

# Islam

Peace through Submission  
and Commitment to God



The *Muezzin* – and the Call to Prayer (*Adhan*)

What do you hear most often in it? \_\_\_\_\_

Intense monotheism

“The Muslim life comes under new management.”



Five Pillars of Islam

## Faith

“There is no god but God, and Muhammad is God’s messenger.”  
No “associating” anything with God. Absolute difference of God  
from everything else in the universe, of which God is the creator.

## Prayer

Dawn

Midday

Mid-afternoon

Sunset

At retiring

Recitation of *Qur’an* verses

Postures of submission

Recitation of faith

Greeting of peace

“Rosaries”

Free prayer – praise and petition



## Fasting

Month of *Ramadan* (23 April – 23 May 2020)

*Iftar* – break fast at sundown

*Eid al-Fitr* – end of *Ramadan* (typically 3 days)

## Almsgiving

We are but stewards – no interest can be earned

Alms are not to support the *masjid*

2.5% annually of net worth

## Hajj (Pilgrimage)

Mecca – the Ka’aba

Ibrahim & Ismail, on site of Adam & Hawwa

All able-bodied adults, at least once in a lifetime (“*hajji/hajja*”)

“At your service, God, at your service.”



**Discuss: Do you have a place that is a focal point of your faith life?**

## The Qur'an

dictated by Jibril to Muhammad – originally oral transmission,  
then faithfully copied down and transmitted

*Sura* – chapter; *aya* – verse (“sign”)

*Al-Fatiha* – the opening *sura*, used as an invocation before public speech

***Choose an aya, read it aloud, and discuss it (from the separate sheet).***

## Global Muslim Communities

Sunni – “contractualist”; agreement about the teaching (“*sunna*”) of Muhammad

Shi'i – “intrinsicist”; descending from the line of Ali, 4<sup>th</sup> caliph (656-661 CE)

## Geopolitics and Muslim Worldview

*Dar al-Islam* – regions shaped by Islam

*Dar al-Harb* – regions shaped by “the sword” (not accommodating of Islam)

## The Effort (“*jihad*”) of Muslim Commitment

Greater *Jihad* – maintaining personal commitment, witness, standards

Lesser *Jihad* – defending *Dar al-Islam* and the community when the faith  
Is oppressed or under attack

## Islam in America

Immigration – forced; economic; recruited labor; post-WWII political  
refugees and educational opportunity;

Ugandan and Iranian refugees, and now Syrian

Indigenous – Nation of Islam: WD Fard & Elijah Mohammed; Warith Deen;  
Louis Farrakhan

## Questions for Imam Bachir Djehiche (Islamic Center of the Quad Cities):

Community visit: Saturday, 27 July, 6:30 pm – Islamic Center of the Quad Cities

*Including dinner served by the masjid at 7:30 pm*

6005 34<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Moline

Number: 5: Five pillars of belief and practice sustain the Muslim life and community.

Color: Green – The prophet, Muhammed (PBUH), favored the green of nature and of paradise.

**Choose and *aya* (verse); read it aloud to one another and discuss it.**

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Allah is the light of the heavens and the earth. Allah's light is like a niche in which there is a lamp, the lamp is in a crystal, the crystal is like a shining star, lit from the oil of a blessed olive tree, located neither to the east nor the west, whose oil would almost glow, even without being ignited by fire. Light upon light! Allah chooses whomever and guides them to the light. So Allah sets forth parables for humanity, for Allah has perfect knowledge of all things. (*Qur'an* 24:35)

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