






# Islam – Core Beliefs

## The Nature of God

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| Oneness      | Tawhid. God is one.                     | <b>Surah 112</b>  |
| Omnipotent   | All powerful.                           | “He who is the <b>all powerful</b> , able to do anything” |
| Immanent     | Close with us and present on the earth. | “ <b>He is with you</b> , wherever you are”               |
| Transcendent | Far from us, beyond our understanding.  | “He is <b>above all comprehension</b> ”                   |
| Merciful     | Wanting to forgive us.                  | “In the name of Allah, <b>the giver of mercy</b> ”        |
| Just         | Fair.                                   | “Is not Allah <b>the most Just of judges?</b> ”           |

## Key Ideas

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| 6 Articles of Faith<br><b>6</b>  | The 6 Articles of Faith are the 6 key beliefs that all Sunni Muslims share. Oneness of God, (Tawhid) , Angels, The holy books, The Prophets, The Day of Judgement, The Supremacy of God’s will   |  |   |  |
| 5 Usul al din<br><b>5</b>  | The 5 Usul al din are the 5 roots of Shi'a faith- the 5 beliefs they all share. Oneness of God (Tawhid), Prophethood, Justice (Adalat), The Imamate, Resurrection  |  |   |  |
| Angels<br>                    | Angels are made of light, genderless, have wings, mostly unseen, can take human form, record our deeds/actions, are the messengers of Allah and have no freewill.<br><b>Jibril</b> - Considered the most important Angel. Delivered the Qur’an to Muhammad on the Night of Power. Visited ‘Maryam’ before birth of Isa/Jesus.<br><b>Mika'il</b> - The giver of sustenance. The angel of mercy. Involved in the day of judgement and weighing our good and bad deeds and rewarding the goods. |  |   |  |
| Tawhid<br>Surah 112<br><b>1</b>  | Tawhid is the belief in the oneness and uniqueness of God- nothing can be compared to Allah. 'He is Allah, The One and Only; Allah, the Eternal; He begot none, nor was he begotten; <b>There is none like Him.</b> '  |  |   |  |
| Muhammad   | Muhammad is the final prophet in Islam. He is important because he received revelation from Allah which was recorded in the Qur'an. Muslims believe this has ever changed.   |  |   |  |
| Risalah:<br>Prophethood<br> | Prophethood is an important idea in Islam. Allah has sent every ‘community’ or group of people a Messenger. <b>Adam</b> is the first prophet. Originally built the Ka’aba in Mecca. Was taught knowledge from God to pass on to all humans. <b>Ibrahim</b> is the prophet who rebuilt the Ka’aba. Was tested by Allah when asked to sacrifice/kill his son Ishmael. He teaches loyalty and devotion to God.  |  |   |  |
| Akirah<br>                  | Akirah is a belief in life after death. Muslims believe we will be judged on the Day of Judgement and sent to either a place of reward or a place of punishment.<br><b>Jannah</b> : A place of reward. Also known as a place of paradise. Those that live good lives and follow Allah will get here. <b>Jahannam</b> : A place of punishment. Described in the Qur’an as a place of pain and torture. Those that turned away from God go here for eternity                                   |  |   |  |
| Qur'an<br>                  | The Qur'an was revealed to Muhammad over a period of 23 years. It contains the direct words of God. It is written in Arabic, treated with respect and cannot be called the Qur'an if it has been translated. A hafiz is someone who knows the Qur'an off by heart.   |  |   |  |
| Other Holy Books<br>        | <b>The Gospels (Injill)</b> Teachings of Isa (Jesus) are read and respected by Muslims.  | <b>The Torah (Tawrat)</b> The Hebrew teachings of the Torah are also read and respected by Muslims. The prophets of Adam, Musa (Moses) and Nua (Noah) are all in these scriptures. | <b>The Psalms (Zabur)</b> Poems and praise written by the prophet David and often included in the Christian Bible. Muslims read and respect the teachings here. | <b>The Scrolls of Ibrahim</b> These teachings have been lost over time but Muslims believe they were important messages written down by Ibrahim. |
| The Imamate<br><b>12</b>   | <b>The direct descendants of Muhammad</b><br>The <b>Shi'a</b> belief that only the descendants of Muhammad should be <b>the leaders of Islam</b> . Shia believe that 12 Imams (leaders) followed after Muhammad’s death. <b>The 12<sup>th</sup> Imam</b> has gone into ‘mystical hiding’ and will return with Isa (Jesus) on the Day of Judgement.   |  |   |  |