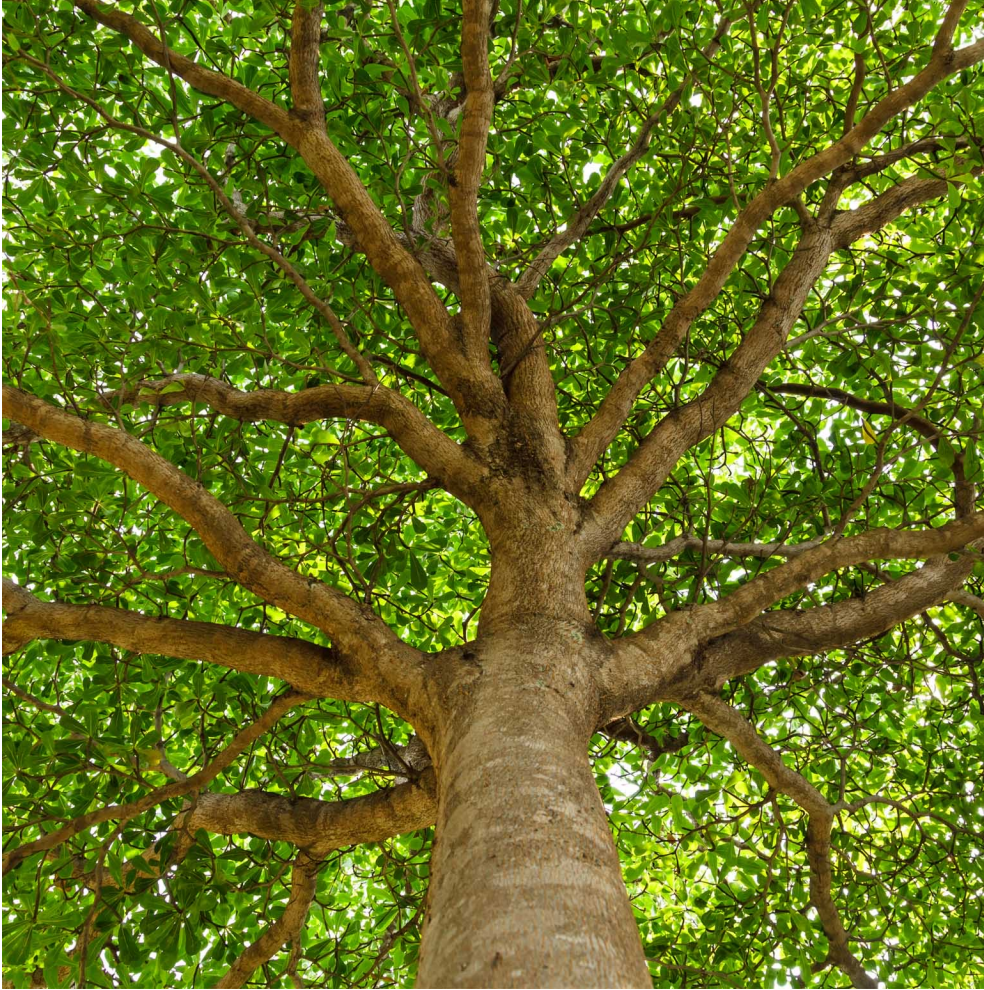


FURU E DEEN

Branches of Religion



TREE BRANCHES



A tree with just roots is not a complete tree. In order for it to be complete, it needs branches too.

In the same way Islam is a complete way of life composed of both beliefs and a'mal – actions.



TREE BRANCHES



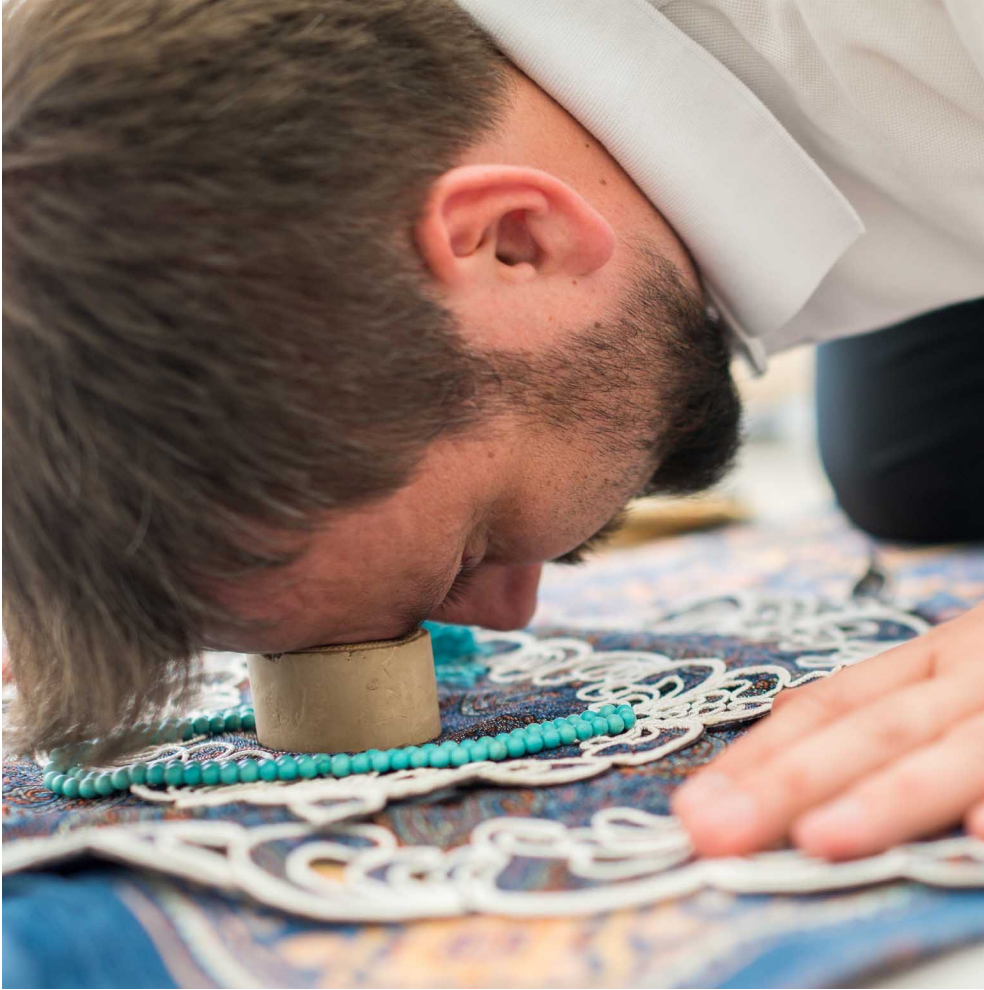
The branches of religion, called furu, portray the a'mal - actions (deeds) required to be performed by a Muslim

The laws of Islam by which one can perform the furu is known as Shari'a.

There are 10 branches (furu) of religion.



SALAA



Salaa is a pillar of religion which connects the soul to Allah.

قُلْ
إِنَّ الصَّلَاةَ تَنْهَى عَنِ الْفَحْشَاءِ وَالْمُنْكَرِ

..."Indeed Salaa keeps (one) away from indecency and evil...." 29:45



SAWM



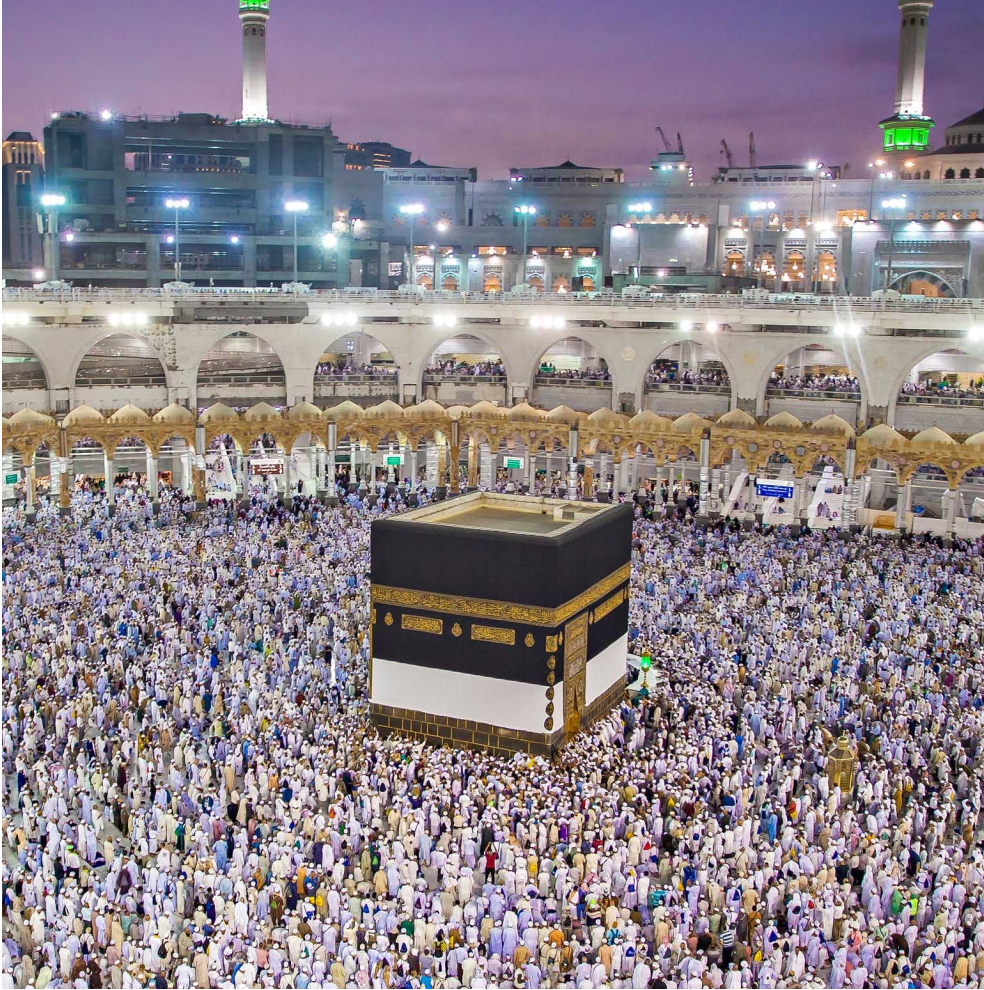
Sawm means to keep away from certain things from dawn to sunset only for Allah. Every Muslim who has reached buloogh must fast in the month of Ramadhan.

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا كُتِبَ عَلَيْكُمُ الصِّيَامُ كَمَا كُتِبَ عَلَى الَّذِينَ
مِنْ قَبْلِكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَتَّقُونَ

"O you who believe! Sawm (Fasting) has been ordained for you as it was ordained for those before you so that you may have taqwa." 2:183



HAJJ



Every year in the month of Dhulhijja, Muslims from all over the world go for Hajj if they can.

وَلِلّٰهِ عَلَى النَّاسِ حِجُّ الْبَيْتِ مَنِ اسْتَطَاعَ اِلَيْهِ سَبِيْلًا

....."And only for Allah; It is incumbent on people, the Hajj (Pilgrimage) to the House, for those who are able to undertake (afford.....) the journey....." 3:97



ZAKAA



Zakaa is an Islamic tax. Tax means sharing your wealth with other members of the society.

وَأَقِيمُوا الصَّلَاةَ وَآتُوا الزَّكَاةَ

"And establish salaa and give zakaa...." 2:43



KHUMS



The word Khums means one fifth. It is a tax like Zakaa. Its name implies that you have to pay one fifth on which it applies.

Khums becomes wajib when you become baligh.

وَأَعْلَمُوا أَنَّمَا غَنِمْتُمْ مِنْ شَيْءٍ فَإِنَّ لِلَّهِ خُمُسَهُ وَلِلرَّسُولِ وَلِذِي الْقُرْبَىٰ وَالْيَتَامَىٰ وَالْمَسَاكِينِ وَابْنِ السَّبِيلِ

"And know that whatever you acquire, a fifth of it is for Allah and for His Prophet and (the Prophet's) near relations, and the orphans and the needy and the wayfarer...." 8:41



JIHAD



Jihad is often translated as 'holy war'. However, it is much more than that. It literally means to 'work hard' or 'to strive' for something.

أَمْ حَسِبْتُمْ أَنْ تَدْخُلُوا الْجَنَّةَ وَلَمَّا يَعْلَمِ اللَّهُ الَّذِينَ جَاهَدُوا مِنْكُمْ
وَيَعْلَمَ الصَّابِرِينَ

"Do you reckon you will enter Janna when Allah knows those of you who do jihaad from you and those who are Saabir (patient, steadfast)" 3:142



AMR BIL MA'RUF & NAHIY ANIL MUNKAR



Amr bil Ma'ruf means to encourage righteousness. Nahyi anil Munkar means to discourage someone from doing things that are haram.

وَلْتَكُنْ مِنْكُمْ أُمَّةٌ يَدْعُونَ إِلَى الْخَيْرِ وَيَأْمُرُونَ بِالْمَعْرُوفِ وَيَنْهَوْنَ
عَنِ الْمُنْكَرِ وَأُولَئِكَ هُمُ الْمُفْلِحُونَ

"And that there should be among you a group who call (humankind) to virtue and enjoin what is good and forbid wrong; and these are those who shall be successful." 3:104



TAWALLA



Tawalla means to love and follow the teachings of the Prophet (Pbuh) and his Ahlulbayt.

قُلْ لَا أَسْأَلُكُمْ عَلَيْهِ أَجْرًا إِلَّا الْمَوَدَّةَ فِي الْقُرْبَىٰ

..."Say! I do not ask of you of any reward except love for my near relations..." 42:23



TABARRA



Tabarra means to keep away from those who are the enemies of Allah, His Prophet and the Ahlulbayt. It also means keeping away from those who do evil.

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا لَا تَتَّخِذُوا عَدُوِّي وَعَدُوَّكُمْ أَوْلِيَاءَ

"O you who believe! Do not take My enemy and your enemy as friends..." 60:1

