

## THE CONCEPT OF GOD IN ISLAM:

The concept of God is unique in Islam. It is not shared by any other religion. Almighty God is one and indivisible. God is unlike any other being in existence. He is uncreated, whereas everything else is His creation. He has no beginning and no end. God was not begotten, nor He begetteth; He has no father, no mother, no son, and no consort. He is sublime and non-physical. He needs no helpers and no associates. He is omnipotent and omnipresent.

Almighty God is free of the limitations of time and space, because He created the time and space, whereas all creation is subject to the limitations of the time and space. His knowledge is total and comprehensive, i.e. He has knowledge of the past, the present, the future, the manifest, and the hidden. He is aware of human intention, thoughts, and motives. He is fully aware of the innermost feelings deep inside the heart of His subjects. He is loving, kind, compassionate, forgiving, relenting, generous and benevolent. God says in the holy scripture, the Qur'an, that when He intends a thing, He says to it 'Be' and it 'Is.' (exists). This is not because of any spoken words, for God has no organs of communication like humans. It is just an intention and it comes into existence.

To know God fully is beyond human intellectual capacity. His essence is beyond human reach. Even if one's flight of imagination fancies what God is, that is not God.

To learn more about the concepts of God, please follow the references given below.

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Ref. "What is True Success? Exploring answers from the teachings of Ali bin Abu Talib p). Excerpts from Nahjul Balagha." Chapter, "To know God." Edited by Dr. Syed H. Akhtar

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