

ISLAM BELIEFS AND TEACHINGS

KEYWORDS

TAWHID
IMMANENCE
TRANSCENDENCE
OMNIPOTENCE
BENEFICENCE
MERCY
ADALAT
RISALAH
AKHIRA
AL QADR
SHIA and SUNNI

Sunni Beliefs: Sunni Muslims elected Abu Bakr as their next leader (Caliphate)

Six Articles of Faith: Tawhid, Angels, The Holy Books, The Prophets, Day of Judgement, The Supremacy of God's Will

Shia Beliefs: Shi'a Muslims followed the Imamate after the Prophet's death. Ali was the first Imam.

Five Roots of the Usul Ad Din: Tawhid, Prophethood, Justice (Adalat), The Imamate, Resurrection.

SIMILARITIES: Believe in the same God, follow the teachings of the Sunnah and the Qur'an, acknowledge the importance of the prophets.

The Nature of Allah What is Allah like?

Tawhid: The most important belief in Islam, that there is only one God and he has no equal, often known as the belief in the 'oneness of Allah' Qur'an 3:18 "he is Allah - the one"

Immanence - He is always present

Transcendence - He is above all "there is nothing like him"

Beneficence - He is loving Mercy - He shows kindness to his people "he is with you wherever you are"

Omnipotence - He is all powerful "he who is all knowing and powerful"

Justice **Adalat**- He does what is right and fair "be a steadfast witness for Allah in equality"



Prophethood - Risalah

A prophet is a messenger from God. Prophets are very important figures in Islam - Qur'an 2:136 The first prophet was **Adam**, who was the first man created by Allah, and therefore considered very important. Created out of Clay and God breathed into his nostrils life **Ibrahim** (Abraham) was the father of Isaac and Ishma'il whose descendants were the first Muslims. **Isa** (Jesus) is a prophet for Muslims, and is the most written about prophet in the Quran. Qur'an 2:87 **The Prophet Muhammad** was the final prophet and is known as 'the seal of the Prophets' meaning he sealed off (finalised) God's message to mankind. Due to his role in receiving and reciting the words of God, he is considered the most important of all Prophets.

ANGELS

Made of light, without Free Will, fully obey Allah. Pass on Allah's messages to the Prophets. Jibril and Mika'il.

Akhirah - Afterlife Al-Akhirah is the life after death or what happens to all people once they die. Islam teaches us that human life is divided into three distinct parts. 1. The temporary life on earth. 2. The life of Barzakh. This is the time between this life and the Day of Judgment. 3. The eternal life that will follow. Everything we do in our life is recorded. Even the smallest deed will be displayed before our eyes on the Day of Judgment. The judgement will be final. No one will escape it. Heaven will be the reward for those who obeyed Allah and did good deeds. Hell will be the punishment for those who disobeyed Allah.

HOLY BOOKS

The Qur'an the revealed words of Allah	The Sunnah - Way of the Prophet	The Hadith - sayings of the Prophet
Qur'an means to "recite"	It means "path"	Means report, tale or story
The Angel Jibril communicated the words of the Allah to Prophet Muhammed over 40 years	Second most important source of authority for Sunni Muslims, Shi'a Muslims may have their own Sunnah and Hadith. The Qu'ran is the most important and respected book as it is the words of Allah himself.	

The Prophet Muhammad received the words of the Qu'ran via the Angel Gibril and wrote them down. He was the final prophet of Islam, sometimes called 'the seal of the prophets'. His primary message to his followers was that God is merciful, but there will be a day of Judgment. After many years of struggle and war Muhammad returned to Makkah and established Islam as a permanent religion in 630 CE. It is important you know the story of The Prophet as well as his significance to Muslim believers.

Al-Qadr - Predestination This is a key teaching that Allah has pre planned everything, and everything has a plan. 'He knows what is within heavens and the earth and knows what you conceal and what you declare" Qur'an 64:4 Muslim do not believe in coincidence, they believe all things are planned by Allah. Muslim often say 'insha' Allah' which means 'if God is willing', this shows they believe all things are willed by Allah.

The sin of Shirk Islam warns believers of the sin of Shirk, this is when a person worships something other than God. This means most Muslims think it is wrong to make an image of God or to try and create him in any way by human hands.. "No one is comparable to him"