

## **Religion and its Importance**

Having a Latin origin, the word “religion” means “binding together.” Literally, religion is a bond between a religious devotee and his God. This devotion is all about rituals and faiths.

**James George Frazer**, a sociologist says,

“Religion is a belief in powers superior to man, which are believed to direct and control the course of nature and of human life.”

So, the simplest definition of religion is to believe in the supernatural and place it sacred or divine and practicing certain values and rituals associated with that belief.

People have different religions or belief systems across the world which can be easily categorized into two categories:

- the divine or revealed religions
- the non-divine or man-made religions

Non-divine religions are associated with great thinkers, philosophers and reformers. Out of many religions Hinduism and Buddhism are the oldest. Rest of the non-divine religions are branches of these two.

While divine religions are those which are revealed from God to different prophets. Three of them are still in practice that include Judaism, Christianity, and Islam.

**“Deen”** is a system of life in which human beings consciously surrender themselves to the sovereignty of a higher authority and live a life of total obedience under the system given by that higher authority. People gain rewards through obedience and save themselves from the punishment.

Deen is all embracing term which includes religious-socio-politico-economic system. It touches upon the material as well as spiritual dimensions of human existence and insists that all our thoughts and deeds should be performed with God consciousness.

## **Difference between Deen and Religion**

Religion is a bond between a religious devotee and his God or gods. This devotion is all about rituals and faiths while, Deen is about the entire submission of man to an absolute sovereign.

Religion mostly deals only with private affairs of life whereas, Deen covers both individual as well as collective spheres of life.

Mostly religions focus either on worldly life or after life while, Deen develops connection and balance between worldly life and life here-after.

Religions are either totally man-made or manipulated by man whereas, Deen is divine.

Except for Islam, almost none of the world religions has standardized/ unified sources of knowledge and guidance.

### **Islam- A Deen**

The arabic word “Islam” is derived from a word meaning “peace”, and Islam as a deen stands for willing submission to Allah (SWT). One cannot achieve the peace of mind and soul until he does not surrender himself in front of Allah and live his life according to His laws.

Islam is the same eternal message revealed through the ages to all of God’s Prophets and Messengers. All of the prophets including Adam, Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Moses, David, Solomon, Jesus, and Ismail (peace be upon them) conveyed this main message that there is only One True God and He alone is to be worshipped. God says in the Quran,

**“We did not send before you (O Mohammad) any messenger but We revealed to him: ‘none has the right to be worshipped except I, therefore worship Me.’” (Quran 21:25)**

However, the true message of these prophets was either lost or got corrupted over time and hence lost its credibility to guide the people to the right path. Therefore, 600 years after Jesus, God purified the lost message by sending the Prophet Mohammad (PBUH) with His final revelation, the Holy Quran, towards all the mankind. It was the revival of humanity.

Since the Prophet Mohammad (PBUH) was the final prophet, God Himself has promised to preserve His last revealed words so that it would remain the source of guidance for all humanity till the Last Day. It is now imperative for everyone to believe and follow this final message from God. God Almighty says in the Quran,

**“We have not sent you (O Mohammad) but to all mankind as a giver of good news and as a warner, but most people do not know.” (Quran 34:28)**

**“Whoever seeks a religion other than Islam, it will never be accepted of him, and in the Hereafter, he will be one of the losers.” (Quran 3:85)**

The word “Muslim” means one who submits to the will of God, regardless of his/her color, race, gender, nationality or ethnic background. Hence, any person who is ready to submit to the will of God is eligible to become a Muslim.

When the term Deen is used for “Islam”, it obviously means a system of life where Almighty Allah (SWT) is worshipped and obeyed as absolute Sovereign, not just in the narrow religious sense, but in a manner that includes all aspects of human life.

This implies (i) Faith, (ii) doing right, (iii) eschewing wrong and being an example to others to eschew wrong. Therefore, Islam lives, not for itself, but for mankind.

The essence of true and authentic Islamic thought consists of the idea that it is not enough to practice Islam in the personal life only, but that the teachings of the Quran and those of the Sunnah need also be implemented in their totality in the social, economic, and political fields. The ultimate goal is to achieve the domination of the True way of life (Deen al-Haq), so that the Islamic System of Social, religious, economic and political justice can be established on earth.

### **Importance of religion:**

The subject matter of every religion is the well-being of mankind. Religion is important for people because:

- It offers opportunities for personal reflection.
- It gives a basis for the meaning of life.
- It can also provide a sense of community and connection to tradition.
- Religion helps in understanding of the spiritual, moral, social & cultural questions that surface again & again in people's lives.
- It guides one to make decisions/choices and come out of confusions.
- It gives people peace of mind, hope and motivation.
- Religion also provides an ethical and behavioral framework for mankind.
- Some research even suggests that Religion can also play a role in helping people cope with mental health conditions.

**Conclusion:** We can confidently conclude that to believe in a religion is unavoidable fact of human nature. Religion helps humanity in multiple ways and makes considerable contribution to well-being of humans and other creatures.

# Purpose of Life

## Surah Adh-Dhariyat Ayat 56

وَمَا خَلَقْتُ الْجِنَّ وَالْإِنْسَ إِلَّا لِيَعْبُدُونِ

Wa maa khalaqtul jinna wal insa illaa liya'budoon

**And I did not create the jinn and mankind except to worship  
Me.**



**Meaning of Ibadah:** The Arabic word '**Ibadah**' is derived from the same root as the word "**Abd**".

**Abd** means **servant** and **slave**.

A slave is a person who is totally dependent on the Master and he lives his whole life obeying his master.

Lingistically '**Ibadah**' means submission and obedience

Islamically '**Ibadah**' means **willing , complete and unconditional submission to the Will of Allah Almighty for seeking His Pleasure only.**

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Becoming slave of Allah has no similarity with this world's concept of slavery. **Slavery introduced by man** revolves around the idea of benefiting the masters and **suppression of the slaves**.

However, the concept of slavery to Allah Almighty revolves around the complete **well-being of the slaves**.

Allah Almighty being the Master introduces Himself with the names of **Al-Rehman (The Most Merciful)** and **Al-Raheem (The Most-Compassionate)**.

In Islam any **act** like eating, drinking, visiting the sick, help the needy, attending a funeral, obeying the parents, joining ties of relationship with the relatives, seeking knowledge etc, can be source of worship **if**,

- (i) The act is righteous
- (ii) it is done with intention of seeking **Allah's pleasure only**
- (iii) Performed according to the **Holy Quran and Sunnah** of the Holy Prophet (SAWW).

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**Example:** Eating Meal, it can be an act of worship if,

- one Eats for pleasing Allah as, Allah has ordered to take care of one's life
- one's earning is halal,
- meal is halal,
- it is eaten according to etiquettes of eating mentioned in the sunnah

In this way eating will become not only source of reward in Akhirah but, it will also give medical benefits, strengthen iman and upgrade one's morality.

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**Reality of tests of Life:** To measure the level of our meeting the purpose of life, we are put in different tests throughout our life span. Allah says in the surah Al-Mulk:2,

الَّذِي خَلَقَ الْمَوْتَ وَالْحَيَاةَ لِيَبْلُو كُمْ أَنْتُمْ أَحْسَنُ عَمَالَةً وَهُوَ الْعَزِيزُ  
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“He is the One Who created death and life in order to test which of you is best in deeds. And He is the Almighty, All-Forgiving.”

He puts everyone to the tests of life according to one's capacity. As Allah says,

لَا يُكَلِّفُ اللَّهُ نَفْسًا إِلَّا وُسْعَهَا

**Allah does not burden a soul beyond that it can bear.**

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Allah can test us both with good things as well as with unpleasant things. It can be by bestowing children, health, wealth, authority or it can be by taking away of any of these blessings. Allah says in **Al-Baqarah:155** :

وَلَنَبْلُونَكُم بِشَيْءٍ مِّنَ الْخَوْفِ وَالْجُوعِ وَنَقْصٍ مِّنَ الْأَمْوَالِ  
وَالْأَنْفُسِ وَالثَّمَرَاتِ وَبَشِّرِ الصَّابِرِينَ

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“We will certainly test you with a touch of fear and famine and loss of property, life, and crops. Give good news to those who patiently endure.”



# Purpose of Life

**How to Pass the Tests:** Those can pass the test by help of Allah Almighty only who;

- Keep struggling in right direction sincerley,
- show patience,
- remain steadfast,
- stay positive
- trust their Lord
- Make Dua

**How tests pay off:** If a person goes through the tests patiently and courageously it pays off in following ways;

- Removal of Sins
- Sign of Allah's Love
- strengthens Iman (Faith)
- Multiplication of Rewards
- Souces of saftey from punishment on Day of judgement
- Make us strong



## Purpose of Life

These are major fields of life through which believers have to show that they true worshipes of Allah Only:

- Moral and ethical ground
- Social ground
- Intellectual ground
- Political ground
- Economic ground

Believers have to excel in all these fields and implement Allah's Laws in all these areas. He has to benfit not only the humanity but all of the creations through his actions.

## **Conclusion:**

Knowing your purpose enables you to live and act with integrity. It becomes easier to behave in accordance with your core values because you know who you are, what you are and why you are performing the role you have chosen.

The purpose of a believer's life is enslaving himself to Allah the Most -Gracious and the Most-Beneficent. He has to struggle throughout his life to please his Lord. Becoming slave of the Most Merciful ends up in real happiness, comfort and success. It raises him in status and sets one free from any kind of other bondage.

# Happiness

According to psychology, happiness is defined as a state of emotional well-being. Happiness is an abstract feeling and pursuit of happiness is eternal human nature. Today, man has made huge advances in technology, designed to make our lives easier and comfortable, yet we see that unhappiness still exists in all the societies. Generally, **People think that** all necessary wishes of a man like **a big house, best food, fancy clothing and cosmetics**, travel and tours, established business, good family etc. **can make them happy** and satisfied in this life.

But, it is not so. We can quote the examples of some famous people who committed suicide inspite of having all such things.

Name	Suicide year	Reason
Chester Bennington	2017	American singer and songwriter, hanging, (substance abuse and depression)
Mark Fisher	2017	English writer, Philosopher, struggling with depression
Caroline Flack	2020	an English television presenter and actress, hanging
Phillip Adams	2021	American football player, shot himself during standoff with police
Jason David Frank	2022	American actor and mixed martial artist, suicide due to depression

# Happiness

All of them had gained what was dreamed of by thousands of the people of the world, then **what led them to commit suicide?**

To answer many such questions, we need to discuss the **reality of the entity called a human being.**

We human beings are composition of both **body and soul**. Our body can somehow be regarded as a mixture of chemicals, but our soul is a higher entity than a body.

The reality of human existence is the soul. This body is merely a mean of transportation of our soul.

There are many needs and requirements of our body. Just like our body, our soul also has some needs to be fulfilled. Since our body is from the Earth, everything it needs also belongs to the Earth, whereas our soul is from Allah (SWT) and its needs also belong to Allah (SWT).



# Happiness by Purification of Heart and righteous Deeds

Infact, external goods such as wealth, health, status and other material possessions also contribute to our well-being and to the nurturing of virtue. **But a passionate attachment** to such **external goods and material possessions** can be **harmful** to human life. These possessions provide only temporary happiness.

Thus, Allah Almighty states: “Are you content with the life of this world, rather than with the hereafter? Yet the enjoyment of the life of this world compared with the hereafter is but little.” ( At-Tawba,38).

The real standard of happiness lies in the soul. The happiness of the soul lies in the (i) zikr (remembrance) of Allah (SWT) and (ii) His unconditional obedience.

In the Quran, Allah (SWT) said,

“Only in the remembrance of Allah (SWT) will your hearts ever find rests.” [Surah Ar-Rad: 28]



# Happiness by Purification of Heart and righteous Deeds

If your soul is contented, you will find ultimate happiness. If your soul is in peace while you have not enough materialistic stuff in your life, you still feel satisfied and happy.

As the following verse of the Holy Quran says;

“Whoever does good whether male or female and he is a believer, we will most certainly make him live a happy life, and We will most certainly give them their reward for the best of what they did.” [Surah An-Nahl:97]



# Happiness by Purification of Heart and righteous Deeds

Happiness is outcome of the process of purification of soul or heart, which is termed as Tazkiyyah (تَزْكِيَّة). Allah Almighty says in the Holy Quran,

فَلَمَّا تَرَكَ الْجَنَاحَيْنَ

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قَدْ أَفْلَحَ مَنْ تَزَكَّى ١٦ وَذَكَرَ أَسْمَهُ رَبِّهِ، فَصَلَّى ١٧

بَلْ تُؤْثِرُونَ الْحَيَاةَ الدُّنْيَا ١٨ وَالآخِرَةُ خَيْرٌ وَأَبْقَى ١٩ إِنَّ  
هَذَا لَفِي الصُّحْفِ الْأَوَّلِ ١٩ صُحْفُ إِبْرَاهِيمَ وَمُوسَى

“Successful indeed are those who purify themselves (inwardly).

Remember the Name of their Lord, and pray.

But you prefer the life of this world,

even though the Hereafter is far better and more lasting.” (Al-A'la: 14)

# Happiness by Purification of Heart and righteous Deeds

Our spiritual heart resides inside our physical heart. Allah (SWT) wants our spiritual heart to be Qalb-e-Saleem (the sound heart).

Beware, in the body **there is a flesh; if it is Sound, the whole body is sound, and if it is corrupt, the whole body is corrupt**, and behold, **it is the heart.**"[Bukhari & Muslim]

**Qalb e Saleem or a sound heart** (قلب سليم) is the heart that does not deviate from the path of Allah and stays away from the love of duniyah.

## Characteristics of qalb e Saleem:

- It is free of evil emotions (like hypocrisy, arrogance, jealousy, hatred, false pride)
- It urges us to stay away from all the major and minor sins.
- It fears from Allah's anger and longs for His love.
- It remains contended in all situations whether favorable or difficult.

# Happiness by Purification of Heart and righteous Deeds

Qalb-mareez or diseased heart (قلب مريض)

This type of heart is one which is distracted by evil desires and emotions. It makes a man indulge in sins but feels regretful after committing sins.

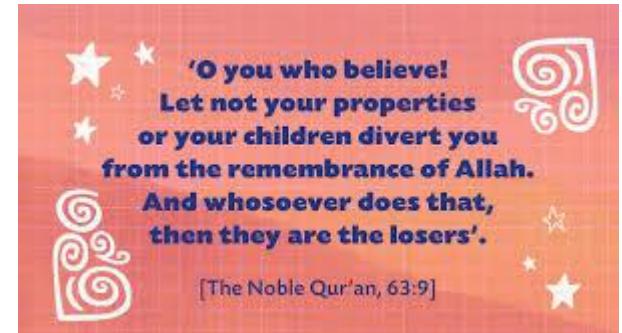
Two major diseases of the heart are **Shubuhaat (Doubts)** and **Shahawaat (Base desires)**.

**Shubuhaat (Doubts)** means doubting Islam and Lordship of Allah (SWT). Such doubts cause restlessness of the heart and weakens faith.

**Example:** one thinks of whether he will get rizaq (living) or not? , Will Allah forgive him or not?

**Shahawaat** are the base desires and **love of duniya**. These cause one to transgress the limits of Allah Almighty. A follower of desires becomes **selfish and extravagant**. He forsakes the greater good in pursuit of temporary pleasures.

Just as a physical heart needs treatment in case of illness, same way diseases of the spiritual heart also need treatment, which is termed as tazkiyyah-e-qalb



# Happiness by Purification of Heart and righteous Deeds

## Blind heart or Dead heart

**Qalb-e-mayt** (dead heart) or **blind heart** is the one that no longer feels fear from Allah Almighty. It has **lost the very insight to differentiate between right and wrong**. It **loses the ability to recognize and accept the truth**.

“Have you seen he who has taken as his god his [own] desire, and Allah has sent him astray due to knowledge and has set a seal upon his hearing and his heart and put over his vision a veil? So, who will guide him after Allah? Then will you not be reminded?” [ Al-Jathiyah: 2]

# Happiness by Purification of Heart and righteous Deeds

## Treatment of a sick heart

Following are a few steps to cure the disease of heart and purifying it from all type:

- 1.Self-reflection (muhasba e nafs)
- 2.Sincere Repentance (Tauba)
- 3.Self-correction (Islah e nafs)- avoiding sins
5. Performing righteous deeds
- 4.Frequent remembrance of Allah (Zikar)
- 5.Reflecting on the Holy Quran (tadabbur)
- 6.Establishing prayers
- 7.Joining pious company
- 8.Making Dua



رَبَّنَا لَا تُخْرِجْنَا فَلْوَيْنَا بَعْدَ  
إِذْ هَدَيْنَا وَهَبْ لَنَا مِنْ لَدُنْكَ رَحْمَةً إِنَّكَ أَنْتَ الْوَهَّابُ

Surah Al-Imran Chapter 3 Verse 8

Oh Lord! Let not our hearts deviate (from the truth) after You have guided us, and grant us Mercy from You. Truly , You are the Bestower.

## Conclusion:

Islam, commands goodness and beauty in every act of worship. It stresses upon the necessity of both spiritual as well as physical purification. The purification of the heart plays a key role in a man's ethical and moral reformation. It thus is reflected in actions.

# Three Dimensions of Deen -e - Islam

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**Hadith**  
**Jibreel**  
**Umm-al-Sunnah**

**Umar ibn al-Khattab (RA) reported:** We were sitting with the Messenger of Allah, peace and blessings be upon him, one day, a man appeared with very white clothes and very black hair. There were no signs of travel on him and we did not recognize him. He sat in front of the Prophet, rested his knees by his knees, and placed his hands on his thighs.

The man said, "**O Muhammad, tell me about Islam.**" The Prophet said, "Islam is to testify there is no God but Allah and Muhammad is the Messenger of Allah, to establish prayer, to give charity, to fast the month of Ramadan, and to perform pilgrimage to the House if a way is possible." The man said, "You have spoken truthfully." We were surprised that he asked him and said he was truthful. He said, "**Tell me about faith.**" The Prophet said, "Faith is to believe in Allah, His angels, His Books, His Messengers, the Last Day, and to believe in providence, its good and its harm." The man said, "You have spoken truthfully. **Tell me about Ihsan (excellence).**" The Prophet said, "Ihsan is to worship Allah as if you see Him, for if you do not see Him, He surely sees you." The man said, "Tell me about **the final hour.**" The Prophet said, "The one asked does not know more than the one asking." The man said, "**Tell me about its signs.**" The Prophet said, "The slave-girl will give birth to her mistress and you will see barefoot, naked, and dependent shepherds compete in the construction of tall buildings." Then, the man returned and I remained. The Prophet said to me, "O Umar, do you know who he was?" I said, "Allah and His Messenger know best." The Prophet said, "Verily, he was Gabriel who came to teach you your religion."



# **Three Dimensional realities**

## **Dimensions of religion**

## **Three levels of servitude**

- Islam (Submission, surrender, peace)
- Iman ( Faith,belief, creed)
- Ihsan ( Excellence/ Perfection of deeds)

# *īmān (Faith)*



- Aqeedah literally means A Firm Belief or Creed on which one's heart is fixed upon without any doubt and his tongue makes profession of it.”
- If actions are according to the creed then faith is correct and if actions are against it then faith is deficient.
- In Islam, Iman is based on belief in 6 articles of faith as mentioned in Hadith-e-Jibrael.

# **īmān (Faith)**



- Faith in Allah's singularity
- Faith in the all of the Messengers of Allah
- Faith in all of the Revealed Books
- Faith in the Angels
- Faith in the Last Day
- Faith in Al-Qadar(destiny) either good or bad

# Iman according to Quran



أَمَنَ الرَّسُولُ بِمَا أُنْزِلَ إِلَيْهِ مِنْ رَبِّهِ وَالْمُؤْمِنُونَ كُلُّهُمْ أَمَنَ بِاللَّهِ  
وَمَلَائِكَتِهِ وَكُلُّهُمْ وَرَسُولُهُ لَا نُفَرِّقُ بَيْنَ أَحَدٍ مِنْ رُسُلِهِ وَقَالُوا  
سَمِعْنَا وَأَطَعْنَا عُفْرَانَكَ رَبَّنَا وَإِلَيْكَ الْمَصِيرُ

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**THE Prophet (SAWW), and the believers with him, believe in what has been revealed to him by his Lord and they all believe in Allah and His angels, and His revelations, and His apostles, making no distinction between any of His Messengers; and they say: We have heard, and we pay heed. Grant us forgiveness, O our Sustainer, to you is all journeys' end! (2:285)**

# Iman according to Quran



مَا أَصَابَ مِنْ مُّصِيبَةٍ فِي الْأَرْضِ وَلَا فِي نَفْسٍ كُّمَّا لَمْ يَكُنْ  
مِّنْ قَبْلِ أَنْ تَبَرَّأَ هَا إِنَّ ذَلِكَ عَلَى اللَّهِ يَسِيرٌ



No affliction befalls either on the earth, or in yourselves, except that it is (written) in a book before we created it. that is easy for Allah; so that you will not be saddened for whatever does not come to you, nor be overjoyed in what has come to you. Allah does not love those who are proud and boastful" (Al-Hadid:22,23)



## **Faith in Angels :**

Muslims must believe in angels that,

- They are also a creation of Allah Almighty.
- They are **created of light** and
- They are **not given the choice of exercising free-will**. So they can not fail to obey any order of their Lord.
- **Angels are neither helpers and nor off-springs of Allah Almighty**
- They are carrying on their duties devotedly that are assigned to them by their Creator.

# **Faith in Al-Qadar (fate)**



It means that

- Allah the most Aware has absolute knowledge of each and every thing that has and that will happen.
- that is why every thing is written in the Lawh-e-Mahfooz.
- Man is given Free-Will to do either good deeds or bad deeds
- So, he will be held accountable for his deeds.

# Al-Qadar

- Good and Evil in the sense of blessing and misfortune are from Allah.
- we should be thankful to Allah for His blessing
- We should face the tests or hardships patiently and seek Allah's forgiveness
- we should remain steadfastness on the right path and be hopeful of Allah's Mercy

# **Meaning of Islam and Muslim**



- Islam literally means: **surrender, obedience or submission and peace**
- Muslim is The person who surrenders to the Will of Allah Almighty.



**According to Hadith e Jibrael the Messenger of Allah (SAWW) has mentioned the five pillars of Islam**

- First Shahadah (tawheed+ risalat-e Muhammadi)
- 5 times daily prayers
- Fasting during Ramadan
- Zakaat
- Hajj

# Ihsān (Doing what is beautiful)



- Literally “Ihsan” means excellence and perfection of deeds.
- more clearly we can say that Ihsan is to perform an action in the best of ways while being conscious of Allah’s Presence.
- As mentioned in hadith , “Ihsan is to worship God as if you see Him, for He sees you even if you do not see Him.”

Ihsan while worshiping Allah can be exercised by

- following all the external norms and rules of worship
- by observing qualities of devotion
- by sincerity of intention during the acts of worship.
- The Messenger of Allah said.

**“Surely actions are judged by the intentions.”**

And it comes in the Holy Quran that:

**“And Allah knows what is in your hearts; and Allah is Knowing, Forbearing”. (33: 51)**

## Relationship between Islam, Iman and Ihsan:

- There is a gradation. Islam is the beginning. *Iman* is a higher level. *Ihsan* is the highest level.
- Islam is outward manifestation, *dhaahir*. *Iman* is in the heart, *baatin*. *Ihsan* applies to both Islam and *iman*.
- Islam is a pre-requisite for *iman*. You cannot have *iman* without having Islam and *Ihsan* is excellence and perfection of action. It represents perfection in both Islam and Iman.

So, there are grades of a believer according to it, which are;

- Muslim
- Momin
- Mohsin (the highest level)

# Three Dimensions of Deen-e-Islam



## Conclusion:

**Deen-e-Islam = Islam + Iman + Ihsan**

As Allah says in the Holy Quran:

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا ادْخُلُوا فِي السَّلَامِ  
كَافِةً ۖ وَلَا تَتَّبِعُوا حُكْمَوْتِ الشَّيْطَانِ ۖ  
إِنَّهُ لَكُمْ عَدُوٌ مُّبِينٌ ۝

“Oh believers! **Enter to the fold of Islam completely** and follow not the footsteps of Satan, for he is an open enemy to you.” (al-Baqarah:208)

# **Iman-Faith**

## **1. Tawheed**

### **Uniqueness of Allah Almighty**



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# Tawheed



Belief in **Tawheed** is the part of **Iman-bil-Ghaib**, which is an important concept of Islam, as the opening verses of Surah Al-Baqarah mentions it as a primary quality of the believers;

الَّذِينَ يُؤْمِنُونَ بِالْغَيْبِ وَيُقِيمُونَ.....

**(Believers are) those who have faith in Ghaib.... (2:3)**

Some scholars are of view that it means “blind faith”, which seems really incorrect and irrational approach.

As it comes in the Holy Quran,

“وَالَّذِينَ إِذَا ذُكْرُوا بِآيَاتِ رَبِّهِمْ لَمْ يَخِرُّوا عَلَيْهَا صَمَّاً وَعُمَيَّانًا”

**And those who, when they are reminded of the revelations of their Lord, fall not deaf and blind there at.”**

So, right meanig of **Iman-bil-Ghaib** is “**to have faith in unseen realities**”, particularly when they are told by Allah and His Prophets.

## Tawheed

So according to the divine verses **the believers are those intelligent beings who accept that apart from the seen realities there are many unseen realities.** We can not merely **reject them on the ground that they are not visible.**

It is just as there are many unseen scientific realities that are believed in e.g.

- force of gravity,
- force of friction

These scientific concepts are believed only on the basis of **intellectual arguments**

In Islam concept of God, Day of Judgment, paradise& hell, and angels etc. belong to the faith in unseen. These can also be proved through intellectual arguments.

# Tawheed



**Tawheed Literally means, “Oneness/uniqueness of something”**

**In Islamic terminology, Tawheed means,  
“Oneness/uniqueness of Allah Almighty with respect to  
His being/actions, His worships, and His attributes.”**

**Say, Allah is only One.**

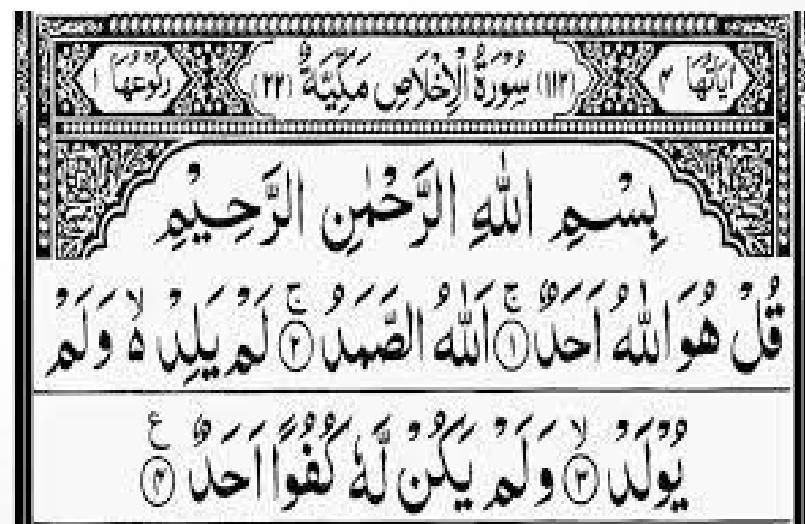
**Allah is self-Sufficient**

**Neither He has any children,**

**Nor He has any father,**

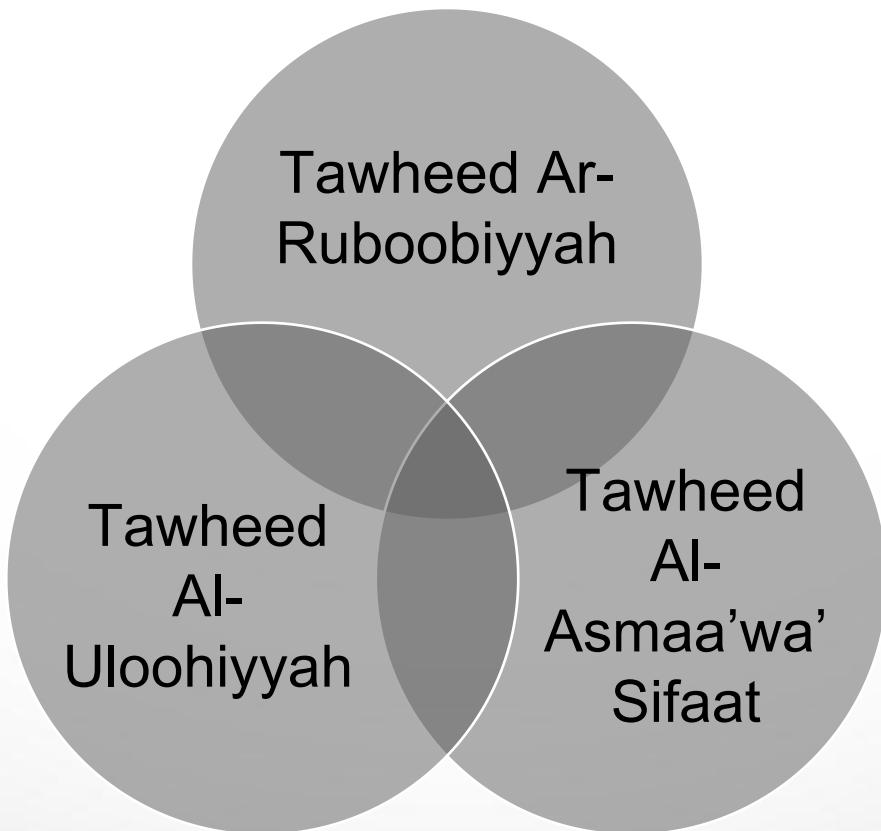
**And there is no one equal**

**to Him.**



# Tawheed

- There are three main categories of tawheed, i-e



## Tawheed

**Tawheed Ar-Ruboobiyah** means “to single out Allah Almighty in understanding his Being and His actions”

etc.

- It means no being is similar to Allah
- No one is able to perform those actions which He can, such as creating, providing, sustaining.

It is said in the Holy Quran:

فَاطِرُ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ جَعَلَ لَكُم مِّنْ أَنفُسِكُمْ أَزْوَاجًا وَمَن  
الْأَنْعَمْ أَزْوَاجًا يَذْرُوكُمْ فِيهِ لَيْسَ كَمِثْلِهِ شَيْءٌ وَهُوَ  
الْسَّمِيعُ الْبَصِيرُ

'He is' the Originator of the heavens and the earth. He has made for you spouses from among yourselves, and 'made' mates for cattle 'as well'—multiplying you 'both'. There is nothing like Him, for He 'alone' is the All-Hearing, All-Seeing.

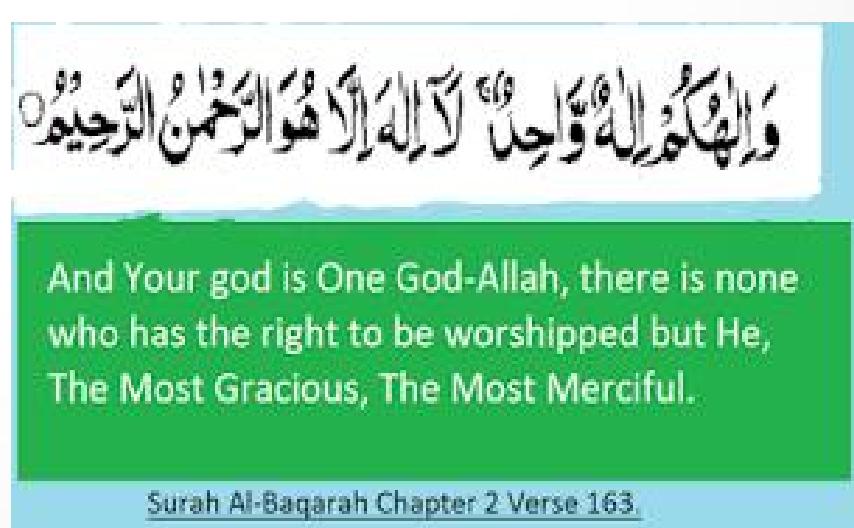
# Tawheed

In Arabic word “Illaha” means “the one who is worthy of worship”,

SO, Tawheed Al-Uloohiyah is defined as ,

**“to single out Allah Almighty regarding all forms of worships”**

- It binds a man to worship Him alone
- Only to make Dua in front of Him
- Only call Him for help , mercy, forgiveness and all other needs.



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## Tawheed Al-Asmaa wa al-Sifaat:

It means that, “**Allah is absolutely unique in His Attributes and qualities.**”

All His names are symbolic of His qualities. He is the Most-Merciful, Most-Forgiving, Most-Knowledgeable, the Only-Sustainer etc.

**Surah al-Hashr: 22-23 says,**

هُوَ اللَّهُ الَّذِي لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ • عَلِمُ الْغَيْبِ وَ الشَّهَادَةِ • هُوَ  
الرَّحْمَنُ الرَّحِيمُ • هُوَ اللَّهُ الَّذِي لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ • الْمَلِكُ  
الْقَدُّوسُ السَّلَامُ الْمُؤْمِنُ الْمُعَيْمُونُ الْعَزِيزُ الْجَبَارُ الْمُتَكَبِّرُ •  
سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ عَنِّا يُشْرِكُونَ • هُوَ اللَّهُ الْخَالِقُ الْبَارِئُ الْمُصَوِّرُ لَهُ الْأَسْمَاءُ  
الْحُسْنَى يُسَبِّحُ لَهُ مَا فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ • وَهُوَ الْعَزِيزُ الْحَكِيمُ •

“He is God; there is no god but He, the knower of the Unseen and the seen. He is the Compassionate, ever-merciful. He is God; there is no god but He, the King, the Holy, the Preserver, Protector, Guardian, the Strong, the Powerful, Omnipotent. Far too exalted is God for what they associate with Him...”

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## Points to understand Tawheed Al-Asmaa wa al-Sifaat

**1. Allah has only good qualities and there is no bad quality in Him.**

E.g. He only speaks the truth and never tells a lie, He always fulfills his promise and never breaks it and so on.

**2. All His qualities are absolute and perfect.**

It means that His qualities are qualitatively and quantitatively infinite.

**3. All His qualities are simultaneously operative.**

It means that All of His qualities are working in each and every moment and none of them become passive at any moment.

# Shirk or Polytheism

Linguistically, shirk means to make partners with someone.

In Islamic terminology,

“Shirk means to make partners with Almighty Allah either in His Being, His qualities, His actions or His worships.”

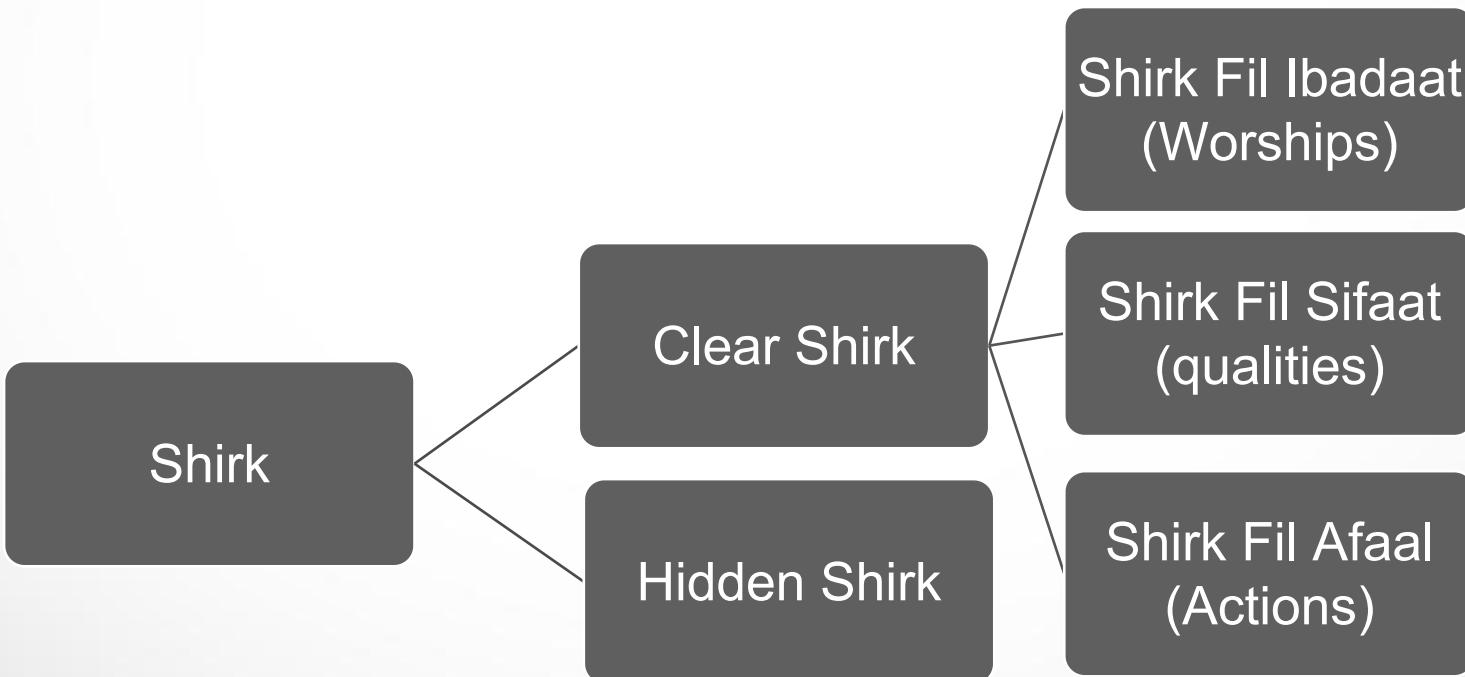
إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يَغْفِرُ أَن يُشْرِكَ بِهِ وَيَغْفِرُ مَا دُورَتْ ذَلِكَ لِمَن يَشَاءُ  
وَمَن يُشْرِكَ بِاللَّهِ فَقَدْ ضَلَّ ضَلَالًا بَعِيدًا

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Verily! Allah forgives not (the sin of) setting up partners with Him, but He forgives whom he pleases other than that, and whoever sets up partners with Allah, has indeed strayed far away. (An-Nisa : 116)

# Shirk or Polytheism

- Shirk can be categorized into two major types i-e



# Shirk or Polytheism



## **Hidden Shirk:**

If a person firmly believes in the oneness of Allah but he fails to show it through his actions in one or the other way, he will be considered as involved in hidden shirk.

**Example:** **Following Nafs, when one** is overpowered by his false desires which keep on changing day by day.

Such a person accepts and declares the oneness of his Lord but he does not fulfil the requirements of faith properly. It also leads to displeasure of Allah Almighty.



Such a man is not excluded from the fold of Islam but his behavior is strictly undesirable one and he needs to amend his thoughts, actions and behavior in order to bring them in accordance with the true concept of Tawheed.

**There is a verse in the Holy Quran;**

**Do not associate partners with God, to associate others with God is a mighty wrong. (i-e a major sin)" (31:13)**

**And it is said another place;**

**Surely whosoever sets up partners with Allah, then Allah has forbidden paradise to him and the Fire will be his abode. And for such wrong-doers there are no helpers."**

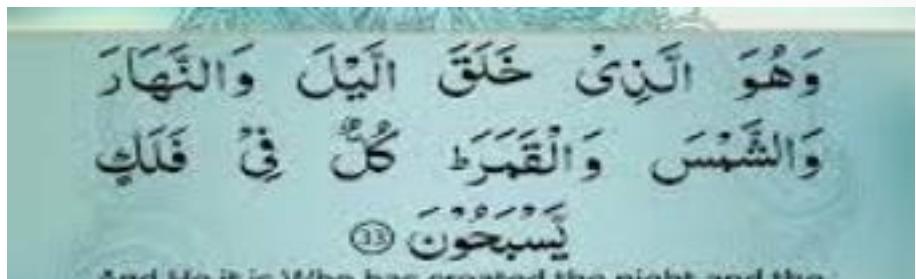
**(5:72)**

# Intellectual evidences of oneness of Allah

## 1. Creation of the universe and whatever is in it

- Nothing can be created without **a creator**
- **Creator** is always **superior** to the creation.
- Creations of the universes like human beings, birds, animals, sea creatures, insects, oceans, mountains, planets and stars etc. point to a **Creator**
- Every creation is marvelous and a master piece of creation in itself.
- Surely the Creator will be the one who is himself unique and matchless.

### Who is the creator?



And It is He who created the night and the day and the sun and the moon; each floating in its orbit.

# Intellectual evidences of oneness of Allah



## 2. Providence and sustenance of the creation

Every creation is being provided with

- sustenance,
- protection,
- and training

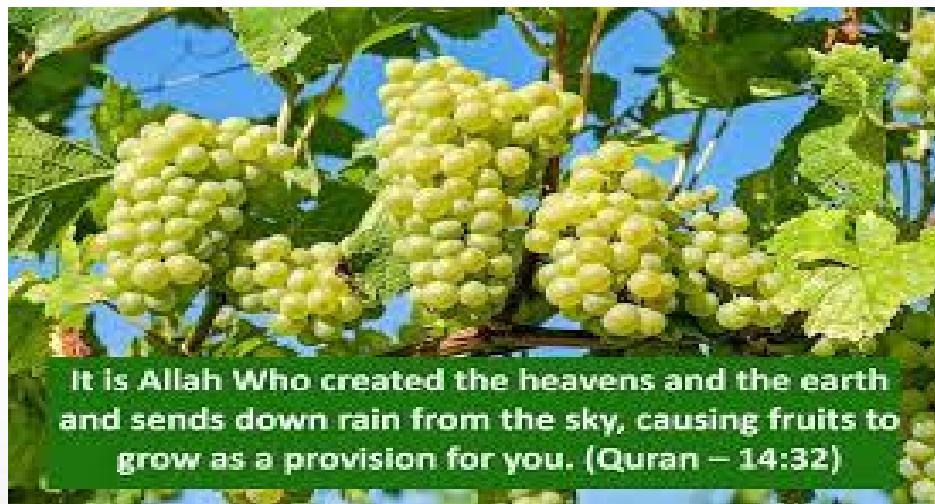
أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَنِ الرَّجِيمِ  
بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ  
وَجَعَلْنَا فِي الْأَرْضِ رَوَاسِيَّاً أَنْ تَبِعُدَ بِهِمْ وَجَعَلْنَا فِيهَا فِجَاجًا سُبْلًا لَعَلَّهُمْ  
يَهْتَدُونَ وَجَعَلْنَا السَّمَاءَ سَقْفًا مَحْفُوظًا وَهُمْ عَنِ ابْرَاهِيمَ مُغَرُّضُونَ ﴿١٤﴾ الْإِنْجِيلُ

And We have set on the earth mountains standing firm, lest it should shake with them, and We have made therein broad highways (between mountains) for them to pass through: that they may receive Guidance. And We have made the heavens as a canopy well guarded: yet do they turn away from the Signs which these things (point to)!

Who is the Provider?

Who is the Guardian?

Who is the Trainer?



# Intellectual evidences of oneness of Allah

## 3. Management of the universe

A) No system can be run without a manager or a controller.

There are numerous systems being run in the universe like;

- Rotation of heavenly bodies
- Alteration of days and nights
- Changing of weathers

Who is the manager?

b) There is harmony and order in different universal phenomenon

There can not be Harmony and order of in presences of two Managers with equal authority.

إِنَّ فِي خَلْقِ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ وَآخِرَةِ اللَّيْلِ وَالنَّهَارِ لَآيَاتٍ  
لِّأُولَئِكَ الَّذِينَ يَسْمَعُونَ

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Indeed, in the creation of the **heavens** and the earth and the alternation of the night and the day are signs for those of understanding.



# Intellectual evidences of oneness of Allah

C. Presence of wisdom (Hikmat) in the system is necessary to run it smoothly.

Everything is created intelligently and purposefully. E.g.

- Shape of the earth
- Distance of the sun from the earth
- functioning of human heart

## 4. Fitrah Argument:

To believe in a single Supreme God is requirement of fitrah (intrinsic human nature). When a child is born, it has with it a natural belief in God. If the children were left alone, it would grow up aware of God in His oneness, but all children are affected by the pressures of their environment whether directly or indirectly. The Prophet also said,

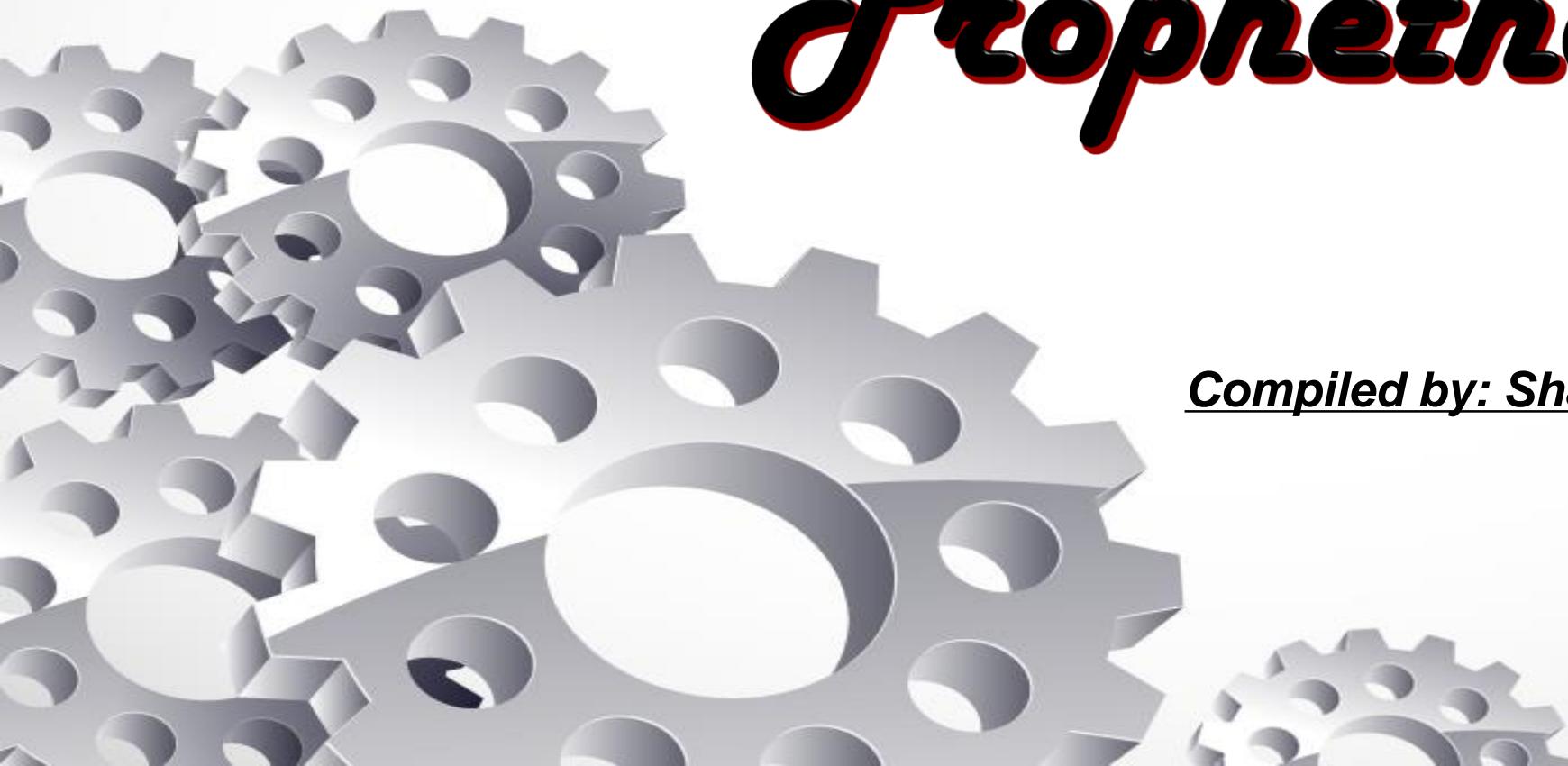
“Each child is born in a state of “Fitrah”, but his parents make him a Jew or a Christian. It is like the way an animal gives birth to a normal offspring. Have you noticed any (young animal) born mutilated before you mutilate them?”

# Tawheed



## Conclusion:

It can be concluded that Existence of one Almighty Allah is obvious from the universe and all of the creations present in. Moreover concept of Tawheed is also a part of human nature (Fitrah), the only need is to pay heed to this fact impartially in order to be guided rightly towards the true concept of God.



# *Prophethood*

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# Prophethood (Risalah)



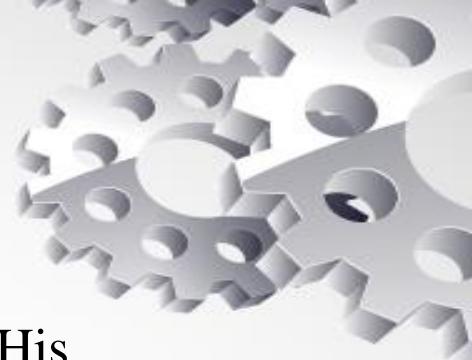
- Linguistically, **Risalaah** or **Nabuwah**, both of which literally means “to convey a message”.
- **Nabi** or **Rasul** is a noun that literally means “the one who conveys the message”
- “**Nabi** or **Rasul**” is a “person who is chosen by God to convey His message to His creation.”

# **Difference between Nabi and Rasul**



- ← Nabi is a messenger who guides the people to the path of the Creator, in the light of the message already revealed to the Rasul before him.
- ← In other words Nabi carries on the previously revealed Shariah.
- ← Rasul is a messenger of special position, as Rasul comes with new a shariah
- ← So every Nabi is not necessary a Rasul but all Rasul are Nabis also.

# **Common Qualities of Prohethood**

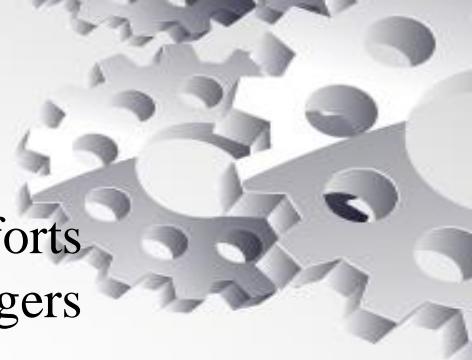


## **1.Human Beings:**

It means that Prophets were neither partners nor children of Allah but only His servants like us.. They were only human beings selected for conveying God's message to His people. They were not even children of Allah but only His servants like us. It comes in the Holy Quran;

قَالَتْ لَهُمْ رُسُلُهُمْ إِنَّنَا نَحْنُ إِلَّا بَشَرٌ مِّثْلُكُمْ وَلَكِنَّ اللَّهَ يَعْلَمُ  
عَلَىٰ مَن يَشَاءُ مِنْ عِبَادِهِ وَمَا كَانَ لَنَا أَن نَّأْتِيَكُم بِسُلْطَانٍ إِلَّا  
بِإِذْنِ اللَّهِ وَعَلَى اللَّهِ فَلِيَسْتَوْكِلَ الْمُؤْمِنُونَ ۝ ۱۱

“Their Messengers told them: "Indeed we are only **human beings like you** but **Allah bestows His favour on those of His servants whom He wills.**



## **2. Chosen by God:**

It means that it is not possible to become a nabi or a rasul by ones' personal efforts and struggle but it is totally God-gifted quality. So Allah chooses His messengers out of His free-will.

## **3. Innocent:**

The messengers like other human beings do have free-will but, they possess a lot of control over their desires and emotions by the Grace of Allah that they do not transgress his limits. They do not commit sins intentionally or out of rebellion to their Lord. They are all sinless and blessed people of Allah.

## **4. Faith and Obedience :**

It is the special status of all the messengers of Allah that they are to be believed, respected and obeyed by the people. Their rejection is considered as the rejection of Allah Almighty and it is liable to punishment in the Sight of Allah Almighty. People must also respect and obey all of them without any discrimination. It comes in the Holy Quran;

وَمَا أَرْسَلْنَا مِنْ رَّسُولٍ إِلَّا لِيُطْكَأَعْ بِإِذْنِ اللَّهِ

And We did not send any messenger except to be obeyed by permission of Allah ....  
(Al-Nisa:64)

# Special features of Prophet Muhammad (ﷺ)



## **1. Universality:**

Prophet Muhammad (ﷺ) is the prophet of Allah for the whole mankind while the previous prophets were for their own particular region and nation.

“say (oh Muhammad) Oh people. I am the messenger of Allah to you all...”  
(7:158)

## **2. Eternal:**

His prophethood was not for particularly for his time period but for all the times coming after him till the last day. The Book (Holy Quran) revealed to him will never become out dated or expired. The teachings of this Book will remain applicable to all coming times.



# Special features of Prophet Muhammad (ﷺ)



## **3. Complete and Perfect religion:**

الْيَوْمَ أَكْمَلْتُ لَكُمْ دِيَنَكُمْ وَأَتْمَمْتُ عَلَيْكُمْ نِعْمَتِي وَرَضِيَتُ لَكُمُ الْإِسْلَامَ دِيَنًا

“This day I have perfected your religion for you and completed my favour unto you and have chosen for you as religion Al-Islam” ....(6:3)

No other deen will be accepted except Islam.



## **Special features of Prophet Muhammad (ﷺ)**



**4.The Perfect Role Model:** The life of Holy Prophet Muhammad (ﷺ) is a complete Role Model of his teaching. His life is a practical example for the believers in each and every sphere of life.

لَقَدْ كَانَ لَكُمْ فِي رَسُولِ اللَّهِ أُسْوَةٌ حَسَنَةٌ

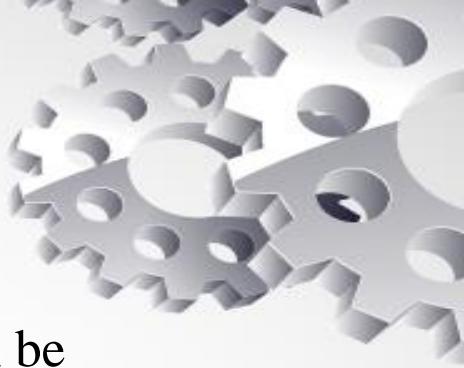
“Surely, there is an excellent example in (the life of ) the Prophet of Allah(S.A.W) for you”... (Al-Ahzab:21)

Another ayah stated as

And certainly you have best of the morals.

(Al-Qalam:4)

# Special features of Prophet Muhammad (ﷺ)



## **5. Last Prophet of Allah:**

Prophet Mohammad (ﷺ) is the last and final messenger of Allah and there will be no messenger after him till the Last Day.

مَا كَانَ مُحَمَّدٌ أَبَا أَحَدٍ مِنْ رِجَالِكُمْ وَلَكِنْ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ وَخَاتَمُ النَّبِيِّنَ وَكَانَ اللَّهُ بِكُلِّ شَيْءٍ عَلِيمًا

“Muhammad (ﷺ) is not the father of any of your men, but (he is) the Messenger of Allah, and the Seal of the Prophets: and Allah has full knowledge of all things.” (33:40)

## **Constitution of Pakistan forbids insult to the Holy Prophet (ﷺ)**

The law says that any “derogatory remarks, etc, in respect of the Holy Prophet [Muhammad] either spoken or written, directly or indirectly shall be punished with death, or imprisonment for life, and shall also be liable to fine”. (**Article 295-C**)

# Obedience and Love of Prophet (SAWW) is a measure of Faith

## Surah Al-Imran Ayat 31

قُلْ إِنَّ كُفَّارَهُمْ لَا يُحِبُّونَ اللَّهَ فَأَتَيْعُونِي يُحِبِّيَكُمْ  
اللَّهُ وَرَبُّكُمْ ذُوَّبَكُمْ وَاللَّهُ عَفُورٌ رَّحِيمٌ

Gul in kumtom tuhibbounal laha fatahu' dacee yuhibbukumof lahu wa yaighfir laikum zuurobbikum: wallahu Ghafoorul Raheem

**Say. [O Muhammad]. "If you should love Allah, then follow me, [so] Allah will love you and forgive you your sins. And Allah is Forgiving and Merciful."**

## Obedience and Love of Prophet (SAWW) is a measure of Faith

The Prophet ﷺ himself declared: “None of you can be a believer until I am more dearer to you than your parents, children and the rest of humanity” (Bukhari).

# Arguments about the Truthfulness and finality of Prophet Muhammad (ﷺ)

We will discuss three broad categories of arguments about the truthfulness of Prophet Mohammad (S.A.W.W) i-e

1. Arguments regarding his character
2. Arguments about his message and
3. Arguments regarding others prophecies about him

## **1) Arguments regarding his character:**

- ❖ Being famous as Al-Sadiq and Al-Amin among the people of Makkah even before the advent of Islam.
- ❖ Event of fixing the “Black Stone” in the wall of Holy Kabah (quality of wisdom and justice)
- ❖ Incident of migration to Medina (honesty)
- ❖ Incident of Conquest of Makkah (mercy and forgiveness)

**2) Arguments about his message :** The message that he delivered through out his time of prophet hood was the teachings of The holy Quran. So here we will discuss the authenticity of the Holy Quran.

- i) The Language of the Holy Quran is Arabic which is the most rich language of the world and still is an alive language.
- ii) Style of Quran is very unique and miraculous .
- iii) Open challenge in Quran “to make something like it.” (ref : 2:23-24)
- iv) Scientific facts told in Quran 1400 years ago which are now confirmed through science.
- v) Predictions made by Quran and proved historically later on.
- vi) Same version of the Holy Quran through out the world.
- vii) Preservation of the Holy Quran both in writing as well as in memories of the memorizers right from the period of the Holy Prophet (S.A.W.W) till today.

**3) Arguments regarding others prophecies about him:** Here we will discuss

- a- The prophecies made in the religious books of other faiths about the arrival of Prophet Muhammad and
  - b- Opinions of some scholars of the today's world in the praise and truthfulness of Prophet Mohammad (ﷺ)
- a- prophecies made in the religious books of other faiths about the arrival of Prophet Muhammad

Prophecy found in the Bible: **THE BOOK OF DEUTERONOMY 18:18**

**I will raise them up a Prophet from among their brethren, like unto thee, and will put my words in his mouth; and he shall speak unto them all that I shall command him**

In above verse there is the prophecy of arrival of a prophet  
 The word **brethren** means Prophet Musa (A.A)and  
**Prophet Isa (A.S)**

### **Comparison among three of them**

Prophet Musa (A.S)	Prophet Isa (A.S)	Prophet Mohammad (ﷺ)
Natural birth (Mother + Father)	Miraculous birth (without a father)	Natural birth (Mother + Father)
Got Married	Never got married	Got Married
Had children	Had no children	Had children
Migrated with his people	Never migrated	Migrated with his people
Fought against the enemy	Never took part in any fight	Fought against the enemy
Died natural death	Disputed yet	Died natural death

**Next part of Deuteronomy (18:18) says that God said to Moses that  
“I will put my words in his mouth”**

History bears witness to the fact that Prophet Muhammad (ﷺ) was unlettered and Holy Quran, the exact word of Almighty Allah revealed to him through Angel Jibrael.

There are many authentic narrations which tell that when Archangel Jabrael commanded Mohammad (S.A.W.W) by saying “Iqra” - "Read" at the time of very first revelation of the Holy Quran, and he replied, "I am not learned."

Then, angel Jabrael took hold of him, squeezed him and then released. he repeated it thrice and then revealed the holy verses to him.

And the last part of the above quoted verse of the Bible (THE BOOK OF DEUTERONOMY 18:18) says that “**he shall speak unto them all that I shall command him**” is also clear as the Prophet Mohammad (S.A.W.W) communicated the message of Allah Almighty to the mankind and nothing kept hidden.

**Another historical witness about truthfulness of the Holy Prophet (ﷺ) is his being recognized as number 1 among the list of most influential person by Michael Hart in his book “**The 100**” . He says,**

**“My choice of Muhammad to lead the list of the world's most influential persons may surprise some readers and may be questioned by others, but he was the only man in history who was supremely successful on both religious and secular level.”**

### **Conclusion:**

In a nutshell, we can say that the Holy Prophet’s ( ﷺ ) truthfulness is evident through his character, his message, and others' prophecies about him. The only need is to look into reality impartially and neutrally rather than to behave like prejudiced people.

He is truly the last Messenger of Almighty Allah and the only perfect role model. His Message , i-e, the Holy Quran, is preserved, free of corruption, and the ultimate source of guidance in all matters of life.

The Last day and Life Here-after



# The Last day and Life Here-after

## Belief in the Last Day and Resurrection

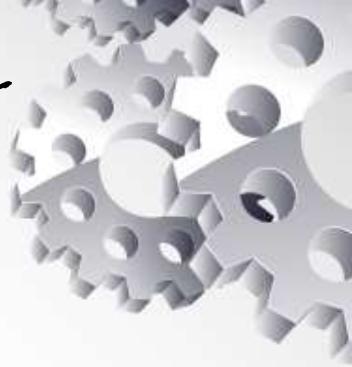
“To believe that one day this universe and whatever is in it, would be destroyed and after a temporary death all of us will be resurrected. Then we will be held accountable before Allah Almighty for all our deeds whether good or bad and we will face our reckoning accordingly.”

كُلُّ نَفْسٍ ذَآيَةٌ لِّلْمَوْتِ وَإِنَّمَا تُوقَنُ بِأُجُورِكُمْ يَوْمَ  
الْقِيَامَةِ فَمَنْ رُحْزِخَ عَنِ النَّارِ وَأَدْخَلَ الْجَنَّةَ فَقَدْ فَازَ وَمَا  
الْحَيَاةُ الدُّنْيَا إِلَّا مَتَاعٌ الْغَرُورٌ

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“Every soul will taste death. And you will only receive your full reward on the Day of Judgment.”

# The Last day and Life Here-after



Some important concepts related to the day:

**First Blowing of the Trumpet** by angel Israfil

وَنُفِخَ فِي الصُّورِ فَصَعَقَ مَنْ فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ وَمَنْ فِي الْأَرْضِ.

“And the Trumpet shall be blown, and then whoever is in the heavens and whoever is in the earth will faint except whom Allah wills,

(Az-Zumar:68)



# *The Last day and Life Here-after*

## **Second Blowing of the Trumpet and Resurrection**

“...then it shall be blown for the second time, henceforth they shall stand looking on.” (Az-Zumar:68)



## **Handing over the Records (Nama-e-Amaal)**

“Then as to one who is given his **record in his right hand**.  
He will soon have an **easy reckoning**.  
And he will return to his household joyfully.  
And as to him who is given his **record behind his back**.  
He will soon call for death.  
And he shall **enter the blazing fire**.” (Al-Inshiqâq:7-12)

# The Last day and Life Here-after

## ❖Weighing of deeds

“Then those whose scales are heavy,  
they would reach to their goals.



And those whose scales are light,  
these are they who put their souls in loss,  
forever they will remain in the Hell.”

**(Al-Mu`minûn:103)**



# The Last day and Life Here-after

## **Intercession (Shafaat)**

### **These conditions are:**

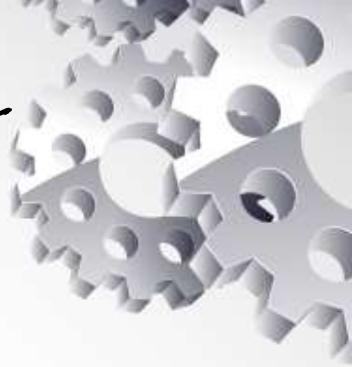
1. *The permission of Allah to the intercessor to intercede.*
2. *Allah's being pleased with the intercessor.*
3. *His being pleased with the one for whom intercession is made.*

“And who can intercede with Him (Allah) except by His permission.” (*Al-Baqarah:255*)

### **Who will be given permission:**

- Holy Prophet Muhammad (ﷺ) will be given persmission of intercession .
- Other prophets, the martyrs, the scholars, the righteous people and the angels will also be given permission for intercession.
- A man's righteous deeds may also intercede for him.

# The Last day and Life Here-after



Types of Intercession:

- Intercession which will be accepted.
1. The greatest intercession, which is **al-maqam al-mahmud**,
  2. The intercession of the Messenger for people whose good deeds and bad deeds are equal, that they may enter Paradise, and for others who had been ordered to Hell, that they may not enter it.
  3. Intercession that some people may enter Paradise without being brought to account.

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- Intercession which will be rejected.
- Such as the intercession which **the people of shirk** believe that their gods will achieve. They only worship them because they believe that they will intercede for them with Allah, and that they are mediators or intermediaries between them and Allah. Allah says in the Holy Quran;

“Surely, the religion (i.e. the worship and the obedience) is for Allah only. And those who take Awliya (protectors, helpers, lords, gods) besides Him (say): ‘We worship them only so that they may bring us near to Allah.’ Verily, Allah will judge between them concerning that wherein they differ. Truly, Allah guides not him who is a liar, and a disbeliever” [Al-Zumar 39:3]

- Intercession will not be accepted for disbelievers, like Allah did not accept the intercession of His Close Friend Ibrahim for his father Azar who was a mushrik.

# The Last day and Life Here-after

## ❖ The Prophet's (S.A.W.W) Pool (Hoze-Kaousar)

This is a pool which is bestowed to the Prophet Muhammad (S.A.W.W) and its drink will be sweeter than honey , whiter than milk and its fragrance better than the musk. Whosoever will drink out of it will never feel thirsty afterwards.

## ❖ The Straight path

It will be a path that everyone will have to cross to enter to the paradise and there are pits of hell underneath it. The people will cross it crawling, walking or running depending upon the validity of their deeds



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## Paradise and Hell

“As for the Righteous, they will be in bliss; And the Wicked, they will be in the Hell-Fire.”

(Al-Infitâr :13,14)

# **Signs of Qiyyamah**

## ► **Major Signs**

- i. Arrival of Imam Mehdi
- ii. Arrival of Dajjal
- iii. Arrival of Hazrat Esa (A.A)
- iv. Gog Magog
- v. The smoke
- vi. The rising of sun from the west
- vii. The fire
- viii. Appearance of an animal





## **Conclusion:**

It is concluded that the Day of Judgment is sure to come and no one will be able to escape it. All of us must try to prepare ourselves in order to meet an easy reckoning and to have a blissful life here-after.

# *Islamic Studies (HUM:110)*

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## Surah Al-Hujurat (The Rooms)

سورة الحجرات

### Introduction:

- Arabic: الْحُجُّرَاتِ, al-ḥujurāt meaning: The Chambers). this word appears in 4th verse of the surah.
- It is the 49th chapter (surah) of the Quran with 18 verses (āyāt).
- The chapter contains
- an injunction against acting on news without verification,
- injunctions prohibiting suspicion, and backbiting.
- It declares a universal brotherhood among Muslims.
- It is mandatory to establish equality among muslims

# Al-Hujurat (Verse 6 & 9-13)

Main Theme: *Social Duties and Responsibilities*

يَأَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا إِنْ جَاءَكُمْ فَاسِقٌ بِنَبِيٍّ فَتَبَيَّنُوا أَنْ تُصِيبُوا قَوْمًا  
بِجَهَلَةٍ فَنُصْبِحُوا عَلَىٰ مَا فَعَلْتُمْ نَدِيمِينَ



*O you who have believed, if there comes to you a disobedient one with information, investigate it, lest you harm a people out of ignorance and become, over what you have done, regretful.*



# Don't fight and make peace

وَإِنْ طَآيِفَتَانِ مِنَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ أَقْتَلُوا فَأَصْلِحُوهَا بَيْنَهُمَا إِنْ بَغَتْ  
إِحْدَاهُمَا عَلَى الْأَخْرَى فَقَاتَلُوا الَّتِي تَبَغِي حَتَّىٰ تَفِيءَ إِلَىٰ أَمْرِ اللَّهِ فَإِنْ  
فَآتَتْ فَأَصْلِحُوهَا بَيْنَهُمَا بِالْعَدْلِ وَأَقْسِطُوا إِنَّ اللَّهَ يُحِبُّ  
**الْمُقْسِطِينَ**

And if two factions among **the believers happen to fight, then make settlement between the two.** But if one of them oppresses the other, then fight against the one that oppresses until it returns to the ordinance of Allah . And if it returns, then **make settlement between them in justice and act justly.** Indeed, Allah loves those who act justly.



يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ إِيمَنُوا لَا يَسْخِرُ قَوْمٌ مِنْ قَوْمٍ عَسَى أَنْ يَكُونُوا خَيْرًا مِنْهُمْ  
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نَابِرُوا بِالْأَلْقَبِ بِئْسَ الْأَسْمَاءُ الْفُسُوقُ بَعْدَ الْإِيمَانِ وَمَنْ لَمْ يَتَبَّعْ



فَأُولَئِكَ هُمُ الظَّالِمُونَ

# Don't ridicule one another

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ إِيمَنُوا لَا يَسْخِرُوا بِرِجُلٍ مِّنْ قَوْمٍ عَسَى أَنْ يَكُونُوا خَيْرًا مِّنْهُمْ  
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O you who have believed, let not a people ridicule [another] people; perhaps they may be better than them; nor let women ridicule [other] women; perhaps they may be better than them.



# *Don't insult one another*

وَلَا تُلْمِرُوا أَنفُسَكُمْ وَلَا تَنْأِبُوْا بِالْقَبْطِ

And do not falsely accuse one another and do not call each other by [offensive] nicknames.



يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا إِذْ تَبَرُّونَ كَثِيرًا مِّنَ الظُّنُنِ إِنَّكُمْ بَعْضَ الظُّنُنِ إِثْرٌ وَلَا  
تَحْسِنُوا وَلَا يَغْتَبْ بَعْضُكُمْ بَعْضًا أَيْحِبْ أَحَدُكُمْ أَنْ يَأْكُلَ



لَحْمَ أَخِيهِ هَيْتَا فَكَرِهْتُمُوهُ وَأَنْقُوا اللَّهَ إِنَّ اللَّهَ تَوَابٌ رَّحِيمٌ

# Don't be suspicious

يَأَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ هَامَنُوا أَجْتَنِبُوا كَثِيرًا مِنَ الظَّنِّ إِنَّ بَعْضَ الظَّنِّ إِثْمٌ

- \* O you who have believed, avoid much [negative] assumption. Indeed, some assumption is sin.



# Don't be suspicious

**Definition:** Suspicion is thoughts, doubts, or imaginations that usually end up in one accusing others or taking a stance against them without any proof or basis. **Its harms us in following ways;**  
**It Causes one to sin:** Being suspicious of another can result into many other evils and sins like;

- physical abuse
- verbal abuse
- killing
- defamation
- it stirs up division and hatred

**So, Allah has prohibited it.**

# Don't Spy one another

\* “And do not spy”



# Don't Spy one another

**Definition:**tajassus or ‘spying’ means seeking out other people’s faults or looking for secrets of others.

It is an evil habit that;

- hurts everyone’s privacy
- causes hatred and envy among people.
- destroys the peace of the society

So, it is prohibited in Islam.

# Don't Spy one another

Abdullah Ibn Umar (RA) narrated that Allah's Messenger (SAW) said,

“A Muslim is a brother of another Muslim, so he should not oppress him, nor should he hand him over to an oppressor. Whoever fulfilled the needs of his brother, Allah will fulfill his needs; whoever brought his (Muslim) brother out of a discomfort, Allah will bring him out of the discomforts of the Day of Resurrection, and **whoever screened a Muslim, Allah will screen him on the Day of Resurrection.**” (Bukhari)

# Avoid Backbiting

وَلَا يَغْتَبْ بَعْضُكُمْ بَعْضًا أَيْحَبُّ أَحَدُكُمْ أَنْ يَأْكُلَ  
لَحْمَ أَخِيهِ مَيْتًا فَكَرِهُتُمُوهُ وَأَنْقُوا اللَّهَ إِنَّ اللَّهَ تَوَابٌ رَّحِيمٌ

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- \* Nor backbite each other. Would one of you like to eat the flesh of his brother when dead? You would detest it. And fear Allah ; indeed, Allah is Accepting of repentance and Merciful.



# Avoid Backbiting

## Definition:

Gheebah (backbiting, gossip) means that a person mentions the faults of his Muslim brother in his absence, which he would not like if he heard about it, when there is no need to mention them.

The Prophet (SAWW) said:

“Do you know what gheebah is?” They said, “Allah and His Messenger know best.” He said, **“That you say something about your brother that he dislikes.”** He was asked, “What if what I say about my brother is true?” He said, **“If what you say is true then you have gossiped about him, and if it is not true then you have slandered him.”**

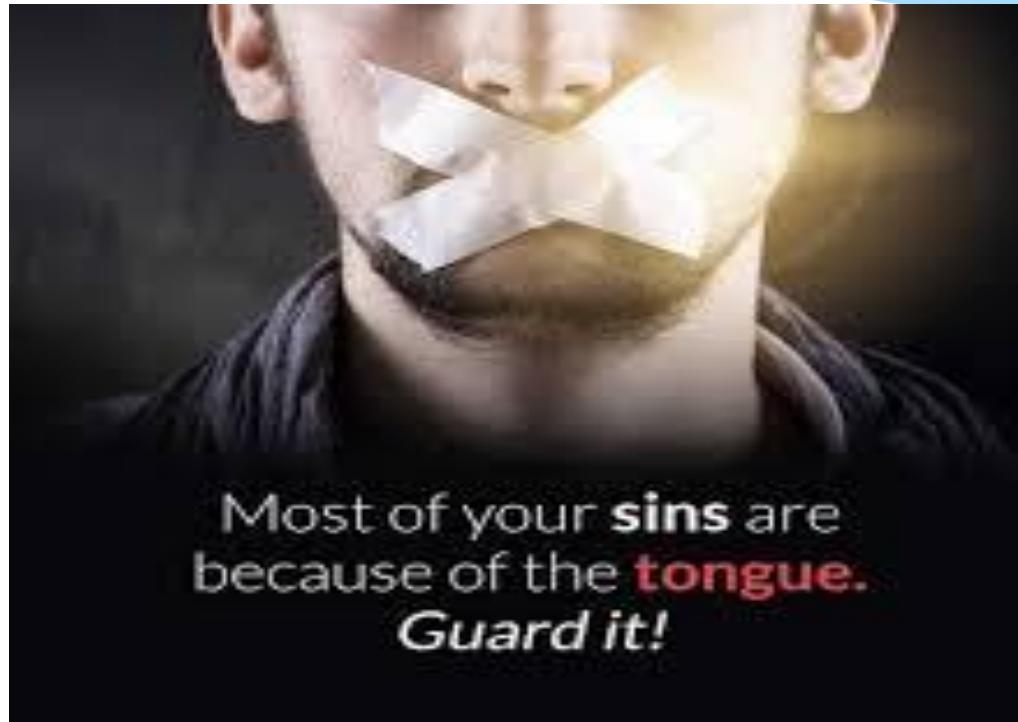
# Avoid Backbiting

This evil habit causes;

- defamation of people
- character assassination of others
- stirs up hatred among people.
- destroys the peace of the society
- pollutes the soul
- makes Allah angry

So, it is prohibited in Islam.

# Conclusion



Most of your **sins** are  
because of the **tongue**.  
*Guard it!*

*Salah*



# Salah

Obligatory for whom?

A Muslim, who is adult and sane.

Purpose of Salaat:

أَتَلُّ مَا أُوحِيَ إِلَيْكَ مِنَ الْكِتَبِ وَأَقِيمِ الصَّلَاةَ إِنَّ  
الصَّلَاةَ تَنْهَىٰ عَنِ الْفَحْشَاءِ وَالْمُنْكَرِ وَلَذِكْرُ اللَّهِ أَكْبَرُ  
وَاللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ مَا تَصْنَعُونَ



“Recite what has been revealed to you of the Book and establish prayer. Indeed (genuine) prayer should stop one from immodesty and evils. And indeed, the remembrance of Allah (by you) is greatest. And Allah knows what you do.”  
(Al-`Ankabût:45)

# Salah



## Importance of Salah:

It is the most stressed worship. It is source of direct connection to Allah Almighty. There is a veres of holy Quran;



“Successful indeed are the believers: those who humble themselves in prayer.” ( 23:1-2)

The messenger of Allah said,

“Salah is mark of distinction between a believer and a non-believer.”



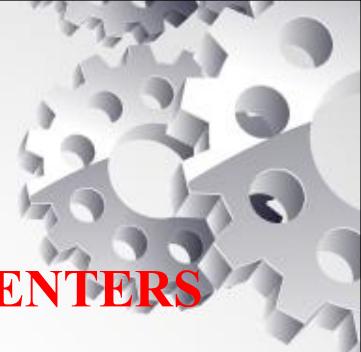
***"Hold on to your salah,  
because if you lose that,  
you will lose everything else."***

SAID IBN ABBAS (RA)

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# Salah



## CONDITIONS THAT MUST BE OBSERVED BEFORE ONE ENTERS TO NAMAAZ.

### 1 Purification; it includes the cleanliness of

- The body (bath or ablution whatever applicable)
- The Cloths
- The place of worship

It comes in the Holy Quran “O believers! When you wish to stand for prayer, then wash your faces and your hands up to the elbows and pass your wet hands over your heads and wash your feet up to the ankles. And if you are in need of a bath then purify yourselves well.”

(Al-Mâ`idah:6)



# **Salah**



## **2. Niyyah (intention) for Namaaz :**

One should only be for seeking the pleasure of Allah.

- “Actions are judged by the intentions.” (Hadith)

## **3. Facing the direction of QIBLAH.**

“...Turn your face towards the sacred mosque (Kaaba) just now; and O Muslims! Turn your faces towards the same, wherever you be...” (2:144)

## **4.Covering of the “Satr” (private parts).**

“Satr” is that minimum area of body which is compulsory to be covered properly during prayers . Men’s satr is from naval up to knees. Women’s whole body must be covered except hands, face and feet.

## **5. Performing Salaat at the prescribed times.**

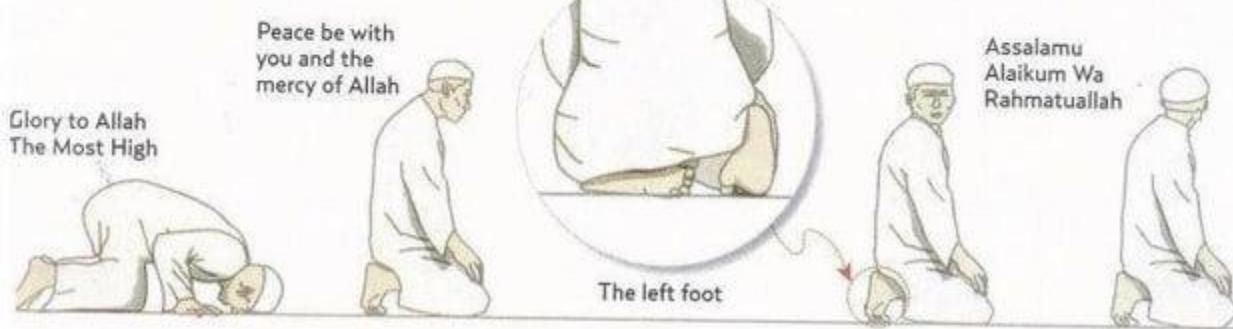
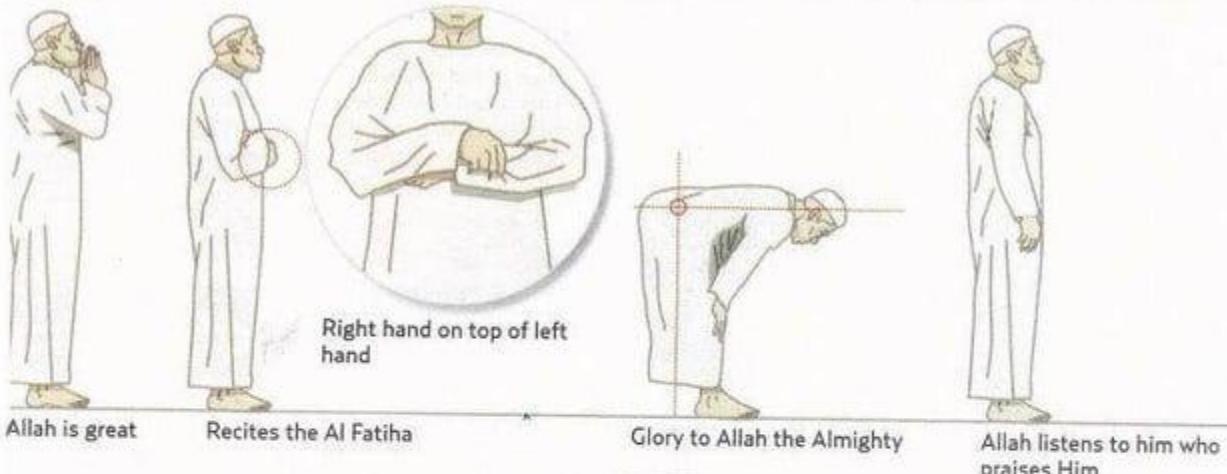
# **Salah**



## **Arkaan e Salaat (Compulsory acts of prayer);**

These are six in total according to majority of the scholars, which include;

- 1. Takbeer-e-Tahreema** (first utterance of the words of takbeer to commence prayer).
- 2. Qiyaam** (standing erect).
- 3. Qiraa-at** (recitation from the Holy Quran other than Fatiha).
- 4. Rukoo** (bowing of the head with the hands grasping the knees).
- 5. Sujood:** [singular: Sajdah] (prostrations with the forehead & nose, palms of the hands, knees and insides of toes of both the feet firmly placed on the ground)
- 6. Qa'adah-e-Akheera** (last sitting posture)



# Salah

## Internal conditions of salah

- Concentration (Khushu)
- praying slowly (Tadeel)
- Humbleness (aajzi)
- making excessive dua

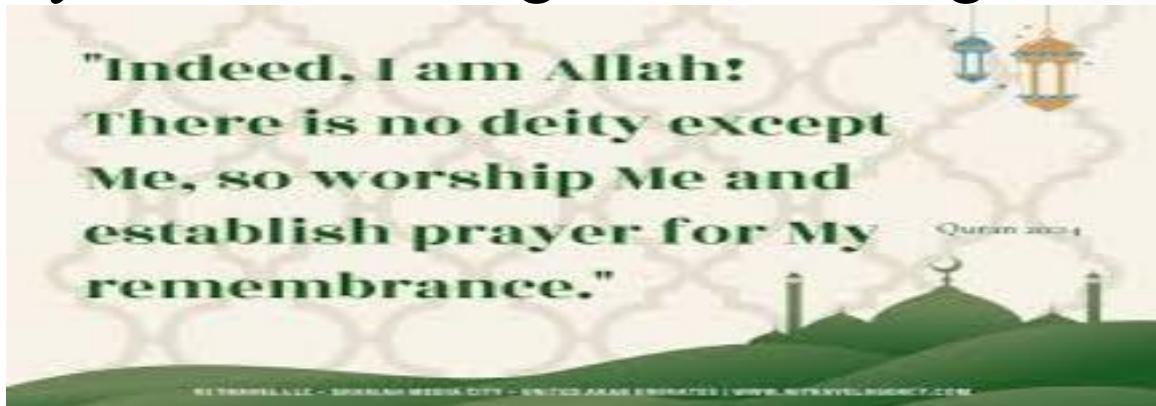


# Salah



**Salaat has a lot of benefits** in a number of ways such as;

**Spiritual benefits:** connecting to Allah Almighty, developing God-consciousness, purification of heart, pleasure of Almighty Allah, boasting iman, earning rewards, etc.



**Moral and Ethical Uplift:** devoted prayers help man to learn decency, modesty, humbleness truthfulness, honesty, kindness, sincerity, patience, courage, cleanliness, etc.

# Salah



**Social Cohesion:** congregation prayers develops connections, brotherhood, equality, obedience of the leader, unity, coopertaion



# **Salah**



**Instilling Management:** time management, regularity, punctuality, meeting the deadlines, focusing the goal

**Physical Health:** Prayers speedup healing, give energy, develops immunity,

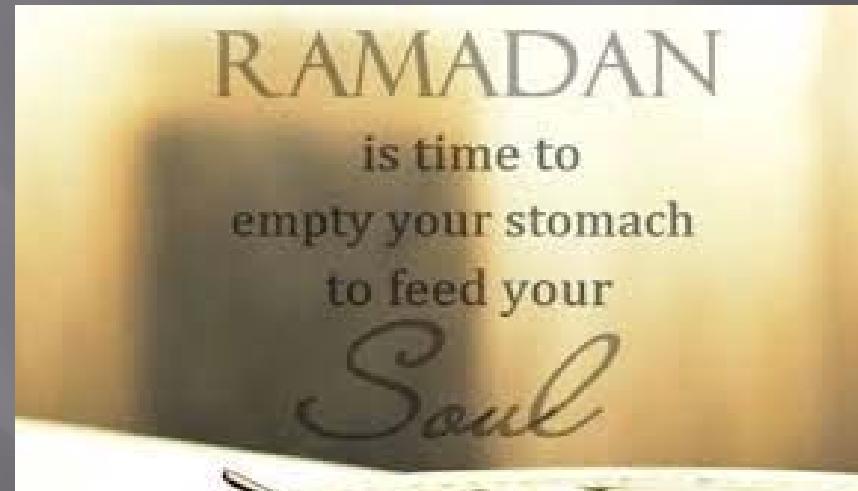
**Mental Health:** Praying help to cure stress, anxiety and depression. It increases concentration, self-esteem, optimism and confidence. It gives peace of mind and contentment of heart.

**Conclusion:**



يَسِّرْ لِلَّهُ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ

# FASTING (SAUM)



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**Literally**, the word for fasting in Arabic is “**sawm**” that means to keep away from something, to restrain oneself, to prevent oneself.

**Sawm technically** means “to abstain from any kind of intentional eating, drinking, smoking and sexual intercourse from dawn up to sunset.”

## **Proof of obligation and Purpose of fasting:**

It is mentioned in the following verse;

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا كُتِبَ عَلَيْكُمُ الصِّيَامُ كَمَا كُتِبَ عَلَى الَّذِينَ مِنْ قَبْلِكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَتَفَقَّدُ

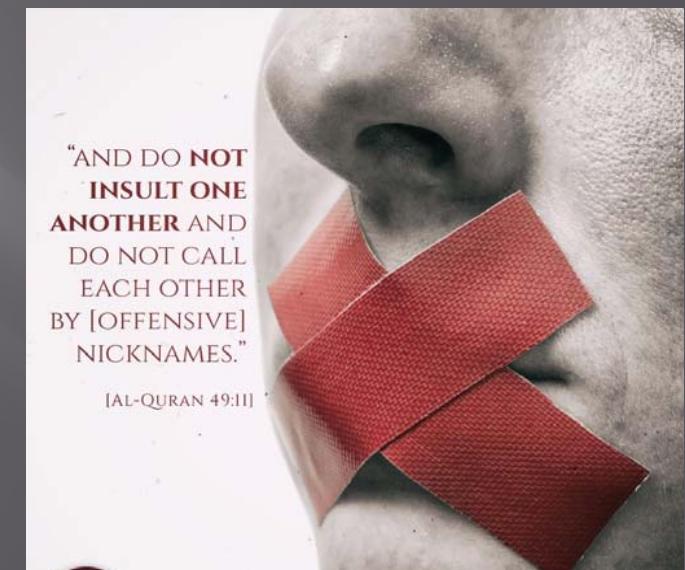
“O ye who believe! Fasting is prescribed to you as it was prescribed to those before you, *that you may (learn) self-control,*” (2:183)

# FASTING (SAUM)

**Purpose or aim:** Purpose of fasting is to develop “**Self-Control**”. Fasting is a practical training for learning **to curb one’s evil desires and emotions**. It is an act of obedience to Allah’s command through the highest degree of commitment, sincerity and faithfulness.

**One must observe fast of**

- eyes,
- ears,
- tongue,
- thoughts
- emotions,
- hands,
- feet

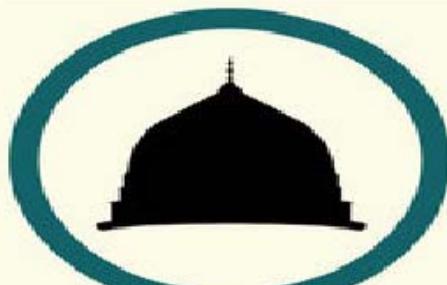


# FASTING (SAUM)

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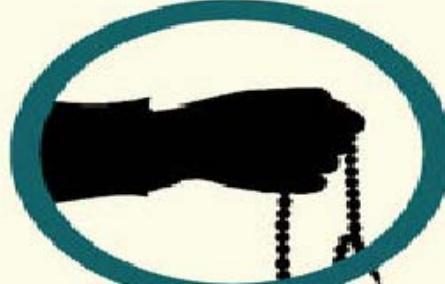
Pray All Your 5 Daily  
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Study & Learn  
Islamic Knowledge



Recite & Learn The  
Holy Qur'aan



Do Lots Of  
Dhikr



Make Lots Of Duua



Give In Charity  
& Help The Poor

# FASTING (SAUM)

## For whom it is obligatory?

شَهْرُ رَمَضَانَ الَّذِي أَنْزَلَ فِيهِ الْقُرْآنُ هُدًى لِلنَّاسِ وَبَيِّنَاتٍ مِنَ الْهُدَى  
وَالْفُرْقَانِ فَمَنْ شَهِدَ مِنْكُمُ الشَّهْرَ فَلَا يَصُومُهُ

Every **adult** and **sane Muslim** is bound to observe fasts for the whole month of Ramadan.

## Who is exempted from Fasting:

- Men and women who are too old and feeble to undertake the obligation of fasting and bear its hardships.
- Sick people whose health is likely to be severely affected by fasting.
- Traveler expecting hardship.
- The women in menstruation, pregnancy, or if they are nursing their infants.

# FASTING (SAUM)

## Compensation for the exempted people:

On first hand, all the exempted people are required to observe their missing fast later on when the reason of exemption is over. If they are unable then they are obliged to pay the compensation in any of the following forms;

To feed one needy person twice a day in compensation of one missed fast.

**OR**

To give quarter to 2kg wheat or its current market price in compensation of one fast.

## Penalty of breaking a fast intentionally: (per broken fast)

Observe fast 2 months constantly

**OR**

To feed 60 needy people twice a day

**OR**

To give quarter to  $2\text{kg} * 60 = 120\text{kg}$  Wheat or its current market price.

# FASTING (SAUM)

## Importance of Laila tul Qadr (The Night of Honour)

The Most valuable night may fall during any odd night of the last 10 days of the Ramadan. During this night the Holy Quran was sent down to the first sky. It is the night when revelation of the Holy Quran was started.



# FASTING (SAUM)

## I'tikaf

I'tikaf means staying in the mosque for worshiping Allah during the last ten days of Holy Ramadan. It is the Sunnah of the Holy Prophet (PBUH) Imam Ahmad said, as was narrated from him by Abu Dawood:

**“I have not heard from any of the scholars that it is anything other than Sunnah.”**

Az-Zuhri said:

“How strange the Muslims are! They have given up I'tikaf, despite the fact that the Prophet, (sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam), never abandoned this practice from the time he came to Madinah until his death.”



# Benefits of Fasting

## Social benefits

- It generates the sense of responsibility among the haves for spending upon the have-nots.
- It promotes the values of love, affection, brotherhood and mercy among the people.
- It teaches patience and tolerance, which is very important for developing a peaceful society.

## Spiritual benefits

- It is a means of earning rewards by pleasing Allah Almighty.
- It practically trains a man to develop self-control.
- It teaches adaptability.
- One gets peace in the life here-after.
- It acts as shield against the Hell-Fire.
- Source of lasting happiness.



- It is a source of coming closer to the Creator specially through I'tikaf and excessive prayers.

# Benefits of Fasting

## Economic benefits

- People give money or food in the shape of Fidiyah (compensation)
- People give money in the form of optional charity.
- People learn to avoid extravagance
- It helps to learn leading a simple life
- It generates barakah in rizq



# Benefits of Fasting

## Physical Health benefits

- It helps to control the evil habit of over-eating
- One is save of indigestions, cholesterol, high blood pressure, heart attacks and many other disease
- It can help in reducing excessive body weight.
- Through fasting one can easily give up the habit of smoking.



## Mental Health benefits

- It helps to cope with stress, anxiety and depression.
- It builds trust on Allah Almighty
- It gives peace of heart and mind.
- It enhances positivity.
- It inculcates empathy.



# FASTING (SAUM)

## Conclusion

Fasting is only **1%**  
of not eating and drinking.

the rest of the **99%**  
is bringing your **heart and soul**  
**closer to Allah**