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Ancillaries of the Faith

As adult believers and Muslims, we have specific obligatory duties that we must perform. Some of them are time-sensitive. They are:

- 1) **Daily Prayers:** Muslims must complete five prayers daily at particular times of the day and night, starting from pre-sunrise to evening. Prayers may be performed individually or as a group at any location.
- 2) **Annual Fasting:** Muslims have to fast during a specific month every year. Yearly events are observed based on the Islamic calendar, which has twelve months, each identified by the appearance of a new crescent.
- 3) **Charitable Affairs:** Independent Muslims must spend one-fifth of their net excess disposable annual income on charity. E.g., Needy parents, relatives, the poor, neighbors, fugitives, servants, and associates.
- 4) **Special Donations:** A financial obligation for Muslim adults to pay one-tenth of annual gains obtained from nature. E.g., Harvested grains, born livestock, mining extractions, found treasures.
- 5) **Pilgrimage:** Muslims must visit the holy city of Mecca once in their lifetime, for a specific period in a particular month of the year. The pilgrim should be financially well-off, healthy, and capable of traveling.
- 6) **Defending the Faith:** The original Muslims fought against and defeated their enemies with the guidance of our beloved Prophet. Today we should strive for the excellence of our communities and their members.
- 7) **Social Mindfulness:** Muslims must promote and encourage righteousness and discourage and advise against sinful behavior and vices by genuinely practicing what they preach as role models.