



THE RISE OF ISLAM

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ESSENTIAL QUESTION:

WHY WAS ISLAM ABLE TO SPREAD SO QUICKLY AND CONVERT SO MANY TO THE NEW RELIGION?




I. PRE-ISLAM


- ISLAM= ARABIC FOR "SUBMISSION"
- ARABS BEGAN AS NOMADS
 - PEOPLE WHO MOVE FROM PLACE TO PLACE (BEDOUINS)
- UBAR ESTABLISHED BY NOMAD TRADERS
 - 500 B.C.-300 A.D.
 - VERY, VERY HOT
 - CENTER FOR TRADE AND BUSINESS
 - OASIS PROVIDED CITY WITH WATER




THE GEOGRAPHY OF THE ARABIAN PENINSULA




GEOGRAPHY




• ARABIAN PENINSULA STRETCHES 1,300 MILES FROM E-W.




GEOGRAPHY




• SURROUNDED BY WATER — MEDITERRANEAN, RED & ARABIAN SEAS, AND THE PERSIAN GULF




GEOGRAPHY



• SUPPORTS LITTLE AGRICULTURE
THUS FARMLAND IS VERY LIMITED



GEOGRAPHY




• FARMING DONE ON A STRIP OF LAND ALONG THE NORTHERN COASTLINE AND AN AREA IN THE SOUTHERN MOUNTAINS




II. ISLAM BEGINS

- ARABS MOVED FROM UBAR TO OTHER OASIS WHEN THE WATER RAN OUT
 - CLANS DEVELOPED FOR SECURITY
 - LARGE GROUP OF PEOPLE WITH COMMON ANCESTORS
- SHAIKH- LEADER OF THESE TRIBES
- RELIGION DEVELOPS
 - ARABS BELIEVED IN MANY GODS
 - CREATED IDOLS TO WORSHIP THEM





II. ISLAM BEGINS



- MECCA CREATED TO HONOR ONE GOD
 - ABRAHAM ORDERED BY GOD TO BUILD IT
 - CITY BECAME CENTER OF TRADE/WORSHIP
- CONTAINS KA'BAH
 - CUBE-SHAPED SHRINE
 - DEDICATED TO ONE GOD (MONOTHEISM)
 - ARABS/NOMADS JOURNEY TO MECCA EVERY YEAR
 - PILGRIMAGE: HOLY JOURNEY TO A SACRED PLACE
 - BELIEVED IN MANY SMALLER GODS THAT HELPED MAIN DEITY




THE KA'BAH


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THE KAB'AH






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MUHAMMAD

- BORN IN MECCA IN 570 AD, ORPHANED AT AGE 6, TAKEN IN BY GRANDFATHER AND UNCLE, BOTH IN THE CARAVAN BUSINESS.
- MUHAMMAD MET JEWS AND CHRISTIANS ON HIS TRAVELS, LEARNED STORIES FROM THE OLD AND NEW TESTAMENTS.
- MARRIED KHADIJAH, A WEALTHY WIDOW, IN 595 AD, AND WAS FREED FROM THE LIFE OF A TRAVELING MERCHANT.


MUHAMMAD

- BACKGROUND
 - MADE JOURNEY TO MOUNT HIRA EACH YR.
 - CLAIMED HE MET GABRIEL WHO TOOK HIM TO ALLAH
 - MUHAMMAD SPREADS WORD AFTER BEING TO 'RECITE' IT BY GABRIEL
- GIVEN KORAN BY ANGEL GABRIEL IN 610 A.D.
 - ISLAMIC BIBLE- 1ST WRITTEN RECORD OF GOD'S WORDS??



MUHAMMAD

- MUHAMMAD SPREADS WORD
 - CHRISTIAN GOD = ARABIC ALLAH
 - SOME RICH FAMILIES CONVERTED TO ISLAM BUT MOST HATED HIM
 - ANGERED QURAYSH- TRIED TO KILL HIM
 - ESCAPED TO MEDINA IN 622
 - HELPED CITY TO STOP THEIR CIVIL WAR
 - GRATEFUL CITIZENS FORMED ARMY TO ATTACK MECCA



MUHAMMAD

- CONQUERED MECCA IN 630 W/O FIGHTING
 - FORGAVE ALL WHO OPPOSED HIM
 - OTHER TRIBES BEGAN TO FOLLOW HIM AFTER QURAYSH WERE DEFEATED
 - MUSLIMS CELEBRATE THIS AS FIRST YEAR IN THEIR CALENDAR (0 A.H. — 'YEAR OF HIJRA')
- BY HIS DEATH (632 AD), ISLAM COVERED WESTERN ARABIA

IV. WHAT MADE ISLAM SO APPEALING?

- CHRISTIANS PERCEIVED BY NON-CHRISTIANS AS PREJUDICED; MUSLIMS WERE NOT.
- ISLAM VIEWED A SIMPLER RELIGION.
- ARABS WERE TRADERS – IT BECAME PROFITABLE FOR NON-MUSLIMS TO CONVERT FOR BUSINESS PURPOSES.
- EASILY “PORTABLE” → ISLAM “TRADED” ON THE TRADE ROUTES.
- MUSLIM ARMIES WERE ADEPT AT DESERT FIGHTING.

V. ISLAM AFTER MUHAMMAD

- MUHAMMAD’S DEATH CREATED ARGUMENTS OVER THE RIGHTFUL HEIR TO HIS LEADERSHIP.
- CAUSED DIVISIONS WITHIN ISLAM THAT PERSIST TO THIS DAY.
 - SUNNIS: CALIPH SHOULD BE CHOSEN BY THOSE CLOSE TO MUHAMMAD – NOT A DIRECT RELATIVE OF MUHAMMAD.
 - SHIA: ONLY A DIRECT DESCENDENT OF MUHAMMAD COULD BECOME CALIPH.

Distribution of Sunni and Shia Muslims

V. MOST MUSLIMS (85%) ARE SUNNI.

V. DISAGREEMENT LED TO INTERNAL BATTLES AND ASSASSINATIONS OF LEADERS, BUT ISLAM SPREAD RAPIDLY THROUGHOUT THE MIDDLE EAST AND INTO EUROPE.

Arab Conquests 630-751

V. EXPANSION STOPPED IN FRANCE AT THE BATTLE OF TOURS IN 732 AD.

VI. THE JUDEO-CHRISTIAN FOUNDATIONS OF ISLAM

THE PROPHETIC TRADITION

ADAM
 NOAH
 ABRAHAM
 MOSES
 JESUS
MUHAMMAD

ISLAM → AN ABRAHAMIC RELIGION

- MUSLIMS ARE STRICT MONOTHEISTS.
- THEY BELIEVE IN THE JUDEO-CHRISTIAN GOD, WHICH THEY CALL **ALLAH**.
- MUSLIMS BELIEVE THAT THE **TORAH** AND THE **BIBLE**, LIKE THE **QUR'AN**, IS THE WORD OF GOD.


PEOPLES OF THE BOOK

THE MOSQUE


THE MUSLIM PLACE OF WORSHIP.

'NON-ALIGNED PRACTICES'


- IN ANCIENT TIMES, UP TO FOUR WIVES ALLOWED AT ONCE, PROVIDED LAW ALLOWS.
- NO ALCOHOL OR PORK.
- NO GAMBLING.
- JESUS** → NOT THE SON OF GOD, MERELY A PROPHET.
- THREE HOLIEST CITIES IN ISLAM:
 - MECCA, MEDINA, JERUSALEM.





THE DOME OF THE ROCK MOSQUE IN JERUSALEM



MOUNT MORIAH ROCK
WHERE MUHAMMAD ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN.




MUSLIMS IN THE WORLD TODAY


COUNTRIES WITH THE LARGEST MUSLIM POPULATION

1. INDONESIA	183,000,000	6. IRAN	62,000,000
2. PAKISTAN	134,000,000	7. EGYPT	59,000,000
3. INDIA	121,000,000	8. NIGERIA	53,000,000
4. BANGLADESH	114,000,000	9. ALGERIA	31,000,000
5. TURKEY	66,000,000	10. MOROCCO	29,000,000

VI. ARABS MAKE UP ONLY 20% OF THE TOTAL MUSLIM POPULATION OF THE WORLD.



VII. ISLAM IN AMERICA



MUSLIMS IN AMERICA


TOTAL PRACTICING MUSLIMS IN THE UNITED STATES around 2,000,000

Select Areas:
 Los Angeles, CA 283,355 New York, NY 102,692
 Northeastern NJ 92,080 Chicago, IL 91,260 Washington, DC 69,350

A GROWING FAITH
 New Mosques by Decade

DIVERSITY
 Percentage of Mosques by Ethnic Group

Black	27%
South Asian	28%
Arab	15%
Other	14%
South Asian & Arab	16%



ESSENTIAL QUESTION:

Why was Islam able to spread so quickly and convert so many to the new religion?



WHAT ARE ISLAMIC EXTREMISTS' MAIN COMPLAINTS AGAINST AMERICA?

- AMERICAN SUPPORT OF ISRAEL WHICH, IN THEIR VIEW, UNLAWFULLY INVADED & OCCUPIED PALESTINE, A FORMER ISLAMIC TERRITORY.
- AMERICAN MILITARY PRESENCE IN SAUDI ARABIA, ISLAM'S HOLY LAND.
- AMERICAN MORAL DECADENCE DESPITE ITS REPUTATION AS A "CHRISTIAN" NATION.
- THE CRUSADES (1095) SOURED VIEWS OF CHRISTIANITY, WHICH IS THE DOMINANT RELIGION OF THE US








STUDENT QUESTIONS

- DIFFERENCES BETWEEN ISLAM/MUSLIM?
 - MUSLIMS ARE PEOPLE WHO WORSHIP ISLAM
- WHY AREN'T WOMEN ALLOWED TO SHOW THEIR FACES?
 - DEPENDS ON THE COUNTRY, BUT MOST WEAR TO COVER MOST PARTS OF THEMSELVES BECAUSE THE QUR'AN SAYS SO – SOME COUNTRIES VIEW THEM AS SECOND RATE
- WHERE IS ISLAM LOCATED?
 - NO COUNTRY- ISLAM IS A RELIGION
- WHY DO THEY WEAR TURBANS?
 - KEEPS HARSH WEATHER AWAY FROM FACES



STUDENT QUESTIONS

- WHAT HOLIDAYS ARE CELEBRATED?
 - MUHAMMAD'S BIRTHDAY, KORAN MEMORIZATION, BIRTH, FASTING
- WHAT TIME ZONE IS ISLAM LOCATED?
 - NO ONE TIME ZONE
- DO THEY HAVE MODERN TECHNOLOGY?
 - YES- NOT EVENLY DISTRIBUTED AMONG PEOPLE
- WHY NO GIRLFRIENDS UNTIL MARRIAGE?
 - NOT ACCEPTED IN THEIR SOCIETY- KORAN



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