

“There is no other God worthy of worship except Allah,
and Mohammad is his messenger.”



The meaning 'Muhammad is His slave and Messenger' contains the following meanings:

To obey the Messenger ﷺ in what he ordered.

To believe in everything he said.

To refrain from what he prohibited and warned against.

And that you do not worship Allah except by what the Messenger ﷺ legislated.

The meaning “none has the right to be worshipped but Allah”

Allah is the Creator of all that exists.

Allah is the Sovereign of all that exists and the Disposer of all affairs.

Allah is the One Who deserves to be worshipped alone.

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The Pillars of Islam



Physical and verbal acts of worship are called the Pillars of Islam. The most essential of them are known as the five Pillars of Islam.

They are as follows:



01

The Testimony of Faith (Shahada)

(There is no deity worthy of worship except Allah and Muhammad is the Messenger of Allah)



02

Prayer (Salah)



03

The Obligatory Charity (Zakat)



04

The Fast of Ramadan (Siyam)



05

Pilgrimage (Hajj)



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It differs from the previous Divine Books in the following ways:

05

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IN THE SIGHT OF ISLAM, IS ENTITLED TO THE FOLLOWING TYPES OF FREEDOM

1

FREEDOM of thought and opinion. Allah's Messenger, peace and blessings of Allah be upon him, commanded the Muslims to declare the truth, express their honest opinion, and refrain from intimidating others as he is reported to have said:

"A person who knows the truth and does not declare it, is a mute devil" (Tirmidhi)

2

FREEDOM of access to benefit from the wealth, minerals, and natural resources of the earth. The Almighty states:

(It is He who made the earth tame for you – so walk among its slopes and eat of His provision – and to Him is the resurrection.) (67:15)

3

FREEDOM of access to lawful income and ownership. Islam encourages all to work in beneficial trades so as to have free access to lawful income. The Messenger of Allah said:

"By him in whose hand is my soul, if one of you were to carry a bundle of firewood on his back and sell it, that would be better for him than begging a man who may or may not give him anything." (Bukhari)

4

FREEDOM of learning and teaching. Islam advocates the freedom of learning for every member in the society. The Messenger of Allah said:

"Seeking knowledge is an obligatory duty upon every Muslim" (Baihaqi)



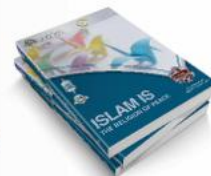
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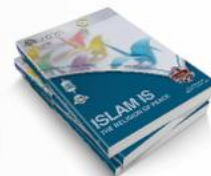
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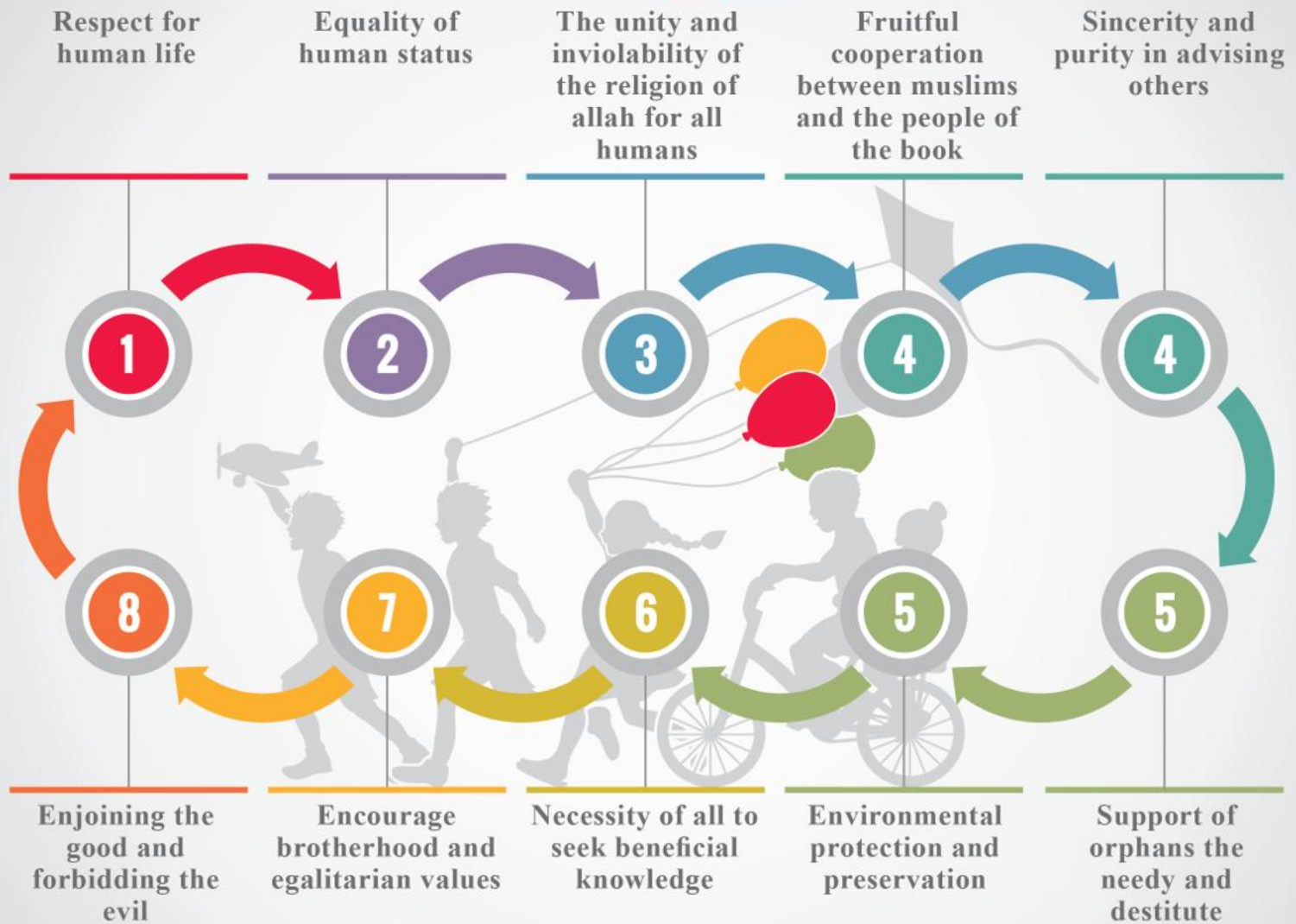
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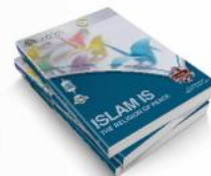


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Islam means submission to God, the Lord of all worlds, physically and spiritually, demonstrating this by

01

**Doing His
bidding**

02

**Refraining
from what He
has
forbidden**

03

**Submitting to
His will in all
situations.**



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WOMEN'S RIGHTS

THE MOTHER

01

In several verses of the Qur'an, God urges kindness to one's parents, stating their right next to His own, so as to make it clear that children owe a great duty to their parents.

02

God makes kindness and dutifulness to one's mother, as well as treating her in particular with humility and tenderness a sure way of gaining admittance into heaven.

03

God makes obedience to one's mother a duty of sons and daughters, unless what she orders constitutes disobedience of God.

04

Islam places dutifulness to one's mother and father ahead of voluntary worship, including voluntary prayers.

05

Islam makes dutifulness to one's parents a means that ensures forgiveness of one's past sins.

06

Islam considers undutifulness to parents one of the worst sins a person may commit.



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Opponents of Islam always harp on women's rights and how Islam deals with these. They do so for the following reasons:

- They want Muslim women to discard their dignity and sink into the abyss of immorality.
- They consider this an easy way to attack Islam, trying to distort its image as the religion that gives women their honourable status and protects their dignity and chastity.
- They want to divert the attentions of the Muslim community away from the designs of those who try to exploit it for their own interests.
- To undermine the Islamic family system, in the same way as the family system has been undermined in most Western countries. Yet the Islamic family system is based on sound human nature and guarantees the continuity and stability of family life.
- Hardened opponents of Islam will always try to show a false image of Islam, even when they know that it is untrue. They realize that in a fair debate, they have no chance.
- They want to spread permissiveness and loose morality in Muslim societies, realizing that when these spread in a particular society it becomes easier to bring it under the wake of imperialism. Thus, its resources are exploited by its enemies who want to keep it weak and backward.



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MARRIAGE AND POLYGAMY

God, the Exalted, has permitted polygamy, making it perfectly lawful for a man to marry up to four wives at the same time, on condition that he maintains complete fairness between them. If a man fears that he may not be able to maintain such fairness, he may marry only one wife. God says: 'You may marry of other women as may be agreeable to you, two or three or four. But if you fear that you will not be able to maintain fairness between them, then marry only one.' (4: 3)

Most religions and societies, old and new, approve of polygamy because it is the natural way to address normal human situations leading to problems for which polygamy offers reasonable solutions.

Western societies that prohibit polygamy have found it necessary to permit multiple partnerships without marriage. This leads to problems that are far more serious than the ones for which polygamy provides the natural solution.

Needless to say, polygamy means that every relationship is a lawful marriage. This is much better for both man and woman

as it ensures the rights of both, whereas a permissive relationship without marriage gives the man benefits without any commensurate responsibility.

It may be said that the social problems families may face also apply to men. Why is it then that polyandry, where a woman may have more than one husband, is forbidden? This is a matter related to the rights of children. Every child is entitled to equal rights of upbringing and education until adulthood when he or she is independent and can start a new family. Had polyandry been permissible, there would be too many problems with regard to the upbringing of children, even though the exact relationship between father and child is known.

Moreover, God has given man and woman natural tendencies that suit the role each of them fulfils in the life of the family and society. His legislation is derived from His infinite wisdom and suits the nature of both man and woman with absolute fairness to both.



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MAN AND WOMAN

In Islam, the relationship between man and woman is based on love, compassion and mutual respect:

01

To love one's wife

02

To treat her with care and compassion

03

To give her due respect as a mother or a daughter.

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THE PROPHET'S TREATMENT OF HIS WIVES

01

The Prophet was very caring and he guarded his wives against anything that might be degrading. However, his approach was always one of moderation, not exaggeration.

02

He always pardoned or overlooked their errors, as long as these did not represent any violation of Islamic teachings.

03

He was faithful to his wives during their lifetime and after their deaths.

04

He provided the perfect example of a caring, loving and compassionate husband, before and after his prophethood.

05

He demonstrated his love and care for his wives.



Mohammed ﷺ



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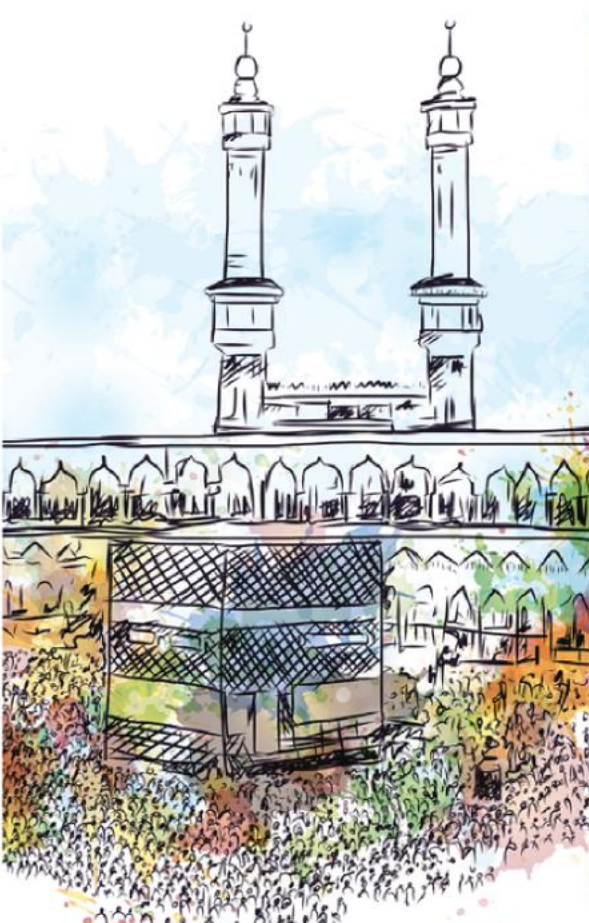


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MUSLIMS' CONDUCT IN SOCIETY



01

A Muslim is trusted by others as they feel that he does not wrong anyone.

02

A Muslim loves what is good for all people and he tries to do good, hoping to receive his reward from God.

03

A Muslim is fair in his dealings, even to his enemies. He does not hold anyone responsible for the fault of another.

04

He protects his environment and all living creatures. He does not approve of cruelty to animals.

05

A Muslim ensures the safety and cleanliness of public places, so that they remain available for use. He does not leave them dirty and full of litter. On the contrary, he removes whatever is harmful or offensive.

06

A Muslim makes sure to keep water sources clean and unpolluted. He knows that Islam requires water sources to remain available to all users.

All these are encouraged by Islam. Indeed, Islam wants every Muslim to observe them. If some Muslims ignore or violate them, this is mainly due to their unawareness of what Islam requires of them. A Muslim who has a good insight into his faith realizes that God, the Exalted, will reward him for everything he may do if it will benefit mankind, regardless of their races, nationalities or culture.



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“ The Conditions of a Marriage Contract in Islam: ”



First:

Both parties, the bride and the groom, should be free of any obstacles that might prevent the marriage from being valid.



Second:

There should be an offer or proposal (eejaab) from the walee or the person who is acting in his place, who should say to the groom “I marry so-and-so to you” or similar words.



Third:

There should be an expression of acceptance (qabool) on the part of the groom or whoever is acting in his place, who should say, “I accept,” or similar words.



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MARRIAGE FROM AN ISLAMIC PERSPECTIVE

01

For the Individual:

a natural need to achieve stability

02

For the Society:

an incentive for love, mercy and altruism.

03

For the Humankind:

a method to preserve the humankind by protection.

04

For all of the above:

a method to achieve chastity, stability, honor and dignity.



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THE RIGHTS OF WIVES IN THE QURAN AND SUNNAH:

Almighty Allah says: "And live with them in kindness. For if you dislike them – perhaps you dislike a thing and Allah makes therein much good."

the Prophet (PBUH) said: "The best of you is the one who is best to his wife, and I am the best of you to my wives."
(Narrated by at-Tirmidhi)

Almighty Allah says: "And due to the wives is similar to what is expected of them, according to what is reasonable. But the men have a degree over them [in responsibility and authority.]"

Messenger of Allah (PBHU) said: "A believer must not hate (his wife) believing woman; if he dislikes one of her characteristics he will be pleased with another".
(Narrated by Muslim)



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CONSEQUENCES OF SEXUAL PROMISCUITY

God sends down the punishment which He has promised to send upon societies in which fornication is prevalent and common.

01

Denying women's rights and degrading them by using them to satisfy desires then abandoning them.

The spread of epidemics and serious diseases leading not only to the destruction of their doers, but also the entire community.

03

02

05

The spread of mental illness such as anxiety, feelings of inferiority, lack of self worth, uncertainty, self-doubt and self-loathing due to illegitimate sexual acts and relations.

Having illegitimate children and abandoned newborns, whose parents are unknown, becomes a common thing in the society, which destroys the social foundation of nations and people.

04



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SOME OF THE ISLAMIC LEGISLATIONS TO PREVENT ANY ILLEGITIMATE SEXUAL ACTS



01

Commanding Women to be veiled and covered in the presence of strangers (non-Mahram males).

02

Commanding men and women to lower their gazes with regard to any private or intimate parts of the body that are unlawful to look at.

03

The Command to ask permission before entering homes and private places, to avoid seeing anything which is unlawful to look at.

04

Prohibiting men from imitating women and prohibiting women men from imitating.

05

Prohibiting men from imitating women and prohibiting men from imitating women.

06

Prohibiting to look at beardless young boys or sit with them for long, especially those who are good-looking.



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FLIRTATION BETWEEN THE COUPLE:



01

**Flirtation in
bed.**

02

**Flirtation in
the shower.**

03

**Flirtation in
the house.**

04

**Flirtation
outside the
house,**

provided that
nobody sees or
listens to them.



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“ SCHOLARS CLARIFIED THAT DIVORCE IS: ”

OPTION

01

Required in case two judges decided it is required when the spouses are in conflict.

OPTION

02

Prohibited when there is no reason, requirement or justification for the divorce, which is the kind of divorce which Satan seeks to happen.

OPTION

03

Permitted when the wife is ill-mannered or difficult to live with, keeping in mind that patience is required in that case especially if they have children.

OPTION

04

Commanded in case the wife is not religiously committed, or if she is not chaste and she was advised to follow the religion yet she did not respond.



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“ The Rights of the Husband over the Wife from the Quran and Sunnah: ”

Almighty Allah says in describing the righteous wives: “So righteous women are devoutly obedient, guarding in [the husband's] absence what Allah would have them guard.”

(An-Nisa': 34)

01

Abu Hurirah narrated from the Prophet (Peace Be upon Him): “If a woman prays her five (daily prayers), fasts her month (Ramadan), guards her chastity and obeys her husband, it will be said to her: ‘Enter Paradise by whichever of the gates of Paradise you wish.’”

02



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“ The Manners of the Wedding Nights: ”

The groom should be nice and kind to the bride and talk to her so that she does not feel shy. This removes any feelings of discomfort and brings hearts together.

01

It is also one of the prophetic traditions the groom places his hand on the bride's head and prays for her.

02



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Noah,
Peace Be
upon Him.

Abraham,
Peace Be
upon Him.

Muhammad
, Peace Be
upon Him.

THE
MESSENGER
S OF STRONG
WILL ARE
FIVE

Jesus,
Peace Be
upon Him.

Moses,
Peace Be
upon Him.



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People divided about Prophet Jesus, the son of Mary, to the greatest degree:

01

The Jews who disbelieved him, cursed him and described him with the worst, ugliest and most degrading names.

02

The Christian exaggerated in revering him and glorified him to the point that they claimed that He is a god, or son of god, or one of the Three.

03

Islam's view is moderate and upright, Muslims deemed Jesus far above the sayings of the Jews, Muslims also did not exaggerate in revering Jesus like Christians. They said about Jesus that he is a servant of Allah and His Messenger, exactly as revealed by Allah to His Messenger Muhammad, Peace Be upon Him, in the Holy Qur'an.



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Allah's Wisdom of Sending Messengers and Messages:

For people to know their Creator, and return to obedience after they were deluded by the devils.

01

So that their teachings become method to reform the lives of people, illuminate their hearts and guide their minds.

02

For people to know their rights and duties towards their Creator, themselves and people around them.

03

04

For people to know their direction in life and their relationship with life and everything in it, so that they do not deviate or fall into sins and immoralities.



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**JESUS
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Some of the Praise the Qur'an mentions about Mary, Peace Be upon Her...

01

Almighty Allah says in the Qur'an that He caused her to grow in a perfect manner void of any sin or immorality: "So her Lord accepted her with good acceptance and caused her to grow in a good manner and put her in the care of Zechariah. Every time Zechariah entered upon her in the prayer chamber, he found with her provision. He said, "O Mary, from where is this [coming] to you?" She said, "It is from Allah. Indeed, Allah provides for whom He wills without account."

(Ali 'Imran: 37)

02

Almighty Allah says that He has chosen Her and purified Her in the Qur'an: "And [mention] when the angels said, "O Mary, indeed Allah has chosen you and purified you and chosen you above the women of the worlds."

(Ali 'Imran: 42)

03

Almighty Allah describes Her chastity and purity in the Qur'an saying: "And [the example of] Mary, the daughter of 'Imran, who guarded her chastity, so We blew into [her garment] through Our angel, and she believed in the words of her Lord and His scriptures and was of the devoutly obedient."

(At-Tahrim: 12)

04

In the Qur'an there is an entire chapter named after Mary, i.e. the nineteenth surah in the Qur'an titled "Maryam" (Mary), the only Surah which has been entitled by the name of a woman in the Qur'an.



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BELIEF IN THE DIVINE WILL

Keeps us closer to God, and increases our trust that He will give us success when we have taken the right measures.

01

Makes us accept whatever happens. This is the direct result of inner contentment and reassurance.

02

Increases our reward and wipes off our past sins.

04

Reduces the effect of any adversity that befalls us.

03



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DRY ABLUTION [I.E. TAYAMMUM]

01

Form the intention of performing the dry ablution and say 'in the name of God'.

02

With your two hands gently strike the surface of the earth once.

03

Wipe the back of your right hand with the inside of your left hand, and the back of your left hand with the inside of your right hand.

04

Wipe your face with your two hands.

05

You may say afterwards whatever glorifications of God and supplications to Him that are recommended to say after the normal ablution.



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LESSONS FROM THE PILGRIMAGE

01

Pilgrims demonstrate their humility discarding all aspects of luxury, wearing the simple garments of consecration [i.e. ihram] as a declaration that they are always in need of their Lord's help.



02

Performing the pilgrimage increases the pilgrim's good deeds and ensures the forgiveness of his or her past sins. The Prophet said that admission into heaven is the assured reward God grants for a well performed pilgrimage.

03

The pilgrimage demonstrates the unity of the Muslims. It is the largest Islamic gathering, when Muslims from all over the world gather at the same place and time, offering the same act of worship to one God and wearing the same type of garment.

04

The pilgrimage makes a Muslim ready to exert efforts and give generously for God's sake and to earn His acceptance.



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01

02

The term 'false deities' apply to anyone who trespasses on God's absolute and sole right to be worshipped, and whether such worshipped being is human, devil, idol, statue, or anything else.



Causes of Deviation in Religion



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The times when prayer should not be offered are as follows:

01 When one has offered the Fajr (i.e. dawn) prayer until the sun has risen to a distance of approximately one metre, i.e. around a quarter of an hour after sunrise.

02 When the sun is almost at the highest point in the sky until it has started on its decline. This is a short time compared with the other two.

03 When one has offered the Asr (i.e. mid-afternoon) prayer until the sun has set fully.



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PREVENTION OF EVIL AND CALAMITY

01

Frequent remembrance and glorification of God, seeking His forgiveness.

Charitable donations and other deeds of kindness to others.

02

03

Seeking God's help through supplication and acknowledging one's need of His help.

Maintaining and strengthening relations with relatives, regularly visiting them and helping them to meet their needs.

04



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BENEFITS OF ZAKAT

- 
- 06** Zakat helps the efforts of Islamic advocacy throughout the world. It makes Muslims better aware of what their faith requires of them and shows non-Muslims the merits of Islam and the Islamic way of life.
- 05** It strengthens the feeling of mutual care and social solidarity among Muslims, because it helps to meet the needs of all people in society.
- 04** Zakat is a sure and highly effective way to combat and ultimately eradicate poverty and reduce the crimes to which it leads, such as theft and bloodshed.
- 01** Zakat cleanses a Muslim's soul, enabling him to get rid of greed, stinginess, avarice and the pursuit of worldly pleasures.
- 02** When the rich pay out their share of zakat, the hearts of the poor and the needy are purged of grudge, envy and hatred towards the rich who are so kind to them.
- 03** Zakat nurtures kindly action, such as generosity and helping others, in the hearts of Muslims.



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THE GRAND ABLUTION [GHUSL]

There are two forms:

01

The minimum obligatory form is to wash all one's body with water, including rinsing one's mouth and inhaling water through one's nose. When this is done in any way and the whole body is washed with water, then the state of ceremonial impurity [i.e. janabah] is removed. God says: 'If you are in a state of ceremonial impurity, purify yourselves'. (5: 6)

02

The complete form which follows the Prophet's practice. This starts with washing one's hands, then washing one's genitals and any spot of one's body on which semen was dropped. One then performs the normal ablution fully, then washes one's head with water three times, and follows that by washing one's full body with water. This is the complete form.



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WHY WORSHIP?

01

BELIEF IN GOD'S ONENESS.

This is the most important act of worship a human being does. It is a necessary condition for the acceptance of any act offered or done for God's sake. Moreover, denial of God's oneness is the one sin God never forgives. He says: 'For a certainty, God does not forgive that partners are associated with Him. He forgives any lesser sin to whomever He wills'. (4: 48 and 116)

02

PRAYER

Attending to prayer regularly and well helps to steer away from sin and error. God says: 'attend regularly to your prayer; for prayer restrains people from loathsome deeds and from all that is evil'. (29: 45)

03

ZAKAT, OR OBLIGATORY CHARITY.

This is a financial act of worship which is considered the third pillar of Islam. Its payment serves as cleansing for the person who pays it. God says: 'Take a portion of their money as charity, so that you may cleanse and purify them thereby'. (9: 103)

04

FASTING IN RAMADAN

This is the fourth pillar of Islam and it imparts a quality of God-fearing to the one who does it. God says: 'Believers, fasting is decreed for you as it was decreed for those before you, so that you may be God-fearing'. (2: 183) Moreover, when it is offered purely for God's sake, fasting in Ramadan ensures the forgiveness of past sins. The Prophet says: 'Whoever fasts in Ramadan out of faith and for God's sake shall have all his past sins forgiven'. [Related by al-Bukhari and Muslim].

05

THE PILGRIMAGE.

This is the fifth pillar of Islam, and performing the pilgrimage and keeping it free of lewdness, all wickedness and wrangling ensures the forgiveness of all past sins. The Prophet says: 'Whoever offers the pilgrimage to this House of worship, committing no lewdness or wickedness goes back free of sin as on the day of his birth'. [Related by al-Bukhari and Muslim].

06

THE REMEMBRANCE OF GOD AND GLORIFYING HIM GENERATES INNER REASSURANCE AND COMFORT.

God says: 'It is indeed in the remembrance of God that people's hearts find their comfort'. (13: 28)

07

RECITING THE QUR'AN

This helps believers who are truly God-fearing to be more devout, as God says: 'God has bestowed from on high the best of all teachings: a book that is consistent within itself, repeating its statements [of the truth] in manifold forms. It causes the skins of those who stand in awe of their Lord to shiver, but then their skins and hearts soften at the mention of God'. (39: 23)

08

SUPPLICATION

This is a great act of worship which removes stress, worry and affliction, in addition to its great other benefits. God says: 'If My servants ask you about Me, well, I am near; I answer the prayer of the supplicant when he calls to Me. Let them then respond to Me, and believe in Me, so that they may follow the right way'. (2: 186)



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ISLAMIC WORSHIP IS NOT VALID UNLESS IT FULFILLS TWO CONDITIONS:

It is offered purely and sincerely to God, with complete devotion.

It is done according to the Prophet's guidance and his teaching.

God says: 'Whoever expects to meet his Lord [on Judgement Day], let him do what is right, and in the worship due to his Lord admit no one as partner.' (18: 110)



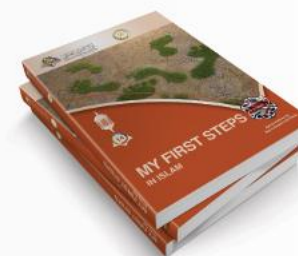
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SHARIAH OR ISLAMIC LAW

Islamic law, or shariah, is based on wisdom and people's interests in this present life and in the life to come. In all its aspects and details, it ensures justice, compassion and serving people's interests, and it reflects total wisdom. It gives perfect satisfaction, and ensures that hearts and souls have their dues. It gives life, nourishment, cure and light, and it prevents error. Every good in life is derived from it and fulfilled through it; and every deficiency in life is due to abandoning it. Had it not been for some remaining aspects of it, this world would have come to an end. Islamic law is indeed what protects people and the world. Through it God keeps the heavens and the earth from extinction. If God wills the life of this world to come to an end, He would gather to Himself whatever is left of its aspects. Therefore, we say that the shariah which forms the message given by God to Prophet Muhammad is the mainstay of this world, and it is the essence of what brings success and happiness in both this life and the life to come.

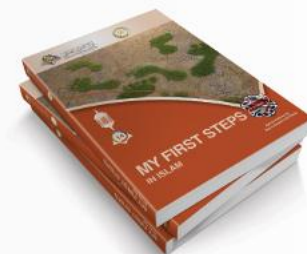


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BENEFITS OF PRAYER

Prayer strengthens ties of love and mutual care between Muslims as they meet five times every day to offer their worship.

01

Prayer represents pure devotion to God, the Mighty and Exalted.

02

A Muslim always appeals to God to relieve him of stress and sorrow.

03

prayer generates spiritual happiness because in prayer one makes a direct supplication to God.

04

Prayer gives heart comfort and reassurance.

05

It deters from committing sin and indecency.

06



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DU'AA MENTIONED IN THE QUR'AN

01

"Our Lord,
let not our
hearts deviate
after You have
guided us and
grant us from
Yourself mercy.
Indeed, You are
the Bestower."

(Ali 'Imran: 8)

02

"Our Lord,
indeed we have
believed, so
forgive us our
sins and protect
us from the
punishment of
the Fire,"

(Ali 'Imran: 16)

03

"Our Lord,
indeed we have
believed, so
forgive us our
sins and protect
us from the
punishment of
the Fire,"

(Ali 'Imran: 147)



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(Ali 'Imran: 193)

(Al-Baqrah: 250)

(Al-A'raf: 89)

(Ibrahim: 41)

(Al-Kahf: 10)



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DU'AA MENTIONED IN THE QUR'AN



01

"Our Lord, avert from us the punishment of Hell. Indeed, its punishment is ever adhering,"

(Al-Furqan: 65)

02

"Our Lord, give us in this world [that which is] good and in the Hereafter [that which is] good and protect us from the punishment of the Fire."

(Al-Baqrah: 201)

03

"Our Lord, we have wronged ourselves, and if You do not forgive us and have mercy upon us, we will surely be among the losers."

(Al-A'raf: 23)



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DU'AA MENTIONED IN THE QUR'AN

"Our Lord, do not impose blame upon us if we have forgotten or erred. Our Lord, and lay not upon us a burden like that which You laid upon those before us. Our Lord, and burden us not with that which we have no ability to bear. And pardon us; and have mercy upon us. You are our protector, so give us victory over the disbelieving people."

(Al-Baqrah: 286)



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DU'AA MENTIONED IN THE QUR'AN

01

"Our Lord, we have believed, so forgive us and have mercy upon us, and You are the best of the merciful."

(Al-Mu'minun: 109)

02

"Our Lord, pour upon us patience and let us die as Muslims [in submission to You]."

(Al-A'raf: 126)

03

"Our Lord, accept [this] from us. Indeed You are the Hearing, the Knowing."

(Al-Baqrah: 127)



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DU'AA MENTIONED IN THE QUR'AN

01

"Our Lord, make us not [objects of] trial for the wrongdoing people. And save us by Your mercy from the disbelieving people."

(Yunus: 85-86)

02

"My Lord, make me an establisher of prayer, and [many] from my descendants. Our Lord, and accept my supplication."

(Ibrahim: 40)

03

"Our Lord, grant us from among our wives and offspring comfort to our eyes and make us an example for the righteous."

(Al-Furqan: 74)

04

"Our Lord, we have wronged ourselves, and if You do not forgive us and have mercy upon us, we will surely be among the losers."

(Al-A'raf: 23)



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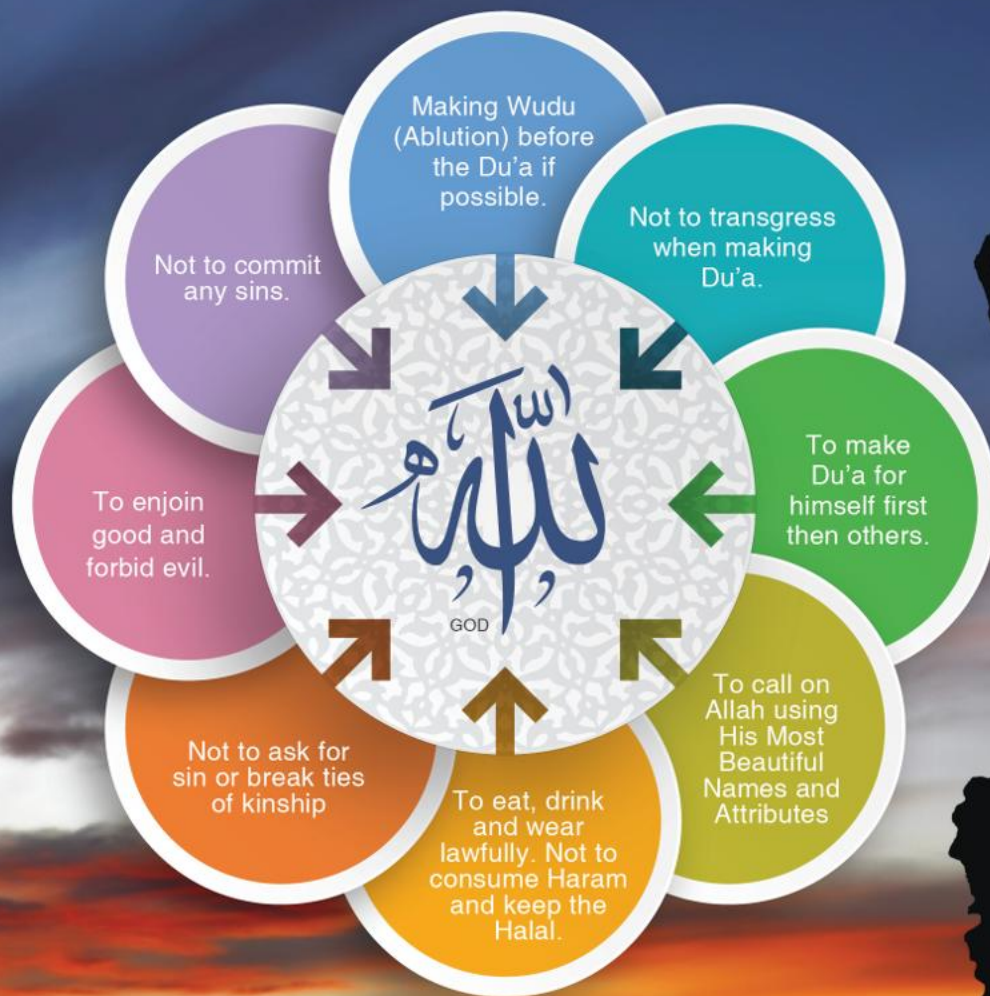
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SATAN'S GRADUAL APPROACH

God says: 'Satan is your enemy, so treat him as an enemy. He only calls on his followers so that they will be among those destined for the blazing fire'. (35: 6)

Satan adopts a gradual approach in his sustained attempt to lead man astray.

Satan tries to make man disbelieve in God, the divine faith, the meeting with Him in the life to come, and in His perfect attributes, as well as in what the Prophet stated about Him.



01

If Satan cannot make man disbelieve, he will try to set him on a deviant course, either to believe in what is contrary to the truth given to God's messenger and detailed in God's book, or to offer worship in ways and forms that are not approved or permitted by God.



02

If Satan fails in these attempts, he will try to get man to commit some grave sins. He tries to make these look alluring to man.



03

If this attempt also fails, Satan will try to get man to commit minor sins, persisting in showing these as small or trivial to ensure that man always commit these. He will thus be in a worse situation than one who commits a major sin and regrets it and seeks God's forgiveness.



04

If Satan fails in this also, he will try to keep man busy attending to what is permissible. This includes what incurs no sin, but Satan wants man to be busy with these so that he would not attend to what earns him God's reward.



05

If Satan fails, he will try to keep man busy with some lesser actions that earn little reward. He shows him these as attractive and beautiful. He paints them as earning great reward. His aim in this case is to keep him preoccupied with these so that he would not turn his attention to what is better and more reward-earning actions.



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The enemies of Islam who use different ways and means to encourage deviation from the right Islamic way of life so as to create division within the Muslim community.



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Deviation leads to a belief that is at variance with the truth God revealed to His messenger (peace be upon him) and contained in His book, the Qur'an.

It means offering an act of worship which God has not sanctioned, and introducing into the religion actions and situations that God has neither approved nor accepted.

A person who practices deviation does not repent. On the contrary, such a person seldom stops doing it. He encourages others to practice it.

The position of one who practices deviation is that of one who considers that the religion is incomplete and he wants to make it complete by inventing something and adding it.

When practicing deviation a person takes an attitude of one who thinks that his method is better than that of Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him).



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SOME ANGELS' NAMES AND TASKS

Gabriel (peace be upon him) is the angel of trust, and he is assigned the delivery of God's revelations.

Michael (peace be upon him) is in charge of rain.

Malik (peace be upon him) is the chief of the angels in charge of Hell.

Some angels are assigned the task of looking after Paradise. Their chief is called **Ridwan (peace be upon him)**.

Two angels examine people when they are stowed in their graves. They are called **Munkar and Nakeer**.

Certain angels guard human beings when awake or asleep, and in all other situations.

The travelers who go about looking for gatherings devoted to the remembrance of God and His glorification.

Other angels take alternate turns among us; some work at night and others during the day.

Israfeel (peace be upon him) is assigned the task of blowing the trumpet which signals the end of human life and the resurrection.

The angel of death is given the task of gathering the soul of human beings when their death is due. He has assistants.

The honourable scribes are in charge of recording people's deeds. The angel to one's right records the good deeds and the one to the left records the bad ones.



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THE QUR'ANIC VIEW OF MAN

01

God created man in the best form: 'We have created man in the finest form'. (95: 4)

03

God has made everything in the world subservient to man. He says: 'It is God who has subjected the sea for you, so that ships sail through it by His command, and that you may seek of His bounty, and that you give thanks. And He has subjected to you, as a gift from Himself, all that is in the heavens and on earth. In this there are signs for people who think. (45: 12-13)

05

God has honoured man above all His creation. He says: 'We have indeed honoured the children of Adam, and borne them over land and sea, and provided for them sustenance out of the good things of life, and favoured them far above many of Our creatures. (17: 70)

02

God created and moulded man, and gave him an upright form. He says: 'O man, what has lured you away from your gracious Lord, who created and moulded you, and gave you an upright form? He can give you whatever shape He wills. (82: 6-8)

04

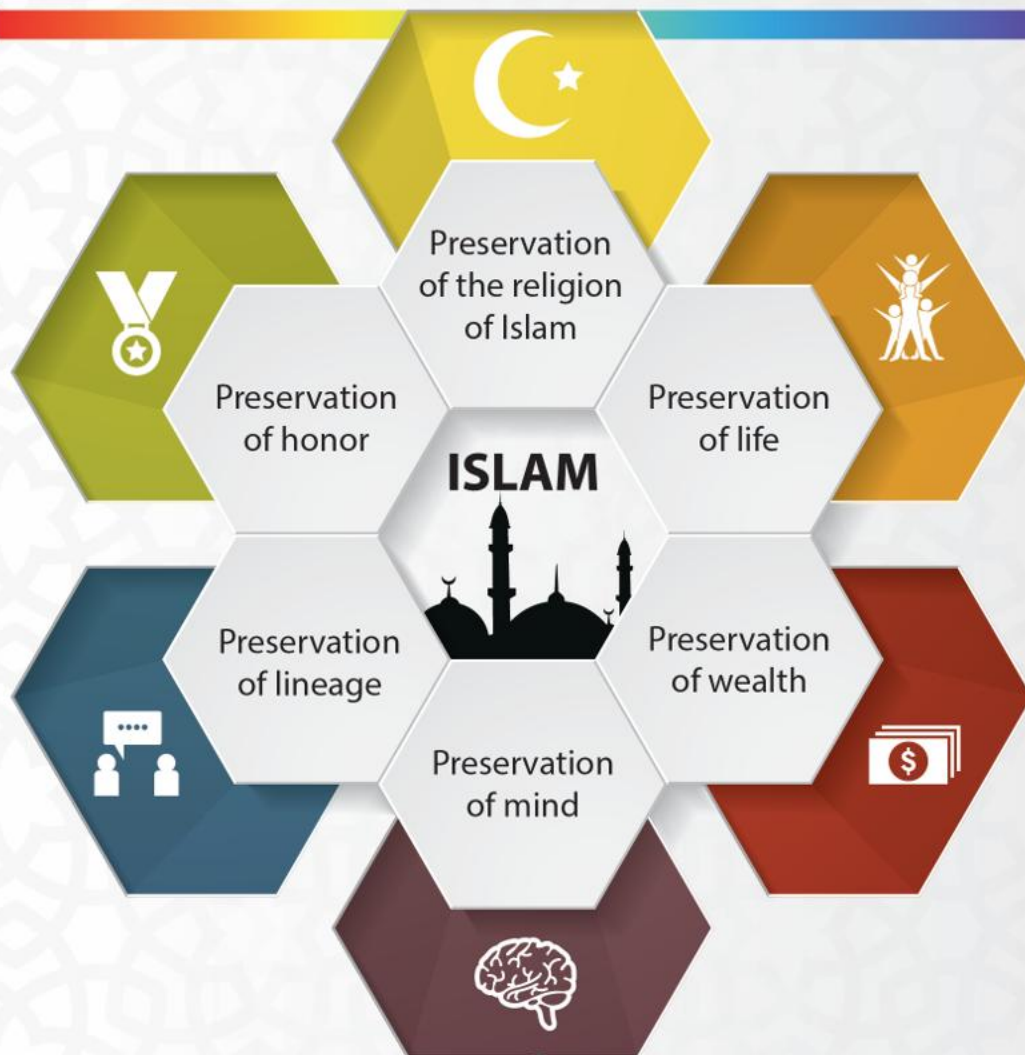
God moulded man in the best and most complete form, as He says: 'It is God who has made the earth a resting place for you and the sky a canopy. He has moulded you into a comely shape and provided you with wholesome things. Such is God, your Lord. So glory be to God, the Lord of all the worlds. (40: 64)



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“The Virtues of Islamic Civilization”

01

Muslim scholars of the past aimed to attain the Mercy of Allah and His reward.

02

Muslim scholars of the past spread their knowledge so that people could benefit from it.

03

Muslim scholars in the past used their knowledge to serve mankind.

04

Seeking knowledge is a religious duty.



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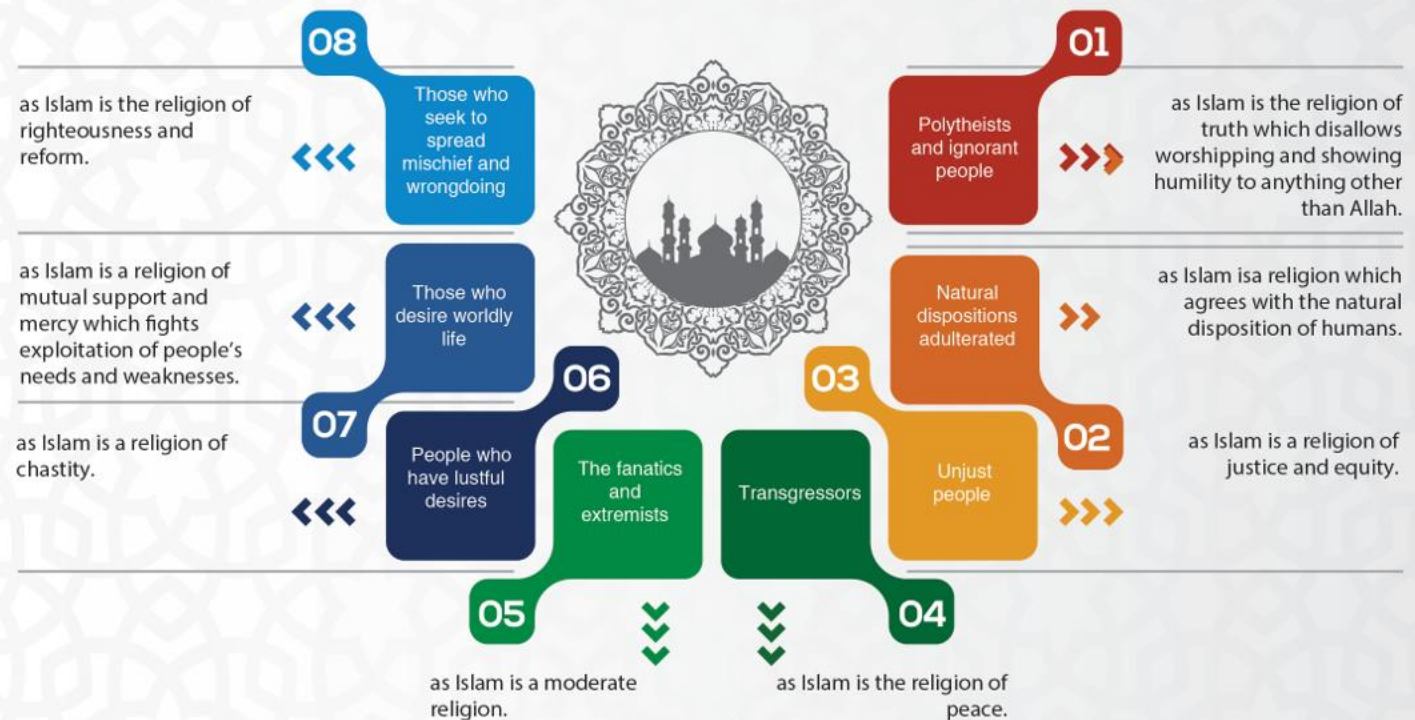
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If we look at the religions of the world, one realizes that Islam is a religion loathed by many people. What is the reason for this open enmity? If we scrutinize those who openly display their enmity towards Islam, we can categorize them into one of the following categories:



The Pillars of Islam

Physical and verbal acts of worship are called the Pillars of Islam. There are five Pillars of Islam. They are as follows:



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“The Obligatory Charity (Zakat)”

This charity is a small percentage of wealth which a rich Muslim gives to his less fortunate brothers and sisters. There are certain conditions under which it is to be given:

A Muslim gives it willingly

01



02

Fulfills the command of Allah when giving it out



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