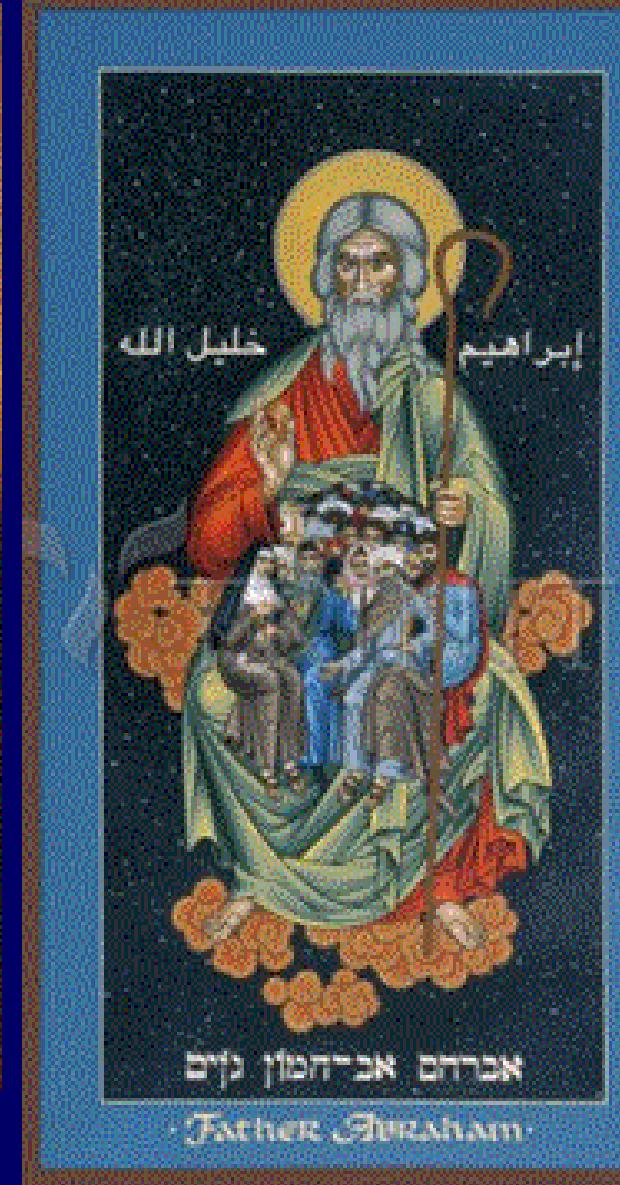


CHILDREN OF ABRAHAM

FOOTSTEPS OF FAITH

Windstar Cruises

Ross Arnold, Fall 2013



Father Abraham – the world's first monotheist, and source of all three great monotheistic religions: Judaism, Christianity and Islam.

The Call of Abram: Genesis 12:1-5

The LORD had said to Abram, "Leave your country, your people and your father's household and go to the land I will show you.

² "I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing.

³ I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse;

and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you."

⁴ So Abram left, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he set out from Haran. ⁵ He took his wife Sarai, his nephew Lot, all the possessions they had accumulated and the people they had acquired in Haran, and they set out for the land of Canaan, and they arrived there.

The 2nd Call of Abram: Genesis 15:5-7

He took him outside and said, "Look up at the heavens and count the stars--if indeed you can count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be."

⁶ Abram believed the LORD, and he credited it to him as righteousness. ⁷ He also said to him, "I am the LORD, who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land to take possession of it."



Abraham

Hagar

Ishmael

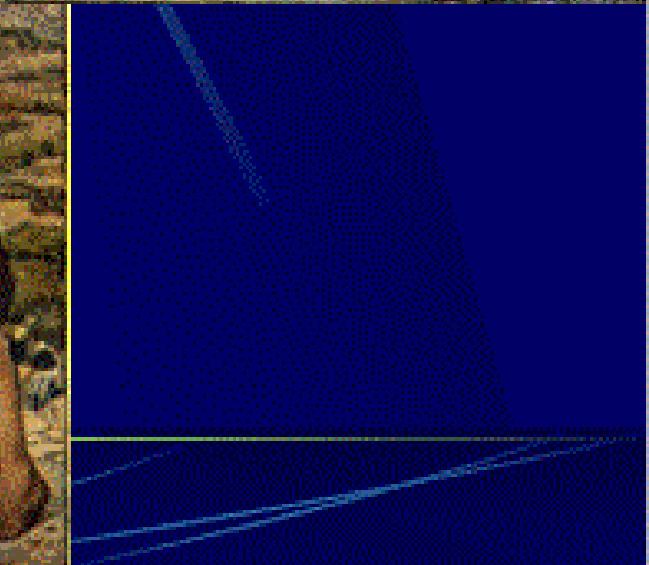
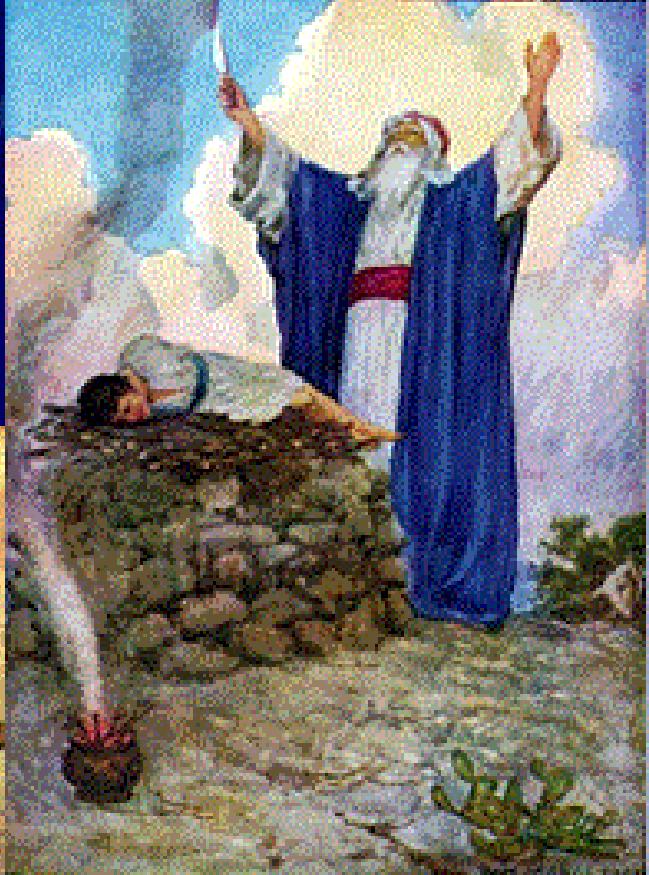
12 Tribes of Ishmael

Sarah

Isaac

Jacob/Israel

12 Tribes of Israel



Key Dates in Abrahamic Religions

c. 4500 BC – Civilization begins.

c. 2091 BC – Abram obeys God and follows Him.

Judaism

c. 1446 BC – Moses is called, leads the Exodus from Egypt and receives the Law at Mt. Sinai, starting the Jewish faith.

c. 1406 BC – Israelites enter Promised Land, confronting Canaanites & pagan religions.

c. 970 BC – Solomon begins building the Temple

Christianity

c. 6 BC – Jesus, a Jew, is born in Bethlehem.

c. 24 AD – Jesus begins his ministry in Israel.

c. 27 AD – Jesus is crucified, but is resurrected and ascends into heaven.

321 AD – Constantine legalizes Christianity.

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Islam

570 AD – Muhammad born in Mecca.

610 AD – Muhammad receives first revelation of Quran, in a cave.

622 AD – Islam is born.

632 AD – Muhammad dies and a series of successors (“caliphs”) launch military campaigns of expansion throughout the Mediterranean region.

JUDAISM

Looking at Some Numbers

- Total World population: 7.1 billion
- Christians worldwide: 2.1 billion
- Muslims worldwide: 1.5 billion
- Hindus worldwide: 900 million
- Buddhists worldwide: 376 million
- Sikhs worldwide: 19 million
- Muslims in Indonesia: 183 million
- Southern Baptists in US: 16 million
- Total number of Jews worldwide: 14 million,
or 0.2% of the world population.

Yet Jews have received 22% of Nobel Prizes and are a major force in entertainment, medicine, law, and on and on.

The Call of Moses

But Moses said to God, "Who am I, that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?"

¹² And God said, "I will be with you. And this will be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will worship God on this mountain."

¹³ Moses said to God, "Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' Then what shall I tell them?"

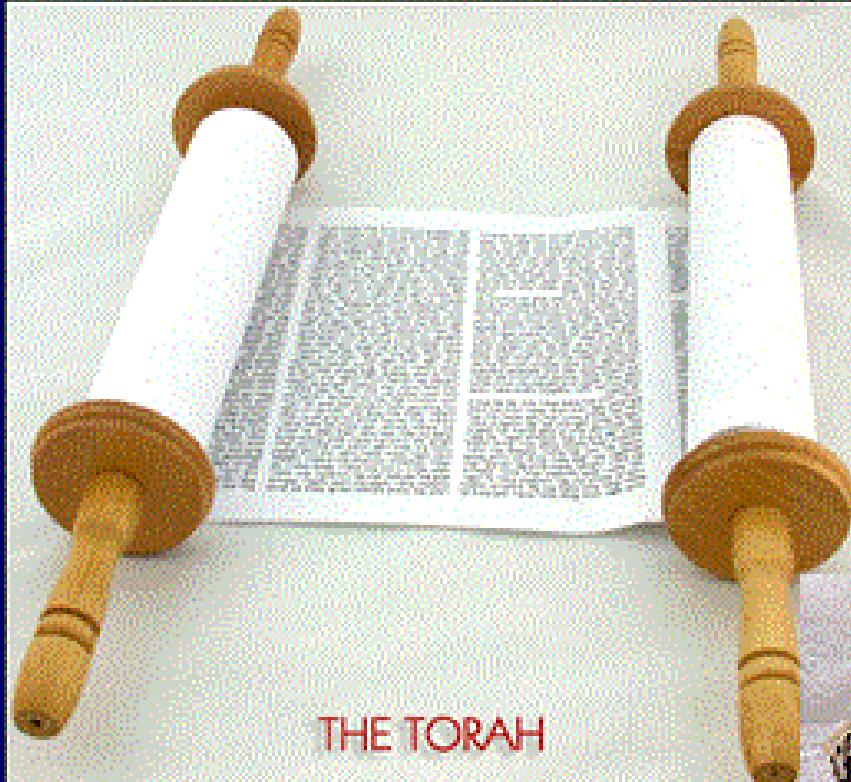
¹⁴ God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: 'I AM has sent me to you.'"

¹⁵ God also said to Moses, "Say to the Israelites, 'The LORD, the God of your fathers--the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob--has sent me to you.' This is my name forever, the name by which I am to be remembered from generation to generation.

Exodus 3:11-15

Then Moses went up to God, and the LORD called to him from the mountain and said, "This is what you are to say to the house of Jacob and what you are to tell the people of Israel: ⁴'You yourselves have seen what I did to Egypt, and how I carried you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. ⁵ Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine, ⁶ you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.' These are the words you are to speak to the Israelites."

Exodus 19:3-6



בארץ נישן לאחיזו בהו
מאדר ז'יחי יענ侃 באאר
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שני חייו שבע שנים וו
ומאת שנה ויקרבו ימי^{ים}
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The Hebrew TaNaKh

- Torah ("Instruction")
- Nevi'im ("Prophets")
- Ketuvim ("Writings")



Basic Jewish Beliefs (Ten Commandments – Exodus 20:1-17)

1. *You shall have no other gods before God.*
2. *You shall not make or worship any idols.*
3. *You shall not take the name of God in vain.*
4. *Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy, doing no work on that day.*
5. *Honor your father and your mother.*
6. *Do not murder.*
7. *Do not commit adultery.*
8. *Do not steal.*
9. *Do not bear false witness against your neighbor.*
10. *Do not covet your neighbor's house or wife or manservant or maidservant or ox or anything else that belongs to your neighbor.*

Basic Jewish Beliefs (Maimonides's 13 Principles)

1. *God exists, and is the Creator.*
2. *God is one and unique; there is none other like Him.*
3. *God is not physical.*
4. *God is eternal.*
5. *Prayer is to be directed only to God.*
6. *The words of the Prophets are true.*
7. *The prophecies of Moses are true.*
8. *The Torah was given to Moses.*
9. *There will be no other Torah.*
10. *God knows the thoughts and deeds of all.*
11. *God rewards the good and punishes the wicked.*
12. *The Messiah will come.*
13. *The dead will be resurrected.*

Jewish Diaspora, A.D. 70–500



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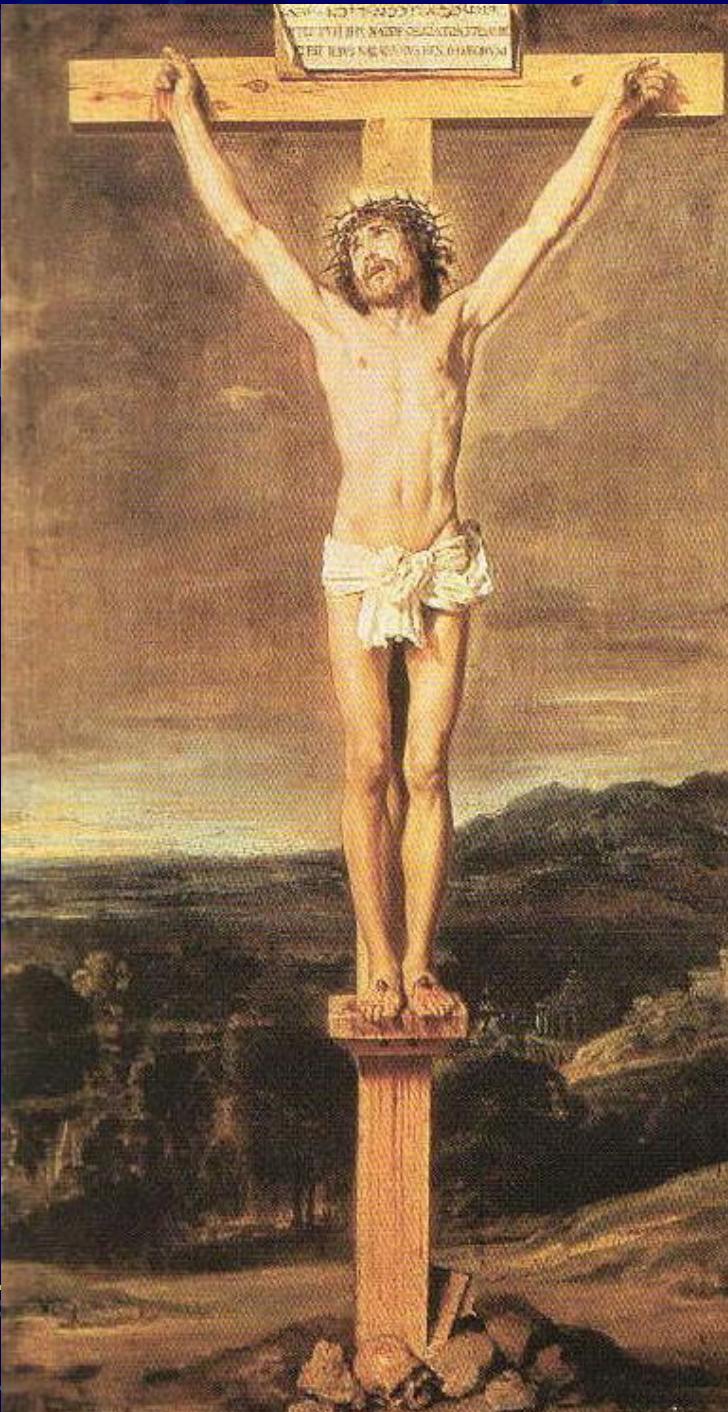
“All things are mortal but the Jew; all other forces pass, but the Jew remains. What is the secret of his immortality?”

Mark Twain

Jacob will again have peace and security, and no one will make him afraid.¹¹ I am with you and will save you,’ declares the LORD. ‘Though I completely destroy all the nations among which I scatter you, I will not completely destroy you. I will discipline you but only with justice; I will not let you go entirely unpunished.’

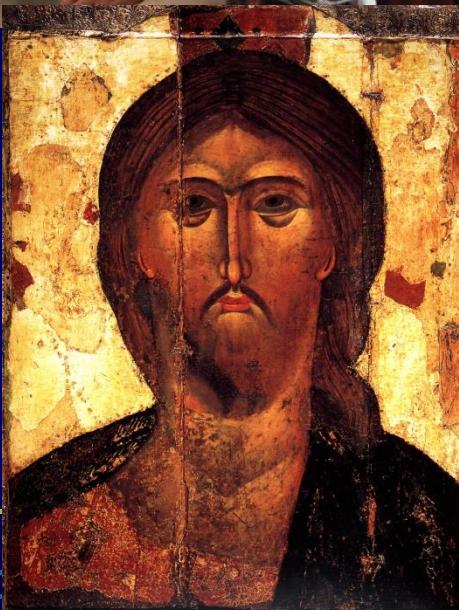
Jeremiah 30:10-11

CHRISTIANITY



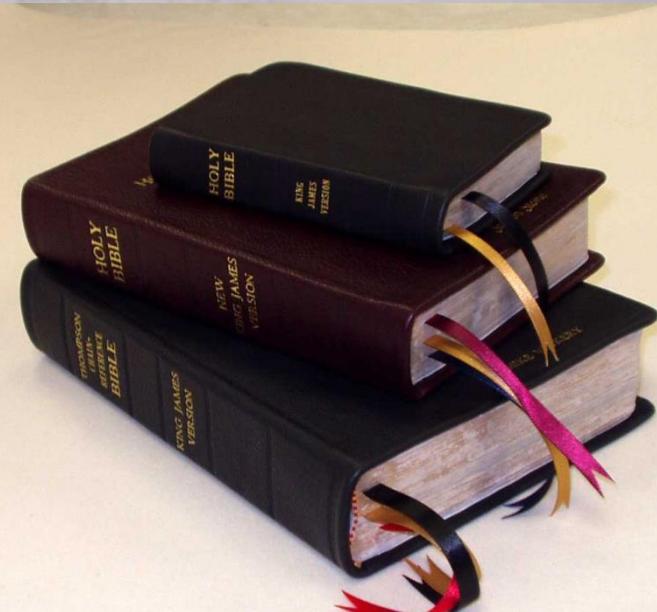
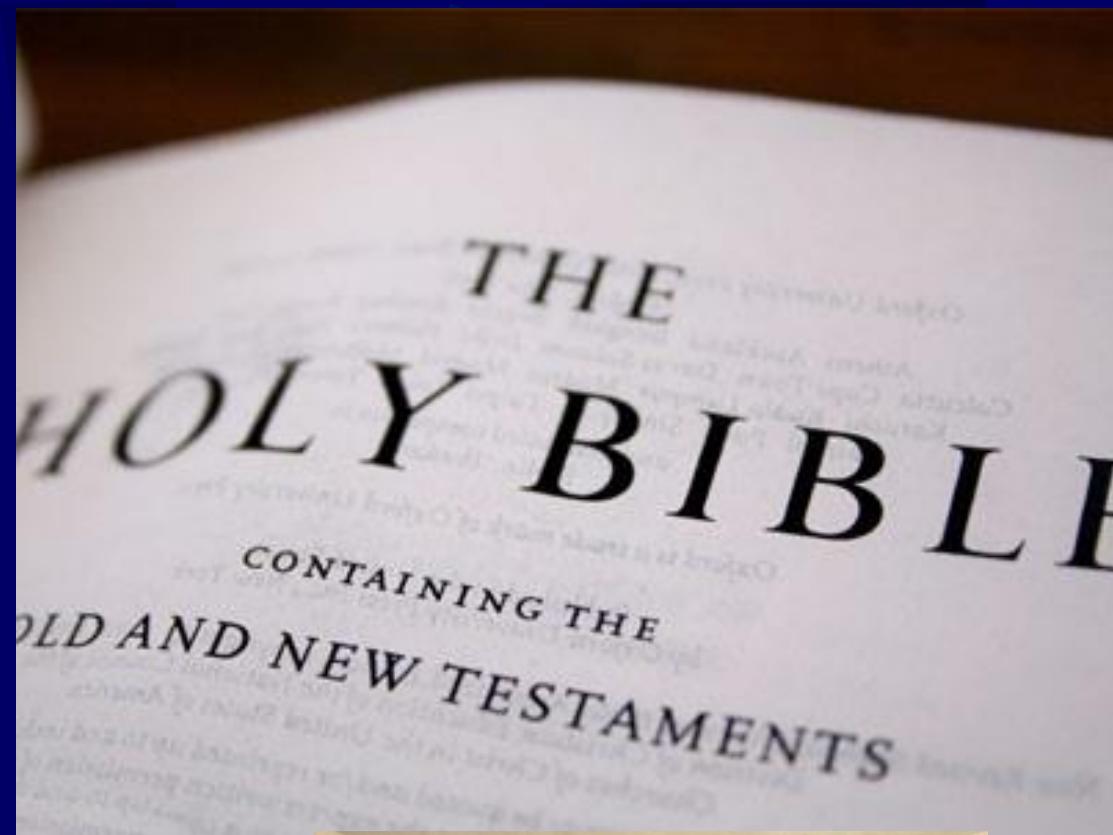
Jesus the Christ

*– Messiah,
Anointed One
(c. 6 BC-27 AD)*



Basic Christian Beliefs

1. There is one God, who reveals himself in three *persons* (the Holy Trinity) – FATHER, SON (Jesus Christ) and HOLY SPIRIT – a unity, sharing one substance.
2. God is all-knowing, all-powerful, and omnipresent. He created the world as distinct from Himself but is active within it as Creator, Sustainer and Sanctifier.
3. Jesus was and is the promised Messiah, the co-eternal, divine Son of God; who became a human man, Jesus, but was fully God and fully man
4. No one can earn God's mercy or be righteous in his eyes, but one can receive forgiveness and mercy by accepted Jesus as God's Son who sacrificed himself on the cross to atone for human sins.



Growth of Christianity by AD 70



State of Christianity c.AD 565

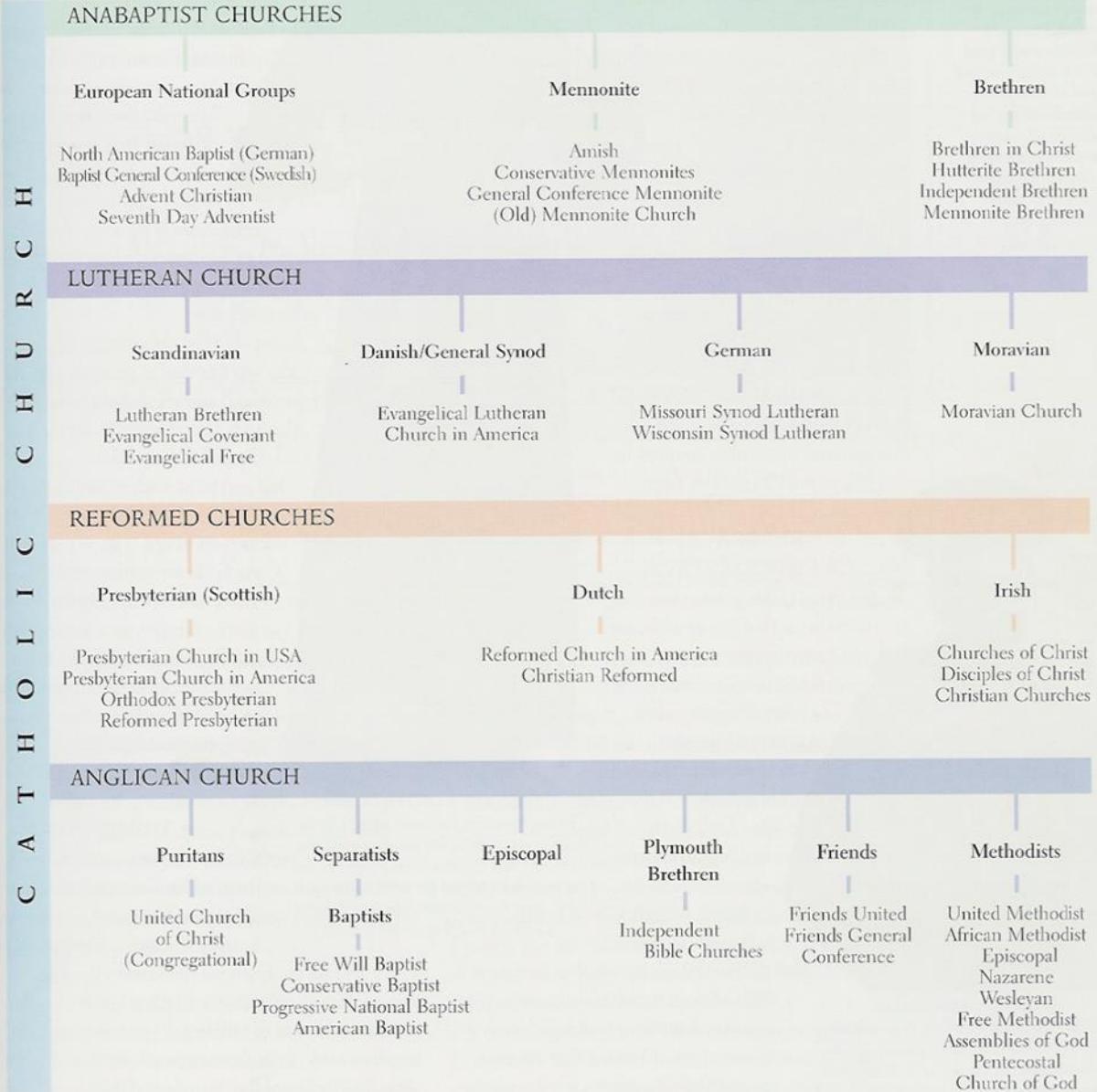


Christianity Today

- Roman Catholicism
- Orthodoxy
 - Eastern Orthodoxy
 - Oriental Orthodoxy, etc.
- Protestantism
 - Lutheran, Reformed, Anglican, Anabaptist, etc.

THE GROWTH OF PROTESTANT DENOMINATIONS IN THE U.S.

THIS simplified diagram charts the development of some of the main Protestant churches that broke with Catholicism in the Reformation, many of which divided into splinter denominations and separate churches when immigrants arrived in the United States.

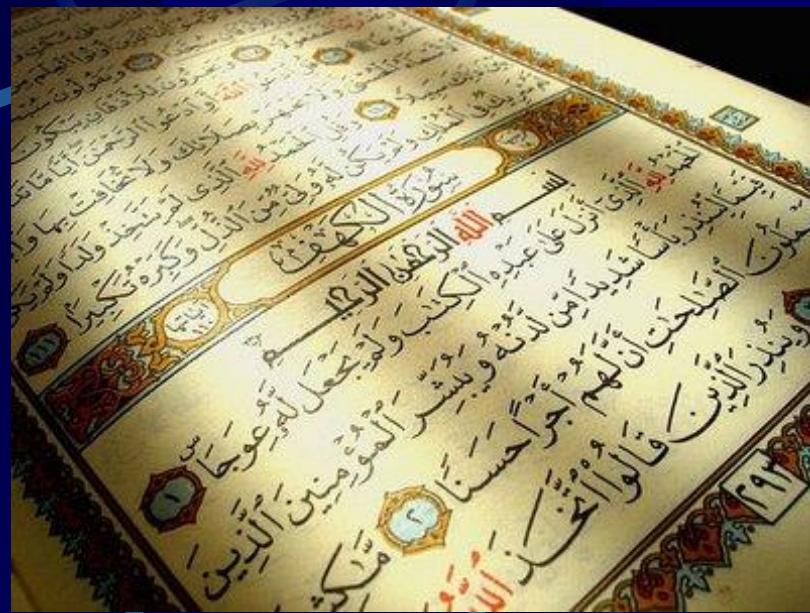


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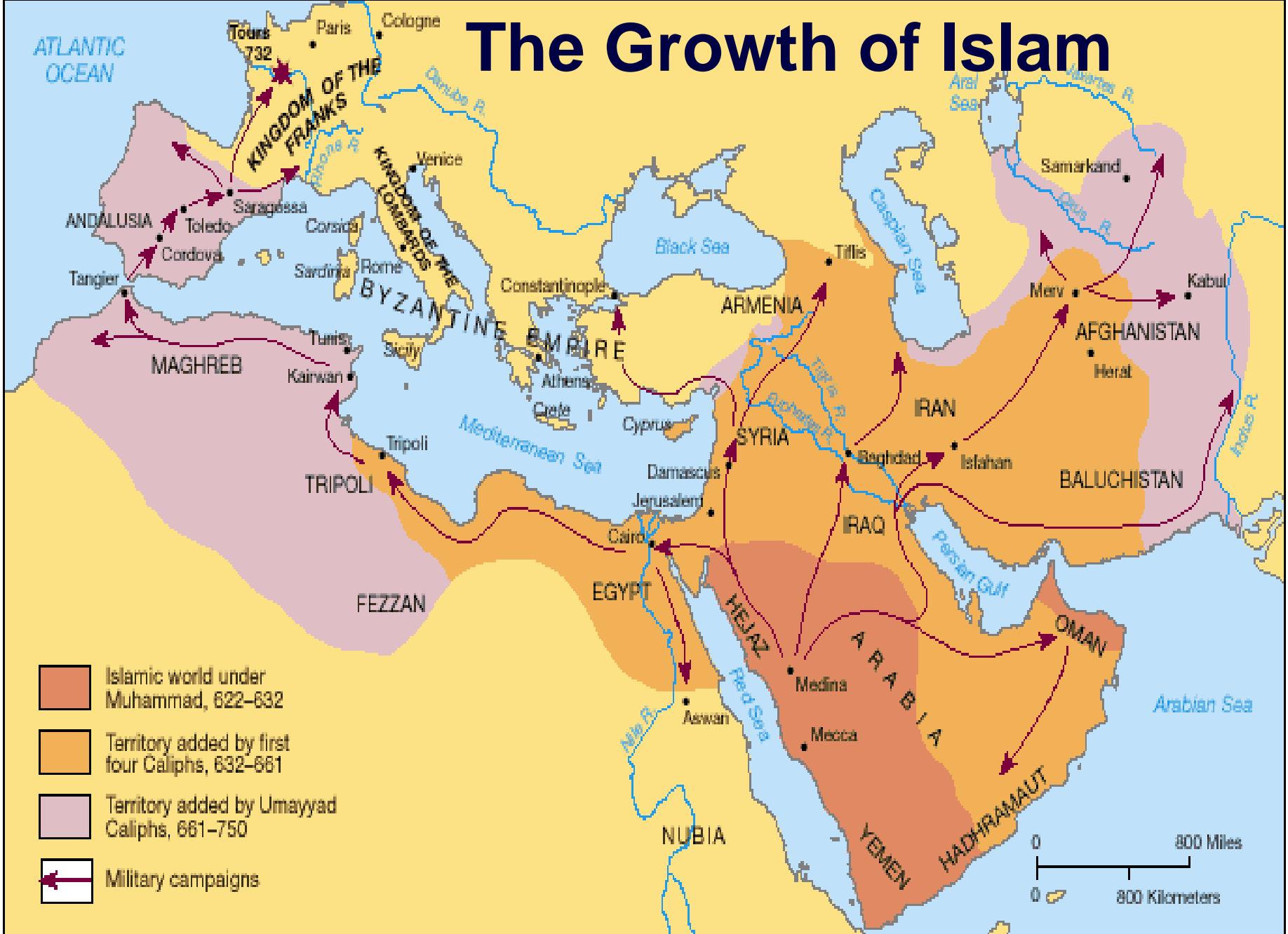


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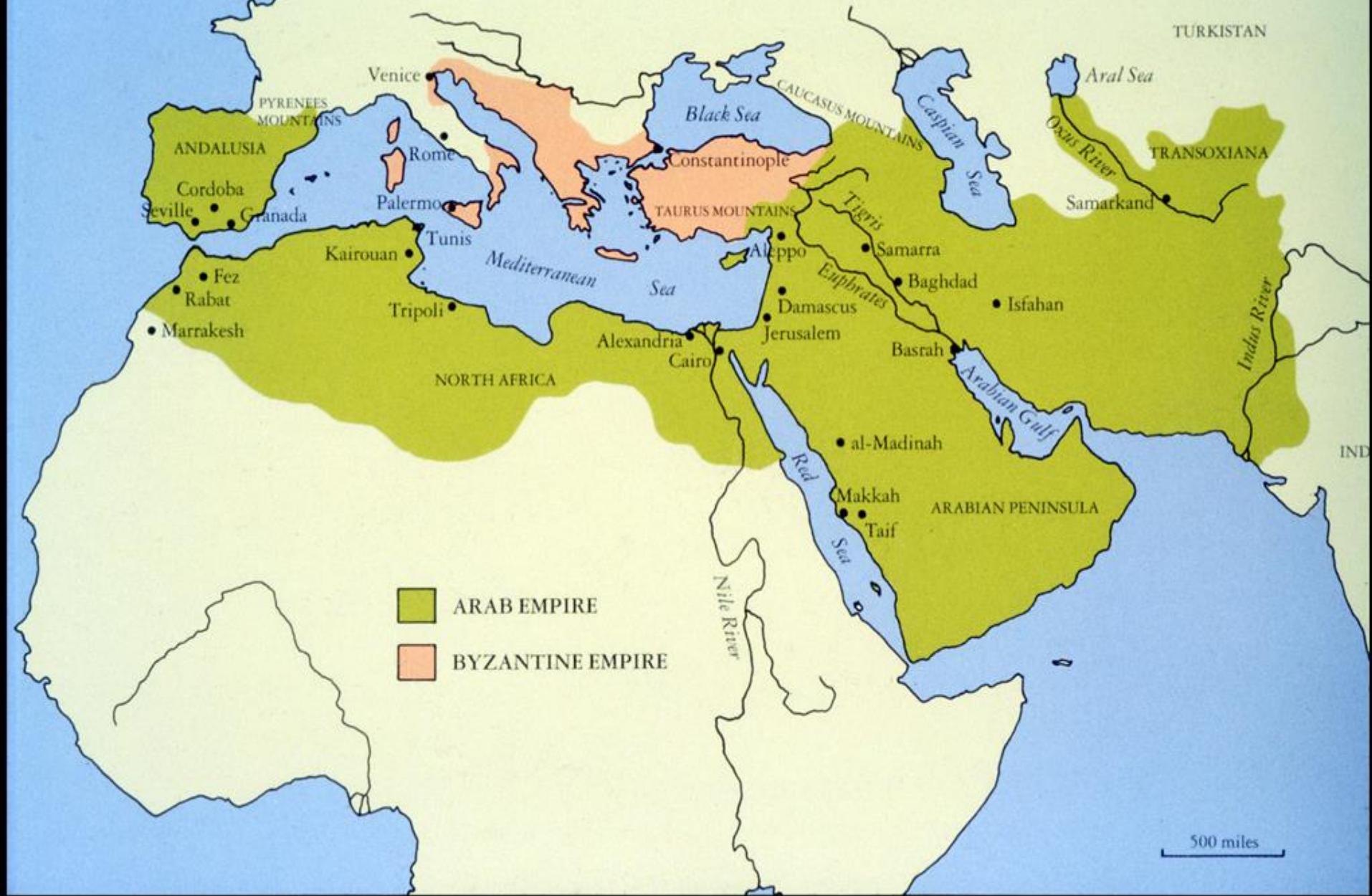
Prophet Muhammad 570-632 AD



The Growth of Islam



ARAB EMPIRE AT GREATEST EXTENT, 700-850 A.D.



Basic Beliefs of Islam

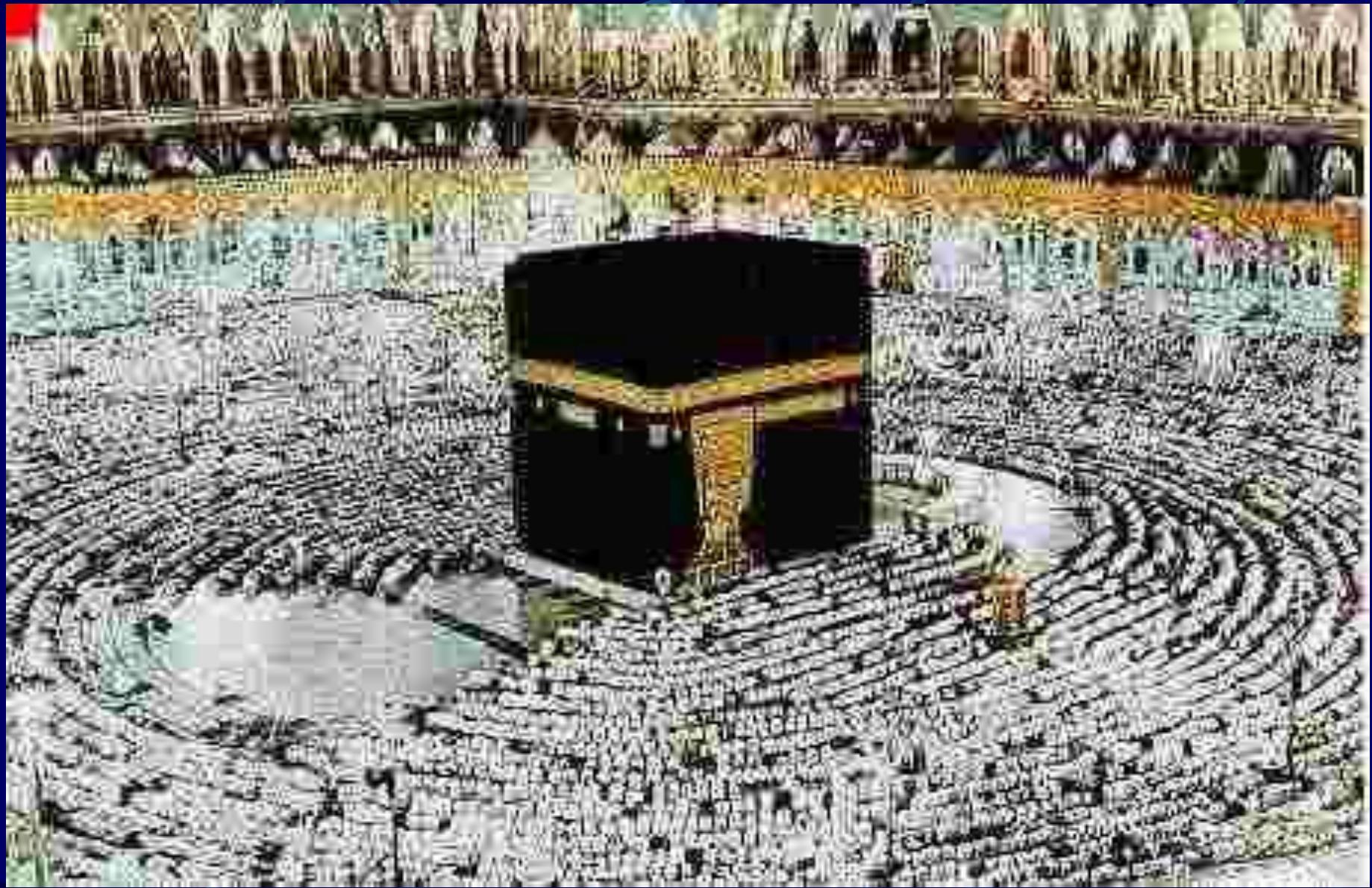
Muslim life is much more about *orthopraxy* (action) rather than *orthodoxy* (belief) – based on the writings of the ***Quran***, ***hadith*** (sayings of Muhammad) and ***sunna*** (life example of Muhammad).

Since the revelation to Muhammad was in Arabic, this is considered the holy language.

Islam means “*submission*,” to Allah and his will.

The Five Pillars of Islam

- 1. Profession of Faith** – The Shehada :
“There is no God but Allah, and Muhammad is his prophet.”
- 2. Fasting**, especially during holy month of Ramadan.
- 3. Prayer**, 5 times daily facing Mecca; on Fridays in a mosque.
- 4. Generous almsgiving.**
- 5. Pilgrimage (hajj)** at least once in life.



Similarities and Differences

- **All three Abrahamic faiths believe:**
 - There is only one true God (monotheistic).
 - All life – especially all people – are made by God, who is the Creator and Sustainer of life.
 - Social justice and concern for others is critical.
- **They disagree regarding:**
 - The nature of the human condition.
 - The nature of the afterlife (“salvation”).
 - Requirements for pleasing and satisfying God.