



# Islam- Articles Of Faith

1. **A Muslim believes in One God**, Allah (Arabic word for God). Supreme and Eternal, Infinite and Mighty, Merciful, Compassionate, Creator and Provider. This belief requires complete trust and hope in Allah, submission to His Will and reliance on His aid. Allah has neither father nor mother, neither son(s) nor was He fathered. None equal to Him. He is Allah of all mankind, not of a special tribe or race. Allah is High and Supreme but He is very near to the pious thoughtful believers; He answers their prayers and helps them. He loves the people who love Him and forgives their sins. He gives them peace, happiness, knowledge and success. Allah creates in man the mind to understand, the soul and conscience to be good and righteous, the feelings and sentiments to be kind and humane. If we try to count His favors upon us, we cannot, because they are countless. In return for all the great favors and mercy, Allah does not need anything from us, because He is Not Needy and is Independent
2. **A Muslim believes in all the messengers and Prophets of Allah** without any discrimination. All the messengers were mortals, human beings, endowed with Divine revelations and appointed by Allah to teach mankind and deliver His Divine message
3. **A Muslim believes in all scriptures and revelations of Allah**, as they were complete and in their original version. Revelations were given to guide the people to the right path of Allah. The Quran refers to the books of Abraham, Moses, David, Jesus and

Muhammad. Some of those books had been lost or corrupted, neglected, or concealed. The only authentic and complete book of Allah in existence today is the Quran. The Quran was made so by Allah Who revealed it and made it incumbent upon Himself to protect it against interpolation and corruption of all kinds.

**A Muslim believes that the Quran is the word of Allah** revealed to Muhammad through the agency of the Angel Gabriel. The Quran was revealed from Allah piece by piece on various occasions to answer certain questions, solve certain problems, settle certain disputes, and to be man's best guide to the truth of Allah and eternal happiness. Every letter in the Quran is the word of Allah, and every sound in it is the true echo of Allah's voice. The Quran is the First and most authentic Source of Islam. It was revealed in Arabic. It is still and will remain in its original and complete Arabic version until the end.

4. **A Muslim believes in the angels of Allah**. They are purely spiritual and splendid beings whose nature requires no food or drink or sleep. They have no physical desires of any kind or material needs. They spend their days and nights in the service of Allah. Belief in the angels originates from the Islamic principle that knowledge and truth are not entirely confined to the sensory knowledge or sensory perception alone.
5. **A Muslim believes in the Day of Judgment**. This world will come to an end some day, and the dead will rise to stand for their final and fair trial. Everything we do in this world, every intention we have, every move we make, every thought we entertain, and every word we say, all are counted and kept in accurate records. On the Day of Judgment they will be brought up. People with good records will be generously rewarded and warmly welcomed to the Heaven of Allah, and those with bad records will be punished and cast into Hell. The real nature of Heaven and Hell and the exact description of them are known only to Allah. There are

descriptions of Heaven and Hell in the Quran. However, Muslims believe that there definitely will be compensation and reward for the good deeds, and punishment for the evil ones. That is the Day of Justice and final settlement of all accounts. All their deeds are visible to Allah and counted by His agents. Also, if some pious people do good deeds to please Allah and seem to get no appreciation or acknowledgment in this temporary world, they will eventually receive full compensation and be widely acknowledged on that Day of Judgment. Absolute Justice will be done to all. All will be caught right on the spot defenseless, without any lawyer or counsel to stand in their behalf.

6. **A Muslim believes in Qadaa and Qadar**, which relate to the ultimate power of Allah. Qadaa and Qadar mean the Timeless Knowledge of Allah and His power to plan and execute His plans. Allah is not indifferent to this world nor is He neutral to it. It implies that everything on this earth originates from the one and only Creator who is also the Sustainer and the Sole Source of guidance. Allah is Wise, Just, and Loving, and whatever He does must have a good motive, although we may fail sometimes to understand it fully. We should have strong faith in Allah and accept whatever He does because our knowledge is limited and our thinking is based on individual consideration, whereas His knowledge is limitless and He plans on a universal basis. Man should think, plan and make sound choices, but if things do not happen the way he wants, he should not lose faith and surrender himself to mental strains or shattering worries
7. **A Muslim believes that the purpose of life is to worship Allah and to be his representative on earth**. Worshipping Allah does not mean we spend our entire lives in constant seclusion and absolute meditation. To worship Allah is to live life according to His commands, not to run away from it. To worship Allah is to know Him, to love Him, to obey His

commands, to seek knowledge, to enforce His laws in every aspect of life, to serve His cause by doing right and shunning evil and to be just to Him, to ourselves, to our fellow human beings and to the environment.

8. **A Muslim believes that man enjoys an especially high ranking status in the hierarchy of all the known creatures.** He occupies this distinguished position because he alone is gifted with rational faculties and spiritual aspirations as well as powers of action. But the more his rank excels, the more his responsibility grows.

Man occupies the position of Allah's viceroy on earth. The person who is appointed by Allah to be His active agent, must necessarily have some power and authority, and be, at least potentially, endowed with honor and integrity. And this is the status of man in Islam; not a condemned race from birth to death, but a dignified being potentially capable of good and noble achievements. The fact that Allah chose His messengers from the human race shows that man is trustworthy and capable, and that he can acquire immense treasures of goodness

9. **A Muslim believes that every person is born "Muslim".** This means that the very course of birth takes place in accordance with the Will of Allah, in realization of His plans and in submission to His Commands. It also means that every person is endowed with spiritual potentialities and intellectual inclinations that can make him a good Muslim, if he has the right access to Islam and is left to develop his innate nature.
10. **A Muslim believes that every person is born free from sin and all claims to inherited virtue.** He is like a blank book. When the person reaches the age of maturity he becomes accountable for his deeds and

intentions, if his development is normal and if he is sane. Man is not only free from sin until he commits sin, but he is also free to do things according to his plans on his own responsibility. This Islamic concept of freedom is based upon the principle of Allah's justice and the individual's direct responsibility to Allah. Each person must bear his own burden .

11. **A Muslim believes that man must work out his salvation through the guidance of Allah.** This means that in order to attain salvation a person must combine faith and action, belief and practice. Faith without action is as insufficient as action without faith. In other words, no one can attain salvation until his faith in Allah becomes dynamic in his life and his beliefs are translated into reality. No one can act on behalf of another or intercede between him and Allah.
12. **A Muslim believes that Allah does not hold any person responsible until He has shown him the Right Way.** This is why Allah has sent many messengers and revelations, and has made it clear that there would be no punishment before giving guidance and sounding the alarm. So, a person who has never come across any Divine revelations or messenger, or a person who is insane is not held responsible to Allah for failing to obey the Divine instructions
13. **A Muslim believes that faith is not complete when it is followed blindly** or accepted unquestioningly unless the believer is reasonably satisfied. If faith is to inspire action, and if faith and action are to lead to salvation, then faith must be founded on unshakable convictions without any deception or compulsion. In other words, the person who calls himself a Muslim because of his family traditions, or accepts Islam under coercion or blind imitation is not a complete Muslim in the sight of Allah. A Muslim must build his faith on well-grounded convictions beyond any reasonable doubt and above uncertainty

14. **A Muslim believes in a clear distinction between the Quran and the Traditions of Muhammad** (Teachings, sayings and actions) that are considered the Second Source of Islam and must be in complete harmony with the First Source, namely the Quran.

***"It is not righteousness that ye turn your faces Towards East or West; but it is righteousness- to believe in Allah and the Last Day, and the Angels, and the Book, and the Messengers; to spend of your substance, out of love for Him, for your kin, for orphans, for the needy, for the wayfarer, for those who ask, and for the ransom of slaves; to be steadfast in prayer, and practice regular charity; to fulfill the contracts which ye have made; and to be firm and patient, in pain (or suffering) and adversity, and throughout all periods of panic. Such are the people of truth, the Allah-fearing"** Quran 2:177*

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