



Islam

The Basics II

Goals

- 5 Pillars of Islam
- 4 Social Effects of Islam on Arabic Society
- Islam Splits
 - Sunni
 - Shi'ite
- Other Terms:
 - Shahadah
 - Ramadan
 - Jihad
 - Caliph (Successor)



Recap

- Background
- Abraham
- Story of Muhammad
- M's Hijra – “Migration”



Recap

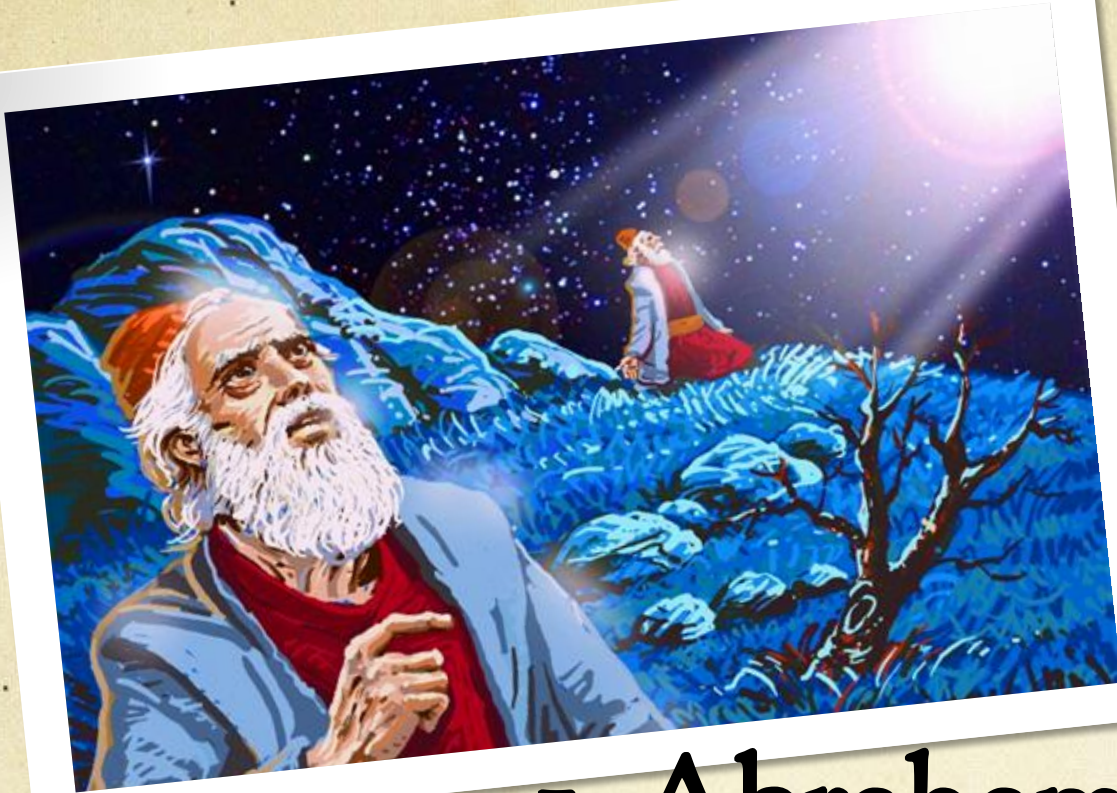
- The Koran
- 3 Powers of the Koran
 - Language
 - Doctrine
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- Concepts of Islam
 - God
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4 Stages of Revelation

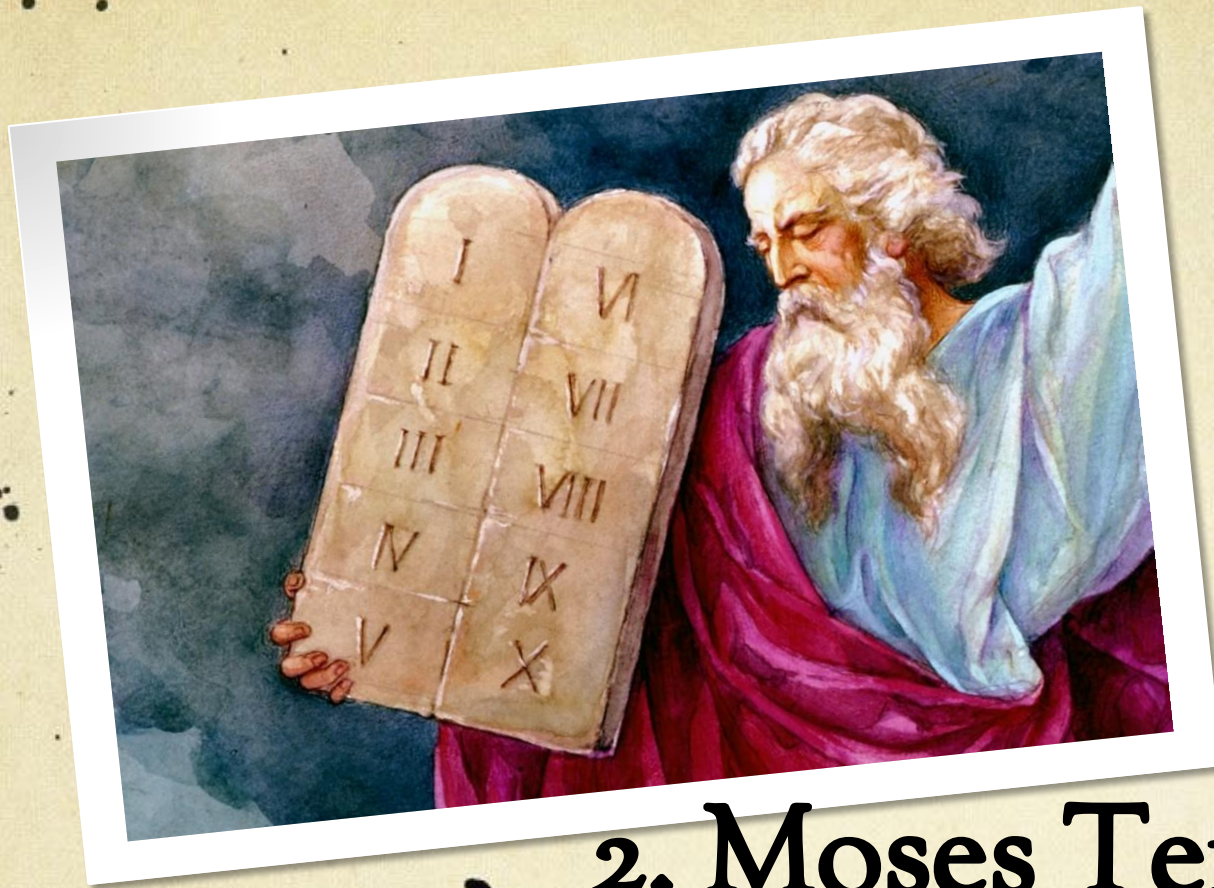
- Smith: To understand the 5 Pillars of Islam, we must understand the 4 stages of revelation.





1. Abraham's Monotheism

- There is but one God.
- This is the beginning of Islam.



2. Moses Ten Commandments

- God's law is for Man is revealed.



3. Jesus' Golden Rule

- Do unto others as you would do unto yourself.



What now?

So, we should follow the Golden Rule.

- Q: How should we act?
- Q2: How should we treat others?



THE FIVE PILLARS OF ISLAM

1 SHAHAADAH (Testimony) Declaration of Faith



Muslims declare their faith by saying:
"Ash hadu anlaa Ilaaha illallaahu wa
ash hadu anna muhammadar
rasulallah"

Which means "I bear witness that
there is no god except Allaah and I
bear witness that Muhammad is the
Messenger of Allaah."

The religion of Islam requires accepting some
main Articles of Faith. These are the core
beliefs - without any one of these, one would
not be accepted as a believer. The acceptance
of these Articles leads to the practical five
Pillars of Islam.

The Five Pillars of Islam are the
Fundamental duties in a Muslims life, which
lead to living a good and responsible life
according to Islam.

2 SALAAH (Prayer) Five Compulsory Daily Prayers



A physical and mental means of
worship prescribed five times a day.
These are to remember God and to
seek forgiveness throughout the day.
We face towards the Holy Ka'bah in
Makkah. Salaat (Prayer) is performed
at set times before sunrise, at midday,
in the afternoon, in the evening after
the sunsets and at nightfall.

3 ZAKAAT (Purity or Charity) Almsgiving



The Arabic word Zakaat meant to
purify. Muslims give 2.5% of their
surplus wealth to charity every year.
This shows obedience to God and
prevents greed. Zakaat is given to
the poor and those that are less
fortunate than ourselves. It is
believed that by giving charity, the
possessions you keep are made pure.

4 SAWM (Fasting) Fasting During the Month of Ramadhan



For one month of the Year, Muslims
refrain from food, drink and keep
away from things that distract us
from worship. This is done during
the day from dawn till dusk.
Although fasting is beneficial to
health, fasting is a form of worship.
Additionally it helps us to remember
others who are less fortunate and do not
have much food or water.

5 HAJJ (Pilgrimage) Pilgrimage to the Holy Sites in Makkah



Hajj is the journey to the holy sites in
Makkah to perform various rituals. It
is only obligatory once in a life time
upon those who have the financial
means and are physically able. The
pilgrims adorn simple garment that
strip away any distinctions of class
and culture, so they all stand equal
before Allah (God). The final part
of the pilgrimage is at the Holy Ka'bah
(cube) in the centre of the Great
Mosque in Makkah.

4. The 5 Pillars of Islam

- There are 5 practices authorized by the Koran.
- Many practices that are forbidden...let's start there.



What NOT to Do:

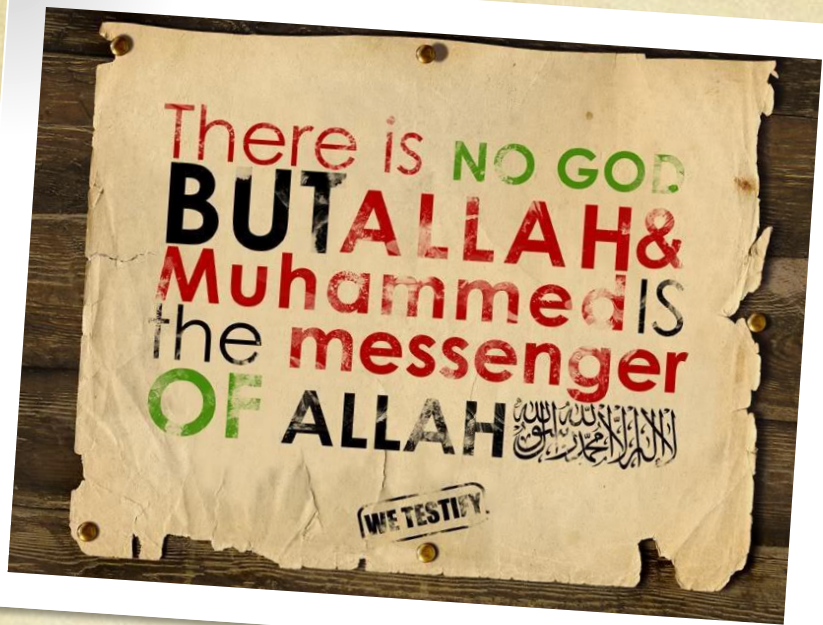
- Gamble
- Lie/Steal
- Eat Pork
- Drink Alcohol
- Sexual Promiscuity
- Etc.



5 Pillars of Islam

- (1) Shahadah (Confession)
- (2) Canonical Prayer
- (3) Charity
- (4) Ramadan
- (5) Pilgrimage to Mecca

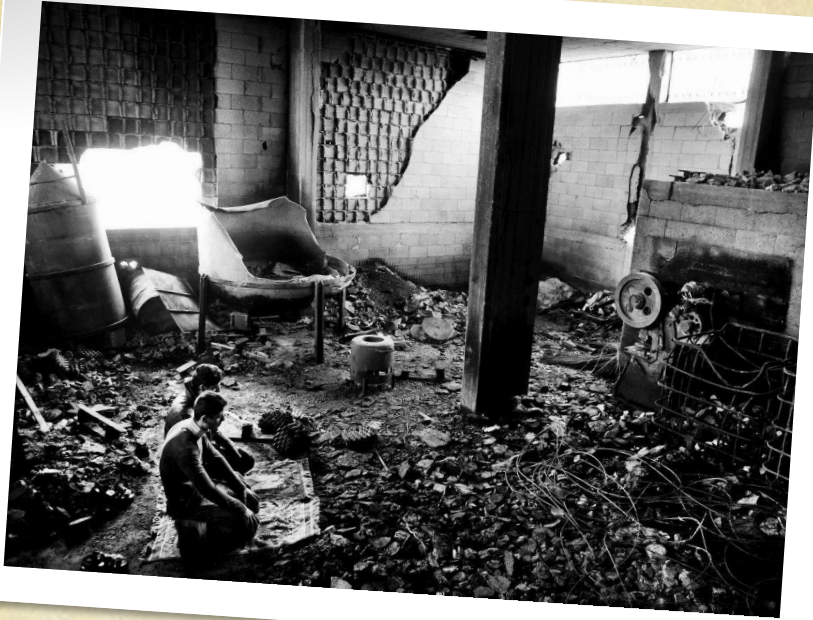




I. Shahada (Confession)

- “There is no God but God, and Muhammad is His Prophet.”
- At least once in life, a Muslim must say the Shahadah slowly and thoughtfully.





2. Canonical Prayer

- Moses asks M to negotiate with God.
- 5 times a day, originally facing Jerusalem.
- Now facing Mecca.





THOSE WHO SPEND IN
CHARITY
WILL BE RICHLY REWARDED

– Al Qur'an 57:10

3. Charity

- Treating inequality with higher taxes on the wealthy.
- Money goes back to most needy and those getting out of debt.
- Zakat: Tithing



Zakat

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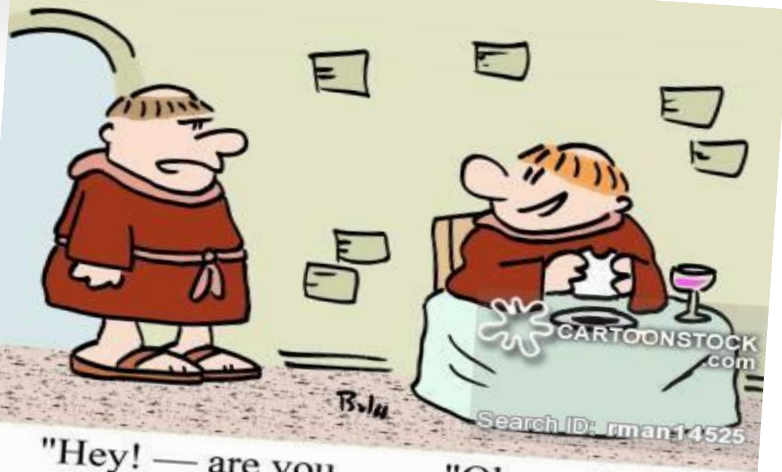
FASTING

- It's also a sign of self control & humility.



4. Ramadan

- Holy Month in Islam
- Pays respect to Muhammad's Revelations and Hijrah (migration) from Mecca
- Does not occur on the same month of each year.
- Fasting from sunrise to sunset for 29 days.

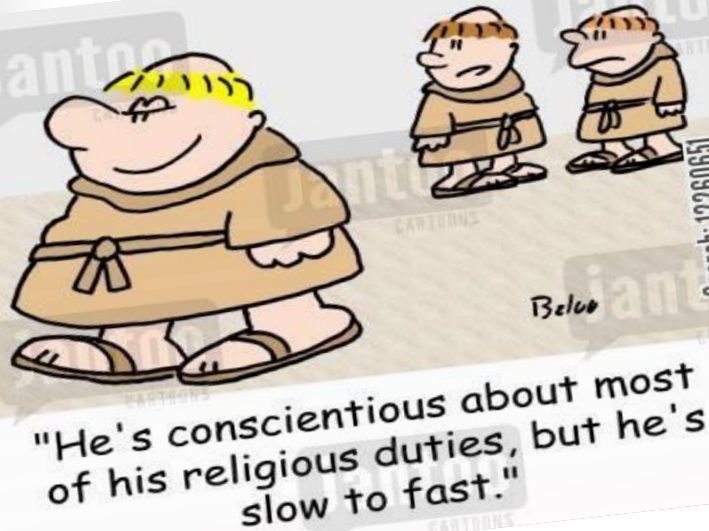


"Hey! — are you eating again *already*?"

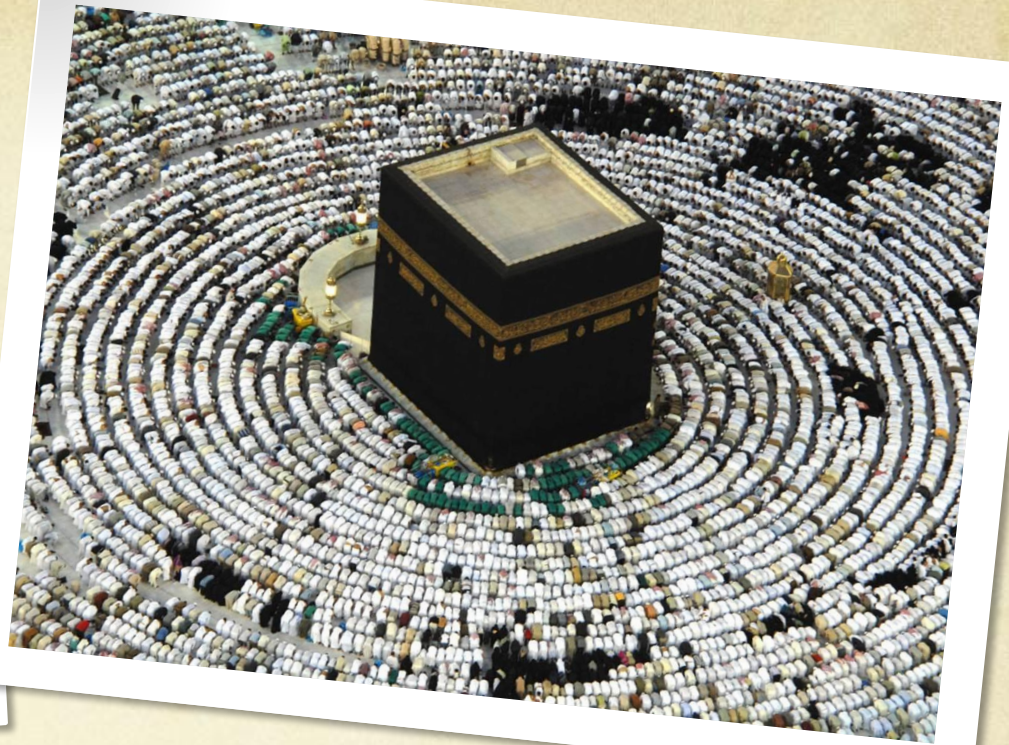
"Oh, yeah — I fast really fast!"

Why Fast?

- Builds discipline
- Reveals dependence on God
- Builds love for one another
- Hard to ignore a hungry person when you've fasted for 29 days a year.



"He's conscientious about most of his religious duties, but he's slow to fast."

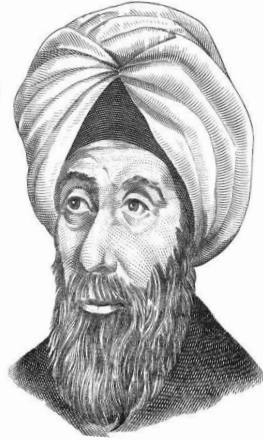


5. Pilgrimage to Mecca

- Once in a lifetime, a Muslim must travel to Mecca and visit the Ka'ba.
- Demonstrates devotion and builds loyalty among the global community of followers.

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Ibn Khaldun



Islam's Social Effects

- (1) Economics
- (2) Status of Women
- (3) Race Relations
- (4) Use of Force



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I. Economics

- Banned Primogeniture: Oldest Son no longer inherits all wealth.
- No-interest loans: Lender becomes partner with borrower.



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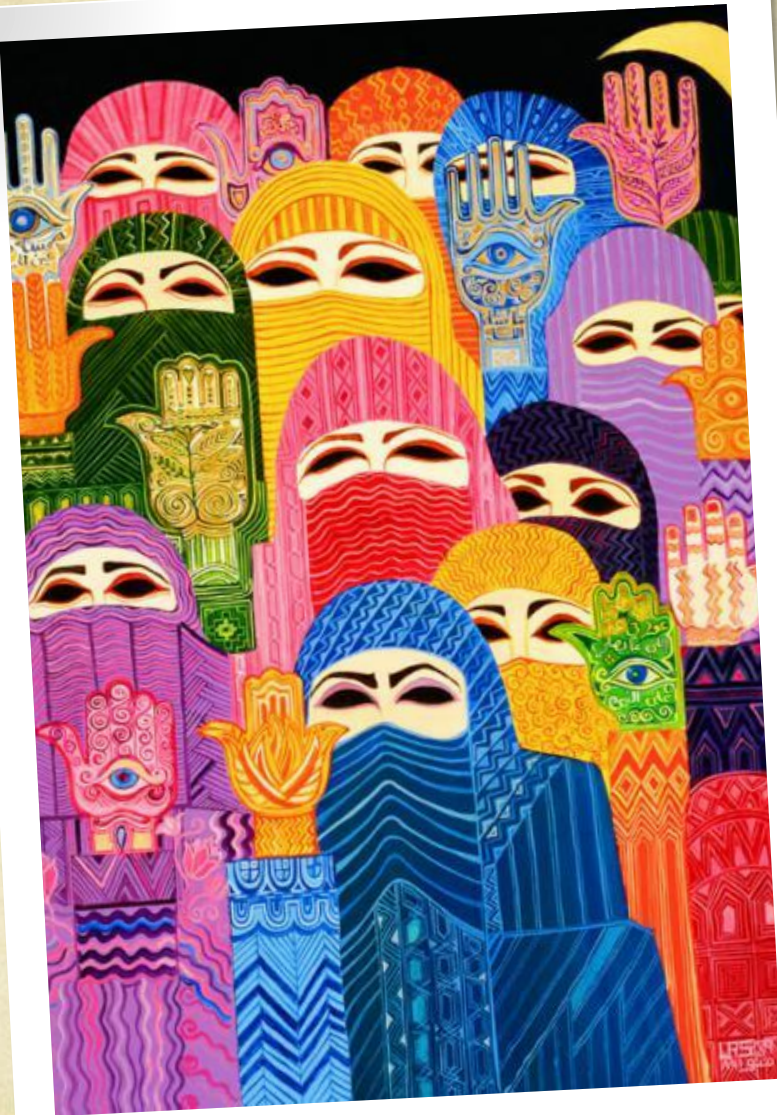
2. Status of Women

Much criticism...but:

- Koran bans infanticide (many baby girls murdered at birth)
- Koran reinforces the value of marriage.

Polygamy?

- Allowed but many Muslims renounce right to other wives at marriage.
- Most Muslims do not have multiple wives.





3. Race Relations

- Remember Abraham, Hagar and Ishmael.
- Respect for all races and traditions is maintained in the Koran.
- Malcolm X = Epiphany at Mecca



America needs to understand Islam, because this is the one religion that erases from its society the race problem.

— Malcolm X —

AZ QUOTES

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4. Use of Force

Justice can require violence.

- Jihad (Holy War): Dying in surrender of God will mean entrance into heaven.

But...Koran includes protections for non-believers

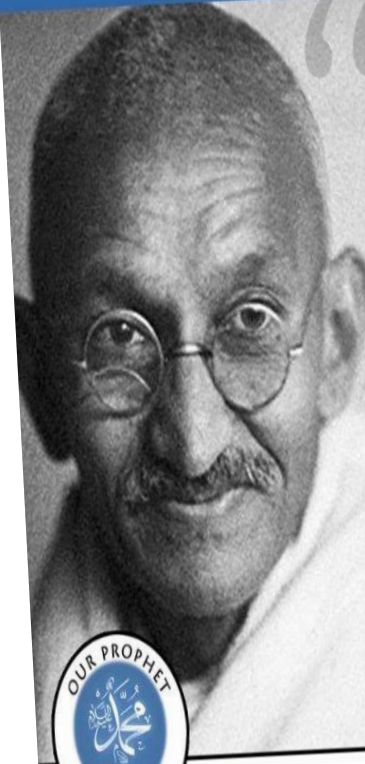
- Jews, others are free to practice faith + tax
- “Will you then force men to believe when belief can come only from God?” (256)



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NON-MUSLIM VIEWS ABOUT MUHAMMAD

PEACE BE UPON HIM



I wanted to know the best of the life of one who holds today an undisputed sway over the hearts of millions of mankind.... I became more than ever convinced that it was not the sword that won a place for Islam in those days in the scheme of life. It was the rigid simplicity, the utter self-effacement of the Prophet the scrupulous regard for pledges, his intense devotion to his friends and followers, his intrepidity, his fearlessness, his absolute trust in God and in his own mission. These and not the sword carried everything before them and surmounted every obstacle. When I closed the second volume (of the Prophet's biography), I was sorry there was not more for me to read of that great life.

Mahatma Gandhi



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In the End...

- Like original Buddhism and Christianity, M's view of Islam is intended to promote peace and stability.



In the End...

- That it has led to violence may say more about human nature than about the religion itself.
- Thoughts?



Islam Splits

- M never specified who should succeed him.
- After M's death, his descendants become caliphs (successor).
- Disagreement over rightful caliph.
- A civil war ensues.





Islam Splits: Sunni

Caliphs should:

- (1) Be chosen by consensus.
- (2) Primarily be political leaders.

Sunni = 87% of Muslim population.





Islam Splits: Shia

Caliphs should:

- (1) Only be descendants of M
- (2) Be political and religious leader.

Shi'ite (Shia) = Muslim minority.





Islam Splits

This tension still exists today:

- The mixture of politics and religious disagreement has led to much violence and oppression.
- Ex. Iraq under Shi'ite control with Saddam Hussein.
- Ex2. We shall see similarities to Christianity.





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End of Islam II