

1. Allah

1. Allah is the one true God.
 - ❖ The word "Allah" probably comes from *al illah*, which means "the God."
 - ❖ Allah is an absolute unity: Unitarian rather than Trinitarian

Question: The Name of God

- Are "Allah" and "Yahweh" the same God?
- Can the Father of Jesus be the God of Muhammad?

2. Prophets

2. Muhammad is the last and greatest of the prophets.
 - ❖ Jesus is said to be the sinless prophet, but is considered as neither the greatest prophet or as deity.

List of Prophets in the Qur'an

- Adam (25 times)
- Ayyub (Job) (4:163, 6:84, 21:83, 38:41)
- Dawud (David) (16 times)
- Dhul-Kifl (perhaps Ezekiel) (21:85, 38:48)
- Harun (Aaron) (24 times)
- Hud (25 times)
- Ibrahim (Abraham) (69 times)
- Idris (Enoch) (19:56, 21:85)
- Ilyas (6:85, 37:123)
- Al Yasa (2 times: 38:48, 6:85-87)
- Isa (Jesus): Isa[note1] 25 times, [1] titles[note2] 79 times, [2][3][4] 3rd person[note3] 48 times, [5] 1st person[note4] 35 times, [6]
- Is-haq (Isaac) (17 times)
- Ismail (Ishmael) (12 times)
- Lut (Lot) (27 times)
- Muhammad (5 times: 3:144, 3:340, 47:2, 48:29, 6:16 – Muhammad and Ahmad are interpreted as the same) [7]
- Musa (Moses) (136 times) Moses
- Nuh (Noah) (43 times)
- Saleh (9 times)
- Shu'ayb (10 times)
- Sulayman (Solomon) (17 times)
- Yahya (John) (5 times)
- Yusuf (Joseph) (27 times)
- Ya'qub (Jacob) (16 times)
- Yunus (Jonah) (4 times: 4:163, 6:86, 10:98, 37:139)
- Uzayr (9:30)
- Zakariyya (Zachariah) (7 times)

26 in all
7 outside of the Bible

3. Holy Books

3. The Qur'an is the most important of the scriptures.
 - ❖ Parts of the Bible are accepted, and Jews and Christians are considered people of the book, but only the Qur'an is considered uncorrupted.
 - ❖ The Tauret (the Pentateuch of Moses)
 - ❖ The Zabur (the Psalms of David)
 - ❖ The Injil (the gospels of Jesus)

4. Angels and Demons

4. There are angels and demons (jinn)
 - ❖ there is also a ruler of the demons: Iblis or Shaitan (Satan)

5. Judgment

5. There will be a day of judgement, a resurrection, and a heaven and hell.

- ❖ Salvation is man's responsibility; it depends on a man's actions and attitudes and not God's grace.

6. Allah's Will

6. There is a belief in the supremacy of Allah's will

- ❖ This deals with the tension between Allah's foreordaining and human free will
- ❖ The sayings of Muhammad, recorded in the Hadith, favor a view of predestination more than the Qur'an
- ❖ a favorite phrase is "insha'allah" (if Allah wills)

Five Pillars

2. *Salat*

3. *Zakat*

1. *Shahadah*

4. *Sawm*
(*Ramadan*)

5. *Hajj*

Five Pillars



Ideas have Consequences

1. *Recitation of Islam's creed*

Shahadah

- Arabic: الشهادۃ aš-šahādah
- The main creed of Islam declares belief in the oneness of Allah and the acceptance of Muhammad as the main prophet of Allah

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ مُحَمَّدٌ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ

- "There is no God but Allah, and Muhammad is his prophet." ["La-ilaha-illa-Allah, Muhammad rasul Allah"]

- a. The word *Islam* essentially means "surrender" or "submission" to the will of Allah.
- b. The word *Muslim* refers to "one who submits."

The Prophet of Allah:

Muhammad

Timeline of Muhammad's Life

- 570 - Born in the town of Mecca.
- 575 - Orphaned upon the death of his
- 595 - Marries Kadijah
- 610 - Receives first revelation from God during the month of Ramadan.
- 613 - Took his message public
- 622 - Emigrates with his followers to Medina.
- 624 - The start of three major battles with the Meccans

Timeline of Muhammad's Life

- 628 - Treaty of Mecca (breached by Meccans)
- 629 - Orders first raid into Christian lands
- 630 - Conquers Mecca
- 631 - Consolidated most of the Arabian Peninsula under Islam.
- 632 - Returned to Mecca to perform a pilgrimage.
- 632 - Dies in Medina after a brief illness.

Which of these events were historical?

- 570 - ??
- 575 - ??
- 595 - ??
- 610 - ??
- 613 - ??
- 622 - ??
- 624 - ??
- 628 - ??
- 629 - ??
- 630 - ??
- 631 - ??
- 632 - ??
- 632 - ??

Timeline of Muhammad's Life

- NOTE: None of these events are Historical!
- They were not written down until 200 years later
- How do we know that any of it really happened?

2. The practice of prayer

Salat

- *five times a day while facing Mecca.*

- near dawn (fajr),
- after midday (zuhr),
- in the afternoon (asr),
- just after sunset (maghrib)
- and around nightfall (Isha).



How to Pray



1. Ablution (washing)
2. Stand facing the Qibla (direction of Mecca)
3. You start by saying "Allahu Akbar" (Allah is greater)
4. Recite Al-Fatihah (first sura in the Qur'an)

Al-Fatihah is a prayer for guidance:

- In the Name of Allah, the Merciful, the Compassionate
Praise belongs to Allah, the Lord of all Being, the All-merciful, the All-compassionate, the Master of the Day of Doom.
Thee only we serve; to Thee alone we pray for succor.
Guide us in the straight path,
the path of those whom Thou hast blessed,
not of those **against whom Thou art wrathful**,
nor of **those who are astray**.

Al-Fatiha



Ibn Kathir's commentary explains the meaning of this verse as follows:

- These two paths are the paths of the Christians and Jews, a fact that the believer should beware of so that he avoids them. ... the Jews abandoned practicing the religion, while the Christians lost the true knowledge. This is why 'anger' descended upon the Jews, while being described as 'led astray' is more appropriate of the Christians. ... We should also mention that both the Christians and the Jews have earned the anger and are led astray, but the anger is one of the attributes more particular of the Jews.

Ibn Kathir's commentary explains the meaning of this verse as follows:

- Allah said about the Jews, 'Those (Jews) who incurred the curse of Allah and His wrath' (Sura 5:60). The attribute that the Christians deserve most is that of being led astray, just as Allah said about them, 'Who went astray before and who misled many, and strayed (themselves) from the right path' (Sura 5:77).

The verse from Sura 5 which Ibn Kathir refers to concerning Jews is:

- Shall I tell you of a recompense with Allah, worse than that? Whomsoever Allah has cursed, and with whom He is wroth, and made some of them apes and swine, and worshippers of idols – they are worse situated, and have gone further astray from the right way. (Sura 5:60)

And the verse concerning Christians:

- People of the Book, go not beyond the bounds in your religion, other than the truth, and follow not the caprices of a people who went astray before, and led astray many, and now again have gone astray from the right way. (Sura 5:77)

How to Pray



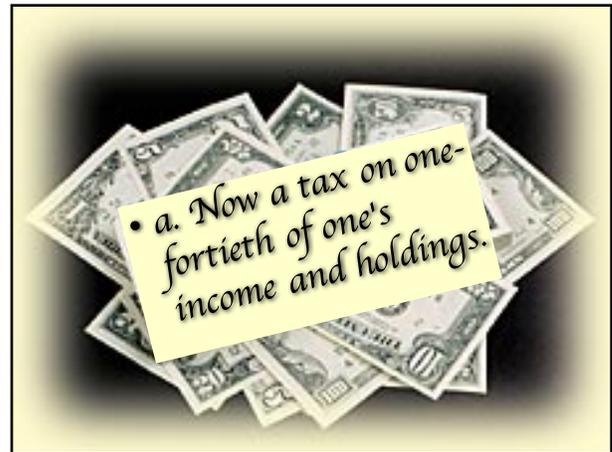
First Rak'ah

Second Rak'ah

1. Ablution (washing)
2. Stand facing the Qibla (direction of Mecca)
3. You start by saying "Allahu Akbar" (Allah is greater)
4. Recite Al-Fatihah (first sura in the Qur'an)
5. Go through a rak'ah (set of postures); repeat
6. There may be up to four rak'ahs to complete Salah
 - Avg. of 14 times a day, or over 5,000 times a year

3. *The practice of giving money to the poor*

Zakat



- a. Now a tax on one-fortieth of one's income and holdings.

4. *Fasting*

Sawm

The month of fasting

Ramadan

Can Muslims have water during the fast?

- Muslims are not allowed to eat or drink during the day.
- 15 hours of not eating or drinking

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- A sunset over water, with the sun low on the horizon, creating a red and orange glow. The water reflects the colors of the sky.
- Most will eat before sunrise and after sunset.

- The pre-dawn meal before the fast is called the suhur
- The meal at sunset that breaks the fast is the iftar.



Eid al-Fitr

- At the end of the month of fasting there is a feast: Eid al-Fitr ("feast of breaking the fast")



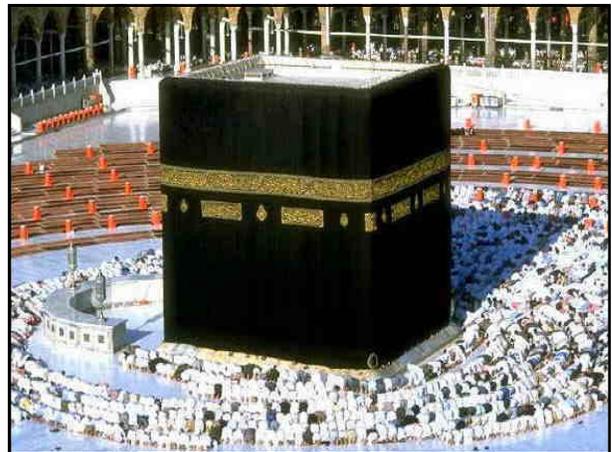
Extra Takbirs

- During the prayer time for Eid al-Fitr there are six additional Takbirs (raising of the hands to the ears while saying "Allahu Akbar," or "God is the greatest," or "God is greater...")



5. The pilgrimage to Mecca at least once during a person's lifetime.

Hajj





6. Often the Holy War is added as the sixth pillar.

Jihad

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- Force is advocated to overcome the infidels and spread Islam.

Jihad for the sake of Allah

- Jihad for the sake of Allah is not some unfortunate deviation from the true faith, it's an integral part of that faith.
- *Needed: A New Church Policy toward Islam [Pt. 2]
- by William Kilpatrick, Crisis Magazine - February 4, 2015

From the Hadith

- "Our Prophet, the Messenger of our Lord, has ordered us to fight you till you worship Allah Alone or give Jizya (i.e. tribute); and our Prophet has informed us that our Lord says: 'Whoever amongst us is killed (i.e. martyred), shall go to Paradise to lead such a luxurious life as he has never seen, and whoever amongst us remain alive, shall become your master'".
- Sahih al-Bukhari
- Volume 4, Book 53, Number 3861

Does ISLAM Mean Peace?

Same Root: Different Meanings

- ---SaLaam
❖ Peace
- ---iS La M
❖ Submission Corpse or Corps?
- muS Li M
❖ One who submits
- Submission comes through Jihad

Two Forms of Jihad

The "Greater Jihad"	The "Lesser Jihad"
Subjugation of your "heart" to the will of Allah	Subjugation of the "infidel" to the religion of Islam

The World Divided

- "Idolaters and unbelievers were considered enemies of the Islamic community.
- The world was divided into two areas: the world of Islam and the world of disobedience.

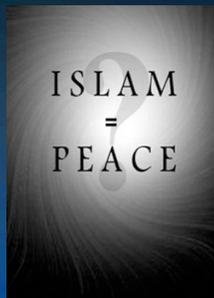
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- Through struggle and warfare the world of disobedience was to be brought under the authority and subjugation of the world of Islam.
- Thus Islam was the correct and pure religion, and jihad was the method to bring others into it through conversion or through domination."

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Does Islam mean "Peace"?

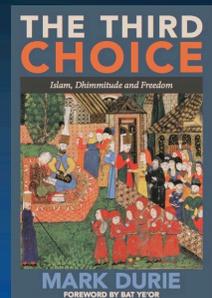
- For Muslims, there will only be Peace when the whole world is under the domination of Islam



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Three Choices

- Mark Durie's Book
- "Infidels" are given Three Choices:
- Convert
- Die
- Pay the Jizya and submit to Muslims



Follow the Facts

- Muslims desire to bring the whole world under the domination of Islam
- Those nations that are under the domination of Islam are not democracies

Follow the Facts

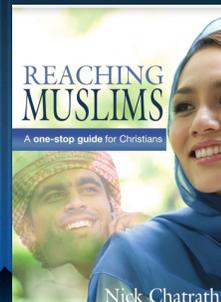
- Christians, at best, are not allowed to witness and are considered 2nd class citizens
- Over time Islam seeks to root out and rid the world of Christianity

Who Will Win?



See the Book of Revelation!

Build Bridges



- Ask your Muslim friends about the Five Pillars (What do you believe?)
- Attend the Eid al-Fitr with them
- Compliment them for their faithfulness and sacrifice
- Challenge them to read the gospels during the month of Ramadan if you will read the Qur'an
- Get together afterwards and discuss what you have learned