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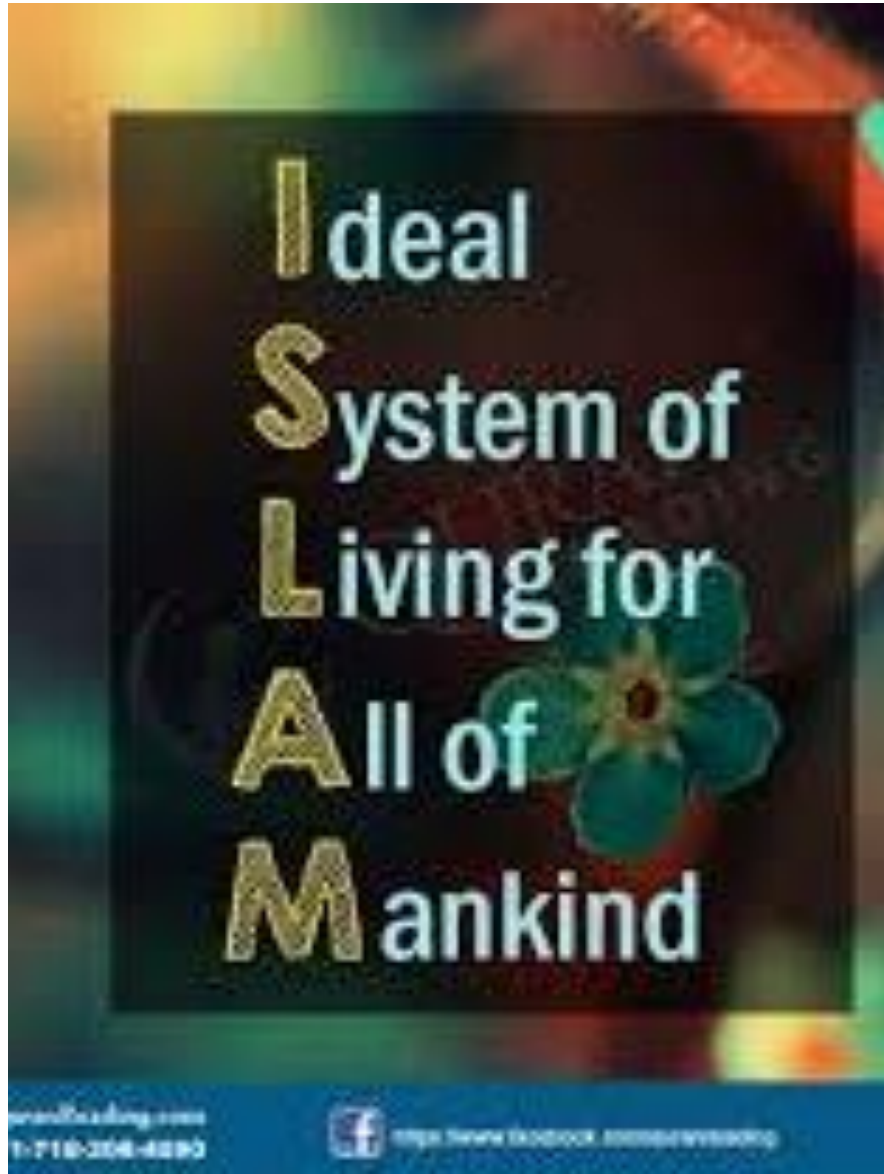
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Characteristics of Islam

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SESSION 1 خصائص الإسلام **CHARACTERISTICS OF ISLAM**

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ABSTRACT

This paper seeks to introduce to the postgraduate students the main characteristics of Islam and how to make theme relevant to their time as well as field of specialization. Its goal is to create awareness among the postgraduate students about the characteristics of Islam and how to respond to contemporary ideologies, such as scientism, atheism, humanism, secularism, etc. The focus of this workshop paper is on the description of Islam as a comprehensive way of life and then discusses the Al-Rabbaniyyah (Divine Origin) Al-Shumul (Comprehensiveness), Al-Tawazun (Moderation/Balance), Al-Thubut Wa al-Murunah (Stability and Flexibility), Al-Waqiyyah (Realism/the Unity of Soul and Body); and Al-Alamiyyah (Universality).

KEYWODRS: Islam, Al-Rabbaniyyah, Al-Shumul, Al-Tawazun, Al-Thubut Wa al-Murunah, Al-Waqiyyah, Al-Alamiyyah.

WHAT ARE TODAY'S PROBLEMS AND WORRIES?

GENERAL VIEW



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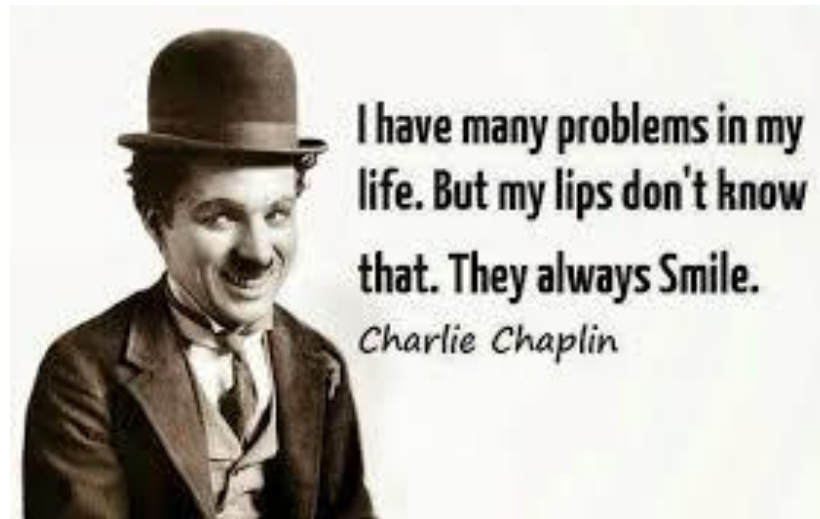
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Silence & Smile



are two powerful tools.
Smile is the way to solve
many problems & Silence
is the way to avoid
many problems.





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Dua For Ease

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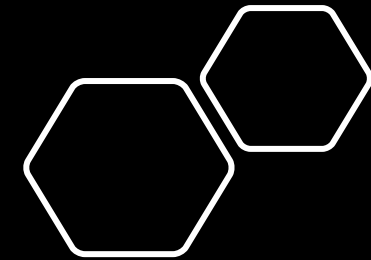
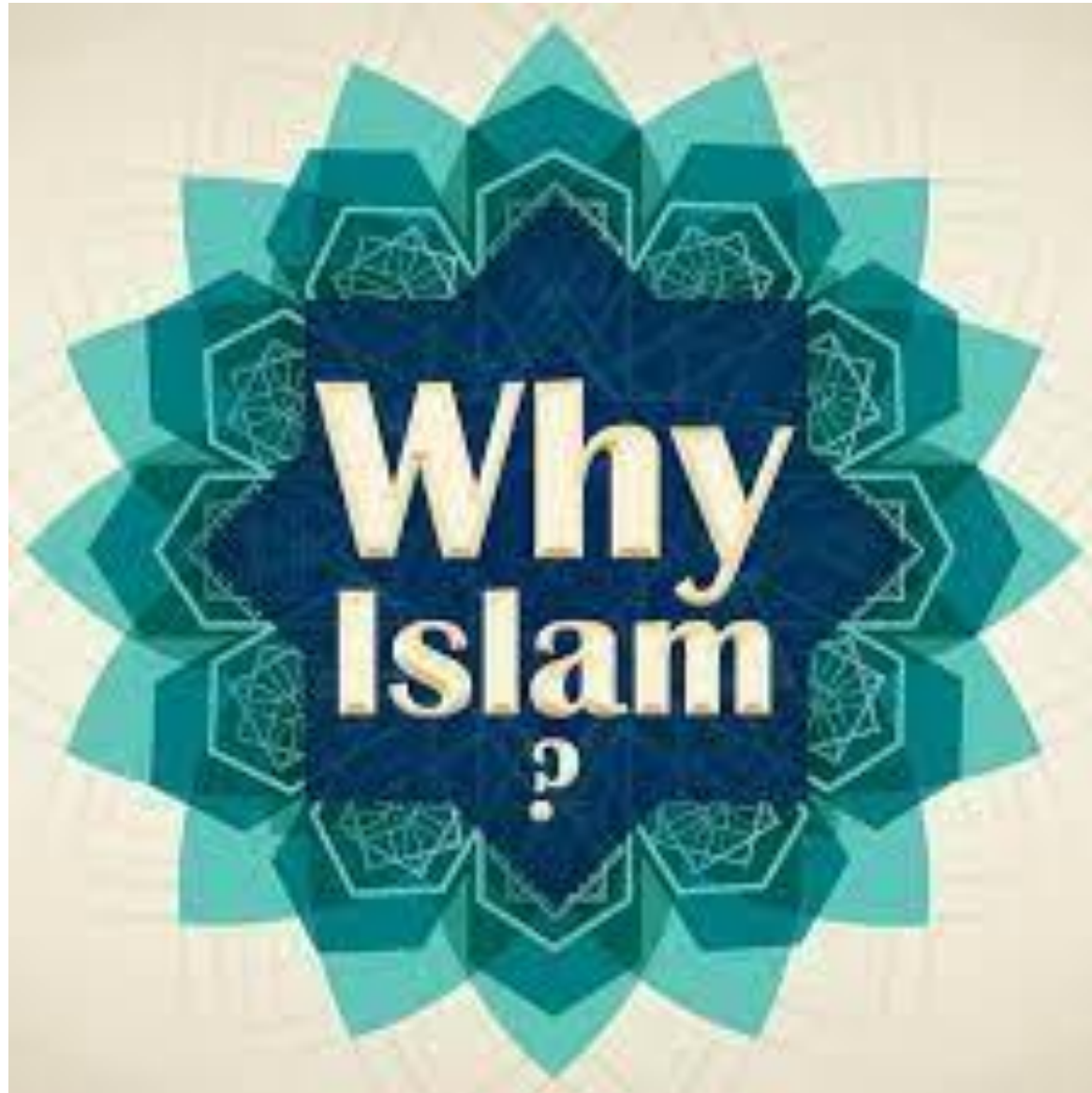
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Lord! Open for me my
(grant me self-confidence,
entiment, and boldness);
my task for me;

20:25-26

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WHAT IS ISLAM?

❖ ARGUMENT 1:

- IF ISLAM IS THE PRODUCT OF ALLAH SWT, THEN ITS NATURE IS TRANSCEDENTAL – does not change.
- Thus, its **CHARACTERISTICS** should be transcendental – perfect.

❖ ARGUMENT 2:

- IF ISLAM IS THE PRODUCT OF MAN, THEN ITS NATURE IS NOT TRANSCENDETAL – it is subjected to change.
- Thus, its **characteristics** should be subjected to change.

SESSION 1: CHARACTERISTICS OF ISLAM

WHAT DID ISLAM BRING FOR PEOPLE?

❖ AL-KITAB:

﴿وَأَنْزَلْنَا إِلَيْكَ الْكِتَابَ بِالْحَقِّ مُصَدِّقًا لِّمَا بَيْنَ يَدَيْهِ مِنَ الْكِتَابِ وَمُهَيِّمًا عَلَيْهِ فَاحْكُم بَيْنَهُم بِمَا أَنْزَلَ اللَّهُ وَلَا تَتَّبِعْ أَهْوَاءَهُمْ عَمَّا جَاءَكَ مِنَ الْحَقِّ لِكُلٍّ جَعَلْنَا مِنْكُمْ شِرْعَةً وَمِنْهَاجًا وَلَوْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ لَجَعَلَكُمْ أُمَّةً وَاحِدَةً وَلَكِنْ لِيَبْلُوَكُمْ فِي مَا آتَاكُمْ فَاسْتَبِقُوا الْخَيْرَاتِ إِلَى اللَّهِ مَرْجِعُكُمْ جَمِيعًا فَيُنَبِّئُكُمْ بِمَا كُنْتُمْ فِيهِ تَخْتَلِفُونَ﴾ (المائدة : 48)

“To thee We sent the BOOK in Truth, confirming the BOOK that came before it, and guarding it in safety: so, judge between them by what Allah hath revealed, and follow not their vain desires, diverging from the Truth that hath come to thee. To each among you have we prescribed a law and an open way. If Allah had so willed, He would have made you a single people, but (His plan is) to test you in what He hath given you: so, strive as in a race in all virtues. The goal of you all is to Allah; it is He that will show you the truth of the matters in which ye dispute;” (al-Maidah: 48)

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*Din Al-Islām denotes
A Complete
Submission to the Will
of Allah SWT and
Total Obedience to His
Law
willingly without
compulsion.*

- ❖ *Dīn al-Islām integrates the human soul and the sense of reasoning, making man capable of understanding the tenets and principles of Allah SWT's religion as they are portrayed in the Qur'ān.*
- ❖ *To bring back the lost peace and cure the plague that has infected most of the contemporary Muslim countries, it is required by all Muslims as a Nation - Ummah to implement the Divine Teachings of Allah.*
- ❖ *The core principle of Dīn al-Islām is an intertwined harmonisation of both THEORY and PRACTICE.*

How to understand Islam?

- ❖ *Dīn al-Islām cannot be considered as a religion in a narrow import of the expression as it is applicable to other religions. Rather, it should be understood as something more than a religion perceived as:*
 - *a worldview (Ethos),*
 - *a code of ethics (Ethics),*
 - *a socio-cultural entity (Ethnos), and*
 - *a way of life that covers all humans' affairs like political, economic, social, cultural, religious, etc.*

Why is Islam different?

❖ *The following Characteristics make Islam different:*

- *Islam is a living way of life - DIN.*
- *Islam is the only religion that does not compel.*
- *Islam satisfies the human intellect.*
- *Islam satisfies the humanness of human beings.*
- *Islam offers proper guidance for Individuals and society.*
- *Islam regulates the internal and external life of a nation.*
- *Islam offers a perfect example.*

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Islam is the
completed way
assigned by
Allah S.W.T.

حُرِّمَتْ عَلَيْكُمُ الْمَيْتَةُ وَالْدَّمُ وَلَحْمُ الْخَنَازِيرِ وَمَا أُهْلَ لِغَيْرِ اللَّهِ بِهِ وَالْمُنْخَنِقَةُ
وَالْمَوْقُوذَةُ وَالْمُتَرَدِّيَةُ وَالنَّطِيحَةُ وَمَا أَكَلَ السَّبُعُ إِلَّا مَا ذَكَيْتُمْ وَمَا ذَبَحَ عَلَى
النُّصُبِ وَأَنْ تَسْتَقْسِمُوا بِالْأَزْلَامِ ذَلِكَ فِى يَوْمِ النَّاسِ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا مِنْ
دِينِكُمْ فَلَا تَخْشَوْهُمْ وَاخْشَوْنِ الْيَوْمَ أَكْمَلْتُ لَكُمْ دِينَكُمْ وَأَتِمَمْتُ عَلَيْكُمْ
نِعْمَتِي وَرَضِيتُ لَكُمُ الْإِسْلَامَ دِينًا فَمَنِ اضْطُرَّ فِي مَخْمَصَةٍ غَيْرِ مُتَجَانِفٍ لِإِثْمٍ
فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ غَفُورٌ رَحِيمٌ (المائدة : 3)

Forbidden to you (for food) are: dead meat, blood, the flesh of swine, and that on which hath been invoked the name of other than Allah; that which hath been killed by strangling, or by a violent blow, or by a headlong fall, or by being gored to death; that which hath been (partly) eaten by a wild animal; unless ye are able to slaughter it (in due form); that which is sacrificed on stone (altars); (forbidden) also is the division (of meat) by raffling with arrows: that is impiety. **This day have those who reject faith given up all hope of your religion: yet fear them not but fear Me. This day have I perfected your religion for you, completed My favour upon you, and have chosen for you Islam as your religion.** But if any is forced by hunger, with no inclination to transgression, Allah is indeed Oft-forgiving, Most Merciful.” (al-Maidah: 3)

*What are the main
CHARACTERISTICS
of Islam?*

- ❖ *The main Characteristics of Islam are:*
- *Al-Rabbāniyyah (Divine Origin)*
 - *Al-Shumūl (Comprehensiveness)*
 - *Al-Tawāzun (Moderation/Balance)*
 - *Al-Thubut Wa al-Murunah (Stability and Flexibility)*
 - *Al-Waqiyyah (Realism/the Unity of Soul and Body);*
 - *Al-Alamiyyah (Universality).*

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OF ISLAM: (1)
RABBĀNIYYATUL-
ISLAM

❖ رَبَّانِيَّةُ الْإِسْلَام - RABBĀNIYYATUL-ISLAM
(Divine Nature of Islam):

- It is derived from the Arabic term رَبّ - Rabb (Lord), which refers to *Allāh* (s.w.t.).
- A person can be called as “godly” which denotes that he “loves and obeys *Allāh*” and has deep knowledge of *al-Qur’ān*. *Allāh* says:

﴿كُونُوا رَبَّانِيِّنَ بِمَا كُنْتُمْ تُعَلِّمُونَ الْكِتَابَ وَبِمَا كُنْتُمْ تَدْرُسُونَ﴾ (آل عمران: 79)

“Be you worshippers of Him Who is truly the Cherisher of all: for you have taught the Book and ye have studied it earnestly.” (Āl-i-‘Imrān: 79)

SESSION 1: CHARACTERISTICS OF ISLAM: (1) RABBĀNIYYATUL-ISLAM

1. الرَّبَّانِيَّة - AL-RABBĀNIYYAH - Its Goals:

According to Islam, this signifies that the ultimate goal of every human being is to attain *Allāh* (s.w.t.)’s final goal, which is to love and please Him. *Allāh* (s.w.t.) says:

﴿وَأَنَّ إِلَىٰ رَبِّكَ الْمُنتَهَىٰ﴾ (النجم: 42)

“That to thy Lord is the final Goal;” (Al-Najm: 42)

- ✓ This goal enables people to regulate their day-to-day activities in the worldly life in their relationships with others.
- ✓ People’s hope should be in Allah (s.w.t.) alone and He should be adored and worshipped.

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RABBĀNIYYATUL-ISLAM

❑ The Goals of AL-RABBĀNIYYAH can be achieved based on:

i. The Realization of Human Existence's Aim:

- People in the light of AL-RABBĀNIYYAH are able to know:
 - their goals in life,
 - their directions,
 - their motives, and
 - the nature of their mission.
- The people who are conscious about Allah SWT will never **live blindly**. They lead their lives according to **Allah** S.W.T., Whom they **know and admit to be One**. They are not like those who **deny the existence of Allah** S.W.T. who are destined to be in **the darkness** for the rest of their life if they do not change.

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RABBĀNIYYATUL-ISLAM

ii. Guidance to Man's *Fitrah* (Natural or Innate Disposition):

- AL-RABBĀNIYYAH guides PEOPLE to *Fitrah* that *Allah* S.W.T. created in them, as their *Fitrah* can only be satisfied with strong *Iman* in *Allah* S.W.T.:

﴿فَأَقِمْ وَجْهَكَ لِلدِّينِ حَنِيفاً فِطْرَتَ اللَّهِ الَّتِي فَطَرَ النَّاسَ عَلَيْهَا لَا تَبْدِيلَ لِخَلْقِ اللَّهِ ذَلِكَ الدِّينُ الْقَيِّمُ وَلَكِنَّ أَكْثَرَ النَّاسِ لَا يَعْلَمُونَ﴾ (الروم: 30)

“So set thou thy face steadily and truly to the Faith: (establish) *Allāh*’s handiwork according to the pattern on which He has made (created) mankind: no change (let there be) in the work (fashioned) by *Allāh*: that is the standard Religion: but most among mankind understand not.” (Al-Rūm: 30)

- When people are guided to their *Fitrah*, they will live a peaceful life oriented by Divine, as in their nature there is a gap which cannot be filled by neither science, nor culture and philosophy. It is **Iman** in *Allāh* S.W.T., which fills this gap.

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iii. Peace of Mind:

- **AL-RABBĀNIYYAH** helps man to have a peace of mind away from all sorts of internal conflicts related to the possibility of diversity of goals.
- *Al-Islām* has limited man's goal, which is to **please Allāh** (s.w.t.) alone that helps him to comfort his soul most. If there are many objectives and ways in man's life, it will be a contradiction in his life and objectives.
- It is *Tawhid* that makes man feel completely satisfied when he holds firmly to Allah (s.w.t.) alone:

﴿وَمَنْ يَعْصِمْ بِاللَّهِ فَقَدْ هُدِيَ إِلَى صِرَاطٍ مُسْتَقِيمٍ﴾ (آل عمران: 101)

“Whoever holds firmly to *Allāh* will be shown a Way that is Straight. (Āl-i-‘Imrān: 101)

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RABBĀNIYYATUL-ISLAM

iv. Freedom from the Slavery of Man's Selfishness and Desires:

- This denotes that when **AL-RABBĀNIYYAH** feelings take hold of people's hearts, they will be freed from being a slave of his own lusts and sensual pleasures.
- The godly person always, balances his personal desires, or whatever that is related to this worldly life with the decrees of Allah S.W.T. and His final judgment.
- When people warn themselves about their own lusts and selfishness and always please Allah S.W.T., they will be able to raise themselves above the animal level.
- They will develop a sound thinking in line with Allah S.W.T.'s Revelation and as such they will respond to their human nature – al-Fitrah that is to direct themselves to the worship of Allah S.W.T. and avoid all other types of worships.

SESSION 1: CHARACTERISTICS OF ISLAM (1) RABBĀNIYYAT UL-ISLAM

الرَّبَّانِيَّة - AL-RABBĀNIYYAH - Its Divine Source and Method:

The **Method** that *al-Islām* has designated to reach its planned objectives is Divine in nature as it is extracted from the Divine Source – *al-Qur'an*.

The Divine Method is the Will of *Allah* S.W.T. Who meant to make it a Guiding Light, and a Mercy for His mankind:

﴿يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ قَدْ جَاءَكُمْ مَوْعِظَةٌ مِّن رَّبِّكُمْ وَشِفَاء لِّمَا فِي الصُّدُورِ وَهُدًى وَرَحْمَةٌ لِّلْمُؤْمِنِينَ﴾ (يونس: 57)

“O mankind! There hath come to you a direction from your Lord and a healing for the (diseases) in your hearts, and for those who believe, a Guidance and a Mercy.” (Yūnus: 57)

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□ *There are two significant aspects:*

i. The Prophet (p.b.u.h.)'s Position in this Divine Message:

- The method of the Divine Message belongs to *Allah* S.W.T.- “*Allah's* Message” or “*Allah's* Straight Path” as it has been described in *al- Qur'ān*.
- The Prophet (p.b.u.h.)'s position in this Divine Message was: (1) the Communicator, (2) the Introducer, (3) the **Caller** to this Message. He clarified to people any misconception related to it.

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Allah S.W.T. says:

﴿وَكَذَلِكَ أَوْحَيْنَا إِلَيْكَ رُوحًا مِّنْ أَمْرِنَا مَا كُنْتَ تَدْرِي مَا الْكِتَابُ وَلَا الْإِيمَانُ وَلَكِن جَعَلْنَاهُ نُورًا نَّهْدِي بِهِ مَن نَّشَاءُ مِنْ عِبَادِنَا وَإِنَّكَ لَتَهْدِي إِلَى صِرَاطٍ مُسْتَقِيمٍ ﴿٥٢﴾ صِرَاطِ اللَّهِ الَّذِي لَهُ مَا فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ وَمَا فِي الْأَرْضِ أَلَا إِلَى اللَّهِ تَصِيرُ الْأُمُورُ ﴿٥٣﴾﴾
(الشورى: 52-53)

“And thus have We, by Our command, sent inspiration to thee: thou knewest not (before) what was Revelation, and what was Faith: but We have made the (*Qur’ān*) a Light, wherewith We guide such of Our servants as We will; and verily thou dost guide (men) to the Straight Way; The Way of *Allāh*, to Whom belongs whatever is in the heavens and whatever is on earth. Behold (how) all affairs tend towards *Allah*!”
(Al-Shūrā: 52-53)

ii. The Uniqueness of *al-Islam* and its Message compared to Other Existing Messages in the World:

- *Al-Islām* is the only way of life in the world absolutely based on Divine Message Revealed from Allāh (s.w.t.). It has not and will never change until the Judgment Day. There are three types of systems or ways other than *Islām*:
- The first is **Secularism**: purely human originating from the mind and philosophy of one person or a group of people who belong to this category.
 - The second is **Human Thought**: man-made religious systems, like Buddhism, Hinduism, Confucianism, Ahmadis, Sikhism.
 - The third is the **Distorted Ways**: religious systems or methods which were originally divine, but latter on were distorted, like, Judaism & Christianity.

SESSION 1: CHARACTERISTICS OF ISLAM: (2) AL-SHUMULIYYAH

❖ الشمولية - **AL-SHUMULIYYAH** (Comprehensiveness):

- It denotes that *al-Islām* is a comprehensive and perfect way of life, which deals with both worldly (*Dunya*) and Hereafter (*Akhirah*), sacred and profane aspects as well as spiritual and material aspects of lives.
- **The Worldly activities:** *al-Islām* teaches all spheres of man's life as Allah (s.w.t.) vicegerent ranging from individual matters, social, political, economic, sciences and so on by giving them the fundamental principles that one needs to hold to. People have to govern this world with justice and coexist in harmony with each other.
- **The Hereafter activities:** *al-Islām* provides accurate answers to the question related to life after death. Where will people go after this world? How will be life after death? What is the purpose of believing in life after death? How to act in order to have a better life after death?

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➤ The Islamic Message is comprehensive and therefore, it provides comprehensive rulings that cannot be divided. *Allāh* (s.w.t.) criticizes the Children of Israel for dividing the rules of their religion according to their desires, accepting what appealed to them and setting aside what did not.

﴿أَفْتُؤْمِنُونَ بِبَعْضِ الْكِتَابِ وَتَكْفُرُونَ بِبَعْضٍ فَمَا جَزَاءُ مَنْ يَفْعَلُ ذَلِكَ مِنْكُمْ إِلَّا خِزْيٌ فِي الْحَيَاةِ الدُّنْيَا وَيَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ يُرَدُّونَ إِلَى أَشَدِّ الْعَذَابِ وَمَا اللَّهُ بِغَافِلٍ عَمَّا تَعْمَلُونَ﴾ (أُولَئِكَ الَّذِينَ اشْتَرَوُا الْحَيَاةَ الدُّنْيَا بِالْآخِرَةِ فَلَا يَخَفُ عَنْهُمْ الْعَذَابُ وَلَا هُمْ يُنصَرُونَ) ﴿البقرة: 85-86﴾

“Then is it only a part of the Book that ye believe in, and do ye reject the rest? But what is the reward for those among you who behave like this but disgrace in this life? And on the Day of Judgment they shall be consigned to the most grievous penalty. For *Allāh* is not unmindful of what ye do. These are the people who buy **the life of this world** at the price of **the Hereafter**: their penalty shall not be lightened nor shall they be helped.” (Al-Baqarah: 85-86)

SESSION 1: CHARACTERISTICS OF ISLAM: (2) AL-SHUMULIYYAH

➤ **Islam's comprehensiveness** is from *Allah S.W.T.* and not from man as it comprehends everything that is created by *Him* in both:

→ **Visible World**

→ **Invisible World**

Al-Qur'ān says:

• ﴿وَاللَّهُ خَلَقَ كُلَّ دَابَّةٍ مِنْ مَّاءٍ فَمِنْهُمْ مَنْ يَمْشِي عَلَى بَطْنِهِ وَمِنْهُمْ مَنْ يَمْشِي عَلَى رِجْلَيْنِ وَمِنْهُمْ مَنْ يَمْشِي عَلَى أَرْبَعٍ يَخْلُقُ اللَّهُ مَا يَشَاءُ إِنَّ اللَّهَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ﴾ (النور: 45)

“And *Allāh* has created every animal from water: of them there are some that creep on their bellies; some that walk on two legs; and some that walk on four. *Allāh* creates what He wills: for verily *Allāh* has power over all things.” (Al-Nūr: 45)

SESSION 1: CHARACTERISTICS OF ISLAM: (3) AL-TAWĀZUN

❖ التوازن - Al-Tawāzun (Moderation or Balance or Proportion):

➤ The aim of this characteristic is to keep a balance between two opposite ends, so that neither takes the place of the other.

Balance of these aspects means that to each one of these aspects should be given its due attention without exaggeration or deficiency.



- **Divinity and Humanity**
- **Spirituality and Materialism**
- **Worldly Life and the Hereafter Life**
- **Revelation and Mind**
- **Past and Future**
- **Individuality and Collectivity**
- **Transcendental and Changeable**
- **Realism and Idealism**

SESSION 1: CHARACTERISTICS OF ISLAM: (3) AL-TAWĀZUN

➤ *Al-Qur'ān says:*

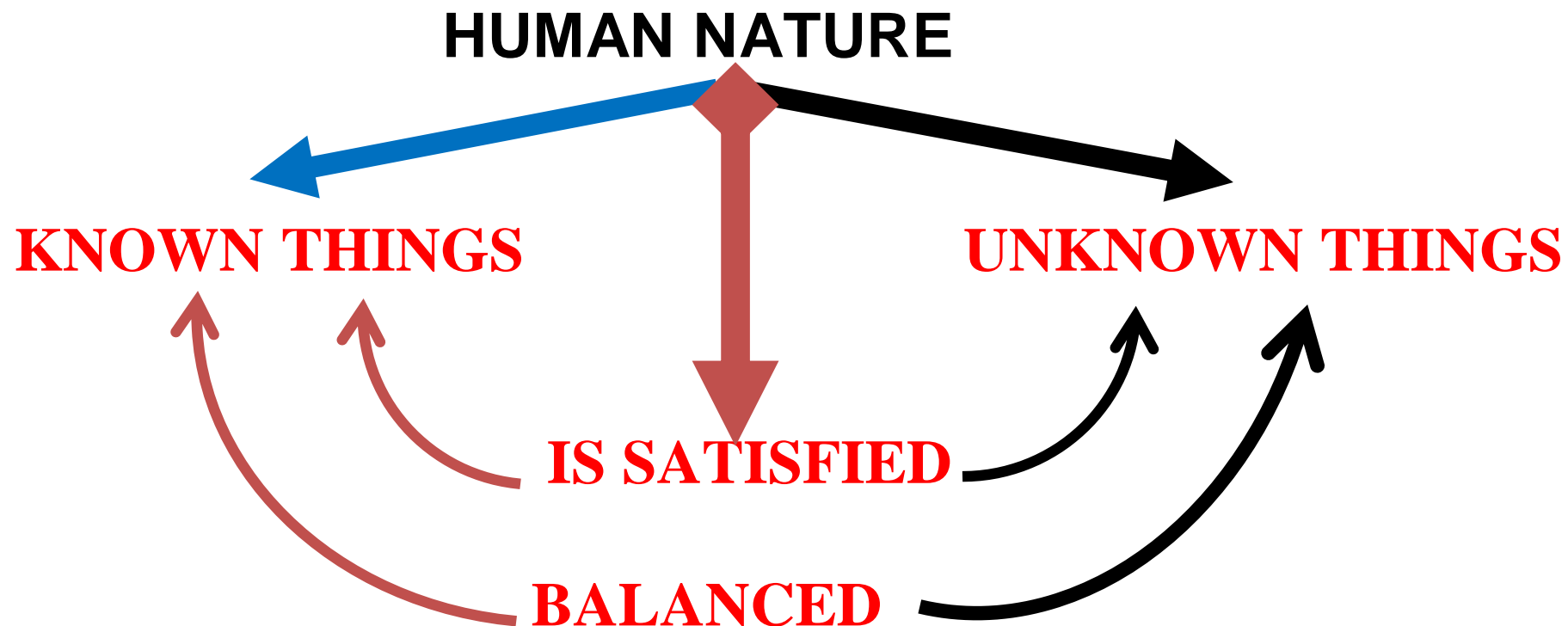
﴿وَالسَّمَاءَ رَفَعَهَا وَوَضَعَ الْمِيزَانَ ﴿٧﴾ أَلَّا تَطْغَوْا فِي الْمِيزَانِ ﴿٨﴾ وَأَقِيمُوا الْوَزْنَ بِالْقِسْطِ وَلَا تُخْسِرُوا الْمِيزَانَ﴾ (الرحمن: 7-9)

“And the Firmament (Sky) has He raised high, and He has set up the Balance (of Justice), In order that ye may not transgress (due) balance. So establish weight with justice and fall not short in the balance.” (Al-Raġman: 7-9)

- The characteristic of Balance mentioned in these verses means that people may **act justly** by observing **due balance** in all their actions, following the golden mean and not transgressing due bounds in anything.
- The term (Balance) means that man should be honest and just in all the dealings, not only with others, but with himself as well as in his obedience to *Allāh's* Law. Justice is the central virtue that keeps the human world balanced just as the heavenly world is kept balanced by the Divine Law.

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- **AL-TAWĀZUN** provides in the light of Allah S.W.T.' Existence and Laws satisfaction to people's heart and mind. Human nature finds happiness in accepting it regardless of people's situation:



SESSION 1: CHARACTERISTICS OF ISLAM: (3) AL-TAWĀZUN

➤ *Al-Qur'ān* says:

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا إِذَا نُودِيَ لِلصَّلَاةِ مِنْ يَوْمِ الْجُمُعَةِ فَاسْعَوْا إِلَى ذِكْرِ اللَّهِ وَذَرُوا
الْبَيْعَ ذَلِكَ خَيْرٌ لَكُمْ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ تَعْلَمُونَ ﴿٩﴾ فَإِذَا قُضِيَتِ الصَّلَاةُ فَانْتَشِرُوا فِي الْأَرْضِ
وَابْتَغُوا مِنْ فَضْلِ اللَّهِ وَاذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ كَثِيرًا لَعَلَّكُمْ تُفْلِحُونَ ﴿١٠﴾ (الجمعة: 9-10)

“O ye who believe! When the call is proclaimed to prayer on Friday (the Day of Assembly), hasten earnestly to the Remembrance of *Allāh*, and leave off business (and traffic): that is best for you if ye but knew! And when the Prayer is finished, then may ye disperse through the land, and seek of the Bounty of *Allāh*: and celebrate the Praises of *Allāh* often (and without stint): that ye may prosper.” (Al-Jumu‘ah: 9-10)

➤ This verse makes it clear that a Muslim’s life should be a balance between his responsibilities towards his soul and body by satisfying them justly in the light of their created nature.

SESSION 1: CHARACTERISTICS OF ISLAM: (4) Al-Thubut Wa al-Murunah

❖ **Al-Thubut Wa al-Murunah (Stability and Flexibility):**

- The equilibrium between stability and flexibility is one of the most obvious manifestations of the moderation that characterizes the Message of Islam.
- Islam combines the equilibrium between stability and flexibility, and puts each of them in its correct place:
 - **Stability** → means what to be constant & fixed.
 - **Flexibility** → means what is to be changed & developed.

SESSION 1: CHARACTERISTICS OF ISLAM: (4) Al-Thubut Wa al-Murunah

➤ Al-Qur'an says:

﴿وَالَّذِينَ اسْتَجَابُوا لِرَبِّهِمْ وَأَقَامُوا الصَّلَاةَ وَأَمْرُهُمْ شُورَى بَيْنَهُمْ وَمِمَّا رَزَقْنَاهُمْ يُنْفِقُونَ﴾ (الشورى: 38)

“Those who hearken to their Lord, and establish regular Prayer; who (conduct) their affairs by mutual Consultation; who spend out of what We bestow on them for Sustenance;” (al-Shura: 38)

➤ This verse shows that flexibility is exemplified in not fixing a particular shape of consultation for people to abide by for every time and place. Rather, it is done in order to avoid the difficulties faced by individual and society if the conditions changes with the change of environment and circumstances.

SESSION 1: CHARACTERISTICS OF ISLAM: (4) Al-Thubut Wa al-Murunah

➤ Al-Qur'an says:

﴿إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَأْمُرُكُمْ أَنْ تُؤَدُّوا الْأَمَانَاتِ إِلَىٰ أَهْلِهَا وَإِذَا حَكَمْتُمْ بَيْنَ النَّاسِ أَنْ تَحْكُمُوا بِالْعَدْلِ إِنَّ اللَّهَ نِعِمَّا يَعِظُكُمْ بِهِ إِنَّ اللَّهَ كَانَ سَمِيعًا بَصِيرًا﴾ (النساء: 58)

“Allah doth command you to render back your Trusts to those to whom they are due; And when ye judge between man and man, that ye judge with justice: Verily how excellent is the teaching which He giveth you! For Allah is He Who heareth and seeth all things. (al-Nisa’: 58)

➤ This verse shows that it is obligatory for every matured Muslim to judge with justice, or adhere to justice and to what Allah (s.w.t.) has revealed, and to be aware of following whims (to be unjust). Flexibility is shown to have:

- a single judge
- a collective court

➤ This verse defines the principle and objective in order to give man space to choose the best method to be used in different times, environments and conditions.

SESSION 1: CHARACTERISTICS OF ISLAM: (5) Al-Waqiyyah

❖ **Al-Waqiyyah (Realism/the Unity of Soul and Body);**

- It means what is certain in the world of reality and therefore, this characteristic is concerned with the qualitative realities, which are real and definite and have positive effects.
- The qualitative realities are not there merely examples that exist only in the world of examples or imagination, and not in the world of reality.
- The Islamic planning for the human life applies in the same fashion on the events of life.
- The Islamic worldview is the true and real interpretation of the human life. The level of perfection to which Islam wants the human life to reach is the highest and the most exalted example or model which with being.

SESSION 1: CHARACTERISTICS OF ISLAM: (5) Al-Waqiyyah

➤ Allah (s.w.t.) says:

﴿إِنَّ اللَّهَ يُمْسِكُ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضَ أَنْ تَزُولَا وَلَئِنْ زَالَتَا إِنْ أُمْسَكَهُمَا مِنْ أَحَدٍ مِّن بَعْدِهِ إِنَّهُ كَانَ حَلِيمًا غَفُورًا﴾ (فاطر: 41)

“It is Allah Who sustains the heavens and the earth, lest they cease (to function): and if they should fail, there is none - not one - can sustain them thereafter: Verily He is Most Forbearing, Oft-Forgiving.” (Fatir: 41)

SESSION 1: CHARACTERISTICS OF ISLAM: (6) Al-Alamiyyah

❖ Al-Alamiyyah (Universality).

- Denotes that the Islamic worldview is universal, which provides guidelines and standard norms for every aspect of human life for all times and spaces till the Day of Judgement.
- The message of Islam is for the entire human race, and for the betterment of humanity. It is not limited to a certain time or generation or a place, nation, people, or social class. It is a message for the Whole world. It is the guidance of the lord of all the people, and it is His mercy to all His servants.
- *Allah* (s.w.t.) says:

﴿قُلْ يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ إِنِّي رَسُولُ اللَّهِ إِلَيْكُمْ جَمِيعًا﴾ (الأعراف: 158)

“Say: ‘O men! I am sent unto you all, as the Messenger of Allah,’” (Al-A‘rāf: 158)

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THANK YOU VERY MUCH

بَارَكَ اللَّهُ فِيكُمْ جَمِيعاً