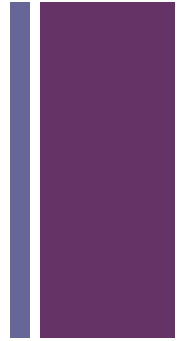


What is Islam?

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+ Islam



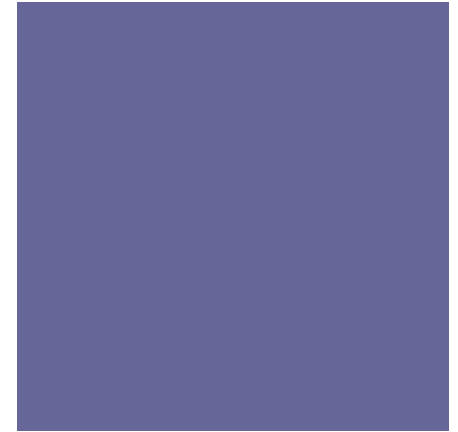
- Second largest world religion after Christianity
- About 1.57 billion followers (about 23% of the world's population)
- Islam means submission
- Two major divisions: Sunni and Shia
 - With more than 50 known divisions being currently practiced by a large enough population to deem it an individual sect



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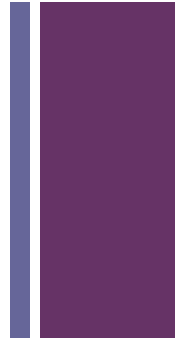
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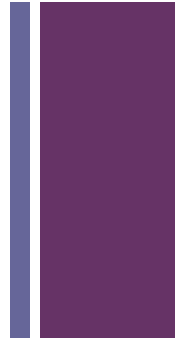


+ Islam



- Belief system is articulated by the Quran
 - Quran was revealed to the Prophet Muhammad by an angel
- Five pillars of Islam
 - Salaat (prayer)
 - Hajj (pilgrimage)
 - Shahada (proclamation of faith)
 - Sawm (fasting)
 - Zakaat (alms-giving)

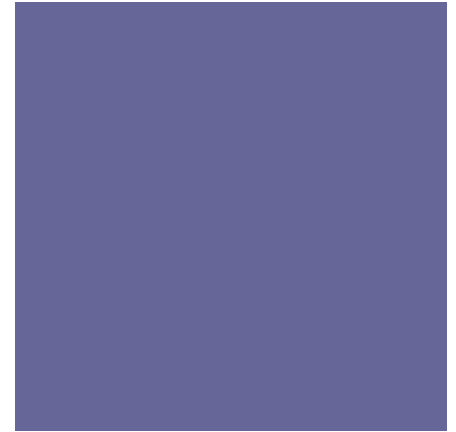
+ Core Beliefs



- Quran is the literal and eternal word of God
- Belief in the Day of Judgement
- Articles of Faith
 - Only one God
 - Adam was the first prophet and Muhammad was the final prophet
- Sharia-Islamic Law
 - All-encompassing
 - Not followed by all sects of Islam



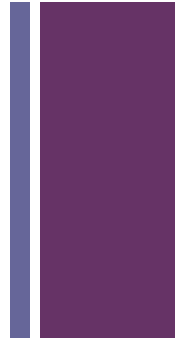
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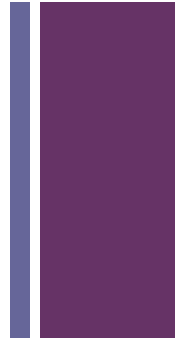
“There is no God but Allah,
Muhammad is the
messenger of Allah”

+ Articles of Faith



- Revelations
- Prophets
- Day of Judgment
- Predestination
- Angels
 - Total obedience towards God
 - Recorders, Interceders, Messengers

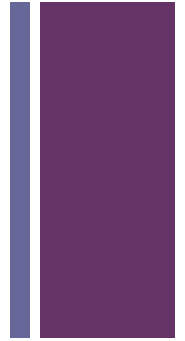
+ History of Islam



- Muhammad
 - Revelation of the Quran
 - Rise of Islam
 - Hijra (First year of Islamic Calendar)
 - Unification of tribes of Arabia

- Caliphate and Civil War
 - Who would take over after Prophet Mohammad?
 - Split between Shia and Sunni Islam
 - Assassination of Ali
 - Rise of the Umayyad Dynasty
 - Variance between who should be a Muslim

+ History of Islam

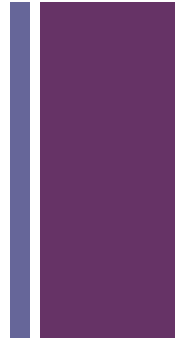


- Abbasid Era
 - Golden Age of Islam
 - Establishment of “Schools of Thought”
 - First Muslim State

- Fall of the Abbasids
 - End of caliphate
 - Crusades
 - Reform and Revival
 - Salafi movement

- Modern Times
 - Muslim intellectuals
 - Spread of Islam

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