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Foreword

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*I seek refuge in Allah from Satan the outcast.
In the name of Allah, The Most Gracious, The Most Merciful.*

This concise booklet will introduce you to the basic beliefs of Islam, a faith followed by a growing population of about 1.8 billion worldwide.

May Allah accept this from us, the editor, the readers, our families and communities.

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Islam: defined

Islam simply means complete submission to The One True God, **Allah**.

Allah is The One True God, The Creator, The Lord of all existence. Allah is The Provider, The Sustainer, The Ever-Living, The Most High, The Most Powerful, The Most Wise, The Oft-Forgiving, The Most-Merciful. Allah created us for a noble purpose: to worship Him alone. [ref, Qur'an 51:56]

Islam is a purely **monotheistic** faith. This means that we affirm that Allah is One, without partners in His Lordship, His names and attributes and His right to be worshipped alone.

The sources of Islamic legislation are **The Holy Qur'an** and **The Sunnah**. The Qur'an is Allah's last revealed book sent to guide the creation. The Sunnah refers to the practices and teachings of Allah's final Messenger Muhammad (upon him be peace).



Muslims

Muslims are believers who practise Islam. Muslims submit and surrender to Allah, by obeying His commands and avoiding His prohibitions.

Crucially, Muslims believe that Allah is The Only True God deserving of worship. Allah has no partners, no children and no associates. He is The One.

Every Muslim believes in the testimony of faith, the *shahadah* or *kalimah*.

لا إله إلا الله محمد رسول الله

There is no true god worthy of worship except Allah. Muhammad peace be upon him is the final prophet of Allah.

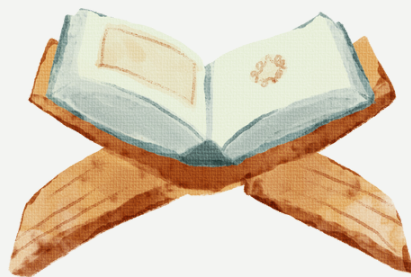
The Qur'an

The Qur'an is Allah's final revealed book sent to prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) over a period of 23 years, over 1400 years ago. This miraculous book of guidance is the verbatim speech of Allah and to this day, it remains unchanged.

' Verily, We, it is We Who have sent down the Dhikr (i.e. the Qur'an) and surely, We will guard it (from corruption) .' [Qur'an, 15:9]

The Qur'an is an authentic source of Islamic legislation. It contains guidance, warnings, promises, teachings, commands and prohibitions. Its message is clear, **worship The One God Allah exclusively** and strive for paradise.

There are 114 chapters in the Qur'an. The shortest chapter is three verses long, while the longest chapter contains 286 verses. The first verses revealed to the prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) was the beginning verses of chapter 96.



The Sunnah

With the Qur'an, **The Sunnah** is also of divine revelation. Allah revealed the Qur'an and the Sunnah to His **final prophet Muhammad**, upon him be peace, to guide mankind back to the straight path of **Islamic monotheism**.

The final prophet Muhammad peace be upon him, conveyed the revelation from Allah dutifully. Thus, the Qur'an and Sunnah are **authentic** and valid foundations of Islam, both of which Allah surely preserved.

The Sunnah explains the Qur'an and serves as a commentary on it. Many teachings and rulings of Islam are detailed in the sunnah. Descriptions of good character, legal rules and lessons of previous generations are mentioned in The Qur'an and Sunnah.

It is essential to follow both the Qur'an and Sunnah, because Allah has commanded us to obey Him and His messenger, Muhammad peace be upon him.

***'O you who believe! Obey Allah and obey the Messenger . . .'* [Qur'an, 4:59]**



Six Articles of Faith

There are 6 main beliefs, mentioned in the Sunnah narration [ref: 40 Hadith Imam Nawawi, hadith 2].

1. **Belief in Allah-** The One true God deserving worship, without partners.
2. **Belief in the angels-** who were created from light, they obey Allah and carry out His commands.
3. **Belief in the prophets and messengers-** such as Adam, Abraham, Noah, Moses, Jesus and the last prophet Muhammad (upon them be peace), they were sent to guide us to the straight path.
4. **Belief in the revealed books-** including the original Torah/Psalms/Gospel. The final revelation is The Qur'an and abrogates those before it.
5. **Belief in the Last Day-** the day of judgement
6. **Belief in destiny and the divine decree-** all that happens, good or bad, is in accordance with Allah's knowledge and plan and He is The Most Wise.

Along with these, Muslims believe in all that Allah has commanded us to believe in. We believe Allah created everything, seen or unseen to us, including creatures such as the Jinn (for example, Satan is a Jinn) and we affirm the destinations in the hereafter, including Heaven and Hell.



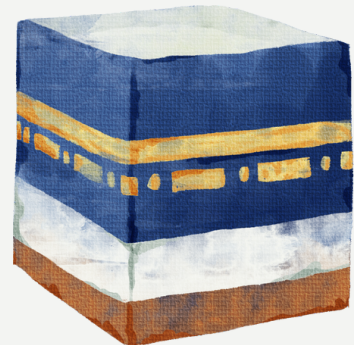
5 Pillars of Islam

There are five actions Muslims must endeavour to perform:

1. **Shahadah**- Testimony of faith
2. **Salah**- The five daily prayers, on time.
3. **Sawm**- The month of fasting in Ramadan.
4. **Zakat**- The annual charity, 2.5% of wealth to needy/eligible
5. **The Hajj**- Pilgrimage to Mecca.

[ref: 40 Hadith Imam Nawawi, hadith 2]

Some of these actions occur every moment, whether in statement or action of the tongue, heart and limbs (such as the shahadah). Other actions are performed daily, such as the five daily prayers. Then, there are actions performed for one month each year, like Ramadan. Some actions are performed annually, like the Zakat (charity). Lastly, some actions are to be performed once in a lifetime, namely the Hajj.



Purpose in Life

'And I (Allah) created not the jinn and mankind except that they should worship Me (Alone).'
[reference, Qur'an 51:56]

Indeed, we were created by Allah to worship Him sincerely and exclusively, upon the Sunnah of His final prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him). Doing so will make us eligible for Paradise.

Incidentally, Allah does not require our worship for He is **Self-sufficient**. Rather, we need Allah and must serve our true purpose in this transient life.

Life is a test. Doing good deeds leads to rewards, while bad deeds leads to punishment. The devil, **Satan**, is our enemy, who calls us to do evil deeds. We must resist him and avoid his path to **Hell**.

The fruits of our efforts will be seen in the afterlife. Allah will judge us all and reward us accordingly. **Paradise**, the home of eternal bliss, is for the believers in **Islamic monotheism** who submitted wholeheartedly to Allah.

We ask Allah to make us His true, submitting, repenting believers, eligible for Paradise.





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