

IMAN

THE 6 PILLARS OF FAITH

IN ISLAM



IMAN - FAITH

Iman means faith or belief. It is the integration of affirmation of belief in the heart, testified by words and practice by deeds.

Good deeds are the testimonial of faith

Iman is the fundamental principle of belief in Islam.

Iman is permanent and unchangeable through time and place.



The Six Articles of Faith

Belief in Allah, The Only God

Belief in the Angels

Belief in Holy Books

Belief in the Prophets

Belief in the Day of Judgment

Belief in God's predestination



AL QUR'AN

" O you who have believed, believe in Allah and His Messenger and the Book that He sent down upon His Messenger and the Scripture which He sent down before. And whoever disbelieves in Allah, His angels, His books, His messengers, and the Last Day has certainly gone far astray.."
(Surah An-Nisaa': 136)



HADITH RASULULLAH S.A.W.

Iman is that you believe in God and His Angels and His Books and His Messengers and the Hereafter and the good and evil fate [ordained by your God]



BELIEF IN ALLAH

Belief in Allah means believing in His existence as the one and only God in His perfectness and absoluteness, Creator of the universe, Lord of the universe and Determiner of its affairs. Allah is the one and only to be worshipped and accorded for His Glorification, Power and for us to wholly submit to His Laws and Commandments.

Proof of Allah's existence are in the existence of His creations and signs in the universe.



AL QUR'AN

Your God is one God; there is no one worthy of worship except Him, the Compassionate, the Merciful. Surely, In the creation of the heavens and the earth; in the alternation of the night and the day, in the sailing of the ships through the ocean for the profit of mankind; in the rain which Allah sends down from the skies, with which He revives the earth after its death and spreads in it all kinds of animals, in the change of the winds and the clouds between the sky and the earth that are made subservient, there are signs for rational people. Surah al-Baqarah: 163 – 164



Unity of God and Life

The religion of Islam as the way of life stands upon this fundamental belief in the One and Only True God, Allah. It is what makes us believers.

The world and the universe in all its forms, life, lifeforms, systems, forces, habitat, atmosphere, actions, movements and activities are all proof and signs of the One and Only God, Allah.



Belief in the *Mala'ikah* (Angels)

Belief in all angels is obligatory.

Angels are created from light, they are neither male nor female.

They are in total obedience and submission to Allah carrying out their entrusted duties without fail.



AL QUR'AN

To Allah prostrate all the creatures of the heavens and the earth, including the angels; and they are not arrogant. They fear their Rabb Who is above them, and they do whatever they are commanded to do.

(Surah al-Nahl: 49 – 50)



NAMES OF ANGELS WE SHOULD KNOW

- **Jibril:** To deliver the Divine Revelations from Allah to His chosen Messengers from among the prophets
- **Mikail:** To manage man's mundane necessities, bring forth rain and oversee the cultivation of crops.
- **Israfil:** To blow the Trumpet: once, for the destruction of the universe; and again, for the Resurrection of all accountable beings to face Judgment Day.
- **Izrail:** Angel of Death, the most fearsome of them all, who does not delay nor expedite the hour of claiming the soul.
- **Maalik:** Guardian of Jahannam Hell-fire, an unwelcome sight, for the unfortunate and wretched dwellers of the eternal fire.
- **Ridwan:** Guardian of Paradise, who welcomes the Prophets and the righteous who have been blessed by Allah
- **Munkar :** To question the dead on issues relating to his/her God, prophet, religion, belief, deeds, etc. Questioning in the grave.
- **Nakir:** To question the dead on issues relating to his/her God, prophet, religion, belief, deeds, etc.
- **Raqib:** Sits on man's right shoulder to record his/her good deeds.
- **Atid:** Sits on man's left shoulder to record his/her evil deeds.

BELIEF IN THE HOLY BOOKS

The teachings and laws of Allah was revealed to His Messengers through holy books and scriptures. We believe in all of the revelations contained in all of the holy books and scriptures sent by Allah and this belief is obligatory.

The holy books and scriptures may differ in its contents but they are all revealed by Allah as guidance for mankind. The books and scriptures were sent through the intercession of the angel Jibril from the time of Prophet Adam a.s. until the final Prophet Muhammad s.a.w.



THE FOUR HOLY BOOKS

Taurat

- Revealed to Prophet Musa a.s.

In Hebrew language to the Children of Israel

Zabur

- Revealed to Prophet Daud a.s.

Injil

- Revealed to Prophet Isa a.s.

al-Qur'an

- Revealed to Prophet Muhammad s.a.w.

Revealed in the Arabic language.

Guidance for mankind till the Last Day

BELIEF IN THE PROPHETS

The Prophets or Messengers were those who presented and taught the teachings of Islam to mankind

Belief in all the Prophets is obligatory

The Prophets chosen by Allah were humans who called upon mankind to submit to and worship Allah, the Only True God.



AL QUR'AN

The Messenger has believed in the Guidance which has been revealed to him from his Lord and so do the Believers. They all believe in Allah, His angels, His books and His Messengers. They say we do not discriminate against anyone of His Messengers. And they say: "We hear and we obey. Grant us Your forgiveness, O Lord; to You we shall all return."

(Surah al-Baqarah: 285)

The Teachings of the Prophets

All the teachings brought and delivered by the Prophets were on the call to serve and worship Allah, the One and Only True God.

The message brought by the final Prophet, Muhammad s.a.w. was the same as delivered by the previous Prophets.

The message of Islam brought by Prophet Muhammad, Rasulullah s.a.w. is for all of mankind till the end of time.



25 Prophets that ought to be known as mentioned in al-Qur'an

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| 1. Adam a.s | 11. Yusuf a.s | 21. Yunus a.s |
| 2. Idris a.s | 12. Ayub a.s | 22. Zakaria a.s |
| 3. Nuh a.s | 13. Syuaib a.s | 23. Yahya a.s |
| 4. Hud a.s | 14. Musa a.s | 24. Isa a.s |
| 5. Salleh a.s | 15. Harun a.s | 25. Muhammad s.a.w. |
| 6. Ibrahim a.s | 16. Zulkifli a.s | |
| 7. Luth a.s | 17. Daud a.s | |
| 8. Ismail a.s | 18. Sulaiman a.s | |
| 9. Ishak a.s | 19. Ilias a.s | |
| 10. Yaakub a.s | 20. Iliayasak a.s | |

BELIEF IN THE HEREAFTER

Belief in the Hereafter means believing with full conviction without any doubt that after this worldly life, we shall be facing the Day Of Judgement.

On that day, mankind shall be resurrected and all of their deeds shall be accounted for, judged and shall be recompensed commensurate with their deeds. Lacking good deeds and good actions shall cause grave loss and unending regret.

The actual, true and everlasting life is the Hereafter.

Death is not forever because mankind shall be resurrected for Judgement Day.

After the total destruction of the world as we know it, mankind shall be gathered beginning from the earlier generations to the later generations. They come out from their graves in a state of fear and panic reminded of and recalling their covenant with their Creator.



AL QUR'AN

The life of this world is nothing but pastime and play! It is the life of the hereafter that is the true life: if they but knew it.

(Surah al-Ankabut: 64)

On that Day We shall roll up the heavens like a scroll of writings; just as We originated the first creation, so shall We produce it again - that is Our promise, and We will fulfill it..

(Surah al-Anbiya': 104)

They will say: "Oh, Woe to us! Who has raised us up from our graves? They will be told: "This is what the Compassionate (Allah) had promised and true was the word of the Messengers.

(Surah Yasin: 51 – 52)

Then only those whose weight of good deeds is heavy, will attain salvation. As for those whose weight of good deeds is light, they will be the ones who have lost their souls to live in hell forever.

(Surah al-Mu'minun: 102 – 103)

Belief in God's predestination

As humans created by Allah, we are always tested by various problems which test our perseverance, acceptance and devotion to Allah Almighty.

We believe everything happens according to the Will of Allah.

We believe Allah knows and governs their affairs and administers their lives. We believe everything happens in this universe by His Will and Grace.

Everything regarding mankind , whether good or bad, is by the Will and Might of Allah.

The universe and all phenomena do not happen by themselves. The universe and everything in it follows Allah's determination and destiny.



Life and Effort

Everything that happens in the world and upon human beings do so according to its destined fate. Health and sickness, rich and poor, fortune and suffering, happy and sad, death and the final appointed time, all things related to life are predestined and beyond change. It is all within the predestination of Allah. However, we do not simply leave everything and thereby give up on life without effort, striving and praying for the best outcome.

A believer accepts fate with a tranquil heart and does so calmly. We believe that beyond this world that there is an unseen power which is almighty and that is the Greatness of Allah.

Mankind shall never know his fate before it happens. In fact, we are not told to seek knowledge of it because fate is not our affair. Our duty is to think, work, strive and do our best, doing good deeds according to its causes and effects to our utmost of ability.

AL QUR'AN

No affliction can ever befall except by the leave of Allah. He that believes in Allah, his heart is guided to the Right Way. Allah has knowledge of all things.

(Surah al-Taghabun: 11)

Surely We have created everything in perfect estimation (destiny and purpose).
(Surah al-Qamar: 49)

O Prophet, tell them: "Nothing will happen to us except what Allah has written for us; He is our protector;" and in Allah let the believers put their trust.

(Surah al-Taubah: 51)

An Informed Anecdote on Fate and Action

The second caliph of Islam, 'Umar was on a journey to Syria when he heard that a plague was ravaging that country. He decided to turn away from Syria and instead headed for Jerusalem.

His companions asked him, “O leader of the believers, are you trying to flee from Allah’s predestination?”

‘Umar replied, “I am fleeing from Allah’s predestination to Allah’s predestination.”