

Vocabulary



Moon and star symbol

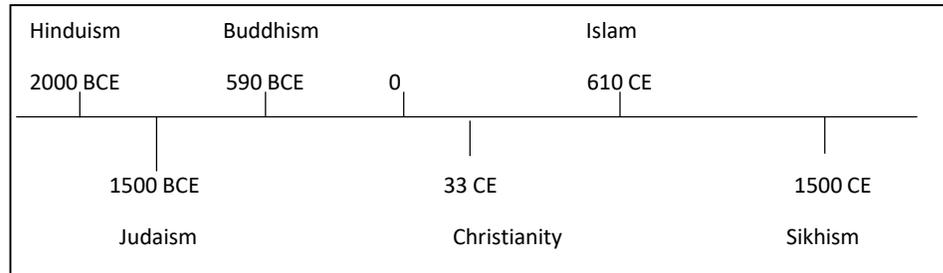
Islam is the second largest religion in the world.

Islam

Main Festivals
Eid-UI-Adha, Milad-Al-Nabi, Ramadam

Sacred Text: The Qur'an which is written in Arabic.

Timeline of Islam compared to other religions



Followers of Islam are called Muslims. There are 1.6 billion Muslims living around the world.

Places of Worship:

- The Mosque
- At home with prayer mat.



An American mosque

Holy Day of the Week

Friday is the holy day when most Muslims go the Mosque.

God and his messenger

They believe in one god called Allah.

God's messenger was called Muhammad also known as a prophet and the founder of Islam.

Muslims think so highly of Muhammad that they say 'Peace be upon him' whenever they say his name.

Other Islam facts:

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How Islam Began

Muhammad was meditating in a cave in Mecca, Saudi Arabia, when an angel visited him and asked him to 'recite'.

The angel Gabriel gave Muhammad many messages from God about how he wanted the people to live.

Muhammad had God's words made into the holy book the Qur'an with many ideas on how to live a good life.

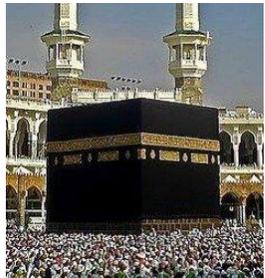
Where Islam Began: Saudi Arabia

Map of the world showing Saudi Arabia



Main Beliefs

- One God, Allah
- Follow the 5 Pillars of Islam.



The Kaaba in Mecca. Visited by Muslims for the Hajj. It is a building at the centre of Islam's most important mosque.

Mosques

What you would find on a Mosque

- A mihrab (niche) in the wall
- A minaret – tower
- Lockers or shelves for shoes
- Taps for washing
- Quibba – wall that indicates the direction of Mecca
- Meuzzin – Speaker for the call to prayer.
- Minbar – Steps for Imam to preach from.

Five Pillars of Islam

1. The Shahada – reciting their belief in one God.
2. Salat – praying 5 times a day.
3. Zakat – giving money to charity.
4. Sawm – Fasting during the month of Ramadam.
5. Hajj – pilgrimage to Mecca.

Worship

How Muslims worship: