









Islam Beliefs Overview

<p><u>Oneness of God and supremacy of God's will</u></p> 	<p><u>Key beliefs of Sunni and Shia Islam</u></p> 	<p><u>Nature of God</u></p> 	<p><u>Angels</u></p> 
<p>A fundamental belief in Islam is Tawhid (Oneness of God). "He is God the One, God the eternal. He begot no one nor was he begotten." [Quran 112:1-4] Tawhid means you should only worship One God, God has no equals or offspring and no images can ever describe God. Muslims believe in the supremacy of God's will: Gods will is above all things. Things only happen if God wants them to. Muslims need to live according to God's will. Muslims are influenced to say the Shahadah and avoid idol worship to show their belief in Tawhid.</p>	<p><u>Six articles of faith (Sunni Muslims)</u> 1) Tawhid - belief in One God. 2) Angels - angels who pass the message of God to Prophets. 3) Holy Books - Quran is the highest authority. 4) Prophets - respect all prophets. 5) Day of Judgement - everyone will be judged once they die. 6) Supremacy of God's will - nothing happens unless God wants it. <u>Five roots of Usul ad-Din (Shia Islam)</u> 1)Tawhid. 2) Prophethood - respecting all Prophets. 3) Adalat - God judging everyone in a fair and just way. 4) Imamate - respect 12 imams who were chosen to lead Islam by God. 5) Resurrection - everyone will resurrect and be judged by God.</p>	<p>There are 99 names of God in the Quran/Hadith that best describes God's characteristics. Transcendent - God created the universe, He is beyond us (outside of it). Immanent - God is present everyone and is within all things. "He is with you wherever you are." [Quran 57:4] Omnipotent - all powerful creator. Merciful - shows compassion and mercy to his creation and forgives us. Fair and just - judge all people equally regardless of gender, race, age etc. Beneficent - God is all loving. Muslims are influenced to read about the 99 names of Allah in the Qur'an and respect Allah's creation due to their beliefs about his nature.</p>	<p>Angels nature - sinless, spiritual beings, no free will, serve and praise God. "Each person has angels before him and behind, watching over him by God's command." [Quran 13:11] Jibr'il - Angel of revelation, delivered the Quran to Muhammad. Mika'il - Angel of mercy, responsible for sending rain, thunder and lightning, brings nourishment to earth, rewards people who do good deeds. Israfil - blows the trumpet on the Last Day Izrail - Angel of Death Muslims are influenced to read the Qur'an since it was given to Muhammad through the angel Jibr'il and to perform good deeds, knowing that angels record them.</p>
<p><u>Predestination and life after death</u></p> 	<p><u>Prophethood and Adam</u></p> 	<p><u>Prophet Ibrahim</u></p> 	<p><u>Prophet Muhammad and the imamates</u></p> 
<p>Predestination - God determines everything that will happen in the universe. Shia Muslims believe people have free will to make their own choices whereas Sunni's do not stress on free will. "Only what God has decreed will happen to us." [Quran 9:51] Muslims believe in Akhirah where God will judge them and send them to Heaven (Jannah) or Hell (Jahannam). Hell - "Garments of fire will be tailored for those who disbelieve..." [Quran 22]</p>	<p>Prophethood refers to when someone is a prophet (messenger of God's word) - "Every community is sent a messenger..." [Quran 10:47] Prophets are role models to help Muslims understand how to follow God. <u>Adam:</u> Considered father of the human race. God created Adam as the first human being who was given knowledge over everything and passed down the knowledge to his descendants. His story also emphasises on the important of repentance. "He first created man from</p>	<p>Ibrahim is a good role model as he always had faith and showed obedience to God during times of Shirk (idol worshipping). Ibrahim is important because: -He refused to worship idols and preached about Tawhid. -He rebuild the Kabbah with his son -He was willing to sacrifice his son to God -He was not tempted by Shaytan to go on the wrong path. "God took Abraham as a friend." [Quran 4:125]</p>	<p>Muhammad received the revelation of Islam from God (Laylat al Qadr) which is recorded in the Quran. "...he is the God's Messenger and the seal of the prophets." [Quran 33:40] Night Journey - Angel Jibril took Muhammad to Heaven to speak to other prophets and God and agreed on prayers 5 times a day. Hijrah - Muhammad conquered Makkah after fleeing persecution to Medina. He firmly established Islam as a religion.</p>

<p>Muslims might be influenced to say inshallah to signal their belief in God's supremacy and to see their misfortunes as a test, believing that God has put them through this test for his own reason.</p>	<p>clay...Then He moulded him, He breathed from His Spirit into him..." [Quran 32:7]</p> <p>Muslims are influenced by Adam to repent for their sins believing that God will forgive them as he forgave Adam, and to learn how to look after themselves and their families; as Adam did when baking bread.</p>	<p>Muslims remember Prophet Ibrahim through performing Hajj, Kurbanı for Eid ul Adha and no images of God.</p> <p>Muslims are influenced by Ibrahim to avoid idol worship and they eat meat on Eid ul-Adha is remembrance of his obedience.</p>	<p>Imamate (Shia beliefs) - they are able to maintain and interpret Islamic teachings without fault (infallible).</p> <p>Muslims are influenced to read the Qur'an since is seen as the Kalam Allah, given to Muhammad on Laylat al Qadr and they attend Hajj in Mecca, knowing that Muhammad rededicated it to Allah after winning in battle against his enemies.</p>
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