

## Tawheed /taw'hid/

Tawheed in Arabic means attributing Oneness to Allah and describing Him as being One and Unique, with no partner or peer in His Essence and Attributes. This concept is summarised within chapter 112, al-Ikhlās (sincerity), where it states in the following verses:

1. *Say, "He, God, is One,*
2. *God, the Eternally Sufficient unto Himself.*
3. *He begets not; nor was He begotten.*
4. *And none is like him.*

This chapter represents the fundamental attributes and core idea of God in Islam.

## Taqwa /tak'we/

Taqwa is often translated as 'piety' or 'God-fearing', but a better equivalent would be 'God-consciousness'. It is considered to be the essential quality of a believer. Taqwa is the shield of the Muslim. Taqwa is important in helping Muslims to be constantly aware of God's presence, which helps to remind Muslims to be aware and conscious of their actions.

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# What is ISLAM



# Islam

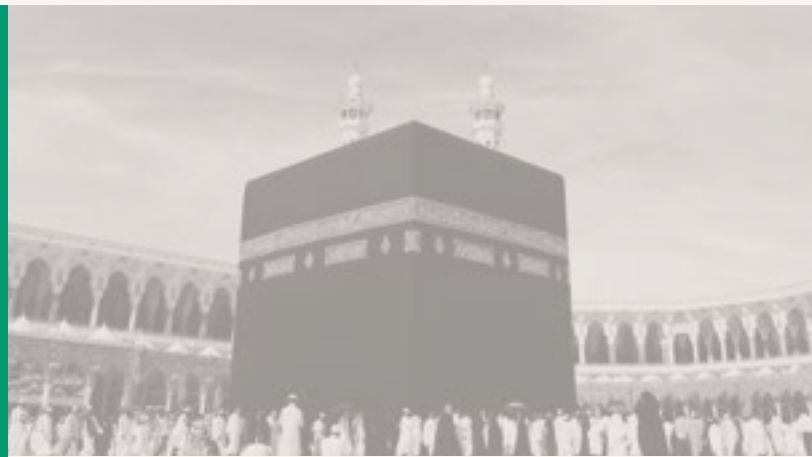
Islam is a unique monotheistic religion, which holds the belief that 'there is no God but Allah, and that Muhammed (peace be upon him) is the final messenger'. People who submit to this creed are called Muslims (the one who submits to Allah).

Muslims worship Allah. They follow His commandments through two primary sources - The Quran and the Sunnah. The Quran is the holy scripture of the Muslims, which is believed to be the verbatim word of God. The Sunnah is a collection of the sayings, actions, and traditions of the Prophet Muhammed, who Muslims rely on as an example of how to practice their religion. These two components form the foundation from which all moral and legal principals are derived from.

A Muslim follows the 5 pillars of Islam as well as believing in the 6 articles of faith. They are to promote peace and harmony for all of mankind, and refrain from things that are deemed evil and forbidden by the religion of Islam.

## Why choose Islam?

- It gives structure and a clear pathway on how Muslim should go about with their daily lives.
- It gives people a goal and purpose in life.
- It teaches people how to stay away from evil and come nearer to good.
- Islam teaches Muslims to love all of Allah creations.
- Islam is not a violent religion as deemed by the some of the media around the world. In fact it promotes the protection from evil for the innocent.



# 5 pillars of Islam

### The Declaration of Faith

Muslim believe that there is 'No God But Allah, and Muhammed (pbuh) is the Messenger'.

### Daily Prayers

Muslims pray 5 times a day to connect with God and increase their spirituality.

### Zakah

Muslims with sufficient wealth are obliged to give alms to the poor. This is done in the form of a 2.5% tax on the wealth of a Muslim that is paid yearly to be distributed amongst the poor and needy.

### Fasting in Ramadhan

Once a year, during the month of Ramadan, Muslims will avoid drinking, eating and intercourse with their spouses from dawn to sunset. During this month Muslims focus on renewing and reviving their spiritual bonds to God.

### Hajj

Every financially abled Muslim is obliged to perform the pilgrimage to Makkah at least once in their lifetime. It is one of the most intense spiritual experiences for a Muslim.

# Articles of faith

**Belief in One God:** The most important belief is that there is no other God but Allah.

**Belief in Angels:** God created unseen beings called angels who work tirelessly to administer His kingdom in full obedience.

**Belief in Prophets of God:** Muslims believe that God communicates His guidance through human Prophets sent to every nation. These prophets started with Adam and concluded with Muhammed, peace be upon them.

**Belief in Revealed Books of God:** God revealed His wisdom and instructions through 'books' to some of the prophets like the Psalms, Torah, and the Gospel.

**Belief in Day of Judgement:** The life of this world and all that is in it will come to an end on an appointed day. At that time, every person will be raised from the dead. God will judge each person individually, according to his faith and his good and bad deeds.

**Belief in Destiny and Divine Decree:** Muslims believe that since God is the Sustainer of all life, nothing happens except by His Will and with His full knowledge. This belief does not contradict the idea of free will. God does not force us, our choices are known to God beforehand because His knowledge is complete.

