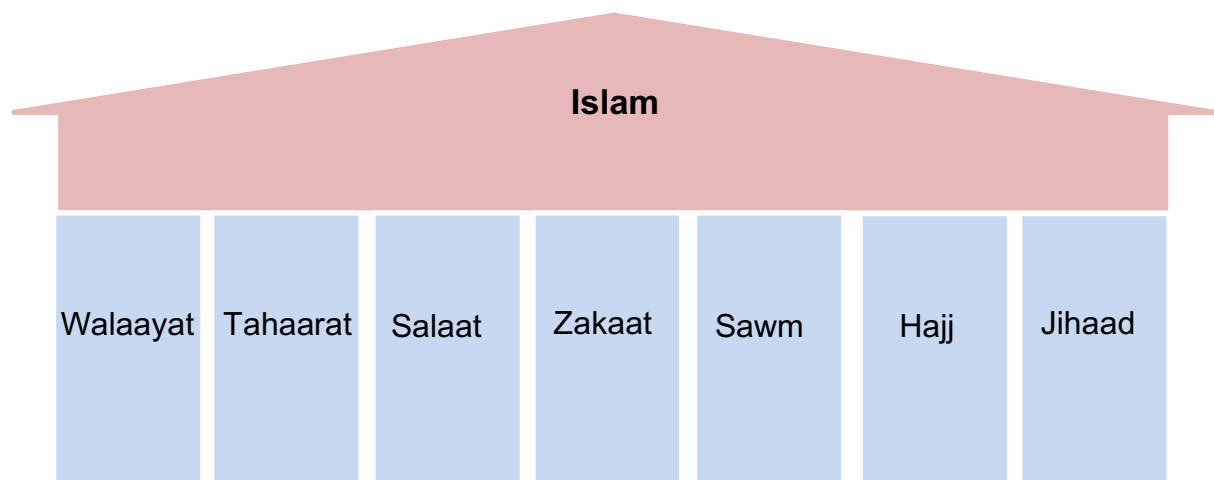


Introduction to the 7 Da'aim

Imam Mohammad-ul-Baqir says that the building of Islam rests on 7 *Da'aim*, 7 pillars. An illustration is given below:



The first pillar is of **Walaayat** - love. This pillar is the most important and key pillar within the seven pillars of Islam; it occupies the station of the soul within the body. One who loves the *Imaam-uz-zamaan*, and in his seclusion loves his Dai, and gives an oath of allegiance to him, is entered into heaven, *Jannat*.

The one who loves the Dai of the age Syedna Taher Fakhruddin TUS, is doing the *Walaayat* of all previous Du'aat and Imams



The second pillar is that of **Tahaarat** - cleanliness. Cleanliness has many benefits for a *mu'min*, not only from a physical point of view, but also spiritually. Cleanliness is the key to praying *namaaz* (prayer). Without *Tahaarat*, one cannot pray *namaaz*.

Tahaarat results in cleanliness of the soul and body.



The third pillar is **Salaat** - prayer. After the understanding of and obedience towards *Awliya-ul-Allah*, prayer is the first *amal* (action) which a *mu'min* must learn. Allah says in the Qur'aan Majeed that:

"إِنِّي أَنَا اللَّهُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا أَنَا فَاعْبُدْنِي وَأَقِمِ الصَّلَاةَ

لَذِكْرِي" (20:14)

'Verily I am Allah, there is no God but I, so worship me, and establish prayer for my remembrance.' This *ayat* shows the importance of *Salaat*.

There are 5 prayers that are *Farizat* (compulsory), which must be prayed at the correct times.



1. The fourth pillar is **Zakaat** – ("obligatory payment made annually under Islamic law on certain kinds of property and used for charitable and religious purposes"). Allah Ta'ala says in the Qur'an Majeed that:

"وَأَقِيمُوا الصَّلَاةَ وَآتُوا الزَّكَاةَ" (2:43)

'Establish the prayer, and give Zakaat.' Here, Allah Ta'ala has joined the act of praying and giving *Zakaat*, portraying its importance.

Zakaat is the right of Allah Ta'ala.



The fifth pillar is **Sawm**- fasting. Rasulullah SA said regarding fasting, "صُومُوا تَصِحُّوا" - Fast and become healthy. There is a lot of *sawaab* in fasting. Some fasts are compulsory, and others are *tatawwu'*(optional).

Fasting is not only to abstain from food or drink, but also to control one's anger, avoid speaking and hearing bad things, etc.



The sixth pillar is **Hajj**- the pilgrimage.

Awliya-ul-Ilah have said that if an individual has the means to, he/she must complete the Hajj and 'Umrah at least once in his/her life.

The Qur'an Majeed says that:

"وَاتِمُّوا الْحَجَّ وَالْعُمْرَةَ لِلَّهِ" (2:196)

'And complete the Hajj and 'Umrah for Allah.'

Millions of Muslims gather to do Hajj.

"The greatest Jihad is to battle your own soul, to fight the evil within yourself"

-Rasulullah SA

The seventh pillar is **Jihaad**- to fight.

Jihaad is not limited to the battlefield, but is also against one's physical desires, and against one's own *nafs-ammaara-bis-su'* (the inclination to do bad which exists within each soul). That is the *Jihaad-e-akbaar* (the greater Jihaad). A *mumin* spends his entire life aspiring and working towards goodness, and abstaining from sinning.

A *mumin* does Jihaad everyday against his own desires which don't comply with Shari'at.