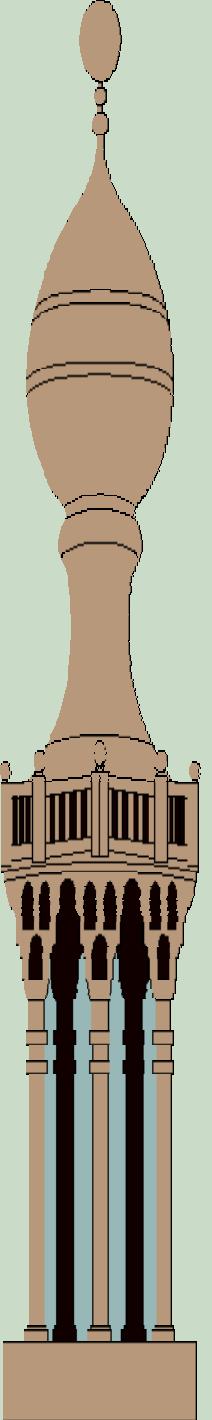
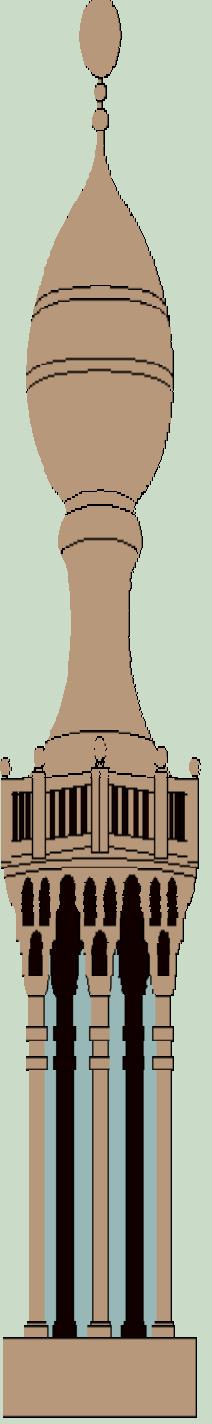


# **ISLAM: Submission to the Will of Allah**



# The Judeo-Christian Foundations of Islam

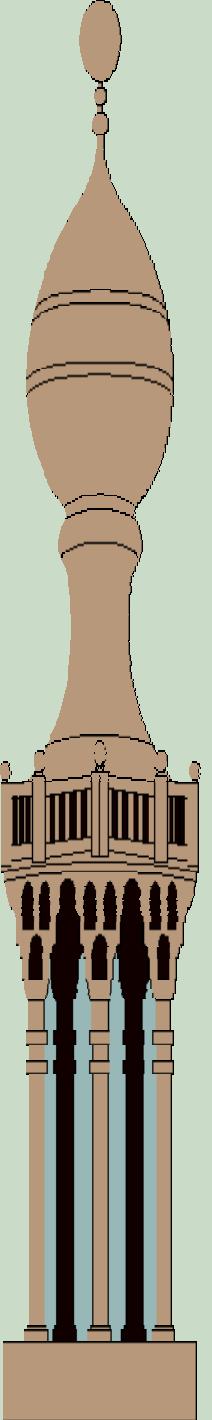


# Islam → An Abrahamic Religion

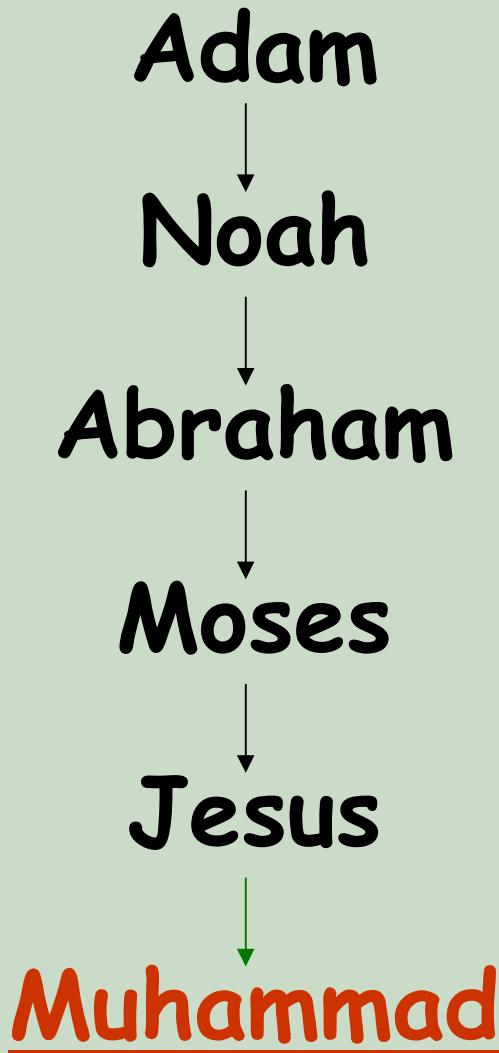
- ◉ Muslims are strict monotheists.
- ◉ They believe in the Judeo-Christian God, which they call *Allah*.
- ◉ Muslims believe that the *Torah* and the *Bible*, like the *Qur'an*, is the word of God.

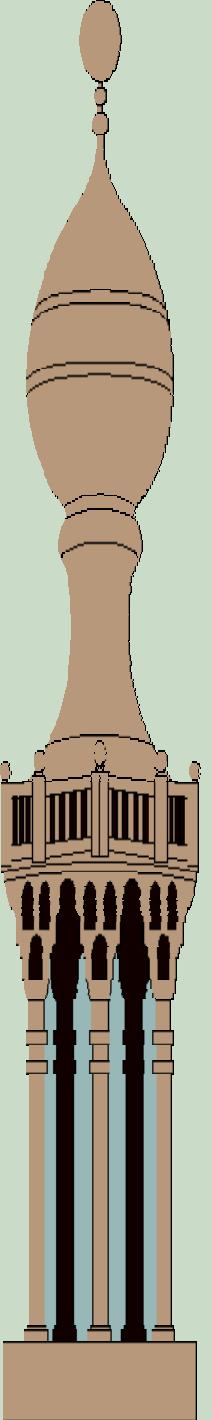


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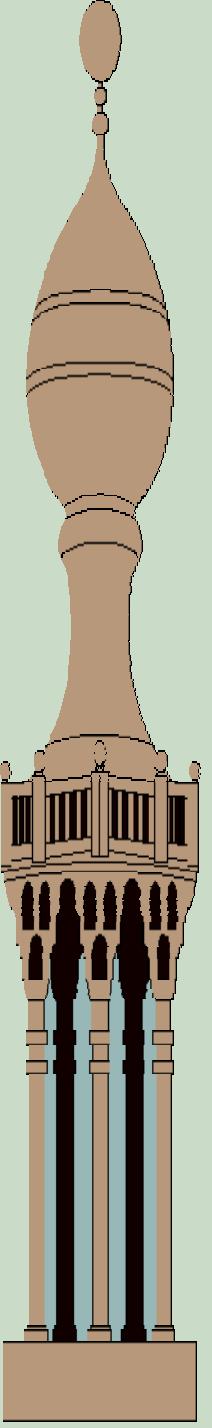


# The Prophetic Tradition



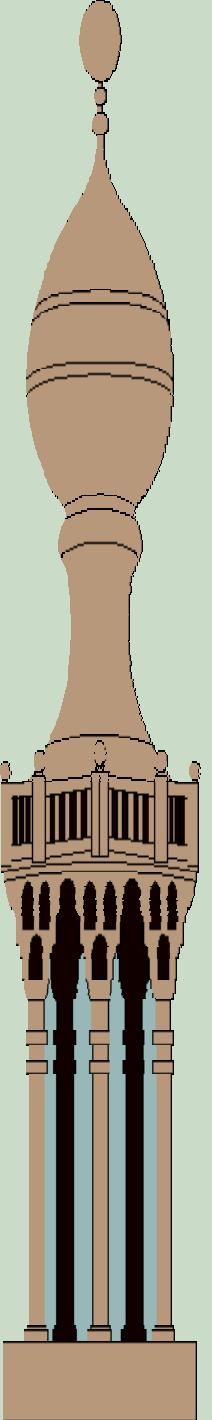


# The Qur'an: God's Last Revelation



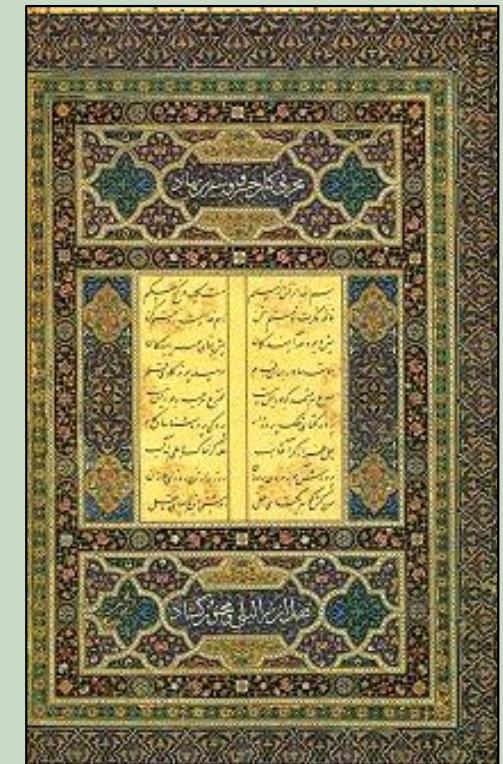
# The Origins of the Qur'an

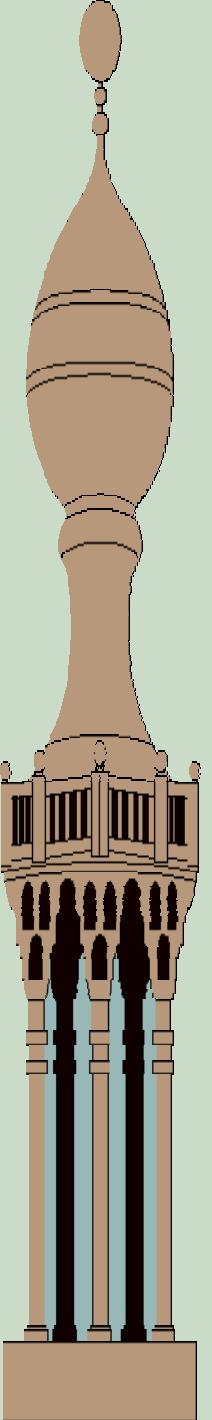
- 🌙 Muhammad received his first revelation from the angel Gabriel in the **Cave of Hira** in 610.
- 🌙 622 → **Hijra** → Muhammad flees Mecca for Medina.
  - \* The beginning of the Muslim calendar (**1 A.H.**)
- 🌙 Muhammad's revelations were compiled into the Qur'an after his death.



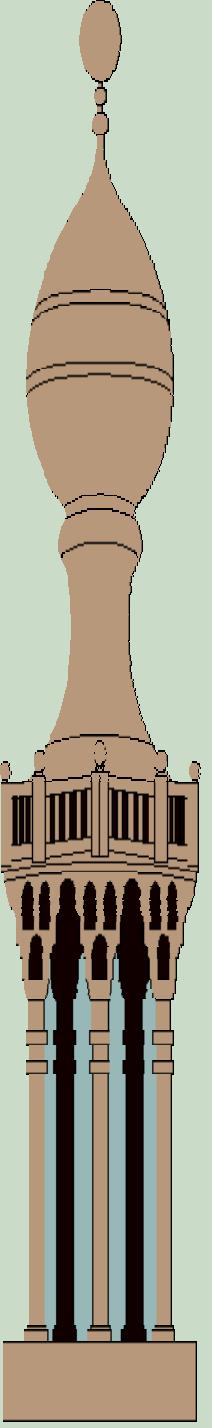
# The Qur'an

- 🌙 Muslims believe it contains the word of God.
- 🌙 114 *suras* (chapters).
- 🌙 *In the name of Allah,  
the compassionate,  
the merciful.*
- 🌙 Written  
in Arabic.





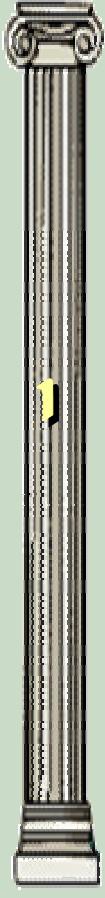
# The Five Pillars of Islam



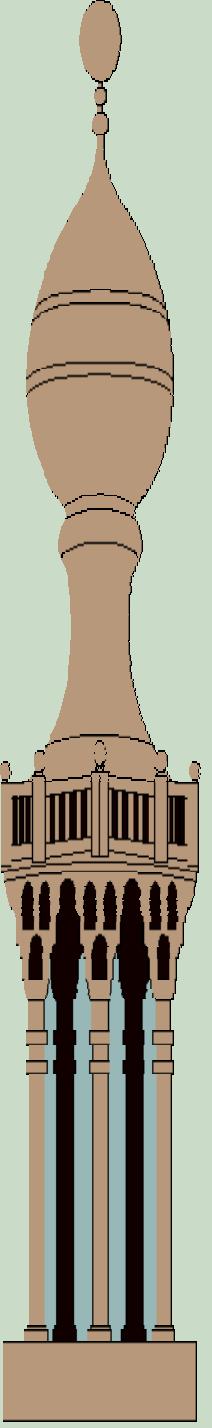
# 1. The Shahada

- ☪ The testimony.
- ☪ The declaration of faith:

***There is no god worthy of worship except God, and Muhammad is His Messenger [or Prophet].***



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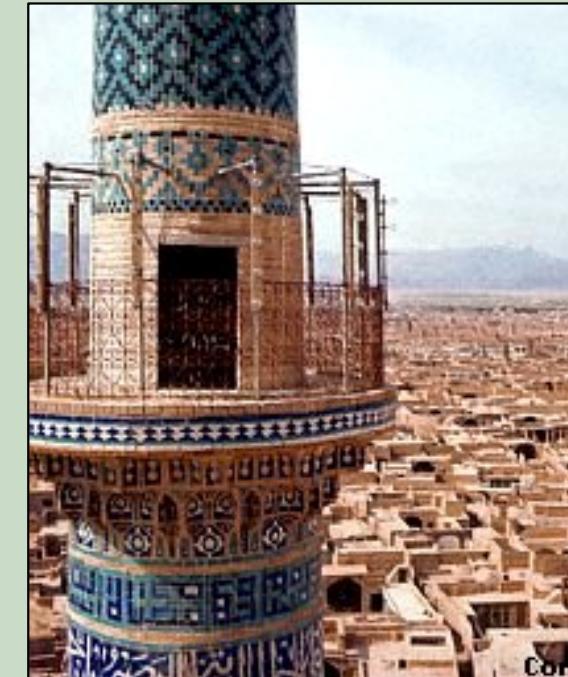


## 2. The Salat

- The mandatory prayers performed 5 times a day:
    - \* dawn
    - \* noon
    - \* late afternoon
    - \* sunset
    - \* before going to bed
  - Wash before praying.
  - Face Mecca and use a prayer rug.
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## 2. The Salat

- 🌙 The call to prayer by the *muezzin* in the *minaret*.
- 🌙 Pray in the *mosque* on Friday.



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### 3. The Zakat

- crescent moon icon Almsgiving (charitable donations).
- crescent moon icon Muslims believe that all things belong to God.
- crescent moon icon Zakat means both “purification” and “growth.”
- crescent moon icon About 2.5% of your income.



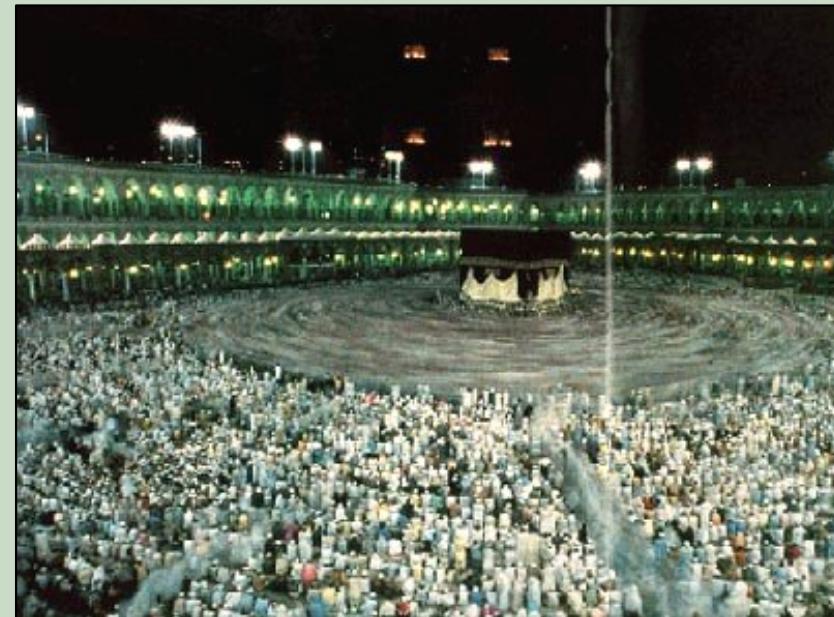
## 4. The Sawm

- 🌙 Fasting during the holy month of **Ramadan**.
- 🌙 Considered a method of self-purification.
- 🌙 No eating or drinking from sunrise to sunset during **Ramadan**.



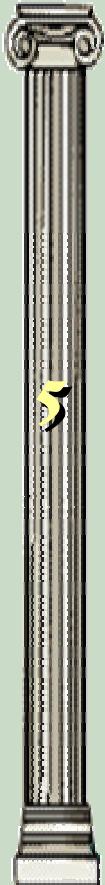
## 5. The Hajj

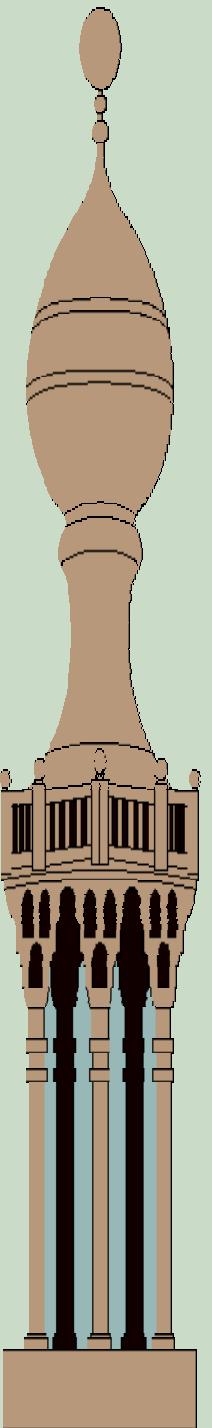
- 🌙 The pilgrimage to Mecca.
- 🌙 Must be done at least once in a Muslim's lifetime.
- 🌙 2-3 million Muslims make the pilgrimage every year.



## 5. The Hajj

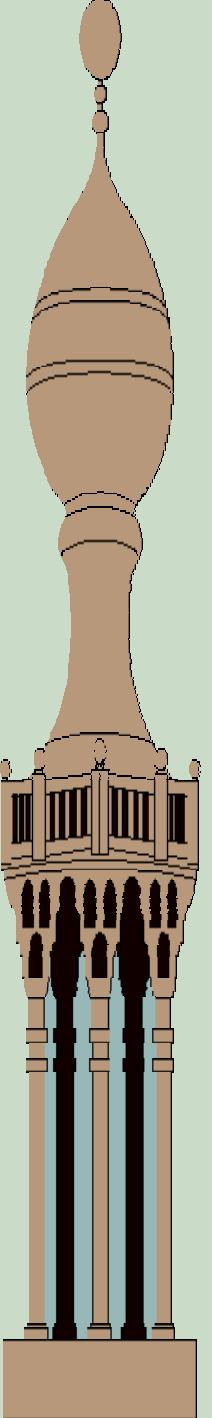
- Those who complete the pilgrimage can add the title *hajji* to their name.





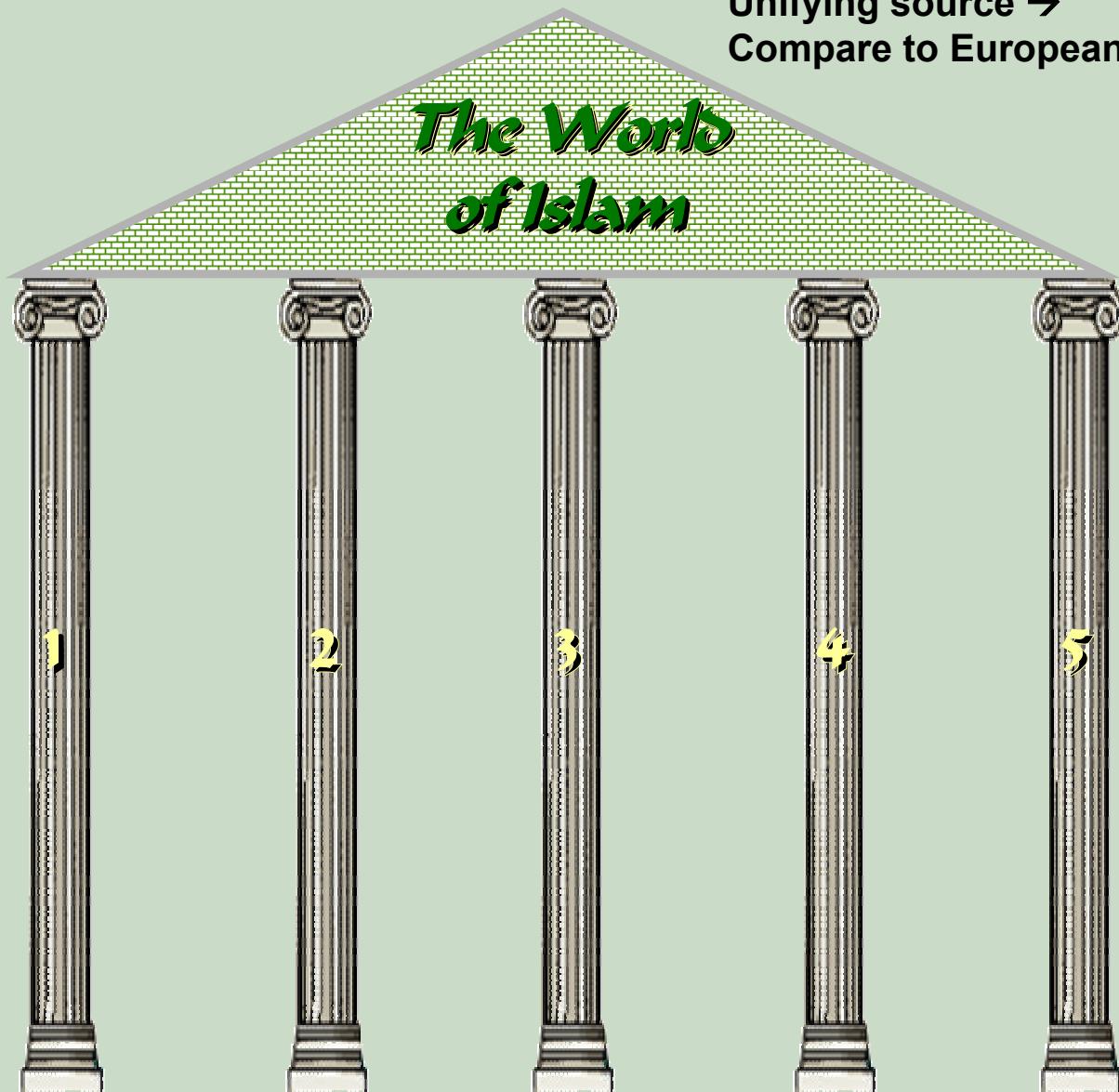
# Examples of the Prophet's sayings

- '**God has no mercy on one who has no mercy for others.**'
- '**None of you truly believes until he wishes for his brother what he wishes for himself.**'
- '**He who eats his fill while his neighbor goes without food is not a believer.**'
- '**The truthful and trusty businessman is associated with the prophets the saints, and the martyrs.**'
- '**Powerful is not he who knocks the other down, indeed powerful is he who controls himself in a fit of anger.**'
- '**God does not judge according to your bodies and appearances but He scans your hearts and looks into your deeds.**'
- '**A man walking along a path felt very thirsty. Reaching a well he descended into it, drank his fill and came up. Then he saw a dog with its tongue hanging out, trying to lick up mud to quench its thirst. The man saw that the dog was feeling the same thirst as he had felt so he went down into the well again and filled his shoe with water and gave the dog a drink. God forgave his sins for this action.** **The Prophet was asked: 'Messenger of God, are we rewarded for kindness towards animals?' He said, 'There is a reward for kindness to every living thing.'**'



# The Dar al-Islam

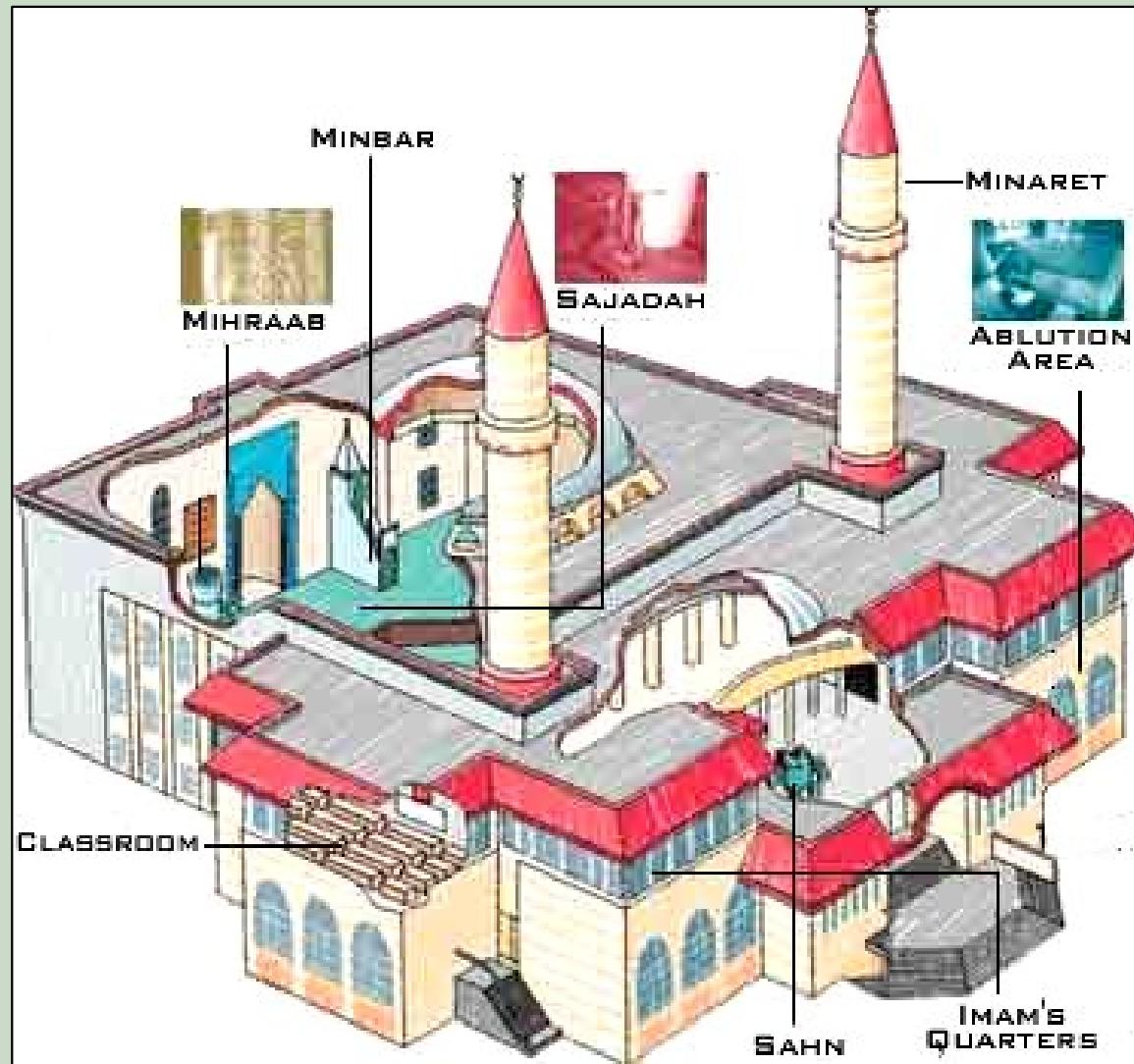
Unifying source →  
Compare to European Catholicism

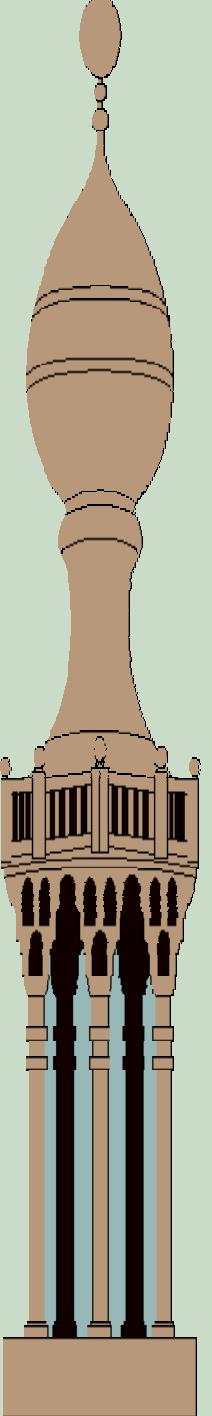


*The World  
of Islam*

# The Mosque

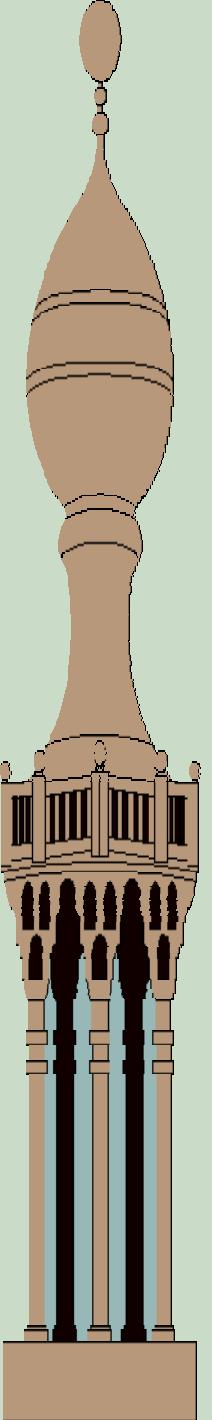
☪ The Muslim place of worship.





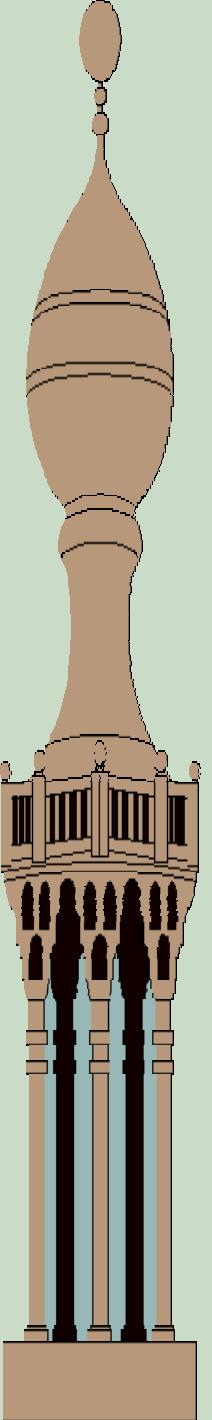
# Other Islamic Religious Practices

- ◉ Up to four wives allowed at once.
- ◉ No alcohol or pork.
- ◉ No gambling.
- ◉ *Sharia* → body of Islamic law to regulate daily living.
- ◉ Three holiest cities in Islam:
  - \* Mecca, Medina, Jerusalem.



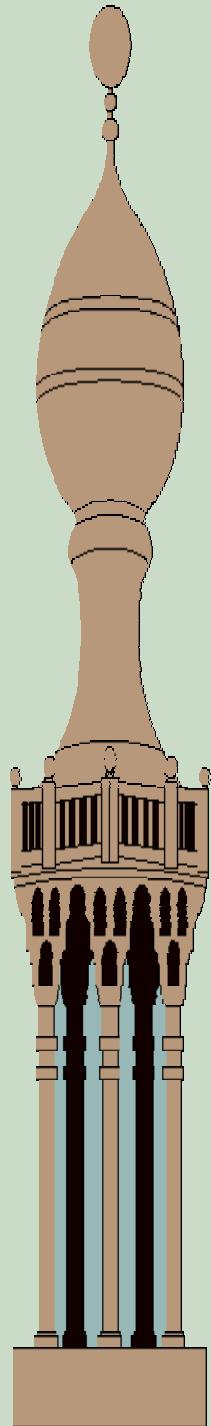
# **Essential Question:**

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



# The Spread of Islam

- ◉ Easy to learn and practice.
- ◉ No priesthood.
- ◉ Teaches equality.
- ◉ Non-Muslims, who were “**Peoples of the Book,**” were allowed religious freedom, but paid additional taxes.
- ◉ Easily “portable” → nomads & trade routes.
- ◉ **Jihad** (“Holy War”) against pagans and other non-believers (“infidels”).



## Sunni

- Muhammad left no successor
- Felt caliph should be chosen by Muslim leaders
- One is appointed from among peers
- ***Abu Bakr***—Friend of Muhammad

## Shiite

- Muhammad left a chosen successor
- Felt only true successors were blood descendants of Muhammad
- Ali—Son-in-law, cousin of Muhammad