

Aqidah Course



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Dedication

In the name of my esteemed and devout father,
Pir-e-Tariqat Hazrat Maulana Gul Raees Sahib Naqshbandi
(DBA), who is a harmless and beneficial person.

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Islam is a complete and comprehensive message of mercy from Allah for mankind. Alhamdulillah, praise be to Allah, it is insufficient to thank Allah as much as He deserves for elevating us through the great blessing of Islam. It is extremely important for a Muslim to understand the fundamental teachings of Islam, and thus, keeping this need in mind, our desire was to summarize the basic teachings of Islam in a concise and easy-to-understand manner, without which faith cannot be complete. In this series, the first part titled "Creed Course" is presented. If Allah wills, subsequent parts will be presented in a series format. May Allah accept it in His court.



Islam

Islam means to bow down, obey, submit, and Muslims say that those who obey Allah and bow down before His commands, meaning those who submit their will to Allah's will and bow down before Him, are called Muslims.

Pillars of Islam

The pillars of Islam refer to the fundamental teachings of the religion that are like pillars for the structure of Islam. The five pillars of Islam are:

- 1. Shahada (Declaration of Faith): Believing in the oneness of Allah and the prophethood of Muhammad, peace be upon him, and declaring it with the heart and tongue.**
- 2. Salah (Prayer): Performing the obligatory prayers.**
- 3. Zakat (Charity): Giving obligatory charity.**
- 4. Sawm (Fasting): Observing fasting during the month of Ramadan.**
- 5. Hajj (Pilgrimage): Performing the pilgrimage to Mecca.**

Shahada and Declaration of Faith

The Shahada is the declaration of faith in Islam, which is "There is no god but Allah, and Muhammad is the Messenger of Allah." It signifies that there is no deity worthy of worship except Allah, and Muhammad, peace be upon him, is the Messenger of Allah.



Salah (Prayer)

Allah has made five daily prayers obligatory upon humans. Salah is a specific way of worshipping and serving Allah, as taught in the Quran and Hadiths.





Fasting (Sawm)

Fasting is the third pillar of Islam, and every year during the month of Ramadan, Muslims are required to fast throughout the month from dawn until sunset.



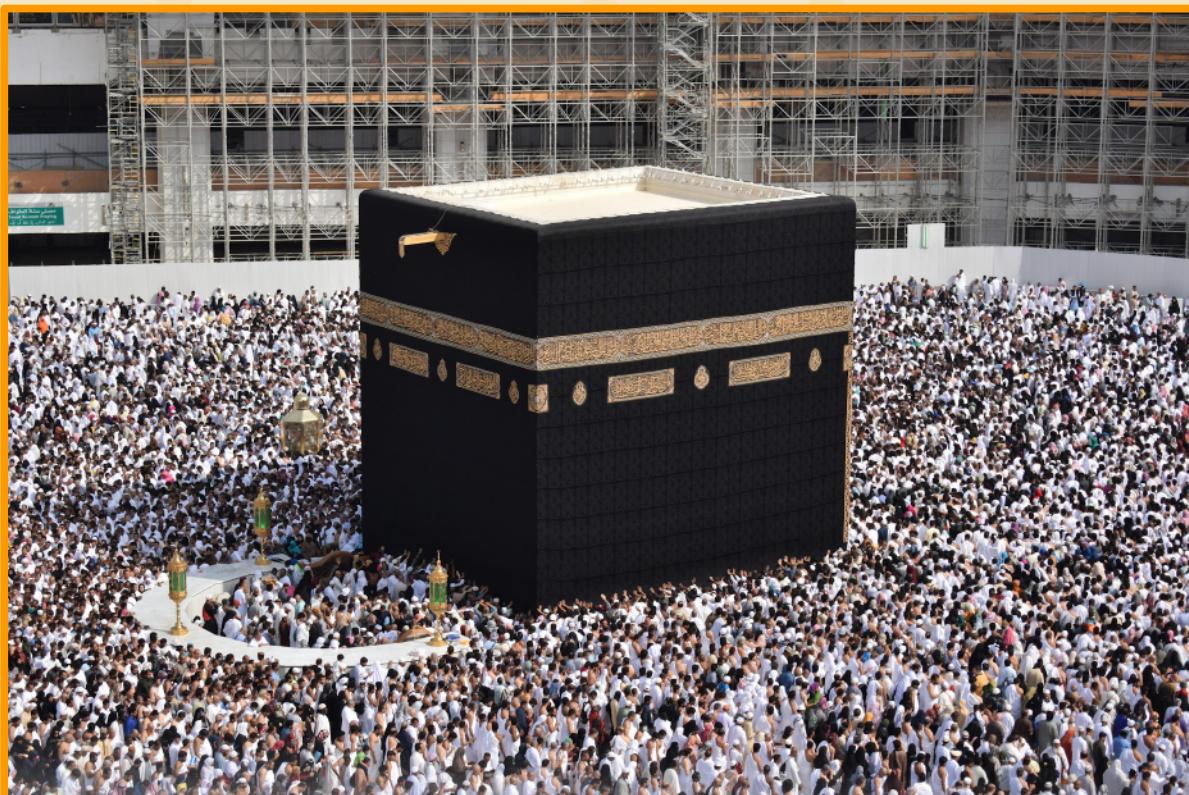
Zakat (Charity)

Zakat is the fourth pillar of Islam, which refers to giving a portion of one's wealth as per Allah's command to the poor, needy, and destitute. It is a mandatory form of charity.



Hajj (Pilgrimage)

Hajj is the fifth pillar of Islam and is obligatory for every capable and financially able Muslim to perform once in a lifetime. It involves specific rituals and conditions during a specific time in Mecca.



Faith

Faith means believing, affirming, and accepting. In the terminology of Sharia, faith means to accept with heart and soul that Allah is one, there is no deity except Allah, and all attributes and perfections belong to Allah alone. Prophet Muhammad, peace be upon him, is the last prophet of Allah, his character is truthful and trustworthy, and the Quran and Sunnah (traditions of the Prophet) are the true religion and law brought by Allah in this world.

Completing Faith - Three Components

- 1. Believing in the heart (tawheed):** Believing in the oneness of Allah, the prophethood of Muhammad, and the truth of Islam in the heart and maintaining peace and contentment based on this belief.
- 2. Declaring with the tongue (shahada):** Expressing and confessing the oneness of Allah, the prophethood of Muhammad, and the truth of Islam with the tongue.
- 3. Acts of worship (deeds):** Practically demonstrating this belief and trust through physical acts according to the teachings and guidance of Islam.

Pillars of Faith

There are six pillars of faith, and believing in these six things is called faith:

- 1. Belief in Allah**
- 2. Belief in angels**
- 3. Belief in books (revealed scriptures)**
- 4. Belief in prophets**
- 5. Belief in the Day of Judgment**
- 6. Belief in fate or predestination**

1. Belief in Allah

"And your God is one God. There is no deity [worthy of worship] except Him, the Entirely Merciful, the Especially Merciful."

(Surah Al-Baqarah:162)

"Say, 'Allah is One, Allah is the Self-Sufficient Master, He begets not, nor was He begotten, and there is none equal or comparable unto Him.' (Surah Al-Ikhlas:1-4)

"Allah bears witness that there is no deity except Him, and [so do] the angels and those of knowledge - [that He is] maintaining [creation] in justice. There is no deity except Him, the Exalted in Might, the Wise." (Surah Al-Imran:18)

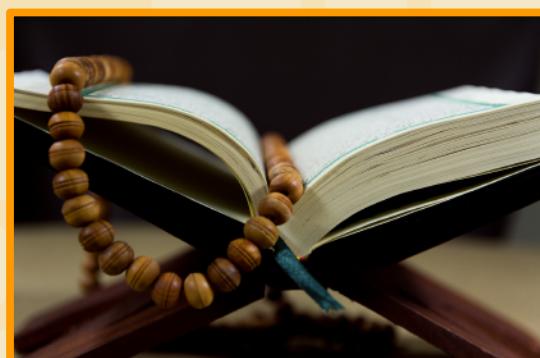
2. Belief in Angels

Angels are innocent creatures created from light by Allah, also known as **Malā'ikah** in Arabic, meaning messengers. Believing in them is an essential part of faith. There are four major archangels:

1. **Gabriel (Jibril) (AS)**
2. **Israfil (AS)**
3. **Michael (Mikail) (AS)**
4. **Azrael (Malik al-Maut) (AS)**

3. Belief in Books

Books refer to divine scriptures sent by Allah to guide humanity through prophets. Believing in these books is obligatory. Some known books are the Quran revealed to Prophet Muhammad (PBUH), Torah revealed to Moses (AS), Gospel revealed to Jesus (AS), and Psalms revealed to David (AS).



4. Belief in Prophets

Prophets are chosen by Allah to convey His message and commandments. Believing in all prophets, approximately 124,000 in number, is mandatory. The last and final prophet is Prophet Muhammad (PBUH), whose prophethood extends until the Day of Judgment.

5. Belief in the Day of Judgement

The Day of Judgment is when Israfil (AS) will blow the trumpet, causing a terrifying sound leading to the resurrection of all beings. This day is fixed by Allah, although its exact timing is unknown. Signs of its approach include an increase in sins, disrespect towards parents, betrayal of trusts, indulgence in music and dance, unqualified individuals assuming leadership roles, and people criticizing their ancestors.

6. Belief in Destiny (Qadr)

Qadr refers to Allah's predestination and knowledge of all things, whether good or bad. Accepting this concept and submitting to it wholeheartedly is part of faith.

Practice Questions

1. Who is considered a Muslim?
2. How many pillars of Islam are there?
3. What is the definition of fasting (Roza)?
4. What does "Kalimah Tayyibah" mean?
5. What is the minimum threshold for Zakat?
6. What condition is necessary for the obligation of Hajj?
7. What is faith (Iman)?
8. How many components make up the completion of faith?
9. How many pillars of faith (Iman) are there?
10. Who is the Prophet (Rasool)?

Jamia Darul Huda (Markazi), Bannu

Jamia Darul Huda (Markazi) is the first educational institution established on the land of Bannu. The foundation stone was laid by Maulana Hafiz Zulfiqar Ahmad Naqshbandi Mujaddidi, the spiritual guide of Maulana Pir Gul Raees Naqshbandi Mujaddidi, in 1991 on Jamun Road, Bannu. The second branch was established in Faqirabad Sukari in 2002. Considering the growing number of students and the Naqshbandi followers, the foundation stone of the central and largest branch of Darul Huda was laid by Hazrat Ji on April 30, 2006, on 13 kanals of land located 4 kilometers from Bannu city on Dua Pul Kohat Road. This great seminary includes a school, residential quarters, a grand mosque, and guest houses. Apart from this central branch, 32 schools have been established in various villages of Bannu, where about 5,000 students are engaged in acquiring religious knowledge.

We must never forget that we live in an Islamic state, and our goal should be to simultaneously form a free and Islamic culture. We should educate our children about the high thoughts and love of Islamic predecessors and their requirements and spread this thinking to every corner of our society. We should strive to be sincere and dedicated to the institutions that work tirelessly for this purpose.

Jamia Darul Huda (Markazi) performs its duty by organizing various courses and programs in religious sciences to spread the light of knowledge. May Allah accept the efforts and endeavors of this institution.

For the sake of Islam, the Muslim Ummah, and Pakistan, the doors of the Jamia always remain open for every learner.



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