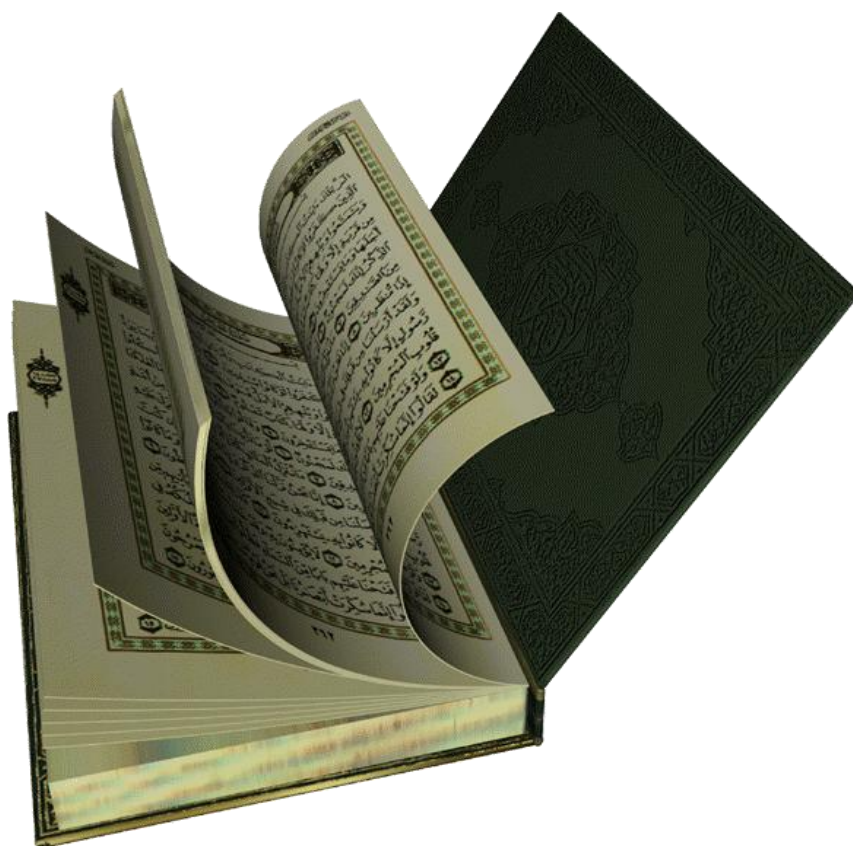


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The six Pillars of Islamic faith



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The name of God the Merciful

Introduction

The purpose of writing this report is to provide our fellow Muslims worldwide with documented reinforcement regarding the six pillars of faith; and the importance of belief in these six pillars of faith in Islam.

This report will provide the reader with detailed information regarding the six pillars of faith in Islam. The report will pay special attention to the six individual sections of belief; belief in Allah, belief in his Angels, belief in the Scriptures, belief in the messenger of Allah, belief in the day of judgment and belief in the Devine Destiny deemed upon us by Allah. As mentioned in the Holy Quran: *"The Messenger [Muhammad] believes in what has been sent down to him from his Lord and [so do] the believers. Each one believes in Allah, His Angels, His Books, and His Messengers." [2:285]*

❶ *Belief in Allah*

The first principle of Aqeedah is belief in Allah. This is the most important principle of belief and action, and it is the focal point of Islam and the essence of the Quran. We would not be exaggerating if we said that the whole of the Quran speaks about this belief, because the Quran either speaks directly about Allah, the exalted and his essence, names, attributes and actions, as in Aayat alkursi and soorat al-ikhaas. Or it calls mankind to worship him alone, with no partner or associate and to give up the worship of false gods – all of which has to do with telling about Allah, calling for the fulfillment of our duties toward him and forbidding the direction of worship to anyone else. Or it commands to obey him and forbids us to disobey him, which is the obligation of faith.

So the entire Quran speaks about belief in Allah. This explains why we find that Allah is mentioned in the Quran by one or another of his names and attributes, 10,062 times; on every page of the Quran, he is mentioned approximately twenty times on average.

We can say that belief in Allah, in relation to all the other principles and minor matters of faith is like the root of a tree in relation to its trunk and branches. It is the basis of all other principles, the foundation of the religion. The more a person has faith in Allah, the more he is progressing in Islam.

"Evidence of the existence of the creator"

The first proof, the evidence of the fitrah (human instinct)

Sound human instinct bears witness to the existence of Allah without any need for further evidence. This fitrah is the thing which explains the phenomenon that has been noted by those who research the history of religions, that all nation whose history has been studied have adopted gods which they have turned to any venerated. It may be said at this point: if turning towards Allah is something natural, then people would not have worshipped different gods at different times.

The answer is: that the fitrah (natural instinct) calls man to turn towards his creator but man is surrounded by many other influences which make him deviate towards the worship of other gods. One of the main distractive sources is the devils (on their head Iblees). Which mentioned in Quran: *"he will never leave Allah's serfs, except the faithful obedient and the true believer who really deserving the paradise". [38:82-83]*

The second proof: universe must have a creator

The Quran offers to the disbelievers and deniers proof which rational minds have no option but to affirm and which no sound mind can possibly reject. As mentioned in Quran: *"Allah put a challenge between himself and the disbelievers, in this ayah and asked them if they were the creator, then where is their creation?? Or they were creating the heaven and the earth? Also those creatures are not acceptable to finding itself without the able Allah the one the most high". [52:35-36]*

② Belief in Angels

The angels are slaves of Allah, whom he has chosen especially, and they have a high status with their Lord. Allah gave them many duties to regard the sons of Adam (believers and kuffaar) alike. They are writing down people's deeds and taking their souls at death and that done to all humans. Also there are some duties that special for the believers.

We (as believers) should believe in the angels and their finding. There are many guides that told us about the noble angels. We will discuss some of their deeds to us.

First, their prayers for forgiveness for the believers: Allah tells us in the holy Quran that the angels pray for forgiveness for those who are on earth which mentioned in Quran: *"nearly the heavens might be rent asunder from above them [by his majesty], and the angels glorify the praises of their Lord, and ask for forgiveness for those on the earth. Verily, Allah is the Oft-Forgiving, the most merciful". [42:5]*

The angels who are around the throne glorify their lord and submit themselves to him, and they pray for forgiveness especially for the believers who repent. They pray that Allah will save them from the fire and admit them to paradise and keep them from committing sins and acts of disobedience.

Second, they fight alongside the believers and support them at times of war: Allah support the believers with many of the angels at the battle of Bader, as mentioned in Quran: *" [Remember] when you sought help of your Lord and he answered you [saying]: I will help you with a thousand of the angels each behind the other [following one another] in succession ". [8:9]*

③ Belief in scriptures

This article of faith refers to belief in all the scriptures revealed by God to His messengers in their original form. These scriptures form the enlightenment which the messengers received to show their people the right path of God. All the revealed books call to the worship of God alone and avoidance of worshipping other than Him or others besides Him. However, due to the difference between nations in time and locations, there was some difference in the canonical teachings (Law) between scriptures according to the wisdom of God.

Muslims believe in the previous books mentioned in the Qur'an: the books of Abraham (Suhuf), the Scripture of Moses (Torah), the Psalms of David (Zaboor) and the Gospel of Prophet Jesus (Al-Injeel). However, long before the advent of Prophet Muhammad (mercy and peace of God be upon him), they had all been lost or distorted by later generations over the centuries. They were polluted with myths, superstitions, idolatry and irrational philosophical beliefs, carrying contradicting thoughts. Hence, the original scriptures are no longer in existence. A brief historical review, for example, of the evolution of Christianity from pure monotheism into tritheism within the first 400 years after Jesus' departure clearly illustrates this process of degeneration.

④ Belief in messengers of God

The prophets are the humans that our God picked to deliver his message to human beings, so it is a communication between the creator and the created. In this communication God send the message through the angels to the prophets, then the prophets pass it to humanity, and any rejecting on that message means rejecting the one who sent the prophet.

Muslims believe in those prophets mentioned by name in Islamic sources, also they believe in those not mentioned by name, as mentioned in Quran: *“And ask (O Muhammad) those of our prophets whom we sent before you. ‘Did we ever appoint gods to be worshipped besides the Most Merciful (God)?” [43:45]*

All Muslims believe the final prophet was the prophet of Islam, Muhammad, and there will be no prophet or messenger after him and his message is clear and preserved and will remain so till the end of time.

There are many reasons for sending prophets such as:

1. Guiding humanity from the worship of created beings to the worship of their Creator.
2. Clarifying to humanity the purpose of creation.
3. Showing humanity the right path that will lead them to Paradise and to salvation from Hellfire.
4. Establishing proof against humanity by sending prophets.

5. Uncovering the unseen 'world' which exists beyond the normal senses and the physical universe.

6. Providing human beings practical examples to lead moral, righteous, purpose-driven lives free of doubts and confusion.

7. Purifying the soul from materialism, sin, and heedlessness.

8. Conveying to humanity the teachings of God.

Their Message

All prophets have the same message, which teaches his followers to worship God alone and none else and follow his teaching.

Moses declared: "Hear, O Israel the Lord our God is one Lord." [6:4].

This was repeated 1500 years later by Jesus, when he said: *"The first of all the commandments is, 'Hear, O Israel; the Lord our God is one Lord.'" [12:29].*

Finally, the call of Muhammad some 600 years later reverberated across the hills of Mecca:

"And your God is One God: there is no god but He..." [2:163]

The Holy Quran states this fact clearly:

"And We did not send any Messenger before you (O Muhammad) but We revealed to him (saying): 'none has the right to be worshipped but I, so worship Me.'" [21:25]

The Message Bearers

God chose the best humanity to deliver his message. Prophet Hood is not earned or acquired like higher education. God chooses whom he pleases for this purpose and they are fully human with no divine attributes or power. Did not have the power to make

anyone accept their message or to forgive sins. Their knowledge of future was limited to what God revealed to them.

⑤ Belief in last day

In this part I want to talk about the fifth articles of Islamic Faith it is belief in the last day. Islamic teaches that this life is but a test of conduct for man to whether or not he will follow the commands of God. In the Hereafter, people will be resurrected and stand before God for a just reckoning of their worldly deeds and actions. People with good deeds will be generously rewarded and warmly welcomed to the heavens of God. However, those with bad records will be punished and cast into Hell. People have been given knowledge of right and wrong, instinctively and through revelation, and they must choose their path in this short life. Their choices in this life will ultimately determine their places in the eternal life to come. God says in the Quran : "Whosoever has done an atom's weight of good will see it , and whosoever has an atom's weight of evil see it "

Belief in the day of Judgment implants in man's heart the consciousness of God , impelling man and society at large to obey Him sincerely without any external pressure .

⑥ Belief in predestination

The last faith of beliefs in Al-Qadar. For there more, Muslims believe in Al Qadar, which is Divine Predestination, but this belief in Divine Predestination does not mean that human beings do not have freewill. Rather, Muslims believe that God has given human beings freewill .This means that they can choose right or wrong and that they are responsible for their choices .The belief in Divine Predestination includes belief in four things:

1-God knows everything .His knowledge is not bound by time. Past, Present and future are all know to Him.

2-Everything which takes places is already written in a book called: The Preserved Tablet.

3-God has created everything , including the actions of people, the good and the bad ,but Me commanded people to do good deeds and forbade them doing evil.

4-One must believe that everything that happens in this universe is happening with God Permission and nothing can take place against His will.

It should be noted that God prior knowledge of things does not mean that human beings have no choice. Human being s choose, but God knows their choices

Prior to their choosing and action.

Conclusion

Finally; Islam being the flexible religion as we have come to know, provides each and everyone with levels of understanding according to their abilities.

Islam denotes peace, wholeness, and submission. As a religion, Islam teaches us that it is only through submission to God's will that we can find true peace within ourselves, with fellow humans, and peace with God's creations.

In a hadith collected in sahih al-Bukhari and shih Muslim. The Islamic prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) explains," Faith is to affirm your faith in Allah, His angels, His Books, His Messengers and the Last Day, and to believe in the Divine Destiny whether it be good or bad."

Muslims or anyone who wishes to revert to Islam must have faith in these six simple beliefs provided to us as guidance from Allah. As mentioned in the Holy Qur'an: *"The Messenger [Muhammad] believes in what has been sent down to him from his Lord and [so do] the believers. Each one believes in Allah, His Angels, His Books, and His Messengers." [2:285]*

These beliefs are the core of the Islamic religion which is simplified for easy comprehension and according to Allah's rules, one must first believe in the six pillars of faith.

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