



Islam

Key Vocabulary

1	Abu Bakr	The first Caliph chosen by Sunni Muslims after Muhammad's death
2	Ali	Muhammad's cousin and son-in-law, considered by Shia Muslims as his rightful successor
3	Allah	The Arabic word for God in Islam
4	burqa	A full-body covering worn by some Muslim women for reasons of modesty
5	caliph	A leader in Sunni Islam who succeeded Muhammad in leading the Muslim community
6	charity	Giving to those in need, especially through zakat
7	Constitution of Medina	A document created by Muhammad to establish peace and cooperation in Medina
8	Eid-al-Fitr	A festival marking the end of Ramadan
9	Fatima	Muhammad's daughter, especially respected in Shia Islam
10	Hadith	Recorded sayings and actions of Muhammad
11	Hajj	A pilgrimage to Makkah that Muslims aim to complete once in their lifetime
12	hijab	A headscarf worn by some Muslim women as a sign of modesty
13	Hijrah	The migration of Muhammad and his followers from Makkah to Medina
14	imam	A leader in Shia Islam or someone who leads prayer in Sunni Islam
15	Islam	A monotheistic religion revealed to the Prophet Muhammad
16	Jahannam	Hell; a place of punishment after death for those who reject faith or do wrong
17	Jannah	Paradise; a place of reward after death for the righteous
18	Kaaba	The sacred cube-shaped structure in Makkah that Muslims face during prayer
19	Khadija	Muhammad's first wife and the first person to accept Islam
20	Makkah	The birthplace of Muhammad and the holiest city in Islam

Religious Authority

Qur'an	The holy book of Islam, believed to be the literal word of God
Surah	A chapter of the Qur'an
Muhammad	The final prophet in Islam, believed to have received the Qur'an
Sunnah	The example of Muhammad's life used as a guide by Muslims

Tools for Studying Religion

Theology is the study of God and ideas about God. Theologians look at how ideas about God influence beliefs in religions and the actions people will do.

Social Scientists use evidence to see how people are influenced by society. Social Scientists look at patterns in what people believe about God and how this may change due to time and place.





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21	Medina	The city where Muhammad established the first Muslim community
22	modesty	A principle in Islam often expressed through clothing and behaviour
23	Muhammad	The final prophet in Islam, believed to have received the Qur'an
24	niqab	A face veil worn by some Muslim women as part of modest dress
25	prophet	A messenger chosen by God to deliver His message
26	Qur'an	The holy book of Islam, believed to be the literal word of God
27	Ramadan	The ninth month of the Islamic calendar, observed with fasting
28	salah	Ritual prayer performed five times a day
29	sawm	Fasting from dawn to dusk during Ramadan
30	Seal of the Prophets	A title for Muhammad, indicating he is the final prophet
31	shahada	The Islamic declaration of faith
32	Sharia	Islamic law derived from the Qur'an and Sunnah
33	Shia	A branch of Islam that believes Ali was Muhammad's rightful successor
34	shirk	The sin of associating partners with Allah
35	Sunnah	The example of Muhammad's life used as a guide by Muslims
36	Sunni	The largest branch of Islam, following the elected caliphs
37	Surah	A chapter of the Qur'an
38	tawhid	The belief in the oneness of Allah
39	ummah	The global Muslim community
40	wudu	Ritual washing before prayer
41	zakat	Compulsory act of charity, for those who can afford it

