

WORLDVIEW-ISLAM FACT SHEET

KEY TERMS:

God: Allah

Islam: Submission to Allah

Muslim: One submitted to Allah

Mohammad: Ultimate and final prophet of Allah

Qur'an: Word of Allah

KEY FACTS:

- About 1/5th of the world's population is Muslim
- Approximately three-quarters of Muslims are non-Arabs
- About 5 million live in North America

Dates

- **570 AD** Mohammad is born
- **610 AD** Mohammad receives his first visions
- **622 AD** Mohammad flees to Medina this event initiates the Muslim calendar
- **630 AD** Muslims take Mecca
- **632 AD** Mohammad dies
- **636–640 AD** The early conquests of Damascus, Jerusalem, Egypt and Persia
- **650 AD** The canon of the Qur'an established

Pillars

- The confession of faith "There is no God but Allah, and Mohammad is his prophet"
- Prayers five times a day, facing Mecca
- Almsgiving about 1/40th of income and holdings, primarily for the poor
- Fasting during the month of Ramadan
- Pilgrimage to Mecca

Beliefs

- Monotheism
- Prophets
- Holy books
- Angels and jinn
- Judgment day

- Muslims reject the Trinity
- Muslims deny the deity and sonship of Jesus Christ
- Muslims deny that Jesus died upon the cross, thus denying his resurrection
- Muslims assert that the Bible is untrustworthy, though the Qur'an is flawless
- Muslims face a day of judgment based on good and bad works

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