

Introduction

This book explains the greatness of Islam and why a Muslim must hold tightly to it. It shows that Islam is the only true religion, and it warns against leaving it or adding new things into it.

Chapter 1: The Obligation to Embrace Islam

Islam is the only religion that Allah accepts. No other religion will be accepted from anyone.

Allah says:

“Anyone who seeks a religion other than Islam, never will it be accepted from him, and in the Hereafter he will be among the losers.”

(Surah Aal ‘Imran 3:85)

Allah also says:

“This is My straight path, so follow it, and do not follow other ways, or they will separate you from His way.”

(Surah Al-An‘am 6:153)

The scholars explained that “other ways” means:

- innovations
- wrong beliefs

The Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم said:

“Whoever introduces into this matter of ours (Islam) something that is not from it, it will be rejected.”

(Sahih al-Bukhari, Sahih Muslim)

He also said:

“Whoever does an action that is not from this matter of ours, it will be rejected.”

(Sahih Muslim)

The Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم also said:

“All my Ummah will enter Paradise except those who refuse.”

They asked: Who refuses?

He said: “Whoever obeys me will enter Paradise, and whoever disobeys me has refused.”

(Sahih al-Bukhari)

Also, the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم said:

“The most hated people to Allah are three:

- one who goes astray in the Haram

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- one who wants the ways of جاهلية in Islam
- one who tries to shed blood without right”
(Sahih al-Bukhari)



This shows:

- Islam must be followed fully
- Innovation is dangerous
- Disobedience leads to loss

Important Advice from the Companions

Hudhayfah رضي الله عنه said:

“Be straight and firm, because you have gone far ahead. If you go right or left, you will go far astray.”

Ibn Mas‘ud رضي الله عنه said:

“Every year that comes is worse than the one before. Not because of wealth or rulers, but because scholars die and people begin to follow their own opinions. Then Islam becomes weak and broken.”

This teaches:

- Stick to knowledge
- Do not follow personal opinions

Chapter 2: What is Islam?

Islam means to fully submit to Allah.

Allah says:

“Say: I have submitted myself to Allah, and those who follow me.”

(Surah Aal ‘Imran 3:20)

The Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم said:

“Islam is to testify that there is no god worthy of worship except Allah and that Muhammad is His Messenger, establish prayer, give zakah, fast Ramadan, and perform Hajj if able.”

(Sahih Muslim)

The Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم also said:

“A Muslim is the one from whose tongue and hand Muslims are safe.”

And he explained:

“Islam is to submit your heart to Allah, turn yourself to Him, establish prayer, and give zakah.”

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Also:

“Faith is to believe in Allah, His angels, His books, His messengers, and resurrection after death.”



This shows:

- Islam includes belief, actions, and character
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Chapter 3: No Religion is Accepted Except Islam

Allah again confirms that only Islam is accepted.

Allah says:

“Anyone who seeks a religion other than Islam, it will never be accepted.”
(Surah Aal ‘Imran 3:85)

A hadith explains that:

- On the Day of Judgment, deeds will come
- But Islam itself will be the main thing

The Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم said:

“Whoever does an action not from Islam, it will be rejected.”

This shows:

- Islam is the foundation
 - Without it, deeds are not accepted
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Chapter 4: The Obligation to Follow the Prophet Alone

We must follow only the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم.

Allah says:

“We sent down the Book as a clear explanation of everything.”
(Surah An-Nahl 16:89)

The Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم said when ‘Umar had a paper from the Torah:

“If Musa were alive, he would have no choice but to follow me.”

‘Umar رضي الله عنه then said:

“I am pleased with Allah as my Lord, Islam as my religion, and Muhammad as my Prophet.”

This shows:

- No other religion is followed now

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- Only the Prophet's way



Chapter 5: Warning Against Leaving Islam

Allah says:

“He named you Muslims.”

(Surah Al-Hajj 22:78)

The Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم said:

“I command you with five: listening, obeying, jihad, migration, and staying with the Muslim group.”

He also said:

“Whoever leaves the group even a little has removed Islam from his neck.”

And:

“Whoever calls to جاهلية is from the people of Hell.”

They asked: even if he prays and fasts?

He said: “Even if he prays and fasts.”

Also:

“Whoever leaves the group dies a death of جاهلية.”

This means:

- Stay with Muslims
- Do not follow tribal or false calls

Chapter 6: Enter Islam Completely

Allah says:

“O you who believe, enter into Islam completely.”

(Surah Al-Baqarah 2:208)

Allah also says:

“Have you not seen those who claim belief but want judgment from false systems?”

(Surah An-Nisa 4:60)

Allah says:

“On that Day, some faces will be white and some faces will be black.”

(Surah Aal 'Imran 3:106)

Ibn Abbas رضي الله عنه said:

- White faces = people of Sunnah

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- Dark faces = people of innovation

Also, the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم said:

“The Jews split into 71 groups, Christians into 72, and my Ummah will split into 73 groups. All will be in the Fire except one.”

They asked: who are they?

He said: “Those who follow what I and my companions are upon.”

This shows:

- Islam must be followed fully
- Only one group is correct

Chapter 7: Innovation is Worse Than Major Sins

This chapter shows how dangerous innovation is.

The Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم said:

“Whoever introduces something into Islam that is not from it, it will be rejected.”

Innovation:

- Changes religion
- Misguides people

This means:

- Even if it looks good, it is rejected

Chapter 8: Islam is Strange

The Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم said:

“Islam began as something strange and will return to being strange, so glad tidings to the strangers.”

This means:

- True Islam may be followed by few
- Stay strong even if others leave

Chapter 9: Warning Against Innovation

This chapter repeats the warning.



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All proofs show:

- Any new act in religion is rejected
- The correct path is Qur'an and Sunnah

Final Summary

This book teaches:

- Islam is the only true religion
- It must be followed fully
- Follow the Prophet only
- Stay with the Muslim community
- Avoid جاهلية and wrong calls
- Avoid innovation completely
- The saved group follows the Prophet and companions

Revision Questions – The Merit of Islam

Part 1: Obligation of Islam

1. What is the only religion accepted by Allah? (Give the verse reference)
2. What happens to the one who follows another religion?
3. What is the “straight path”? (Give the verse)
4. What do “other paths” refer to?
5. What did the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم say about new things in religion? (Hadith reference)
6. Who are the people that refuse to enter Paradise?
7. Name one type of person most hated by Allah (from the hadith).

Part 2: Advice of the Companions

8. What did Hudhayfah رضي الله عنه advise about staying straight?
9. What happens if a person goes right or left from the truth?

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10. What did Ibn Mas'ud رضى الله عنه say about later times?
11. Why does Islam become weak according to Ibn Mas'ud?

Part 3: What is Islam?

12. What does Islam mean?
13. What are the five pillars of Islam? (Hadith reference)
14. What is a Muslim according to the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم?
15. What must be safe from a Muslim?
16. What does it mean to submit your heart to Allah?
17. What are the pillars of Iman (belief)?

Part 4: No Religion Except Islam

18. Are deeds accepted without Islam?
19. What is the foundation of all deeds?
20. What happens to actions not from Islam?

Part 5: Following the Prophet

21. Why must we follow only the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم?
22. What did the Prophet say about Musa عليه السلام if he were alive?
23. What did 'Umar رضى الله عنه say after hearing this?

Part 6: Leaving the Way of Islam

24. What did Allah name us? (Give the verse)
25. What are the five things the Prophet commanded?
26. What happens to the one who leaves the Muslim group?
27. What is "the call of جاهلية"?
28. Is a person safe if he prays and fasts but calls to جاهلية?

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Part 7: Entering Islam Completely

29. What does it mean to enter Islam completely? (Give the verse)
30. What is wrong with choosing some parts of Islam and leaving others?
31. What happens to the faces on the Day of Judgment? (Verse reference)
32. Who will have bright faces?
33. Who will have dark faces?
34. How many groups will this Ummah split into?
35. Which group is saved?

Part 8: Innovation (Bid'ah)

36. What is bid'ah?
37. Why is innovation dangerous?
38. What happens to actions that are innovations?
39. Why is innovation worse than major sins?

Part 9: Islam is Strange

40. What did the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم say about Islam being strange?
41. Who are the "strangers"?
42. What should a Muslim do when truth becomes rare?

Part 10: Final Understanding

43. Why must a Muslim follow Qur'an and Sunnah only?
44. What is the danger of following personal opinions?
45. Why is unity important in Islam?
46. What is the main lesson of this book?

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