

Islam is not named after an individual as is Christianity ☩ after Jesus Christ or Buddhism ☸ after Buddha where human beings and their images are raised to God-like status and worshipped. Neither is Islam a tribal religion like Hinduism ☸ or Judaism ✡ (named after the Hindu and Judaic tribes respectively) where salvation is an ethnic birthright and expressions of racial supremacy and self-righteousness, a virtue. Nor does Islam take its name after a political ideology like Marxism 🇺🇸 or Capitali\$m; both of which exploit the poor and vulnerable, rape the Earth of her resources and destroy her environment. 'Islam' actually means 'Submission to the will of **Allah**, the One True God'. Anyone who freely embraces Islam, submitting their will to that of their Lord God, Allah, is a **Muslim**. 'Islam' also implies 'Peace', 'Security' and 'Salvation' - the natural consequences of submitting to God.

This day, I (Allah) have perfected your religion for you, completed My favour upon you, and am pleased with Islam as your religion and way of life. (Qur'an, 5:3)

Islam teaches that Allah sent a succession of Prophets to every nation to teach them about Him and His Will. However, later generations became heedless and strayed from the Straight Path, even changing the revelation given to them for selfish, material gain. So Allah sent His last and greatest Prophet, **Muhammad**, as a universal Messenger, along with a universal revelation, the **Qur'an**, confirming the essential truth of all previously revealed scripture. Hence, while other religions were developed and named by men, Islam is the ultimate re-expression of the same religion espoused by all Prophets sent throughout the ages to guide humanity. As Allah states in the miraculous Qur'an, forever preserved since its revelation to His Prophet over 1400 years ago:

Allah has ordained for you (O humanity) the same religion which He ordained for Noah; and that which We have inspired to you (O Muhammad) and that which We ordained for Abraham, Moses and Jesus. (Qur'an, 42:13)

As the highest created intelligence, humans are responsible for their actions and will inevitably be held to account for them.

Our natural urges are not evil in themselves, but need to be expressed within the limits set by Allah so that we do not harm ourselves or others. The measure of true faith is obedience to God and is proportional to the balance of one's deeds: it increases with righteousness and piety, and decreases, or is even nullified, through sin. The greatest oppression and, if not repented for, the only unforgivable sin, is to worship, directly or indirectly, any person, place or thing besides Allah. This is because every soul is created with a natural inclination to worship Allah alone, in awe and loving gratitude, and towards good in general. So, to embrace Islam is to simply revert back to that innocent, natural state of submission to the Creator. And to affirm that He is One, distinct from and transcendent above His Creation, having neither peer nor partner, neither relative nor rival, is to acknowledge His mastery over the universe and His rights over its inhabitants.

You (who disbelieve) worship besides Him nothing but names which you and your ancestors have forged (and) for which Allah has sent down no authority. Verily, the command is for none but Allah - He has commanded that you worship none but Him. That is the upright religion but most people know not. (Qur'an, 12:40)

Life's test then, is to recognise the truth of the Creator, to lovingly accept His noble purpose for us and to act upon that, striving as best we can to worship Him alone and serve Him sincerely.

And they were not commanded except that they should worship Allah (as Muslims), being sincere to the upright religion (of Islamic monotheism). (Qur'an, 98:5)

The true believer longs to know Allah and draw close to Him by pursuing divine knowledge and applying it; emulating the inspired example, or **Sunna**, of His Messenger, Muhammad, throughout. By obsessing over one's troubles, a person might despair and turn to false gods, drugs and alcohol, or even suicide. But, the true believer is the one who exhibits good manners and remains firm, patient, grateful and hopeful in times of both joy and sadness.

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Away from the worship of creation to the worship of the Creator.

**From the narrowness of this world to the eternal paradise,
And from the tyranny of men to the justice of the true Islam.**

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In Islam, salvation is universally attainable and not confined to any people, place or time. Eternal happiness is not obstructed by notions of reincarnation, blind leaps of faith, or the mediation of priests and so-called holy men. Those who deny their Lord, work evil and are unrepentant will enter Hell: a place of real pain and suffering meant to dissuade us from wrong-doing.

And it will be said to the wrong-doers (on the Day of Resurrection): 'Taste (you now, the consequences of) what you used to earn!' (Qur'an, 39:24)

And for the righteous: Paradise; a place of unimaginable physical beauty and perfection, full of every conceivable (and inconceivable) delight made to satisfy all our wholesome desires.

Beautiful for men is the love of things they covet; women, children, hoards of gold and silver, branded beautiful horses, cattle and well-tilled land. Such is the pleasure of the present life; but with Allah is the excellent return (to Paradise). (Qur'an, 3:14)

Islam is simple, rational and practical. Not just a religion, but a truly complete way of life in which the relation of the individual to society and the material to spiritual are balanced in perfect harmony. Islam offers certainty and security of faith unlike other religions that have to change to stay relevant, to suit popular culture, or are otherwise subject to the designs of man. Thus, only through the guidance of Islam, the Qur'an and the Sunna, can all of humanity be saved now, and till the End of Time.

Righteousness is not that you turn your faces to the east and the west. But righteous is the one who believes in Allah, the Last Day, the Angels, the Scripture and the Prophets; who gives his wealth in spite of love for it to kinsfolk, orphans, the poor, the wayfarer, to those who ask and to set slaves free. And (righteous are) those who pray, pays alms, honour their agreements, and are patient in poverty, disease and war. Such are the people of truth. And they are the God-Fearing. (Qur'an, 2:177)