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*In the name of Allah,
the Most Compassionate, the Most Merciful.*

The contents of this little booklet are the basic ideas of the Faith, which is the basic article of Islam. A brief reflection on the world around us makes it clear that the human race has been chosen for an abundance of Divine blessings. Indeed, human beings have the highest structure among all of creations of God.

I want to draw the kind attention to the new generations of the eastern and the western countries and all the readers and preachers to read the following books of the same author, which might be helpful for Dawah works Insha-Allah:

01. Dawate Iqamate Deen
02. The Qualities of a Preacher
03. Muhammad Preacher of the Truth in the Bible
04. Dawah towards the Truth
05. Jesus in the Holly Qur'an
06. The way of preaching towards the Deen
07. Methods of Dawah Towards the Truth
08. Necessity of Personal Reporting
09. Patience is the Greatest Quality
10. The Holy Qur'an is the Greatest Merciful for the Mankind
11. The Holy Qur'an the Strongest and most Powerful Book
12. Accountability in the Hereafter (Akhirate Jobabdihi)
13. Importance of Life After Death
14. Truth will be disclosed in the Life after Death
15. Necessity and Proof of Life after Death
16. Life after Death
17. Preaching to the Ahli-kitab
19. Prophet Abraham (Ibrahim)
20. Freedom of Choice for the human being
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the Most Compassionate, the Most Merciful.
Praise be to Allah, Lord of the Universe, and Peace and Prayers be
upon His Final Prophet and Messenger.*

Islam For All Mankind

1. Islam:

What does it mean?

1.1. Islam as an Arabic word:

'Islam' is an Arabic word meaning submission, surrender, and obedience. As a religion, Islam stands for complete submission and obedience to God and this is why it is called 'Islam'

1.2. Islam as a Faith:

Islam, as a faith, means total and sincere surrender to God so that one can live in peace and tranquility. Peace (Salam in Arabic; shalom in Hebrew) is achieved through active obedience to the revealed commandments of God.

1.3. The full definition of Islam:

The full definition implies that when you surrender your will to God you will find peace in your soul. A Muslim, then, is a person who surrenders to God and finds peace.

1.4. Islam is not a religion:

Islam is not a religion, however, but a complete way of life that is patterned after the natural trend in the universe. It's goal is to help people live in harmony with the natural order of nature and existence.

2. What is the purpose of Islam?

God created a universe free of disorder and chaos. In the development of human societies, people could choose to conform to the standards of order and peace or mire themselves in the pit of destruction and their raw, animal instincts. Human can choose whether to use their higher order faculties or to descend to the level of a beast, and intelligent one no less.

The way of life which God wants humans to choose is one in which they use their intellect and emotions in the pursuit of their higher truth of God's universe. There must be no giving into anger, hatred, violence and greed. All the lower, animalistic emotions must be conquered and controlled. (Qur'an, 45:22, 46:3).

To aid humans in this quest, The God (Allah) has chosen guides from among humans called Prophets and communicated messages to them. They were like lighthouses in a storm, calling people to salvation in a troubled world. A few select times, Allah would send an organized message that was meant to survive as a book for later generation to study.

Those who adhere to God's way of life are promised a reward when their souls journey to the next life. Those who deny this truth will receive a punishment for choosing to turn their backs on what is real. They not only rejected God's guides, but they also rejected their very nature, which prompts them to good. They preferred to cover themselves in shame and evil. (Qur'an, 6:113-117).

When the life of the universe comes to an end, and The God collapses all matter back into its primordial origins, then every self-conscious being will be assembled together on the day of Judgment where they will be shown what they did and why they deserve to be punished or rewarded.

- The human beings are not perfect and never will be. (Qur'an,70:19).

God knows what He created. So for those people who had at sincerity and, there will be forgiveness of their immoral deeds and mercy shown.

Those humans who have recognized their ultimate destiny, and who wish to serve in the cause of God, try their best to live their lives in accordance with the laws He revealed to His last Prophet Muhammad (pbuh). The Almighty God made us and knows best how we can be civilized.

3. Prophet:

Messenger of God

The Qur'an was revealed with the open announcement that Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) who received this revelation, was the last and final messenger to be sent by God and that no messenger or prophet would follow him. The glorious says:

- Muhammad is not the father of any man among you, but he is the messenger of God and the Seal of the Prophets and the God is Aware of all things. (Qur'an, 33:40).
- Previous Prophets and Messengers were sent to all peoples of the world, and we remember some of their names: Abraham (Ibrahim), Moses (Musa), Salih and Jesus ('Esa). (Qur'an, 40:78).

4. Qur'an:

Last and Final Testament of God

The last message Allah sent to humanity was given to a man born in Arabia in about the year 570 named Muhammad (pbuh).

The final messages revealed in 23 years through the angel Gibriel to the Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) is right now in the form of a Book called the Qur'an or Reading.

- This Qur'an could not have been invented (by one) apart from God, but it is a confirmation of that (series of revelations) which was before it, and a (full) explanation of the Book wherein there is no doubt—from the Lord of the Worlds. (Qur'an,10:37).

The Lord's revelation throughout the ages and to all peoples is one. The Qur'an confirms, fulfils, completes and further explains the one true revelation.

The Qur'an is an instruction book for elevating a person's mind and heart to a higher level. To a stage, which allows them to escape the hold of their animal instincts and to stand forth for the right and to forbid the wrong. As the God said:

- Surely this Qur'an guides (the people) to that is most right and gives good tidings to the believers, who do deeds of righteousness, that they will have a splendid reward. (Qur'an, 17:9).
- We have without doubt, sent down the Reminder, and We preserve it (from corruption). (Qur'an,15:9).

The greatness of the Qur'an lies in the fact that this is the last revelation from the Creator to mankind, and that it is through the Qur'an that the Way of Life prescribed by God.

has been perfected. The Creator says in the Glorious Qur'an:

- This day have I perfected your religion for you and completed My favor upon you, and chosen for you as religion al-Islam. (Qur'an, 5:3).

5. Qur'an:

The only Unchanged Revelation

God promised to protect and preserve His Book and we should seek to learn it in its original language so we can understand it directly. There are millions of Qur'an all over the world in Arabic, and all of them have exactly the same text. No one else can say this about his or her book.

The Christians, Jews, Hindus and Buddhists have only faulty translations of parts of their lost ancient holy books to use. Their original writings were lost a long time ago. Since then, anybody has been able to add, change or delete anything they wanted. For example, no two Bibles are alike. One will have whole books or verses the other one doesn't!

6. Difference between Islam and other Religions:

Al-most all the religions in the world has been named after the person it has been associated with or the people or nation from which it originated. Christianity, for example, derives its name from Jesus Christ; Buddhism from Gautama Buddha; Zoroastrianism from Zoroastrian; and Judaism, the religion of the Jews, takes its name from both the tribe of Judah and the country of Judea where it was born. The same is true of other religions but not so with Islam. This religion enjoys the unique distinction of having no such association with any particular person or people.

6.1. Islam is not named on anything like other religion:

The word 'Islam' does not convey any such relationship-for it does not belong to any person, people, or country. Nor it is the product of any human mind. It is a universal religion and its objective is to create and cultivate within man the quality and attitude of Islam. Islam is, not a name chosen by human beings. It was Divinely communicated from God. Islam is a global faith, not of the East or the West. Islam is a complete Way of life, implying a total submission to God.

6.2. It was Adam who first brought Islam:

It was not Muhammad (peace be upon him) but Adam (pbuh) who first brought Islam to humanity. Then each Prophet and Messenger came to exhort the people to a clear understanding of God's commandments. They offered teachings relevant to that time, until God chose the final Prophet, Muhammad (pbuh), to come with the Last Testament referred to as the Qur'an.

6.3. Everything in the universe follow the rules of the Creator:

We live in an orderly universe. There is law and order among all the parts that make up this universe. Everything is assigned a place in a grand scheme, which is working in a magnificent and superb way. The sun, the moon, the stars, in fact all the heavenly bodies are knit together in a splendid system. These bodies follow an unalterable law and do not deviate even slightly from their ordained course. The earth rotates on its axis and in its revolution around the sun follows the path laid out for it with precision. Everything in the world, from the tiny whirling electron to the mighty galaxy, constantly and ceaselessly follows its own laws.

Matter, energy and life-all obey laws, laws by which they must grow or change, live or die.

6.4. The materials around us are Muslims:

This all-powerful and all-penetrating law, which governs everything that exists, from the tiniest particles of matter to the most awesome galaxies in the high heavens, is the law of God, the Creator and Ruler of the universe. Since all created things obey the law of God, the entire universe, therefore, literally follows the system of Islam-for Islam signifies nothing but obedience and submission to God, the Lord of the universe. The sun, the moon, the earth and all other heavenly bodies are thus 'Muslims'. So are the air, water and soil, and all living things, the insects, birds and mammals of the animal world, the shrubs, trees, vegetables and fruits of the plant world. Everything in the universe is 'Muslim'; for they all obey God Almighty by submitting to His laws.

6.5. All the organs of the human body follow the rules of nature:

Even in the human world, the laws of nature are quite obvious. Man's birth, growth and life are all regulated by a set of biological laws. He derives nourishment from nature according to a law, which cannot be changed. All the organs of his body, from the small tissues to the heart and the brain, operate according to the laws set out for them. In short, ours is a law-governed universe and everything in it is following the course that has been ordained for it.

Even the man, who denies the existence of God or decides to worship a power other than God, is obligated to be a 'Muslim' as far as his bodily existence is concerned. For this man's entire life, from the embryonic stage to the dissolution of his

body into dust after death, must follow the course prescribed for it by God's law. His every molecule, tissue and limb must endlessly obey the universal laws laid down for him or her by Almighty God.

His tongue, which in his ignorance advocates the denial of God or states that several Gods exist, is by its very nature a 'Muslim'. His head, which willingly bows to others besides God, is a born Muslim. His heart, where in his lack of true knowledge he cherishes love and reverence for others, is 'Muslim by intuition. They are all obedient to the Divine Law, and their functions and operations are governed by the commandments of that law alone.

Human being has been blessed with reason and intelligence. He has the power to think and make judgments, to select or reject, to adopt or spurn. He is free to follow whatever way of life he chooses. He can select any religion, assume any way of life, and fashion his living according to whatever ideologies he likes. He may prepare his own code of conduct or accept one followed by someone else. He has been bestowed with free will and can chalk out his course of behavior. In this respect, he, unlike any other creature, has been given freedom of choice, thought and action.

6.6. The human being is a born Muslim by nature:

Like all other creatures, the human being is a born Muslim, constantly obeying the orders of Almighty God and is bound to do so. He is free to become or not to become a Muslim. Here is where his gift of the freedom of choice becomes operative and it is the way a person exercises this freedom, which divides mankind into two groups: (1) believers and (2) non-believers. An individual who chooses to recognize the Creator, accept Him as his real Master, honestly and faithfully submit to His laws and orders and

follows the system of life. He has revealed for man, thereby becomes a perfect Muslim. Such a man has achieved completeness in his Islam by consciously deciding to obey God through the use of those very abilities of free thought, choice and action, which God Almighty blessed him with.

6.7. A perfect Muslim spends his life for the pleasure of his Creator:

Now his entire life has become one of obedience to God. There is now no conflict in his personality because he spends his times and energy working for the pleasure of his Creator. He is a perfect Muslim and his Islam is complete-as this submission of his entire self to the will of God is Islam and nothing but Islam.

His entire existence is an example of truth for, in all areas of life, he voluntarily as well as involuntarily obeys the laws of the same One God-the Master of the universe. And by so doing he worships Him whom the whole universe worships. This is the natural condition. And such a man is truly God's representative on the earth. The whole world is for him. And he is for God.

Muslim: One who surrenders his or her will to God, voluntarily is called a 'Muslim'. Whoever possesses the qualities contained within this description, regardless of his race, community, country or family, is a Muslim. According to the Qur'an (the Holy Book of the Muslims) among every society and in all ages there have been good and righteous people who possessed this qualities and all of them were and are 'Muslims'.

Allah: is an Arabic word, meaning 'The One and Only True God'. the proper name of The One who created the heavens

and the earth i.e. the whole universe. Arabic speaking Jews and Christians also call God by the name Allah. For a Muslim, Allah is the greatest and most inclusive of names for God, denoting The One who is adored in worship, The One who created all that exists.

Allah, the name for God in the Arabic language, caused the universe to come into existence billions of years ago. He set up natural laws and ordered the functioning of matter in accordance with His will. In this way, we can say that the entire universe is Muslim, i.e. it is submitted to His will.

- Do you not see that God has created the heavens and the earth with truth? If He will, He can remove you and bring a new creation. That is no difficult thing for Him. (14:19-20).

7. Disbelief is Kufr:

In contrast to the man who, although born a Muslim, does not use his skills of reason, intelligence and intuition to recognize his Lord and Creator. Rather, he misuses his freedom of choice by choosing to deny Him. Such a man becomes a disbeliever in his rejection of God.

7.1. Disbelief: What does it mean?

The Arabic word for disbelief is kufr, which literally means 'to cover' or 'to conceal'. The man who rejects God is called a concealer (kafir) because he conceals by his disbelief what is inherently in his nature and what is embalmed with his soul. For indeed, his nature is instinctively imbued with 'Islam'. His whole body, every cell and each atom, functions in obedience to that instant. Each and every particle that exists-living or

lifeless-functions in accordance with 'Islam' and is fulfilling the duty that has been assigned to it. But the vision of this man has been blurred, his commonsense has been befogged, and he is unable to see the obvious. His own nature has become hidden from his eyes and he thinks and acts in complete disregard of it. The real truth has become separated from him and he gropes in the dark-such is the nature of disbelief.

7.2. Disbelief is not a form of ignorance:

Disbelief (kufr) is not a form of ignorance; it is ignorance, pure and simple. What ignorance could be greater than to be ignorant of God, the Creator, and the Lord of the universe? A person observes the vast panorama of nature, the superb mechanism that is ceaselessly working, the grand design that exists in every nook and corner of creation-he observes the endless machinery, but does not know who is its Maker and Director. He looks at his own body, the wonderful organism that operates in an intelligible and systematic fashion, and uses it to achieve whatever goals he wishes.

7.3. Disbelief is not mere tyranny:

It is, at the very least, sheer rebellion, ingratitude and treachery. After all, what is man's real nature? What kind of power and authority does he have? Is he himself the creator of his mind, his heart, his soul, and other parts of his body-or have they been created by God? Was it he who created the universe and all within it-or has it been created by God? Who has harnessed countless powers and energies for the service of man, oil and electricity, sunlight and atomic forces-man or God? If everything has been constructed by God and God alone, then to whom do they belong? Who is their real owner? Who is their rightful guardian? Clearly, it is god and none else. And if God is the creator, the Master and the sovereign, then who could be

a greater rebel than the man who uses God's creation against His own regulations who forces his mind to plot against God, harbors in his soul thoughts against Him and uses His various abilities against the Almighty's will.

- If a servant betrays his master, you denounce him as faithless.
- If an army officer becomes disloyal to the state, you proclaim him a traitor and renegade.
- If a person cheats on his friend, you do not hesitate to condemn him as an ingrate.

But what match can this betrayal, this ingratitude and this rebellion be to the one, which the disbeliever commits by his denial of God? Who is the source of all power and authority? Who gave man command over the resources? Who elevated people to positions of authority and power? Who gave presidents, kings and governors the power to rule and who are the true provider and distributor of wealth? All such things, which men possess, and anything good which man uses to help others, are gifts from God. The greatest obligation a man has is to his parents. But who has implanted in the parents' hearts the desire to love and cherish their children? Who gave the mother the will and the power to nurture and nourish her children?

A little reflection will reveal that God is the greatest caretaker of man. He is the Creator, Master, Nourisher, Sustainer, as well as the real King and President. And this being the position of God as contrasted to man, what greater betrayal, ingratitude, rebellion and treason can there be than kufr (disbelief), through which a man denies and disobeys his real Master and Ruler?

8. Islam:

Blessings for all mankind

In the world around, as well as in your immediate surroundings, you find countless indications of God's divine power. This majestic universe, which ceaselessly operates with unmatched order and organization, which functions in harmony with laws that cannot be changed, is in itself witness that its Creator, Designer and Governor is a Great Being who has knowledge and power over all things. It is witness this Being has command over limitless resources, Being Whose wisdom is perfect, and Whom nothing in this universe dare disobey.

It is within the nature of man and everything else in the universe to obey Him. In fact, man is constantly obeying His laws even though he may be unaware of it and the moment he disrupts this Law, he is exposed to death and destruction. This is the law of nature, our everyday observation.

Besides giving man the capability to gain knowledge, the ability to think and to ponder and the sense for distinguishing right from wrong, God granted him a certain amount of will and action. It is within this freedom that man's real test in this world lies. His knowledge and intelligence, his ability to tell the good from the bad, and his freedom of will and action are constantly being tried and tested. In this trial, man has not been forced to follow a specific direction, for the objective of the trial would be defeated by compulsion. If, while taking an exam, you are forced to write down a specific answer to a question, the examination will be of one use. Your proficiency can be properly judged only if you are allowed to answer the question freely and according to what you know about the

subject at hand. If your answer is wrong you will fail and your failure will hinder your future success and progress.

The situation faced by man in this world is precisely the same. God has given man freedom of will and action so that he can free to select whatever way of life he likes and considers proper for himself-Islam or disbelief.

On the One hand

There is the type of man who understands neither the nature of him nor that of the universe. He errs in recognizing who his real Master is, fails to visualize His qualities and misuses his freedom by pursuing the path of disobedience and revolt. Such a man has failed in the trial of how his knowledge, intelligence and responsibility were supposed to be used. He has failed to rise to the standard for which he was made, and does not deserve a better destiny than the one outlined above.

On the other hand

There is another man who emerges successful in this trial. By correctly using his knowledge and intelligence, he recognizes his Creator, firmly believes in Him and, in spite of being under no compulsion to do so, chooses the path of obedience to Him. He does not err in telling the right from the wrong, and chooses to follow what is correct despite having the potential to lean towards evil. He understands his nature, realizes the laws and truths of that nature and, despite being free and able to select any direction, adopts the way of obedience and loyalty to God the Creator. He is successful in this trial because he has properly used his ability to think and to reason. His other skills bear witness to this truth as well. He use his eyes to see the realty, his ears to listen to the truth, his mind to form correct opinions and puts his whole heart and soul into following the correct way

he has chosen. He chooses truth. He sees the Reality; and willingly and joyfully submits to his Lord and Master. He is intelligent, truthful and dutiful, for he has chosen light over darkness. And seeing this light, he has responded to it with enthusiasm. Thus he has proved by his conduct that he is not only a seeker after Truth but recognizes it and worships it as well. Clearly he is on the Right Path and is bound to succeed in this world and in the life to come.

Such a man will always select the right path in every field of knowledge and activity. The man who knows God by recognizing all His attributes knows the beginning as well as the ultimate end of Reality. He can never be led astray, for his first step is on the right path. He is sure of his direction and destination towards which his life is moving.

In philosophy, he will ponder the secrets of the universe and will try to understand the mysteries of nature, but unlike an unbelieving philosopher, he will not lose his way in the maze of doubt and skepticism. His path is illuminated with Divine Vision; every step he takes will fall in the right direction.

In science, he will try to understand the laws of nature, uncover the hidden treasure of the earth and direct all the hitherto unknown forces of mind and matter-all for the betterment of mankind. At every stage of his enquiry, his God-consciousness will save him from using science and the scientific method for evil and destruction.

A Muslim scientist will behave in a radically different way. The deeper his insight into science; the stronger will be his faith in God. His head will bow down before Him in gratitude. He will feel that since his Master has blessed him with greater power and knowledge, he must work hard for his own good as well as the good of humanity. His freedom

will not be used to promote violence and destruction. He will be guided by the tenets of morality and Divine Revelation. Thus, instead of becoming an instrument of destruction, science becomes an agency for the welfare of humanity. In this manner, he will express his gratefulness to his Master for the gifts and blessings He has given man.

In history, economics, politics, law and other branches of arts and science, a Muslim will nowhere lag behind an unbeliever. A Muslim will study every branch of knowledge, but will keep that knowledge in its proper perspective. He will work hard to pursue the proper objective of life and, through his study, will arrive at proper conclusions.

In history, he will learn from the past experiences of mankind and will discover the true causes for the rise and fall of civilizations. He will try to benefit from all that was good and concerned in the past and will be careful to avoid anything, which led to the decline and fall of nations.

In politics, his sole objective will be to strive for the establishment of a government where peace, brotherhood and goodness reign.

He will seek to build that government in which every human being is a brother to one another, where no forms of exploitation or slavery are rampant, where the rights of the individual are respectfully upheld.

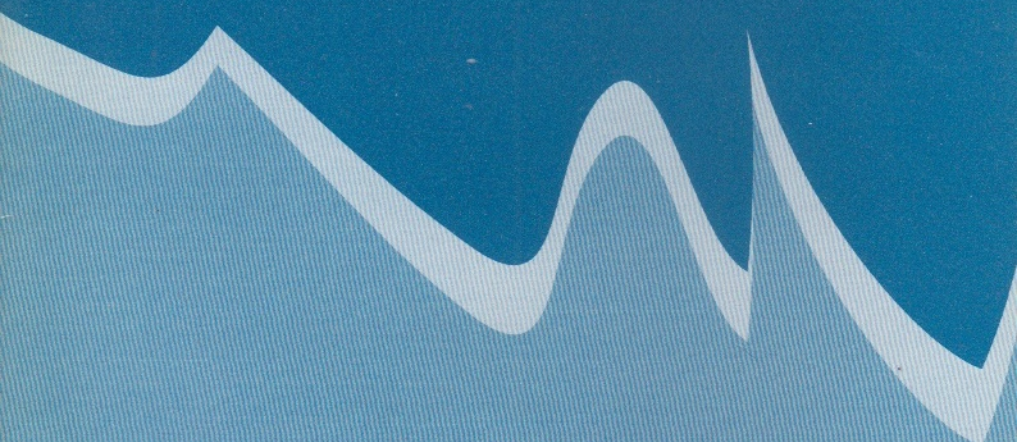
In law, the Muslim will seek to offer a true example of justice and to prove an authentic protector of rights of all—particularly of the weak. He will make sure that everybody gets his due share and no injustice or oppression is inflicted on anyone. He will respect the law, make others respect it and will see that the law is administered justly and fairly.

The moral life of the Muslim will always be filled with godliness, righteousness and truthfulness. He will live in the world with the belief that God alone is the Master of all that whatever he and other men possess is a gift from God that the powers he wields are only a trust from God. He will think that the freedom he has been endowed with is not to be used indiscriminately, and that it is in his interest to use it in agreement with God's Will. He will constantly keep in mind that one day he will have to return to God Almighty and submit an account of his entire life. Such a sense of accountability will remain so firmly implanted in his thoughts that he will never behave in an irresponsible manner.

This is Islam, the natural religion of man, the religion that is not associated with any person, people, period or place. In every age, in every country, and among every people, all God-knowing and truth-loving men have believed and lived this very religion. They were Muslims all, whether they called their way Islam or not. Whatever the name, it signified Islam and nothing but Islam.

*Everything in the universe follows the rules of Nature
And the nature itself is the creation of God.*

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