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Being a Muslim

Those who follow Islam are called Muslims. Muslims believe that there is only one God. The Arabic word for God is Allah.

To be a Muslim means to submit to the way of **Allah** (God), having faith in him and carrying out the five pillars as set out in the **Qur'an the Islamic holy book**.



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Islam began in Arabia and was revealed to humanity by the Prophet Muhammad (pbuh).

Muslims believe that **Muhammad (pbuh)**, a human being, was the messenger of Allah and that Allah sent the holy text the **Qur'an** as a special message to Muhammad (pbuh). He was given the task of bringing people back to belief in Allah. **Abraham** – a common origin in **Abrahamic faiths**, Islam, Judaism and Christianity

Allah

Muslims believe that **Allah**, is **tawhid** which means oneness or unity. This means Allah is the one and only God, there is nothing like him so nothing is more important than him.

A Muslim breaks **tawhid** if they are proud, arrogant, selfish or envious because they are putting themselves before Allah.

Muslims believe everything comes from **Allah** – they take responsibility for actions, accept tests, take courage, have self-respect and fear no one but Allah.

He is like the sun, small to the eye when seen from afar, But when glimpsed close up. It dazzles and overwhelms. **al-Burda**

Adhan

Muslims believe that when a baby is born the first words they here are to be whispered by a male relative or the **imam** are the **adhan** or call to prayer.

Imam- a religious leader



Shahadah - Islamic proclamation that "There is no true God except Allah and Muhammad is the Messenger of Allah."

Eid-ul-Fitr

Celebration at the end of Ramadan meaning breaking the fast.

Made wonders of the universe

Judges people after death

Sees all that people do

Gave people life

All-knowing All-powerful

Made people who they are



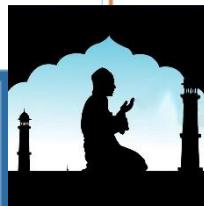
The Five Pillars

- Shahadah** – one god only Allah
- Salah** – prayer
- Zakah** – Giving 2.5% of savings to charity
- Sawn**- fasting for Ramadan
- Hajj** – pilgrimage to Makkah



Sadaquah – doing good deeds for the sake of Allah.

Towards Makkah



Ka'bah in Makkah –the holiest place in Islam



Hajj – pilgrimage to Makkah
Eid-ul-Adha – festival at the end of pilgrimage. Many Muslims sacrifice an animal and give it to the poor (**Qurbani**)

Ramadan – 9th month of the Islamic year when the **Qur'an** was revealed to **Muhammad**. Most holy month where Muslims fast from sunrise to sunset.



The Night Journey - A miraculous spiritual journey during which the prophet Muhammad (pbuh), was taken from Makkah to 'the furthest place of worship'. The **angel Jibril** (Gabriel) took him on winged horse like creature called **al-Buraq the Lightning** and shown the 7 heavens, paradise and hell. In each heaven he spoke to earlier prophets, **Aaron, Musa (Moses), Ibrahim (Abraham) and Isa (Jesus)**. In the highest heaven he was aware of pure brilliant light, they could not approach and felt peace and blessings.



Kaliifah– the idea that Allah made people responsible for the Earth.



Prayer

Prayer is central to Muslim life. Muslims pray five times a day and attend the Mosque on Friday.
Subhah – prayer beads to keep count of 99 prayers or the 99 names of Allah



Du'a – personal prayer

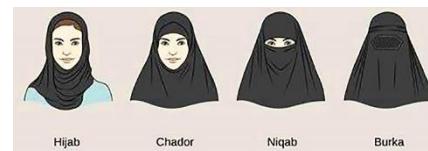
Mosque– Islamic place of worship



Includes: prayer hall meeting room Shop Madrasah - school Morgue

Jama'ah –local community Mosque
Khutbah – sermon at Friday prayers
Ummah – worldwide community

Islamic Clothing– some Muslims are easy to recognise because they wear special Islamic clothing e.g. the hijab for some woman or mosque clothes for men. Muslims try to wear **modest** clothes.



Food and Drink – many Muslims try to live by instructions from the Qur'an.

Halal – lawful foods that have been prepared or slaughtered a certain way.
Haram – forbidden foods such as pork or alcohol. Food needs to be halal and **tayyib** which means pure.

Alcohol is considered by many to be **haram** as it alters a state of mind and they will be less focused on Allah.