

A black and white photograph of an open book with Arabic text, resting on a wooden stand. A string of dark prayer beads (tasbeeh) is draped across the center of the open pages. The background is dark and out of focus, showing some circular patterns. The text "Muslim Heritage" is overlaid in a large, bold, yellow font.

Muslim Heritage

What is a Muslim?

A follower of the religion of Islam.

What is Islam?

A monotheistic faith regarded as revealed through Muhammad as the Prophet of Allah.

Interesting Facts About Muslims

- There is 1.6 billion Muslims around the world.
- It is considered the second largest religion after Christianity.
- Most people associate muslims with the Middle East.
- Not all Arabs are Muslim. Not all Muslims are Arab.
- Some Muslim countries are Syria, Egypt, Morocco, Palestine, Pakistan, and Bangladesh etc.
- Muslims celebrate two major Holidays a year; Eid ul-Adha and Eid al- Fitr.
- The book Muslim's use to practice their faith is known as the Quran.

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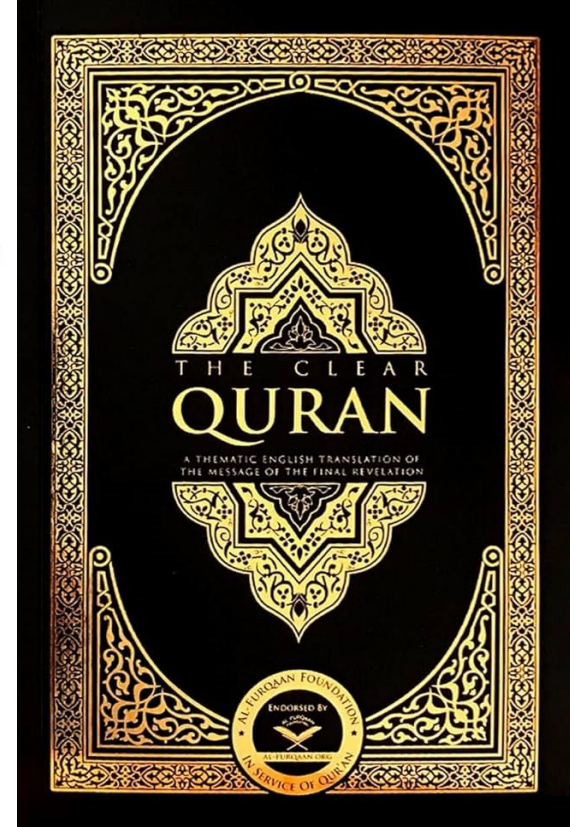
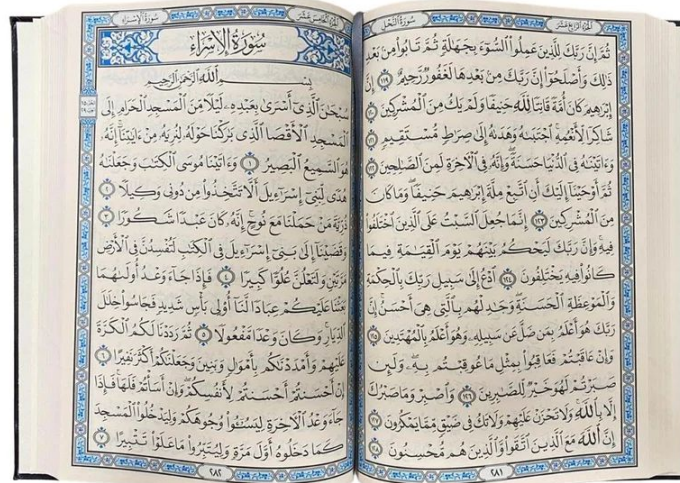
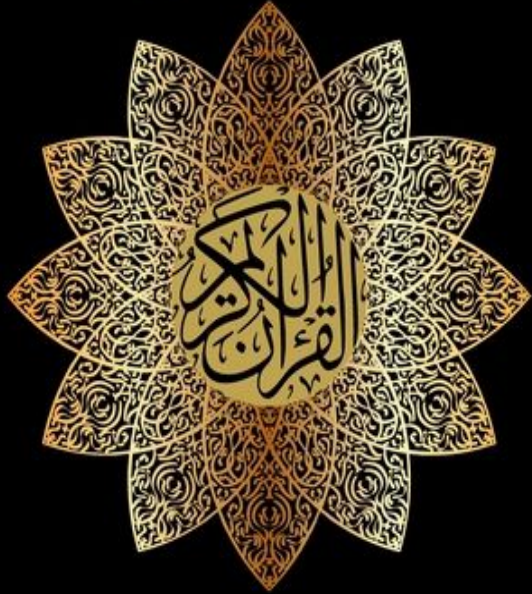
Arab is a category that identifies people who speak the Arabic language as their mother tongue.

- Arab Christians (Arabic: الْمَسِيحِيُّونَ الْعَرَبُ,) are ethnic Arabs, Arab nationals, or Arabic-speakers who follow Christianity. The number of Arab Christians who live in the Middle East was estimated to be between 10 and 15 million.
- Generally, Islam considers Christians and Jews as People of the Book (Ahl al-Kitab) who should be respected,



Quran

THE HOLY QURAN



Arab culture is diverse



There are 22 Arab nations

Three dominant themes can be found across the Arab World

1 -FAITH plays a very important role in the lives of most Arabs, regardless of their religion.

FAMILY is an extremely vital element to the lives of Arabs, not only as a source of support, but also of identity.

COMMUNITY An extension of faith and family is community. It is a connection to culture for enjoyable and organizational purposes.

Five Pillars of Islam

The First pillar is **Shahada**: Shahada – Pillar One This pillar is the main belief of all Muslim people and it is a declaration of their faith. The English words are: “There is no god except Allah, Muhammad is the messenger of Allah.” Muslims say this when they pray.

Second pillar is **Salah**: This pillar is prayer. Muslims pray five times a day and follow a special ritual to do so. First they must wash in symbolically clean water. All the prayers are said at the same time every day. Fajr – Morning, between dawn and sunrise. Zuhr – Mid-day or early afternoon. Asr – Late afternoon. Maghrib – Evening, around sunset. Isah – Night, before going to bed.

The second Pillar is **Zakat**: the Zakât-Charity. Zakat is a powerful tool to help re-circulate wealth to those most vulnerable,

Five Pillars of Islam Cont.

Fourth Pillar is **Ramadan**: Ramadan is when Muhammad began receiving messages from God. For 30 days Muslims fast, they do not eat or drink during daylight hours.

Fifth pillar is **Hajj**: every adult Muslim who are physically and financially able must make at least once in their lifetime.

(In Islam, the Kaaba is believed to be a sacred site built by prophets Ibrahim an and that its use as the qibla was ordained by Allah in several)



What is Hajj and why do Muslims go around the Kaaba?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I7LzKjopyrE>

The Kaaba is a stone building at the center of Islam's most important mosque and holiest site, the Masjid al-Haram in Mecca, Saudi Arabia.



Salah(prayer)



Masjed Pictures



EID

1- The fast-breaking evening meal after sunset is known as the “iftar”. Eid al-Fitr begins at the end of Ramadan (when the new moon is sighted), with 2 or 3 days of joy & thanksgiving.

2- Eid ul-Adha ('Festival of Sacrifice') is one of the most important festivals in the Muslim calendar. The festival remembers the prophet Ibrahim's willingness to sacrifice his son when God ordered him to.

What is a Hijab?

Hijab is part of the religion and constitutes the dress code ordained by Islam on Muslim women. women when in public among unrelated men

- Clothing must cover the entire body except for the face and hands when in the company of non-related males.
- Clothing must be loose, so the shape of the body is not seen.
- Thick enough so that it is not see-through.
- Should not be showy



Hijab Example



Arabic Calligraphy

ARABIC ALPHABETS

kh-aa خ	H-aa ح	j-eem ج	th-ag ث	t-aa ت	b-aa ب	a-lif ا
S-aad ص	sh-een ش	s-een س	z-aa ز	r-aa ر	dh-aal ذ	d-aal د
q-aaf ق	f-aa ف	gh-ain غ	3-ain ع	Dh-aa ظ	T-aa ط	D-aad ض
y-aa ي	w-aaaw و	h-a هـ	n-oon ن	m-eem م	l-aam ل	k-aaf ك

28 characters read from right to left

Morality in Islam

Prophet Muhammad's Morality ﷺ

Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings be upon him) set a high standard of Islamic morals. He ﷺ would purposefully encourage good morals and ethics with those around him. He said: *"INDEED AMONG THE BELIEVERS WITH THE MOST COMPLETE FAITH IS THE ONE WHO IS THE BEST IN CONDUCT, AND THE MOST KIND TO HIS FAMILY" [SAHIH TIRMIDHI]"*

-kindness (to people and animals) charity, forgiveness, honesty, patience, justice, respecting parents and elders, keeping promises, and controlling one's anger, are commanded or encouraged in verses in the Quran and hadith.

Arabic Calligraphy is the art form in which phrases in Arabic, often taken from the Quran, are written in a beautiful script. This is why it is also known as Islamic Calligraphy.



Hospitality in Arab Culture

Hospitality is very important in Arab culture and this holds true for Arab Culture, as well. Providing food and drink, such as tea or coffee, is typical when visiting a home, or even business.

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welcome

