

# Assignment 1

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## Comprehensiveness of Deen of Islam

#### **Introduction:**

Islam which is also known as the religion of peace is the world's fastest growing religion in the world. The word "Islam" comes from Arabic which translates to "submission to God". The most fundamental idea of the religion is that a Muslim should accept that Allah is the sole God who has created the entire universe and one should surrender himself to the will of Allah. Along with this basic idea, another main belief is that Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) is the last prophet of Allah and no other prophet will come after him. Now, Islam is not just a religion but it is a way of life. It helps us excel in every field of life, the two main sources of the teachings of Islam are Quran and Sunnah. As Islam is a very diverse religion in its teachings, we will discuss about its comprehensiveness in detail.

#### Articles of Faith:

Now the most important part of being a Muslim is having "Iman" which is also called as faith. Having Iman is the most important and fundamental principle of being a Muslim. The six main articles of faith in Islam are the following:

- Belief in One God (Tawhid): This means having faith in the oneness of Allah (God). Allah is the creator of all things; He has no equal and he holds the absolute power over everything. There is no one like him, He needs no help, He is alone in His work and this is the primary and main belief of a Muslim that none is like Allah Almighty. As Allah said: "And I (Allah) created not the jinn and mankind except that they should worship Me (Alone)" [Az-Zariyat 51:56].
- Belief in Angels (Malaikah): As Allah is so greater than us human beings in just his presence alone, He cannot communicate with us directly. For this, he has his angels that are made out of light and help communicate human beings with Allah Almighty. Allah has conveyed his messages to us through angels and prophets, these messages are called risalah. Angels also called as Malaikah are the first creation of Allah and they always obey His orders.
- Belief in Holy Books (Kutub): Muslims believe in the revelations sent by Almighty Allah to
  His prophets and messengers including the Quran, the Torah, the Gospel, the Scrolls of

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> https://revivers.wordpress.com/2012/11/26/guranic-verses-on-tawheed/

Abraham and the Psalms of David.<sup>2</sup> These books are the main sources of how a Muslim should follow the teachings of Islam and Quran is the last Holy Book bestowed upon Prophet Muhammad (PBUH). Quran is the last and most complete holy book as compared to the previous holy books bestowed upon the other prophets, it is a completer and more diverse book regarding all aspects of life.

- Belief in the prophets (nubuwwah): One of the main beliefs in Islam is that a Muslim believes in the prophets called nubuwwah that have been sent on to this planet by Allah Almighty. There have been thousands of prophets sent by Allah but only the names of 25 prophets have been mentioned in Quran. Prophets such as Moses, David, Jesus, Abraham, Solomon, Muhammad were human beings that were mortal just like the rest of the human beings but every prophet had a particular job that had been bestowed to them on the orders of Allah Almighty and they all excelled in the jobs they had to perform. Muslims believe that prophets should be respected and we should follow how they lived their lives but they should never be worshipped. Regarding this, Allah says (what means): {Say [O Muhammad]: 'O mankind! I am the Messenger of Allah to you all....'} [Quran: 7:158]<sup>3</sup>
- Belief in the Day of Judgement and the afterlife (Akhirah): Another main belief of Muslim's is the resurrection after death and the day of judgement. Muslims believe that once they die and the world ends, they will be brought back to life by Allah. Once resurrected we will be judged by Allah for our deeds and sins, Allah will then decide whether we go to hell or paradise depending upon how good we lived our lives as a human being in accordance with the guidance of Allah and Islam.
- Belief in predestination (Al-Qadr): This actually tells Muslims that everything that happens in our lives has already been planned by Allah and that he knows what's good or bad for us. This does not mean that we as human beings are not free willed, we can totally do what we want and we have the freedom of choice related to our life consequences but Allah is the one who knows best related to our fate. According to Holy Prophet: There is not one amongst you who has not been allotted his seat in Paradise or Hell (Sahih Muslim, Book 33, Hadith 6400).<sup>4</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> https://www.dar-alifta.org/Foreign/ViewArticle.aspx?ID=64&CategoryID=2

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> https://www.islamweb.net/en/article/134429/the-articles-of-faith

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/zr4r97h/revision/1

### Importance of Deen:

Now that we have discussed about the articles of faith that are the main principle of belief as a Muslim, we need to learn how diverse and flexible of a religion Islam is. Just like articles of faith, Islam also consists of the components such as Pillars of Islam. These components dictate how a Muslim should live their life in accordance to the Quran and Sunnah. The five pillars of Islam are:

- Profession of Faith (Shahada)
- Prayer (Salat)
- Alms (Zakat)
- Fasting (sawm)
- Pilgrimage (Hajj)

Islam is a religion that helps in every field and aspect of our lives. We as Muslims get to know that we should keep ourselves neat and clean all the time, Equal rights for men and women are ensured, taking care of our elders, family, neighbors, society, being honest and just in our every day of life, avoiding violence and maintaining peace etc. These are only some of the aspects that we are discussing, Holy Quran is the most complete and knowledgeable Book to ever be bestowed upon the mankind and we should live our lives according to the teachings of Allah and his last prophet (SAW). Now, everything in Islam is so calculated and scientifically real that we as humans have no questions regarding Allah's guidance. As Allah Almighty is the one with all the power, He is the one who performs miracles whenever they are needed and He is the one who keeps everything in the universe with balance. As we have heard of the miracles that had been performed by Allah to save his prophets from the kafir, there are countless occasions in the past that we have been still questioning ourselves how they happened, for example when Hazrat Ibrahim was thrown into the fire by idol worshippers, the fire did not burn Hazrat Ibrahim at all because Allah almighty had ordered the fire not to burn him. Allah The Almighty Says, "Burn him and support your gods - if you are to act. "Allah Said, "O fire, be coolness and safety upon Abraham." And they intended for him harm, but We Made them the greatest losers. [Quran 21:68-70]<sup>5</sup>. Now these types of miracles are

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> https://www.islamweb.org/en/article/175671/miracles-of-the-prophets-of-islam

something that we can't ever understand or imagine, this is something that is completely out of our imagination. This is something that only Allah Almighty can do and we as Muslims understand that Islam is way bigger than anything and that it is a complete way of life, something that Allah has blessed us with. Islam is such a different religion as compared to the others, its so vast, diverse, knowledgeable that the Holy Quran is considered to be a book not only for how we live our lives in this world but for the afterlife as well. Everything has been explained so perfectly in Islam that we as humans can't even complain or argue about anything. There is a reason why Islam is the fastest growing religion in the world because once a person gets to know about what Islam really is and shows interest in it. It can prove to be life changing for everyone, being a true Muslim and following Allah's guidance must be our ultimate goal to achieve.

#### **Conclusion:**

Now that we have discussed about how Islam really is as a religion, we as Muslims need to feel responsible for following Allah Almighty's order, to follow Quran and Sunnah. We should dedicate our lives in order to live a good life on this planet and to make sure that we have lived our lives as true Muslims. The Prophet said, "Yes, perform good deeds and leave evil deeds, then Allah will turn all of them into good deeds for you." Source: al-Mu'jam al-Kabīr 72356. Following main components of Islam, like namaz, roza, zakat, hajj should be our main priority in this life, and by dedicating our lives to Islam can lead us to paradise. A place that we should all strive to earn.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> https://www.abuaminaelias.com/dailyhadithonline/2021/05/21/islam-plus-hasanat/