

Islam - Core Beliefs

Five Roots of Usul al-Din		Shi'a	Sunni	Six Articles of Faith	
Al-Tawhid	Belief in Oneness and Unity of Allah	15% of Muslims worldwide	85% of Muslims worldwide	Tawhid	Oneness of Allah
Al-Adl	Belief in Divine Justice	After Muhammad they believed Ali should lead them.	After Muhammad they believed Abu Bakr should lead them.	Malaikah	Beliefs about angels
Risalah	Belief in Prophethood			Kutub	Beliefs about books
Al-Imamah	Belief in Imams	Allah		Rasuul	Beliefs about prophets
Al-Ma'ad	Belief in the Day of Resurrection	1. Allah is The One God .		Akhirah	Beliefs about life after death
		2. Allah is infinite . He was not created and cannot be destroyed.			
Belief in Imams	<p>1. Sunni Muslims believe Abu Bakr was the rightful successor to Muhammad. He is known as the first Caliph.</p> <p>2. Shi'a Muslims believe Ali was the rightful successor to Muhammad and they believe that Muhammad appointed him as the rightful leader.</p> <p>3. In Sunni Islam, the Imam leads prayers in the Mosque.</p> <p>4. In Shi'a Islam, the Imam are the successors of Muhammad.</p> <p>5. Shi'a Muslims believe that the Imamah is protected by Allah from committing any sin to keep the religion true and pure.</p>	3. Allah is omnipotent and omniscient . He created the whole universe and controls everything in it.		Al-Qad'r	Predestination. The belief that everything in the universe follows a masterplan set by Allah.
		4. Allah is merciful and benevolent . He helps humans by sending messengers in the forms of prophets .			
		5. He is transcendent and immanent .		Key Quotations	
		6. Allah is fair and just . Muslims believe that this life is a test for what will happen to them after death.		'In the name of All, the Entirely Merciful, the Especially Merciful.' (Surah 1)	
		Belief and Practices		'God is the creator of everything. He is the guardian over everything. To Him belong the keys of the heavens and the earth...' (39:62,63)	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Muslims pray 5 times a day. • Muslims give charity (Zakat) to the poor. • Muslims fast during the month of Ramadan. • Hajj is the pilgrimage to Makkah. • The Muslim holy book is the Qur'an. 		'Say: He is Allah, the One the Only; Allah, the Eternal, Absolute; He did not give birth nor was He born; and there is none like Him.' (Surah 112)	
				'To every people [was sent] a Messenger: when their messenger comes [before them], the matter will be judged between them with justice, and they will not be wronged.' (10:47)	
				'And indeed We have created man and We know what his soul whispers to him, and We are closer to him than [his] jugular vein' (Surah 50:16)	

