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Questions and Answers
related to
Creed

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① What is the first basic obligation an 'Abd' (a slave) carry out?

The first and basic obligation slaves should do is that they should know why Allah created them and what He took their covenant for.

They need to know why Allah sent the 'Rusul' (Messengers), why He sent His Books to them.

They need to know why He created the World Here and the Hereafter, Paradise and Hell, why the Haaqqah (the Sure Reality) and 'Waaqi'ah' (the Inevitable Event) will occur.

They need to know why Allah will judge and set the Balance for them, why the Books of Reckoning will fly.

They need to know why, on the Day of Judgment, some of them will be most happy while others utterly miserable.

They must know how lights will be allotted; because those, for whom Allah will not make light, will have no light.

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- ② What is “the purpose” for which Allah created mankind?

Allah said,

{And We created not the heavens and the earth, and all that is between them, for mere play. We created them not except with truth (i.e. to examine and test those who are obedient and those who are disobedient and then reward the obedient ones and punish the disobedient ones), but most of them know not.} (44: 38-39)



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③ What does 'Abd' (a slave) mean?

a. It means a slave who is under the power of his master. In this sense, all created things, animals and people, are slaves to their Creator because each and everyone of them is under His Power.

b. It also means a worshipper, a person who worships his Creator in love and humility. In this sense, it refers only to the true believers who are the most highly esteemed 'Ibad' (slaves), and nearest to Him.

Those for whom there is no fear and who have no cause whatsoever for sadness.

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④ What is 'Ibadah' (Worship)?

It is a collective description for everything that Allah loves and accepts, be it an act or a word, whether seen or unseen.

It also means denial of everything that contradicts the above.



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⑤ When can an act be deemed 'Ibadah' (worship)?

If it fulfils two conditions:

**complete love and
complete humility.**

Allah said,

{But those who believe, love Allah more (than anything else).} (2:165)



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⑥ What is the sign that shows that the 'Abd' (slave) loves Allah?

The sign is that **he loves what Allah loves and hates what He hates**; that he obeys His Commands and avoids His Prohibitions; that he befriends His allies and fights His foes.

Therefore, the strongest bond among people has been **love and hate for the Sake of Allah.**



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⑦ How can 'Ibad' (slaves) know what pleases Allah and is acceptable to Him?

They know that through the 'Rusul' (Messengers) Allah sent to them; **through the Books** He sent down to them commanding what pleases Him and acceptable to Him and prohibiting what displeases Him and is unacceptable to him.

Thus, a sure evidence is set against them and Allah's Great Wisdom is shown.

Allah said, {Messengers as bearers of good news as well as of warning in order that mankind should have no plea against Allâh after the (coming of) Messengers. And Allâh is Ever All-Powerful, All-Wise.} (4:165)



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⑧ How many conditions for 'Ibadah' (worship) to be acceptable?

They are three:

First: True willingness on the part of the 'Abd' (slave).

Second: 'Faithful Intention'.

Third: Confirming with the 'Shari'ah' that Allah commanded by which man is to be judged.

These should be the only ways to follow for acceptance.



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⑨ What is the 'Shari'ah (the Islamic Law) that Allah commanded to be the only way for Judgment?

It is '**Hanafiyyah**', the religion of Ibraheem (Abraham) (peace be upon him)

Allah said,
{Truly, the religion with Allâh is Islâm.} (3: 19)



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⑩ How many are the
'Maratib' (ranks) of the
religion of Islam?

They are three:

**Islam,
'Iman' (Faith),
and 'Ihsan' (Good deeds).**

**Each of them includes
the religion in its
entirety.**



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(11) What is the meaning
of Islam?

It means submitting to Allah in
'Tawheed' (Monotheism).

It means following Him in
obedience.

It means devotion to Him by
associating no partners to
Him.

Allah said, {And who can be better
in religion than one who submits
his face (himself) to Allâh (i.e.
follows Allâh's Religion of Islâmîc
Monotheism).} (4: 125)



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- ⑫ What is the meaning of the declaration that 'There is no other god but Allah'?

It means that no other being but Allah deserves 'Ibadah' (worship).

'Ibadah' is to be affirmed to Allah, the Almighty, with no associate, as He has no associate in his Sovereignty of the world.

Allah said,

{That is because Allâh - He is the Truth (the only True God of all that exists, Who has no partners or rivals with Him), and what they (the polytheists) invoke besides Him, it is Bâtil (falsehood). And verily, Allâh - He is the Most High, the Most Great.} (22: 62)



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⑬ What is the meaning of 'Shahadah' (Declaration) that Muhammad (peace be upon him) is the Messenger of Allah?

It is utter belief from the bottom of the heart that goes hand in hand with the utterance of the tongue that Muhammad is His 'Abd' (slave) and His Messenger, sent to all the peoples, humans and Jinn.

Allah said, {O Prophet (Muhammad (peace be upon him))! Verily, We have sent you as witness, and a bearer of glad tidings, and a warner, And as one who invites to Allâh (Islâmic Monotheism, i.e. to worship none but Allâh (Alone)) by His Leave, and as a lamp spreading light (through your instructions from the Qur'ân and the Sunnah - the legal ways of the Prophet (peace be upon him)).} (33: 45-46)

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Thus, it is a must to believe in all that he said, be that stories of what had happened before, or news of what will happen after, to believe in what he declared lawful and what he made forbidden, to follow all his commands and shy away from and give up all that he prohibited, to follow his 'Shari'ah' (Islamic Jurisprudence) and to follow his SUNNAH (his words and action), secretly and openly, and to accept his judgment and submit to it.

It is a must to believe that obeying him is obeying Allah, and disobeying him is disobeying Allah, because he is the one who delivers Allah's Message, and God did not let him die till he had completed His 'religion' and completed 'Albalagh Almubeen' (the most clear declaration of the news).

He has left his 'Ummah' (Islamic Nation) on the white way whose night is as clear as its day and that whoever deviates from it perishes.

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⑭ What is 'Iman' (Faith)?

'Iman' (Faith) is done both by word and deed.

Words uttered by the tongue and in the heart, and the action of the tongue, the heart and the rest of the organs of the body.

It increases by obedience to Allah, and decreases by disobedience to Him. And those who have faith are of varying degrees of goodness.



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⑮ What is our duty to hold on, as a right to the Holy Qur'an and the duty of the Muslim 'Ummah' (world-wide Muslim community)?

We must follow it part and parcel.

We must adhere to it with all our power, and to do our duty towards it.

Allah said,

{And this is a blessed Book (the Qur'ân) which We have sent down, so follow it and fear Allâh (i.e. do not disobey His Orders), that you may receive mercy (i.e. be saved from the torment of Hell).} (6: 155)

Such injunctions apply to all Scriptures. The verses concerning this are many.

The prophet (Peace be upon him) advised us to hold fast to the Qur'an.

The Prophet (Peace be upon him) said, "Hold fast to the Book of Allah 'the Qur'an'"

[Narrated by Muslim (Fadhâ'î Al-Sahabâh / 36), and by Ahmed (4 / 366,367).]

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⑩ What is the meaning of adhering to the Book and fulfilling its duty?

It means protecting it, memorizing it, reciting it, reading it during morning and night prayers,

understanding its verses, following its commands, heeding its warnings,

taking lessons from its parables and stories,

defending it against those who try to sway its meanings, and using it to advise the people of the world in full understanding.



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⑰ What is 'Ihsan' (Doing Good) in worship?

The Prophet (peace be upon him) explained in the 'Hadeeth' of Jibreel's question when Jibreel said to him (peace be upon him), "Tell me what 'Ihsan' is." The Prophet (peace be upon him) said, "It is that you should worship Allah as though you can see Him. And if you cannot see Him, He can surely see you." [Narrated by Al-Bukhari (50, 4777)]

The Prophet (peace be upon him) has explained that 'Ihsan' has two different levels.

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The higher is worshipping Allah as though you can see Him, which is the level of watching, that is, the slave should act as if he sees Allah in his heart and that the heart should be filled with the light of faith, and the inner eye should be filled with the sight of gratitude till the unseen is as clear as the seen. This is the real level of 'Ihsan'.

The second is the level of being watched.

It is that a slave should act putting in mind that Allah is watching him and is near him.

If a slave can bring such feeling to his deeds, and he acts accordingly, he will be faithfully devoted to Allah.

Bringing such thoughts into deeds will prohibit him from looking to another besides Allah in his deeds.

The people in both of the above levels are different, owing to the power of the inner sight.



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⑱ Who is the best of the Companions in general?

The best among them are the First of the Immigrants, then those who fought the battle of Badr; those who fought the battle of Uhud, those who gave the allegiance of Radwan and finally those who came after.

Allah said,

{Those who spent and fought before the conquering (of Makkah, with those among you who did so later).

Such are higher in degree than those who spent and fought afterwards.

But to all Allâh has promised.

the best (reward).} (57: 10)



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①9 What is the duty towards the leaders?

The duty is to give them advice by assisting them with justice, **obeying them**, enjoining them of righteousness, **praying behind them**, fighting with them, **paying them ZAKAT**, being patient with them even though they might be unjust at times,

and not fighting against them unless they show clear signs of 'Kufr', not to praise them falsely, **and pray for them that Allah may grant them guidance.**

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- ② Who is the band alluded to in the Hadeeth "A band of my people will remain steadfast to the truth. They will not be harmed by those who oppose them, till the command of Allah comes to pass¹?"

This band is the one who will be saved of the seventy-three sects. The Prophet (peace be upon him) singled it out of those sects. The Prophet (peace be upon him) said, "**All of them are in Hell except one. It is the Jama'ah** (the Sunnah Group)."

We ask Allah to make us among them, not to change our hearts once He has guided us, and to grant us mercy from Him; He is the One, Who grants freely.

¹ [Narrated by Al-Bukhari (3116, 3640, 3641) and by Muslim (Al-Iman / 247).]



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