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Fitrah

Introduction to Fitrah:

It is the state of purity in which Muslims believe that all humans to be born, or it is the ability to choose or reject God's guidance. Fitrah is an Arabic word that is usually translated as "innate nature of any Muslim."

Fitrah in Islam:

In Islam, the Fitrah means more than what we consider basic moral and immoral values. It also concerns recognition and acknowledgment of the Creator. It is of the Fitrah to believe and worship something. And that automatically leads us all to worshiping Allah. Allah has created the Fitrah for us so to recognize and worship him.

So turn your face towards the religion Hanif(Follow) The natural disposition with which Allah created mankind.
 30:30 Quran

Thus there are no exceptions when it comes to the innate Fitrah. Every child is born with it, inclined to the pure worship of Allah. But the child is then changed by parents to a Christian, Jew or other religion.

• Abu Huraira reported:

The Prophet (*) said: "Every child is born with the Fitrah. His parents then make him a Jew, or a Christian, or a fire worshiper. If an animal gives birth to a youngster with intact limbs, do you see any error?"

Then Abu Huraira recited the Quran verse: "The Fitrah with which Allah created mankind".

[Sahih Bukhari 1292 and Sahih Muslim 2658]

Importance of Fitrah:

Fitrah refers to the innate disposition or natural state of human beings. It is associated with the belief in the oneness of God. The concept of fitrah is important in Islam and is believed to be the foundation of human spirituality.

Here are some reasons why fitrah is considered important:

- Fitrah establish the belief in God: According to Islamic belief, every human being is born with an innate belief in God. This belief is part of the fitrah. By recognizing this natural disposition, one can strengthen their faith and develop a strong connection with God.
- Fitrah give a moral compass: The fitrah help us to believed to in innate sense of right and wrong. This morality can guide everyone towards virtuous behavior and actions or help them avoid harmful actions.
- Fitrah give a sense of unity: The concept of fitrah emphasizes the commonality of all human beings. It force us to think that we are all created by the same god and are therefore equal in our humanity. By recognizing this, everyone can cultivate a sense of unity, empathy, and solidarity with each other.
- Fitrah encourages self-reflection: The recognition of fitrah can promt everyone to reflect on their own nature and purpose. This lead us to a deeper understanding of oneself, as well as a greater appreciation for the blessings and responsibilities that come with being human.

In short, the concept of fitrah is central to Islamic belief and can offer guidance for individuals seeking to cultivate their spirituality and lead a meaningful life.

• "So direct your face toward the religion, inclining to truth. [Adhere to] the fitrah of Allah upon which He has created [all] people. No change should there be in the creation of Allah. That is the correct religion, but most of the people do not know."

From Surah Ar-Rum, verse 30

Fitrah and Religion from the Perspective of Revelation

The innateness of religion has been categorically put forth in the Qur'an and traditions. The most explicit verse in this regard is verse 30 of Sūrat al-Rūm which has become known as the Verse of Human Nature (āyat al- fiṭrah):

• So set your heart on the religion as a people of pure faith, the origination of Allah according to which He originated mankind. There is no altering Allah's creation; that is the upright religion, but most people do not know."

The Holy Prophet (s) is reported to have said:

• "Everyone begotten is born in the state of fitrah."

How Fitrah guide us about right and wrong deed?

• There is well known hadith that state every child is born by having the state of

fitrah. Many muslims translate it as the "Every child is born as Muslim". Fitrah is the word which means that people are born with inclined faith, with the awareness of divine purpose and a nature built to receive the divine message. And the remaining natures one's fitrah and cultivate this inclination to faith and purity of heart.

It is to believe and testify with absolute certainty that there is no other partner as such besides Allah, that there exists no other being as High and Exalted that He is, and also to believe in all the Attributes of Allah, and there can be none who can possess them.and this faith is because of our fitrah with which we are all born.