

- **Islam 101**
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- **HOW DO MUSLIMS VIEW ISLAM?**

- Islam is the acceptance of and obedience to the teaching of one God.
- God Revealed Islam to His Last Prophet, Muhammad (PBUH).

- **WHAT DOES THE WORD ALLAH MEAN?**

- The Arabic word Allah means God.
- The word Allah is used by Arabic speakers.
- The word is not used to designate anything other than the one true God.

- **BASIC BELIEF**

- Belief in One God (Allah)
- Belief in Prophethood
- All the Divine Books as revealed by God to various prophets
- Angels, Jinns(Demons), Life after Death and the Day of Judgment, Heaven and Hell

- **PROPHETS & SCRIPTURES**

- SOME PROPHETS: Adam, Noah, Abraham, Ishmael, Ishaq, Jacob, Joseph, Benjamin, Moses, Aaron, David, Solomon, Zakareya, John, Jesus, Mohammad (peace be upon Them)
- Belief in ALL prophets of God
- Source of All Books is God

- **DIVINE BOOKS**

- Sahifa- revealed to Nuh (Noah)
- Sahifa- revealed to Ibrahim (Abraham)
- Taurat- Revealed to Musa (Moses)
- Zabur- Revealed to Dawud (David)
- Injil- Revealed to Isa (Jesus)
- Qur'an- Revealed to Mohammad

- **MUSLIMS' DISTRIBUTION**

- **WHAT IS THE HOLY QURAN?**

- The last revealed word of God.
- Primary source of every Muslim's faith and practice.

- It was revealed to the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) through the Angel Gabriel.

- **THE HOLY QURAN**
- Revealed in Arabic
- 23 Years of Revelations (610 - 632)
- 114 Surahs (Chapters)
- Each Surah contains multiple Verses (Ayahs or Revelations)

- **WHAT IS THE QURAN ABOUT?**
- Relationship between God and His creatures.
- It deals with subjects that concern human beings (wisdom, doctrine, worship, transactions, law, etc.)
- It provides guidelines and detailed teachings for a just society, proper human conduct, and an equitable economic system.

- **OTHER SOURCES FOR MUSLIMS?**
- The Sunnah.
- The Shari'ah.

- **OTHER SOURCES - SUNNAH**
- The Sunnah is the second source in Islam - Accounts of what the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) said, did, or approved of.

- **OTHER SOURCES - SHARI'AH**
- Shari'ah is the Sacred Law. It goes beyond the common understanding of worship as the performance of religious rituals, and encompasses the whole of human life, individual as well as social.

- **BASIC ISLAMIC BELIEFS**

- Belief in one, unique, incomparable God.
- Belief in the existence of angels and that they are honored creatures.
- Belief in God's revealed books (Bible, Quran, Torah).

- **BASIC ISLAMIC BELIEFS**

- Prophets and Messengers of God were human beings and born of man.
- Day of Judgment.
- Al-Qadar (Divine Predestination).

- **FORBIDDEN IN ISLAM**

- Suicide.
- Idol worship.
- Use of drugs.
- Homosexuality.
- Pre-marital sex.
- Extra-marital sex.

- **FORBIDDEN IN ISLAM**

- Pork consumption.
- Gambling and usury.
- Alcohol consumption.
- Disrespecting one's parents.
- Worshipping anyone other than God.

- **THE FIVE PILLARS OF ISLAM**

- Testimony of Faith (aka Shahada)

(Ashhadu anna La ilaha illa Allah, Wa Ashhadu anna Muhammadun Rasoolu Allah)

- Prayer

(five prayers per day)

- **THE FIVE PILLARS OF ISLAM**

- Fasting the Month of Ramadan
- Zakat (support of the needy)
- Pilgrimage to Makkah

- **THE CONCEPT OF JIHAD**

- The literal meaning of Jihad is struggle or effort, and it means more than holy war.
- Muslims use the word Jihad to describe two kinds of struggle: greater and lesser Jihad.

- **THE GREATER JIHAD**

- The internal struggle to live out the Muslim faith as well as possible.
- The Struggle to build a good Muslim society.

- **THE LESSER JIHAD**

- Holy war: when Muslims, their faith, or territory are under attack, Islam permits Muslims to wage military war to protect themselves.
- Shari'ah law sets very strict rules for the conduct of such a war.

- **WHAT A JIHAD IS NOT**

- **Jihad is not permissible to:**

- Force people to convert to Islam.
- Conquer other nations to colonize them.
- Take territories for economic gain.
- Settle disputes.
- Demonstrate a leader's power.

- **PERMISSABLE REASONS FOR MILITARY JIHAD**

- Self-defense.
- Enforcing treaties.
- Putting to right a wrong.
- Protection against oppression.
- Freedom to practice one's faith.

- **RULES OF MILITARY JIHAD**

- The opponent must always have started the offensive.
- It must be launched by a religious leader.
- It must be fought to bring about good.
- Must attempt to resolve the problem peacefully prior to resorting to war.

- **RULES OF MILITARY JIHAD**

- Should not kill or hurt the innocent, women, children or elderly people.
- Women must not be raped.
- Enemies must be treated with justice.
- Wounded enemy soldiers must be treated exactly as one's own soldiers.

- **RULES OF MILITARY JIHAD**

- The war must stop as soon as the enemy asks for peace.
- Property must not be damaged.
- Poisoning wells is forbidden (modern analogy would be chemical or biological warfare).

- **WOMEN RIGHTS AND ISLAM**

- Historians note that, before the rise of Islamic culture in the 7th century, women in much of the world had few rights and were considered little more than personal property.

- **WOMEN RIGHTS AND ISLAM**

- The Qur'an and Islamic traditions recognize women as a full and equal partner of man in the procreation of humankind.

- **WOMEN RIGHTS AND ISLAM**

- Islam recognizes that women have the right to:
 - Vote.
 - Seek divorce.
 - Gain an education.
 - Freedom of expression.
 - Own and inherit property.
 - Contract/enterprise, to earn, and to possess independently.

- **MUSLIMS AND JESUS**

- Muslims respect and revere Jesus (PBUH).
- They consider Him one of the greatest of God's prophets.

- Muslims believe that Jesus (PBUH) will come back to complete his mission on earth.

- **THE HOLY QURAN AND JESUS**
- The Quran confirms His miraculous virgin birth.
- Jesus was born by the command of God in the same fashion as Adam.
- During His prophetic mission, Jesus (PBUH) performed many miracles.

- **THE HOLY QURAN AND JESUS**
- Neither Muhammad (PBUH) nor Jesus (PBUH) came to change the basic doctrine of the belief in one God, brought by earlier prophets, but rather to confirm and to renew it.

- **ISLAMIC NEW YEAR**
- It is based on the date the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) and his followers emigrated from Makkah to Madinah.
- Current Islamic Year is 1431 A.H.
 - December 7, 2010
 - November 26, 2011
 - November 15, 2012

- **PROPHET'S BIRTHDAY– Mawlid al-Nabi**
- The 12th day of the Rabee' al-Awwal (Islamic month). It coincides with:
 - February 15, 2011
 - February 4, 2012
 - January 24, 2013

- **THE MONTH OF RAMADAN**

- **Fasting begins**

- August 11, 2010
- August 01, 2011
- July 20, 2012

- **EID AL-FITR**

- Eid is the Arabic word for Holiday. It marks the end of Ramadan (fasting).

- September 10, 2010
- August 30, 2011
- August 19, 2012

- **EID AL-ADHA**

- Marks the end of Hajj (Pilgrimage) season.

- November 15, 2010
- November 6, 2011
- October 26, 2012

- **ISLAMIC MONTHS**

- **SAMPLE CONVERSION TOOLS**

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- **MUSLIM GROUPS**

- Sunni Muslims
- Shi'a Muslims

- **HISTORICAL SNAPSHOT**

- The division between Sunni and Shi'a Muslim dates back to the Seventh Century.
- It began in the decade that followed the death of the Prophet (PBUH) in 632.
- Sunnis regard Ali as the fourth and last caliph.
- Sunnis and Shi'as have fought for political power and control ever since.

- **FIRST FOUR CALIPHS**

- Abu Bakr Al-Siddiq (632-634)
- Umar ibn Al-Khattab (634-644)
- Uthman ibn Affan (644-656)
- Ali ibn Abi Talib (656-661)

- **ALI'S OPPOSITION**

- Ali Opposition:
 - Aisha
 - Mu'awiya Umayyad
 - Both accused him of being lax with bringing Uthman's killers to justice.

- **HISTORICAL BATTLES**

- Battle of Al-Basra.
- Battle of Suffin.
- Ali's die-hard supporters response and reaction in 661.

- **MU'AWIYA RISE TO POWER**

- Mu'awiya declared himself as the next caliphate (661-680).
- Ali's older son, Hasan, arrangement with Mu'awiya.

- **YAZID RISE TO POWER**

- Hussein, Ali's younger son, arrangement with Mu'awiya.
- Yazid, Mu'awiya's son, the new Caliph.
- Hussein response- the battle of karbala.

- **SUNNI SCHOOLS OF THOUGHT**

- **HANAFI SCHOOL OF THOUGHT**

- Founder: Abu Hanafi an-Nu'man ibn Tabit
- Influence: Bangladesh, Pakistan, India, Afghanistan, Central Asia, Southern Russia, parts of the Balkans, and Turkey
- Sub-groups: Barelwi, Deobandi, Maturidi, Tablighi Jamaat.
- Known Hanafi Militant Group: Taliban

- **MALIKI SCHOOL OF THOUGHT**

- Founder: Malik ibn Anas
- Influence: Most of the Muslim areas in Africa, except lower Egypt and lower Africa.

- Known Maliki Militant Group: Islamic Courts

- **SHAFI'I SCHOOL OF THOUGHT**

- Founder: Mohammad ibn Idris ash-Shafi'i
- Influence: Indonesia, lower Egypt, Malaysia, Singapore, Somalia, Jordan, Lebanon, Syria, Kerala, India, Sri Lanka, Palestine, Yemen, and the Kurdish regions.
- Known Shafi'i Militant Group: Abu Sayyaf Group

- **HANBALI SCHOOL OF THOUGHT**

- Founder: Ahmad bin Hanbal
- Influence: Arabian Peninsula
- Sub-groups: Wahabi and Salafi
- Known Salafi Militant Group: Al-Qaeda

- **SALAFI SUB-GROUPS**

- Non-participating
- Moderate
- Extreme
- Jihadi
- Takfeeri

- **NON-PARTICIPATING SALAFIS**

- Salafi way of thinking
- Do not practice regularly
- Same ideals as other Salafi groups but not as devout
- They are also non-violent

- **MODERATE SALAFIS**

- Follow the teaching of Qur'an and the Sunnah
- Shun extreme beliefs
- Knowledge and wisdom are valued and respected
- Non-violent group

- **EXTREME SALAFIS**

- Share the Moderate Salafi beliefs, but they go to some extremes
- Shun tobacco, television, radio, and anything that does not involve religion
- Muslim equivalent to Monks
- Very similar to Amish groups

- **EXTREME SALAFIS**

- They shun material and earthly possessions
- Their main focus is on the after-life
- Non-violent, but extreme in their beliefs

- **JIHADI SALAFIS**

- Promote violent Jihad
- Aligned with groups such as Hamas, the Islamic Brotherhood, and Al-Qaeda
- They believe that violent Jihad is the most important part of one's life

- **TAKFEERI SALAFIS**

- Is a Jihadi Salafi, but one that despises anyone that does not ascribe to the same belief system

- They are committed to and promote violent Jihad
- Most dangerous Salafi class

▪ **SHI'A SCHOOLS OF THOUGHT**

▪ **THE TWELVE IMAMS OF SHIA MUSLIMS**

- Ali ibn Abu Talib
- Hasan ibn Ali
- Hussein ibn Ali
- Ali ibn Hussein
- Mohammad Al-Baqir
- Ja'afar al-Sadiq

▪ **TWELVERS – TWELVE IMAMS**

- Make-up 85% of Shia Muslim
- Presence: Iran, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Iraq, Lebanon, Kuwait, Turkey, Albania, Pakistan, and Afghanistan.

▪ **ISMAILI – SEVEN IMAMS**

- Presence: Afghanistan, Pakistan, Uzbekistan, India, Yemen, China, and Saudi Arabia.
- Known Ismaili Group: Jaysh Al-Mahdi

▪ **ZAYDI – FIVE IMAMS**

- Presence: Yemen
- Oppose the Al-Houthi Group
- Minority of the Shi'a population

▪ THE TWELVE IMAMS OF SHIA MUSLIMS

▪ SUNNI / SHI'A IMAMS

QUESTIONS?