

Wonderful words

Muslim: a person who submits to the will of Allah by following the religion of Islam

Prophet: a messenger sent from Allah

Shahadah: the Muslim declaration of faith. It includes the beliefs that Allah is the only God and that Muhammad is Allah's messenger

Ramadan: a month in the Muslim calendar when Muslims fast during daylight hours

Allah: God

Tawhid: the belief that there is only one God and nothing is equal to God

Islam: submitting to the will of Allah

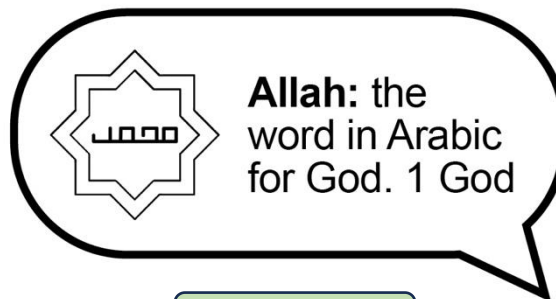
Salah: ritual prayer carried out 5 times per day, this is the 2nd Pillar of Islam

Zakah: giving of charity usually 2.5% of income, this is the 2nd Pillar of Islam

Hajj: Pilgrimage to Makkah to be made once in a life time if possible, this is the 5th Pillar of Islam

Sawm: Fasting from food or liquids during daylight hours in the month of Ramadan, this is the 4th Pillar of Islam

So how does it all work?



Shahadah



Sawm



Zakat



Salah



Hajj

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Important information

In **Islam** there is only one God, **Allah** and someone who follows the religion of Islam is a **Muslim**. The **Shahadah**, is a statement of belief that Muslims say and think about many times a day. Muslims also believe that God sent a messenger or **Prophet** to spread Islam, and this was Muhammad who is also mentioned in the Shahadah.

Muslims believe there is only one God, and nothing is equal to God (**Tawhid**). There are no pictures of Allah instead attributes of are explored through the 99 names.

The 5 pillars are a way of showing their submission to Allah. It can make a big difference to how Muslims live and provides a structure to their lives. These are important to most Muslims, but Shi'a Muslims may give them different names and also perform other obligatory acts.

The Shahadah is the first pillar in Islam and many Muslims try to keep or complete all of the pillars during their lifetime.

Most Muslims will pray five times a day and this is known as **Salah**, although Shi'a Muslims will combine the prayers into three. Many Muslims will give money to the poor and this is usually 2.5% of their income and is known as **Zakat**. During the month of **Ramadan**, those Muslims who can, will go without food and water during daylight hours and this is known as **Sawm**.

The final pillar, which is only undertaken by Muslims who can afford it is called the **Hajj** and this is a pilgrimage to Makkah, they should try and make this journey once in a lifetime.