

Islam

Islam as a religion founded by Rasul Mohammad was born in Arab land. Islam believes in many prophets as Abraham, Moses, Jesus but Mohammad is taken as the last and the mightiest. His sayings and teachings are final forever.

Basic features of Islam as a religion.

Islam basically, was influenced much by Judaism, nevertheless it has possessed definite distinctive features which can be claimed by it as its own characteristics. The basic features of Islam are followed.

- Islam is predominately a monotheistic religion believing in one and only one God, called Allah.

- It accepts only the authenticity and reality of prophets, angels, messengers sent by God on earth for mankind. The prophetic attributes and possessions of Noah, Abraham, Moses and Jesus are admitted by Islam, but Mohammad is the last, greatest and the mightiest among prophets and his holy messages are honourable for mankind.

- Islam respects a lot to other sacred scriptures such as Torah of the Jews, the Gospel of Jesus etc. but it declares the Quran as the most sacred and respectable among all and it is for

mankind to follow. The holy Quran is the base of Islamic thought and philosophy.

- Islam has belief on spirits and angels, both of well and evil characteristics and the God is surrounded by well spirits and angels who are after Him to carry out His commands immediately. They are purely spiritual having no social features and authorised on behalf of God to maintain a record of man's conduct and deeds for being presented at the time of final judgment. After death people are engraved in graves but at the day of final judgement they are brought by angels in front of God to be judged for their deeds on earth and rewarded by punishment or prize accordingly. The well accomplisher is awarded heaven and evil doer, the hell.

- Heaven and hell are regarded by it as permanent abodes, for human being, Good doer and evil-doers respectively have after their physical death.

- It admits life after death. The rebirth theory described in Quran graphically is understood easily.

- Islam is out and out a legalistic religion providing its followers with definite code of conduct, religious principles and social laws.

- It disagrees with polytheism, ritualism, idolatory and priesthood. At the time of Mohammad the religion of people had been degenerated by these, so he established Islam as anti-pathy to these deserted doctrines.

- The world is running only due to God's mercy and nothing happens here without his prior permission which admits otherwise the fatalism and pre-destination fully. In spite of total belief on God's power and mercy human responsibility and free will are not denied at all.

- The prime teachings of Islam are untottering adherence to God, perfect purity, service to mankind, brotherhood among Muhammodans.

- Islam preaches a holy war (Jihad) against who believes not in God's authority. But the intention of Jihad is to correct oneself, try best to spread and preach Islam and to keep own religion tight fights as a defending measure.

- There are a lot of ethical and religious duties, as namaj, Jakat, hajj etc., but absolute submission and surrender to God (which is named as Islam) is first and foremost duty of human being.

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