

Outline of Islaam

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In the Name of Allaah the most Kind the most Merciful

Praise be to Allaah, the Lord of Creation and the good end is for al-Muttaqeen (the pious) and peace and blessings be upon His beloved Servant, Messenger, and His chosen one amongst His creatures, our Prophet, and leader Muhammad ibn `Abdullah, and upon his family and Companions and those who follow his example and guidance until the Day of Judgment.

Allaah (عزوجل)¹ sent His Prophet Muhammad (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ)² with guidance and the way of truth i.e. Islaam, with which Allaah sent all the Messengers. Allaah (عزوجل) says: **[Truly, the religion with Allaah is Islaam.]** Allaah (سبحانه)³ also says **[And whoever seeks a religion other than Islaam, it will never be accepted of him, and in the Hereafter he will be one of the losers.]**

Islaam is the Deen of Allaah with which He sent all Messengers from Noah (عليه السلام)⁴ until the last of them; Prophet Muhammad (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ).

It was the religion of our father Adam (عليه السلام) whom Allaah sent for himself and his offspring as a Prophet with a Sharee'ah, which He taught and legislated for him. He and his offspring held fast to it till Allaah sent Prophet Noah (عليه السلام).

Islaam means submitting oneself to Allaah and obeying His orders and avoiding what He forbade. This is the Deen of Islaam.

The origin and basis of the Islaam is Tawheed (belief in the Oneness of Allaah (عزوجل)) and devoting all worship to Allaah alone (عزوجل). This is the basis of the Deen of Islaam: Worship is to be directed to Allaah alone, including supplication, fear, hope, prayer, fasting, slaughtering sacrificial animals, vowing, and other rites. All this is to be offered for Allaah Alone. Messengers were sent by Allaah for this mission. Allaah (عزوجل) says: **[And verily, We have sent among every Ummah (community, nation) a Messenger (proclaiming):**

¹ (عزوجل) (Azza wa Jaal) Glorified and Exalted be He

² (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) (sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam) May the peace and blessings of Allaah the Most High be upon him

³ (سبحانه) (Subhanahu) Exalted be He

⁴ (عليه السلام) ('alaihi-salaam) Peace be upon him

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“Worship Allaah (Alone), and avoid (or keep away from) Taaghoot (all false deities i.e. do not worship Taaghoot besides Allaah).”]

[Worship Allaah] means testifying that none is worthy of worship except Allaah. **[...and avoid (or keep away from) Taaghoot (all false deities i.e. do not worship Taaghoot besides Allaah).”]** Namely, abandon the worship of all things other than Allaah. Taaghoot refers to anything worshipped beside Allaah, including trees, stones, idols, planets, etc. All these are considered Taaghoot (false gods). If those worshipped do not agree to this, such as the Prophets, the angels, and the righteous people, then the Taaghoot (false gods) is Satan who calls for worshipping them and makes this -seem fair to people, where the worshipped being is innocent of this.

The basis of the Islaam is thus devotion of worship to Allaah Alone without associating partners with Him and rejection of the worship of other than Him i.e. to condemn worshipping other than Him and to believe that this is false and Shirk (associating others with Allaah in His Divinity or worship).

This was the mission with which Allaah sent all the Messengers from Noah (عليه السلام) until their last and seal Prophet Muhammad (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ). Islaam is the Sharee’ah that Allaah taught and legislated for Aadam (عليه السلام), who worshipped Allaah alone. His offspring continued on his Deen (عليه السلام) till some of them committed Shirk (associating others with Allaah in His Divinity or worship) during the time of Prophet Noah (عليه السلام).

Every Messenger informed his Ummah (community) that he was sent to command them to testify that there is no God except Allaah and to devote worship to Him. Noah (عليه السلام) said to his people: **[Worship Allaah! You have no other Ilaah (God) but Him.]**

The same message was conveyed by Prophets Hood, Saalih, Shu'ayb, Ibraaheem, Loot, and all other Prophets (عليهم السلام)⁵. They all said to their people: **[Worship Allaah! You have no other Ilaah (God) but Him. (Laa ilaaha illaallaah: none has the right to be worshipped but Allaah).]**

Moses (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) said to his people: **[Worship Allaah! You have no other Ilaah (God) but Him.] [Your Ilaah (God) is only Allaah, (the One) Laa ilaaha illa Huwa (none has the right to be worshipped but He). He has full knowledge of all things.]** `Isa ibn Maryam (Jesus, the son of Mary) (عليه السلام) also said to his people: **[Never did I say to them aught except what You (Allaah) did command me to say: ‘Worship Allaah, my Lord and your Lord.’]**

When Allaah sent him, Muhammad (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) also said to his people: **[Worship Allaah! You have no other Ilaah (God) but Him.]** He would teach them saying: **O people! Say: There is no one who has the right to be worshipped except Allaah so that you will be successful.**

⁵ (عليهم السلام) Peace be upon them

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This was the mission of all Prophets. They called the nations to testify that there is no True God but Allaah and to worship Him Alone and to supplicate to Him Alone to fulfil their needs, to rely on Him Alone, to fear Him Alone, to hope for Paradise and ask Him Alone for it; to ask Him Alone to rescue them from the Fire, to seek sustenance and health from Him Alone, to fear, hope in, pray for, fast for, slaughter sacrificial animals, and vow for Him Alone hoping for His reward and fearing His punishment.

Muhammad (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) remained amongst his people in Makkah for ten years calling them, first of all, to testify that there is no True God except Allaah Alone and forbidding them from associating others with Him i.e. loving things other than Allaah, such as trees, stones, idols, etc. He would say to them: **O people, say: "There is no one who has the right to be worshipped except Allaah," you will prosper.**