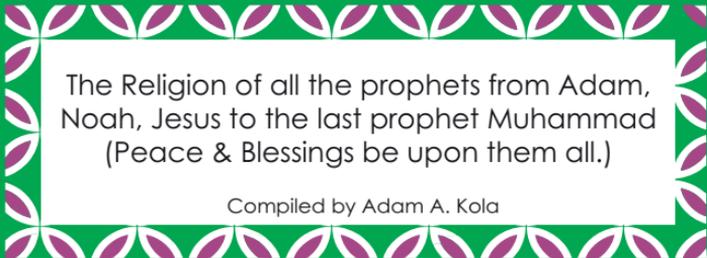


INTRODUCTION TO

# ISLAM



The Religion of all the prophets from Adam,  
Noah, Jesus to the last prophet Muhammad  
(Peace & Blessings be upon them all.)

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Bismillaahir Rahmaanir Raheem  
In The name of ALLAH  
(The One and Only True Creator, GOD),  
The Entirely Merciful, The Especially Compassionate

## WHY ISLAM?

### Al-A'raf (The Heights)

Al Quran, Chapter 7 : The Heights,  
Verse 172. (Translation : Mohsin Khan)

**“And (remember) when your Lord brought forth from the Children of Adam, from their loins (backs), their seed (or from Adam's loins his offspring) and made them testify as to themselves (saying): “Am I not your Lord? They said: “Yes! We testify, “lest you should say on the Day of Resurrection: “Verily, we have been unaware of this.”**

- All the descendants of Adam (Peace be upon him, abbreviated -p.b.u.h) testified in the presence of GOD (The One and Only True Creator, ALLAH), that, He ALLAH is their Lord, Who Cherishes and Sustains them.

So we all testified before we were born, in the presence of ALLAH, THE CREATOR, of HIS Oneness and that HE is The Sustainer and Lord (Rabb) of everything known and unknown.

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According to Prophet Muhammad (p.b.u.h),  
there were approximately 124,000 messengers  
sent by ALLAH to His creation, (and ALLAH  
always knows best). Of these, 25 of  
them are mentioned in The Quran.

All these Prophets were sent by ALLAH, The  
One and Only True GOD, The Creator of  
everything in the Heavens, Earth and Seas,  
below and above,  
the Galaxies, the Universe.

**“None is like HIM, HE Begetteth not,  
Nor was HE Begotten.”**

***HE was before the before  
and will be  
After the After.***

HE dies not, nor does HE sleep, tire, eat.  
He is Superbly Unique in all aspects.  
Absolutely Absolute.  
ALLAH is completely beyond any of HIS  
creations' perceptions or grasp.

**The Names of the 25 Prophets  
mentioned in The Quran are as follows:**

- Adam
- Idris (Enoch)
- Nuh (Noah)
- Hud (Heber)
- Salih (Methusaleh)
- Lut (Lot)
- Ibrahim (Abraham)
- Ismail (Ishmael)
- Ishaq (Isaac)
- Yaqub (Jacob)
- Yusuf (Joseph)
- Shu' aib (Jethro)
- Ayyub (Job)
- Dhulkifl (Ezekiel)
- Musa (Moses) - **The Tawrat (Torah)**
- Harun (Aaron)
- Dawud (David) - **The Zabur (Psalms)**
- Sulayman (Solomon)
- Ilias (Elias)
- Alyasa (Elisha)
- Yunus (Jonah)
- Zakariya (Zachariah)
- Yahya (John the Baptist)
- Isa (Jesus) - **The Injil (Gospel)**
- Muhammad - **The Quran (The Last Revelation)**

Peace And Blessings Be Upon Them All.

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**ALLAH** (S.W.T) means (Glory and Praise be to HIM, The Most High)

**ALLAH** (AZA' WAJAL) - means. (Glorious and Sublime is HE, ALLAH)

**P.b.u.h** - this is short for (ALLAH's) Peace Be upon him or them  
(the prophet or the prophets/the messengers of ALLAH)

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## WHAT IS ISLAM?

The Arabic word **Islam** literally means  
“surrender”, “submission” and “obedience”  
to the One and Only Creator ALLAH.

HE (GOD) was not born, nor does HE (GOD)  
have offspring. There is none like HIM. Not in  
the heavens nor above, not in the earth or the  
seas nor below, not among any or all beings.

One who submits humbly and willingly,  
prostrates (bows down on his face) and  
worships The True, One and Only God, alone,  
is called a Muslim.

There is no compulsion (forcing) to become  
a Muslim or follow Islam.

You do it out of willing submission, total  
obedience and humble surrender to worship  
the One and Only True God,  
The Only Creator of all and everything.

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### **AYATUL KURSI (Verse of The Throne)**

Al Quran, Chapter 2 : The Cow, Verse 255

(Translation : Mohsin Khan)

**“ALLAH! None has the right to be worshipped but He, the Ever Living, the One Who sustains and protects all that exists. Neither slumber nor sleep overtakes Him. To Him belongs whatever is in the heavens and whatever is on the earth. Who is he that can intercede with Him except with His permission? He knows what happens to them (His creatures) in this world, and what will happen to them in the Hereafter. And they will never compass anything of His Knowledge except that which He wills. His Kursi (Throne) extends over the heavens and the earth, and He feels no fatigue in guarding and preserving them. And He is the Most High, the Most Great.”**

**THROUGHOUT THE BOOK, YOU WILL NOTE THE FOLLOWING WORDS BEING USED:**

**ALLAH** - this is the arabic word for he One and ONLY True Creator of all that exists, including Mankind and Jinn. (The word ALLAH, can never be fully explained or comprehended in any language. Only ALLAH knows it's full meaning.)

ALLAH , The Creator of all that exists, is Supremely the Greatest name of GOD, the all inclusive name. No one on earth or in the Heavens, living or dead, has the most beautiful name of ALLAH.

### **THE BELIEFS OF A MUSLIM**

1. To believe in GOD, as the **ONE and ONLY True GOD, The Unseen GOD, Creator** of all that exists, who has no son, or any offspring, no family, no partners.
2. To believe in the existence of all ALLAH's Angels and the unseen.
3. To believe in all ALLAH's Books
4. To believe that all ALLAH's Prophets & Messengers are sent by ALLAH to guide and teach mankind, and to remind them of the Oneness of the True Creator ALLAH.
5. To believe in the Day of Judgement
6. To believe in ALLAH's Divine Decree (All that is good and bad happens only if ALLAH wills it)
7. To believe in Life after Death, that every living being except GOD the Creator, will die, and that every person that dies and leaves this world will be resurrected again on the Day of Resurrection (Yauamal Qiyammah), also known as the Day of Reckoning.

## **THE FUNDAMENTALS OF ISLAM**

There are five (5) fundamentals of Islam that every muslim needs to believe in and perform throughout his or her life.

1. **To Declare Testimony (Shahaada)** ,that there is none or anyone worthy of Worship except the TRUE and ONLY ALLAH and that Muhammad (p.b.u.h) is the final messenger of GOD.
2. **Prayers (Salaah)**, To Pray five (5) times a day at it's prescribed times.
3. **Charity (Zakaat)**, to pay annually 2,5% (two and a half percent) of one's nett savings on which a Islamic Year has passed, if one has the Zakaat Nisaab (threshold).
4. **Fasting (Saum)**, to fast during the holy month of Ramadhaan (the ninth month of the Islamic calender). Fasting means to abstain (stay away) from eating, drinking, sexual relations from the crack of dawn to sunset.
5. **Pilgrimage (Hajj)**, The performance of the pilgrimage to the holy land of Mecca during the days of Hajj , once in a lifetime, if one can afford it financially.

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THE FIRST KALIMAH  
**DECLARATION OF FAITH**  
**KALIMAH TAIYYAB**

There is no diety except ALLAH. Muhammad,  
(May ALLAH's Peace and Blessings be upon  
him) is the messenger of ALLAH.

***Laa illaaha illal laahoo***  
***Muhammadur-Rasool-lullaahi***

THE SECOND KALIMAH  
**DECLARATION OF FAITH**  
**KALIMAH SHAHAADAT**

I bear witness that there is none worthy of  
worship except ALLAH, and I bear witness that  
Muhammad (May ALLAH's Peace and  
Blessings be upon him) is HIS devotee and  
messenger.

***Ash-hadu allal-ilaaha illal-laahu wa ash-hadu***  
***anna Muhammadan abduhu wa Rasoolu.***

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### THE THIRD KALIMAH

#### **DECLARATION OF ALLAH'S GLORY**

Glory is for ALLAH and all praise is due to ALLAH. There is none worthy of worship except ALLAH. ALLAH is the Greatest. There is no power except with ALLAH, The Most High, The Most Great.

***Subḥaan-Allaḥi walḥamdu-lilaaḥi, wa laa illaaha illal-laahu wal laahu akbar, walaahaula wala quwwatta illa billa-hil-aliyyil-adheem.***

### THE FOURTH KALIMAH

#### **DECLARATION OF THE ONENESS OF ALLAH**

There is none worthy of worship except ALLAH, who is alone and has no partner. To HIM belongs the kingdom and for HIM is all praise, HE gives life and causes death. In HIS hands is all good and HE has power over everything.

***Laa ilaaha illal laahu waḥdahu laa shareekalahu, laahul-mulku wa-lahul-ḥamdu yuh-ḥee wa-yumeetu bi yadhil khair, wa-huwa glaa kulli shay'in Qadeer..***

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THE FIFTH KALIMAH  
**REJECTION OF ATHEISM**  
**KALIMAH RAD-D-KUFR**

O ALLAH! I seek protection in YOU, that I do not join any partner with YOU knowingly. I need YOUR forgiveness from that which I do not know. I repent from ignorance. I free myself from disbelief and from joining partners with YOU and from lies and from sins. I submit to YOUR will, and I believe and declare; There is none worthy of worship except ALLAH and Muhammad (May ALLAH's Peace and Blessings be upon him) is the messenger of ALLAH.

***Allaahuma inni a' udhu bika min an ushrika  
bika shay aw wa ana a'lamu bihi wa  
astaghfiruka limaa laa a'alamu bihi, tubtu  
anhu wa tabaara'tu minal kufri wash-Shirki wal  
kidhbi wal ma aasi kulliha aslamtu wa  
aamantu, wa aqoo-lu laa-ilaaha illal laahu  
Muhammadur-Rasoolul-laah.***

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THE SIXTH KALIMAH

**CONCISE BELIEF**

**IMAAN-e-MUJMAL**

I believe in ALLAH as HE is, with HIS names and qualities, and I have accepted all HIS orders.

***Aamantu billahi kamaa huwa bi as maa i hi  
wa sifaatih, wa qabiltu jamee a ah'kaamihi.***

THE SEVENTH KALIMAH

**DETAILED BELIEF**

**IMAAN-e-MUFFASSAL**

"I believe in ALLAH, in His Angels, His Scriptures, His Messengers, the Last Day, and that everything good and bad in the world is predestined by Almighty ALLAH, and I believe in Resurrection after Death."

***Aamantu billahi wa malaa-ikatihi wa kutubihi  
wa Rusulihi wal-yaumil-aakhiri wal-qadri  
khairihi wa sharrihi minallaahi Ta Alaa wal-  
ba'di ba'dal maut.***

**What to say when ready to revert to ISLAM  
or accept ISLAM**

**There is none worthy of worship besides ALLAH (GOD) and Muhammad is the final messenger of ALLAH (GOD)**

The transliteration (arabic words) of the above phrases is as follows:

***La ilaaha illal laahu Muhammadur Rasoolulah.***

**I also bear witness that there is none worthy of worship except ALLAH (GOD) and Muhammad (peace be upon him) is ALLAH's servant and messenger.**

The transliteration (arabic words) of the above phrases is as follows:

***Ashadu al laa illaaha illal laahu wa ashadu anna Muhammadan abduhu wa Rasooluh.***

also

**I also bear witness and declare that Jesus (peace be upon him - p.b.u.h) is the creation and servant and messenger of ALLAH**

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# WHAT IS ISLAM?

THE ACCEPTANCE OF ISLAM IS MANIFESTED BY:

## The Five Pillars of Islam :

### **1. Belief (Utterance (Professing), Faith)**

Faith is to believe in GOD (ALLAH), The Unseen, the Creator of all His Angels, The Heavenly Scriptures, all GOD'S prophets, all of Mankind and Jinn and all that exists, and the last day (day of Resurrection).

### **2. Prayers**

**(Five Obligatory Daily Prayers  
(Salaah))**

### **3. Charity**

**(Alms-giving)  
(Zakaat)**

### **4. Fasting**

**(Sawm)**

### **5. The Greater Pilgrimage**

**(Hajj)**

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## **FAITH IN ISLAM**

1. We believe that GOD (ALLAH) is the ONE and ONLY SUPREME GOD, Our Sustainer and the Creator of Everything.
2. All and everything was and is created by GOD (ALLAH) and are servants of ALLAH
3. Even the Angels, The Unseen, The Prophets (May GOD's Peace and Blessings Be Upon Them All) including Adam, Noah, Abraham, Job, Jesus, and all the prophets not mentioned, and Muhammad being the last and final messenger, are all created **servants** and have to obey all GOD's laws and commandments.
4. ALLAH, THE CREATOR, is all and Forever Living, Self-Existing, Eternal, Absolute, without a Beginning and has No End.
5. HE has made us in the best form and has granted us magnificent favours and bounties. HIS Mercy knows no bounds.
6. We are therefore committed and obliged to **worship HIM alone.**

### **7. AL QURAN, CHAPTER 112, :**

**“Say! HE is ALLAH (GOD), The One.  
HE is Most Unique, The Eternal, The Absolute.  
HE neither gives birth, nor is HE born,  
and there is none like unto HIM.”**

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## **FAITH IN THE EXISTENCE OF ANGELS**

1. ALLAH (THE CREATOR, GOD) has created the Angels (peace and blessing be upon them) to worship HIM, to carry out HIS commandments and to be HIS messengers to HIS human Prophets. (The Angels are created from light, and can assume any shape, they are numerous.) Only ALLAH alone knows their quantity.

### **AI-ANBIYA (The Prophets)**

Al Quran, Chapter 21 : The Prophets, Verse 27-30  
(Translation : Yusuf Ali)

**“They speak (Angels) not before HE speaks, and they act (in all things) by HIS command. HE knows what is before them, and what is behind them, and they offer no intercession except for those who are acceptable, and they stand in awe and reverence of HIS (glory). If any of them should say "I am a god besides HIM" such a one We should reward with Hell: thus do We reward those who do wrong. Do not the Unbelievers see that the heavens and the earth were joined together (as one unit of Creation), before We clove them asunder? We made from water every living thing. Will they not then believe?”**

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## **FAITH IN THE HOLY SCRIPTURES**

1. **ALLAH**, The Magnificently Great, The Supreme, The Almighty, The One and Only Creator, has sent many messengers and revealed books to them to teach them and guide mankind to believe and remind them of the Oneness of ALLAH, The One True Almighty GOD.

2. Among them are some scriptures revealed to
- Abraham (Ibrahim)
  - Moses (Musa) The Tawrat
  - David (Dawud) The Zabur
  - Jesus (Isa) The Injil

May **ALLAH's** Choicest Blessings and Peace be upon them all.

3. All these scriptures, books were distorted by their people, and are not in their original state of revelation.

4. **The Noble Quran** has been especially preserved by the Power and Will of **ALLAH**, The Creator, from it's revelation and will be preserved right to the Last Day and beyond. The Last and Final Scripture Revealed by **ALLAH**, was revealed to Muhammad (p.b.u.h), this Final Book of **ALLAH** is called The Quran and remains unchanged till today and forever.

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### **Al-HAJJ (The Pilgrimage)**

Al Quran, Chapter 22 : The Pilgrimage, Verse 35  
(Translation : Yusuf Ali)

**“To those whose hearts when ALLAH is mentioned, are filled with fear, who show patient perseverance over their afflictions, keep up regular prayer, and spend (in charity) out of what We have bestowed upon them.”**

### **Al-HIJR (The Rocky Tract)**

Al Quran, Chapter 15 : The Rocky Tract, Verse 10  
(Translation : Yusuf Ali)

**“We did send messengers before thee amongst the religious sects of old: “**

### **Al-HIJR (The Rocky Tract)**

Al Quran, Chapter 15 : The Rocky Tract, Verse 96  
(Translation : Yusuf Ali)

**“Those who adopt, with ALLAH (GOD), another god: but soon will they come to know.”**

### **Al-ISRA (The Night Journey)**

Al Quran, Chapter 17 : The Night Journey, Verse 111  
(Translation : Yusuf Ali)

**Say: "Praise be to ALLAH, who begets no son, and has no partner in (HIS) dominion: Nor (needs) HE any to protect HIM from humiliation: yea, magnify HIM for HIS greatness and glory!"**

## **FAITH IN ALL THE PROPHETS**

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(May GOD's Peace and Blessings Be Upon Them All)

1. When we accept or revert to Islam, we have to believe and accept the message of all ALLAH's prescribed messengers and prophets. We cannot believe in some prophets only.

### **Ali-'IMRAN (The Family of Imran)**

Al Quran, Chapter 3 : The Family of Imran, Verse 137  
(Translation : Yusuf Ali)

**"Many were the Ways of Life that have passed away before you: travel through the earth, and see what was the end of those who rejected Truth."**

2. The first prophet was Adam, father of mankind, (Peace be upon him - p.b.u.h)
3. Muhammad (p.b.u.h), the last prophet of Islam is the seal of all the prophets. No prophets is to come after him until the end of this world.

### **Al-HAJJ (The Pilgrimage)**

Al Quran, Chapter 22 : The Pilgrimage, Verse 18  
(Translation : Yusuf Ali)

**"Seest thou not that to ALLAH bow down in worship all things that are in the heavens and on earth, - the sun, the moon, the stars; the hills, the trees, the animals; and a great number among mankind? But a great number are (also) such as are fit for Punishment: and such as ALLAH shall disgrace, - None can raise to honour: for ALLAH carries out all that He wills."**

## **FAITH IN THE LAST DAY**

1. We believe that there will be **another life** after this life, an after life where you live forever and ever.
2. When this life comes to an end as determined by **ALLAH**, an angel will blow the trumpet causing all mankind and all creatures to die. The second blowing of the Trumpet by the same Angel Israfeel (p.b.u.h) will make all beings to come alive by the permission of ALLAH.
3. Then **ALLAH**, The Just, will gather all mankind to account for their deeds.
5. Those who believed in **ALLAH** as the One True GOD and their Creator, accepted the Messengers and obeyed the commands of **ALLAH** will be rewarded in Paradise and enjoy total happiness forever.
6. Those who rejected the messengers and did not believe in GOD (ALLAH) as their Creator, Sustainer, or made partners or ascribed other deities to HIM, and disobeyed ALLAH (a.w.j)'s commandments will be punished and humiliated in hell forever, where they will suffer eternal punishment and torment.  
(a.w.j - Glorious and Sublime is HE - ALLAH)

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## Important Things To Do **LEARN TO PERFORM:**

### **1. ISTINJAA**

How to use the toilet and cleanse oneself

### **2. GHUSAL**

How to take the prescribed full bath (full body and hair)

### **3. WUDHU**

How to perform the ablution before praying

### **4. SHAVING**

Shaving the hair under the armpits and by the private parts

\* Please consult a learned scholar, or a Muslim person

Wudhu (ablution) includes material and spiritual cleaning together and enables material cleanliness; it is an indispensable step of worshipping that gives a Muslim peace in heart and spiritual power. A Muslim prepares himself for worshipping spiritually and bodily when he makes Wudhu.

Wudhu is important in terms of health because it cleans the organs that are exposed to dirtiness and that are always in contact with things outside like hands, face, mouth, teeth, nose, head and feet. The ways through which microbes could penetrate the body are cleaned at least five times a day thanks to Wudhu; thus, many diseases are prevented; the nervous system and the circulatory system of the body become more regular.

Wudhu soothes fury, eliminates anger and calms the spirit. Therefore, the Prophet (pbuh) advised a person who got furious to make Wudhu. (Abu Dawud, Adab, 3; Musnad, 4/226) Wudhu is a spiritual weapon of a believer and a spiritual shield against invisible dangers.

**HOW TO USE THE TOILET**  
**AND CLEANSE YOURSELF (ISTINJAA)**

1. To relieve yourself in the toilet, (if not a toilet, then in a suitable, quiet, discreet and private place)
2. To sit and relieve oneself, for urinating or stools
3. Make sure that all droplets of urine have come out, then rinse off with water (a jug or a bottle of water can be used).
4. Wipe yourself with toilet roll using your left hand then wash using water.

One should at all times keep the body and clothes clean from all impurities, like urine, stool, pus, blood, alcohol, semen, etc. If any impurity does fall on the body or clothes wash off the affected part three times as soon as you can.

\* If relieving yourself outside in a place where there's no water, then use soil (clean sand) to cleanse yourself where necessary. No bones may be used.

**WHEN GHUSAL (ritual Bath: Full body and hair)  
BECOMES COMPULSORY**

1. After sexual relations or wet dreams etc. (male or female)
2. When semen/discharge is discharged (male or female)
3. On the termination of the monthly menstruation.
4. On the termination of after childbirth discharge

## **WHEN WUDHU (MINOR ABLUTION) BECOMES NECESSARY**

1. To perform Salaah
2. To touch or recite the Noble Quran

(\*No Salaah will be accepted without Wudhu, or without reciting **“Bismillaahir Rahmaanir Raheem”**, (In The name of ALLAH, (The One and Only True Creator, GOD), The Entirely Merciful, The Especially Compassionate.)

## **WHAT DO I DO IF THERE IS NO WATER TO PERFORM ABLUTION?**

Literally, Tayammum means purpose or aim. As a religious term, it means to wipe the arms and face with clean earth in a special way.

Tayammum is a convenience peculiar to this UMMAH (Muslims) only. In case of lack of water or the impossibility of using water due to an illness, etc despite its existence, believers get rid of hadath (the state of having no wudhu or being ritually impure) thanks to Tayammum. Thus, they do not miss worshipping ALLAH due to something beyond their power. The Messenger of ALLAH states that Tayammum is a special grace and grant of Allah to this UMMAH as follows: "I was given five things that had not been given to anybody before me. One of them is that the earth was rendered a Masjid and a cleaning substance. Therefore, when it is time for a prayer, perform it wherever you are."

Instances when At-Tayammum (dry ablution using soil) is Permitted. At-Tayammum is permitted only on specific instances as follows:

1. Where the person cannot find water or the amount of water is not sufficient for Wudhu (ablution).

However, before performing AT-Tayammum, the person is required to look for water earnestly from any possible source.

2. When a person is injured or ill and believes that the use of water will worsen his/her condition, then, At-Tayammum is allowed.

3. When water is too cold such that it may harm the person, AT-Tayammum is allowed if the user cannot find means of heating the water.

4. When water is nearby, but the person is not able to fetch it due to fear for his/her life, family and wealth, (e.g. from an enemy either beast or human in the vicinity) then, At-Tayammum may be performed.

5. When there is not enough water and one is forced to save what is available for drinking and/or cooking, then, At-Tayammum is allowed.

### **Al-Ma'idah (The Table spread)**

Al Quran, Chapter 5 : The Table spread,

Verse 6. (Translation : Yusuf Ali)

**“O ye who believe! when ye prepare for prayer, wash your faces, and your hands (and arms) to the elbows; Rub your heads (with water); and (wash) your feet to the ankles. If ye are in a state of ceremonial impurity, bathe your whole body. but if ye are ill, or on a journey, or one of you cometh forth from offices of nature, or ye have been in contact with women, and ye find no water, then take for yourselves clean sand or earth, and rub therewith your faces and hands, ALLAH doth not wish to place you in difficulty, but to make you clean, and to complete His favour to you, that ye may be grateful.”**

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## **Ar-Ra'd (The Thunder)**

Al Quran, Chapter 13 : The Thunder,  
Verse 16. (Translation : Mohsin Khan)

**"Say (O Muhammad p.b.u.h): "Who is the Lord of the heavens and the earth?" Say: "(It is)ALLAH." Say: "Have you then taken (for worship) Auliya' (protectors) other than HIM, such as have no power either for benefit or for harm to themselves?" Say: "Is the blind equal to the one who sees? Or darkness equal to light? Or do they assign to ALLAH partners who created the like of His creation, so that the creation (which they made and His creation) seemed alike to them." Say: "ALLAH is the Creator of all things, He is the One, the Irresistible."**

Al Quran, Chapter 13 : The Thunder,  
Verse 13. Translation : Mohsin Khan)

**And Ar-Ra'd[] (thunder) glorifies and praises HIM, and so do the angels because of HIS Awe, HE sends the thunderbolts, and therewith HE strikes whom He wills, yet they (disbelievers) dispute about ALLAH. And HE is Mighty in strength and Severe in punishment.**

## **Al-An'am (The Cattle)**

Al Quran, Chapter 6 : The Cattle,  
Verse 103. (Translation : Mohsin Khan)

**"No vision can grasp HIM, but HIS Grasp is over all vision. HE is the MOST SUBTLE and COURTEOUS, Well-Acquainted with all things."**

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### **Al-A'raf (The Heights)**

Al Quran, Chapter 7 : The Heights,  
Verse 55,56,57. (Translation : Yusuf Ali)

**"Call on your Lord with humility and in private: for ALLAH loveth not those who trespass beyond bounds.**

**DO no mischief on the earth, after it hath been set in order, but call on HIM with fear and longing (in your hearts): for the Mercy of ALLAH is (always) near to those who do good.**

**It is HE WHO sendeth the winds like heralds of glad tidings, going before HIS Mercy: when they have carried the heavy-laden clouds, We drive them to a land that is dead, make rain to descend thereon, and produce every kind of harvest therewith: thus shall We raise up the dead: perchance ye may remember."**

### **An-Nisa (The Women)**

Al Quran, Chapter 4 : The Women,  
Verse 1. (Translation : Mohsin Khan)

**"O mankind! Be dutiful to your Lord, Who created you from a single person (Adam), and from him (Adam) He created his wife [Hawwa(Eve)], and from them both HE created many men and women and fear ALLAH through Whom you demand your mutual (rights), and (do not cut the relations of) the wombs (kinship). Surely, ALLAH is Ever an All-Watcher over you."**

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### **An-Nisa (The Women)**

Al Quran, Chapter 4 : The Women,  
Verse 85. (Translation : Yusuf Ali)

**“Whoever recommends and helps a good cause becomes a partner therein: And whoever recommends and helps an evil cause, shares in its burden: And ALLAH hath power over all things.”**

### **Ibrahim (Abraham)**

Al Quran, Chapter 14 : Abraham,  
Verse 7. (Translation : Mohsin Khan)

**“And (remember) when your Lord proclaimed; “If you give thanks (by accepting Faith and worshipping none but ALLAH), I will give you more (of My Blessings), but if you are thankless (i.e. disbelievers), verily! My Punishment is indeed severe.”**

### **Al-A'raf (The Heights)**

Al Quran, Chapter 7 : The Heights,  
Verse 22. (Translation : Mohsin Khan)

**“So he (Satan) misled them with deception. Then when they tasted of the tree, that which was hidden from them of their shame (private parts) became manifest to them and they began to stick together the leaves of Paradise over themselves (in order to cover their shame). And their Lord called out to them (saying): “Did I not forbid you that tree and tell you” Verily, Shaitan (Satan) is an open enemy unto you?”**

## **Yunus (Jonah)**

Al Quran, Chapter 10 : Jonah,  
Verse 9. (Translation : Mohsin Khan)

**"Verily, those who believe and do deeds of righteousness, their Lord will guide them through their Faith; under them will flow rivers in the Gardens of Delight (Paradise)."**

## **Maryam (Mary)**

Al Quran, Chapter 19 : Mary,  
Verse 6,7,8,9,12,14. (Translation : Mohsin Khan)

**"Who shall inherit me, and inherit (also) the posterity of Ya'qub (Jacob) (inheritance of the religious knowledge and Prophethood, not the wealth, etc.) And make him, my LORD, one with whom YOU are Well-pleased!"**

**(ALLAH said) "O Zakariyya (Zachariah)! Verily, We give you the glad tidings of a son, Whose name will be Yahya (John). We have given that name to none before (him)."**

**He said: "My Lord! How can I have a son, when my wife is barren, and I have reached the extreme old age."**

**He said: "So (it will be). Your Lord says; It is easy for Me. Certainly I have created you before, when you had been nothing!"**

**(It was said to his son): "O Yahya (John, The Baptist)! Hold fast the Scripture [the Taurat (Torah)]. "And We gave him wisdom while yet a child.**

**And dutiful towards his parents, and he was neither arrogant nor disobedient (to ALLAH or to his parents)."**

### **Al-An'am (The Cattle)**

Al Quran, Chapter 6 : The Cattle,  
Verse 116, 117, 118. (Translation : Mohsin Khan)

**"And if you obey most of those on earth, they will mislead you far away from ALLAH's Path. They follow nothing but conjectures, and they do nothing but lie."**

**"Verily, your Lord! It is He Who knows best who strays from His Way, and He knows best the rightly guided ones."**

**"So eat of that (meat) on which ALLAH's Name has been pronounced (while slaughtering the animal), if you are believers in His Ayat (proofs, evidences, verses, lessons, signs, revelations, etc.)."**

### **Al-Nahl (The Bee)**

Al Quran, Chapter 16 : The Bee,  
Verse 97. (Translation :Mohsin Khan)

**"Whoever works righteousness, man or woman, and has Faith, verily, to him will We give a new Life, a Life that is good and pure and We will bestow on such their rewards according to the best of their actions."**

### **Ar-Ra'd (The Thunder)**

Al Quran, Chapter 13 : The Thunder,  
Verse 28. (Translation : Yusuf Ali)

**"Those who believe, and whose hearts find satisfaction in the remembrance of ALLAH: for without doubt in the remembrance of ALLAH do hearts find satisfaction."**

### **Al-Anbiya (The Prophets)**

Al Quran, Chapter 21 : The Prophets,

Verse 26. (Translation : Yusuf Ali)

**“And they say: “(ALLAH) Most Gracious has begotten offspring.” Glory to HIM! they are (but) servants raised to honour.”**

### **Az-Zumar (The Crowds)**

Al Quran, Chapter 39 : The Crowds,

Verse 53. (Translation : Yusuf Ali)

**“Say:”O my Servants who have transgressed against their souls! Despair not of the Mercy of ALLAH: for ALLAH forgives all sins: for HE is Off-Forgiving, Most Merciful.”**

### **Al-Ma'idah (The Table spread)**

Al Quran, Chapter 5 : The Table spread,

Verse 55. (Translation : Yusuf Ali)

**“Your (real) friends are (no less than) ALLAH, HIS Messenger, and the fellowship of believers, - those who establish regulars prayers and regular charity, and they bow down humbly (in worship).”**

### **Al-An'am (The Cattle)**

Al Quran, Chapter 6 : The Cattle,

Verse 102. (Translation : Mohsin Khan)

**“Such is ALLAH, your Lord! la ilaha illa Huwa (none has the right to be worshipped but He), the Creator of all things. So worship Him (Alone), and HE is the Wakeel (Trustee, Disposer of affairs, Guardian, etc over all things.)’**

### **Al-Baqarah (The Cow)**

Al Quran, Chapter 2 : The Cow,  
Verse 177. (Translation : Yusuf Ali)

**“ It is not righteousness that ye turn your faces towards East or West; but it is righteousness—to believe in ALLAH and the Last Day and the Angels and the Book and the Messengers; to spend of your substance out of love for HIM, for your kin, for orphans for the needy, for the wayfarer for those who ask and for the ransom of slaves; to be steadfast in prayer and practise regular charity; to fulfil the contracts which ye have made; and to be firm and patient in pain (or suffering) and adversity and throughout all periods of panic. Such are the people of truth the ALLAH-fearing.”**

#### **DID YOU KNOW?**

The Thunder glorifies and praises the Creator, ALLAH.

### **Yunus (Jonah)**

Al Quran, Chapter 10 : Jonah,  
Verse 10. (Translation : Mohsin Khan)

**“Their way of request therein will be Subhaanaka Allahumma (Glory to You, O Allah!) and Salam (peace, safe from each and every evil) will be their greetings therein (Paradise)! and the close of their request will be: Al-Hamdu Lillahi Rabbil-'Alamin (Praise be to ALLAH, The Lord of mankind, jinns and all that exist)]”**

## **Maryam (Mary)**

Al Quran, Chapter 19 : Mary,  
Verse 27-36. (Translation : Yusuf Ali)

**"At length she brought the (babe) to her people, carrying him (in her arms). they said: "O Mary! truly an amazing thing hast thou brought!**

**"O sister of Aaron! thy father was not a man of evil, nor thy mother a woman unchaste!"**

**But she pointed to the babe. They said: "How can we talk to one who is a child in the cradle?"**

**He (Isa /Jesus) said: "I am indeed a servant of ALLAH: HE hath given me revelation and made me a prophet;**

**"And HE hath made me Blessed wheresoever I be, and hath enjoined on me Prayer and Charity as long as I live;**

**"(HE) hath made me kind to my mother, and not overbearing or miserable;**

**"So Peace is on me the day I was born, the day that I die and the day that I shall be raised up to life (again)!"**

**Such (was) Jesus the son of Mary: (it is) a statement of truth, about which they (vainly) dispute.**

**It is not befitting to (the majesty of) ALLAH that HE should beget a son. Glory be to HIM! When HE determines a matter, HE only says to it "Be", and it is.**

**Verily ALLAH is my LORD and your LORD: HIM therefore serve ye: this is a Way that is straight."**

## **RELIGIOUS DEEDS (IBADAT)**

Deeds in Islam are of two main categories

### **1. RELIGIOUS DEEDS (IBADAT)**

These are the compulsory daily prayers of devotional duties of worship

- 5 Daily Prayers (Salaah)
- Charity (Zakaat)
- Fasting (Siyaam)
- The Greater Pilgrimage (Hajj)

**2. MU'AMALAT**, activities relating to dealings regarding an individual like family life, society, the whole Ummah (muslim community) and Humanity at large.

This could be related to

- Political
- Economical
- Cultural
- Legal
- Ethical
- National or International Relations

\* For more information, contact or consult with a religious scholar or Imam (religious leader).

**CONFESSION**  
**(The Two Shahadats)**

As Shahadat means to say (confessing) with firm conviction in heart and mind the following,

**I bear witness that there is none worthy of  
worship except ALLAH, and I bear witness that  
Muhammad (May ALLAH's Peace and  
Blessings be upon him) is HIS devotee and  
messenger.**

***Ash-hadu allal-ilaaha illal  
-laahu wa ash-hadu  
anna Muhammadan  
abduhu wa Rasoolu.***

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## The Five Daily Compulsory Prayers (Salaah)

In Islamic Prayer is compulsory Five (5) times a day.

1. Dawn (**Fajr**) prayer, 2 units (rakaats) starts before dawn and ends after sunrise.
2. Noon (**Dhuhr**) prayer, 4 units (rakaats) starts when the sun passes the zenith (highest point) and ends when the shadow of an object becomes twice it's size.
3. Late Afternoon (**Asr**) Prayer, 4 units (rakaats) starts after the end of noon prayer and ends at sunset.
4. Sunset (**Maghrib**) prayer, 3 units (rakaats) starts after sunset.
5. Night (**Esha**) prayer, 4 units (rakaats) starts when twilight disappears and ends at dawn. (starts approximately 1 hour 25 minutes after sunset)

\* Only the Compulsory (Fardh) prayers are listed.

\* Total prayers (units/rakaats) 17 rakaats per day, everyday

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## WHY ISLAM?

Prophet Adam (p.b.u.h) and all the messengers and prophets sent by ALLAH believed in Islam. They all **testified** to the **Oneness of GOD**, they believed that **GOD, The Creator is ONE**, alone, without any partners, without sons/ fathers/mothers/daughters/family or any being known or unknown.

All prophets and messengers taught the same message to their people.

The animals also know their Creator, ALLAH Almighty as their only Creator.

### Ar-Ra'd (The Thunder)

Al Quran, Chapter 13 : The Thunder,  
Verse 15. (Translation : Mohsin Khan)

**“ And unto ALLAH (Alone) falls in prostration whoever is in the heavens and the earth, willingly or unwillingly, and so do their shadows in the mornings and in the afternoons.”**

The name of **ALLAH** :

- has no plural (gods)
- has no gender (goddess)

The name ALLAH is totally Great, Unique, Absolute, Complete and Forever.

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Bismillaahir Raḥmaanir Raḥeem  
In The name of ALLAH  
(The One and Only True Creator, GOD),  
The Entirely Merciful, The Especially Compassionate

**Al-Fatihah (The Opening)**

Al Quran, Chapter 1 : The Opening,  
Verse 1-7. (Translation : Dr. Ghali)

*In The Name of ALLAH, The All-Merciful,  
The Ever-Merciful.*



*Praise be to ALLAH, The Lord of the worlds.*

*The All-Merciful, The Ever-Merciful.*

*The Possessor of the Day of Doom.*

*You only do we worship,  
and You only do we beseech for help.*

*Guide us in the straight Path.*

*The Path of the ones whom You have favored, other  
than that of the ones against whom You are angered,  
and not (that of) the erring.*

(It is customary to say "Ameen" "Amen" at the end of this Surah).

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### **Al-Ma'idah (The Table spread)**

Al Quran, Chapter 5 : The Table Spread,  
Verse 75. (Translation : Pickthal)

**“The Messiah, son of Mary, was no other than a messenger, messengers (the like of whom had passed away before him. And his mother was a saintly woman. And they both used to eat (earthly) food. See how We make the revelations clear for them, and see how they are turned away!”**

## **ALLAH, THE PRAISED ONE**

AL HAMDULILAH, as revealed to the last prophet of ALLAH, Muhammad (p.b.u.h) in the Quran.

AL HAMDULILAH, All Thanks and Complete Praise is entirely due to ALLAH (GOD) for all favours and bounties from beginning to end.

Also, a Praise that ALLAH (GOD) praises Himself with.

### **The difference between Praise and Thanks**

“Hamd” (Praise) is more, general, in that it is a statement of praise for one’s characteristics, or for what he has done.

“All Thanks” are given for what was done, not merely for characteristics.

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### **An-Nahl (The Bee)**

Al Quran, Chapter 16 : The Bee,  
Verse 48. (Translation : Yusuf Ali)

**“Do they not look at ALLAH'S creation (even) among (inanimate) things— how their (very) shadows turn round from the right and the left, prostrating themselves to ALLAH, and that in the humblest manner?”**

Al Quran, Chapter 16 : The Bee,  
Verse 49. (Translation : Mohsin Khan)

**“And to ALLAH prostate all that is in the heavens and all that is in the earth, of the moving (living) creatures and the angels, and they are not proud [i.e. they worship their Lord (ALLAH) with humility].”**

Al Quran, Chapter 16 : The Bee,  
Verse 51. (Translation : Yusuf Ali)

**“ALLAH has said: "Take not (for worship) two gods: for He is just One ALLAH: then fear Me (and Me alone).”**

Al Quran, Chapter 16 : The Bee,  
Verse 78. (Translation : Shakir)

**“And ALLAH has brought you forth from the wombs of your mothers-- you did not know anything-- and He gave you hearing and sight and hearts that you may give thanks.”**

## WHAT IS HALAAL FOOD?

**Halaal** means lawful, and halaal food are food items and drinks prepared under strict Muslim dietary laws.

**Haram** (unlawful) items include birds and beasts of prey like hawks and tigers, food that has been offered to idols, the flesh of animals that are already dead before slaughtering, blood and certain animals like monkeys and rats. The common non-Muslim food which are prohibited to Muslims include pork, lard and by-products of pork like ham, bacon and liquor, intoxicants, etc.

Halaal (lawful) animals, like chicken, sheep, cattle, must be slaughtered by Muslims because a short prayer **Bismillahi Allahu Akbar** (In the name of ALLAH, ALLAH is the Greatest), is said when they are being slaughtered. Also, these animals are slaughtered with very sharp knives and in such a way as to effect (1) quick death and (2) thorough drainage of blood. Aquatic animals like fish need not be slaughtered because (1) they die quickly when they leave water and (2) they do not have much blood as birds and land animals.

Food items with animal gelatine, cakes, fruit punch with liquor added are also not permissible.

When in doubt, ask a learned scholar or a Muslim person, and try to look for Halaal certificates in restaurants or Halaal stamps on products.

### **Al-Israa (The Night Journey)**

Al Quran, Chapter 17 : The Night Journey,  
Verse 111. (Translation : Yusuf Ali)

**Say: "Praise be to ALLAH, who begets no son,  
and has no partner in (His) dominion:  
Nor (needs) He any to protect Him from  
humiliation: yea,  
magnify Him for His greatness and glory!**

### **An-Nahl (The Bee)**

Al Quran, Chapter 16 : The Bee,  
Verse 128. (Translation : Mohsin Khan)

**Truly, Allah is with those who fear Him  
(keep their duty unto Him),  
and those who are Muhsinun  
(good-doers, - see the footnote of V. 9:120).**

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## THE CONCEPT OF REPENTANCE IN ISLAM

**TAWBA** is a common arabic word which expresses the concept of repentance in Islam. Tawba means to sincerely repent to ALLAH for sins committed and to seek for forgiveness.

### **Conditions for Tawba (Repentance) to be accepted:**

1. To immediately refrain from committing the sin.
2. To have a deep and sincere remorse and regret over the sin.
3. To make firm intention to never commit the sin again.
4. (If the sin is committed against another person) then it is necessary to sincerely apologise to that person, and request for forgiveness.

**For more information about Islam, please contact the Local Imaam in your area.**

**For more information about the laws of Islam, you can refer to the following books:**

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The Entirely Merciful,  
The Especially Compassionate

Say:

**“He is ALLAH  
the Only One and Unique;**

**ALLAH, Who is in need of none  
and of Whom all are in need;**

**HE neither begot any  
nor was HE begotten,**

**and none is comparable to HIM.”**

- AL QURAN, Chapter 112  
(THE SINCERITY - AL IKHLAS)  
(Transaltion : Abul Ala Maududi)