The Islamic understanding of humans is realistic. People are not seen as naturally sinful; instead, they have the potential for both good and bad. Islam stresses that faith and actions are connected. While God grants people the freedom to choose, our actions reveal our true faith. However, humans are weak and often make mistakes. This is part of our nature, created by God in His wisdom, and it does not mean we are broken or need fixing. That's why repentance is always available, and God loves those who sincerely turn back to Him more than those who never sin.

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In the Name of God, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful.

The term "Islam" derives from the three-letter Arabic root س (s), ل (l), م (m), which conveys meanings of "surrender," "submission," "commitment," and "peace." Islam teaches that to achieve inner peace one must submit to God and live according to His divinely revealed law.

The word "Muslim" denotes one who submits to God's will, regardless of race, nationality, or ethnicity. Being a Muslim involves willing submission, active obedience to God, and living in accordance with His message. Thus one attains true peace.

Ultimately, anyone who completely surrenders to God and worships Him alone, without associating partners in His worship, is considered a Muslim.

IS ISLAM A NEW RELIGION?

Islam is not a new religion, but rather the same eternal message revealed through the ages to all of God's prophets and messengers. Muslims believe that all of God's prophets, including Abraham, Noah, Moses, Jesus, and Muhammad (peace be upon them), brought the same message of pure monotheism.

The Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) was not the founder of a new religion, as many mistakenly think, but rather the final prophet of Islam. By revealing His final, eternal, anduniversal message to Muhammad (pbuh),God fulfilled the covenant He made with the earliest and greatest prophet, Abraham.

The way of Islam is the same as the way of the Prophet Abraham, as both the Bible and the Qur'an portray Abraham as a shining example of one who submitted completely to God and worshipped Him without intermediaries. This shows that Islam has the most continuous and universal message of any religion, as all prophets and messengers were "Muslims".

THE ISLAMIC CONCEPT OF GOD

Allah is the personal name for the One True God. The name “Allah” comes from two Arabic words: “Al,” meaning “The,” and “ilah,” meaning “God.” Together, they form the phrase “The God,” which indicates “The Only God” or “The Only True God.” No other being can be called Allah. This term is unique, as it has no plural or gender, unlike “God,” which can become “gods” or “goddess.” In Islam, the understanding of God is clear: God is God, and humans are humans.

As the sole Creator and Sustainer of the Universe, God exists beyond His creation. In Islam, God is seen as unique, having no gender, free from human flaws, and beyond human imagination. The Qur'an teaches that signs of God’s wisdom and power are visible all around us, encouraging people to reflect on creation for a deeper understanding of their Creator.

It’s important to note that the God worshipped by Muslims is the same God worshipped by Jews and Christians, as there is only one God.

Although Muslims believe in the same God as Jews and Christians, their understanding of Him is different, shaped by Divine Revelation. For instance, Muslims do not accept the Christian belief in the Trinity because the Qur'an denies it. They argue that if this were God’s true nature, it would have been clearly revealed to prophets who came before, like Adam, Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and others.

THE QUR'AN

The Qur’an, an Arabic word meaning “the recitation” is God’s final revelation to humanity, given to the Prophet Muhammad (pbuh). It is considered the literal word of God, not written or edited by any human, a fact repeatedly affirmed within its text. Unlike many other scriptures, the Qur’an has been perfectly preserved in both its wording and meaning since its revelation. It is regarded as a living miracle in Arabic, known for its unmatched style, structure, and spiritual impact. The Qur’an was revealed gradually over 23 years. More than 1,400 years later, the Qur’an is still recited exactly as it was revealed, not a single letter out of place.

THE ISLAMIC WAY OF LIFE

In the Qur'an, God explains that humans were created to worship Him, and true worship is rooted in being aware of God. Islam teaches that this awareness should guide all areas of life. It emphasizes that any action can be considered worship if it is done for God and in line with His laws.

Islam provides comfort and healing for the soul, promoting values like humility, sincerity, patience, and charity. At the same time, it warns against pride and self-righteousness, reminding us that only God can judge what is right.