



Bismillah-ir Rahman-ir Raheem

[In the name of Allah the Beneficent the Merciful]

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## **"Basic Tenets of Our Faith According to Our Scriptures."**

### **1. Pillar 1 (The Creed of Islam) called "Shehada"**

Holy Qur'an 2:62 "Surely those who believe, and those who are Jews, and the Christians, and the Sabians, whoever believes in Allah and the Last Day and does good, they have their reward with their Lord, and there is no fear for them, nor shall they grieve."

Holy Qur'an 4:136 "O you who believe, believe in Allah and His Messenger and the Book which He has revealed to His Messenger and the Book which He revealed before. And whoever disbelieves in Allah and His angels and His Books and His messengers and the Last Day, he indeed strays far away."

### **2. Pillar 2 (Prayers) called "Salat"**

Holy Qur'an 11:114 "And keep up prayer at the two ends of the day and in the first hours of the night. Surely good deeds take away evil deeds. This is a reminder for the mindful."

Holy Quran 30:17 "So glory be to Allah when you enter the evening and when you enter the morning."

Holy Qur'an 30:18 "And to Him be praise in the heavens and the earth, and in the afternoon, and when the sun declines."

### **3. Pillar 3 (Religious Tax) called "Zakat"**

Holy Qur'an 9:60 "(Zakat) charity is only for the poor and the needy, and those employed to administer it, and those whose hearts are made to incline (to truth), and (to free) the captives, and those in debt, and in the way of Allah and for the wayfarer — an ordinance from Allah. And Allah is Knowing, Wise."

### **4. Pillar 4 (Fasting) called "Sawm"**

Holy Qur'an 2:185 "The month of Ramadan is that in which the Quran was revealed, a guidance to men and clear proofs of the guidance and the Criterion. So whoever of you is present in the month, he shall fast therein, and whoever is sick or on a journey, (he shall fast) a (like) number of other days. Allah desires ease for you, and He desires not hardship for you, and (He desires) that you should complete the number and that you should exalt the greatness of Allah for having guided you and that you may give thanks."

### **5. Pillar 5 (Pilgrimage) called "Hajj"**

Holy Qur'an 2:196 "And accomplish the pilgrimage and the visit for Allah. But if you are prevented, (send) whatever offering is easy to obtain; and shave not your heads until the offering reaches its destination. Then whoever among you is sick or has an ailment of the head, he (may effect) a compensation by fasting or alms or sacrificing. And when you are secure, whoever profits by combining the visit with the pilgrimage (should take) whatever offering is easy to obtain. But he who cannot find (an offering) should fast for three days during the pilgrimage and for seven days when you return. These are ten (days) complete. This is for him whose family is not present in the Sacred Mosque. And keep your duty to Allah, and know that Allah is Severe in requiting (evil)."