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| Islam - Core Beliefs | | | | | | | |
| **Five Roots of Usul al-Din** | |  | **Shi’a** | **Sunni** |  | **Six Articles of Faith** | |
| **Al-Tawhid** | Belief in Oneness and Unity of Allah | **15%** of Muslims worldwide | **85%** of Muslims worldwide | **Tawhid** | Oneness of Allah |
| **Al-Adl** | Belief in Divine Justice | After Muhammad they believed Ali should lead them. | After Muhammad they believed Abu Bakr should lead them. | **Malaikah** | Beliefs about angels |
| **Al-Nubuwwah** | Belief in Prophethood | **Kutub** | Beliefs about books |
| **Al-Imamah** | Belief in Imams | **Allah** | | **Rasuul** | Beliefs about prophets |
| 1. Allah is The **One God**. | |
| **Al-Ma’ad** | Belief in the Day of Resurrection | 1. Allah is **infinite**. He was not created and cannot be destroyed. | | **Akhirah** | Beliefs about life after death |
| 1. Allah is **omnipotent** and **omniscient**. He created the whole universe and controls everything in it. | | **Al-Qad’r** | Predestination. The belief that everything in the universe follows a masterplan set by Allah. |
| Belief in Imams | | 1. Allah is **merciful** and **benevolent**. He helps humans by sending messengers in the forms of **prophets**. | | Key Quotations | |
| 1. **Sunni** Muslims believe **Abu Bakr** was the rightful successor to Muhammad. He is known as the first **Caliph**. | | ‘In the name of All, the Entirely Merciful, the Especially Merciful.’ (Surah 1) | |
| 2. **Shi’a** Muslims believe **Ali** was the rightful successor to Muhammad and they believe that Muhammad **appointed** him as the **rightful leader**. | | 1. He is **transcendent** and **immanent**. | | ‘God is the creator of everything. He is the guardian over everything. To Him belong the keys of the heavens and the earth…’ (39:62,63) | |
| 3. In **Sunni** Islam, the Imam **leads prayers** in the Mosque. | | 1. Allah is **fair** and **just**. Muslims believe that this life is a test for what will happen to them after death. | | ‘Say: He is Allah, the One the Only; Allah, the Eternal, Absolute; He did not give birth nor was He born; and there is none like Him.’ (Surah 112) | |
| 4. In **Shi’a** Islam, the Imam are the **successors of Muhammad.** | | **Belief and Practices** | | ‘To every people [was sent] a Messenger: when their messenger comes [before them], the matter will be judged between them with justice, and they will not be wronged.’ (10:47) | |
| * Muslims pray **5 times a da**y. * Muslims give charity (**Zakat**) to the poor. * Muslims fast during the month of **Ramadan**. * **Hajj** is the **pilgrimage** to Makkah. * The Muslim holy book is the **Qur’an.** | |
| 5. **Shi’a** Muslims believe that the **Imamah** is protected by Allah from committing any sin to keep the religion **true and pure**. | | ‘And indeed We have created man and We know what his soul whispers to him, and We are closer to him than [his] jugular vein’ (Surah 50:16) | |
| Islam - Kutub | | | | | | | |
| **Books** | |  | **Sunna** | |  | **Quotations** | |
| **Tawrat** | The Torah. God’s revelation to **Musa**. | 1. Contains records of what Muhammad did. | | ‘Recite in the name of your Lord who created’  (Surah 96) | |
| **Zabur** | Psalms. God’s revelation to **Dawud**. | ‘And We sent, following in their footsteps, Jesus, the son of Mary, confirming that which came before him in the Torah; and We have him the gospel, in which was guidance and light and confirming that which preceded it of the Torah as guidance and instruction for the righteous’  (Surah 5:46) | |
| **Injil** | Gospel. God’s revelation to **Isa**. |
| **Suhuf Ibrahim** | Scrolls of Abraham. God’s revelation to **Ibrahim**. | **Hadith** | |
| 1. Contains records of what Muhammad said. | |
| Over time, **Allah’s message** in these books became **distorted** so no longer accurately represented the true word of Allah. | | ‘Indeed, We have revealed to you, [O Muhammad], as We revealed to Noah and the prophets after him. And we revealed to Abraham, Ishmael, Isaac, Jacob, the Descendants, Jesus, Job, Jonah, Aaron, and Solomon, and to David We gave the book [of Psalms].’  (Surah 4:163) | |
| **Qur’an** | |
| 1. Allah’s **final revelation**. | |
| 1. It was given to Muhammad and he simply **recited** it. | |
| 1. The Qur’an is only seen as the **word of Allah** if it is in **Arabic**, as this was the language it was given to Muhammad in, any translation is seen as an interpretation. | |  | |
| 1. Copies of the Qur’an are treated with utmost respect. | | **Shari’ah** | |
| 1. Islamic Law | |
| 1. It gives guidance on how to live life and how to be a good Muslim. | | 1. Governs how Muslims should behave. | |
| 1. Muslims believe the Qur’an has always been in existence, but not in written form, it is **eternal like Allah**. | | 1. Qur’an can be difficult to interpret and it does not cover some modern issues. Therefore, Muslim scholars use other sources to establish Shari’ah law. | |

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| Islam - Malaikah | | | | | |
| **Key Angels** | |  | **Context** |  |
| **Jibril** | 1. Allah’s **chief angel**. 2. Brought **Allah’s message** to Muhammad. 3. **Muhammad** is the only one to have seen **Jibril in his natural form**. 4. Muhammad described him as having 600 wings which covered the sky from Earth to heaven. | 1. Angels were created before humans. 2. Created from **Nur** (divine light). 3. They have no freewill and must carry out Allah’s wishes. 4. Angels are used to communicate with Allah’s human messengers. 5. Angels record everything humans do, ready for the day of judgement. 6. They sometimes appear in human form. |
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| **Izra’il** | 1. The angel of **death**. 2. Ends each person’s life by taking their **final breath**. 3. For an obedient believer, the sight of **Izra’il** is pleasant as he is there to take them to **Paradise with Allah**. |
| **Quotations** |
| ‘[All] praise is [due] to Allah, Creator of the heavens and the earth, [who] made the angels messengers having wings, two or three or four. He increases in creation what He wills. Indeed, Allah is competent over all things.’ (35:1) |
| **Mika’il** | 1. Guardian of Heaven. 2. Sends rain, thunder and lightning to Earth on Allah’s command. |
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| **Israfil** | 1. Angel of the Last Judgement. 2. Will blow the trumpet to announce the Day of Resurrection. 3. First blast will destroy everything. 4. Second blast, every human who has died will be brought back to life. | ‘And to Allah prostrates what is in the heavens and whatever is on the earth of creatures, and the angels [as well], and they are not arrogant.’ (16:49) |
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| ‘When the two receivers receive [each human being after he or she has attained the age of puberty], one sitting on the right and one on the left. Not a word does he utter, but there is a watcher by him ready (to record).’ (50:17-18) |
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| Islam - Risalah | | | | | | |
| **Key Prophets before Muhammad** | |  | **Books revealed to Prophets** | |  | **Revelation of the Qur’an and prophethood** |
| **Adam** | The first man created by Allah and was the **first prophet** of Islam. Allah also made **Hawwa** (Eve) to live with Adam in **Jannah** (Paradise) | **Tawrat** (Torah) revealed to **Musa** | **Zabur** (Psalms) of **Dawud** | 1. **Muhammad** was meditating in a cave when the angel **Jibril** appeared to him and commanded him to read. 2. Muhammad (although he was illiterate) **recited the verses**. 3. Jibril flew away and declared him the **prophet of Allah**. 4. Muhammad continued to receive revelations and these make up the **Qur’an**. 5. Muhammad’s wife **Khadijah** was the first to accept him as a **prophet**. 6. In **622CE** Muhammad left Makkah and travelled to **Yathrib**. This journey is now known as the **Hijrah**. 7. **Yathrib** became the first community run by **Muslim principles**. 8. Muhammad ruled Yathrib (which became known as **Madinah** – ‘City of the Prophet’). 9. Between **624CE** and **630CE** there were battles between the people of **Makkah** and the Muslims of **Medinah**. 10. In **630CE** the Muslims won and the idols in Makkah were destroyed. 11. In **632CE** Muhammad **died**, before he died he said:   *“O people, no prophet or apostle will come after me and no new faith will be born…I leave behind me two things, the Qur’an and my example of the Sunnah, and if you follow these you will never go astray”* |
| **Ibrahim**  *Abraham* | His descendants he became known as the father of the Arab people. He was a **hanif** (a believer in one God). | **Injil** (Gospel) revealed to **Isa** | **Suhuf Ibrahim** (Scrolls of Abraham) revealed to **Abraham** |
| **Isma’il**  *Ishmael* | A son of **Ibrahim**. Along with his father he rebuilt the **Kabba**. From Isma’il came the **Ishmaelite** tribe, the family **Muhammad** belonged to. |
| **Musa**  *Moses* | Was asked by Allah to lead the Israelites to the **Promised Land** from slavery in Egypt. This led to the **Ten Plagues** and their eventual freedom. Allah revealed the **Tawrat** and the **Ten Commandments** to Musa. | **Muhammad’s Life** | |
| 1. Born in **Makkah** around **570CE**. 2. Growing up received the nicknames **Al-Amin** (Trustworthy) and **As-Sadiq** (Truthful). 3. He married **Khadijah**, they had several children. His sons did before his prophethood. 4. The **last prophet** of Allah. 5. Sent by Allah to declare the truth of Islam as opposed to all other religions. | |
| **Dawud**  *David* | A prophet and **King** of the Israelites. He killed the giant Goliath. The **Zabur** was revealed to him. |
| **Isa**  *Jesus* | **Sunni** Muslims believe he is the **Messiah** who will return on the **Day of Judgement**. He was born to the virgin **Maryam** (Mary) and had no father. Muslims believe he did not die, but was taken into **Allah’s presence**. |
| Quotation | |
| ‘Cursed were those who disbelieved among the children of Israel by the tongue of David and of Jesus…That was because they disobeyed and transgressed’ (Surah 5:778) | |