

With The Name of Allah
The Intensely Merciful, The Eternally Merciful

The foundation of ISLAM

The *shahadah* or the witnessing of faith is the foundation of Islam. The translation of the meaning of the *shahadah* is:



"I bear witness that there is nothing worthy of worship except Allah. And I bear witness that Muhammad is the (final) Messenger of Allah."

It must be believed in the heart and declared verbally in Arabic with sincerity, certainty, truthfulness, knowledge, love, submission and acceptance of it as a life-long commitment.

The first part of the shahadah begins in the negative ("*nothing worthy of worship*") and ends with the affirmation ("*except Allah*").

Belief in Islam begins with rejecting everything that is not Allah. It includes Prophets, saints and false gods made by humans such as idols and deities.

It also requires a rejection of attributing divine qualities to created things such as trees, rivers, mountains, animals, fire, stars, planets, the sun, numbers, human beings, talismans and pieces of string!

Attributing divine qualities to humans or objects is the worst form of ignorance.

The *shahadah* becomes the dividing line between knowledge and ignorance, truth and falsehood, and belief and disbelief.

Even those who worship multiple deities accept that there is one supreme Lord who ensures order in the Universe!

But they persist with their ignorance and continue to worship the minor deities. Pleasing the minor deities is seen as the way to approach the Great God!

Allah describes these deities as "powerless" for they cannot create even "a fly" and those who worship them as "feeble-minded."
[The Qur'an 22:73]

The sin of shirk (associating partners with Allah) mentioned by Allah include taking "their scholars and their monks to be their lords besides Allah" [9:31], alleging Jesus (peace be upon him) is Allah [5:17], claiming that Allah has a Son [9:30] and saying Allah is Trinity. [4:171]

It is to liberate mankind from being slaves to falsehood that Allah calls on the Believers to reject all forms of false gods.

The *shahadah* redirects mankind from the false worship of created things to the true worship of Allah, The Lord of all created things.

Man is incapable of knowing Allah on his own. He can know Allah from what Allah has revealed about Himself.

All the earlier revealed Books of Allah have either perished or been corrupted by alterations over time.

The only unaltered description of Allah is found in The Noble Qur'an which contains the exact Words of Allah.

The proper name "Allah" is unique, gender-free and has no plural.

"Allah is the One and Only, independent of all needs, has no child or parents and nothing is comparable to Him."
[112:1-4]

**ALLAH IS NOT THE PRIVATE
GOD OF MUSLIMS.**

Allah says, "I have not created the jinn and humankind but to (know and) worship Me (exclusively)."

Allah is The One and Only True, Universal Lord of all created things in the seen and unseen worlds.

I demand of them no provision, nor do I ask that they should feed Me. Surely, it is Allah Who is the All-Providing, the Lord of Power, the Invincible."
[51:56-58]

The declaration that "Muhammad is the (final) Messenger of Allah" complements and makes the *shahadah* complete.

Belief in Muhammad (may Allah exalt his mention) as the final Messenger is to affirm belief in The Qur'an as the final revelation of Allah to mankind. [5:3]

There will be no more new Messengers or another Book of Allah till Doomsday.

The *shahadah* guarantees that the status of Muhammad (may Allah exalt his mention) will never be changed in the way that the status of Jesus (peace be upon him) was changed after he (peace be upon him) was raised to The Lord.

Muhammad (may Allah exalt his mention) is not to be worshipped or regarded as the founder of Islam. He (may Allah exalt his mention) was a Messenger who preached the only religion with Allah, Islam.

The *shahadah* also affirms belief in all the earlier Messengers from Adam to Jesus (may Allah exalt all their mention).

They were all given the same Islamic Message: "there is nothing worthy of worship except Allah."

This message was perfected during the time of Muhammad (may Allah exalt his mention). "This day, I have perfected your religion for you, completed My favour upon you, and have chosen for you Islam as your religion." [5:3]

Allah's earlier Messengers were sent to guide particular communities. His final Messenger, Muhammad (may Allah exalt his mention), was sent as "a mercy" to all of Creation. [21:107].

Thus 'The Way of Muhammad' (may Allah exalt his mention) is 'The Way' for every one to seek nearness to Allah till the end of this Creation.

Allah says, "Assuredly, you have in Allah's Messenger an excellent example to follow, for whoever looks forward to Allah and the Last Day, and remembers and mentions Allah much." [33:21]

One guided to the *shahadah* by the Mercy of Allah reverts to his/her **fitrah** or original state of purity.

A person embracing Islam begins life in the pure state that is free from the sins of earlier upbringing and influences. Liberate yourself from servitude to falsehood. Declare the *shahadah* now. Live The Right Way of Islam.

Allah knows best.

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