

ISLAM - THE BALANCED RELIGION

The main feature of Islam is that it does not separate ones spiritual life from ones mundane life. In Islam they are inter-related. Islam provides definite guidelines for every facet and branch of a person's life - social, political, economical, personal, and spiritual life. Furthermore, Islam is not a religion of extremes, of mere ritualism, secularism or materialism but rather it promotes a balanced life. Islam is the complete way of life, which covers every facet of life from business dealings to marriage, from social life to personal cleanliness, from morals to character to the basic practical aspects of daily life like eating, sleeping, drinking, walking, talking etc.

Take a look at the funeral procedure of Muslims and you will be convinced regarding the simplicity and balanced nature of Islam!

SOCIAL CONDUCT IN ISLAM

Islam teaches and promotes decency, humility, modesty and good conduct. It emphasizes the fulfilling of others rights. Islam is a religion of rights that greatly emphasizes the honouring of ones promises, truthfulness, justice, rights of women, helping the poor and needy, respect for parents and teacher, love and affection for the young and giving others preference over oneself. Similarly, Islam condemns any form of injustice on the basis of colour, creed or race. It also condemns enmity, slander blasphemy, suspicion, arrogance, adultery, fornication, all forms of promiscuity and all other evil traits and qualities.

HOW TO BECOME A MUSLIM?

Now, when the Almighty is the sovereign of the universe, is it not logical that you submit willingly to His commands and mould your life according to the way of life that He has set out for mankind? You can find that way of life in Islam. A person becomes a Muslim by sincerely believing with the heart and verbally saying with the tongue that there is no deity but the Almighty and Muhammad (peace be upon him) is the last and final Messenger and Prophet of the Almighty. Furthermore one should believe in the angels, heavenly scriptures, prophets, the day of judgement and in fate.

MAY THE ALMIGHTY GUIDE YOU

Now that you have an introduction to this beautiful religion of Islam, may the Almighty in his infinite grace and mercy guide you on your journey to the truth and may He open your heart and mind to the reality of the life of the hereafter and the actual purpose for which mankind was created and placed on earth. Peace be upon him who follows the guidance from the

Almighty, the Wise, the Creator and Sustainer of all that is in existence.



Islam: the Almighty's message to mankind.

Islam: The fastest growing religion in the world.

Islam: The universal religion.

Islam: The best way of life.

Islam: The religion that liberates women.

Islam: The total way of life.

Islam: The universal solution for mankind.

Islam: For all races and nations, black or white.

Islam: The solution to HIV/Aids.

Islam: The final truth.

Islam: The religion that has abolished racism.

Islam: A remedy for oppression, injustice, genocide, murder, robbery, looting and all other social evils.

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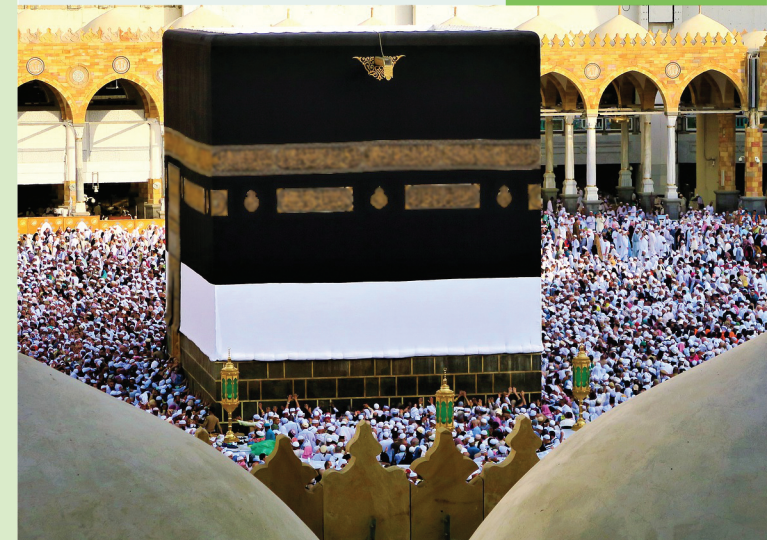
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ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A BELIEF THAT:

- Gives you peace of mind
- Is the Final Truth
- Is a Balanced Religion
- Will guide you in your life
- Has the solution for every situation & challenge

Then read on

WELCOME TO ISLAM THE UNIVERSAL RELIGION

WHAT IS ISLAM?

Islam being the complete code of life guides the human being towards the purpose of his creation and existence. It most importantly, provides him with the guidance essential to lead a purposeful life. It guarantees him peace of mind and success in this life and in the life hereafter.

Islam is derived from the Arabic word "Salaam" meaning peace, submission and obedience. In the religious sense, it means submission to the will of God (Allah) and obedience to His law. The actual purpose for which mankind was created is to worship the one and only creator, who is the sole creator of the entire universe, king of all kings, most compassionate and most merciful.

Islam is not merely a religion, but a complete code of life which is not restricted to any particular nation, race group or tribe. It is not confined and restricted by man-made geographical boundaries. Rather, Islam is a universal message for people of all nations, tribes and race groups. Similarly, Islam is not confined to any specific time or era, but compatible to every era.

THE BASIC BELIEFS OF A MUSLIM

To believe in the Oneness of the Almighty

To believe in the Angels

To believe in the heavenly scriptures

To believe in the Prophethood of all the Prophets

To believe in the Day of Judgement

To believe in predestination—that all good and bad is from the Creator

To believe in life after death

ONENESS OF THE ALMIGHTY

This is the most important Islamic belief, which means that everything in this universe is created by the Almighty who is our creator and who sustains us all, who has no partner, wife, son, was not begotten nor does He beget, the eternal being who is beyond any human comprehension.

Muslims believe in one, unique incomparable deity. He is the true deity and every other deity is false. No one shares His divinity nor His attributes.

No one has the right to be invoked, supplicated, prayed to or shown any act of worship, but the Almighty alone. He manages all affairs. He stands in need of none of His creatures and all His creatures depend on Him for all that they need.

HEAVENLY BOOKS

Our merciful Creator has not only sent Messengers to guide us, but He has also sent down books of guidance, scriptures and testaments with them. Muslims believe that the Taurah was revealed to prophet Moses, the Injeel to Prophet Jesus and the final revelation and testament, the Quran was revealed to the final messenger, Muhammad (peace be upon him). This is the last and final book of guidance, which is still in its original form and remains un-adulterated since its revelation (+1400years ago). There is absolutely no change to it since it was revealed.

PROPHETHOOD

This refers to the channel of communication between the Almighty and mankind. The Almighty has not left mankind without guidance on how to conduct their life. Since the beginning of creation, the Almighty sent down guidance through selected people to convey the message to their fellow men. These chosen people are called Messengers. The chain of prophethood began with Adam, then included Abraham, Ishmael, Isaac, Lot, Jacob, Joseph, Moses, Jesus, (peace be upon them all). These are but to name a few. This chain then ended with the last and final messenger, Muhammad (peace be upon him).

The message of all the Messengers is one and the same. They all invited the people of their time to worship the Almighty alone. It was necessary to send prophets at different times to bring back straying human beings from deviation to the straight path.

LIFE AFTER DEATH

This belief has a far-reaching impact on the conduct of a believer. It introduces accountability of a believer to his creator on the day of judgement. Belief in the day of judgement and in the life hereafter implies that all our actions will be judged by the Almighty in the life hereafter. A person who obeys the Almighty throughout his life will be rewarded and will be assigned an abode of happiness in the gardens of paradise. The person judged to be an evil doer would be punished and would be sent to hell fire which is an eternal place of suffering. One who has belief in the life hereafter is not expected to violate the will and commandments of the Almighty. He will always bear in mind that the Almighty is watching all his actions and the Angels are recording them.

ISLAM IS BASED ON FIVE PILLARS

Islam has five basic duties called the pillars of Islam. These duties bring a Muslim's life in conformance with the wishes of his Creator and Master. He is then able to correctly fit himself into the system of Islam. The performance of these duties in the manner required can revolutionize the whole concept of living and give purpose and meaning to life.

THE FIVE PILLARS ARE:

DECLARATION OF FAITH

To believe that there is none worthy of worship, except Allah and Muhammad (peace be upon him) is the last and final Messenger and Prophet of Allah. This confession is the gateway to Islam, the arch-stone of the faith. By affirming it and reciting it with sincerity and conviction, even a lifelong heathen or a polytheist can become a Muslim, a man of faith, and earn his title to salvation. The condition, however, is that he should have accepted conscientiously and with full understanding the declaration of the Oneness of the Almighty and the Apostleship of Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him) contained in it.

PRAYERS

Five times daily prayers are offered as a duty unto the Almighty whereby a person stands in prayer, bows, prostrates, praises the Almighty and supplicates to Him for all his needs.

FASTING

A believer abstains from food, drink and sexual relations from dawn to dusk in the holy month of Ramadaan (the 9th month of the Islamic calendar). He thereby experiences and shares the feeling of hunger of the poor, which helps a person to understand their plight.

ZAKAAT

A Muslim who is in possession of a certain amount of wealth, or more, is required by his religion to spend one fortieth (2.5%) of it at the end of every twelve months on the poor and the needy. Apart from the reward in the Hereafter, numerous worldly advantages also accrue from practicing the Zakat regularly. Besides zakaat, a Muslim is required to give optional charity as well. One who discharges these obligations properly, experiences a rare feeling of satisfaction and tranquility in his heart and the poor do not feel jealous of his wealth. On the other hand, they wish him well, pray for his welfare and look towards him with love and admiration and the world holds him in high esteem.

HAJ (PILGRIMAGE)

The annual pilgrimage to Makkah, the Hajj, is a once in a lifetime obligation only for those who are physically and financially able to perform it. Every year Muslims go to Makkah from every corner of the globe providing a unique opportunity for those of different nations to meet one another.

