

Islam

<p>Name of God (if any):</p> <p>Allah (Arabic for “God”)</p> <p>“Founder” (if any):</p> <p>Muhammad (sometimes “Mohammed”) – “prophet of God” or God’s messenger</p> <p>Holy Book or Writings (if any):</p> <p>Qur’an (Koran) [Word of God] Sunnah – the teachings and practices of Muhammad and his interpretations of the Qur’an (Sunnah means “clear path”) Hadiths: quotes of Muhammad</p> <p>Where practiced: Middle East northern Africa Indonesia, Malaysia</p>	<p>Basic Beliefs:</p> <p>Monotheistic “Abrahamic” religion (can trace roots back to Abraham)</p> <p>Islam = “Peace through submission to the will of God” Muslim (sometimes “Moslem”) = “One who submits” [Muslims are people who practice Islam] [“Muslim” can also be an adjective meaning “Islamic”]</p> <p>Muhammad was told by the Angel Gabriel that he was to be the “messenger of God” (a prophet)</p> <p>Mosque – Muslim place of worship Imam – leader of prayer in a mosque</p> <p>Five Pillars of Islam: Profession of faith Prayer – 5x/day (facing Mecca) Alms – charity (money, food) for the poor Fast(ing) – to refrain from eating/drinking Pilgrimage – journey to sacred place (Hajj): Mecca</p> <p>Mecca – holy city Ka’aba – sacred structure located in Mecca</p> <p>Shi’ites – believe leaders should be related to Muhammad (10-15%) Sunnis – believe that leaders just need to follow the Sunnah (85-90%)</p> <p>Practices: Dietary restrictions – no pork, no alcohol Islam often combines with the government (Qur’an = Constitution) Sharia law – Islamic moral code, often applies to government laws No images of Muhammed (could lead to worshipping him instead of Allah)</p> <p>Islamic holy days: Ramadan – commemorates the giving of the Qur’an to Muhammad; month of fasting during daylight hours Eid – celebrates the end of fasting</p>
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