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Islamic Studies

AQIIDAH BOOKLET



1. The Pillars of Islam أركان الإسلام

Islaam is built upon **5** Pillars:

- 1- Shahaadah الشَّهَادَة (Witness of Faith)
- 2- Salaah الصلاة (Prayer)
- 3- Zakaah الزَّكَاة (Giving charity)
- 4- Sawm الصوم (Fasting)
- 5- Hajj الحج (pilgrimage)

1.1. What is the 'Ash-Shahaadatain الشَّهَادَتَيْنِ'?

In Arabic it is:

أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَ أَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ

Transliteration

Ash-hadu al-laa ilaaha illal-laah, wa ash-hadu anna Muhammadan 'Abduhu wa rasuuluh.

Translation into English

I bear witness that there is no God worthy of worship Except Allaah, and I bear witness that Muhammad is his servant and messenger.

1.2. Salaah الصلاة



Salaah is the obligatory prayers which are performed five times a day.

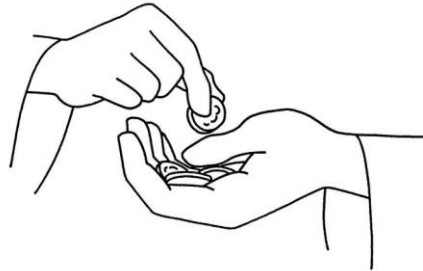
Establishing the prayers means to worship Allah by praying to Him. One must preserve the prayers by establishing them on time and in the best manner, as taught by the Prophet (sallallaahu

'alaihi wa-sallam). Rewards for establishing the prayers include tranquility and happiness that are felt in the heart. Prayer also leads one to abandoning evil deeds and behavior. Link them (the children) with Allaah as much as you can. Explain how Allaah will be pleased with the one prays etc.

The five prayers are:

1. **The Dawn Prayer ~ صلاة الفجر**
2. **The Noon Prayer ~ صلاة الظهر**
3. **The Afternoon Prayer ~ صلاة العصر**
4. **The Sunset Prayer ~ صلاة المغرب**
5. **The Night Prayer ~ صلاة العشاء**

1.3. Az-Zakaah الزكاة



Zakaah is the obligation upon Muslims to give money to poor people. The word Zakaah means both "Purification" and "growth". Our possessions **مُمتلكات** are purified. And our souls are purified by detaching ourselves from the worldly matters and giving in the way of Allaah, caring for the poor etc. Paying Zakat is worshipping Allah by paying the amount of charity obligated on the ones who have enough money or possessions that require paying Zakat. Paying the required Zakaat leads to cleansing the heart from the evil of misery. It also fulfils the needs of Islam and Muslims.

1.4. Sawm الصوم

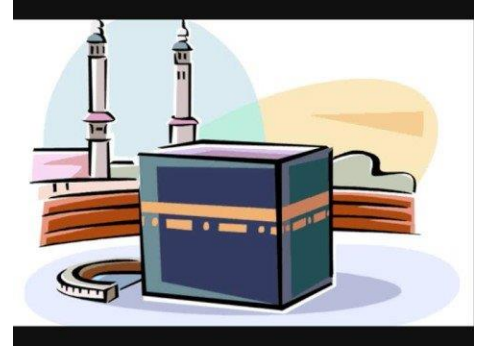


Every year in the month of Ramadan رمضان, all Muslims fast from dawn until sunset; abstaining from food, drink etc. Those who are sick, elderly or travelling and women who are menstruating, pregnant or nursing, are permitted to break their fast and make up an equal number of days later during the year if they are healthy and able. Children begin to fast (and to observe prayers) from puberty, though many start earlier.

Fasting Ramadhaan contains worshipping Allah by fasting during the days of this month, by not eating or drinking from dawn to sunset. Fasting trains the souls to abandon what is preferred and desired, seeking the pleasure of Allah.

1.5. Hajj الحج

The pilgrimage to Makkah مكة (the Hajj) is an obligation only for those who are physically and financially able to do so. However, over two million people go to Makkah every year from every corner of the globe providing a unique opportunity for those of different nations to meet. Pilgrims wear special clothes: simple garments that strip away distinctions of class and culture, so that all stand equal before Allaah الله



Performing Hajj (pilgrimage to Makkah) is worshipping Allah by visiting the Holy House to perform the rituals of Hajj. Hajj trains the souls to spend time and physical effort, seeking to obey Allah. This is why Hajj is considered a type of Jihad (struggle).

2. The Pillars of Eemaan أركان الإيمان

أركان الإيمان في الإسلام ستة هي الإيمان بالله وملائكته
وكتبه ورسله واليوم الآخر والقدر خيره وشره.

2.1. Al Iimaanu-Billaah الإيمان بالله ~ Believe in Allaah:

The belief in Allaah, the Creator, All-Powerful and Most Merciful.

Belief In Allah's Existence is affirmed through Fitrah (the innate purity that Allah creates in every human being), the Mind, the Sharii'ah (Islamic Law) and the senses.

Allaah the Rabb (Lord) is the One who Creates and Commands. There is no creator except Allaah and there is no owner of the universe except Him. The Commandment and the Control is His.

2.2. Wa Malaikatihi

وملائكته - His Angels:



Belief that among Allaah's creation are angels. Real beings, not illusions or figments of human imagination, Created from light.

A Muslim must believe specifically in all the angels named and/or described in the Qur'an and the Sunnah. Examples are:

Jibreel: in charge of delivering revelation.

Mikaa'il: in charge of bringing the rain.

Israafiil: the blower of the horn on Qiyamah.

Malik-ul-Maut: the Angel of Death who takes people's souls at death.

Ridhwaan: in charge of Paradise.

Maalik: in charge of Hell.

Munkar and Nakiir: the questioners in the grave.

2.3. Wa Kutubihi وكتبه - His Books

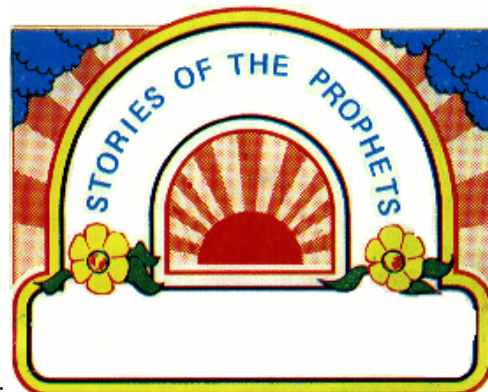


Specific books mentioned in the Qur'an:

1. As-Suhuf of Ibraaheem and Moosaa.
2. Az-Zaboor given to Daawood.
3. At-Tauraat revealed to Moosaa.
4. Al-Injeel revealed to 'Eesaa.
5. Al-Qur'an - The final revelation to Muhammad صلى الله عليه و سلم

2.4. Wa Rusulihi ورسله ~ His Messengers

Belief in all the prophets and messengers of Allaah. Allaah in His wisdom did not



neglect His creation. Prophets and Messengers were sent to guide us in this life and the next.

Specific belief in the 25 Prophets and Messengers named in the Qur'an: (1)Aadam, (2)Nooh, (3)Idrees, (4)Saalih, (5)Ibraaheem, (6)Hud, (7)Luut, (8)Yuunus, (9)Ismaa'il, (10)Ishaaq, (11)Ya'quub, (12)Yuusuf, (13)Ayyuub, (14)Shu'aib, (15)Moosaa, (16)Haaroon, (17)Alyasa', (18)Dhul-Kifl, (19)Daawood, (20)Zakariyaa, (21)Sulaymaan, (22)Ilyaaas, (23)Yahyaa, (24)'Eesa, and (25)Muhammad

May the peace and blessings of Allaah be upon them all.

General belief that there are many other Prophets and Messengers whom were not mentioned and we do not know of.

2.5. Wal Yawmul Aakhir واليوم الآخر - The Last Day

Belief in the resurrection, Allaah will raise them from their graves to hold them accountable for their deeds which they did in this world.

Absolutely no creature knows the time of the Last Day. It is only Allaah Alone Who knows it. He did not reveal it to the people so that they get ready for it at any time. The Quran states that the Last Day will come suddenly while people are unaware of its occurrence.

Allaah Says (what means):

{Do they then await (anything) other than the Hour, that it should come upon them suddenly?}

[Quran 47: 18]

2.6. Wal Qadar khayrihi wa sharrihi والقدر خيره وشره - And the Qadar (Pre-decree), the good of it and the evil of it.

A Muslim believes in Allaah's predestination of all things and events (Qadhaa), His decree (Qadar), His wisdom in His actions, and His will. Nothing in the universe can occur, even the voluntary actions of His slaves, except after Allah's knowledge, and His decree of that event and Will for it to happen.

A Muslim further believes that Allaah is Just in His predestination and His decree, Wise in all of His actions. His wisdom follows His will: Whatever He wills is, and whatever He does not will is not.

3. Tawheed توحيد



قل هو الله احد

Qul Huwa Allahu Ahad

Say: He is Allah, the One and Only

Definition of Tawheed:

هو أفراد الله بما يختص به من الربوبية والألوهية والأسماء والصفات

Huwa ifraadullaahi bima yakhtasu bihi minar

Rububiyyah wal Uluhiyyah Wal Asmaa Wassifaat.

It is to single Allaah out with that which is specific to Him in

- 1) Ar Rububiyyah
- 2) Al Uluhiyyah
- 3) Al-Asmaa wassifaat

3.1. Tawheed Ar-Ruboobiyyah

Tawheed Ar-Ruboobiyyah is to single out Allaah alone with the actions of creating (everything), owning (everything), and controlling (everything).

EVERY ACTION OF ALLAAH

First, as for singling out Allaah alone with the action of creating; He is the Creator other than Whom there is no creator. Allaah says:

هَلْ مِنْ خَالِقٍ غَيْرِ اللَّهِ يَرْزُقُكُمْ مِّنَ السَّمَاءِ وَالْأَرْضِ ۗ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ

Is there a creator other than Allaah that provides you with sustenance from the

Heavens and earth? There is nothing deserving of worship besides Him alone. [Soorah Faatir, 35:3]

So Allaah alone is the only Creator. He created everything, decreeing the creation before its existence.

3.2. Tawheed Al-Uluhiyyah

Tawheed Al-Uloohiyyah is to single out Allaah alone with all acts of worship. People must not take anyone or anything else along with Allaah, worshipping them or seeking nearness to them as they do with Allaah.

Most of what the Messengers focused on correcting among their people was this type of Tawheed - Tawheed Al-Uloohiyyah.

Allaah says:

إِنَّهُ مَنْ يُشْرِكْ بِاللَّهِ فَقَدْ حَرَّمَ اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ الْجَنَّةَ وَمَأْوَاهُ النَّارُ
وَمَا لِلظَّالِمِينَ مِنْ أَنْصَارٍ

Indeed, whoever makes **Shirk (associating partners in worship)** with Allaah, then

Allaah has forbidden Paradise for him, his destination is the Fire, and there will never be any helper for the transgressors. [Soorah Al-Maaidah,5:72]

3.3. Tawheed Asmaa Wassifaat

Tawheed Al-Asmaa was-Sifaat is to single out Allaah alone with what He has named Himself with or described Himself with in His Book or upon the tongue of His Messenger.

This is by affirming whatever (names and attributes) Allaah has affirmed for Himself without distorting or denying them or their meanings, nor believing them to be similar to the creation's, and without questioning "How" they are. Allaah has named Himself as-Samee' (The All Hearing) so it is upon us to believe it is one of His names and that He has the attribute of complete hearing of everything at all times.

Allaah says:

لَيْسَ كَمِثْلِهِ شَيْءٌ وَهُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْبَصِيرُ

There is nothing similar to Him. And He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. [Soorah Ash-Shooraa, 42:11]

4. The 3 Questions in the Grave

ثلاثة أصول: وهي معرفة العبد ربه، ودينه، ونبيه

(1) الاصل الأول: من ربك؟

(2) الأصل الثاني: ما دينك؟

(3) الاصل الثالث: من نبيك؟

الأجوبة

(1) ربي الله

(2) ديني الإسلام

(3) نبيي محمد بن عبد الله بن عبد المطلب بن هاشم ، وهاشم
من قريش

1) من ربك ~ Man Rabbuk ~ Who's your Lord?

Answer: ربي الله ~ Rabiyaal-laah ~ My Lord is Allaah

2) ما دينك ~ Maa Deenuk ~ What's your Religion?

Answer: ديني الإسلام ~ Deeniyal Islaam ~ My Religion is Al-Islaam

3) من نبيك ~ Man Nabiiyuk ~ Who's your Prophet?

Answer: محمد بن عبد الله بن عبد المطلب بن هاشم
Muhammad Ibn Abdullaah ibn Abdulmuttalib Ibn Haashim

“My Lord is Allah; My religion is Al-Islaam; and Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم is my Prophet.”

When the servant is placed within his grave and the dirt is cast upon him and the people depart from him returning to their families, the two angels will come to him in his grave. His soul will be returned to him within his body and he will be made to live the life of the Barzakh. It is not a life similar to the life of the Dunyaa. It is a life which Allah is the Most Knowledgeable concerning its details. They will make him sit up in his grave and they will say to him:

Who is your Lord?

What is your religion?

Who is your Prophet?

So, these three questions are not only the questions that the slave will be asked when he is placed within his grave, but they are also the foundations of the religion of Al-Islam; they are the Three Principles which are obligatory to know:

- 1) The servant knowing his Lord
- 2) His religion
- 3) His Prophet Muhammad صلى الله عليه و سلم.