issues in the current affairs of world that is focused on individual gains.

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Q- Structure of Governance in Islam

Good attempt

Consider time management

The system of governance in Islam is based on the idea of equality, protection of rights and tolerance. The principles of Islamic governance are derived from sources of divine authority and the consensus of well educated and literate people known as Mujtahids.

Sources of Islamic Law

Islamic law is derived from mainly four sources. These are Quran, Sunnah, Hadith and Ijma (consensus).

Legislation in Islam

In Islam, the legislation or law making is not based on personal desire but on divine guidance. Human authorities can make laws, but only within limits set by Allah. In Islam, no law can contradict Islamic teachings.

Shura (Consultation)

Shura is the key principle of Islamic governance. The Quran instructs rulers to consult knowledgeable and trustworthy people in public matters. It promotes collective decision making and prevent dictatorship.

b- Importance of Education in Islam

Education plays a pivotal role for any society; in Islam it is mandated upon every Muslim (men & women) to get education. It helps individual in knowing and understanding society in better way. As stated by Hazrat Ali (RA),

"Everything diminishes when it is used except knowledge."

Moreover, it is also emphasized in Quran relating to education that

"For him who follows a path for seeking knowledge. Allah will ease for him path to paradise."

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