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# *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*

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- ★ 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*

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- ★ 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

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## The 5 Pillars of Islam



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







## *In the first three centuries after Muhammad's death,*

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- ★ 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*

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- ★ 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*

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- ★ 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*

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★ 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*

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★ Architecture – Dome of the Rock

★ Mosaics



★ Arabic alphabet

★ Universities



★ Translations of ancient text into Arabic



# *Dome of the Rock*







# *Mosaics*

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# *Scientific Contributions & Achievements*

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★ Arabic numerals (adapted from India, including zero)



★ Algebra

★ Medicine



★ Expansion of geographic knowledge