

Islamic Civilization

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- ★The revelations of Muhammad form the basis of the Islamic religion, a monotheistic faith
- **★Muhammad & his followers spread Islam**
- *Islamic traditions & customs developed over centuries & created a distinct Muslim culture



Islam Introduction





Origins of Islam

- *Muhammad, the Prophet
- ★Mecca & Medina on the Arabian peninsula: Early Muslim cities





Spread of Islam

- * Across Asia & Africa & into Spain
- **★** Geographic extent of first Muslim Empire



The Spread of Islam. The rapid spread of Islam created within a century a unified cultural and economic zone from India to the Atlantic Ocean within.

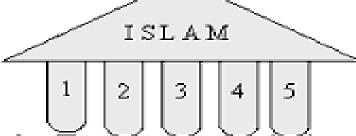


Beliefs, traditions, customs of Islam

- * Monotheism (Allah, Arabic word for God)
- * Qur'an (Koran): the word of God
- * Five Pillars of Islam
- * Acceptance of Judeo-Christian prophets, including Moses & Jesus



The 5 Pillars of Islam



- 1. Shahada- Testimony and declaration of faith
- 2. Salah- Prayer 5 times a day
- 3. Zakat- 21/2% charity to the poor
- 4. Saum- Fasting during the month of Ramadan
- Hajj- Pilgrimage to Mecca at least once a lifetime.



5 Pillars of Islam





In the first three centuries after Muhammad's death,

- *Muslim rule expanded rapidly, overcoming geographic barriers & facilitated by weakened political empires
- ★Political unity & the Arabic language facilitated trade & stimulated intellectual activity



Geographic Influences on the Origin & Spread of Islam

- **★Diffusion along trade routes from Mecca &**Medina
- *Expansion despite great distances, desert environments, & mountain barriers
- **★**Spread into the Fertile Crescent, Iran, & Central Asia facilitated by weakened Byzantine & Persian empires



Geographic Influences on Economic, Social & Political development

- **★Political unity of the first Muslim Empire**was short-lived
- *Arabic language spread with Islam & facilitated trade across Islamic lands
- **★**Slavery was not based on race

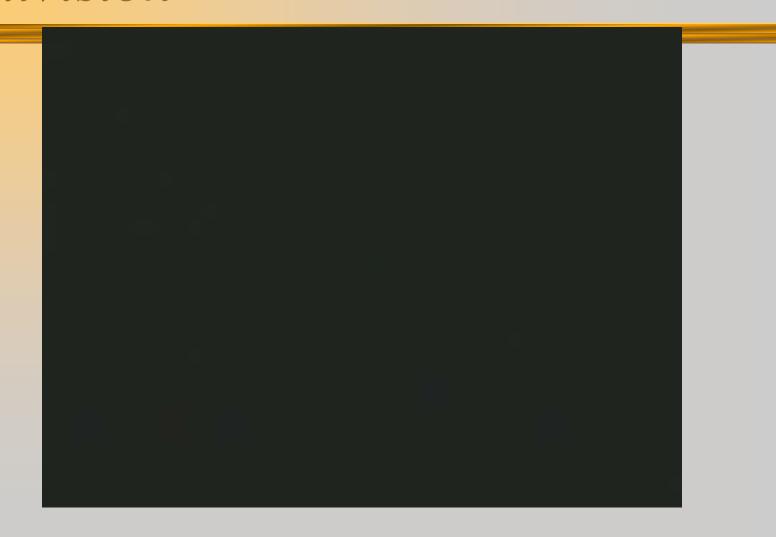


Historical Turning Points that marked the spread & influence of Islamic Civilization

- **★Death of Ali: Sunni-Shi'a division**
- **★Muslim conquest of Jerusalem &**Damascus
- **★Islamic capital moved to Baghdad**
- **★**Muslim defeat at the Battle of Tours
- *Fall of Baghdad to the Mongols



Muslim Split: Sunni –Shi'a division



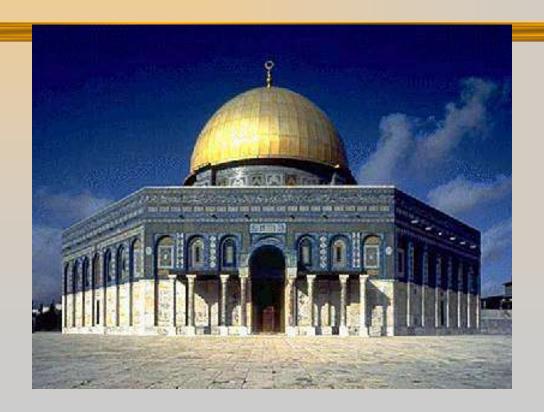


Cultural Contributions & Achievements

- *Architecture Dome of the Rock
- *Mosaics
- *Arabic alphabet
- *****Universities
- *Translations of ancient text into Arabic



Dome of the Rock





Mosaics







Scientific Contributions & Achievements

- *Arabic numerals (adapted from India, including zero)
- *Algebra
- *Medicine
- **★**Expansion of geographic knowledge