

	Shi'a (<20%) <i>Ahl al-Bayt: 'Ali's Descendants Followers</i>	Sunni (>80%) <i>Ahl al-Sunnah: Tradition Followers</i>
Major Groups	- Twelvers/Ithna 'Ashari (80%) - Seveners/Isma'ili - Fivers/Zaydi	- Hanafi - Maliki - Shafi'i (a student of Malik) - Hanbali (a student of Shafi'i)
Fundamentals of Religion / Pillars of Islam	<i>Tawheed</i> (The Oneness of God) <i>'Adl</i> (The Justice of God) <i>Nubuwwah</i> (Prophethood) <i>Mi'ad</i> (Day of judgment)	- Believe in Allah ﷻ - His Angels (Mala'ika) - His books (Kutub) - His messengers (Al-russul) - The day of judgment (Qiyama) - Divine destiny, both good and the evil thereof
Branches of Religion / Fundamental Articles of Iman	<i>Salah</i> (Prayer) <i>Sawm/Ramadan</i> (Fast) <i>Hajj</i> (Pilgrimage) <i>Zakat</i> (Alms) <i>Jihad</i> (Struggle to please God) <i>Al-Amru bi al-Ma'ruf</i> (promote the good) <i>Anahyu 'Ani al-Munkar</i> (forbid the wrong) - Khums (Charity of one-fifth) - At-Taqiyah (dissimulation) - Nikah al-Mut'ah (temporary marriage) - Tawalla (loving Ahl al-Bayt) - Tabarra (dissociation from the enemies of the Ahl al-Bayt)	<i>Salah</i> (Prayer) <i>Sawm/Ramadan</i> (Fast) <i>Hajj</i> (Pilgrimage) <i>Zakat</i> (Alms) <i>Jihad</i> (Struggle to please God)
The Rightly Guided	- The fourteen ma'sumin: the Prophet, Fatima, and the twelve Imams - Illegitimacy of the first three Caliphs - Ahl al-Bayt: the Prophet's daughter Fatima, her husband 'Ali, and their offspring	- Legitimacy of the four rightly guided Caliphs - Ahl al-Bayt: all the Prophet's relatives who cannot receive charity, including his wives.
Islamic Leadership / Governance	- Imamah: succession should be through 'Ali's descendants - Imams are infallible (Ma'sumin) - Unquestionable obedience to Imams - Government administration by Islamic jurists in the absence of the Imam (Imam deputy concept)	- Caliphate: the Islamic leader of the Ummah should be chosen by election or community consensus - No special power to Imams: mere prayer leaders and scholars - Government is not the sole province of religious leaders
Religious Establishment	Clerical hierarchy: marji'yya (highest authority on religion and law)	No clerical hierarchy or centralized religious institutions: approaches God directly

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