



Islam - Christianity - What's the Difference?

John 8:32: (NASB) *and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.*



These are troubling and difficult days. The world around us seems to be on fire with trouble and it seems as though there are few answers to the mounting problems that surround us. As simple as it may sound, one of our greatest challenges is simply understanding one another. It is no secret that there are growing tensions between the Muslim world and the Judeo-Christian world. So, what are the differences? Are there similarities? Do we all worship the same God? Stay with us as we open up a discussion regarding Islam and Christianity - what's the difference?

What is Islam?

There are over one billion Muslims in the world.

(Source: various Muslim websites, a Muslim perspective) What is the religious concept of Islam? Islam is the crowning of the teachings of all the Prophets of God. In other words, **Islam is the culmination or ultimate level in the evolution of religious teachings for mankind.**

The Religion of God (Islam) became perfected and completed - "perfected" because of the human errors, interpolation, and mythology that had crept into the records of the previous Revelations, and "completed" because mankind was ready in maturity and facility to receive a comprehensive guidance for both this world and the next - through Prophet Muhammad.

 **What is Islam - Definition, Dr Zakir Naik (Dr. Naik is the founder and president of the Islamic Research Foundation)**

- *Islam comes from an Arabic word that means peace acquired by submitting your will to Almighty God.*

Briefly, what is Islam all about? Islam is an active realization of the existence of the One God and the willing submission to Him. It is meant to be conveyed and understood: It is not meant to be mystical, full of mystery and beyond the comprehension of the common and ordinary mind.

What does Islam teach? Islam offers mankind a perfect code of laws; methodically teaching people to strive to practice moral culture, to be kind to all, not to waste, to be magnanimous and tolerant and to live in peace with others in order to attain universal brotherhood. It teaches man to discover the Creator of the worlds and to analyze all things by practicing the teachings of the Qur'an and by following the advice and conduct of the Prophet. To believe in Islam is to achieve a happy life by standing firm on the earth under the heavens. Islam attaches equal importance to life in this world and in the next. It is not merely a religion, but a perfect code of life to be observed by man.

 **What is Islam - Definition, Dr Zakir Naik**

- *Islam was there from the beginning of time, since man set foot on the earth.*
- *Mohammed was not the founder, but the last and final messenger of Almighty God. (Note: This contradicts what we found from other Muslim sources.)*
- *Previous revelations (The Bible) before the Quran were sent only for a certain people and for certain times. (It had limited use.)*



- *The last and final revelation of the Quran was revealed not just for the Muslim or the Arab but for all of humankind.*

Who was Muhammad and is Islam tied to the Bible?

Who Was Muhammad? Muhammad of Arabia, founder of Islam, was born about A.D. 570 and died in 632. After organizing a community of disciples in Medina, he later chose Mecca as his holy city. By the time of his death, virtually all of Arabia was Islamic. Under the caliphs, militant faith in Allah, and in Muhammad as his prophet, spread quickly into Asia, Africa and even Europe.

The Qur'an honors Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Moses and Jesus, but traces Islam through Ishmael (2:127, 136; 19:54-55). Muhammad claims to be a messenger of Allah who has clearly revealed all things (7:158). Orphaned as a baby (93:6), Muhammad was deeply influenced by the loving care of his poor uncle Abu Talib who raised him most of his childhood. Muhammad became a caravan driver and financial manager, and at age twenty-five married his forty-year-old employer, a wealthy widow. This marriage allowed Muhammad a little more luxury and leisure time to devote to contemplation.

A young Muslim woman explains Islam, YouTube

- *The First Pillar is the Shahada, witnessing - You can enter or leave Islam "by the tongue." (Or, by what you say, you make a profession of your faith.)*
- *The words to accept (paraphrased) "There is no deity worth of any type of worship except Allah and that Mohammed is his prophet and messenger." No one can force you to say this.*
- *No one can force you to say this. In the Quran - "There is no compulsion in religion." (This is one of the most quoted parts of the Quran.)*

Who was the "promised seed" of Abraham? Ishmael?

Genesis 16:4-12: (KJV) ⁴And he went in unto Hagar, and she conceived: and when she saw that she had conceived, her mistress was despised in her eyes. ...And when Sarai dealt hardly with her, she fled from her face. ⁷And the angel of the LORD found her by a fountain of water in the wilderness, by the fountain in the way to Shur. ...⁹And the angel of the LORD said unto her, Return to thy mistress, and submit thyself under her hands. ¹⁰... I will multiply thy seed exceedingly, that it shall not be numbered for multitude. ...Behold, thou art with child, and shalt bear a son, and shalt call his name Ishmael; because the LORD hath heard thy affliction. ¹²And he will be a wild man; his hand will be against every man, and every man's hand against him; and he shall dwell in the presence of all his brethren.

Muslim Demographics, YouTube

- *If the fertility rate in any nation goes below 2.11 per family, that nation cannot sustain its population through future generations.*
- *European fertility is 1.38 and yet the population of Europe is not declining. Why? Islamic immigration, 90% of the immigration since 1990 being Muslim.**
- *France: 1.8 children per family. Muslims: 8-1.* In southern France, traditionally one of the most church-populated regions in the world, there are now more mosques than churches.*

*These statistics are not correct and are discussed in "Islam-Christianity - What's the Difference, Part 2."

We can see that the prophecy ... *I will multiply thy seed exceedingly, that it shall not be numbered for multitude* has literally come true. It was also prophesied that *his hand will be against every man*.



What was Isaac promised?

Genesis 17:15-21: (ASV) ¹⁵And God said unto Abraham, As for Sarai thy wife...Sarah shall her name be. ¹⁶...I will bless her, and she shall be a mother of nations; kings of peoples shall be of her. ¹⁷Then Abraham fell upon his face, and laughed, and said in his heart, Shall a child be born unto him that is a hundred years old? and shall Sarah, that is ninety years old, bear? ¹⁸And Abraham said unto God, Oh that Ishmael might live before thee! ¹⁹And God said, Nay, but Sarah thy wife shall bear thee a son; and thou shalt call his name Isaac: and I will establish my covenant with him for an everlasting covenant for his seed after him. ²⁰And as for Ishmael, I have heard thee: behold, I have blessed him, and will make him fruitful, and will multiply him exceedingly; twelve princes shall he beget, and I will make him a great nation. ²¹But my covenant will I establish with Isaac, whom Sarah shall bear unto thee at this set time in the next year.

Ishmael will be blessed by a multiplied seed, but the promise to Isaac was God's covenant promise. Islam traces the promises of God to Ishmael; Christianity and Judaism trace the promises to Isaac.



What are the similarities between Islam and Christianity?

 Jihad - A way towards peace, Tariq Ramadan Professor of Continuing Muslim Studies, YouTube

- Jihad is the inner struggle towards peace.
- Jihad is a way towards peace. For humans, the natural state is tension and potential conflicts - attracted towards selfishness, ego, etc. It must be mastered with generosity, solidarity, etc. This is the Jihad.

The Ten Commandments in the Quran: Islam (Submission to the will of God) is the same and only religion ever given to the human race. It is the religion of Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Ishmael, Jacob, Joseph, Moses, David, Solomon, Jesus, Muhammad and all the other messengers mentioned or not mentioned in the scriptures. The Ten Commandments as we see them here are not any more than the same message given to the prophet Muhammad.



The Ten Commandments (Exodus 20:1-17) Confirmation in the Quran

1. Thou shall not take any God except one God.

1. There is no other god beside GOD, (47:19)

2. Thou shall make no image of God.

2. There is nothing that equals (like) Him. (42:11) My Lord, make this a peaceful land, and protect me and my children from worshipping idols. (14:35)

3. Thou shall not use God's name in vain.

3. Do not subject GOD's name to your casual swearing, that you may appear righteous, pious, or to attain credibility among the people. (2:224)

4. Thou shall honor thy mother and father.

4. ...and your parents shall be honored. As long as one or both of them live, you shall never say to them, "Uff" (the slightest gesture of annoyance), nor shall you shout at them; you shall treat them amicably. (17:23)



5. Thou shall not steal.

5. The thief, male or female, you shall mark their hands as a punishment for their crime, and to serve as an example from GOD. GOD is Almighty, Most Wise. (5:38 - 39)

6. Thou shall not lie or give false testimony.

6. ...incur GOD's condemnation upon him, if he was lying. (24:7) Do not withhold any testimony by concealing what you had witnessed. Anyone who withholds a testimony is sinful at heart. (2:283)

7. Thou shall not kill.

7. ...anyone who murders any person who had not committed murder or horrendous crimes, it shall be as if he murdered all the people. (5:32)

8. Thou shall not commit adultery.

8. You shall not commit adultery; it is a gross sin, and an evil behavior. (17:32)

9. Thou shall not covet thy neighbor's wife or possessions.

9. You shall regard the parents, the relatives, the orphans, the poor, the related neighbor, the unrelated neighbor, the close associate, the traveling alien, and your servants. (4:36)

10. Thou shall keep the Sabbath holy. (The Sabbath was relinquished with the revelation of the Quran. We are told in the Quran that the Sabbath was only decreed for the Jews.)

10. O you who believe, when the Congregational Prayer (Salat Al-Jumu`ah) is announced on Friday, you shall hasten to the commemoration of GOD, and drop all business. (62:9)



Jihad - A way towards peace, Tariq Ramadan Professor of Continuing Muslim Studies - YouTube

- *Christian Love is the same in Islam.*
- *Love in the Christian tradition is not passive; it is an active committed attitude towards the other. Islam also teaches this sense of commitment.*

John 15:12-17: (NASB) ¹²This is my commandment, that you love one another, just as I have loved you. ¹³Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵No longer do I call you slaves, for the slave does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶You did not choose me but I chose you, and appointed you that you would go and bear fruit, and that your fruit would remain, so that whatever you ask of the Father in my name He may give to you. ¹⁷This I command you, that you love one another.

Matthew 5:43-45: (NASB) ⁴³You have heard that it was said, You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy. ⁴⁴But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, ⁴⁵so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven; for He causes His sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous.

Similarities? Sure there are some, and we are glad for that. The primary areas of similarity seem to be along the lines of character teachings. Once we get to the doctrines, we will find that they are based on two entirely different foundations - so what will that mean?



Where do Islam and Christianity differ?

What about the Bible?

2 Timothy 3:16-17: (NASB) ¹⁶All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; ¹⁷so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.

Muslims believe in the books of the previous prophets including the "Torah" which was sent to Moses, the "Zaboor" (Psalms) which were given to David, the "Injeel" (Gospel) which was given to Jesus, and the Qur'an which was given to Muhammad. However, Muslims are told that the previous scriptures were tampered with by mankind and the Bible should only be accepted in as far as it is confirmed by the Qur'an. It is to be treated with respect, however; any statements which clearly oppose those of the Qur'an are to be rejected as the work of mankind.



What about Jesus?

John 3:16-18: (NASB) ¹⁶For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish, but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸He who believes in him is not judged; he who does not believe has been judged already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

Jesus is a very elect and highly esteemed messenger of God. No Muslim is a Muslim if he does not believe this. **Jesus is not God's son.**

A danger of getting emotional about our differences is that we lose our sense of reason and direction.

 Islamophobia, Need for Religious Humility, *First Community Church of Columbus OH, Reverend Deborah Lindsay*

- We need a healthy dose of religious humility.
- There are too many people getting too much face time on television who claim exalted status for Christianity and who are demeaning other faith religions, particularly that of Islam.

What about Jesus' message?

1 Timothy 2:5-6: (NASB) ⁵For there is one God, and one mediator also between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, ⁶who gave himself as a ransom for all, the testimony given at the proper time.

That he was sent by God as a messenger to the Jews in order to return them to the pure and true religion of Moses, and to relieve them of some of the regulations which had been placed upon them in ancient times. He taught them to have faith as well as works. Neither one can stand alone.

This minimizes the work of Jesus as the ransom and his role for the rest of mankind.

What about Jesus' crucifixion?

Philippians 2:7-8: (NASB) ⁷but emptied himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men. ⁸Being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.





Jesus was not forsaken to the Jews to be abused and killed, however, it was "made to appear so to them." God saved Jesus by raising him up unto Himself. Jesus was not crucified.

This takes away the payment of the ransom price.

What about differences in Islam itself?

(Source: holidays.net, a Muslim site) Sunni and Shiite Muslims - What Is the Difference? There are two branches within Islam: Sunni and Shiite. Like the Catholic/Protestant split, the difference between Sunni and Shiite Muslims is theological in nature, although both branches uphold the same basic tenets of faith.

The primary difference between the two branches is their divergent belief in religious succession. The Sunni branch believes that legitimate religious leaders are those appointed by consensus. They believe that the heirs of those leaders are connected to Muhammad's first four successors, his caliphs.

The Sunni perspective, *Interview with Sherman Jackson*

- *Ultimate authority belongs to the unanimous agreement among the scholars of Islamic Law, and that is what creates consensus and is binding upon every Muslim.*

About 90 percent of all Muslims are Sunni.

Shiites, on the other hand, believe that religious leaders must descend directly from Muhammad's bloodline. His fourth caliph was Ali, the husband of Muhammad's daughter Fatima. Shiite Muslims believe that Ali is the true source of Islam and all religious leaders should descend from him. The Shiite minority is concentrated in Iran, Iraq and Lebanon.

The Shiite perspective, *Interview with Sherman Jackson*

- *Following the death of the prophet, you need an individual with an impeccable understanding of revelation in order not to go astray.*
- *That individual is the Imam.*

(Source: About.com) Religious Leadership: Shia Muslims believe that the Imam is sinless by nature, and that his authority is infallible as it comes directly from God. Therefore, Shia Muslims often venerate the Imams as saints and perform pilgrimages to their tombs and shrines in the hopes of divine intercession.

Sunni Muslims counter that there is no basis in Islam for a hereditary privileged class of spiritual leaders, and certainly no basis for the veneration or intercession of saints. Sunni Muslims contend that leadership of the community is not a birthright, but a trust that is earned and which may be given or taken away by the people themselves.

Radical Islam has come from both sides. Approximately seven percent are considered the "radical" sort, which translates to about 90 million individuals.

Within Christianity the same experiences have occurred:

Acts 20:27-30: (NASB) ²⁷For I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole purpose of God. ²⁸Be on guard for yourselves and for all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which he purchased with his own blood. ²⁹I know that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; ³⁰and from among your own selves men will arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after them.

It was prophesied that Christianity would undergo difficulties.



By God's grace, we were given instruction for qualifying our leaders - do we follow it?

1 Timothy 3:1-7: (NASB) ¹*It is a trustworthy statement: if any man aspires to the office of overseer, it is a fine work he desires to do.* ²*An overseer, then, must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, temperate, prudent, respectable, hospitable, able to teach,* ³*not addicted to wine or pugnacious, but gentle, peaceable, free from the love of money.* ⁴*He must be one who manages his own household well, keeping his children under control with all dignity* ⁵*(but if a man does not know how to manage his own household, how will he take care of the church of God?),* ⁶*and not a new convert, so that he will not become conceited and fall into the condemnation incurred by the devil.* ⁷*And he must have a good reputation with those outside the church, so that he will not fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.*

Did you know that there are never any prophecies given in the Quran? The Bible is full of prophecy that has come true.

What about Jihad?

What Does Jihad Mean? President Islamic Center of Long Island

- *Jihad means in English "a struggle."*
- *When you want to help by doing something for the betterment of humanity; the struggle within oneself to do good - that is Jihad.*

We all know the radical side of Jihad. We all know the death and destruction that it has brought and can continue to bring to our world. We all know that there are many millions who are radical, yet the VAST MAJORITY of Muslims are not that way. So, what do we do with this? For this week, we will only scratch the surface on this issue.

Luke 6:27-31: (NASB) ²⁷*But I say to you who hear, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you,* ²⁸*bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you.* ²⁹*Whoever hits you on the cheek, offer him the other also; and whoever takes away your coat, do not withhold your shirt from him either.* ³⁰*Give to everyone who asks of you, and whoever takes away what is yours, do not demand it back.* ³¹*Treat others the same way you want them to treat you.*

Osama is not a Muslim to me, Inside the Revolution, Documentary by Tyndale and Joel Rosenberg

- *Terrorism is something crazy! Islam comes from peace. Osama Bin Laden is not a Muslim for me - they are creatures of chaos.*
- *We have nothing in common as Muslims!*

Romans 12:18-21: (NASB) ¹⁸*If possible, so far as it depends on you, be at peace with all men.* ¹⁹*Never take your own revenge, beloved, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, Vengeance is Mine, I will repay, says the Lord.* ²⁰*But if your enemy is hungry, feed him, and if he is thirsty, give him a drink; for in so doing you will heap burning coals on his head.* ²¹*Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.*

Islamophobia, ABC Primetime

2 Timothy 1:7-9: (NASB) ⁷*For God has not given us a spirit of timidity, but of power and love and discipline.* ⁸*Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord or of me His prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel according to the power of God,* ⁹*who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was granted us in Christ Jesus from all eternity,*



As we deal with a very real, large scale problem of radical Islam, how do we apply this spirit of power and love and a sound mind? Next week we will look long and hard at Jihad, honor killings and Sharia Law and do our best to put them in perspective as Christians. This will be an important program and I urge you to tell your friends, tell those with whom you go to church, tell your neighbors to listen in so we can all talk together about events that will surely shape our lives and how we as Christians ought to react.

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The 12 princes of Ishmael: Gill

Genesis 25:13-15: (NASB) ¹³and these are the names of the sons of Ishmael, by their names, in the order of their birth: Nebaioth, the firstborn of Ishmael, and Kedar and Adbeel and Mibsam ¹⁴and Mishma and Dumah and Massa, ¹⁵Hadad and Tema, Jetur, Naphish and Kedemah.

...and will make him fruitful, and will multiply him exceedingly; as he did, many of the Arabian nations, the Hagarenes, Saracens, and Turks, all springing from him: twelve princes shall he beget; whose names are given, Genesis 25:13-15; and their number there exactly agrees with this prophecy. Melo, the Heathen writer above mentioned, says, that Abraham, of his other wife, the Egyptian servant (that is, Hagar), begat twelve sons, which he mistakes for twelve sons of Ishmael, his son by Hagar; and, adds he, these going into Arabia, divided the country among them, and were the first that reigned over the inhabitants of it; hence down to our times the kings of the Arabians have twelve names like to those. So the Saracens were divided into twelve tribes, of which there were so many "phylarchi," or governors; and the Turks also are divided into the same number of tribes. I will make him a great nation; as the nation of the Turks especially is; and the Turkish empire is frequently called in Jewish writings the kingdom of Ishmael, as the Arabic language is called the Ishmaelitish language.

The Five Pillars of Islam

The Five Pillars of Islam are core beliefs that shape Muslim thought, deed, and society. A Muslim who fulfills the Five Pillars of Islam, remains in the faith of Islam, and sincerely repents of his sins, will make it to Jannah (paradise). If he performs the Five Pillars but does not remain in the faith, he will not be saved.

1. Shahada

- A. The Shahada is the Islamic proclamation that "There is no true God except Allah and Muhammad is the Messenger of Allah."
- B. This is the confession that Allah is the one and only true God, that Allah alone is worthy of worship, that Allah alone is the sovereign lord who does what he wills with whoever he wills. It means that all his rules and laws found in the Koran are to be followed. It means that the Christian doctrine of God as a Trinity is false as are all other belief systems including pantheism.



- C. Muhammad is the true and greatest prophet of Allah and recognition of Muhammad as the Prophet of God is required. It was through Muhammad that Allah conveyed the last and final revelation.
1. **Prayer (Salat)**
 - A. Prayer involves confession of sins which begins with the purification of the body and ends with the purification of the soul. Prayer is performed five times a day. The first prayer is at dawn and the last at sunset.
 2. **Fasting (Saum)**
 - A. The month of Ramadan is the month of fasting in Islam. It is an act of worship where the faithful follower denies his own needs and seeks Allah. Usually, this fasting entails no drinking, eating, or sexual relations during the daylight hours for the entire month of Ramadan.
 3. **Alms-giving or charity (Zakat)**
 - A. Charity given to the poor. It benefits the poor and it helps the giver by moving him towards more holiness and submission to Allah. Alms-giving is considered a form of worship to God.
 4. **Pilgrimage (Hajj)**
 - A. This is the pilgrimage to Mecca. All Muslims, if they are able, are to make a pilgrimage to Mecca. It involves financial sacrifice and is an act of worship. Muslims must make the pilgrimage the first half of the last month of the lunar year.

Islamic Terms

1. **Adhan** - The call to prayer.
2. **Ahmad** - Another name for Muhammad.
3. **Allah** - The Arabic word for "god." It is often used as a name for God in Islam.
4. **Badr** - The place of the first significant battle between and the pagans of the Quraish. It is located in Saudi Arabia.
5. **Caliph** - A Muslim ruler.
6. **Dajjal** - Antichrist.
7. **Dawah** - The proliferation of Islamic teachings through word and deed.
8. **Din** - Obedience to the revelation of Allah's Qur'an (Koran). It involves total submission.
9. **Fatwa** - Legal verdict given based on the Qur'an (Koran) and the Sunnah which are the recorded sayings and deeds of Muhammad.
10. **Fiqh** - Religious law.
11. **Hadith** - The sayings and deeds of the prophet Muhammad recorded by his followers. Considered authoritative and perfect. A saying is called a Sunnah.
12. **Hajar** - The Black Stone set into the corner of the Ka'aba in Mecca. Tradition states it fell from heaven.
13. **Hajj** - The pilgrimage to Mecca which takes place in the last month of the Islamic calendar. One of the five pillars of Islam.
14. **Hawijah** - The sixth level of hell which is the place for Christians.
15. **Hegirah** - Muhammad's immigration to Medina. It begins the Muslim calendar.



16. **Hijrah** - Moving from a land where a Muslim cannot practice his faith to a land where he can.
17. **Ibadah** - All the words and deeds with which Allah is pleased. These deeds could be prayer and charity.
18. **Iblis** - Satan, a fallen Jinn.
19. **Imam** - The political head of an Islamic state.
20. **Injil** - The inspired sayings of Jesus. The message of Jesus.
21. **Islam** - Submission, the religion of all the prophets of Allah culminating in Muhammad.
22. **Jannah** - The heavenly garden, Paradise. The place of the faithful in the afterlife.
23. **Jihad** - Striving. Fighting against one's own sinful self. Also, a physical fight for the truth of Islam, not allowing anyone to steal the ability to worship. It also can mean "holy war."
24. **Jinn** - Supernatural, invisible race of beings, below angels. They were made from fire and are capable of looking like humans or animals. Some may dwell in rocks, trees, etc, and may possess black dogs and black cats. There are good and bad Jinn and all will be judged on Judgment Day.
25. **Ka'aba** - A cube shaped building in Mecca containing a stone laid there by Abraham and Ishmael. All Muslims face this cube when praying.
26. **Koran** - Also spelled Qur'an. The holy book of Islam given to Muhammad by Allah through the Archangel Gabriel. Koran literally means "the recital." It is the final revelation of Allah given to the prophet Muhammad. It has 114 surahs, or chapters.
27. **Kufr** - Disbelief.
28. **Khutbah** - A sermon given in a Mosque, usually on Friday.
29. **Maksiat** - Sinful act.
30. **Masjid** - A center for Muslim activity. It is like a local mosque.
31. **Mecca** - The Holy City of Islam. It is the birthplace of Muhammad.
32. **Medina** - The city, then called Yathrib, that Muhammad fled to after announcing Islam.
33. **Mosque** - A Muslim house of worship.
34. **Muhajir** - Immigrant, one who leaves his home town to join a Muslim community.
35. **Muhammad** - The final messenger/prophet of God whose message abrogated all previous revelations. He received the Koran through the angel Gabriel over a 23 year period.
36. **Muhammad ibn Abd Allah** - the full name of Muhammad.
37. **Muslim** - Someone who holds to the religion of Islam.
38. **Nas** - The multitude of people who are not dedicated to Allah and sway to and fro to various teachings.
39. **Nasara** - A word used in the Koran to designate those who are Christians.
40. **P.B.U.H.** - A shortened designation for "Peace be upon him" which is placed in writing or said after the word "Muhammad" is used.
41. **Paradise** - Another word for heaven. A garden (79:41) of bliss and fruit (69:21-24), has rivers (3:198), with maidens pure and holy (4:57), and carpets and cushions, (88:8-16). It is the hope of all Muslims.



42. **Qadar** - Preordainment is the teaching that all things, good and bad, are preordained to occur.
43. **Qatl** - Murder.
44. **Qibla** - The direction which Muslims turn for daily prayers, towards Mecca.
45. **Quraish** - An ancient Arab tribe to which Muhammad once belonged.
46. **Rakat (rak'ah)** - One complete cycle of sacred words and gestures during the ritual prayer.
47. **Ramadhan** - The ninth month of the Islamic calendar which is the month of the fast.
48. **Salat** - Prayers.
49. **Sawm** - Fasting.
50. **Shi'ites** - A sect of Islam that teaches that leaders should be political rulers.
51. **Shirk** - Associating another god with Allah. Associating anything with Allah that is not true and revealed in the Koran.
52. **Sirq** - Theft.
53. **Sufi** - A sect of Islam. It is very mystical and teaches strong self denial with the hope of union with God.
54. **Sunnah** - The life, practices, and sayings of Muhammad recorded as examples of perfect conduct in society, religion, action, etc. They contain the Hadith.
55. **Sunnis** - One of the sects of Islam.
56. **Surah** - A chapter of the Koran.
57. **Taghut** - Everything that is worshipped or followed other than Allah.
58. **Taiyib** - Pure, clean, wholesome.
59. **Taqwah** - Proper fear and veneration of Allah. A divine spark that enables the person to understand God.
60. **Tauhid** - Monotheism in Islam is the teaching that there is only one God who alone is worthy of worship.
61. **Tauhid-ar-Rububiyah** - Declaring that God is one, the sovereign who performs all his will.
62. **Tauhid-al-Uluhiyah** - Declaring that God is the only one worthy of worship.
63. **Ummah** - A religious community, usually referring to an Islamic one.
64. **Umrah** - A Minor form of pilgrimage to Mecca.
65. **Wa Alaikum Assalam** - The Arabic way of saying "peace be upon him."
66. **Zaboor** - The Psalms.
67. **Zakat** - The third pillar of Islam. Alms giving, charity that is given to the poor.
68. **Zinah** - Fornication and adultery.

These words were collected from numerous websites and books on Islam and are words used in English writings by Muslims.