

أَتَعْرِفُ عَلَى أَرْكَانِ الْإِسْلَامِ

I Recognize
the Pillars of Islam





The Prophet (pbuh) said:

"Islam is built on five (pillars): the testimony that there is no god except Allah and that Muhammad is the Messenger of Allah, establishing prayer, giving Zakat, fasting the month of Ramadan, and pilgrimage to the (Sacred) House."

The pillars of Islam are the outward acts of worship that every Muslim must observe and believe in their obligation; otherwise, his belief is not valid, as Islam is built on them. That is why they are called the pillars of Islam.

These pillars are as follows:



The pillars of Islam

1



Shahādah (To bear witness that there is no god except Allah and that Muhammad is the Messenger of Allah)

2



Establishing Prayer (Salāh)



The pillars of Islam

3



Almsgiving
(Zakat)

4



Fasting the month
of Ramadan

5



Pilgrimage to the Sacred
House of Allah (Hajj)





First Pillar

Shahādah (To bear witness that there is no god except Allah and that Muhammad is the Messenger of Allah).

- Allah Almighty says: {So know [O Muhammad], that there is no deity except Allah}[Ch. 47, Verse 19]
- He also says: {There has certainly come to you a Messenger from among yourselves. Grievous to him is what you suffer; [he is] concerned over you and is kind and merciful towards the believers.}[Ch. 9, Verse 128]



The Shahādah that “There is no god but Allah” means that there is no deity worthy of worship except Allah.

The Shahādah that “Muhammad is the Messenger of Allah” means that it is obligatory to obey his orders, believe what he related, avoid what he forbade and warned against, and worship Allah only in the manner he instructed.





Second Pillar

Establishing Prayer (Salāh)

- Allah Almighty says: {And establish prayer} [Ch. 2, Verse 110]
- Establishing prayer means performing prayer in the way prescribed by Allah and taught to us by His Messenger Muhammad (pbuh).



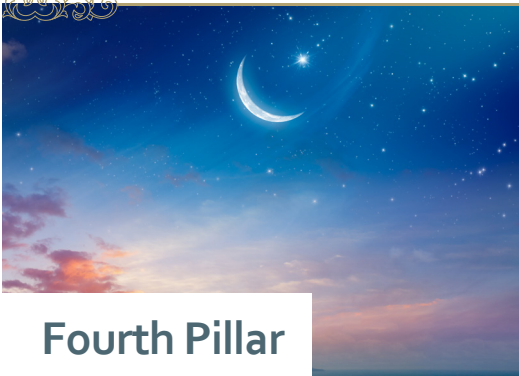
Third Pillar

Almsgiving (Zakat).

- Allah Almighty says: {and give Zakah} [Ch. 2, Verse 110]
- Allah (SWT) made the Zakah obligatory to test the Muslim's faith, and as a way to express gratitude to his Lord for the wealth He has given him, and as a means to help the poor and needy.

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- The obligation of Zakah is fulfilled by giving it to the categories of people who are eligible to receive it.
 - Giving Zakah is obligatory if the money reached a certain amount. Its eligible recipients are eight categories of people that are mentioned in the Noble Qur'an, including the poor and needy.
 - Giving Zakah is an act of mercy and compassion; it purifies the Muslim's character and wealth, consoles the poor and needy, and strengthens the bonds of love and brotherhood in the Muslim community. Therefore, a good Muslim gives out Zakah wholeheartedly given the happiness he brings to other people by it.

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- The amount of Zakah is 2.5% of the saved wealth, whether it is gold, silver, cash money, or trade goods allocated for buying and selling for profit. Zakah is given only when the value of the saved wealth reaches the threshold amount and one full lunar year passed while it is in the person's possession.
 - Zakah is also obligatory on a certain amount of livestock such as camels, sheep, and goats, if these animals graze naturally most of the year without their owner providing them with fodder.
 - Zakah is also obligatory on what the land produces of grains, fruits, minerals, and treasure if the certain amount is reached.



Fourth Pillar

Fasting the month of Ramadan

- Allah Almighty says: {O you who believe, enjoined upon you is fasting as it was enjoined upon those who came before you so that you may become righteous} [Ch. 2, Verse 110]
- Ramadan is the ninth month of the Hijri (Islamic) calendar. Muslims revere the month of Ramadan and give it a special place over all the other months



of the year. Fasting the entire month of Ramadan is one of the five pillars of Islam.

- Fasting Ramadan means worshiping Allah by abstaining from eating, drinking, and sexual intercourse from dawn to sunset during all days of the blessed month of Ramadan.



Fifth Pillar

Pilgrimage to the Sacred House of Allah (Hajj)

- Allah Almighty says:{And it is due from Allah upon people the pilgrimage to the House, for those who can make their way to it.}[Ch. 3, Verse 97]
- Hajj is obligatory upon those who can afford the journey, once in a lifetime. Hajj is to go to the



Sacred House and holy precincts
in Makkah to perform certain
acts of worship at certain times.
Prophet Muhammad (pbuh)
performed Hajj, and so did other
prophets before him. Allah
Almighty commanded Prophet
Ibrāheem (pbuh) to proclaim
Hajj to people, as revealed
in the noble Qur'an: {And
proclaim to the people the Hajj
[pilgrimage]; they will come to
you on foot and on every lean
camel from every distant pass.}
[Ch. 22, Verse 27]

