

## Education

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*The aim of the education system is to provide a comprehensive understanding of the matters related to this life and the hereafter. Subjects like economics, law, science etc. are also pan of the curriculum.*

*State education is provided free for all citizens of the slate as a basic right, but private education is also allowed.*

## Foreign Affairs

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*The foreign policy is based on calling mankind to Islam and not on gaining material wealth or exploiting foreign markets and lands.*

*The Islamic State is a single entity, so it has no internal borders. No documents are required to travel from area to area, except when crossing the border of the Islamic state.*

*If the state is attacked then it has the right to defend itself. This defense is called jihad in the Arabic language. Jihad is also a method of delivering Islam at a state level.*

*Trade and defense treaties can be made with foreign nations as and when required. Diplomatic links are also maintained and safety of foreign travellers in the Islamic State is guaranteed.*

## ISLAM:

### The Past, Present & Future

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*History proves that Islam can cater for the needs of Muslims and non-Muslims. Christians, Jews and people of others beliefs found security for their lives, honour and property under Islam. Spanish Inquisition of 1492 is an example of this.*

*The Muslim world is currently going through a turbulent time because the period of colonialism has damaged its political and economic infrastructure.*

*Steps are being taken to revive Islam and it will not be too long before Islam comes back again as a beacon of light and a hope for mankind.*

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Introduction to

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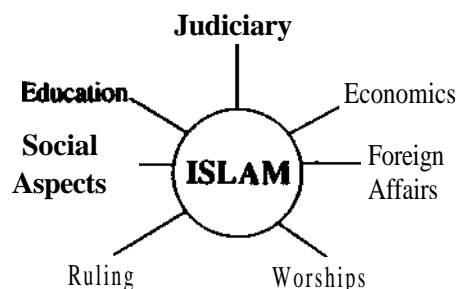
## Introduction

Islam is a way of life based on the understanding that there is one God, Allah, who has created man, life and the universe, and who has revealed guidance to mankind through Prophet Muhammad, may peace be upon him. Islam acknowledges the existence of an eternal life after death and that accountability is inevitable on the Day of Judgment. Whether people go to heaven or hell will depend on their actions in this life.

Islam is not simply a set of defined rituals; it is a complete way of life. The dynamic nature of Islam means that it offers solutions to all problems faced by man, irrespective of time and place. A rich history of over 1300 years of application at a state level, from the shores of Morocco to Malaysia and from Sudan to Spain, proves this point. An important point to note here is that people were not forced to become Muslims because Islam prohibits compulsion in matters of belief. This booklet is an introduction of various aspects of Islam.

## Rituals of Worship

The tendency to worship or revere something is part of man's nature. Islam has put forward a system to cater for this. Man is asked to worship God alone as God is the only one worthy of worship. The main rituals of worship are the five daily prayers, hajj (pilgrimage to Makkah), zakat (a specific type of alms) and fasting.



## Economics

The Islamic economic system aims to provide the basic needs (food, clothes, and shelter) for every citizen of the Islamic State, irrespective of creed, colour, race or sex.

The Islamic economic system is unique and cannot be compared to any other system. It endeavors to circulate wealth amongst the citizens, but it is not Communist in nature because it does not force absolute equality on the people. On the contrary, it does not resemble the Capitalist system because Islam prevents exploitation and controls the manner in which wealth can be generated.

Gambling, usury, monopoly etc. are not permitted but instead fair trading is demanded through the market enterprise.

By fixing the currency to the gold standard, Islam effectively eliminates the boom-bust phenomena and reduces overall inflation to zero, thus giving a very stable economy.

In summary, Islam provides comprehensive guidelines on matters relating to taxation, public expenditure, contracts, company structures, private enterprise, employer and employee rights, markets, trade and industry, pricing, resource management and so on.

## Social Aspects

Islam views the individual as an important element of society, and it has defined roles for the individual in a manner which suits mankind's nature.

Man is given the task of providing for the needs of his family and the woman's primary role is that of a mother. However, this role by no means restricts her because she is allowed to be employed or she can run her own business.

As for interactions between the individual in society, Islam gives a comprehensive code for conduct, defines the relationships and stresses on the rights of people, especially the children, elderly, women, orphans and the poor.

## Ruling

Islam defines politics as the field that manages the affairs of the people, and not a field where name and fame is made.

As for the ruling system, the sovereignty belongs to the Shari'ah. This means that the ruling is taken from the sources of Islam, the Qur'an and the Sunnah (example of the Prophet), and not from the consensus of the people or a parliament. However, people are given the choice of electing the head of the state, known as the Khaleefah, who implements Islam. If he fails to implement Islam, he is dismissed from the office.

Islam encourages the formation of political parties based on Islam and does not restrict anyone for the positions in the political structure of the state, as long as they meet a certain criteria i.e. they must be sane, mature, able, just, etc.

The structure of the state includes the Khaleefah and his assistants, governors, defence, administration system, judiciary and majlis as-shura (council of the people).

## Judiciary

Islam does not maintain law and order simply by the force of the state. Islam changes people's viewpoint of life such that they understand that accountability after death is inevitable, hence there is incentive for them to obey the law by themselves.

Muslims and non-Muslims are equal before the law as far as the punishment system is concerned. However, Islam gives freedom to non-Muslims to use their own religion in personal matters such as marriage, worships, foodstuff etc.

The judiciary is an independent body and its decisions are not influenced by the state or the media. Each and every case is dealt with quickly and on its own merits. Law of precedence has no place in Islam. Even a small doubt in the evidence will set the accused free.