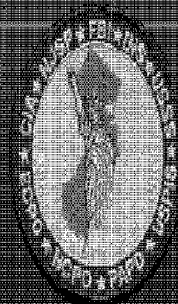
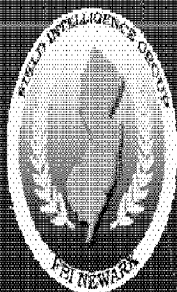


INTERVIEW TECHNIQUES & THE MUSLIM CULTURE

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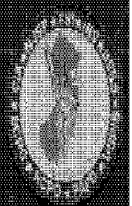


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Requirements of religious
sensitivity, of course, are
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circumstances.



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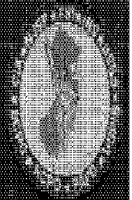


Did you know....

- 47 COUNTRIES HAVE A MUSLIM MAJORITY
- MORE THAN 1 BILLION PEOPLE ARE MUSLIM
- U.S. HAS THE 20TH LARGEST MUSLIM POPULATION - ESTIMATED 5 TO 6 MILLION
- MORE THAN 1,400 MOSQUES IN THE U.S.
- MORE THAN 9,000 MUSLIMS ARE ON ACTIVE DUTY IN THE U.S. ARMED SERVICES
- YOU CAN SPELL MOHAMMED 147 WAYS



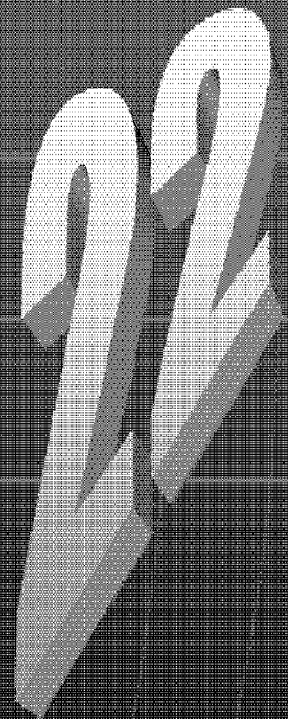
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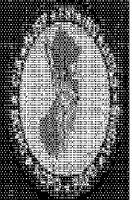
Did you know....

Not all Muslims are Arabs

- Morocco
- Algeria
- Tunisia
- Libya
- Egypt
- Syria
- Lebanon
- Jordan
- Saudi Arabia
- Somalia
- Palestine
- Comoros Islands
- Sudan
- Iraq
- Yemen
- Kuwait
- Bahrain
- Qatar
- UAE
- Oman
- Djibouti
- Mauritania



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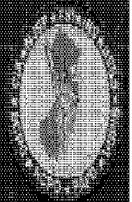
QUESTION ?

What country has the highest
population of Muslims?

INDONESIA



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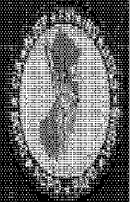
QUESTION ?

What country has the 2nd highest
population of Muslims?

INDIA



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ISLAM

➤ Muslim is one who
submits

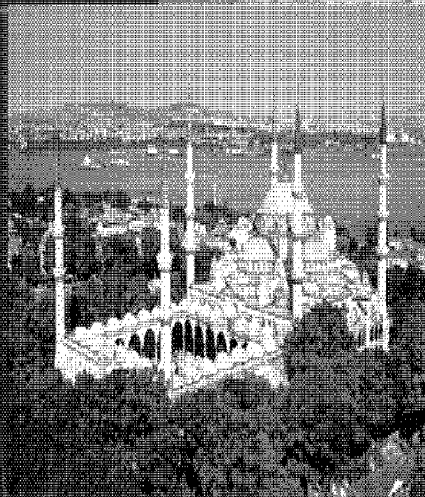
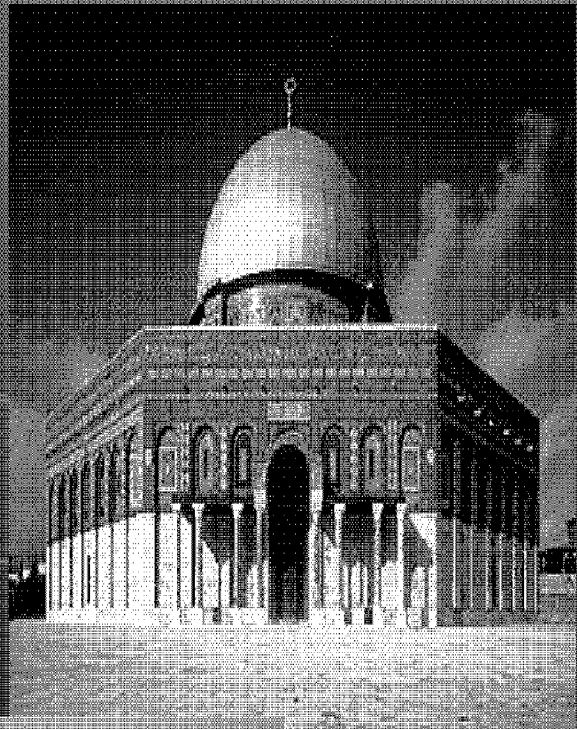
➤ Islam is an Arabic
word that means:

acceptance

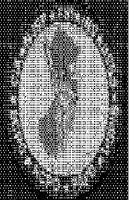
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submission

commitment

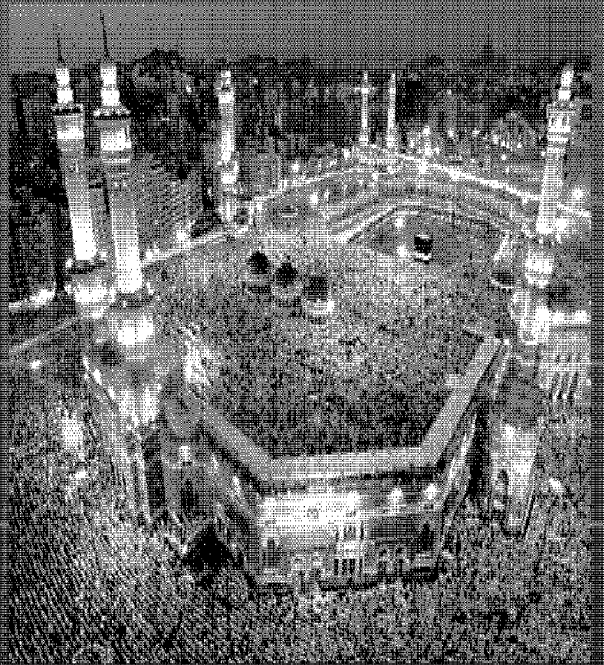


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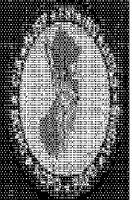


SIGNIFICANT EVENTS IN ISLAM

- Mohammed born April 22, 571
 - Revelation begins at age 40
- 629 pilgrimage to Kabah at Mecca
- 630 merchants surrender Mecca
- Mohammed dies June 8, 632
 - The Prophet's religion spreads along trade routes



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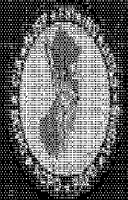


SUNNI vs. SHIA

- 85% - 90%
- When Mohammed died, Abu Bakr 1st Caliph
- The Companions
- No clergy, but prayer leaders and scholars
- Approximately 10%
- Descendant of Mohammed
- The Family (Hereditary)
- Ali (son-in-law and 1st cousin of Mohammed)
- Iran, Iraq & Lebanon
- Formal hierarchy & authority for their religious leaders
 - Grand Ayatollah is the top ranking



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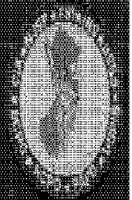


SUNNI SECTS

- WAHHABI – Named for its founder Mohammed ibn Abd al-Wahhab
 - Prevalent form of Islam in Saudi Arabia
 - Strict application of Qu'ranic rules
 - Accept only the authority of Qur'an and Sunna
- SALAFI - One who adheres to the Qur'an and the *Sunna* as understood and practiced collectively by the Righteous Ancestors
 - Literal interpretation of the Qur'an, and strict observance of rituals.
 - Sharia Law



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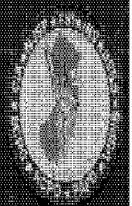
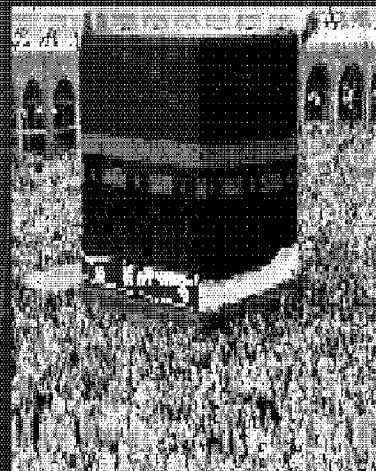


FIVE PILLARS OF ISLAM

- Shahada - **confession** that there is no God but Allah, and Mohammed is his prophet
- Salat - ritual **prayer**
- Zakat - **alms** for the poor
- Sawm - **fasting**, especially during Ramadan (the month when Gabriel revealed the Koran)
- Haj - **pilgrimage** to Mecca

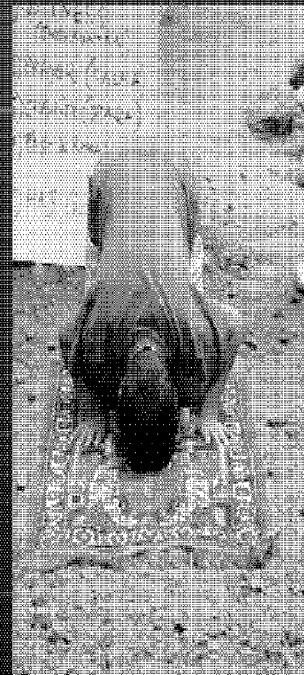
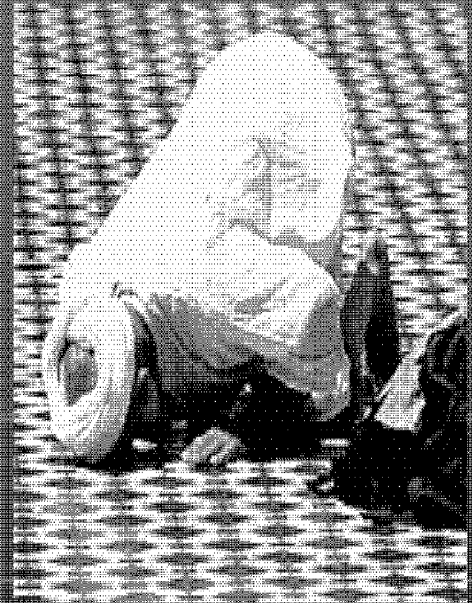


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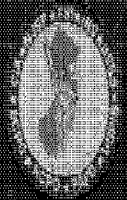


PRAYER TIMES

- FAJR (Morning)
 - Break of dawn until just before sunrise
- DHUHR (Noon)
 - Just after midday until mid-afternoon
- ASR (Late Afternoon)
 - Late afternoon until just before sunset
- MAGHRIB (Evening)
 - Sunset until darkness
- ISHA (Night)
 - Throughout the night hours



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FRIDAY PRAYER

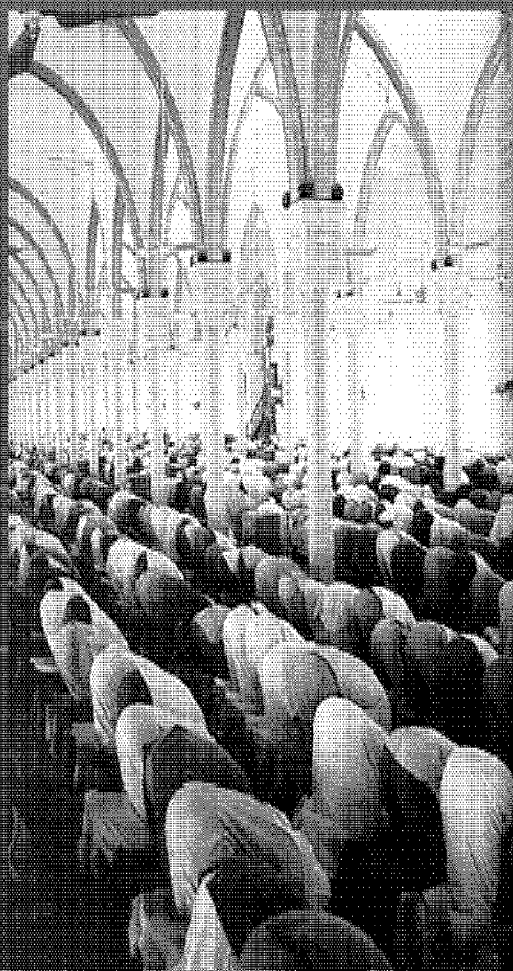
JUM'AH

Weekly congregational services at Islamic Centers & Mosques

- Takes the place of the noon time prayer
 - Sermon (Khutbah) by Imam
 - 60 – 90 minutes in length

➤ 10:00am until 3:00pm

- Try to conduct interviews before 10am or after 3pm



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OTHER BELIEFS

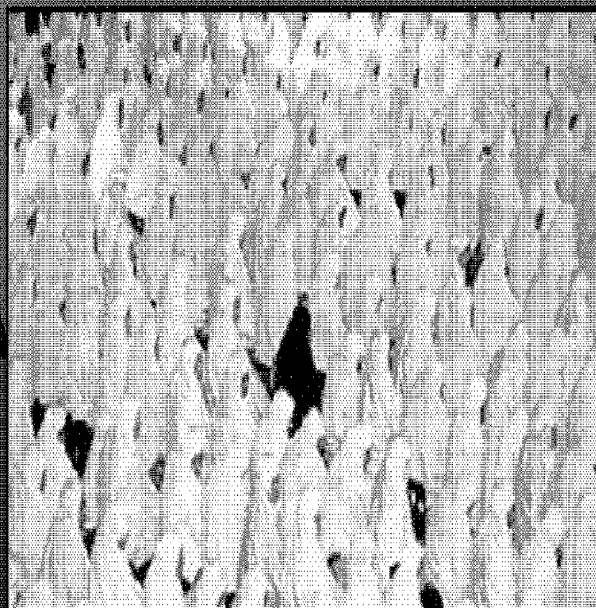
- Belief in the prophets:
Adam, Moses,
Abraham, Noah, David,
Jesus, and Mohammed
- Qur'an confirms his
virgin birth & Mary is
considered the purest
woman in all creation
 - A chapter of the Quran is
entitled Mary (Mariam)
- Belief in Angels (Jinn)
- Belief in the last day
(Judgment Day)
- The world transpires by
the will of God
- Jihad (struggle or
striving)



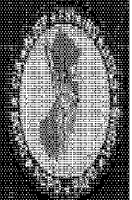
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WOMEN



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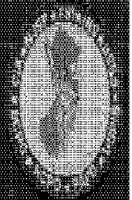


WOMEN

- Muslim women are typically subordinate to men in their societies.
 - Varies by country
 - Extreme – Saudi Arabia
 - Relaxed - Lebanon
- Traditional Muslim women are typically unwilling to answer any questions without their husband or father, brother etc.
- Some Muslim women cover their hair, neck, & body & if an unexpected guest arrives, she will not open the door until she is fully dressed



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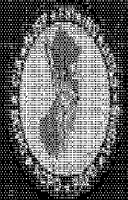


MUSLIM VALUES & BELIEFS

- They share basic beliefs & values that cross national or social boundaries
- Personal beliefs are influenced by Islam & are shared by non-Muslims
- Examples:
 - A strong family structure
 - Different roles for male & female children
- All of those living in Arab countries view themselves as part of Arab world



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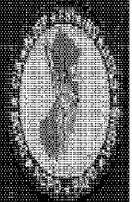


FAMILY

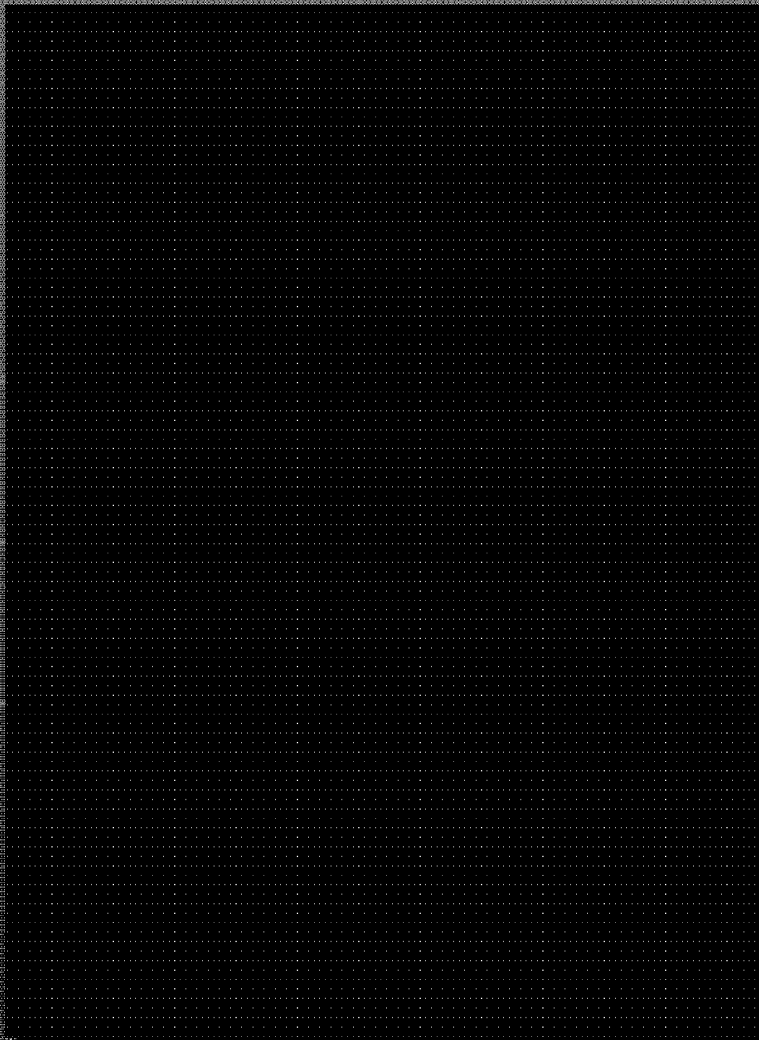
- The family is the key social unit to a Muslim.
- Family members are obligated to fight for the honor of the family.
- Larger the better.
- Lead by the husband/father



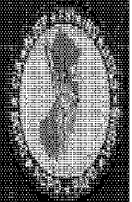
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IS THERE A LANGUAGE BARRIER?



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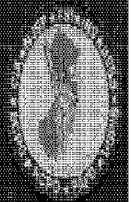


CUSTOMS

- Muslim men typically hug & kiss when greeting one another
- Muslim men also hold hands
- Muslims do not shake the hands with members of the opposite sex. If confronted, wait for them to initiate
- It is considered rude to show the soles of your shoe to a Muslim.



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OTHER CUSTOMS

- Men traditionally can marry up to four women as long as he can provide equally for each one
- Qur'an is very sacred to Muslims and is treated with care and respect
- In-Shallah (God willing)
 - Typical answer for everything



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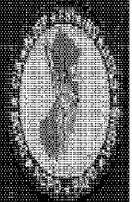


MUSLIM PRACTICES

- Required to be generous, thus they will offer food & drink to guests
- Do not drink alcohol, gamble, eat pork or derivatives of pork
 - Halal meat only
- No one should interrupt a person involved in prayer



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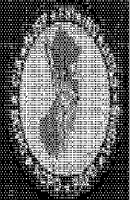
INTERVIEWING

While the interviewer expects the interviewee to maintain eye contact as a sign of honesty & sincerity, an individual of Arabic culture will be compelled to look toward the ground while answering questions as a sign of humility

- Police Officers & military personnel in their home countries at times use brutality & torture against the public



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INTERVIEWING

- Women law enforcement officers might have difficulty

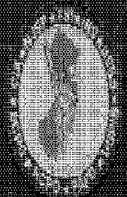


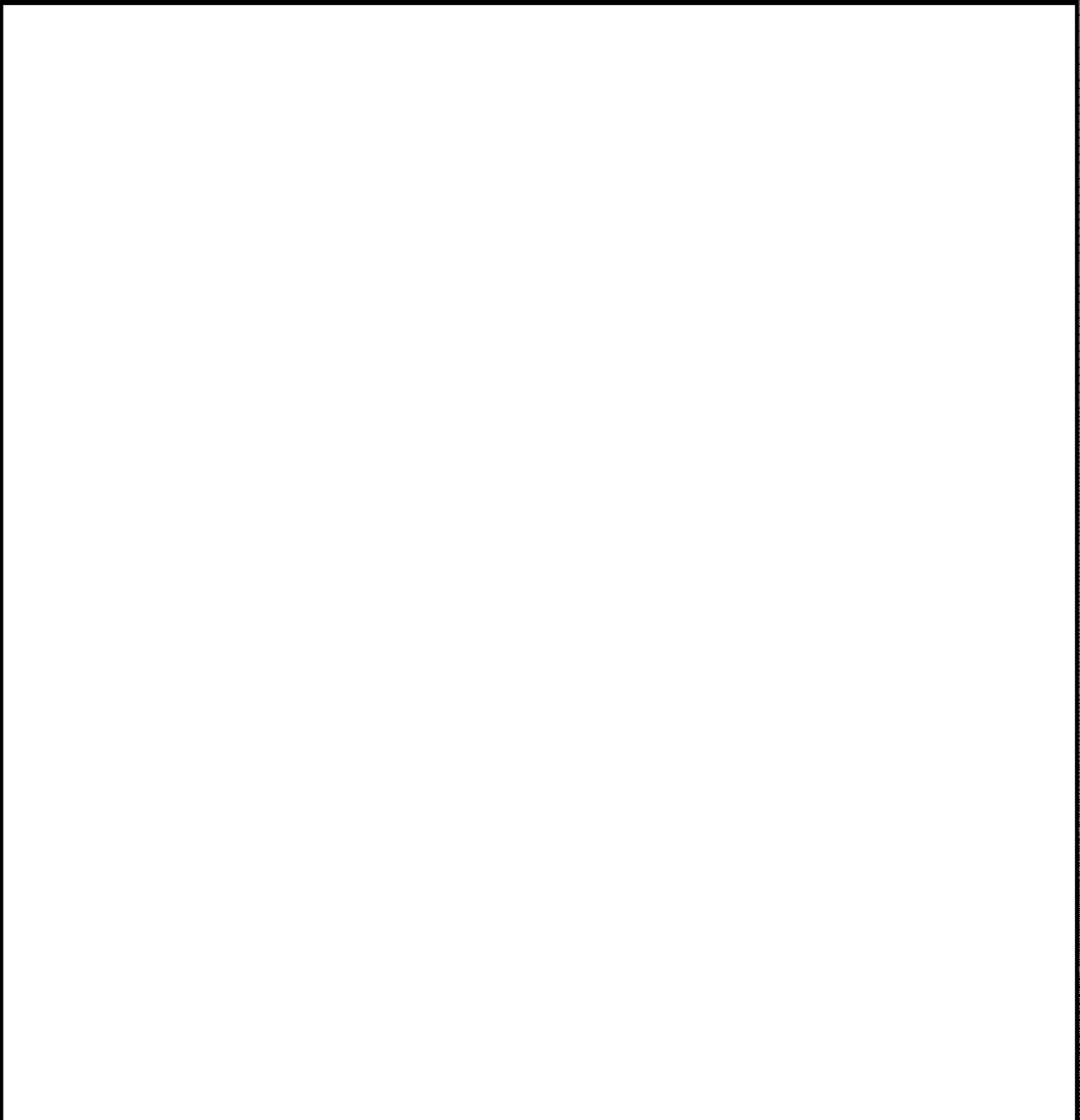
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- Avoid religious topics
- Good manners & respect builds trust

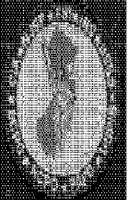


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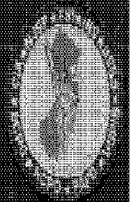
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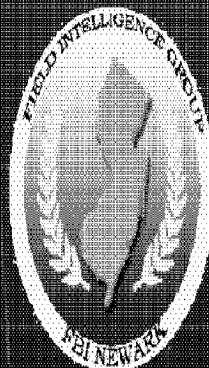


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