

Five Pillars of Submission

Submission is the only religion recognized and authorized by God. This religion was given to Abraham (the monotheists never was he an Idol worshipper). Anyone who follows Submission is a member of the Nation of Abraham. The Nation of Abraham consists of **ALL People** that believe in One and only One God and do not set up any partners with God. These Submitters, be they Jews, Christians, Buddhists or what ever will find nothing objectionable within the Quran and will accept the following as a pattern for their lives.

God gave us five pillars to help us grow in our religion, Submission (Islam in Arabic). The five pillars are the name of what we do to please God and keep us good and happy in this life and in the After Life (after we die and go to Heaven.)

(1) Shahada “Laa Elaaha Ellaa Allah” – The word “Shahada” is an Arabic word which means declaration of faith. “Laa Elaaha Ellaa Allah”, are the Arabic words that mean “I bear witness there is no god Besides God”.

(2) Prayer, called Salat in Arabic: This is a very special prayer. That is why we call it contact prayer as you contact God by doing it the right way. We pray five times a day. If you want to ask God for any thing you can do just that at any time.

The five daily contact prayers are the main meals for the soul. We learn from the Quran, verse 2:37 that we can establish contact with God by uttering the specific Arabic words given to us by God, Sura 1, The Key. These Arabic words are to be said in Arabic, reciting the Key should be learned by all Submitters.

1. **The Dawn Prayer** (*performed from 1hr 30min prior to Sunrise*)
2. **The Noon Prayer** (*performed after the decline of Sun at Noon*)
3. **The Afternoon Prayer** (*performed 1hr & 20min prior to Sunset*)
4. **The Sunset Prayer** (*performed at Sunset*)
5. **The Night Prayer** (*performed 1hr & 30min after Sunset*).

Salat or daily prayers are more righteous if performed on time (when they are due). A prayer that is missed cannot be made up latter as some Moslem sects state, a missed prayer is a missed prayer.

(3) Fasting: Fasting is done during the month of Ramadan every year. Only after you grow up enough and can fast that you will be asked to do so. Ramadan is a great month for the whole family to fast together and eat together. They study the Quran together and visit their relatives and neighbors more often.

(4) Charity, called Zakat in Arabic: When you grow up, you will have to pay part of the money you make to the relatives, the poor and needy people. God wants us to be good to all those around us in the world and help them whenever we can.

(5) Pilgrimage, called Hajj in Arabic: This is to visit the Sacred Masjid in Mecca and perform the activities of Hajj. Only those who are healthy and have enough money to spare should travel to Mecca to do Hajj.

The following are the locations within the Quran that the five pillars of Submission can be located.

Quran

I seek refuge in God from Satan the rejected

In the name of God, All Gracious, All Merciful

(1) Shahada

[3:18] GOD bears witness that there is no god except He, and so do the angels and those who possess knowledge. Truthfully and equitably, He is the absolute god; there is no god but He, the Almighty, Most Wise.

(2) Salat & (3) Zakat

[2:43] You shall observe the Contact Prayers (Salat) and give the obligatory charity (Zakat), and bow down with those who bow down.

[2:110] You shall observe the Contact Prayers (Salat) and give the obligatory charity (Zakat). Any good you send forth on behalf of your souls, you will find it at GOD. GOD is seer of everything you do.

[2:153] O you who believe, seek help through steadfastness and the Contact Prayers (Salat). GOD is with those who steadfastly persevere.

[2:177] Righteousness is not turning your faces towards the east or the west. Righteous are those who believe in GOD, the Last Day, the angels, the scripture, and the prophets; and they give the money, cheerfully, to the relatives, the orphans, the needy, the traveling alien, the beggars, and to free the slaves; and they observe the Contact Prayers (Salat) and give the obligatory charity (Zakat); and they keep their word whenever they make a promise; and they steadfastly persevere in the face of persecution, hardship, and war. These are the truthful; these are the righteous.

[2:277] Those who believe and lead a righteous life, and observe the Contact Prayers (Salat), and give the obligatory charity (Zakat), they receive their recompense from their Lord; they will have nothing to fear, nor will they grieve.

[5:6] O you who believe, when you observe the Contact Prayers (Salat), you shall: (1) wash your faces, (2) wash your arms to the elbows, (3) wipe your heads, and (4) wash your feet to the ankles.....

[6:92] This too is a blessed scripture that we have revealed, confirming the previous scriptures, that you may warn the most important community and all those around it. Those who believe in the Hereafter will believe in this (scripture), and will observe the Contact Prayers (Salat).

[6:162] Say, "My Contact Prayers (Salat), my worship practices, my life and my death, are all devoted absolutely to GOD alone, the Lord of the universe.

[7:170] Those who uphold the scripture, and observe the Contact Prayers (Salat), we never fail to recompense the pious.

[9:18] The only people to frequent God's Masjid are those who believe in GOD and the Last Day, and observe the Contact Prayers (Salat), and give the obligatory charity (Zakat), and do not fear except GOD. These will surely be among the guided ones.

[9:71] The believing men and women are allies of one another. They advocate righteousness and forbid evil, they observe the Contact Prayers (Salat) and give the obligatory charity (Zakat), and they obey GOD and His messenger. These will be showered by God's mercy. GOD is Almighty, Most Wise.

[11:114] You shall observe the Contact Prayers (Salat) at both ends of the day, and during the night. The righteous works wipe out the evil works. This is a reminder for those who would take heed.

[13:22] They steadfastly persevere in seeking their Lord, observe the Contact Prayers (Salat), spend from our provisions to them secretly and publicly, and counter evil with good. These have deserved the best abode.

[14:31] Exhort My servants who believed to observe the Contact Prayers (Salat), and to give (to charity) from our provisions to them, secretly and publicly, before a day comes where there is neither trade, nor nepotism.

[17:78] You shall observe the Contact Prayer (Salat) when the sun declines from its highest point at noon, as it moves towards sunset. You shall also observe (the recitation of) the Quran at dawn. (Reciting) the Quran at dawn is witnessed.

[17:110] Say, "Call Him GOD, or call Him the Most Gracious; whichever name you use, to Him belongs the best names." You shall not utter your Contact Prayers (Salat) too loudly, nor secretly; use a moderate tone.

[20:14] "I am GOD; there is no other god beside Me. You shall worship Me alone, and observe the Contact Prayers (Salat) to remember Me.

[20:132] You shall enjoin your family to observe the contact prayers (Salat), and steadfastly persevere in doing so. We do not ask you for any provisions; we are the ones who provide for you. The ultimate triumph belongs to the righteous.

[5:55] Your real allies are GOD and His messenger, and the believers who observe the Contact Prayers (Salat), and give the obligatory charity (Zakat), and they bow down.

[7:156] "And decree for us righteousness in this world, and in the Hereafter. We have repented to You." He said, "My retribution befalls whomever I will. But My mercy encompasses all things. However, I will specify it for those who (1) lead a righteous life, (2) give the obligatory charity (Zakat), (3) believe in our revelations, and

[22:78] You shall strive for the cause of GOD as you should strive for His cause. He has chosen you and has placed no hardship on you in practicing your religion - the religion of your father Abraham. He is the one who named you "Submitters" originally. Thus, the messenger shall serve as a witness among you, and you shall serve as witnesses among the people. Therefore, you shall observe the Contact Prayers (Salat) and give the obligatory charity (Zakat), and hold fast to GOD; He is your Lord, the best Lord and the best Supporter.

[24:56] You shall observe the Contact Prayers (Salat) and give the obligatory charity (Zakat), and obey the messenger, that you may attain mercy.

(4) Fasting Ramadan

[2:183] O you who believe, fasting is decreed for you, as it was decreed for those before you, that you may attain salvation.

[2:184] Specific days (are designated for fasting); if one is ill or traveling, an equal number of other days may be substituted. Those who can fast, but with great difficulty, may substitute feeding one poor person for each day of breaking the fast. If one volunteers (more righteous works), it is better. But fasting is the best for you, if you only knew.

[2:185] Ramadan is the month during which the Quran was revealed, providing guidance for the people, clear teachings, and the statute book. Those of you who witness this month shall fast therein. Those who are ill or traveling may substitute the same number of other days. GOD wishes for you convenience, not hardship, that you may fulfill your obligations, and to glorify GOD for guiding you, and to express your appreciation.

[2:187] You may eat and drink until the white thread of light becomes distinguishable from the dark thread of night at dawn. Then, you shall fast until sunset.

(5) Hajj (Pilgrimage)

[2:187] You may eat and drink until the white thread of light becomes distinguishable from the dark thread of night at dawn. Then, you shall fast until sunset.

[22:27] "And proclaim that the people shall observe Hajj pilgrimage. They will come to you walking or riding on various exhausted (means of transportation). They will come from the farthest locations."

[2:189] They ask you about the phases of the moon! Say, "They provide a timing device for the people, and determine the time of Hajj."

[2:196] You shall observe the complete rites of Hajj and `Umrah for GOD.

[2:197] Hajj shall be observed in the specified months.

[3:96] The most important shrine established for the people is the one in Becca; a blessed beacon for all the people. ...