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# Islam



What are the **general beliefs** held  
by the Muslim religion?



**Islam is:**



**Monotheistic.** Muslims believe in the **Judeo-Christian God**



**Islam was founded by:**



**Muhammad.** Muslims believe that he was a prophet of God.



# How does the diffusion of **Christianity** and **Islam** differ?



Islam initially spread by **word of mouth** which transitioned into **conquest** of other lands and the establishments of **trade routes**.



# Islam and Muslims

- The religion is called Islam.
- The people who practice Islam are called Muslims.





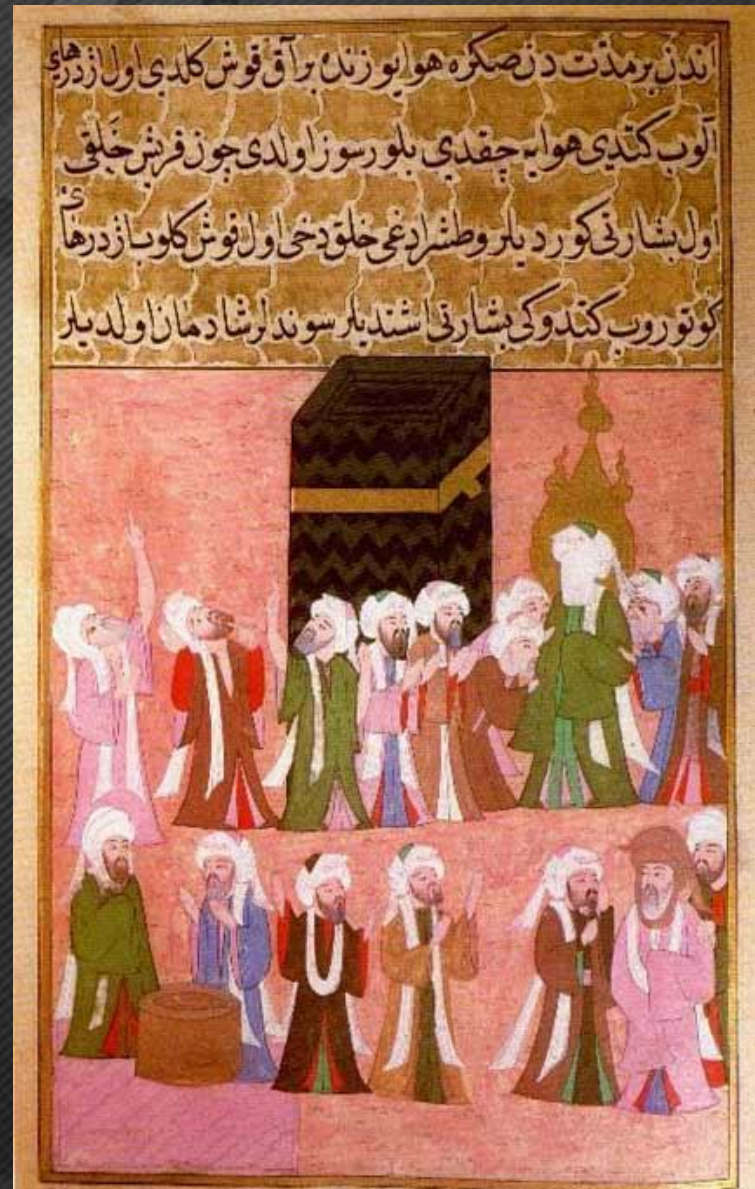
# Muhammad: The Prophet of Islam

- A prophet is a messenger of God.
- Muhammad was born in 570 AD.
- His parents died when he was 7.
- Liked to go off by himself and pray in the desert.
- He heard the voice of the angel Gabriel telling him to proclaim the one true God.



# Muhammad

- Muslims do not believe that the face of Muhammad should be shown.
- He is often depicted as in the picture on the right.





# Allah

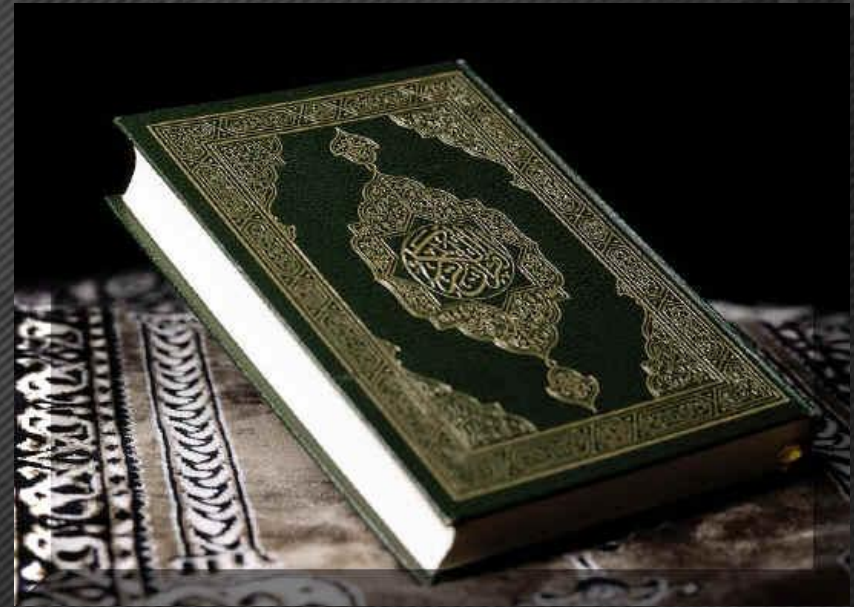
- Allah is the name of God to Muslims.
- You will never see an image of Allah. Muslims believe that He does not resemble any other form in creation in any way.”





# The Qur'an

- Holy Book of Islam
- Written in Arabic
- Muslims believe that Allah revealed the Qur'an to Muhammad.
- Many Muslims memorize the Qur'an
- The Qur'an has the rules Muslims live by.





# The Sunnah

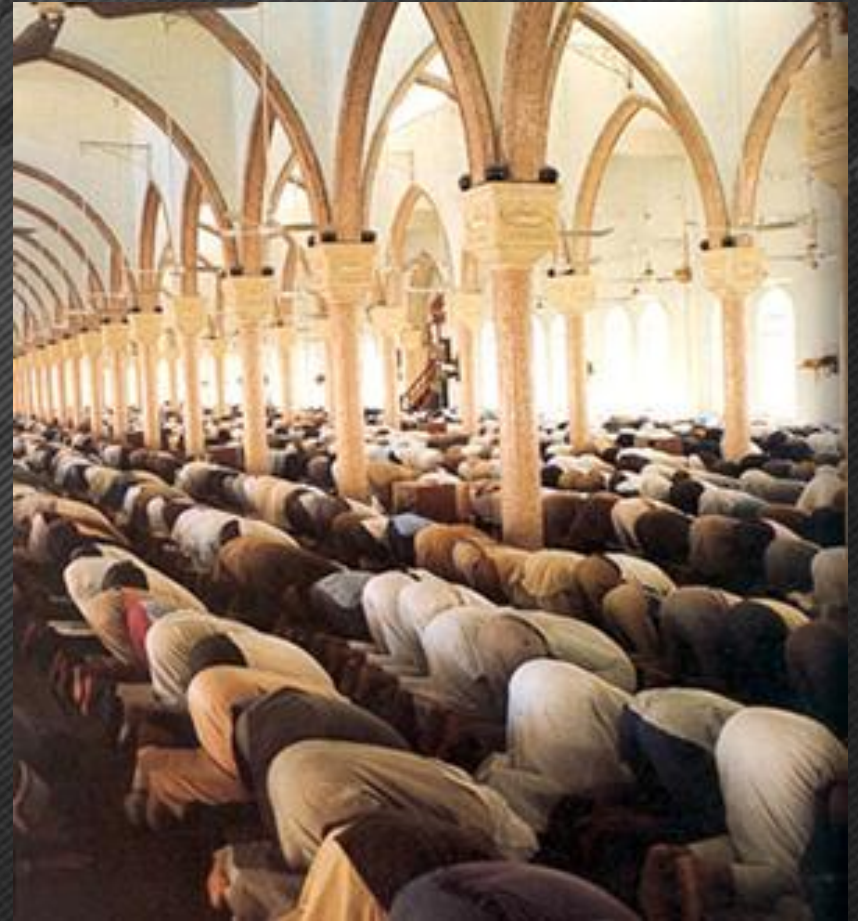
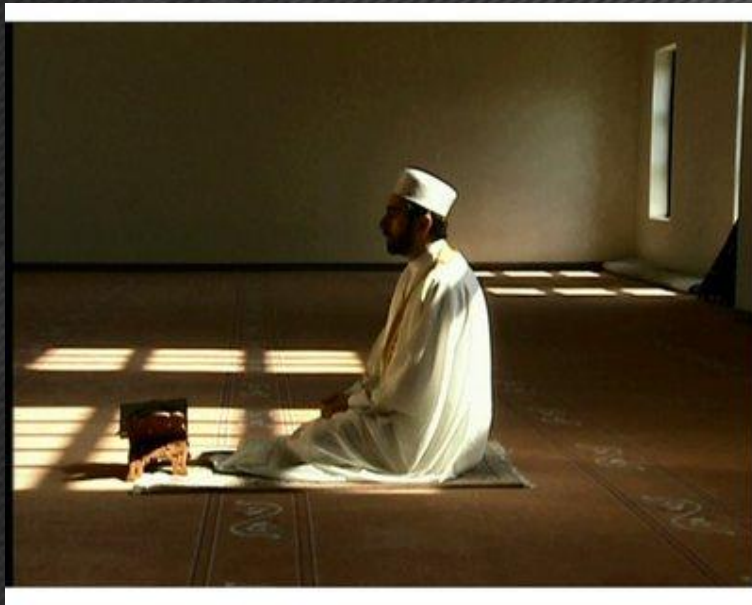
- In Islam, the Arabic word “**sunnah**” means the way Prophet Muhammad, the Messenger of Allah, lived his life.
- Muslims strive to live their life as Muhammad did.





# Practices of Islam

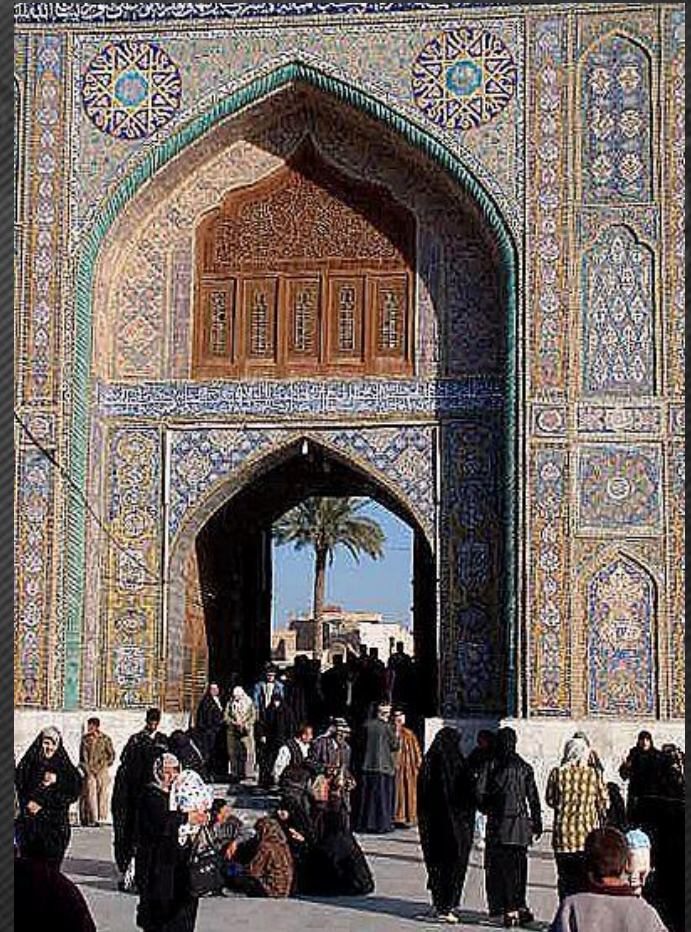
- Muslims pray 5 times a day





# A Mosque

- A Mosque is the place of worship for Muslims.





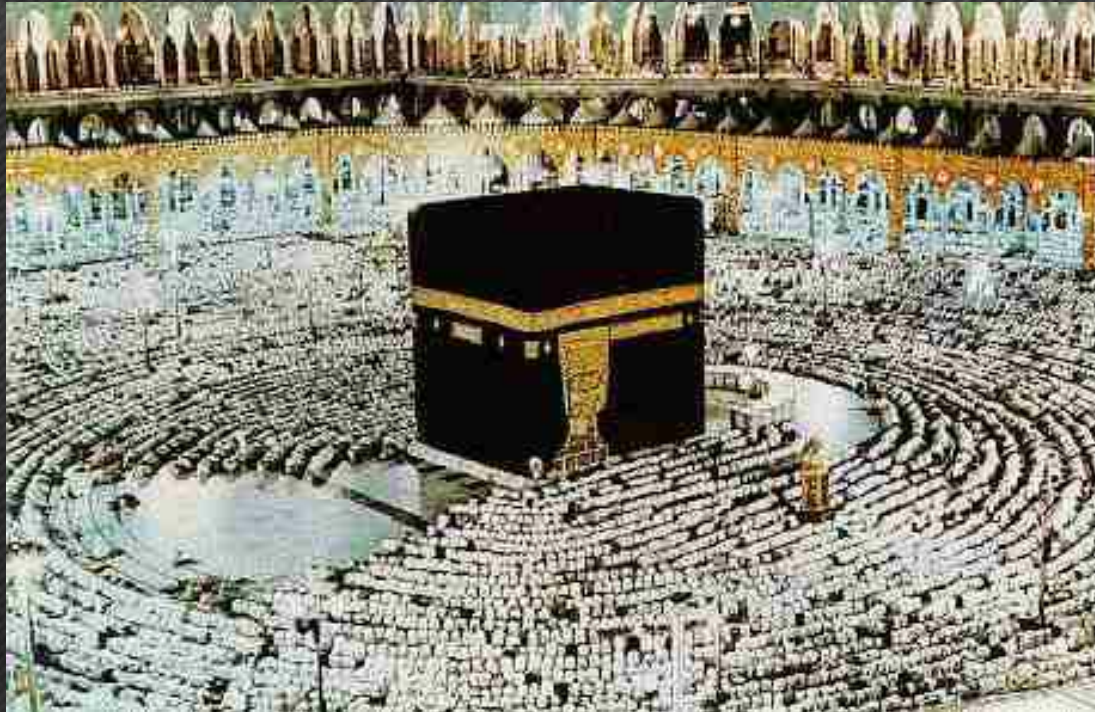


# The Five Pillars of Islam

- 1. Faith: There is only one God, and Muhammad is the Prophet
- 2. Prayer: Five times a day
- 3. Sharing: All Muslims pay a tax to help the poor
- 4. Fasting: Not eating or drinking during daylight during the month of Ramadan
- 5. Pilgrimage (Hajj): All Muslims want to make a pilgrimage to the Holy City of Mecca once in their lifetimes.



# The Hajj: The pilgrimage to Mecca





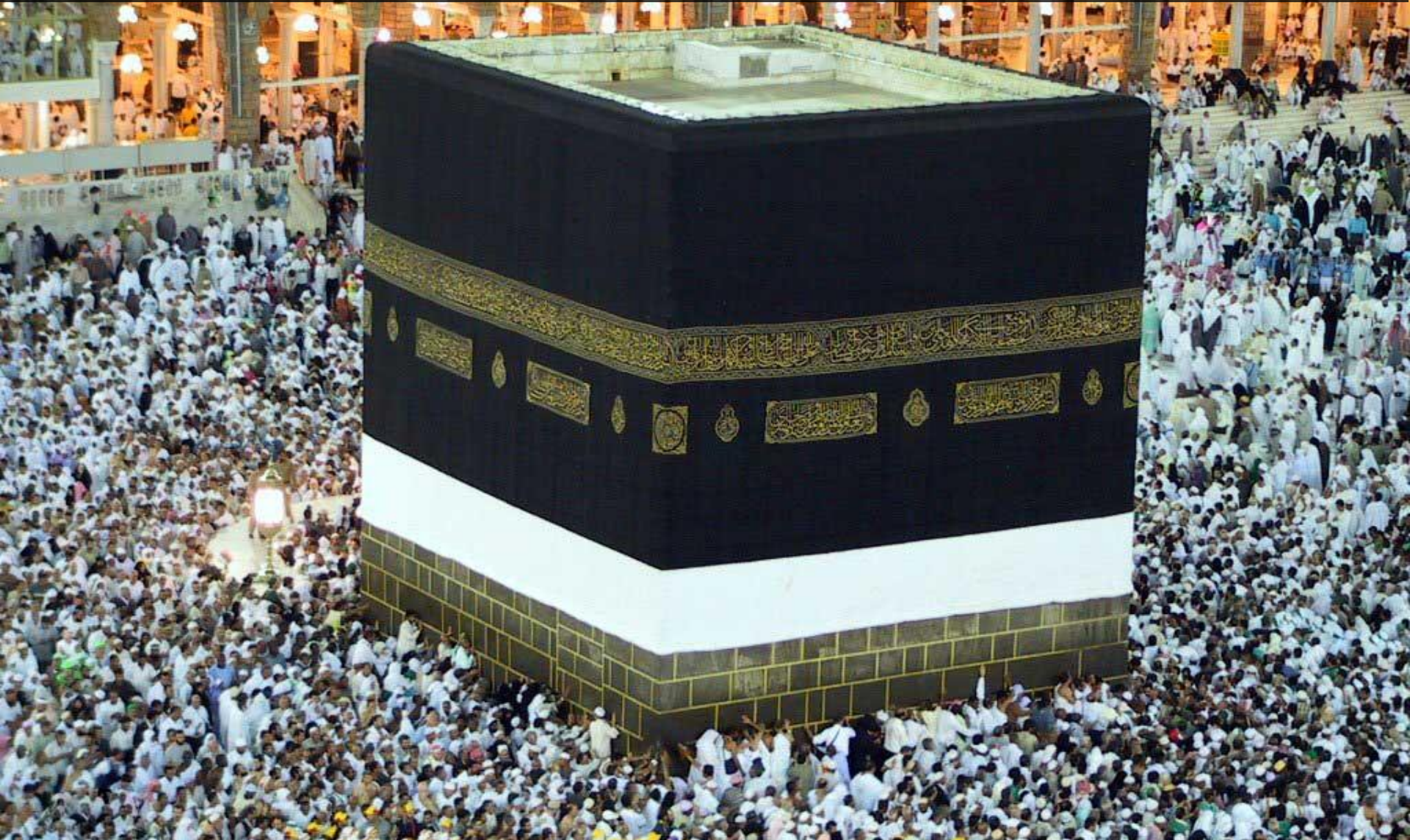
# Islam's Important Holidays:



**Ramadan** (A month of fasting and prayer)



# Islam's Important Places:



**Mecca, Medina, Jerusalem**



# The **Two** Main **Branches** of Islam

## **Sunnis**

- 83% of all Muslims and is the largest branch in the Middle East and Asia.
- The country with the largest Sunni population is Indonesia.
- Believe that Muhammad's Successor should be chosen by religious leaders.

## **Shiites**

- 16% of all Muslims and is located in only a few countries of the Middle East.
- 40% live in Iran, 15% in Pakistan
- Believe that Muhammad's Successor should be a member of his family.