

- Islam is an Arabic word that means “surrender to god.”

The Arabic word
Allah means god

Muslims believe that Muhammad was the last of a series of holy prophets that included Abraham, Moses, and Jesus. A prophet is a holy messenger. Christians believe that Jesus is God, while Muslims believe Allah is the only god and that Muhammad was his messenger.



Allah is an Arabic term that means "the god."

Five Pillars of Islam

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The Five Pillars of Islam are the framework of the Muslim life.

- **1) The Testimony of Faith:**

The testimony of faith is saying with conviction. The testimony of faith is the most important pillar of Islam.

- **2) Prayer:**

- Muslims perform five prayers a day.



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- **3) Tax or Giving Support of the Needy:**

- **4) Fasting the Month of Ramadan:**

Every year in the month of Ramadan, all Muslims fast from dawn until sundown, abstaining from food, and drink.

Ramadan is sacred because it is the month in which the Quran (Koran) was revealed to Muhammad.

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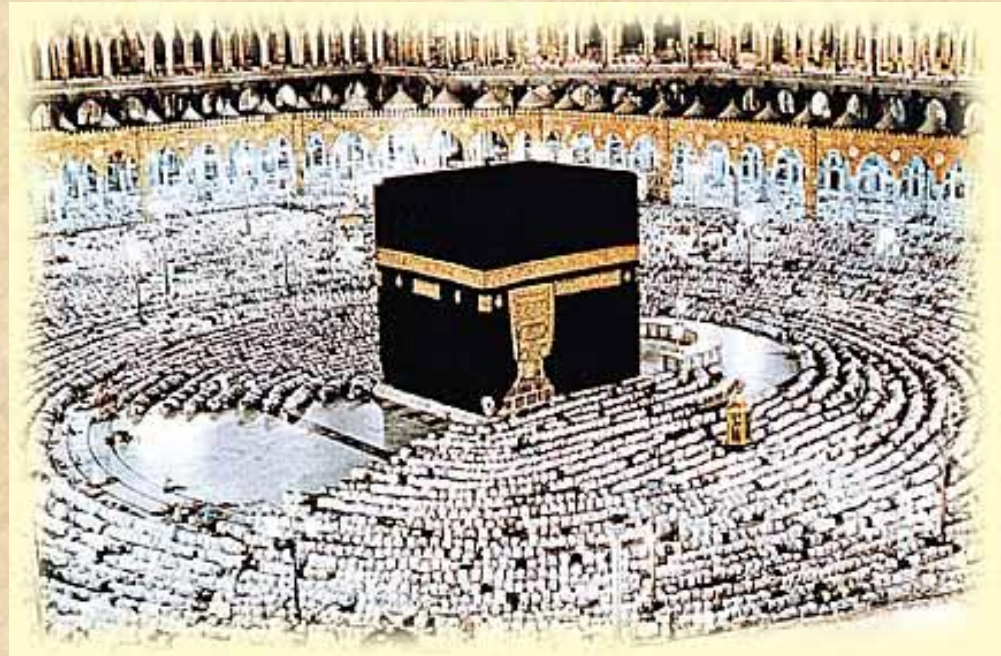
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- **5) The Pilgrimage to Mecca: The HAJJ**
- The annual pilgrimage to Mecca is an obligation once in a lifetime for those who are physically and financially able to perform it.



Kaaba

■ Pilgrims praying at the mosque in Mecca. In this mosque is the Kaaba, the black building in the picture, which Muslims turn toward when praying. The Kaaba is the place of worship which



commanded the Prophets Abraham and his son, Ishmael, to build. The rites of the *Hajj* include circling the Kaaba seven times.

Islamic tradition states that the stone in the Kaaba was originally white, but it had become black by absorbing the sins of the millions of pilgrims who have kissed and touched it.

Holy book of Islam is spelled Qur'an or Koran.

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- Muslims believe that Muhammad was visited in a cave by an angel. Muhammad repeated the words of the angel to others who learned them by heart. Eventually, Muhammad's followers collected these messages and gathered them into a book known as the Qur'an.



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