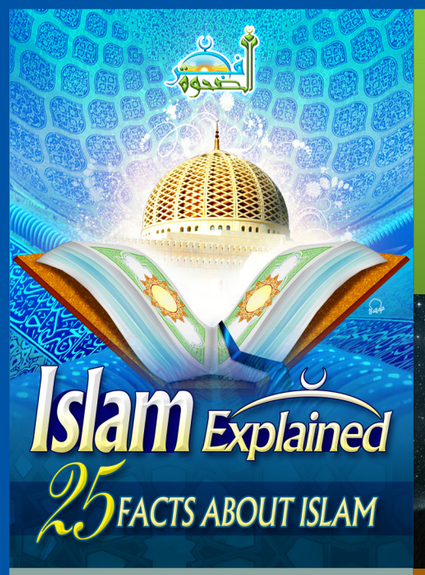


1
"Islam"
Means "submission to the will of the one almighty god" . Anyone who accepts and practices Islam is called " a Muslim "



2
Islam is not an invented ideology . it is a religion whose followers number over 1.5 billion worldwide. along with Judaism and Christianity , it is considered to be one of the three Abrahamic traditions.

3
Islam is a universal religion with followers from all races . there are Muslims in virtually every country in the world . not all of the Muslims are Arabs and not all of the Arabs are Muslims. Arabs only constitute about 20% of Muslims worldwide . Indonesia has the largest concentration of Muslims numbering over 120 million .





4
Islam is a complete way of life that governs all facets of our existence: moral, spiritual, social, political, economic, intellectual, etc. thus, Islam governs people relationship to their creator, to each other, and to their environment in a just manner as willed by the creator .

5
" Allah "
Is the personal name of the one almighty god . It is an Arabic word which has no gender or plural. Allah is not the god of Muslims only . he is the one almighty god of all people and all creation .

6
the word " jihad " does not mean " holy war " . It means struggle particularly the inner struggle , that one endures in trying to submit one's will to the will of the one almighty god . this struggle may involve physical struggle in some situations such as when one is faced with oppression in trying to submit to the will of the one almighty god . but there are many other forms of " jihad " which are more relevant to the daily life of a Muslim such as the struggles against laziness, arrogance, stinginess, or the struggle against a tyrant ruler or against the temptation of Satan, or against one's own ego, etc.



7
Muslims believe in and acknowledge all the prophets of god, from Adam to Jesus. Muslims believe that they brought the same message of peace and submission to god's will (Islam) to different peoples at different times. Muslims also believe that these prophets were "Muslims" because they all submitted their will to the one almighty god.

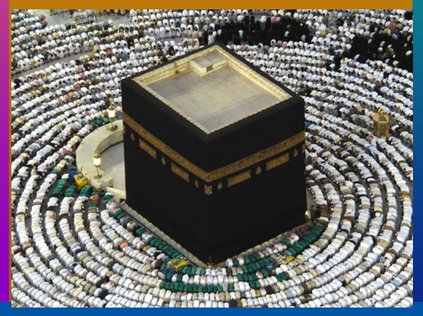
8
Muslim women wear the head-covering (hijab) in fulfillment of the one almighty god's decree to dress modestly. From a practical standpoint, it serves to identify one as attempting to follow the one almighty god in daily life and, therefore, protects women from unwanted advances from men. This type of modest dress has been worn by righteous women throughout history. Prominent examples are the virgin Mary – mother of Jesus, traditional catholic nuns, and mother Teresa .



9
Islam was not spread by the sword. It was spread by the word (Islamic teachings) and the example of its followers. Islam teaches that there is no compulsion in religion, (Qur'an 2:256 and 10:99).

10
there are five pillars practice in Islam. One must undertake these practices with the best of effort in order to be a true Muslim: a(Shahadah- Declaration of faith in the oneness of the almighty god and that Muhammad (peace be upon him) is his servant and last messenger. B) formal obligatory prayers five times a day. C) fasting during the daylight hours in the month of Ramadan. D) Compulsory charity; 2.5% of one's wealth given to the needy annually. E(pilgrimage to makka (or mecca) at least once, for those who are physically and financially able.

11
In the five daily prayers, Muslims face the kaaba in Makka in Arabia. It is a cube-shaped stone structure that was originally built by prophet Adam and later rebuilt by prophet Abraham (peace be upon them all). the Kaaba was the first house of worship on Earth dedicated to the worship of the one Almighty God. Muslims do not worship the Kaaba . It serves as a central focal point for Muslims around the world, unifying them in worship and symbolizing their common belief, spiritual focus and direction . Interestingly, the inside of the kaaba is empty .



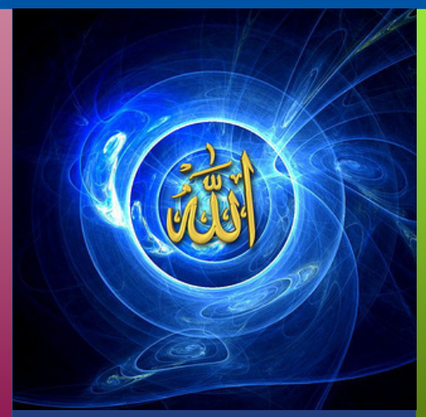
12
Muslims do not believe in the concept of ""vicarious atonement " but rather believe in the law of personal responsibility . Islam teaches that each person is responsible for his or her own actions . on the day of Judgment Muslims believe that every person will be resurrected and will have to answer to God for their every word , thought and deed . consequently a practicing Muslim is always striving to be righteous .

13
Muhammad (peace be upon him) was the last Messenger of God to all humanity . he was a human being like all of us. Muslims neither worship Muhammad nor pray through him . Muslims solely and directly worship the Unseen and Omniscient Creator, the One Almighty God .



14

The Islamic concept of The One Almighty God is that he is loving , merciful, and compassionate . But Islam also teaches that He is just and swift in punishment. Nevertheless , Allah once said to prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him), " My mercy prevails over my wrath." Islam teaches a balance between fear and hope , protecting one from both complacency and despair .



15

The One Almighty God possess many attributes (qualities or names) which are unique and applicable to Him only . some of His attributes are expressly mentioned in the Holy Qur'an and some are implied. It is through these names that one can come to know the Creator. A few of these names are : the All-Merciful , the All-Knower , the protector, the provider , the Near, the First , the Last , the Hidden , and the source of peace .

16

Muslims accept the original unaltered Torah (the Gospel of Moses) and the original Bible (the Gospel of Jesus) since they were revealed by The One Almighty God . However, none of these original scriptures are in existence today, in their entirety . Therefore , Muslims follow the subsequent, final, and preserved revelation of the One Almighty God , the Qur'an . the Qur'an confirms the massage of Moses and Jesus and continues and completes God's message to mankind. It is the final revelation.



17

If all prints of The Qur'an in the world today were burned and destroyed, the original Arabic would still remain. This is because millions of Muslims have memorized the text letter for letter from beginning to end, every word and syllable. Also chapters from the Qur'an are precisely recited from memory by every Muslim in each of the five daily prayers .

18

The Qur'an was not authored by Muhammad . It was authored by The One Almighty God , revealed to Muhammad , and written into physical from by his companions during his life time. The Qur'an has no flaws or contradiction . The original Arabic scripture has never been changed or tampered with. Original seventh century Qur'an, complete and intact, are available in Turkey, Russia and North America.

19

The Hajj is a collective pilgrimage to the Kaaba in Makka made by millions of Muslims each year . It is performed to commemorate the struggle and sacrifice of Abraham's first son (Ismael) and Abraham's second wife (Hagar) in submitting their will to the One Almighty God .



20

Women are not oppressed in Islam. Any Muslim man that oppresses a woman is not following Islam . Among the many teaching of prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) that protect the rights and dignity of women is his saying , "...the best among you are those who are best (kindest) to their wives " . Islam grants women numerous rights in the home and in society . Among them is the right to earn a living , to financial support, to an education , to inheritance , to being treated kindly , to vote , to a dowry , to keep their maiden name , to worship in a mosque , etc.

21

Islam enjoins the worship of the One Unseen Almighty God who never took human form or any other form and whose attributes are absolutely unique .

22

Islam is the fastest growing religion in the world . To become Muslim, a person of any race or culture simply needs to make a declaration of Islamic faith which is called the Shahadah , which states ; " I bear witness that there is no deity worthy of worship except The One Almighty God and that prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) was His servant and His last Messenger ".

23

Forced marriages are forbidden in Islam . This illegal practice should not be confused with arranged marriages , a practice which prevails in some Muslim societies . Divorce is permissible ; however, reconciliation is what is most encouraged . But if there are irreconcilable differences then Islam permits a fair and just divorce .



24

Terrorism, unjustified violence and the killing of innocent people are absolutely forbidden in Islam . Islam is a way of life that is meant to bring peace to a society, whether its people are Muslim or not. The extreme actions of those who claim to be Muslims may be , among other things , a result of their ignorance or uncontrolled anger . Tyrannical rulers and those who commit acts of terror in the name of Islam are simply not following Islam. Those people are individuals with their own views and political agendas . Fanatical Muslims are no more representative of Islamic teachings than Timothy McVeigh (Oklahoma city bomber) or David Koresh (Waco , Texas) or Anders Breivik (Norwegian mass killer) is of Christianity . Extremism and fanaticism is a problem that is common to all religious groups .



25

There are six articles of faith in Islam . These are the basic beliefs that one must have in order to be considered a Muslim. They are belief in :
A) Monotheism , i.e. there is only One God and His attributes are unique and cannot be shared by any other being .
B) The Angels who are the spiritual agents of God .
C) The original scriptures revealed to all prophets of God , including prophets Moses and David , Jesus and Muhammad (peace be upon them all) .
D) All the prophets of the almighty God.
E) The Day of Judgment and the Hereafter.
F) The Divine Decree (or Destiny) .



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