

...what muslims believe continued.

1. The development of faith or belief begins when the human being 's moral consciousness makes them aware of the need to be morally clean and truthful, and to avoid things that are sinful.
2. Angels carry out the commands of G-D and cannot disobey G-D. Their duties vary such as bringing revelation, teach the religion, control the forces in nature, take our souls at death, record our deeds, protect the righteous and sound the judgment, etc
3. Prophets are seen as "Types" or "Stages of Development" leading mankind toward their natural progression of human ascent to higher spirituality. We make no difference between any of them despite six being major. Adam being the Father of Humanity, Abraham; Father of Religion, Noah brought about a Regeneration, Moses; the Lawgiver, Jesus represented Love and Compassion and Mohammed, the Last, was the Reconciliation, he brought everything together.
4. Muslims believe in all the books revealed by G-D including the Holy Qur'an (revealed to Mohammed), Torah (of Moses), Gospel (of Jesus), Books of Abraham and the Psalms of David. May peace be upon them!
5. We are commanded by G-D to believe there is a life after the physical death, called the Hereafter. The purpose of the Hereafter is the Judgment.
6. The reward of Judgment is heaven, and the punishment of the Judgment is Hell. There is the judgment that comes to our life while we are living just as hell will visit us while we are living as well.
7. G'D has a law operating through creation, and in every phase of our lives, to give us the benefits of our good deeds and the consequences of our bad choices or deeds.

Al-Islam In America:

Since 1975, Imam W. Deen Mohammed the foremost Islamic Leader in the West has been promoting interfaith dialogue, mutual respect and cooperation for the advancement of the human family until his untimely death, September 9, 2008.



It is our humblest desire to honor our leader's legacy by sharing his language and, insights in addressing this topic and future publications. May G'D bless our Leader and accept our efforts to educate humanity, ameen.

Introduction to Al-Islam

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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

With G'D's Name, the Merciful Benefactor, the Merciful Redeemer

Introduction to the Religion of Al-Islam

This day I have perfected for you your Religion and have chosen Al-Islam as your way of Life.

Al-Qur'an 5:8

Al-Islam means Freedom, Justice and Equality!

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What is Al-Islam?

“A pattern created by G'D, its purpose is to motivate mankind towards their full potential” IWDM

Defining Muslim, biological make up of all human beings conforming to the nature G'D gave it. IWDM



Al-Islam means the way of peace, submission of your whole self to the Will of G-D.

Mohammedanism is thus a misnomer because it suggests that Muslims worship Mohammed (pbuh) rather than G-D.

Allah is the Arabic name for G-D, which is used by both Arab Muslims & Christian Arabs alike.

The declaration of faith called Shahadatain (testifying, declaring, witnessing or being clear in your mind about two things). First, that there is no G-D but one G-D. Secondly, that Mohammed is the Messenger of G-D. This brings one into the **Universal Brotherhood/Sisterhood of Al-Islam** and are encouraged to bathe as this is a symbolic gesture of returning to a sinless state.

Islam in its most comprehensive meaning can be summarized by expressing the phrase **Freedom** (to serve G-D without any intermediary), **Justice** (G-D gives without counting) and **Equality** (we are all equal before G-D as one human family).

Who is Mohammed?

Universal Messenger for all of Mankind

Mohammed (pbuh) was born in Makkah in the year 570, at a time when Christianity was not yet fully established in Europe. Since his father died before his birth, and his mother shortly afterwards, he was raised by his uncle from the respected tribe of Quraysh. As he grew up, he became known for his truthfulness, generosity and sincerity, so that he was sought after for his ability to arbitrate in disputes.

The historians describe him as calm, meditative and Michael Hart selected him number one out of the one hundred most influential leaders in history.

Mohammed was of a deeply religious nature, and had long detested the decadence of his society. It became his habit to meditate from time to time in the Cave of Hira near the summit of **Jabal an-Nur, the “Mountain of Light”** near Makkah.

At the age of 40, while engaged in a meditative retreat, Mohammed received his first revelation from G-D through the **Angel Jibra'eel** (Gabriel) also known as the Angel of Inspiration.

This revelation, which continued for over twenty-three years, is known as the Holy Qur'an. It is a record of the exact words revealed by G-D, memorized by Mohammed (pbuh) and then dictated to his Companions, and written down by scribes, who cross-checked it during his lifetime. Not one word of its 114 chapters has been changed over the centuries.

The Qur'an, the last revealed word of G-D, is the prime source of every Muslim's faith and practice. It deals with all the subjects which concern us as human beings: wisdom, revelation, worship, and law, but its central theme is the relationship between G-D and his servants. At the same time it provides guidelines for a just society, proper human conduct and an equitable economic system.

Continued study would lead you to ask the question **“What is Mohammed”?**

What are the “Five Pillars of Al-Islam”?

They are the framework of the Muslim life: faith, prayer, concern for the needy, self purification, and pilgrimage to Holy Precincts in Makkah for those who are able.

1. **Faith**, in Al-Islam, belief must evolve to trust and faith demonstrated by actions.
2. **Prayer**, in order to completely surrender your whole self to G'D one must pray five times daily to remain connected with G'D.
3. **Charity**, to give freely of yourself to ensure that your fellow man/woman benefits from your G'D given gifts.
4. **Fasting**, giving attention to your whole life during the Month of Purification for 29 or 30 days known as the “Month of Ramadan.”
5. **Pilgrimage**, visiting the Holy Precincts of Makkah once in a Lifetime. Expanding our personal interest in order to embrace the human family.

What Muslims Believe?

1. *Belief in Allah (G'D) .*
2. *Belief in the Angels.*
3. *Belief in the Prophets.*
4. *Belief in the Books.*
5. *Belief in the Hereafter.*
6. *Belief in the Judgment.*
7. *Belief in the Divine Ordinance (Power).*

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