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**ISLAM**



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**BACKGROUND**

Islamic symbol along with Judaism's star of David. Islam means submission – by extension, to Allah.



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A Fez or Arabic Hat note the Islamic symbol on the hat.



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Thinking about the religious beliefs of ... how well do you think you understand the basic ideas of their religion -- very well, somewhat well, or not too well?

Religion	Very well	Somewhat well
Catholics	13%	40%
Evangelical Christians	28%	32%
Jews	17%	13%
Muslims	7%	26%

Source: Public Agenda 11/00

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**BACKGROUND**

- This is the second largest religion in the world next to Christianity
- It is the youngest of the World Religions
- Adherents are usually very devout.
- Have forced their beliefs on others in the past
- One God - Allah

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**BACKGROUND**

- Paradise is their goal
- Doing good now is important. Seems like you can earn your salvation
- United through the Koran (Quran) and Mohammed the Prophet
- No Idolatry

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### ISLAM BACKGROUND

- Have a broad appeal. All are accepted who believe in Allah and Mohammed
- The Founder is Mohammed (or Muhammed) 570 – 632 AD
- Belief in One God – Allah (Arabic name for God) who is creator, omnipresent, omnipotent, omniscient, and sovereign of the universe

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### ISLAM BACKGROUND

•The Quran or Koran (means the “Reading”) contains their scriptures. It is 4/5 the size of the NT. Emphasizes the greatness of God and submission to Him. Avoidance of idolatry or “shirk”; and principles of human relationships are also expounded. The Koran became the unifying force to the multi-nationalities who embrace Islam.

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### ISLAM BACKGROUND

- Islam is the name of the religion; Muslim is the follower. Muslims prefer the word “Muslim” over “Moslem.”
- Muslims are to practice five pillars of their faith. 1) The Confession 2) Prayer 3) The Fast 4) Almsgiving 5) The Pilgrimage to Mecca

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### ISLAM BACKGROUND

Mohammed was reared by his uncle. Mohammed was illiterate. His training was as a camel driver. He took goods for trade to outlying areas of Arabia and the Middle East. He was exposed to Judaism, Christianity and Zoroastrianism.

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### ISLAM BACKGROUND

At age 25 he met and married a wealthy woman named Khadija fifteen years older than he. Her wealth allowed him free time to think and question what society and religion were about. He saw much idolatry and corruption.

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### ISLAM BACKGROUND

During his meditations away from home in a secluded place, he began to experience visions. He was encouraged that they were from Allah. So, he dictated his visions which became the Koran.

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### ISLAM BACKGROUND

He, feeling the vision was from God, began preaching to the people of Mecca. He condemned the many gods and idols and taught one God – Allah. He was not well liked for this. In 622 A.D. he was forced to flee (the Hegira) from Mecca and he went to Medina (Yathrib).

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### ISLAM BACKGROUND

Map of Arabia - notice Mecca and Medina



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- He was accepted by a small group from Medina and it continued to grow larger until in 630 AD, eight years later, Mohammed and his band of men invaded Mecca and overcame their army and basically forced acceptance of Islam.
- Mohammed died in 632 AD before he could see how explosively Islam would grow. He had 11 wives – his first, Khadija. His favorite, A' isha.

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- One hundred more years passed until in 732 AD, Charles Martel at the Battle of Tours stopped the conquering Muslims from invading the West.
- Islam as a faith has spread through most of the world and has a following of over 1 billion adherents.
- There are some basic core beliefs, but all look to the Koran as a guide.

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### ISLAM BELIEFS

- Militant monotheism.
- There are other accepted prophets such as Jesus, Moses, Abraham, but Mohammed was the final prophet.
- Paradise, the goal, is described as a gratification and enjoyment for the blessed. Fruit and wine will be served by ever youthful boys.

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### ISLAM BELIEFS

- Paradise, the goal (continued) The setting is a garden with flowing streams, full of milk and honey. Voluptuous maidens who are pure and spotless will be the companions of the believers. There will be spiritual delights as well such as seeing the face of God.

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### ISLAM BELIEFS

➤ They follow a very inaccurate lunar calendar that moves their dates around the calendar rather wildly. 100 solar years = 103 Muslim years.

➤ Death is looked on as “this is your time”. His soul will be examined, if he says, “God is my Lord, Islam my religion and Mohammed my prophet, he is assured of paradise. If the answers are unsatisfactory, he will be beaten by angels and the infidel will be doomed to hell fire forever.

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### ISLAM BELIEFS

➤ They do not eat pork or drink alcoholic beverages.

➤ The Judgment – All will be resurrected to be judged. Mohammed will rise first and be at God’s right hand. All other prophets will be under him. Humans will be questioned and given the reckoning. A good man receives the book in his right hand, the evil man in his left. All actions are weighed.

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### ISLAM BELIEFS

➤ The Judgment (Continued) –All people will pass through Hell, except the righteous will go quickly through, perhaps being quickly purified, on their way to paradise. The evil will stay there to be punished. Some think the evil people will also be purified over a much longer period and also be granted paradise.

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### ISLAM BELIEFS

#### FIVE BASIC BELIEFS of MUSLIMS

1. Faith – The unity of ALLAH – one God.
2. Angels – These are messengers of God. Also, there are Jinn which are bad angels connected with causing difficulty in life.
3. Revealed Scriptures and Messengers – The Koran, Mohammed and other accepted prophets and leaders (Mullahs, Imams, Ayatollahs)

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### ISLAM BELIEFS

#### FIVE BASIC BELIEFS of MUSLIMS

4. Final Judgment – Last Day, Day of Doom, Day of Resurrection, all be to judged
5. Divine Decree – God decrees and determines all that happens

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### ISLAM BELIEFS

#### FIVE PILLARS of ISLAM

1. THE CONFESSION – Arabic - Shahada
2. PRAYER (WORSHIP) – Arabic - Salat
3. THE FAST DURING RAMADAN – Arabic - Siyam
4. ALMSGIVING – Arabic - Zakat
5. PILGRIMAGE TO MECCA – Arabic - Hajj

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**CONFESSION (Shahadah) – #1 of the Five Pillars**

There is no other God but Allah and Mohammed (pictured) is his prophet.



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**PRAYER (Salat) – #2 of the Five Pillars**

Facing Mecca – 5 times per day (dawn, noon, mid-afternoon, evening, night) - if possible go to a mosque to pray.



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**THE FAST (Siyam) – #3 of the Five Pillars**

During Ramadan – the month-long fast – can't eat, drink or have sex from sun up to sun down.



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**ALMSGIVING (Sakat) – #4 of the Five Pillars**

Muslims are to set aside 2.5% of their income for the poor.



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**THE PILGRIMAGE (Hajj) – #5 of the Five Pillars**



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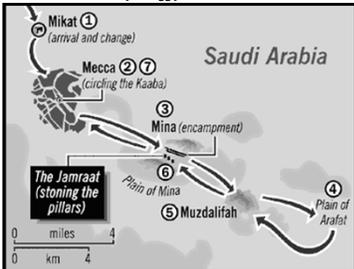
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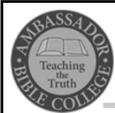
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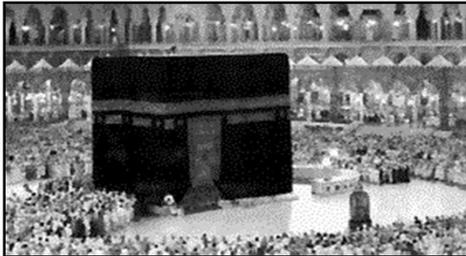


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#### THE PILGRIMAGE (Hajj) – #5 of the Five Pillars

The Kaaba contains the black stone – believers march around this during the Hajj



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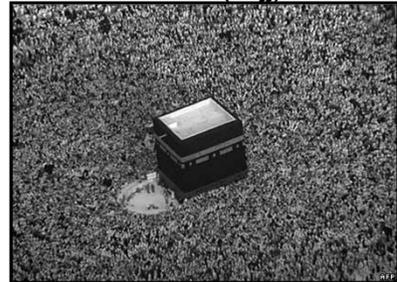


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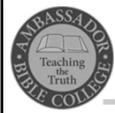
#### THE PILGRIMAGE (Hajj)

Note the masses of Muslim pilgrims circling the Kaaba, (believed to be first house of worship built), during the Hajj



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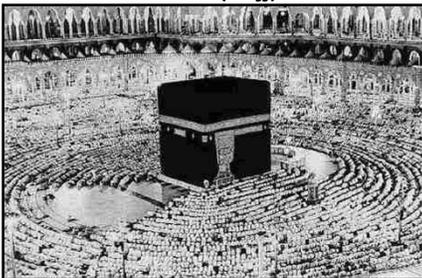


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#### THE PILGRIMAGE (Hajj)

Two million pilgrims visit Mecca to circle the Kaaba seven times during the Hajj



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#### A VIEW INSIDE THE KAABA

This is the black stone inside the Kaaba said to be from Adam and Eve



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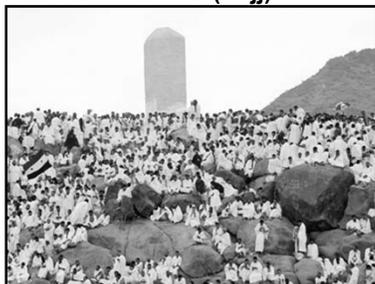


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#### THE PILGRIMAGE (Hajj)

At Arafat the pilgrims stand in scorching heat to depict their day of judgment before Allah. Considered the most important part of the Hajj.



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**BELIEFS**  
**SEVEN RUINOUS SINS**

1. Associating anything with God
2. Using or dealing in magic
3. Killing people without reason
4. Earning interest on money (from brothers)

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**BELIEFS**  
**SEVEN RUINOUS SINS**

5. Deserting the army when holy war (Jihad) is called
6. Taking an orphan's property
7. Accusing a woman of adultery (when she is innocent)

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**VARIOUS BRANCHES OF ISLAM**

1. **THE SUNNIS** - This is the more moderate, conservative branch of Islam. Concern for the structure of society by fulfilling God's will. Some 85% of all Muslims are Sunnis. – found in Saudi Arabia, Turkey, Syria, Pakistan, Indonesia, Central Asia, Northern Africa including Egypt

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**VARIOUS BRANCHES OF ISLAM**

2. **THE SHI'ITES** – Formed after the martyrdom of Ali and his son. Believe the successors of Mohammed should come from his family. Interpret the Koran and the laws in a different way. Mullahs, Mujtahids and Ayatollahs are their leaders and define social and religious community law. Found primarily in Iran, Lebanon, Iraq, Yemen, Oman.

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**VARIOUS BRANCHES OF ISLAM**

3. **THE WAHABIS** – An anti-modern, militant movement who try to follow the literal words of the Koran. Described as austere, rigorous, puritanical. "Back to the Koran" or "Back to the pure teaching" – mottos.

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Osama bin Laden was a Wahabi leader and fanatical Muslim terrorist leader of Al Queda

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#### RECENT ARTICLES ON TERROR

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## Memorandum

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To: Mr. Osama Bin Ladin (And Friends)

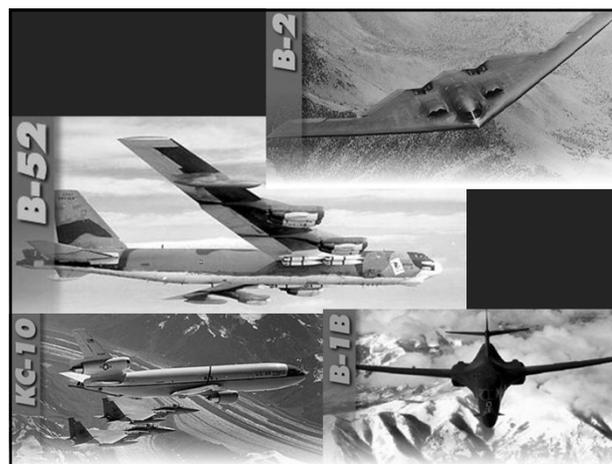
Date: September 12, 2001

RE: Product Demonstration.

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We now feel compelled to introduce you to the rest of our line.

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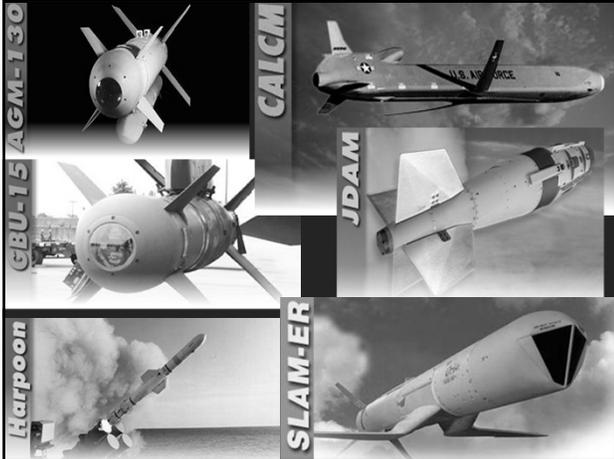
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**VARIOUS FORMS OF ISLAM**

4. **AHMADI** – Muslims, but follow the Koran and believe Jesus came back to earth as Mirza Ghulam Ahmad. They are successors of Mirza since they have other differing beliefs from Muslims. 10 million followers.



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### BLACK MUSLIMS

Nation of Islam or Black Muslims began in Detroit during the depression (late 1920's) with W.D. Fard gathering poor black folks. He stressed the wickedness of white man and the wonderful history of blacks.



Orthodox Islam does not recognize this movement.

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### BLACK MUSLIMS NATION OF ISLAM

W. D. Fard, succeeded Timothy Drew in developing this aspect of Islam. He called it the "Temple of Islam". Later after he disappeared (1934) from the movement it became "Nation of Islam".



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### BLACK MUSLIMS

Elijah Muhammed, a disciple of Fard, was Nation of Islam's leader from 1935-1975. He changed the name from the "Temple of Islam" to Nation of Islam (Black Muslims).



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### BLACK MUSLIMS

Malcolm X, Black Muslim leader. On Feb. 22, 1965 he was assassinated. He broke with Nation of Islam



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### Black Muslims

MALCOM X WITH BOXING GREAT MOHAMMED ALI



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### Black Muslims

Louis Farrakhan has made his group the most well-known. He often preaches about economic woes of the Blacks and tries to empower them to succeed. Whites are devils and first man was black



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### Black Muslims

Louis Farrakhan, their current leader, brings out the aspect of hatred towards whites and others in this cartoon.



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**Black Muslims**

Black Muslims under Farrakhan's lead organized the million-man march in the late 1990's. Only 20,000 are members of his Nation of Islam group.



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**INTERESTING QUOTES FROM THE KORAN**

“The notion of love for one’s neighbour, in a Christian sense, is not enshrined in the Koran. There are certain prescribed duties towards the disadvantaged, the poor, widows, orphans, slaves and the vanquished, but these are of a practical nature, and no emotional commitment is required or expected. There is also the concept of Muslim brotherhood. He who accepts the faith and becomes a believer is automatically accepted as a Muslim brother without question.”

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**INTERESTING QUOTES FROM THE KORAN**

“This confers certain rights of treatment which do not apply to unbelievers. This underlines the essentially practical nature of the Islamic faith. God’s will is interpreted as a series of rules for all occasions, and whether one conforms to them or one does not. Conforming to them has certain consequences, breaking them has others. This rigid simplicity is the underlying structure of Islamic thought, and will be present whether open or hidden, in all circumstances....”

Comment from D.S. Roberts, ISLAM, A CONCISE INTRODUCTION, pp. 52-53.

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**INTERESTING QUOTES FROM THE KORAN**

**REGARDING JIHAD – HOLY WAR**

“When you meet the unbelievers, smite their necks, then, when you have made wide slaughter among them, tie fast the bonds; then set them free, either by grace or ransom, till the war lays down its loads....And those who are slain in the way of God, He will not send their works astray. He will guide them, and dispose their minds aright, and He will admit them to Paradise, that He has made known to them.” (KORAN, BK. 2, Chapter XLVII).

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**INTERESTING QUOTES FROM THE KORAN**

**REGARDING JIHAD – HOLY WAR**

“O Prophet, urge on the believers to fight....” (KORAN, BK. 1, p. 204)

“It is not for any Prophet to have prisoners until he make wide slaughter in the land.” (IBID; p. 205).

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#### INTERESTING QUOTES FROM THE KORAN REGARDING WOMEN

“Wives of the Prophet, you are not as other women...speak honourable words, Remain in your houses; and display not your finery, as did the pagans of old.” (KORAN, BK. 2, p. 124I).

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#### INTERESTING QUOTES FROM THE KORAN REGARDING WOMEN (continued)

“O Prophet, say to thy wives and daughters and the believing women, that they draw their veils close to them; so it is likelier they will be known, and not hurt.” (KORAN, BK. 2, p. 128)

The previous quotes seem to indicate the need for a covering. Though this varies from full covering, to partial covering of body and head regionally.

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#### INTERESTING QUOTES FROM THE KORAN REGARDING WOMEN (Continued)

Women usually have rights, but are considered a little lower than men in Islam. Her consent is required for legal exchanges that involve her personal property. While polygyny is permitted (more than one wife), only four at a time are allowed. The law allows a woman to make her marriage monogamous. Sex before marriage is not wrong as long as it is consensual.

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#### INTERESTING QUOTES FROM THE KORAN REGARDING WOMEN (Continued)

Though loose sexual activity seems to be condemned in the Koran. “The fornicatress and the fornicator – scourge each one of them a hundred stripes, and in the matter of God’s religion let no tenderness for them seize you.” (KORAN, Bk. 2, p. 46)

Marriage is a contract between two individuals (no homosexual ones) not a religious ceremony.

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#### INTERESTING QUOTES FROM THE KORAN REGARDING JESUS

“The Messiah, son of Mary, was only a Messenger; Messengers before him passed away; his mother was a just woman; they both ate food. Behold how we make clear the signs to them ; then behold how they perverted are.” (KORAN, Bk. 1, p. 140) Trying to show Jesus and His mother were only humans.

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#### INTERESTING QUOTES FROM THE KORAN REGARDING JESUS

“And when God said, ‘O Jesus son of Mary, didst thou say unto men, ‘Take me and my mother as gods, apart from God’?’ Thou knowest it, knowing what is within my soul and I know not what is within Thy soul...Thou didst command me ‘Serve God, my Lord and your Lord.’” (IBID, Bk. 1, p. 147) They use this to try to show there is no trinity. They confused Mary as part of the trinity along with Jesus and the Father.

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#### INTERESTING QUOTES FROM THE KORAN REGARDING JESUS (Continued)

“He said, ‘Lo I am God’s servant; God has given me the Book, and made me a Prophet, Blessed He has made me, wherever I may be; and He has enjoined me to pray,...so long as I live,...Peace be upon me, the day I was born and the day I die, and the day I am raised up alive!’ ..That is Jesus, son of Mary...” (Koran, Bk. 1, p. 333). Again trying to show Jesus was a man.

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#### INTERESTING QUOTES FROM THE KORAN REGARDING JESUS (Continued)

Jesus supposedly announces Mohammed to come (540 years after Jesus). “And when Jesus son of Mary said, ‘Children of Israel, I am indeed the Messenger of God to you, confirming the Torah that is before me, and giving good tidings of a Messenger who shall come after me, whose name shall be “Ahmad’.” “Ahmad” is taken to be a reference to Mohammed.

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#### INACCURACIES IN THE KORAN

##### REGARDING NOAH

“Noah called to his son, who was standing apart, ‘Embark with us, my son, and be thou not with the unbelievers!’ He said, ‘I will take refuge in a mountain that shall defend me from the water’...” (Koran, Bk. 1, p. 244).

Noah had only 3 sons who all came aboard the ark.

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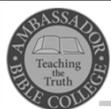
#### INACCURACIES IN THE KORAN

##### REGARDING KING SAUL

Confusion between King Saul and Gideon. “And when Saul went forth with the hosts he said, ‘God will try you with a river; whosoever drinks of it is not of me and whoso tastes it not, he is of me, saving him who scoops up with his hand.’” (Koran, Bk. 1, p 64)

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#### INACCURACIES IN THE KORAN

##### REGARDING MARY

Confusion as to Mary’s lineage. The Koran claims she was daughter of Imran and that Elizabeth and Mary were sisters. (Koran, Bk. 1, p. 77)

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### ISLAM WHAT AM I?



1. SUBMISSION TO ONE GOD, ALLAH
2. THE KORAN – GOD’S REVELATION
3. NO INTERCESSORS FOR MANKIND
4. GIVE 2.5% TO CHARITY
5. PRAYER FIVE TIMES DAILY
6. DIVINE DECREE

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**WHAT AM I?** 

- SUBMISSION TO ONE GOD, ALLAH**  
John 1:1 – Word and God in the beginning  
Matthew 8:2; 9:18 – He allowed people to Worship Him.  
John 8:58 – Called Himself the “I AM”, a title of God

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**WHAT AM I? (continued)** 

- THE KORAN, WRITTEN REVELATION OF GOD**  
Romans 3:1-2; 1:16 – To whom was the preservation given? Arabs?  
II Tim 3:16 – The Scriptures inspired, not the Koran  
Deuteronomy 12:31-32 – Do not add to the Bible  
John 17:17 - God's Word is the Truth

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**WHAT AM I? (continued)** 

- NO INTERCESSORS BETWEEN MAN AND GOD**  
I Tim. 2:5 – Jesus is the Mediator  
Ephesians 4:11-13 – Ministry of Jesus Christ to help  
Romans 10:14; Acts 8:31 – The need for a ministry

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**WHAT AM I? (continued)** 

- ALMSGIVING – 2.5% TO CHARITY**  
Matthew 23:23 – We give 10% for service to God  
Deuteronomy 14:28-29 – Third tithe works out to 2.8%/year  
Malachi 3:8 – Tithes and offerings required

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**WHAT AM I? (continued)** 

- PRAYER – FIVE TIMES DAILY**  
Psalms 55:17; Dan 6:10 – indicate 3 times was the usual number of times  
Acts 12:5 – Peter was doing it at noon  
I Thes. 5:17 – Pray without ceasing

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**WHAT AM I? (continued)** 

- DIVINE DECREE**  
Deut. 30:19 – God gives choice  
Genesis 22 – Abraham not forced to sacrifice son  
Proverbs 18:22 – Choice of a wife  
Genesis 2:19 – Choice of the trees  
Eccl. 9:11 – Time and chance happens to all

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### ISLAM

#### ESSAY QUESTION(S)

WHY DO YOU BELIEVE ISLAM HAS  
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WHAT IS ITS APPEAL?

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## WHAT AM I?

### ISLAM

1. Submission to one God, Allah.
2. Koran, written revelation of God.
3. No intercessors between man and God. (No priests needed).
4. 2.5% of income to charity.
5. Prayer five times a day.
6. At death the body decays, the soul sleeps and awaits the resurrection.