

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

In The Name Of Allah The Most Compassionate The Most Merciful

Congratulations! Welcome to Islam! Praise God!

Your spiritual journey starts today. Not only all your previous sins will be wiped out, but with the mercy of God He replaces them with good deeds. God promised all Muslims eternal life in Paradise / Heaven. The testimony of faith (which you just did) is the most important pillar and key to salvation. There are 4 other important pillars of Islam, which you will learn as you progress. Each of the 4 other pillars should be practiced in accordance with your abilities (physical or financial).

There will be many high and low points along the way. It is important to be patient and try your best in every matter. Often, your 'best' will fall short and that's OK. Don't overwhelm yourself, go step by step, but always pray to Allah for help and to strengthen your direct connection with Him..

[Here's the Testimony of faith if you want to repeat it:](#)

I bear witness that there's no deity worthy of worship except Allah (The One and only true God) and I bear witness that Muhammad is his final messenger.

It should be said In Arabic as well: **“Ash-hadu an la ilaha illa Allah wa ash-hadu anna Muhammad rasulu Allah”**

Watch this video about the profound meaning of the testimony of faith:



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[Why It is important?](#)

- Because it is the first duty of a Muslim. Therefore, whoever intends to become a Muslim must make such a declaration of faith and believe in it.
- Because it is the first step towards paradise. The Prophet said, “Whoever dies knowing full well that there is no god but Allah will enter Paradise.”
- Because whoever says it, sincerely believing in it and seeking thereby Allah's pleasure, will be saved from Hellfire, as the Prophet said, “Allah has forbidden for the hellfire anyone who says, ‘There is no one worthy of worship except Allah,’ seeking thereby Allah's pleasure.”

What is Islam?

Muslims believe that Islam did not begin merely 1,400 years ago with the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him), but that it represents the timeless and universal message conveyed by all prophets throughout human history. From Noah, Abraham, Jacob, Moses, David, John the Baptist, and Jesus, to Muhammad (peace be upon them all), every messenger came with the same fundamental truth: the call to worship the One true God and to live righteously in accordance with His guidance.

Islam, in this light, is not a new religion, but rather the pure continuation and culmination of God's message to humanity. It affirms the same core values embraced by sincere believers of the past faith in God, moral integrity, compassion, and accountability in the hereafter. God is not the author of confusion, and He did not send multiple religions with contradictory beliefs. Instead, divergences emerged over time when people strayed from the authentic teachings of their prophets.

At its heart, Islam means submission to the only One true God alone (Allah) recognizing Him as the sole Creator and Sustainer, and following His messengers, not worshipping them. As the Qur'an declares:

"Whoever seeks a way other than Islam, it will never be accepted from them, and in the Hereafter they will be among the losers." (Qur'an 3:85)

Far beyond a set of rituals, Islam offers a comprehensive way of life, one that shapes a believer's spiritual, ethical, and social conduct. It calls upon individuals to embody justice, mercy, peace, and forgiveness; values that nurture harmony within societies and build bridges across differences.

Sadly, this beautiful message is often obscured by widespread misconceptions and negative portrayals. It is therefore vital to look beyond the stereotypes and explore the true essence of Islam: a faith rooted in love for God, reverence for His messengers, and a commitment to compassion and truth.

God has no partners

We need family and children because we are vulnerable and we rely on them for support. Our children ensure that our legacy continues after we die. Unlike us, God is the Most Exalted, He does not require any of these things.

Who is Allah?

- He is The One and Only True God
- He is The Creator of everything
- He does not resemble any of His creation
- Has No wife, son, or family
- He is The most Exalted
- He is the Sustainer, The Bestower of all blessings and bounties
- He Alone Deserves Our Gratitude & Worship
- He Sent us Messengers and Prophets throughout history, to Guide us (Prophet Mohammad was the final prophet from God to all mankind (Quran 7:158))

What Allah says about Himself in the Quran?

Throughout the Qur'an, there are numerous Ayahs and Surahs in which Allah introduces Himself to us. Here is a glimpse:



1. Say, "O Prophet," "He is Allah—One and Indivisible";
2. Allah—the Sustainer needed by all";
3. He has never had offspring, nor was He born.
4. And there is none comparable to Him."

(Quran: 112)



Allah! There is no god "worthy of worship" except Him, the Ever-Living, All-Sustaining. Neither drowsiness nor sleep overtakes Him. To Him belongs whatever is in the heavens and whatever is on the earth. Who could possibly intercede with Him without His permission? He "fully" knows what is ahead of them and what is behind them, but no one can grasp any of His knowledge—except what He wills "to reveal". His Seat encompasses the heavens and the earth, and the preservation of both does not tire Him. For He is the Most High, the Greatest.

(Quran: 2:255)

[Discover the beautiful 99 names and attributes of Allah:](#)



THE FIVE PILLARS OF ISLAM

Five Pillars of Islam:



The 'Five Pillars' of Islam are the foundation of Muslim life. Carrying out these obligations provides the framework of a Muslim's life, and weaves their everyday activities and their beliefs into a single cloth of religious devotion. No matter how sincerely a person may believe, Islam regards it as pointless to live life without putting that faith into action and practice. Carrying out the Five Pillars demonstrates that the Muslim is putting their faith first, and not just trying to fit it in around their secular lives.

1) Shahada

The profession of faith (the shahada) is the most fundamental expression of Islamic beliefs. It underscores the monotheistic nature of Islam. This belief is what makes a person Muslim. It must be recited with full understanding and mindfulness of its meaning. [\(See Above\)](#)

2) Salah or prayer

Salah is the obligatory prayer performed 5 times per day. The prayers are performed at set times and are obligatory for all above the age of puberty.

The set prayers are not just phrases to be spoken. Prayer involves uniting mind, soul, and body in worship. Make sure that you are in the right frame of mind before you pray; put aside all everyday cares and thoughts so that you can concentrate exclusively on God.

3) Zakat

An important principle of Islam is that everything belongs to God, and that wealth is therefore held by human beings in trust. The word zakah means both "purification" and "growth." Our possessions are purified by setting aside a proportion for those in need and for the society in general. Like the pruning of plants, this cutting back balances and encourages new growth. Each Muslim calculates his or her own zakah individually.

4) Fasting

Every year in the month of Ramadan (9th Islamic month), all Muslims fast from dawn until sundown—abstaining from food, drink, and sexual relations with their spouses. Those who are sick, elderly, or on a journey, and women who are menstruating, pregnant or nursing, are permitted to break the fast and make up an equal number of days later in the year if they are healthy and able. Although fasting is beneficial to health, it is mainly a method of self-purification and self-restraint. By cutting oneself from worldly comforts, even for a short time, a fasting person focuses on his or her purpose in life by constantly being aware of the presence of God. God states in the Qur’an: “O you who believe! Fasting is prescribed for you as it was prescribed to those before you that you may learn self-restraint.” (Qur’an 2:183)

5) Pilgrimage to Mecca

The pilgrimage to Makkah (the hajj) is an obligation only for those who are physically and financially able to do so. Nevertheless, over two million people go to Makkah each year from every corner of the globe providing a unique opportunity for those of different nations to meet one another.

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The Six Articles of Faith:



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1- Belief in Allah (The one and only true God)

It means having absolute faith in the oneness of God. Allah is simply the Arabic word for the only true God. Muslims believe that nothing can be likened to Allah. It is important to note that Allah has no plural in Arabic, showing the belief in the oneness of God.

Believing in Allah (one true God) means the followings:

- Unity of Lordship. He is the Creator, the One Who gave all things their power to grow and to move, the Owner of everythings (all creations, universe / multiverse).
- Unity of Allah's Names and Attributes. This describes Allah by the Names and Attributes with which He has described Himself either in the Qur'an or by the Prophet Muhammad PBUH (Peace and Blessings Upon him). We only know of Allah, what He, Himself, has told us. Each of His Attributes is absolute and perfect.
- Unity of Worship. He is our only object of Worship. Only Allah is able to answer our prayers for example, so all worship is directed solely to Him. Note: Prayer is not the only form of worship.

2- Belief in angels

Muslims believe Allah uses angels to communicate his messages to mankind. Angels are created from light (Jinn/Devils are created from fire). Angels have no free will, they only obey Allah. Examples of the angels are: Jibril a.s., The Angel of Death (Israfil), The two recording angels that accompany each one of us, etc.

3- Belief in the revealed books

Muslims believe in the pristine form of revelations from Allah. These are the Scrolls of Abraham (lost), the Zaboor (Psalms of David), the Torah revealed to Moses PBUH, the Injeel revealed to Jesus PBUH (was not recorded, there are some remnant of it in today's bible), and the Qur'an.

The Qur'an is the direct and unchanged word of God, revealed through Jibril a.s. to the Prophet Muhammad PBUH and preserved in its pristine form.

4- Belief in the prophets

The Prophets were chosen by God to convey His Message to mankind. All the prophets came with a similar message- worship One God. Muslims believe the prophets must be respected but never worshiped.

[5-Belief in the Day of Judgement and the next life](#)

All Muslims believe that this life is a test. When they die, every human will be held accountable for his / her own actions in this life and judged by God The Most Just.

This is the purpose of our life on earth and our deeds will “speak” for us.

[6- Belief in the Divine Decree](#)

Allah has decreed whatever happens in the universe according to His prior knowledge and Will. Muslims believe total knowledge is with Allah. There is no past, present or future for Him, as He knows everything. This means that everything in the universe/multiverse is following a divine master plan, which shows the importance of God’s Will.

[what is next](#)

1- Reinforce and Nourish your faith in Allah, the One and Only True God. Learn more about Him and the endless bounties He has bestowed upon us, why we should be so grateful to Him, the more you know Him, the more you’ll love Him. Ask questions to clear any doubts that you may have or may arise.



[Who's Allah](#)



[The Purpose of Life](#)



[The Greatest Love](#)

2- Learn How to perform “Salah” (Prayer). Salah is translated as prayer, but it means much more than that, it is to connect with your Creator.

Start building your personal direct relationship with God by learning how to pray and start praying directly to Him. As your connection with God strengthens, your heart will start tasting the sweetness of this connection, in terms of strength to overcome life challenges, comfort, tranquility, inner-peace, and contentment. Click or scan the QR code for a brief guide on how to perform Salah.



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3- Start having regular sessions of reading the Quran. While reading it, remember the Quran is literally the verbatim of God preserved exactly as it was revealed to prophet Muhammad PBUH in the original Arabic language, it's like God communicating with you through the Quran. Teachings of the Prophet Muhammad PBUH are separated from the Quran in different books, called books of Hadith.



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4- Read a biography about prophet Muhammad PBUH and a sample collection of his sayings / teachings (Hadith). ([see Useful Links & Resources below](#))

5- Get the New Muslim Guide

Informative guide that will help you along in your spiritual journey



[New Muslim Guide \(Short\)](#)



[New Muslim Guide \(Full\)](#)

6- [Contact a local Mosque or Islamic Center.](#) They can assist you with literature or classes / activities for new Muslims and welcome you to their community.

7- Check below for free online resources. Start exploring, learning, and the enlightenment process at your own pace.

- Islamicity.org is a one stop site for a wealth of Islamic resources. It has “Ask the Imam” (Q&A) database section, and other resources ranging from learning the basics of Islam, prayer times, mosque locator, Apps, to food recipes..



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800-662-ISLAM



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- The New Muslim Academy put together information about “Day-After-Shahadah”. A one stop resource center for new muslim classes online.



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