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and what every Muslim must know
about his religion

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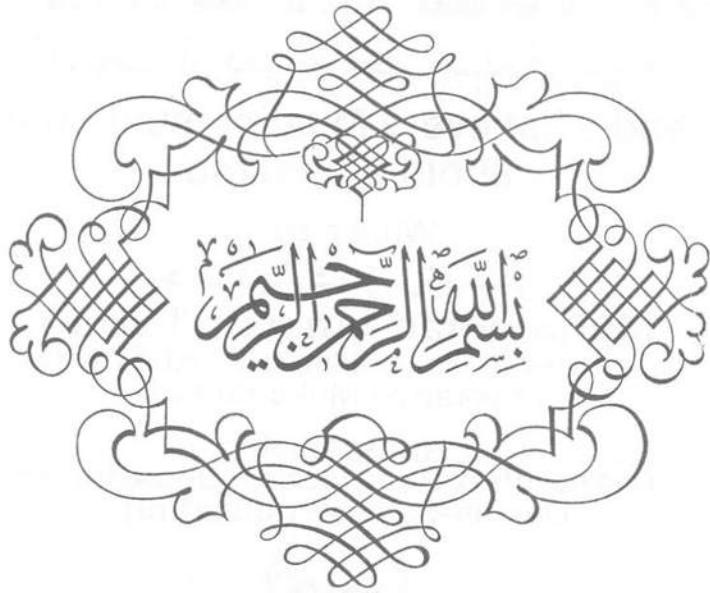
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THE PILLARS OF ISLAM

The Messenger of Allah صلى الله عليه وسلم stated that Islam is based on five [things]:

شَهَادَةٌ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَأَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا رَسُولُ اللَّهِ وَإِقَامَ الصَّلَاةِ
وَإِيتَاءَ الزَّكَاةِ وَحَجَّ الْبَيْتِ ﴿مَنْ أَسْطَاعَ إِلَيْهِ سَبِيلًا﴾ وَصَوْمَ رَمَضَانَ .

1. The *Shahadah* (testimony): *La ilaha illa-Allah, Muhammadur Rasulullah* (None has the right to be worshipped but Allah, and Muhammad is the Messenger of Allah).
2. *Iqâmat-as-Salât* (to offer the compulsory congregational prayers dutifully and perfectly).
3. To pay *Zakât* (*Zakât* is mandatory charity. When a Muslim owns 85 grams of gold or its equivalent in cash, 2.5% must be paid after possessing this quantity for a year. *Zakât* is also due on other forms of property, the details of which will be discussed later).
4. *Hajj* (the greater pilgrimage to the House of Allah in Makkah) for whoever is able to do so.
5. To observe *Saum* (fasting during the month of Ramadan): [With the intention to abstain from the start of dawn until sunset from food, drink and everything else which breaks (invalidates) the fast].

(Agreed upon)^[1]

^[1] Through out the book henceforth, a *Hadith* related by Bukhâri and Muslim both will be called agreed upon.

THE PILLARS OF IMAN (FAITH)

To believe in:

1. Allah [in His Existence, His Oneness in His Attributes, His deserving to be worshipped and supplicated and His right to legislate].
2. His angels [beings created from light for obeying Allah's Orders].
3. His Books [the Torah, the Gospel of Jesus, the Psalms of David and the Qur'ân which is the best of them].
4. His Messengers [the first of them was Noah and the last of them was Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم, being the Seal of the Prophets].
5. The Last Day [the day of resurrection for the reckoning of the people according to their deeds, and their appropriate compensation (award or punishment)].
6. And to believe in *Qadar* (Divine Preordainment) [that all which occurs of good and evil is by Divine decree, accompanied by the employment of means to achieve desired results with satisfaction of what happens of good or bad, the sweet and the bitter, because it occurs by Allah's Decree].

