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**The 3 Principles of our Deen (religion)**

1. **Islaam**
   - The First Principle of our Deen
   - The meaning of Islaam: It is submission to Allaah by recognising His Absolute Oneness. This includes complete obedience to Allaah and disassociating from Shirk and its followers.

2. **Imaan**
   - Complete obedience to Allaah in Worship
   - We submit to Allaah by obeying all what He Commands and by abstaining from all what He forbids.

3. **Ihsaan**
   - Disassociating from Shirk and its followers
   - We reject anything and everything being worshipped other than Allaah.

**I am a Muslim and I love my religion Islaam and I am proud of it**
The Pillars of Islaam are

1. **Shahaadah**: To bear witness that none has the right to be worshipped but Allaah, and that Muhammad is the Messenger of Allaah
2. **Salaat**: To establish the Prayer (Salaat)
3. **Zakaat**: To pay obligatory charity due to the poor
4. **Sawm**: Fasting (Sawm) during the month of Ramadan
5. **Hajj**: To perform pilgrimage (Hajj) to Makkah for whoever is able to do so

Islaam is the one and only reason for entering Paradise and one's salvation from Hell
The First Pillar
Shahaadah (Testimony)

The meaning of
“La Ilaha Ila-Allaah”
None has the right to be worshipped but Allaah (the negation of worship to other than Allaah and the affirmation with regard to Allaah Alone).

The meaning of
“Muhammad is the Messenger of Allaah.”
We obey him in whatever he commanded. We believe that what he reported is the truth. We abstain from whatever he prohibited. We worship Allaah in the manner he prescribed.

A person enters Islam with Shahaadatain.

The Second Pillar
Establish the Salaat (prayer)

The meaning of
Establishing the prayer
To worship Allaah by offering the five compulsory prayers, in their prescribed time and in the manner the Prophet (ﷺ) described.

The first thing the slave will be taken to account for on the Day of Judgment is the Salaat.
The Third Pillar
Paying Zakaat

The meaning of Paying Zakaat
To worship Allaah by paying part of your money and giving it to the needy.

Verdict: The one who denies the obligation of Salaat and Zakaat is a Kaafir (disbeliever).

The Fourth Pillar
Sawm (Fasting)

The meaning of Fasting
To worship Allaah by abstaining from food and drink and everything else that breaks the fast from dawn until sunset, carrying out the Commands of Allaah and following the Sunnah of the Prophet (ﷺ).
The Fifth Pillar
Performing Hajj

The meaning of Performing Hajj (Pilgrimage to Makkah)
To worship Allaah by performing pilgrimage to His House at a specific time to perform specific actions (rituals).

Undertaking Hajj at least once in a lifetime is a duty for Muslims who are physically and financially able to make the journey to Makkah.

Verdict: The one who denies the obligation of Sawm and Hajj is a Kaafir (disbeliever).

The Second Principle of our Deen (religion)

Imaan (Faith) is the Second principle of our Deen

The meaning of Imaan
Imaan is belief in the heart, utterance by the tongue and actions by the limbs.
The Pillars of Imaan

The Pillars of Imaan are six:

1. Belief in Allaah
2. His Angels
3. His Books
4. His Messengers
5. The Last Day
6. The Qadar

Whoever denies one of the Pillars is considered a Kaafir.

Imaan increases with worship and decreases with committing sins.
Recognition that Allaah is the Creator, the Sustainer, He Who disposes the affairs of His creation only, and no one else.

I am a Muslim, I believe that Allaah has created me, and created the heavens and the earth, and humankind and Jinn, and no one else created them.

I also believe that Allaah Alone is the sustainer of people, birds, animals, and no one else sustains them.

And I believe that Allaah will give life to the dead like He created them the first time, and no one else can do so except Him.

Meaning of singling Allaah out with **Roboobiyyah** (Lordship)

To direct all kinds of worship to Allaah Alone.

Example: No one is invoked except Allaah, no one is sacrificed to except Allaah.

I am a Muslim. And I don't pray to anyone except Allaah.

I invoke (ask) Allaah, and I don't invoke anyone else.

I put my trust in Allaah, and I don't put my trust in anyone else.

Meaning of singling Allaah out with **Oloohiyyah** (Worship)
I believe that Angels write the good and bad deeds of the people.

The Second Pillar of Imaan
Belief in the Angels

The meaning of Belief in the Angels

Certain belief that the Angels exist. Allaah created them to worship Him and serve Him as He has commanded. They are never disobedient to Allaah.

The number of Angels is numerous, and from them:
1. Jibreel (peace be upon him)
2. Mikaa’el (peace be upon him)
3. Israafeel (peace be upon him)

Verdict: The one who denies the Angels is a Kaafir (disbeliever).

The meaning of singling Allaah out with Asma’ wa Sifaat (Names and Attributes)

Affirmation of the Names of Allaah and His Attributes that are mentioned in the Qur’an and Sunnah. “There is nothing like Him from among His creatures.” [Surat ash-Shura 42:11]

I am a Muslim, I believe in all the beautiful Names of Allaah, like:
- Ar-Rahmaan (the Most Gracious),
- As- Samee’ (the All-Hearer),
- Al-Qawiy (the All-Strong),
- Al-’Aleem (the All-Knower).
And I believe in all the perfect Attributes of Allaah like:
- Mercy, Hearing, Strength, Knowledge, etc.
The Fifth Pillar of Imaan
Belief in the Last Day

The meaning of Belief in the Last Day

Certain belief in everything that will happen after death, as it is mentioned in the Qur’an and Sunnah.

Of the things that happen after death:

- Questioning of the slave in his grave about: Who is your Lord? What is your religion? Who is your Prophet (ﷺ)?
- The delight of the grave and its torment.
- The Resurrection: Bringing the people out from their graves for reckoning of their deeds, and recompense accordingly; (till) the people of Paradise enter Paradise and the people of Hell enter Hell.

Verdict: The one who denies the Last Day is a Kaafir (disbeliever).

The Third and Fourth Pillars of Imaan
Belief in the Books and Messengers

The meaning of Belief in the Books

Certain belief that Allaah has sent down Books upon His Messengers to guide people.

The greatest Book is the Noble Qur’an, and it is the word of Allaah.

The meaning of Belief in the Messengers

Certain belief that Allaah has sent Messengers to the people and they are truthful in what they have conveyed.

The call of the Messengers is one:

It is the command of Tawheed (monotheism) and forbidding of Shirk (polytheism).
The Sixth Pillar of Imaan
Belief in the Qadar (Divine Preordainment)

The meaning of Belief in the Qadar

Certain belief that all which occurs of good and evil is by Divine Decree.

Verdict: The one who denies the Qadar is a Kaafir (disbeliever).

When I am afflicted with a calamity, I say: “Inna Lilaahi wa inna ilaihi raaj`oon.” “Truly, to Allaah we belong and truly, to Him we shall return.”

The Third Principle of our Deen (religion)
Ihsaan is the Third principle of our Deen

The meaning of Ihsaan

To worship Allaah as if you see Him. If you can’t achieve this state of devotion then you must consider that He sees you.

Verdict: The one who denies the Qadar is a Kaafir (disbeliever).

I am a Muslim, I know that Allaah sees and hears me, so I don’t disobey Him even if I am alone.