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WHAT IS ISLAM ?

Islam is:

• **BELIEF IN ALLAH (GOD) and Muhammad (Peace be upon him) is the Messenger of God.**

Allah (God) is the Creator of the heavens and the earth and all that is between them. He is the Organizer, Provider, Master, Planner, Sustainer and Giver of Security, for the entire universe. He is above the seventh heaven, independent and separate from His creation, and nothing in the heavens and the earth is like Him or equal to Him. He does not depend on His creation for anything. But all of His creation depend upon Him.

Muhammad (Peace be upon him) is the last Prophet and Messenger of God. He was sent with the final Revelation, The Holy Qur'an, to all of humanity.

• PRAYER

Prayer keeps one away from shameful and unjust deeds (lying, stealing, envy, jealousy, hate, vile and useless talk, slander and backbiting) and leads one to perform good and righteous deeds. One should pray directly to God (and ask for His forgiveness) and not to or through His creation.

• ZAKAH:

The giving of 2.5% of one's wealth (after personal and family expenses and payment of debts) to the poor and the needy, once a year. Zakah purifies one's excess wealth, and the contributor's heart from selfishness and greed for wealth. It purifies the heart of the receiver from envy, jealousy, hatred and uneasiness, and fosters in his heart goodwill and kindness towards the contributor.

• FASTING:

To abstain completely from food, drink and intimate intercourse, from a few minutes before the break of dawn, to sunset of each day, for the entire month of Ramadan. Fasting is ordained by God, and the one who fast, does it out of deep and sincere love

for God. The one who loves God, really knows what love is. Fasting purifies the soul from bad behavior and prevent one from becoming morally bad, and corrupt. It purifies the body, and it gives one control over his or her evil desires. Likewise it makes one become pious, that is, to know how to take the right path and how to obey God.

• PILGRIMAGE: (To the Holy City of Mecca)

Is enjoyed by God, upon every Muslim male or female, who is financially able, mentally and physically fit to perform, at least once in his or her lifetime. Whoever does not commit sins during the performance of the pilgrimage (Hajj) will return home free from sins, as a new born baby. The performance of Hajj annuls all previous sins.

WHAT DOES A MUSLIM BELIEVE ?

A Muslim Believes In:

• ALLAH (God):

God is the Originator and Sustainer of the entire Universe. Neither slumber nor sleep overtakes Him. He is neither male nor female, and neither is He a spirit. He is neither born nor does he give birth. Nothing in creation resembles nor is equal to Him.

• ALL OF THE ANGELS OF GOD:

God created the angels from light. They are neither male nor female. They are free from all physical and selfish desires, and are invisible to the human eye. They carry out the commands of God through out the entire universe.

• ALL OF THE PROPHETS AND MESSENGERS OF GOD: (Without any Racial Discrimination)

Including Noah, Abraham, Moses, Jesus and Muhammad (peace be upon them) the last Prophet. They were all human beings, who were chosen, inspired and were given Divine Revelations by God, through the angel Gabriel, and were sent to their

respective people, to guide them back to the path of God. Prophet Muhammad (peace upon him) was sent to all of humanity

• ALL OF THE SCRIPTURES AND REVELATIONS OF GOD:

Including the Bible, the Torah, the Gospel, the Psalms and the Holy Qur'an which is the final revelation from God to all of humanity

• THE LAST DAY OF JUDGEMENT:

The day on which all human beings will be brought back to life, and will be made to stand before God, and will be judged by Him according to the deeds, good or bad, that they committed during the period of their earthly life.

• DIVINE DECREE:

The timeless knowledge and power of God, to execute His plans, throughout the entire universe. God is not indifferent nor neutral to this world. A leaf from a tree does not fall, a womb does not conceive or gives birth, a calamity does not happen, good or evil does not happen to humanity, without His knowledge. He clearly Sees and Hears everything, and nothing escapes His knowledge. He maintains full control and command over the entire universe.

• ALL LIFE WERE CREATED FOR A PURPOSE:

The ultimate purpose of life is to worship God. He said, " I created not the jinn and mankind except that they should worship Me." (Holy Qur'an 51:56). Everything in creation worship God; the sun, moon, stars, birds, trees, animals, hills, and mountains, rocks, fish, etc. etc.. They all have their own mode of worship.

• EVERY PERSON IS BORN FREE FROM SIN:

Each person is held accountable (when they reach puberty) for his or her own evil deeds and intentions) no matter how many or terrible they may be. Even if they are as many as the foam in the sea, or enough to fill the space between the heaven and the earth, God will forgive them all.