

Conditions of Shahadatain

Testimony of Faith

لا اله الا الله

The Biggest Good Deed

Saying Laa ilaaha ill-Allaah (there is no god but Allah) is the greatest of good deeds. and the best of the branches of faith.

The testimony of faith is the foundation on which Islam is based and the message which all the messengers brought.

وَمَا أَرْسَلْنَا مِنْ قَبْلِكَ مِنْ رَسُولٍ إِلَّا نُوحِيَ إِلَيْهِ
أَنَّهُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا أَنَا فَاعْبُدُونِ

And We sent not before you any messenger except We revealed to him that, "There is no deity except Me, so worship Me."

[Quran, Surah Al-Anbiya 21:25]

It has two parts:

1. To deny all other gods and deities.
2. To Affirm ONLY Allah as our LORD and GOD.

Conditions of the Testimony of Faith

1. Knowledge (al Ilm):

One should have the knowledge of Allah.

وَلَا يَمْلِكُ الَّذِينَ يَدْعُونَ مِنْ دُونِهِ الشَّفْعَةَ
إِلَّا مَنْ شَهِدَ بِالْحَقِّ وَهُمْ يَعْلَمُونَ

And those they invoke besides Him do not possess [power of] intercession; but only those who testify to the truth [can benefit], and they know.

[Surah Az-Zukhruf 43:86]

2. Certainty (Yaqeen):

One should not harbor any doubts in the belief in Allah.

إِنَّمَا الْمُؤْمِنُونَ الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا بِاللَّهِ وَرَسُولِهِ ثُمَّ لَمْ يَرْتَابُوا وَجَاهَدُوا
بِأَمْوَالِهِمْ وَأَنْفُسِهِمْ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ أُولَئِكَ هُمُ الصَّادِقُونَ

The believers are only the ones who have believed in Allāh and His Messenger and then doubt not but strive with their properties and their lives in the cause of Allāh. It is those who are the truthful.

[Quran, Surah Al-Hujurat 49:15]

3. Acceptance (al Qubool):

This means to accept every part of the Quran and sahih hadith without choice.

وَمَا كَانَ لِمُؤْمِنٍ وَلَا مُؤْمِنَةٍ إِذَا قَضَى اللَّهُ وَرَسُولُهُ أَمْرًا أَنْ يَكُونَ

لَهُمُ الْخَيْرَةُ مِنْ أَمْرِهِمْ ^{فَلَمَّا} وَمَنْ يَعِصِ اللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ فَقَدْ ضَلَّ ضَلًّا

مُبِينًا

It is not for a believing man or a believing woman, when Allāh and His Messenger have decided a matter, that they should [thereafter] have any choice about their affair. And whoever disobeys Allāh and His

Messenger has certainly strayed into clear error.

[Quran, Surah Al-Ahzab 33:36]

4. Submission:

One should accept and act on the laws given by Allah in the Quran and the Sunnah if one truly loves Allah with sincerity.

فَلَا وَرَبِّكَ لَا يُؤْمِنُونَ حَتَّىٰ يُحَكِّمُوكَ فِيمَا شَجَرَ بَيْنَهُمْ ثُمَّ لَا يَجِدُوا

فِي أَنفُسِهِمْ حَرَجًا مِّمَّا قَضَيْتَ وَيُسَلِّمُوا تَسْلِيمًا

But no, by your Lord, they will not [truly] believe until they make you, [O Muḥammad], judge concerning that over which they dispute among themselves and then find within themselves no discomfort from what you have judged and submit in [full, willing] submission.

[Quran, Surah An-Nisa' 4:65]

5. Truthfulness:

The testimony of faith is only valid if it is said with truthfulness.

وَمِنَ النَّاسِ مَن يَقُولُ ءَامَنَّا بِاللَّهِ وَبِالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ وَمَا هُمْ

بِمُؤْمِنِينَ

يُخَدِّعُونَ اللَّهَ وَالَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا وَمَا يَخْدَعُونَ إِلَّا أَنفُسَهُمْ وَمَا

يَشْعُرُونَ

فِي قُلُوبِهِمْ مَّرَضٌ فَزَادَهُمُ اللَّهُ مَرَضًا وَلَهُمْ عَذَابٌ أَلِيمٌ بِمَا

كَانُوا يَكْذِبُونَ

(8) And of the people are some who say, “We believe in Allāh and the Last Day,” but they are not believers.

- (9) They [think to] deceive Allāh and those who believe, but they deceive not except themselves and perceive [it] not.
- (10) In their hearts is disease, so Allāh has increased their disease;[1] and for them is a painful punishment because they [habitually] used to lie.

[Quran, Surah Al-Baqarah 2:8-10]

6. Sincerity (al Ikhlas):

The shahadah should be said with pure intention to please Allah alone.
The religion should be followed purely for the sake of Allah.

إِنَّا أَنْزَلْنَا إِلَيْكَ الْكِتَابَ بِالْحَقِّ فَاعْبُدِ اللَّهَ مُخْلِصًا لَهُ الدِّينَ

Indeed, We have sent down to you the Book, [O Muḥammad], in truth. So worship Allāh, [being] sincere to Him in religion.

[Quran, Surah Az-Zumar 39:2]

7. Love:

وَمِنَ النَّاسِ مَن يَتَّخِذُ مِن دُونِ اللَّهِ أَنْدَادًا يُحِبُّونَهُمْ كَحُبِّ اللَّهِ وَالَّذِينَ
آمَنُوا أَشَدُّ حُبًّا لِلَّهِ وَلَوْ يَرَى الَّذِينَ ظَلَمُوا إِذْ يَرُونَ الْعَذَابَ أَنَّ الْقُوَّةَ
لِلَّهِ جَمِيعًا وَأَنَّ اللَّهَ شَدِيدُ الْعَذَابِ

And [yet], among the people are those who take other than Allah as equals [to Him]. They love them as they [should] love Allah . But those who believe are stronger in love for Allah . And if only they who have wronged would consider [that] when they see the punishment, [they will be certain] that all power belongs to Allah and that Allah is severe in punishment.

[Quran, Surah Al-Baqarah 2:165]

8. Disbelief in all false deities:

One has to refuse to believe and obey any other god besides Allah.

لَا إِكْرَاهَ فِي الدِّينِ قَدْ تَبَيَّنَ الرُّشْدُ مِنَ الْغَيِّ فَمَن يَكْفُرْ بِالطَّاغُوتِ
وَيُؤْمِنُ بِاللَّهِ فَقَدِ اسْتَمْسَكَ بِالْعُرْوَةِ الْوُثْقَىٰ لَا انفِصَامَ لَهَا وَاللَّهُ
سَمِيعٌ عَلِيمٌ

There shall be no compulsion in [acceptance of] the religion. The right course has become distinct from the wrong. So whoever disbelieves

in ṭāghūt[1] and believes in Allāh has grasped the most trustworthy handhold with no break in it. And Allāh is Hearing and Knowing.

[Quran, Surah Al-Baqarah 2:256]

9. Adhere to the Shahadah until one dies:

This is a must if one wants a share in the Hereafter.

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ حَقَّ تُقَاتِهِ وَلَا تَمُوتُنَّ إِلَّا وَأَنتُمْ

مُسْلِمُونَ

O you who have believed, fear Allāh as He should be feared and do not die except as Muslims [in submission to Him].

[Quran, Surah Aal-e-Imran 3:102]

Conditions of محمد الرسول الله Muhammad is the Messenger of Allah

To be a Muslim one must bear witness that there is no one worthy of worship but Allah and that Muhammad is the Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him)

Conditions of Muhammad ur rasullaallah. محمد رسول الله

Allah knows best who to choose for conveying His message

وَإِذَا جَاءَتْهُمْ آيَةٌ قَالُوا لَنْ نُؤْمِنَ حَتَّى نُؤْتَىٰ مِثْلَ مَا أُوتِيَ رُسُلُ اللَّهِ

اللَّهُ أَعْلَمُ حَيْثُ يَجْعَلُ رِسَالَتَهُ سَيُصِيبُ الَّذِينَ أَجْرَمُوا صَغَارٌ

عِنْدَ اللَّهِ وَعَذَابٌ شَدِيدٌ بِمَا كَانُوا يَمْكُرُونَ

And when a sign comes to them, they say, “Never will we believe until we are given like that which was given to the messengers of Allāh.”

Allāh is most knowing of where [i.e., with whom] He places His message. There will afflict those who committed crimes debasement before Allāh and severe punishment for what they used to conspire.

[Quran, Al-An'am 6:124]

1. Universality of Islam

قُلْ يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ إِنِّي رَسُولُ اللَّهِ إِلَيْكُمْ جَمِيعًا الَّذِي لَهُ مُلْكُ السَّمَوَاتِ
وَالْأَرْضِ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ يُحْيِي وَيُمِيتُ فَآمِنُوا بِاللَّهِ وَرَسُولِهِ النَّبِيِّ
الْأُمِّيِّ الَّذِي يُؤْمِنُ بِاللَّهِ وَكَلِمَاتِهِ وَاتَّبِعُوهُ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَهْتَدُونَ

Say, [O Muḥammad], “O mankind, indeed I am the Messenger of Allāh to you all, [from Him] to whom belongs the dominion of the heavens and the earth. There is no deity except Him; He gives life and causes death.” So believe in Allāh and His Messenger, the unlettered prophet, who believes in Allāh and His words, and follow him that you may be guided.

[Quran, Al-A’raf 7:158]

2. Infallibility of the Prophet in conveying the message

قُلْ أَطِيعُوا اللَّهَ وَأَطِيعُوا الرَّسُولَ فَإِن تَوَلَّوْا فَإِنَّمَا عَلَيْهِ مَا حُمِّلَ وَعَلَيْكُمْ
مَا حُمِّلْتُمْ وَإِن تُطِيعُوهُ تَهْتَدُوا وَمَا عَلَى الرَّسُولِ إِلَّا الْبَلْغُ الْمُبِينُ

Say, “Obey Allāh and obey the Messenger; but if you turn away – then upon him is only that [duty] with which he has been charged, and upon you is that with which you have been charged. And if you obey him, you will be [rightly] guided. And there is not upon the Messenger except the [responsibility for] clear notification.”

[Quran, An-Nur 24:54]

3. Completeness of his message

حُرِّمَتْ عَلَيْكُمْ أَلْمَيْتَةُ وَالْدَّمُ وَلَحْمُ الْخَنزِيرِ وَمَا أُهْلَ لِغَيْرِ اللَّهِ بِهِ -
 وَالْمُنْخَنِقَةُ وَالْمَوْقُوذَةُ وَالْمُتَرَدِّيَةُ وَالنَّطِيحَةُ وَمَا أَكَلَ السَّبُعُ إِلَّا مَا
 ذَكَّيْتُمْ وَمَا ذُبِحَ عَلَى النُّصُبِ وَأَنْ 68 تَسْتَقْسِمُوا بِالْأَزْلَمِ ذَلِكَ
 فِسْقٌ الْيَوْمَ يَئِسَ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا مِنْ دِينِكُمْ فَلَا تَخْشَوْهُمْ
 وَأَخْشَوْنَ الْيَوْمَ أَكْمَلْتُ لَكُمْ دِينَكُمْ وَأَتَمَمْتُ عَلَيْكُمْ نِعْمَتِي وَرَضِيْتُ
 لَكُمْ الْإِسْلَامَ دِينًا فَمَنْ اضْطُرَّ فِي مَخْمَصَةٍ غَيْرَ مُتَجَانِفٍ لِإِثْمٍ
 فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ غَفُورٌ رَحِيمٌ

Prohibited to you are dead animals,[1] blood, the flesh of swine, and
 that which has been dedicated to other than Allāh, and [those
 animals] killed by strangling or by a violent blow or by a head-long fall
 or by the goring of horns, and those from which a wild animal has
 eaten, except what you [are able to] slaughter [before its death], and
 those which are sacrificed on stone altars,[2] and [prohibited is] that
 you seek decision through divining arrows. That is grave
 disobedience. This day those who disbelieve have despaired of
 [defeating] your religion; so fear them not, but fear Me. This day I
 have perfected for you your religion and completed My favor upon
 you and have approved for you Islām as religion. But whoever is
 forced by severe hunger with no inclination to sin – then indeed, Allāh
 is Forgiving and Merciful.

[Quran, Al-Ma'idah 5:3]

4. Finality of His Message

مَا كَانَ مُحَمَّدٌ أَبَا أَحَدٍ مِّن رِّجَالِكُمْ وَلَكِن رَّسُولَ اللَّهِ وَخَاتَمَ النَّبِيِّينَ
وَكَانَ اللَّهُ بِكُلِّ شَيْءٍ عَلِيمًا

Muḥammad is not the father of [any] one of your men, but [he is] the Messenger of Allāh and seal [i.e., last] of the prophets. And ever is Allāh, of all things, Knowing.

[Quran, Al-Ahzab 33:40]

5. Loving the Prophet

قُلْ إِن كَانَ ءَابَاؤُكُمْ وَأَبْنَاؤُكُمْ وَإِخْوَانُكُمْ وَأَزْوَاجُكُمْ وَعَشِيرَتُكُمْ وَأَمْوَالٌ
اقتَرَفْتُمُوهَا وَتِجْرَةٌ تَخْشَوْنَ كَسَادَهَا وَمَسْكِنٌ تَرْضَوْنَهَا أَحَبَّ إِلَيْكُمْ
مِّنَ اللَّهِ وَرَسُولِهِ وَجِهَادٍ فِي سَبِيلِهِ فَتَرَبَّصُوا حَتَّى يَأْتِيَ اللَّهُ
بِأَمْرِهِ وَاللَّهُ لَا يَهْدِي الْقَوْمَ الْفَاسِقِينَ

Say, [O Muḥammad], “If your fathers, your sons, your brothers, your wives, your relatives, wealth which you have obtained, commerce wherein you fear decline, and dwellings with which you are pleased are more beloved to you than Allāh and His Messenger and jihād [i.e., striving] in His cause, then wait until Allāh executes His command. And Allāh does not guide the defiantly disobedient people.”

[Hadith in Bukhari, Muslim]

[Quran, At-Taubah 9:24]

6. Obeying the Prophet and following him

قُلْ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ تُحِبُّونَ اللَّهَ فَاتَّبِعُونِي يُحْبِبْكُمُ اللَّهُ وَيَغْفِرْ لَكُمْ ذُنُوبَكُمْ
وَاللَّهُ غَفُورٌ رَحِيمٌ

Say, [O Muḥammad], “If you should love Allāh, then follow me, [so] Allāh will love you and forgive you your sins. And Allāh is Forgiving and Merciful.”

[Quran, Surah Aal-e-Imran 3:31]

Benefits of believing and saying the testimony of faith

1. Paradise is guaranteed for him
2. To live in Hellfire forever is forbidden upon him
3. This is the sign of Imaan