

Islam – Core Beliefs

The Nature of God

Oneness	Tawhid. God is one.	Surah 112
Omnipotent	All powerful.	“He who is the all powerful , able to do anything”
Immanent	Close with us and present on the earth.	“ He is with you , wherever you are”
Transcendent	Far from us, beyond our understanding.	“He is above all comprehension ”
Merciful	Wanting to forgive us.	“In the name of Allah, the giver of mercy ”
Just	Fair.	“Is not Allah the most Just of judges? ”

Key Ideas

6 Articles of Faith 6	The 6 Articles of Faith are the 6 key beliefs that all Sunni Muslims share. Oneness of God, (Tawhid) , Angels, The holy books, The Prophets, The Day of Judgement, The Supremacy of God’s will			
5 Usul al din 5	The 5 Usul al din are the 5 roots of Shi'a faith- the 5 beliefs they all share. Oneness of God (Tawhid), Prophethood, Justice (Adalat), The Imamate, Resurrection			
Angels 	Angels are made of light, genderless, have wings, mostly unseen, can take human form, record our deeds/actions, are the messengers of Allah and have no freewill. Jibril - Considered the most important Angel. Delivered the Qur’an to Muhammad on the Night of Power. Visited ‘Maryam’ before birth of Isa/Jesus. Mika'il - The giver of sustenance. The angel of mercy. Involved in the day of judgement and weighing our good and bad deeds and rewarding the goods.			
Tawhid Surah 112 1	Tawhid is the belief in the oneness and uniqueness of God- nothing can be compared to Allah. 'He is Allah, The One and Only; Allah, the Eternal; He begot none, nor was he begotten; There is none like Him. '			
Muhammad	Muhammad is the final prophet in Islam. He is important because he received revelation from Allah which was recorded in the Qur'an. Muslims believe this has ever changed.			
Risalah: Prophethood 	Prophethood is an important idea in Islam. Allah has sent every ‘community’ or group of people a Messenger. Adam is the first prophet. Originally built the Ka’aba in Mecca. Was taught knowledge from God to pass on to all humans. Ibrahim is the prophet who rebuilt the Ka’aba. Was tested by Allah when asked to sacrifice/kill his son Ishmael. He teaches loyalty and devotion to God.			
Akirah 	Akirah is a belief in life after death. Muslims believe we will be judged on the Day of Judgement and sent to either a place of reward or a place of punishment. Jannah : A place of reward. Also known as a place of paradise. Those that live good lives and follow Allah will get here. Jahannam : A place of punishment. Described in the Qur’an as a place of pain and torture. Those that turned away from God go here for eternity			
Qur'an 	The Qur'an was revealed to Muhammad over a period of 23 years. It contains the direct words of God. It is written in Arabic, treated with respect and cannot be called the Qur'an if it has been translated. A hafiz is someone who knows the Qur'an off by heart.			
Other Holy Books 	The Gospels (Injill) Teachings of Isa (Jesus) are read and respected by Muslims.	The Torah (Tawrat) The Hebrew teachings of the Torah are also read and respected by Muslims. The prophets of Adam, Musa (Moses) and Nua (Noah) are all in these scriptures.	The Psalms (Zabur) Poems and praise written by the prophet David and often included in the Christian Bible. Muslims read and respect the teachings here.	The Scrolls of Ibrahim These teachings have been lost over time but Muslims believe they were important messages written down by Ibrahim.
The Imamate 12	The direct descendants of Muhammad The Shi'a belief that only the descendants of Muhammad should be the leaders of Islam . Shia believe that 12 Imams (leaders) followed after Muhammad’s death. The 12th Imam has gone into ‘mystical hiding’ and will return with Isa (Jesus) on the Day of Judgement.			