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JUDAISM

Answer the following questions:-

1. Discuss the fundamental tenets of Judaism.

Ans: The most important teaching and tenet of Judaism is that there is one God, incomparable and eternal who wants all people to do what is just and merciful. All people are created in the image of and describe to be treated with respect and dignity.

Jewish's people believe there is only one God who has established a special agreement with them. Their God communicates to believers through Prophets and reward Good deeds while also punishing evil.

Judaism teaches us that all human beings are created in the divine image and therefore are links to God by the divine Spark within them. We should nurture the moral worth and dignity and linking us to the Divine.

It rejects intermediaries. It is never the responsibility of any one individual to determine and define our lives. We learn from a great many individuals from Prophets and Sages to ordinary people. The relation of ~~God~~ God cannot be limited to

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one document, person or time, life knowledge and reality are alive and changing. Therefore, Judaism cannot be bound by any particular text without the possibility of modification, the improved status of women body is one result of this perspective.

For Judaism the world is a work in progress. Judaism is a call to creativity a call to make ourselves our society and the world into something better. They deeply values the search for truth. It is a religion of strong ideals and ethical and spiritual principles.

Judaism teaches us the importance of embodying democratic value and stresses. The significance of education towards fulfilling our mission. They teaches us to fulfil our obligations and our promise as a people. It compels us to see the world with all its faults and teaches us that its evils and injustices are a call to make the world a better place and to engage in charitable acts of loving kindness.

Islam

4. Who founded Islam? What are the keys to paradise in Islam? Explain what are the 5 pillars of Islam.

Ans: Prophet Muhammed is the founder of Islam.

The key to Paradise is Salat and the key to Salat is Wudu.

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The 5 pillars of Islam are:

- (i) Profession of Faith (Shahada)
- (ii) Prayer (~~Salat~~) (Salah)
- (iii) Almsgiving (Zakat)
- (iv) Fasting (Sawm)
- (v) Pilgrimage (Hajj)

The main features of Islam are :-

- (i) Islam belief in one God, that is belief in the oneness of Allah
- (ii) Islam belief in the prophets and in the guidance that they
- (iii) Belief in the Angels.
- (iv) Belief in the Books.
- (v) Belief in the day of judgement.
- (vi) Belief in fate.

2. What are the Key to Paradise in Islam?

Ans: The Key to Paradise is prayer, the Key to prayer, the Key to prayer is Wudu (Ablution). When we pray Salah, we are communicating directly with our Lord. Beloved Prophet Muhammed (Saw) said, "When any one of you stands to pray he is communicating with his Lord, so let him pay

attention to how he speaks to him (Bukhari).

When we think about this deeply, we realise how significant Salah really is. It is true that we must pray Salah consistently and without delay, but it is also important to understand what we are actually doing. We should ask ourselves about whether we are as focussed as we should be in Salah.

Have we performed our Salah with the right mindset, Acknowledging that we are communicating directly with our Creator, or have we allowed ourselves to become distracted with our thoughts wondering about aspects of our daily lives? Our beloved prophet Muhammed said that we should be paying close attention to how we speak to our Lord.

In Salah, we are speaking directly to our Lord. So, in Salah not then the communication in which we should be the most focused and the communication that we should be the most concerned about, in comparison to any other conversation which have in our daily lives?

Salah is something that is needed in order to keep people on the straight path. As Muslims, we should be trying our hardest to avoid sinning, as our aim is to please our Lord. We strive towards goodness and avoid anything he has forbidden. Salah is something that helps us to avoid wrong, as Lord Say in the Quran, "Verily, the prayer keeps one

from the great sins and evil deeds".
One who pray to the creation
to grant Jannah (Paradise), so we
should be trying to do everything we
can in order to achieve this, when
we learn that something will help us
achieves Jannah, we should put our
minds to implementing it, our beloved
Prophet Muhammed told us that Salah
is the key to Paradise. He said, "The
key to paradise is 'prayer', the key
to Prayer is 'Wudu'".

Christianity

1. What are the fundamental tenets of Christianity?

Ans: (i) Christianity are monotheistic, i.e; they believe there is only one God, and He created the heavens and the Earth.

(ii) This divine Godhead consists of 3 parts - the Father (God himself), the Son (Jesus Christ), and the Holy Spirit.

(iii) The Christian faith centres on beliefs regarding the birth, life, death and ~~ress~~ resurrection of Jesus Christ.

(iv) Christians contend that Jesus will return to earth again in what's known as the Second Coming.

(v) The Holy Bible includes important

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scriptures that outline Jesus's teachings, the lives and teaching of major prophets and disciples, and offer instructions for how Christians should live.

(vi) Both Christians and Jesus follow the old Testament of the Bible, but Christians also embrace the new Testament.

(vii) The Cross is a Symbol of Christianity.

(viii) Christians later embraced love God, love your neighbour, forgive others, ask God for forgiveness of your sins. The Kingdom of God is near, it's not the rich and powerful but the weak and poor - who will inherit this Kingdom.