

Key Information

Islam is the world's second largest religion with around 1.6 billion Muslims in the world. Like Christians and Jews, Muslims are monotheistic, which means they only believe in one God who they call Allah, the Arabic name for God.

The Five Pillars are declaring your faith in God, prayer, charity, fasting during Ramadan and going on pilgrimage to Mecca.

The Five Pillars are the core beliefs and practices of Islam. The five pillars of Islam are Shahada, Salah, Zakat, Sawm, and Hajj.

Mecca is the world's holiest city to Muslims.

During Ramadan people fast, or refrain from eating and drinking, while it's light outside.

Vocabulary

Shahadah	The Muslim creed / statement of faith.
Salah	The Muslim prayer ritual that is performed five times a day.
Zakah/Zakat	Where a Muslim gives 2.5 per cent of their wealth over a certain amount to charity.
Sawm	The act of fasting, which takes place during Ramadan.
Hajj	The annual Islamic pilgrimage to Mecca.
Imam	Leader of worship.
Minbar	Podium where imam stands to deliver sermon.
Mihrab	A section in the wall of a mosque which shows the direction of Mecca.
Calligraphy	The art of beautiful handwriting.
Minaret	The tower where the call to prayer takes place.

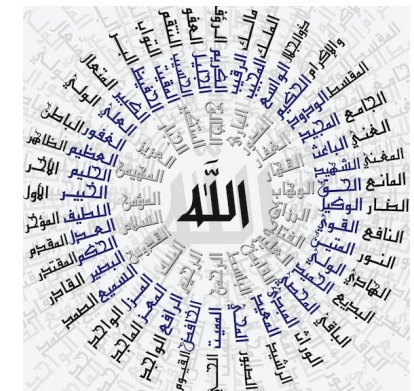
Key Diagrams



The Holy Quran



Islamic art



99 names of Allah