

LLAH is an Arabic word derived from two root words AL + ILAAH. Al means 'The' and 'Ilaah' means God.

Allah = THE GOD

ILAAH is the main Arabic root word in the Proper Noun Allah that has basically **6** meanings.

- 1. **Ilaah** is from another, Arabic root word **Al Maalooh** meaning, The Only One Worthy of Worship always, without any association unto Him in any capacity
- 2. **Ilaah** is the Only One Most Popular in Universe towards whom Alone all His Creation rushes with absolute love, affection and conviction
- 3. Ilaah is the Only One whose Ultimate Power and Capacity amazes all His Creation
- 4. Ilaah is the Only One who Protects all His Creation all the time by His Own Plans
- 5. **Ilaah** is the Only One whose Remembrance brings tranquility to the heart in times of sorrow, as well as in times of happiness
- 6. **Ilaah** is the Only One who is perfectly beyond all comprehensions of His Creation. No vision can also comprehend Him

On a thorough study, it can be rationally concluded that none in the world deserve to be called as God except Allah, as these six meanings of Ilaah i.e. God (translated in English) fits none worshiped as god, except Allah.

No other religious Scripture except The Qur'an has an unequivocal statement by the God, wherein The God (Allah) Himself testifies that He Alone is Allah (The God) worthy of Worship and None Besides Him are True gods. If we read The Qur'an, it is mentioned in **Al Qur'an:** Sura Ta'ha: **20** Aayat: **14**: Assuredly I am Allah (Besides whom) There is No God (So) Worship Me Alone and Establish Prayers (Sala'h) for My Remembrance.

ALLAH is the Name most preferably referred by The Al Mighty for Himself in The Glorious Qur'an and by Muhammad(s) in his teachings.

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CONCEPT OF BELIEF IN ALLAH

Is known in Arabic as **Aamantu Billahi** or **Eemaan Billahi**. When a Muslim says that he or she believes in Allah, then, the Belief in Allah is incomplete, imperfect and unacceptable, unless and until the Muslim believes in accordance, with the teachings of Qur'an and the teachings of Muhammad[s] about Allah. In fact, the belief of a person about Allah is not acceptable to the extent that it may be declared blasphemy against Allah if the person believes in contradiction to what has been mentioned about Allah in Qur'an and by Muhammad[s]. In short, the belief in Allah is the Most Serious of all the Subjects in Islam and none in Islam has the liberty to believe in Allah as they wish, unlike other religions. Allah Says in **Al Qur'an:** Sura Baqhra: 02 Aayat: 08: There are many among mankind who claim they Believe in Allah and Last Day, But Certainly they are NOT Believers.

If any person who was entitled Mr. Universe dies and his body is lying in front of us, then that body is useless because it has no soul in it anymore. **Similarly**, if a person was perfect in all teachings of Islam but was NOT perfect about EEMAAN BILLAH i.e. The Right Belief in Allah, then his similitude is like Mr. Universe's dead body, that is useless without soul.

ALLAH (God) AND MAN RELATIONSHIP IN ISLAM

Is unambiguous, crystal clear, and perfectly rational. In simple terms, ALLAH and Man relationship in Islam is merely of Allah The Master and Man His Absolute Slave.

Islam considers Allah as the Only One God Worthy of All Worship and as the Only Supreme Power with the Right to Command all His Creation about the dos and don'ts in life. Allah Created mankind as an integral community and Commanded mankind the Rights and Duties towards each other based on different relationships they share with each other, like blood relationship, kinship, geographical relationship and so on. Duties are directly proportional to relationship with the person in Islam. The closer the relationship, the more duties you have to fulfil towards that relationship. For example, you are bound to fulfil the maximum duties towards your parents who gave you birth, in comparison to grandparents, brothers and sisters and other relatives because parents are all over others in hierarchy of of all our relationships to other people in this life.

As such, because, Allah Created you and Provided you everything of your needs, and He it is who gave you care taking and loving parents and provided your parents so that they can take care of themselves and also take care of you in the best of their capacities. Therefore, every individual shall fulfil the Duties towards Allah without any negligence and None Can Supersede the Command of Allah and Obedience to Allah. The Duties every human needs to fulfil for Allah is known as HUQHOOQHULLAH meaning THE DUTIES TOWARDS ALLAH.

In short, Huqhooqhullah can be understood as Obeying every Single Command of Allah given in Qur'an, without an iota of negligence and in accordance with the Practice of Muhammad(s) AND to lifelong maintain Highest Degree of Love and Respect for Allah, Highest Degree of Fear of Allah by Remembering His Punishments, Highest Degree of Thanks to Allah for all His Favours and Highest Degree of Patience for the Sake of Allah in hard times.

Allah Says in Al **Qur'an**: Sura **Mujaadila**: **58** Aayat: **22**: You will never find a people who 'truly' believe in Allah and the Last Day loyal to those who disobey Allah and His Messenger, even if they were their parents, children, siblings, or extended family. For such 'Muslim believers', Allah has instilled Faith in their hearts and strengthened them with a spirit from Him. He will admit them into Gardens under which rivers flow, to stay there forever. Allah is Pleased with them and they are Pleased with Him. They are the Party of Allah. Indeed, Allah's Party is bound to Succeed.

Muhammad said, that, there is no obedience to any creation that involves Disobedience to Allah. Sahih **Muslim**: H: **4765** & **Nasai**: H: **4210**. Meaning, if anyone Commands anything that contradicts even a single Command of Allah, then there is no way you obey someone by disobeying Allah in the least degree.



Clarifying A Misconception About Allah

IS NOT ALLAH THE MOON GOD?

The postulation that Allah historically originates as the moon deity Al-Lat (who was worshipped in pre-Islamic Arabia) originates in early 20th-century scholarship, most prominently advocated by American evangelicals from the 1990s. Archeologist <u>Hugo Winkler</u> in 1901 fashioned this idea for the first time and then it was widely propagated in the United States in the 1990s, first via the publication of <u>Robert Morey</u>'s pamphlet The Moon-god Allah: In Archeology of the Middle East (1994), eventually followed by his book The Islamic Invasion: Confronting the World's Fastest-Growing Religion (2001).

Hebrew words for God include <u>El</u> and <u>Eloah</u>. According to Professor <u>Alfred Guillaume</u> of SOAS University of London, U.K., the term ALLAH is from al-ilah (The God) ultimately derives from the Semitic root used as a generic term for divinity.

The oldest name for a god used in the Semitic world consists of but two letters, the consonant 'L' preceded by a smooth breathing, which was pronounced 'IL' in ancient Babylonia, 'El' (Eloh, Elohim) in ancient Israel.

The relation of this name, which in Babylonia and Assyria (Alaha, Eloah) in Aramaic Syriac became a generic term simply meaning 'god', to the Arabian Ilah familiar to us in the form Allah, which is compounded of al, the definite article, and Ilah by eliding the vowel 'i', is not clear.

This misconception also gained weight because many times it has been observed the Muslim countries or Muslims in different parts of the world use crescent as a symbol representing Muslims or Islam. But the fact of the matter of crescent being used in Muslim world is much later after Muhammad(s) and his male and female Companions[r] passed away.

The crescent moon symbol used as a form of <u>blazon</u> is not a feature of early Islam, as would be expected if it were linked to Pre-Islamic pagan roots. The use of the crescent symbol on Muslim flags originates during the later Middle Ages.

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14th-century Muslim flags with an upward-pointing crescent in a mono color field included the flags of the Gabes, Tlemcen (Tilimsi), Damas and Lucania, Cairo, Mahdia, Tunis and Buda.

In India, what is referred as 'Islamic flags' or Muslim Flags containing the calligraphy of the Quran were commonly used by the Mughal Emperor Akbar. It was the Mughal Emperor Shah Jahan, who used for the first time, the Crescent and Star symbol upon his personal shield. Then, Aurangzeb also used similar shields and flags containing an upward Crescent and Star symbol. And since then, the Muslims have been using it on different occasions, giving a wrong message to Non-Muslims that Crescent or Crescent and Star are official symbols of Islam.

According to 2009 C.E. survey by the Council for American Islamic Relations, about 10% of Americans believe Muslims are pagans who worship a moon god or goddess, a belief energetically disseminated by some Christian activists." Moon-God Theories of Allah are evangelical "fantasies" that are "perpetuated in their comic books".

Muslims unanimously believe that Allah is the name in the Quran used for The One and Only True God and Allah is the same god worshipped by the members of other Abrahamic religions such as Christianity and Judaism. In fact Allah Himself testifies the same in Al **Qur'an**: Sura **Ankaboot**: **29** Aayat: **46**: Do not argue with the People of the Book but in graceful manner, except with those of them who act wrongfully. And say, "We believe in what has been revealed to us and what was revealed to you. Our God and your God is Only One. And to Him we 'fully' submit."

Historical evidences conciliate with the mainstream Islamic thought, that the worship of Allah was passed down through Abraham and other prophets, but it became corrupted by pagan traditions in pre-Islamic Arabia. Before Muhammad(s), Allah was not considered the sole divinity by Makkans; however, Allah was considered the Creator of the world and the Giver of rain. The notion of the term may have been vague in the pagan Makkan religion. The pagans of Makka, associated Allah with companions, whom pre-Islamic Arabs considered as subordinate deities.

Pagan Makkans also believed that a kind of kinship existed between Allah and the jinn (supernatural beings/spirits/ghosts/aliens). Pagan Makkans associated with Allah deities that they called as sons of Allah and called deities of al-'Uzzā, Manāt and al-Lāt as His daughters. The pagan Makkans also associated angels with Allah in His Divinity. Allah Himself mentions this in Al Qur'an: Sura Najam: 53 Aayaat: 19. Have you considered al-Lat and al-Uzza? 20. And Manat, the third one, the other? 21. Are you to have the males, and He the females? 22. What a bizarre distribution. 23. These are nothing but names, which you have devised, you and your ancestors, for which God sent down no authority. They follow nothing but assumptions, and what the ego desires, even though guidance has come to them from their Lord. 24. Or is the human being to have whatever he desires? 25. To God belong the Last and the First. 26. How many an angel is there in the heavens whose intercession avails nothing, except after God gives permission to whomever He wills, and approves? 27. Those who do not believe in the Hereafter give the angels the names of females. 28. They have no knowledge of that. They only follow assumptions, and assumptions are no substitute for the truth. 29. So avoid him who has turned away from Our remembrance, and desires nothing but the present life.

30. That is the extent of their knowledge. Your Lord knows best who has strayed from His path, and He knows best who has accepted guidance.

Only One Aayat of the Glorious Qur'an is finally enough To Clarify The Misconception that Allah is the Moon God (may Allah Forbid). Allah Says in Al Qur'an: Sura Fussilat: 41 Aayat: 37: Among His signs are the day and the night, the sun and the moon. DO NOT prostrate To the SUN or the MOON, but PROSTRATE TO ALLAH, who Created them 'all', if you 'truly' worship Him 'alone'.

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