

Articles of Islamic Faith



Islam requires that every Muslim:

Believe in the absolute Unity of God.

Believe in all the Angels of God, who are spiritual beings created by God to perform various assigned duties.

Believe in all the books revealed by God including Gita, Torah, Psalms, Gospels and Qur'an.

Believe in all the Prophets and Messengers of God including Zoroaster, Confucius, Krishna, Buddha, Abraham, Moses, Jesus, Muhammad and Ahmad.

Believe in the Last Day of Resurrection and Judgment of humanity.

Believe in the Decree of God i.e. believing that both the Laws of Nature and the Laws of Religion have been devised by God and He alone holds supreme power over these laws which are operating in the world.

Islam the formula for Peace



Islam provides practical guidelines for the achievement of internal and external peace and comfort. Islam is equally useful and beneficial for all segments of the human society. It provides guidance for all, and it establishes a sure and certain relationship with the Creator as that is the sure path to complete peace.

Islam its five pillars



There are five pillars of Islam, or five acts of worship prescribed in Islam:

Bearing witness that there is none worthy of worship but God, and Muhammad is His Servant and His Messenger.

Observance of Prayer five times a day.

Fasting from dawn to dusk during one month every year.

Paying a fixed portion of charity on accumulated wealth for the benefit of the poor and needy.

Pilgrimage to the Ka`ba in Mecca, Arabia, at least once in lifetime if conditions permit.



The Ka`ba, Mecca, Arabia.

The Ka`ba, is the first place set up in the world for the worship of God. It was re-built by Prophet Abraham some four thousand years ago.



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Islam its meaning



Islam literally means Peace, Submission, and to be in amity and concord. The significance of the name *Islam* is the attainment of a life of perfect peace and eternal happiness through complete submission to the Will of God. Its teachings are in accordance with human nature. Islam is a scientific religion and acknowledges the truth of science.

Islam the final Lesson



Islam is the perfection of the religion instated by God in the beginning of the world, by revealing the Qur'an through the Holy Prophet Muhammad.

As a child is taught alphabet, so God taught the religion to the world gradually and little by little. God sent His prophets and messengers at different times and to different people, Adam being the first. Through the different stages of physical and intellectual evolution, when the world reached a stage of understanding that was necessary for the final lesson, He sent the final and complete Book, The Holy Qur'an.

Islam not only corrects the errors which had found their way into various religions through the times, but preaches the truths that have not been preached before, on account of special circumstances of the human society or the early stage of its development. Islam meets all the spiritual and moral requirements of an ever-advancing human society.

Object of Human Life

According to Islam, the object of human life is its complete spiritual transition, to worship One God and serve His creations. It teaches that everyone has the seed of perfect development, and it rests solely with a person to achieve or realize the full potential, or let it remain unaccomplished. Humans are created by God in the best make, according to Islam.

Islam is the religion that provides true understanding of God and prescribes His true worship. Islam is inherent in human nature and humans are created in accord with Islam.

Islam teaches that the highest reach of human faculties is to meet God, the Exalted through purification of the soul by worshipping Him and performing good deeds.

Islam its fundamental doctrine



The cardinal doctrine of Islam is the Unity of God. There is none worthy of worship but God, and Muhammad is His Messenger. God is free from all defects, Holy and Transcendent. He is All Good, All Mercy and All Power. He has no partner. He neither begets nor is He begotten, because these are the traits of frail and weak humanity. Furthermore, Islam helps us to establish a permanent relationship with God and to realize Him during our earthly life as our Helper in all our affairs and undertakings. This Unity of God is the first and foremost pillar of Islam and every other belief hangs upon it.

Muhammad Prophet of Islam



Holy Prophet Muhammad was born in Mecca, Arabia in the sixth century. He was known throughout Arabia for his honesty and piety. He was inspired with a strong love for God and humanity. At the age of 40, he received his first revelation from God. God commissioned him as His Messenger and Prophet. The central theme of his message was the achievement of internal and external peace through spiritual union with One God.

True to his character, Prophet Muhammad practiced what he preached and provided a living example of all that Islam teaches. His humility, truthfulness, tolerance, resolve, courage, kindness, and wisdom continue to be a great source of enlightenment and stands as a model for humanity to emulate.



The Mountain of Light
It was in a cave in this mountain near Mecca, where Prophet Muhammad received his first revelation



The Prophet's Mosque
Built in Madina, Arabia

The Qur'an Holy Book of Islam



The Holy Qur'an is the literal Word of God and was revealed to Prophet Muhammad over a period of 23 years.

The Holy Qur'an encompasses a vast array of teachings and is a comprehensive code of conduct for humanity. It contains more than 700 commandments giving guidance on each and every aspect of human life. The Qur'an also contains numerous prophecies for the future.

The Holy Qur'an is preserved in Arabic - the very language in which it was revealed. There are many Muslims who have also memorized the entire Qur'an. Despite being over 1400 years old the Qur'anic text has remained intact as promised in the Qur'an by God Himself.

Its teachings are timeless and matchless. It forms a complete manual, for all people of all ages and all races. It teaches absolute justice and clearly distinguishes right from wrong. Its teachings contain profound wisdom. It tackles issues faced by humanity in their day-to-day existence in an effort to help make life as rewarding as possible.



One of the Earliest Samples of Qur'an

Written on parchment in brown ink with Kufi inscriptions. It dates from the 8th century of Common Era.