WHAT IS ISLAM?





Note: The content of this book is based on the Qur'an, Hadith, and Islamic texts that have been written, verified, and approved by three scholars.

Have you ever wondered what Islam truly is? What are its teachings, and how does it guide the lives of over a billion people?



Islam is a monotheistic religion, meaning it is based on the belief in one God, known in Arabic as Allah.



The word Islam itself means "submission" or "surrender," signifying the act of submitting to the will of Allah.



Islam teaches that Allah is the One and Only God, the Creator, and Sustainer of the universe.



Muslims are the followers of Islam, and they believe in following the guidance of Allah as revealed through His prophets.



The foundational belief of Islam is encapsulated in the Shahada, the declaration that "There is no god but Allah, and Muhammad is His messenger."



Prophet Muhammad is is considered the last prophet, sent to deliver Allah's final revelation to humanity.



This final revelation is the Qur'an, the holy book of Islam, which Muslims believe to be the literal word of Allah.



The Qur'an provides comprehensive guidance on all aspects of life, from personal conduct to social justice.



Alongside the Qur'an, the teachings, and practices of Prophet Muhammad , known as the Sunnah, are essential sources of guidance for Muslims.



Islam is based on six pillars of faith: belief in Allah,
His angels, His books,
His messengers, the Day of Judgment, and divine predestination.



Islam is built upon five fundamental acts of worship, known as the Five Pillars of Islam: Shahada (faith), Salah (prayer), Zakat (charity), Sawm (fasting), and Hajj (pilgrimage).



The Shahada is the declaration of faith in Islam: "There is no god but Allah, and Muhammad is His messenger," signifying one's entry into Islam.



Salah, or prayer, is performed five times a day, serving as a constant reminder of the connection between the believer and Allah.



Zakat is the giving of a portion of one's wealth to those in need, promoting social equality and compassion.



Sawm refers to fasting during the month of Ramadan, which teaches self-discipline, empathy for the less fortunate, and gratitude to Allah.



Hajj, the pilgrimage to
Makkah, is a once-in-alifetime obligation for those
who are physically and
financially able, symbolizing
unity and submission
to Allah.



Islam emphasizes morality, encouraging honesty, kindness, and justice, with the ultimate goal of achieving peace within oneself, with others, and through submission to Allah.



Islam also teaches that
life is a test, and the deeds
performed in this world will
determine one's fate in
the Hereafter.

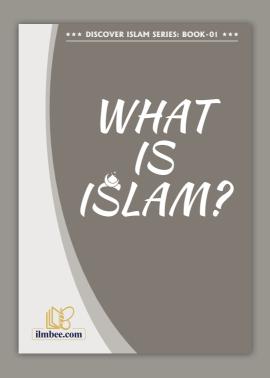


Understanding Islam is not just about knowing its practices but embracing its values and seeing how it brings guidance, purpose, and peace to the lives of its followers.



REVIEW YOUR READING

- 1. What is the declaration of faith in Islam called?
- 2. How many pillars of faith are there in Islam?
- 3. Who is considered the last prophet in Islam?



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