

Introduction to Islam & Basic Beliefs

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Introduction to Islam

- The word Islam is derived from the word *salama* سَلَمَ, which means peace, submission and obedience.
- In religious sense it means “Submission to the will of Allah SWT, believing in his oneness, complying his commands and denouncing polytheism.
- A Muslim must demonstrate his submission by worshipping him, following his commands and avoiding polytheism.

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- Islam is the only accepted religion in the sight of Allah SWT.

الْيَوْمَ أَكْمَلْتُ لَكُمْ دِينَكُمْ وَأَتْمَمْتُ عَلَيْكُمْ نِعْمَتِي وَرَضِيتُ لَكُمُ الْإِسْلَامَ دِينًا (المائدة:3)

This day, I have perfected your religion for you, completed My Favor upon you, and have chosen for you Islam as your religion.

وَمَنْ يَبْتَغِ غَيْرَ الْإِسْلَامِ دِينًا فَلَنْ يُقْبَلَ مِنْهُ وَهُوَ فِي الْآخِرَةِ مِنَ الْخَاسِرِينَ (آل عمران:85)

And whoever desires other than Islam as religion - never will it be accepted from him, and he, in the Hereafter, will be among the losers.

إِنَّ الدِّينَ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ الْإِسْلَامُ (آل عمران:19)

Truly, the (recognized) religion in the sight of Allah is Islam.

Activity

According to your knowledge,
write down some peculiarities of Islam.

Meaning of belief and its importance

- Belief/faith/Iman
- The Arabic word for belief is “Iman.” It literally means ‘to know’, to believe or to put someone’s trust in something or someone.

التصديق بجميع ما جاء به النبي صلى الله عليه وسلم

- In Islamic Terminology Iman is to testify all those things which surely has been brought by our Holy Prophet Muhammad ﷺ.
- Iman has three essential elements:
 - Sincere belief in the heart
 - Profession by the tongue
 - Performance of deeds by the physical parts of body

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- The relation of Islam to belief is same as a tree to its seed.
- No action is acceptable without the correctness of belief.

لا تدخلون الجنة حتى تؤمنوا (رواه مسلم)

You will not enter paradise until you believe.

Basic Beliefs of Islam/ Articles of faith

أَمَنْتُ بِاللَّهِ وَمَلَائِكَتِهِ وَكُتُبِهِ وَرُسُلِهِ وَالْيَوْمِ
الْآخِرِ وَالْقَدَرِ خَيْرِهِ وَشَرِّهِ مِنْ اللَّهِ تَعَالَى
وَالْبَعْثِ بَعْدَ الْمَوْتِ

I believe in Allah ﷻ, His Angels, His Books, His Messengers, the Last Day, and in Taqdîr, that all good and bad is from Allah ﷻ the Most High and I believe in the resurrection after death.

(Taqdîr: Predestination)

Articles of faith

Allah

Angles

Books

Messengers

Hereafter

Predestination

Basic beliefs in Quran and Sunnah

لَيْسَ الْبِرُّ أَنْ تُوَلُّوا وُجُوهَكُمْ قِبَلَ الْمَشْرِقِ وَالْمَغْرِبِ وَلَكِنَّ الْبِرَّ مَنْ آمَنَ بِاللَّهِ وَالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ وَالْمَلَائِكَةِ وَالْكِتَابِ
وَالنَّبِيِّينَ

It is not Al-BIRR (piety, righteousness, and each and every act of obedience to Allah etc.) that you turn your faces towards the east and (or) west (in prayers); but Al Birr is (the quality of) the one who believes in Allah, the Last Day, the Angels, the Book, the Prophets.

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- Hazrat Jibreel asked, tell me about Islam. The Prophet saw answered,
الإسلام أن تشهد أن لا إله إلا الله وأن محمداً رسول الله، وتقيم الصلاة، وتؤتي الزكاة، وتصوم رمضان، وتحج البيت إن استطعت إليه سبيلاً

"Islam is to testify that there is no god but Allah and Muhammad is the messenger of Allah, to perform the prayers, to pay the zakat, to fast in Ramazan, and to make the pilgrimage to the House if you are able to do so."

- He asked again, tell me about Iman. The Prophet saw said,
أن تؤمن بالله وملائكته وكتبه ورسله واليوم الآخر وتؤمن بالقدر خيره وشره

"It is to believe in Allah, His angels, His books, His messengers, and the Last Day, and to believe in divine destiny, both the good and the evil thereof."

Questions

- What is the meaning Islam?
- Tell us just few words about the importance of belief.
- How many articles of faith? And what are they?

May Allah swt bless you all!