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### Basic understanding of Islam from Christian Viewpoint

**Islam** means “surrender” or “submission.”

Islam claims to be fully surrendered to the will of Allah.

The will of Allah, Muslims believe, was revealed through his prophet Mohammed.

The revelation is written down in the Muslim holy book, the Koran.

There are six basic articles of faith in Islam.

Islamic doctrinal statement summary:

#### **1. Muslims believe that Allah alone is the one true deity.**

Allah has neither mother nor father, and he has no sons or daughters. He is not a Trinity.

He is not the God of the Old Testament and he is not the God of Christianity.

Allah, according to Islam, is the god of all humanity.

## **2. Muslims believe in all the “Messengers and Prophets of Allah.”**

According to Islamic literature, Allah sent thousands of prophets. Total number of prophets sent by Allah was 124,000. Jesus also one of the prophets sent by Allah. Mohammed is the last and the greatest of them all.

## **3. Muslims believe in “the Revelations and the Koran.”**

They believe the Koran is the most holy book. Islam also recognizes other sacred writings, including the original manuscripts of the Bible.

But Muslims claim that all other holy writings have been corrupted and tainted by translation and copyist errors. Only the Koran is pure, and every word of the Koran is the word of Allah, as given directly to Mohammed.

## **4. Muslims believe in the angels of Allah.**

They believe angels are created beings that have no material or physical needs. Angels require neither food nor drink. The angels are inferior to Allah but superior to humans, and they may be either good or evil.

### **5. Muslims believe in a day of judgment.**

Muslims believe all the dead will be raised to stand trial before Allah, and they will be judged according to their works.

It is hoped by most Muslims that if a person follows Islam and does enough good deeds to outweigh the bad, Allah may allow such a person to enter paradise rather than sending that person to hell.

But there are no guarantees of this. One's ultimate destiny is subject solely to the will of Allah.

In Islam, there is no atonement for sin or promise of forgiveness, and no assurance of any kind — except for those who die in jihad. Those people, martyrs, are guaranteed eternal life in paradise.

### **6. Muslims believe in “Qadaa and Qadar.” Desinty and Decree**

These Arabic words signify Allah's timeless knowledge and power to execute his plans. Islamic determinism goes far beyond the biblical doctrine that God is ultimately sovereign over all, working all things together for good.

Instead, Islamic predestinarianism amounts to a kind of fatalistic determinism, where everything that occurs — both good and evil — is thought to come directly from the hand of Allah.

**Muslims also have five duties**, known as the pillars of Islam. Islam itself is said to be built on these five “pillars”.

1. The first duty is the recitation of the Islamic declaration of faith, known as the Shahadah.

**Shahadah**

"There is no God but Allah, and Muhammad is his messenger."

2. The second duty is prayer five times a day.

These are prescribed prayers, written prayers, memorized prayers. Five times a day are identified. If you live in the range of mosque, there is rising from the Mosque what is called a minaret. On the top of the minaret is a muezzin who calls at the exact times during the day for the five prayers.

Salat al-fajr: dawn, before sunrise

Salat al-zuhr: midday, after the sun passes its highest

Salat al-'asr: the late part of the afternoon

Salat al-maghrib: just after sunset

Salat al-'isha: between sunset and midnight

3. A third duty is charity (known as Zakat).  
2.5% of your income should be given to the poor.
  
4. A fourth duty is the annual fast — actually a month of fasting — called Ramadan.  
Ramadan commemorates the first revelation that came to Muhammad in the year 610 A.D. When Muhammad was forty years old he received his first supposed revelation from god that is commemorated by Ramadan; eating is allowed only at night and in the morning before dawn.
  
5. A fifth duty, required of every Muslim at least once in his life (unless it is utterly impossible by some restraint), is a pilgrimage to Mecca, called the hajj.

The Quran says Christians who believe in the Trinity are infidels.

Allah only loves good people, he does not love sinners.  
They teach that Allah is unknowable, he cannot be known.

They teach that Jesus Christ was a man, He was not God the Son, and anyone who says, "Jesus is God," according to the Quran, is an infidel.

Quote: “Any Muslim who believes that Jesus Christ is God has committed the one unforgivable sin called shirk, a sin that will send him to hell forever.”

Islam is fundamentally and irreconcilably opposed to biblical Christianity.

Islam teaches that Jesus Christ was a mere man—a prophet, and not God incarnate.

Islam also denies that Jesus died on a cross. If Christ did not die on the cross, He did not have to rise from the dead.

So, Islam denies the Jesus death on the cross and His resurrection.

Islam further teaches that no one can have salvation but a Muslim. Even though a Muslim can never know whether he has salvation, only Muslims can have it in the end.

Islam and Christianity are mutually exclusive.

Both claim to be the only true way to God.

Both cannot be right.