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Q2) Islam its concept meaning and importance?

The Meaning OF Islam:
Islam, an arabic word which denotes submission, surrender, and pure obedience of Allah. The literal meaning of the word is peace which signifies the most vital aspect of the Islamic religion that a person can achieve the true tranquility of both heart and mind only through his obedience of one God who is omnipotent, omnipresent and the sustainer of the universe. Such a life with obedience can also help in the establishment of peace and harmony among the members of society. As Quran says, Mankind is a single nation. So Allah raised prophets as bearers of good news and as warners, and he

revealed with them the book with truth, that it might judge between people concerning that in which they differed about it after clear arguments had come to them envying one another. So Allah has guided by his will those who believe to the truth about which they differed. And Allah guides whom he pleases to the right path.

According to the Quran.

Those who believe and whose heart find rest in the remembrance of Allah - indeed it is in the thought of Allah alone that the heart of man really finds rest - those who believe and act righteously, joy is for them and a blissful home to return to.

03) introduction to fundamental beliefs and practice of Islam.

An introduction to basic Islamic belief and practices:

Islam and Muslim

The name of this religion is Islam, the root of which, *slim* or *salam* means peace. *Salam* is also part of the greeting of peace among Muslims. In addition, one of the beautiful names of God is *As-Salam*, meaning the peace. The word, however, means more than just peace. It means submission to the one God, as well as to live in harmony with other people and with environment. A Muslim is, therefore, any person, any where in the world, whose obedience, allegiance and loyalty are to God, Lord of the universe and who strives to live in accordance with God's laws.

Muslims and Arabs

The followers of Islam are called Muslims. We should not confuse Muslims with Arabs. Muslim may be Arabs, or they may be Turks, Persians, Indians, Pakistanis, Chinese, or any other nationality. Islam is not limited to any nationality or race.

The language of the Quran, the Holy Book of Islam, is Arabic. Muslim all over the world try to learn Arabic so that they may be able to read the Quran and understand its meaning. They pray in the language of the Quran but supplications to God may be in any language.

Allah, the one and the only God
Allah is the name of the one and
only God. Allah has ninety-nine
beautiful names, such as
The Gracious, The Merciful
The Beneficent, The Creator,
The All-knowing, The All-wise,
The Lord of the universe,
The first, The last, and many
other.

He is the Creator of all
human beings. He is the God
for the Christians; the Jews,
the Muslims, the Buddhists
the Hindus and all other
including those who do not
even believe in Him.

Muslims worship God, and
put their trust in Him
as they seek His help
and guidance.

Muhammad:

Muhammad was chosen by
God to deliver His message
of peace, namely, Islam. He was
born in 570 C.E. (Common Era)

in Makkah, Arabia. He was entrusted with the message of Islam when he was at the age of forty years. The revelation that he received is called the Quran, while the message is called Islam.

Muhammad is the very last prophet of God to mankind. He is the final messenger of God. His message was and still is to all of mankind, including the Christians and Jews. He was sent to those religious people to inform them about the true mission of Jesus, Moses, David, Jacob, Isaac and Abraham.

Muhammad is considered to be the summation and culmination of all the prophets and messengers that came before him. He purified the previous messages of God for all humanity.

He was entrusted with the power of explaining, interpreting and giving the teaching of the Quran.

Practices of Islam

God instructed the Muslims to practice what they believe in. In Islam these are five pillars.

1. Creed (Shahadah)

The verbal commitment and pledge that there is only one God and Muhammad is the messenger of God. is considered to be the creed of Islam.

2. Prayers (Salat)

The performance of the five daily prayers is required of Muslims.

3. Fasting (Sawm)

Fasting is total abstinence from food, liquid and intimate relations from dawn to sunset during the entire month of Ramadan.

4. Purifying Tax (Zakat)
This is an annual payment of a certain percentage of a Muslim's property, which is distributed among the poor or other rightful beneficiaries.

5. Pilgrimage (Haji)
The performance of pilgrimage to Makkah is required once in a lifetime if the means are available. Haji is, in part a memorial to the trials and tribulation of Prophet Abraham, his wife Hagar and his eldest son, prophet Ishmael.

Q9. Concept of women freedom in Islam.

Ans. Women's freedom in Islam is one of the most vulnerable targets for attackers of Islam. The conflict is not because the Islam concept of women freedom has any weakness, because

Allah's laws are perfect in every way. The weakness is rather in lack of knowledge and research in Islamic academics and ignorance of Muslim in general regarding this topic. Muslim women themselves are overwhelmingly confused about their own rights and responsibilities in Islam.

Below are some of the more confusing issues under this topic and some comments on how they are viewed in Islam.

Freedom of Religion in the sight of Allah there is no different between the ranking of a man or a woman except in their level of taqwa.

Allah Says:
whoever does righteousness, whether male or female while he is a believer.

we will surely cause
him to live a good life,
and we will surely give
them their reward according
to the best of what they
used to do.

Q1: Comparison between Islam and Christianity:

ISLAM	CHRISTIANITY
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • only one god-called Allah 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • only one God-a trine being called God or Yahweh
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A prophet who was virgin-born, but not the son of God 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Divine son of God who was virgin-born He is God's word and savior to humanity
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jesus was not crucified someone was substituted for Jesus and he hid until He could meet with the disciples. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A fact of history that is necessary for the atonement of sin and the salvation of believers.

ISLAM

- Since muslim do not believe in the Crucifixion, there is no need to believe in the Resurrection.

- A blasphemy signifying belief in three gods. In Islam, the Trinity is mistakenly thought to be God, Jesus, and Mary.

- Sin is disobedience to the established law. Sin does not grieve Allah.

- Man is created by Allah and is sinless.

CHRISTIANITY

- A fact of history that signifies God's victory over sin and death.

- The one God is eternally revealed in three coequal and coeternal persons. God the father, God the son, and God the Holy Spirit.

- Sin is rebellion against God. Sin grieves God.

- Man is created in God's image and is sinful by nature.

ISLAM

- salvation is achieved by submitting to the will of Allah. There is no assurance of salvation. It is granted by Allah's mercy alone.

- Muslim accept the Bible (especially the Pentateuch, Psalms and Gospels) insofar as it agrees with the Qur'an

BELIEF IN Muhammad (S.A.W)

The last in the line of prophets and, therefore, the final authority in spiritual matters

CHRISTIANITY

- salvation is a gift accepted by faith in the atonement of Jesus Christ on the cross and provided through God's grace.

- the Bible is the inspired word of God that is complete and not to be added to.

BELIEF IN Muhammad

(S.A.W) Not accepted a prophet or legitimate theological source.

ISLAM

- These divine messengers are created from light and are not worshipped. Satan is an angel.

- There will be bodily resurrection and final judgment with final destination. All Muslims go to heaven, though some must be purged of their sins first. All infidels are destined for hell.

CHRISTIANITY

- Angels are defined in the Bible as heavenly servants of God who act as His messengers.

- There will be bodily resurrection in the last days. Final judgment and eternal destination (heaven or hell) will be decided based on acceptance of Jesus and savior and his removal of the sin which separates each person from God.