



Islam

“Respecting Diversity”



Put Yourself In My Shoes!





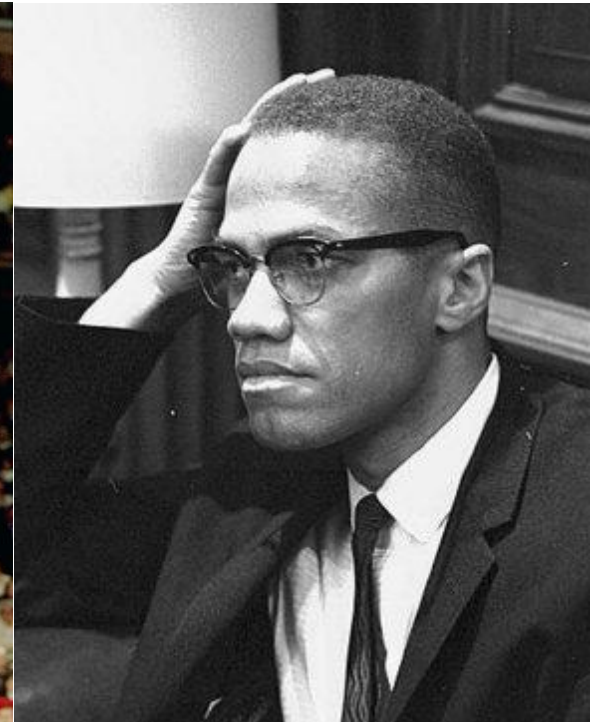
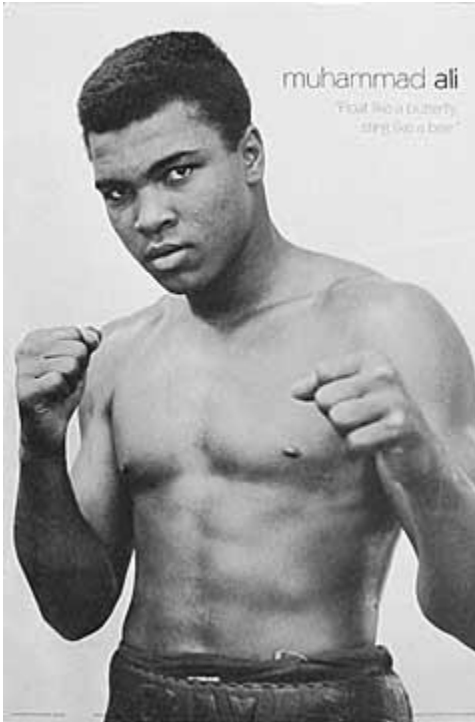
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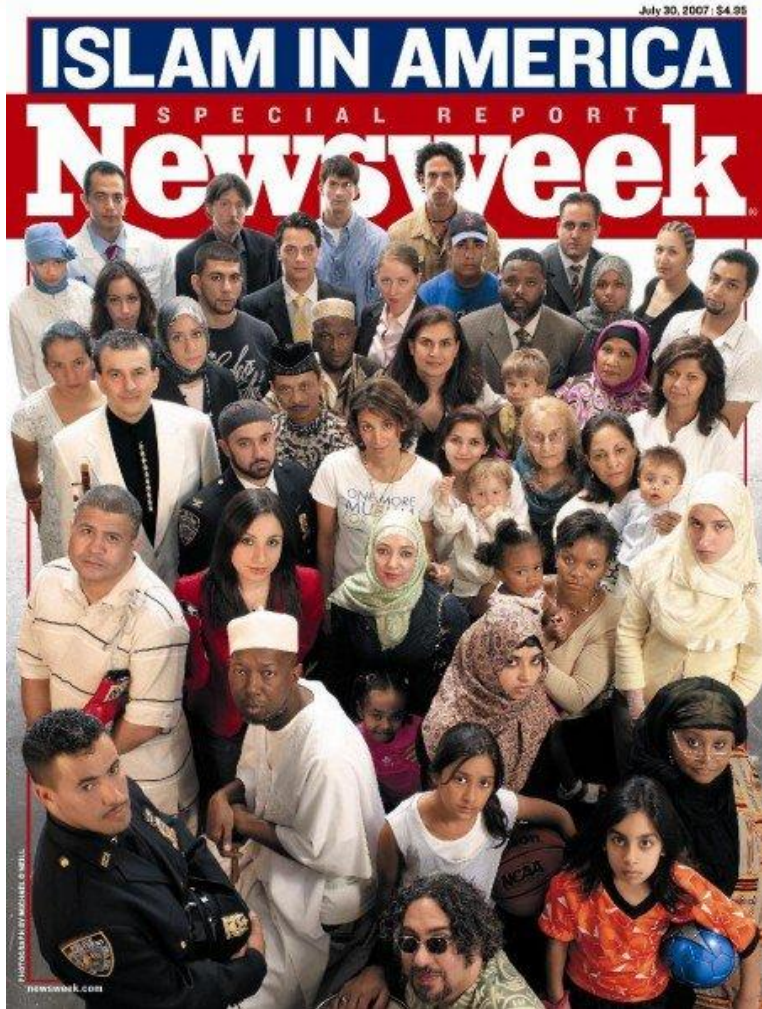


- a. India
- b. Indonesia
- c. Saudi Arabia
- d. Iraq



Who *is* American?





Most Muslims in the USA are_____.

- a. African Americans and South Asians
- b. Arabs and Turks
- c. Native Americans and Jamaicans
- d. Persians and European Americans



Muslims in America

- Muslim population
 - 1.2 billion worldwide
 - 6.7 million in the United States
- Fastest growing religion in the U.S. and the world
- Approximately 2000 mosques in America





Who Are Muslims?

- There are an estimated 1.2 billion Muslims worldwide.
- Only 20 percent of Muslims in the Arab speaking world.
- The country with the **largest Muslim population is Indonesia.**
- The country with the second largest Muslim population (over 100 million) is India, where Muslims are a minority.



Islam: A Way of Life

- What is Islam?
 - "Islam" means peace and submission.
 - It's a way of life. It's a moral attitude.

- Who is Allah?

- Allah is the Arabic word for "God."
- Allah is God for all human beings





Muslims believe in Adam,
Noah, Moses and Jesus



- a. True
- b. False



What Do Muslims Believe?

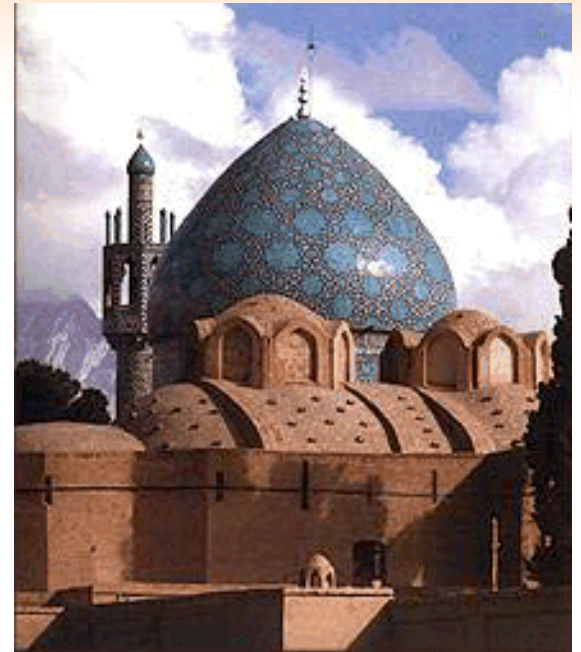
- Prophets and Messengers
 - A long chain of revelation (from Adam to Muhammad) to guide humanity.
 - Some examples would be Adam, Moses, Noah, Abraham and Jesus.

- Allah (God)
Unique in His relation to his creation

- Angels
 - Record our deeds and do Allah's work



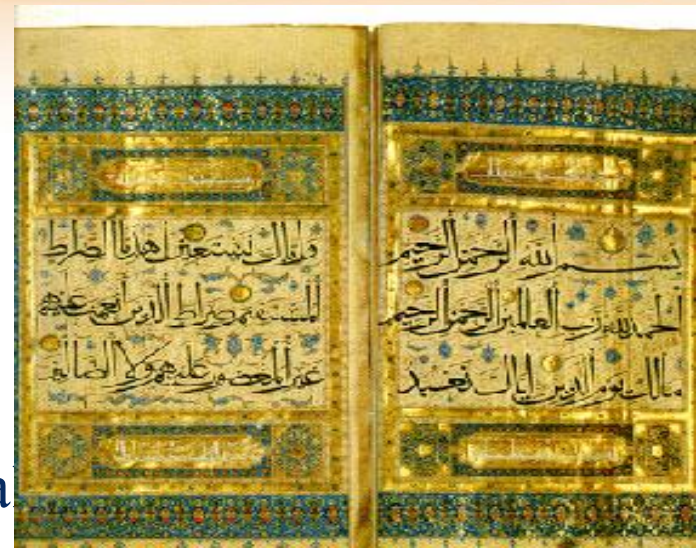
- Day of Judgment
- Books of Allah
 - Torah of Moses
 - Hymns of David, Gospel of Jesus
 - Quran sent to Prophet Muhammad.





What is the Quran?

- The Quran is the Word of Allah (God).
 - It contains 114 chapters called Surah.
 - Each Surah consists of several verses. Total number of verses in the Quran - 6,236.
 - Written in Arabic but copied into many different languages, including English.
 - Muslims kids usually learn Arabic at a young age so they can read the Quran.





The Five Pillars of Faith

1. Shahadah (Arabic for “testimony”)
Declaring the belief in one God and
His prophets.

لا إله إلا الله محمد رسول الله



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2. Prayer

Prescribed 5 times a day at established times:

- Dawn
- Mid-day
- Early evening
- Sunset
- Night time





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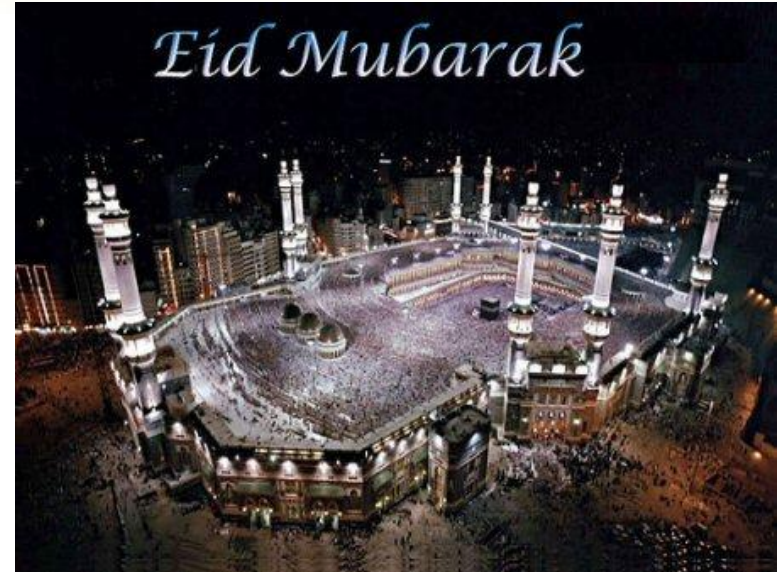
3. Fasting (Sawm)

Fasting from dawn until dusk during the month of Ramadan.

Abstaining from food and drink as well as gossip, lying, anger, etc.

The focus is on spirituality and being the best person you can be.

Eid ul Fitr is celebrated at the end of the month to mark the end of fasting.





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4. Zakah (Arabic word for Charity)

- All Muslims must give 2.5 percent of their wealth each year.



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5. Hajj or Pilgrimage

- Mecca: holiest city in Islam
- Obligatory to those who can afford it
- Approximately 2 million Muslims perform Hajj each year





Dietary Requirements

- The Quran prohibits the consumption of alcohol and pork.
- Muslims won't eat any food that has touched pork. For example: picking the pepperoni off pizza isn't going to work.
- Muslims follow certain standards called Halal (permissible) to slaughter meat.
- Some Muslims won't eat any meat that isn't certified Halal and some will, as long as it's not pork.



Muslim Women Wear the Headscarf (*Hijab*) Because:

- a. Of a bad hair day
- b. Their families make them
- c. They wish to dress modestly
- d. They are bald





Dressing Modestly: Clothing and Dress

- In public, Muslim women wear loose-fitting, non-revealing clothing, known as Hijab or Khimar
- This attire may vary in style and includes a head covering
- Some believe they do not need to cover their hair in order to maintain modest dress





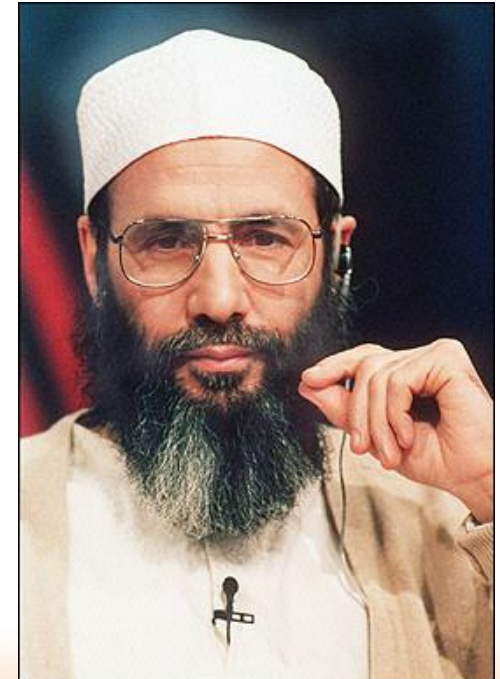
• Muslim men are also required to dress modestly

• You might see some Muslim boys wearing a small, sometimes flat cap on their heads. This is called a Kufi and although it isn't required, some guys like to wear it all the time as a symbol of their religion.

• If you see someone wearing a turban it doesn't necessarily mean they are a Muslim. In fact chances are they're not.

• Turbans are a symbol of a religion called Sikhism, which has nothing to do with Islam.

• Cultural symbols for some countries in the Middle East so some men may wear one but it looks very different from a Sikh turban.





Gender Relations

- Muslims are not allowed to date so excessive male and female interaction is generally limited.
- In this regard, some Muslims may not attend school dances or socials because some parents may not approve of the environment (too much boy/girl interaction)