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A Brief Explanation Of The Fundamentals Of The Religion For Children

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Who is your Lord?

Allah is our Lord. He created everything that exists. He is the creator of the heavens and the earth. He created all of mankind and jinns. Everything that we see Allah has created.

Allah says in the Qur'an,

اللَّهُ خَالِقُ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ

“Allah created everything” [Surat Az Zumar: 62]

Allah has no partners. He was not born. He has neither a mother nor father. He has no children. Allah has no wife.

Allah says in the Qur'an,

قُلْ هُوَ اللَّهُ أَحَدٌ⁽¹⁾ اللَّهُ الصَّمَدُ⁽²⁾ لَمْ يَلِدْ وَلَمْ يُولَدْ⁽³⁾
وَلَمْ يَكُنْ لَهُ كُفُوًا أَحَدٌ⁽⁴⁾

“Say: He is Allah the One. Allah the Self Sufficient Master, Whom all creatures need, He has no children, nor was he begotten (no mother no father). And there is none equal or comparable to Him.” [Surat Al-Ikhlās: 1-4]

Allah has created mankind to worship Him. All actions of worship are for Allah alone. We do not worship anything or anyone else. Worship that is not done to Allah alone is called shirk¹.

Allah says in the Qur’an,

وَمَا خَلَقْتُ الْجِنَّ وَالْإِنْسَ إِلَّا لِيَعْبُدُونِ

“I have not created mankind and jinn except to worship Me” [Surat Adh Dhariyaat: 56]

What is your religion?

Islaam is our religion. Islaam was the religion chosen for us by Allah.

Allah says in the Qur’an,

الْيَوْمَ أَكْمَلْتُ لَكُمْ دِينَكُمْ وَأَتَمَمْتُ عَلَيْكُمْ
نِعْمَتِي وَرَضِيْتُ لَكُمُ الْإِسْلَامَ دِينًا

¹To direct any form of worship to other than Allah.

“This day, I have perfected your religion for you, completed My Favor upon you, and have chosen for you Islaam as your religion.” [Surat Al Maidah: 3]

Islaam is the belief in the Oneness of Allah and to be obedient to Him. The leaving off of everything that goes against the commands of Allah. The freeing of oneself from shirk and the people of shirk.

Islaam has five pillars.

- 1: To testify that there is nothing worthy of worship in truth except Allah alone and that Muhammad is the Messenger of Allah.
- 2: To establish the Salaat.²
- 3: Pay Zakaat.³
- 4: Fast the whole month of Ramadhaan.
- 5: To make Hajj⁴ to the house of Allah if you are able.

All beliefs in Islaam are based on the six articles of Imaan (belief).

- 1: To believe in Allah.
- 2: To believe in His Angels.

² Prayer

³ Charity

⁴ Pilgrimage

- 3: To believe in His Books.
- 4: To believe in His Prophets.
- 5: To believe in the Last Day.
- 6: To believe to believe in the Qadr the good of it and bad of it.

Who is your Prophet?

The Prophet is Muhammad ibn Abdullah ibn Abdul Muttalib ibn Haashim Al Qurayshe (*sallAllaahu alaihi wasallaam*). Allah sent him to mankind in order to teach us our religion.

Allah says in the Qur'an,

قُلْ يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ إِنِّي رَسُولُ اللَّهِ إِلَيْكُمْ جَمِيعًا الَّذِي لَهُ
مُلْكُ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ يُحْيِي وَيُمِيتُ
فَآمِنُوا بِاللَّهِ وَرَسُولِهِ

Say, (O Muhammad): "O mankind! Verily, I am sent to you all as the Messenger of Allah to whom belongs the dominion of the heavens and the earth. La ilaha ila Huwa⁵. It is He who gives life and causes death. So believe in Allah and His Messenger..." [Surat Al 'Araf: 158]

Muslims obey and love the Prophet and we follow his Sunnah.

⁵ None has the right to be worshipped but He.

Allah says in the Qur'an,

وَمَا آتَاكُمُ الرَّسُولُ فَخُذُوهُ وَمَا نَهَاكُمُ عَنْهُ فَانْتَهُوا

“Whatsoever the Messenger gives you, take it; and whatsoever he forbids you, stay away from it.”

[Surat Al Hashr: 7]

In a hadeeth that can be found in Sahih Al Bukhari and Muslim,

The Prophet (*sall-Allaahu alaihi wasallam*) said,

No one truly believes until he loves me more than he loves his parents, his children and all of mankind.