





Intro to Religion

CONCEPTS

THE NEED

BASIC ELEMENTS

WHY ONLY ISLAM?





BASIC CONCEPTS OF RELIGION

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“Religion means the belief in supernatural beings”
(encyclopedia of Britannica)

“Whatever a human being does during loneliness is religion”
(Prof. A.N White Head)



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- In Arabic and Urdu **Mađhab** is used for the same meaning for which Religion & Deen are used.
- The Word **Mađhab** is derived from Arabic Root (مَحَابَةً) Which means to go, so **Mađhab** literally means “a passage”.
- Generally a religion or Mazhab is based on four basic things:
 - 1) Beliefs
 - 2) Worships
 - 3) Dealings (Customs /Ritual)
 - 4) Virtues / Moral Values

THE TERM “MADHAB” NEITHER APPEARED IN QUR’AN, NOR IN THE HADITH.

So the Religion can be Defined as...

“The Religion can be defined as a system of beliefs, worships, dealings and moral values that connects humanity to the divine or the sacred. It often includes a code of ethics, rituals, and a worldview that guides the life of individuals and communities”.



Deen!

- ❖ In Quran and Hadith, Allah (SWT) uses the word “Deen”. The Arabic word Dēēn is an Islamic term which has been used multiple times in Qur'an and Hadith.
- ❖ “Dēēn” means absolute submission (of man to the absolute sovereign). It also indicate reward and accountability. “Dēēn” expresses a way of life or a code of conduct and a complete system.
- ❖ Dēēn is a comprehensive term which also encompasses “religion” in it and three more major aspect of life.
 - 1) Political system
 - 2) Economic system
 - 3) Social system

So we can say it covers all aspects of human life.



Elements of the Religion

Six Elements:

- 1. A Divine and Powerful Being (God)**
- 2. A System of Beliefs**
- 3. A System of Worships**
- 4. A System of Dealings**
- 5. A System of Moral Values**
- 6. A System of Reward and Punishment (Hudood & Tazir)**

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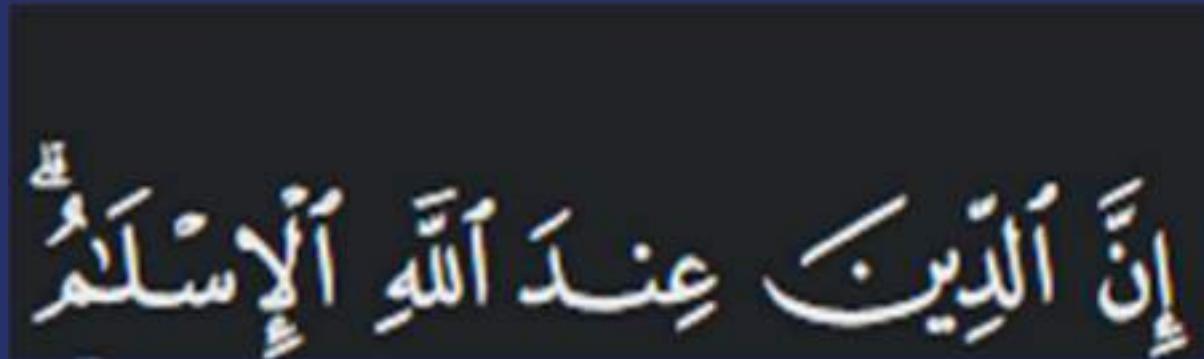
There are thousands of religions in the world

Overall: 17K Existing: 4K

And

The Islam is one of Them

The only accepted way of life (Religion)...



*“Surely, the way of life
acceptable to ALLAH is Islam”
(3:19)*



Why we need a Religion?



Why we need a Religion? (1)

- ❖ To know the purpose of creation (the destination).
- ❖ To know the meaning, purpose and the way of life and how to become successful afterlife (how to practice to reach to the destination).
- ❖ To accomplish natural desires and needs in an appropriate way.

Why we need a Religion? (2)

- ❖ To know the Moral and Ethical Guidelines

Religion offers a framework of moral values and ethical principles that guide individuals in making decisions and living a virtuous life.

- ❖ Religion Motivates Positive Social Change

Religious teachings often inspire individuals and communities to work towards social justice, charity, and the betterment of society.



There is no human being in the world who does not have a religion, even the person who says, "I am irreligious" or "I have no religion", also has a religion-



Why Islam?

Firstly

**What does Islam mean
and what's its goal?**



Ultimate Meaning of Islam!

"Islam" is an Arabic word that means "submission" or "surrender" to the will of Allah (SWT). It is the religion based on the belief in one God, Allah, and the teachings of Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) as revealed in the Quran. It was revealed to Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) through the Holy Quran, serving as a comprehensive guide for individuals to lead a righteous and fulfilling life in accordance with Allah's commands. By following the principles of Islam, Muslims strive to attain spiritual growth, moral excellence, and a deep connection with their Creator.

"This day I have perfected for you your religion and completed My favour upon you and have approved for you Islam as religion“ (Surah Al-Maidah, 5:3).

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The Ultimate Goal of Islam!





The Ultimate Goal



**The Virtue of Living from Existence to
Non-Existence**

**“Well being in this world and well
being hereafter”**



Why Only Islam?





Why Islam?

(1)

Revealed from Allah (All-Knowing, All-Wise)

The first and the most important attribute of Islamic Shariah is that it is from Allah. Although obvious, this attribute is often forgotten.

Shariah was not made by people, nor was it an accumulation of peoples' experience. Its guidance, rulings, and teachings are from Allah, the Almighty, the Creator, the Most Merciful, the Ultimately Just.



Why Islam?

(2)

Comprehensive and complete

Islamic shariah is a comprehensive guidance that takes into consideration all aspects of the human life. It gives us guidance from the day we are born till the day we die – it even relates to us before we are born and after we die.

Islamic Shariah shows its guidance wherever we are: at home, in the mosque, and at work. It rules our relationship with Allah, our Creator, within ourselves, with each other, our families, our communities, and the whole society.



Why Islam?

(3)

Balanced & Moderate

Islamic shariah is also balanced and moderate: It balances between the body and the soul, between the intellect and the emotions, between this life and the eternal one. It balances between theory and reality, between thinking and acting, between the unseen and the apparent. Shariah promotes freedom, yet it commands responsibility.



Why Islam?

(4)

Complete Record of Teachings Preserved

Last, but not least, is a remarkable fact that the teachings of Islam have been preserved in their original form and Allah's guidance is available in its pure form, without alteration of any kind. The Quran is the Revealed Book of Allah which has been in existence for the last 1445 years and is still available in its original form. Detailed accounts of the life of the Prophet (PBUH) of Islam and his teachings are available in their pristine purity.

“Indeed, it is We who sent down the Qur'an and indeed, We will be its guardian.”(Al Hijr/15:9).



Why Islam?

(5)

Prophets and Messengers

Islam teaches that all prophets and messengers were sent by Allah to guide humanity, with the final and complete message revealed to Prophet Muhammad (PBUH).

"We sent not before you any messenger except that We revealed to him that, 'There is no deity except Me, so worship Me.'" (Surah Al-Anbiya, 21:25)



Why Islam?

(6)

Clear Purpose of Life

Islam gives life a clear purpose—worshiping Allah and living according to His guidance.

"And I did not create the jinn and mankind except to worship Me."
(Surah Adh-Dhariyat, 51:56)



Why Islam?

(7)

Religion of Peace

The word "Islam" itself comes from "silm," which means peace. By submitting to the will of Allah, a person finds inner peace and harmony.

"Truly, in remembering Allah do hearts find rest." (Surah Ar-Ra'd, 13:28)

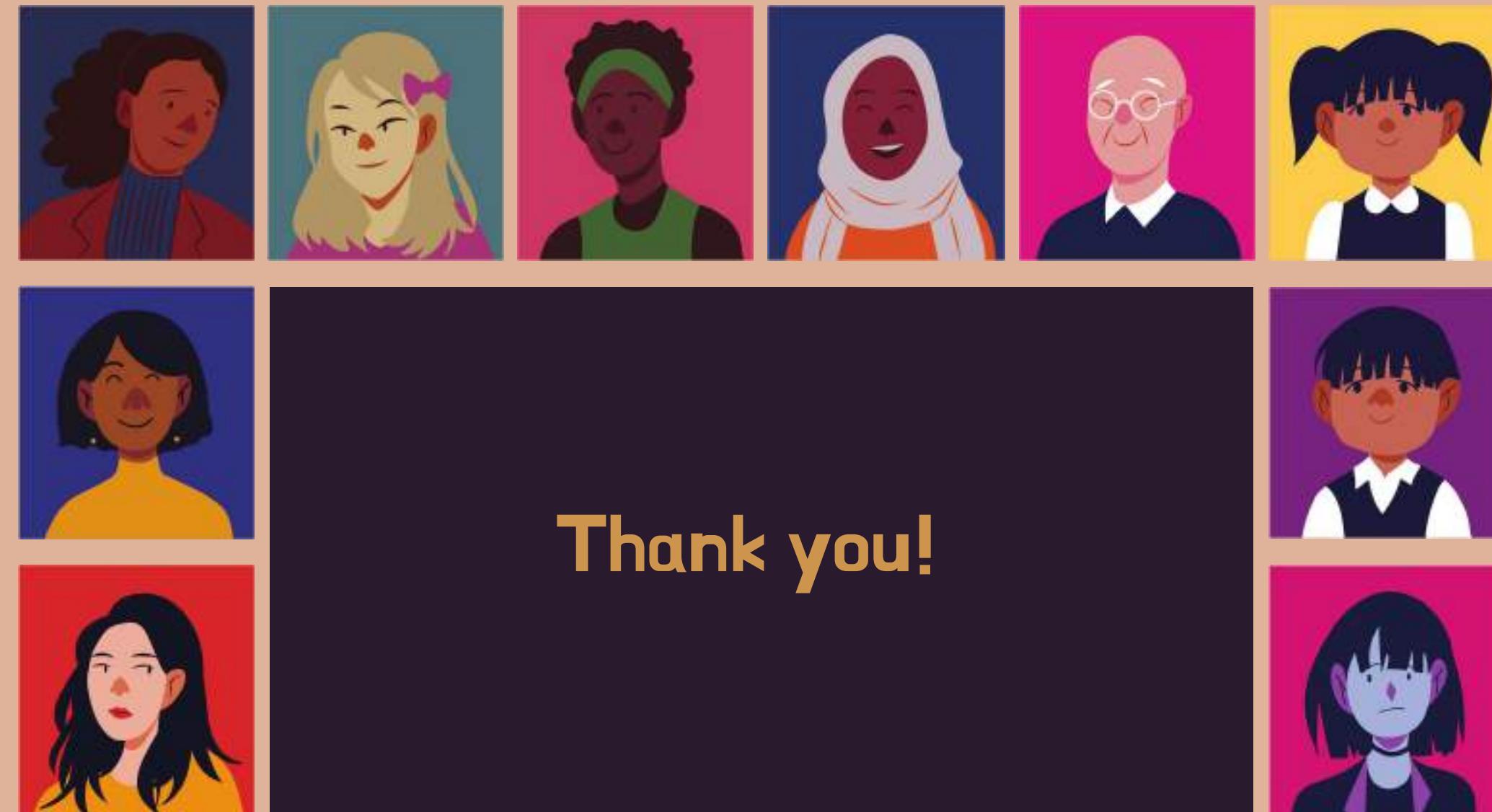
A Muslim is the one from whose tongue and hand other Muslims are safe, and a believer is the one from whom people feel secure regarding their lives and their wealth. (Sahi ibne Hibban, Hadith: 180)

Key Takeaways

- 1. Purify your intentions**
- 2. Brief Introduction to the Religion**
- 3. Basic Elements of Religion Islam**
- 4. The Need and Importance of the Religion Islam**
- 5. Why Only Islam?**

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Thank you!