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In The Name Of Allah The Most Compassionate The Most Merciful

Congratulations! Welcome to Islam! Praise God!

Your spiritual journey begins today. By God's mercy, your past sins are forgiven and replaced with good deeds, and God promises Muslims eternal life in Paradise. The testimony of faith, which you have just made, is the first and most important pillar of Islam and the key to salvation. You will learn about the other four pillars as you progress, practicing each according to your physical and financial ability.

Your spiritual journey will have both highs and lows. Be patient, do your best, and remember that falling short is okay. Move forward one step at a time without overwhelming yourself, and always ask Allah for help and for strength in deepening 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?

• It is a Muslim's first duty: anyone who wishes to embrace Islam must sincerely believe in and declare this testimony of faith.

• It is the first step toward Paradise. The Prophet said, "Whoever dies knowing with certainty that there is no God but Allah will enter Paradise."

• It offers protection from Hellfire to those who sincerely declare it seeking Allah's pleasure. The Prophet said, "Allah has forbidden Hellfire for anyone who says, 'There is no one worthy of worship except Allah,' seeking 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 worshiping 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

Because we are vulnerable, we depend on family and children for support and to carry on our legacy after death. God, however, is the Most Exalted and has no need for any of these.

Who is Allah?

- He is The One and Only True God
- He is The Creator of everything
- He does not resemble any of His creations
- He doesn't need anything, nor any of His creations. All of the creations in need of Him.
- 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:

Five Pillars of Islam:



The Five Pillars form the foundation of Muslim life, uniting faith with daily practice. By fulfilling these obligations, Muslims demonstrate that faith is central to their lives rather than something fitted around worldly concerns.

1) Shahada

The Shahada, or testimony of faith, is the foundation of Islamic belief and affirms Islam's absolute monotheism. Sincerely declaring it with full understanding and conviction is what makes a person Muslim. (See above)

2) Salah or prayer

Salah is the obligatory prayer performed five times daily at prescribed times by every Muslim who has reached puberty. It is more than reciting words; it unites the mind, soul, and body in worship. Before praying, set aside everyday concerns and prepare yourself to focus fully on God.

3) Zakat

Islam teaches that everything belongs to God and that wealth is entrusted to people. Zakat means both "purification" and "growth." By giving a prescribed portion of their wealth directly to those in need and for the benefit of society, Muslims purify what they possess. Like pruning a plant, this giving removes excess and encourages balance and growth. Each Muslim calculates their own zakat and gives it to eligible recipients rather than to the mosque.

4) Fasting

During Ramadan, the ninth month of the Islamic calendar, Muslims fast daily from dawn to sunset, abstaining from food, drink, and intimate relations with their spouses. Those who are ill, elderly, traveling, menstruating, pregnant, or nursing may be exempt and, when healthy and able, make up the missed days later. Although fasting may offer health benefits, its primary purpose is to develop self-discipline, spiritual purification, and awareness of God by temporarily giving up worldly comforts. The Qur'an states: "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

Hajj is the pilgrimage to Makkah that every Muslim who is physically and financially able must undertake once in a lifetime. Each year, more than two million Muslims from around the world gather to worship Allah, reflecting the unity and diversity of the global Muslim community. Hajj also commemorates the legacy of Abraham and his son, who rebuilt the Kaaba as a place where believers could worship Allah alone and affirm His oneness.

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The Six Articles of Faith:

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Read a short PDF file

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

Belief in Allah means having complete faith in His oneness. “Allah” is the Arabic name for the one true God and has no plural form, reflecting His absolute oneness. Muslims believe that nothing resembles Him. This belief includes the following:

- **Oneness** of Lordship**:** Allah alone is the Creator, Owner, and Sustainer of everything that exists. He gives life, provides for every creature, and governs all creation with perfect knowledge, wisdom, and power. Nothing comes into existence or continues to exist except by His will and care; therefore, no being shares His authority or control over the universe.

- **Oneness of Allah’s Names and Attributes:** Muslims affirm only the names and attributes that Allah revealed in the Qur’an or that the Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings be upon him) taught. These attributes belong uniquely to Allah and are perfect, absolute, and unlike those of His creation.
- **Oneness** of Worship**:** Allah alone is worthy of worship. Every act of devotion, including prayer, supplication, gratitude, and reliance, must be directed solely to Him.

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 remnants of it in today’s bible), and the Qur’an.

The Qur’an is the direct and unchanged word of God, revealed through angel Gabriel 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 humanity. They possessed exceptional character and qualities that made them worthy role models for their followers. All brought the same essential message: worship the One God. Muslims honor and respect all the prophets but neither worship them nor pray to God through them.

5-Belief in the Day of Judgement and the next life

Muslims believe that this life is a test and that, after death, each person will be held accountable for their actions and judged by God, the Most Just and Merciful.

Our purpose on earth is to live with this accountability in mind, knowing that our deeds will testify for us.

6- Belief in the Divine Decree

Muslims believe that everything in the universe occurs according to Allah's prior knowledge and will. His knowledge is complete and timeless, encompassing the past, present, and future. Nothing lies beyond His knowledge or unfolds outside His divine plan.

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what is next

1- Strengthen and deepen your faith in Allah, the One and Only True God. Learn about Him, reflect on His countless blessings, and nurture your gratitude. The more you know Allah, the more your love for Him will grow. Ask questions and seek reliable answers whenever doubts arise.


Who's Allah


The Purpose of Life


The Greatest Love

2- Learn how to perform Salah (prayer). Salah is more than prayer; it is a direct connection with your Creator.

Build a direct, personal relationship with God by learning Salah and praying to Him regularly. As this connection deepens, prayer can bring strength during life's challenges, along with comfort, tranquility, inner peace, and contentment. Click or scan the QR code for a brief guide to performing Salah.


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3- Read a biography of the Prophet Muhammad PBUH and explore a selection of his sayings and teachings, known as Hadith. (See Links & Resources below.)

4- Make the Qur'an part of your daily life. It is the exact word of God, preserved in the original Arabic in which it was revealed to the Prophet Muhammad PBUH. Read it as divine guidance meant for you, reflecting on its message and applying its teachings. The Prophet's sayings and teachings are preserved separately in collections known as Hadith.

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5- Get the New Muslim Guide

A practical resource to guide and support you throughout your spiritual journey.

New Muslim Guide (Short)

New Muslim Guide (Full)

6- Connect with a local mosque or Islamic center. They can welcome you into the community and help you find resources, classes, and activities for new Muslims.

7- Explore the free online resources below. Learn and grow at a pace that feels right for you.

- Islamicity.org is a comprehensive source of Islamic information and tools, including an "Ask the Imam" Q&A database, introductory lessons, prayer times, a mosque locator, apps, and recipes.

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- WhyIslam offers resources for new Muslims, including a Quick Start Manual and a 24-hour helpline at 877-WHY-ISLAM (949-4752). Click or scan the QR code to learn more.

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- Gain Peace provides a wide range of resources for new Muslims.

  800-662-ISLAM



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- The New Muslim Academy offers “Day After Shahadah,” a one-stop online resource for new Muslim classes and guidance.



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- Embrace provides New Muslim learning groups and support.



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- aboutislam.net is another good site for wide range of Islamic topics and counseling.



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- Spanish: Islam in Spanish provides videos and info about Islam in Spanish.

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- Wise Quest offers updated resources, local activity announcements, engaging videos, and downloadable eBooks. Click or scan the QR code to explore.

wisequest.org

- If you like to join a local New Muslim Support Group, click or scan the QR code to fill out the form.

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Question about Islam?

Call 24-hour toll-free number and 7 days a week.
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MESSAGE TO NEW MUSLIMS

(REVERTS/CONVERTS)

Welcome to the beautiful path of Islam

A MESSAGE FROM THE HEART

You remind us of the noble companions (Sahabah). Seeing new Muslims increases the faith (Iman) of born Muslims. You chose Islam willingly and consciously, Appreciate the blessing of guidance, for guidance is greater than any worldly treasure.

The Prophet Muhammad ﷺ said:

"Islam wipes away what came before it."

When a person accepts Islam sincerely, they become free from previous sins—pure like a newborn child.



You are a blessing. You are a source of hope. You are Muslim—by choice, by faith, and by the mercy of Allah.

1 TAKE THINGS SLOWLY & STEADILY

Islam is a lifelong journey, not a race.
Learn and practice step by step.

- Learn how to pray (Salah)
- Learn Wudu (ablution)
- Learn the basics of fasting
- Learn to read & connect with the Qur'an
- Understand Tawheed (Oneness of Allah)
- Build a sincere relationship with Allah

Do not hesitate to ask questions. Seeking knowledge is an act of worship.
The Prophet ﷺ said:
"The cure for ignorance is asking questions."
Never feel embarrassed to ask, learn, or seek clarification.

2 STRENGTHEN YOUR CONNECTION WITH ALLAH

- du'a — Speak to Allah through du'a
- Pray regularly, even if you are still learning
- Read the Qur'an daily, even a little
- Remember Allah often
- Trust Allah during difficulties

Faith grows gradually through worship, patience, and sincerity.

3 BE PATIENT WITH YOURSELF

- Never give up
- Be patient with yourself
- Growth takes time
- Mistakes are part of learning

Allah does not expect perfection immediately. He loves sincere effort and repentance.

Take Islam seriously, but do not make the religion unnecessarily hard upon yourself.

4 AVOID ARGUMENTS AND NEGATIVITY

Do not spend your early journey arguing with people of other faiths or engaging in endless debates online.

Focus instead on:

- Learning
- Worship
- Good character
- Personal growth
- Building certainty and peace in your heart

Islam spreads through wisdom, mercy, patience, and good manners.

5 KEEP GOOD CHARACTER

One of the greatest teachings of Islam is good manners and noble character.

Practice:

- Kindness
- Humility
- Honesty
- Patience
- Respect for others
- Mercy and forgiveness

Your character is one of the strongest reflections of Islam.

6 STAY CONNECTED TO YOUR FAMILY

If your family members are not Muslim, continue treating them with kindness, love, patience, and respect.



Islam teaches us to maintain family ties and show excellent manners, even when disagreements exist.

Your kindness may become a means for others to appreciate Islam.

7 INTEGRATE WITH THE MUSLIM COMMUNITY

Being connected to supportive Muslims is very important.

Try to:

- Attend the mosque regularly
- Build righteous friendships
- Join support groups or classes
- Participate in beneficial community activities

A healthy Muslim environment can strengthen faith and provide emotional support.

8 RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE MUSLIM COMMUNITY TOWARD NEW MUSLIMS

The responsibility is not only upon the new Muslim. The Muslim community also has an important duty. Muslims should:

- Welcome new Muslims warmly
- Make them feel loved and included
- Help create support systems
- Provide beneficial educational resources
- Make learning Islam easy and gradual
- Help facilitate difficulties and challenges
- Support them emotionally, socially, and spiritually
- Be patient and understanding
- Help them integrate into the community step by step

The Prophet ﷺ always made matters easy and showed mercy to people entering Islam.

A FINAL WORD

TO EVERY NEW MUSLIM:

You are not alone. Allah chose you for this guidance. Hold firmly to Him. Continue learning, growing, and moving forward, even if the steps are small.

Some days may feel difficult, but every effort you make for Allah is valuable and rewarded.

TO THE MUSLIM COMMUNITY:

We must support, honor, educate, and care for our new brothers and sisters with wisdom, compassion, and sincerity.

We also apologize for the shortcomings that some new Muslims may experience from individuals or communities. beings are imperfect.

DU'A

May Allah keep us all firm upon guidance, increase us in faith, grant us sincerity, and unite our hearts upon truth and mercy. Ameen.

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