

WHAT IS ISLAM?

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All the prophets were prophets of Islam. Abraham, Moses, Jesus and Muhammad (peace be upon them) were assigned by God for the guidance of human beings. This guidance was given by God in the name of Islam.

The meaning of Islam is to "obey and be devoted to God, and serve humanity". To remember God always and to be thankful to Him for His bounties is the essence of Islam.

The message of Islam is for the guidance for all humanity, till eternity. The Quran is the last Book from God that provides full guidance to human beings.

The purpose of Islam is to establish, in every country, a society and a social setup in which peace and tranquility, and prosperity, are secured to every person, and he works for the betterment of others.

This purpose can be achieved by those persons who in their individual capacity first achieve a frame of mind that accepts the above ideological concept, and then gather around themselves such other persons who are of the same view, and work collectively towards building a social setup that will contribute towards each other's welfare.

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