

Islam

Submission or surrender



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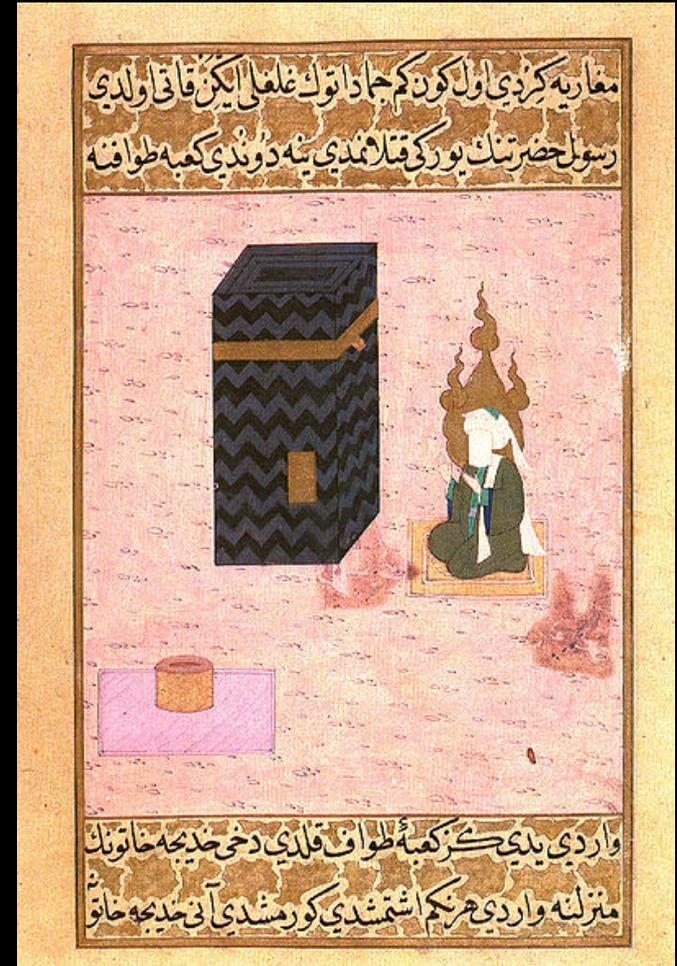
Muslims



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Muhammad

- Born in AD 570
- Mecca
- Married Khadija



Muhammad Visited



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Polytheism and Idols



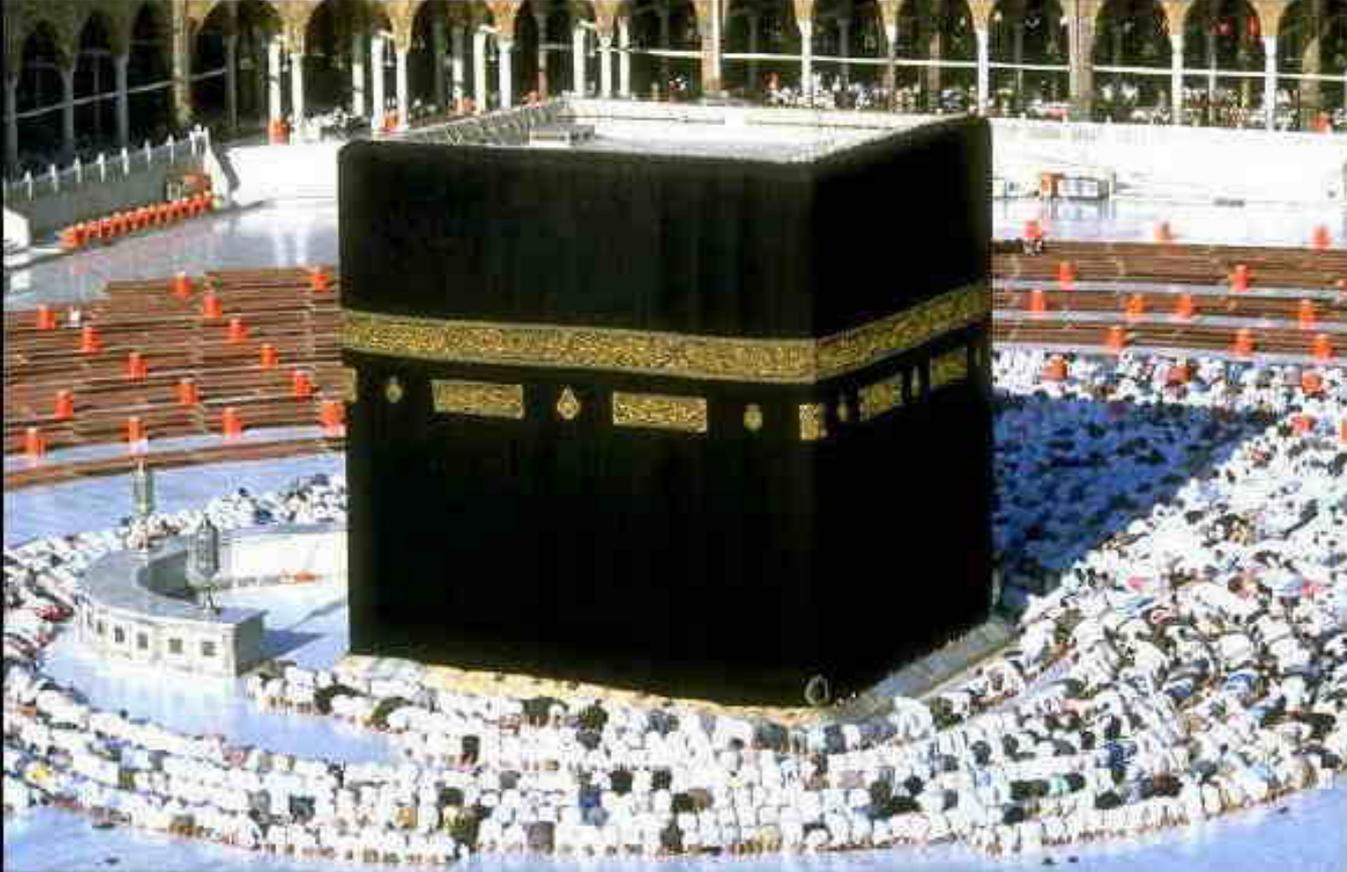
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Ka'aba



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Jihad



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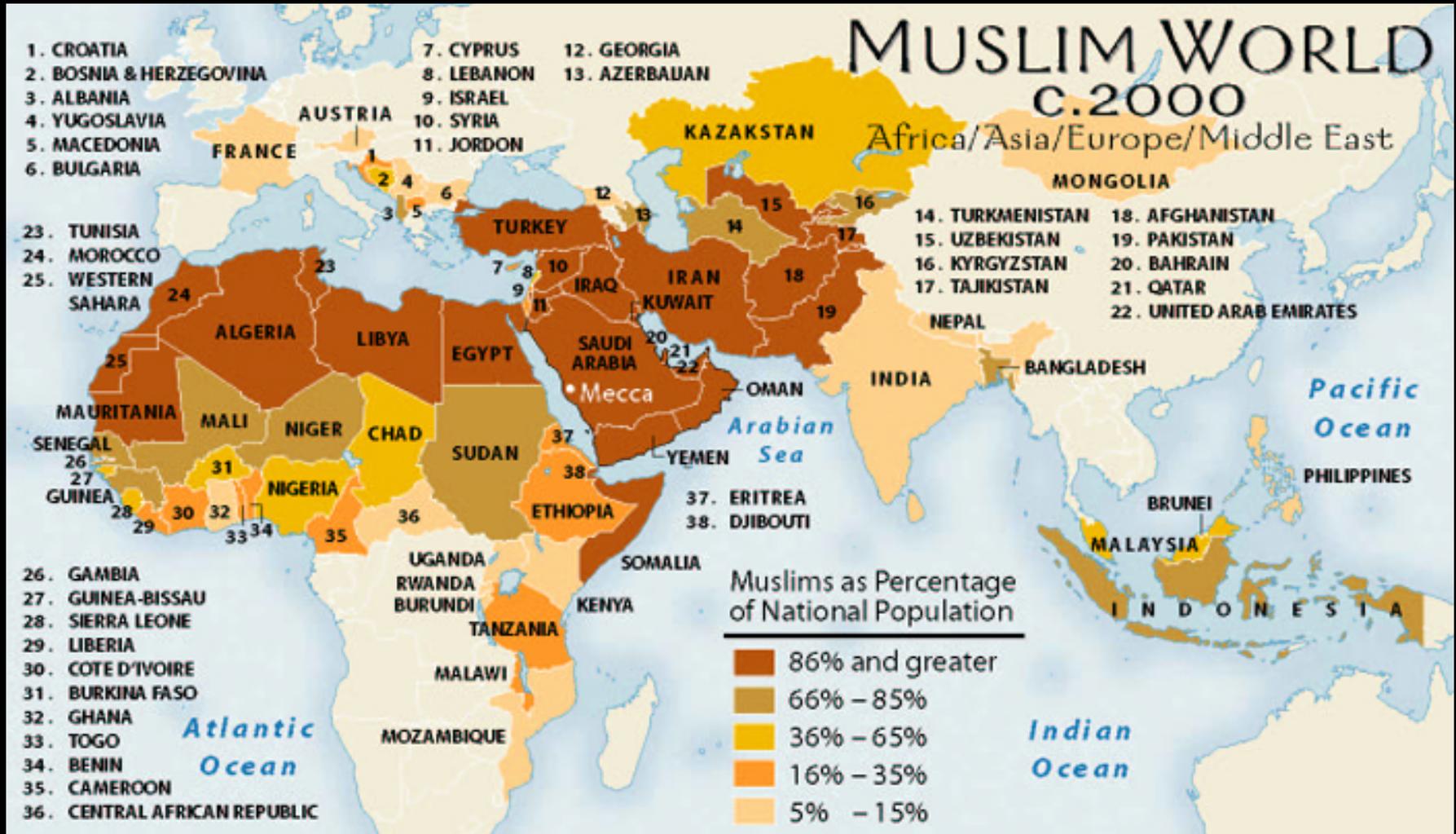
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Number of Muslims

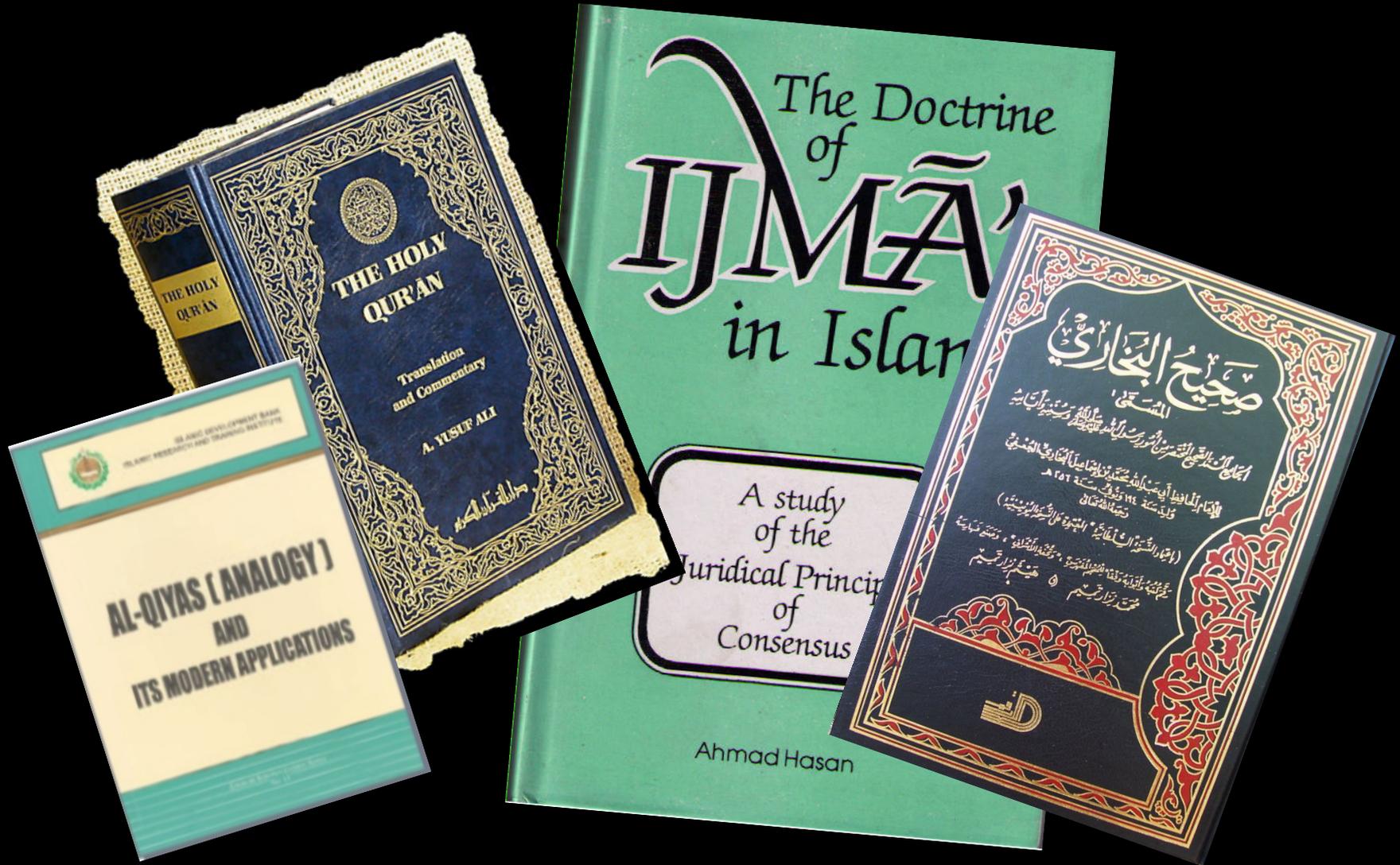


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Islamic Countries



Koran / Qur'an



Shari' ah



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Muslim Beliefs:

- ❑ God (Allah)-He is one...the sole Creator and Preserver. He has no partner, no equal, and nothing is like Him.

- ❑ Angels-the servants of God
 - ❑ Main angel...Gabriel (Jibril) also known by Muslims as the holy spirit

- ❑ Messengers (prophets)-divinely inspired humans, through which God speaks to humanity
 - ❑ Jesus-sinless, servant, apostle and prophet, NOT the son of God, is the Messiah (in the sense of being a guardian angel, defender, or leader, but not savior)
 - ❑ Muhammad-final messenger...some Muslims view him as the greatest since he was the last one.

Muslim Beliefs:

❑ Scriptures-

- ❑ All scriptures are the word of God, but they often assume that previous scriptures have been corrupted or changed and are no longer trustworthy. So they believe that the Qur'an alone suffices for all people.

❑ The day of resurrection and judgment-

- ❑ Only through faith and good works
- ❑ God raises all humanity
 - ❑ Heaven = for the pious or religious
 - ❑ Hell = for the wicked
- ❑ The unforgivable sin for Muslims is idolatry (shirk)
- ❑ Only martyrs can be assured of salvation

❑ Predestination-

- ❑ Absolute-they believe that everything they say, think, and do have been determined and decreed from all eternity.

Muslim Beliefs:

- ❑ Five pillars of Islam:
 - ❑ Shahadah-confession of the creed
 - ❑ Salat-pray 5 times towards Mecca
 - ❑ Zakah-Tithing to the needy within the community
 - ❑ Sawm-Fasting from dawn to dusk during Ramadan
 - ❑ Hajj-pilgrimage to Mecca

Said to be the sixth:

- ❑ Jihad-mental or spiritual holy war or inner struggle

Muslim Beliefs:

❑ Mosque-

- ❑ Place of worship
- ❑ No professional clergy

❑ Ramadan-

- ❑ Holy month: corresponds with Muhammad's flight from Mecca to Medina

❑ Friday-

- ❑ Holy day...day of worship

❑ The Festival of the Sacrifice-

- ❑ Commemorates the deliverance of Abraham's son...Ishmael from being sacrificed (Not Isaac). They sacrifice an animal.

Muslim Beliefs:

- ❑ The Festival of the Breaking of the Fast-
 - ❑ Occurs at the end of Ramadan

- ❑ Muharram-
 - ❑ When Muslims mourn the death of the grandsons of Muhammad: Hassan and Husayn. (especially the Shi'i Muslims)

- ❑ Caliph-
 - ❑ Successor of Muhammad,; leader of the community

Divisions in Islam

❑ Sunni Muslims-

- ❑ Majority of Muslims
- ❑ Follow the sunnah (path)
- ❑ Acknowledge the first four caliphs
- ❑ Believe that salvation lies within the “whole” of the community

❑ Shi'i Muslims-

- ❑ Follow Ali and believe his descendants should have been the successors, not the other three caliphs.
- ❑ Mainly political in nature
- ❑ Believe that salvation lies with the imams (religious teacher or prayer leader)

Divisions in Islam

❑ Sufism-

- ❑ More of a mystical movement; mainly responds to the evils in society and the need for a more personal relationship with God.
- ❑ Wear plain clothing and shun the pursuit of money.
- ❑ Many see poverty as a necessity.
- ❑ They worship Allah through meditation and prayer.
- ❑ Sufis played an important role in the spread of Islam, they would accompany traders across the Indian Ocean to various regions of Asia and across trade routes of the African continent. They marched with armies and they set up centers where they could spread the message of Islam.

Reasons why Muslims come to the USA

- Economic Stability
 - More freedom
 - Better education
 - Wider development of talents
- Political and Religious Stability
 - Relief from disturbances
- To Revive the American Muslim Community
 - A total way of life instead of being a once a week worship ceremony

Problems with which Muslims must deal in the United States

- Finding the time to pray 5 times daily
- Friday worship...in the workplace
- Fasting during Ramadan
- Avoiding unclean food (eating meat that is ritually slaughtered)
- Marriage, divorce, prepare wills, and bury in conformity to Muslim laws
- Maintain Muslim values, teach children and bring them up in the Muslim traditions

Four basic Christian teachings about Jesus are rejected in Islam

- That he is the *Messiah*
- That he did not die
- That he is union with the Father
- That he does not bring salvation

How does the Muslim view Jesus?

- Divinely inspired prophet
- He was a servant and messenger
- He received the New Testament and Christians corrupted it.

Atonement: satisfaction or reparation for a wrong or injury, to make amends, reconcile, or to be one with God.

Why do Muslims reject atonement?

- They view it as unjust and unnecessary
- Each individual must bear his/her own burden

5 “points of contact” between Muslims and Christians

- Oneness and uniqueness of God
- Rejection of idols
- God spoke to humanity through prophets and scriptures
- His declaration of His moral laws
- His call to His servants to obey His commands and to repent

Biggest Difference

- **Salvation**

- Christ vs. Good Works

Muslim view on the following:

- An organized priesthood:
 - Caliph, imam, ayatollahs (prayer or religious leaders)...not trained
- Circumcision:
 - Accept (even to women)
- Eating pork:
 - reject
- Alcoholic beverage:
 - Reject (forbidden, but many young do)

Muslim view on the following:

- The role of women:
 - Affected by cultural traditions
- Racial equality:
 - accepted
- Holy war:
 - Jihad, inner struggle, which Shia elevate to meaning follow through
- Polygamy:
 - Permitted, as long as they are treated fair and equal

Purdah

- is the Persian version of the Hijab or Niqab, or partial head covering

