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Family of Flowers (9)

Islam: my way of life: The SHAHADA.
What is Islam? what is Islamic Faith?

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What is Islam?

The meaning of the word "Islam" is: total submission to God (Allah).

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What are the Principles of Islam?

Narrated Ibn Umar رضي الله عنهما: Allah's Messenger

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ﷺ said: Islam is based on the following principles: -

1- To testify La ilaha illa Allah wa anna

Mohamed -ur- Rasul- Allah (none has the right

to be worshipped but Allah and that Mohamed

is the Messenger of Allah).

2- To perform As-Salat.

3- To pay Zakat.

4- To perform Hajj i.e "pilgrimage to Makkah"

5- To observe (Fast) during the month of Ramadan.

Let's start with:

SHAHADA Confession of a Muslim.

لا اله الا الله، محمد رسول الله

(None has the right to be worshipped but Allah

and Muhammad ^ﷺ is the Messenger of Allah.)

Most of muslims need to know the

(2) meaning of this great principle in Arabic.

It is that, you have to pledge a covenant with (Allah), the Creator of the heavens and earth, the Ruler of all that exists, the Lord of Majesty and Highness on four points (or conditions).

Point I: A confession with your heart that the Creator of everything is Allah, it is that you have to say "I testify that the Creator of all the Universe including the stars, the planets, the Sun, the Moon, the heavens, the earth

with all its known and unknown forms of life,
is Allah. He is the Organizer and Planner of all
its affairs. It is He who gives life and death, and
He (i.e. Allah Alone) is the sustainer, and the
Giver of security." And this is called (your confession
for the) "Oneness of the Lordship of Allah.

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Point II: A confession with your heart that "I
testify that none has the right to be worshipped
but Allah Alone." The word (Worship) i.e. Ibadah
carries a great number of meanings in the
Islamic-terminology: it conveys that: all kinds
of worship are meant for Allah alone and none else,
whether it be an angel, Messenger, Prophet
Idol, the Sun, the moon and other kinds of false
deities. So pray to none but Allah, ask for help
from none but Allah, swear by none but
Allah, offer an animal as sacrifice to none but

Allah. and that means - all that Allah and
and His Messenger Muhammed order you to do [in
the Quran and in the Sunna] you must do, and all
that Allah and His Messenger forbid you - you
must not do. And this is called (your confession
for the) "Oneness of the worship of Allah".

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Point III: A confession with your heart that
"O Allah, I testify that all the best of names and
the most perfect qualities with which You have
named or qualified Yourself in Your Book (i.e.
the Quran) - or as Your Prophet Mohamed has
named or qualified You with his statements, I
believe that all those (names and qualities) are
for You without changing their meanings, or
neglecting them or giving resemblance to any of the created things.

Point IV: A confession with your heart "O Allah, I
testify that Mohamed ﷺ is Your Messenger."