

Islamic Beliefs & Teachings

Key Terms		Symbol
Tawhid	The basic belief in the oneness of God	
Prophethood	The messengers of God from Adam to Muhammed	
Halal	Things which are allowed in Islam	
Haram	Things which are not allowed in Islam	
Jihad	To struggle/strive	
Mosque	A place of worship & prayer	
Shariah	Law that guides Muslims to live the 'straight' path	
Ummah	The community of Muslim believers	

Sunni & Shi'a differences	
Sunni	Shi'a
Adalat Allah shows justice by judging the small actions people make	Adalat Allah is just in judging every part of your life
Prophets Become perfect when they become prophets	Prophets Are born perfect
Imams The Imam is someone who leads the prayers	Imams The Imam is one of 12 men who come from Muhammed's family, is perfect and has divine wisdom.

The life of Muhammed		
Early Life	Call to prophethood	The Hijrah and rule
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Muhammed's parents died while he was young so he was brought up as a trader by His uncle. He married Khadijah He hated the way that people worshipped other Gods and behaved in bad ways in Makkah 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Muhammed was in cave Hira, praying and enjoying quiet time away from the city of Makkah. The Angel Jibril appeared to him and told him to read a scroll. Muhammed couldn't read so Jibril squeezed him and the words were written on his memory. These words are the first words of the Qur'an and declare Allah to be God Muhammed became a prophet from this moment for Sunni Muslims 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The leaders (<i>Quraysh</i>) decided to kill Muhammed because he was criticising the way they ran Makkah so they sent 12 assassins. Muhammed tricked them and escaped from Makkah with his friend Ali They hid in a cave and Allah sent a spider to make a web & a bird to make a nest, these fooled the assassins and they missed them. Muhammed escaped to Madinah where he is made ruler and forms the first Muslim community.

Articles of Faith
<p>Sunni Muslims believe that you must follow six beliefs to live a good Muslim life. They are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Allah—There is only one God Angels—These are created by God Holy Books—God has inspired other Holy books as well as the Qur'an Prophets—God speaks through prophets, from Adam to Muhammed Afterlife—There is life after death where you are judged by God Predestination—God is in control of everything but humans have free will & must learn how to turn from evil.

Articles of Faith (Sunni) & Five Roots (Shi'a)

Five Roots
<p>Shi'a Muslims believe that you must follow five beliefs to live a good Muslim life</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The oneness of God (Tawhid) The justice of God (Adalat) - God is always fair & just Prophethood—Prophets are perfect from birth Leadership (Imamate) - God appointed 12 leaders after Muhammad to guide Muslims. Resurrection—Everyone will be resurrected on the Day of Judgement

Angels
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Jibril - The archangel who carries Allah's message * Mika'il - The angel who controls the weather * Israfil - The angel who blows the trumpet to end the world <p>Prophets</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Isa - Jesus, known for miracles and teaching people to love Allah * Musa - Moses, known for giving the Shari'ah law * Adam - The first man. He sinned but was forgiven by Allah

Akhirah
<p>Muslims believe in the afterlife (Akhirah). They believe that on the day of judgement, Allah will send you to heaven or hell. Heaven (paradise) is for those who have lived a good Muslim life.</p> <p>Adalat</p> <p>Meaning God's justice, Adalat is the belief that Allah is always fair and just when sending someone to heaven or hell.</p>

Nature of God
<p>Muslims have 99 names for Allah. These teach them that Allah is beneficent, merciful, all-powerful, all-knowing, creator and judge. No human can ever know Allah because He is too great for us to understand.</p>