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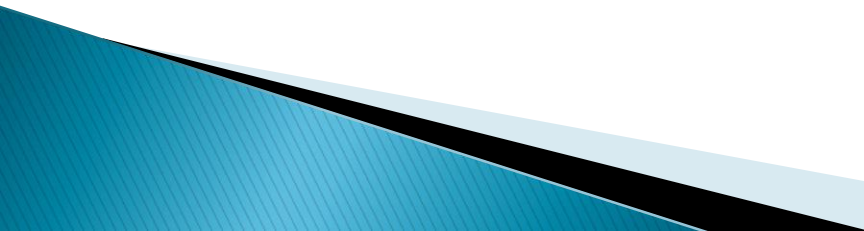
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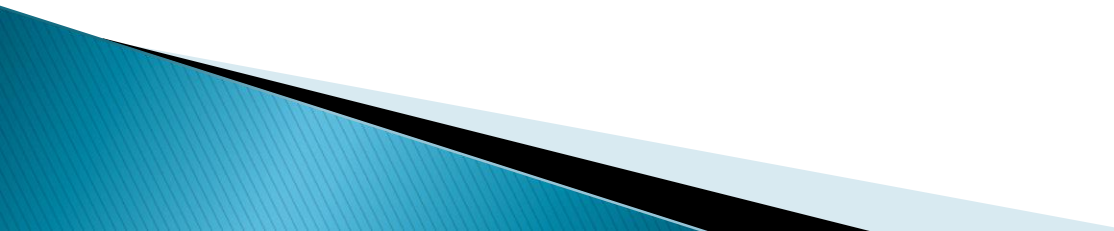
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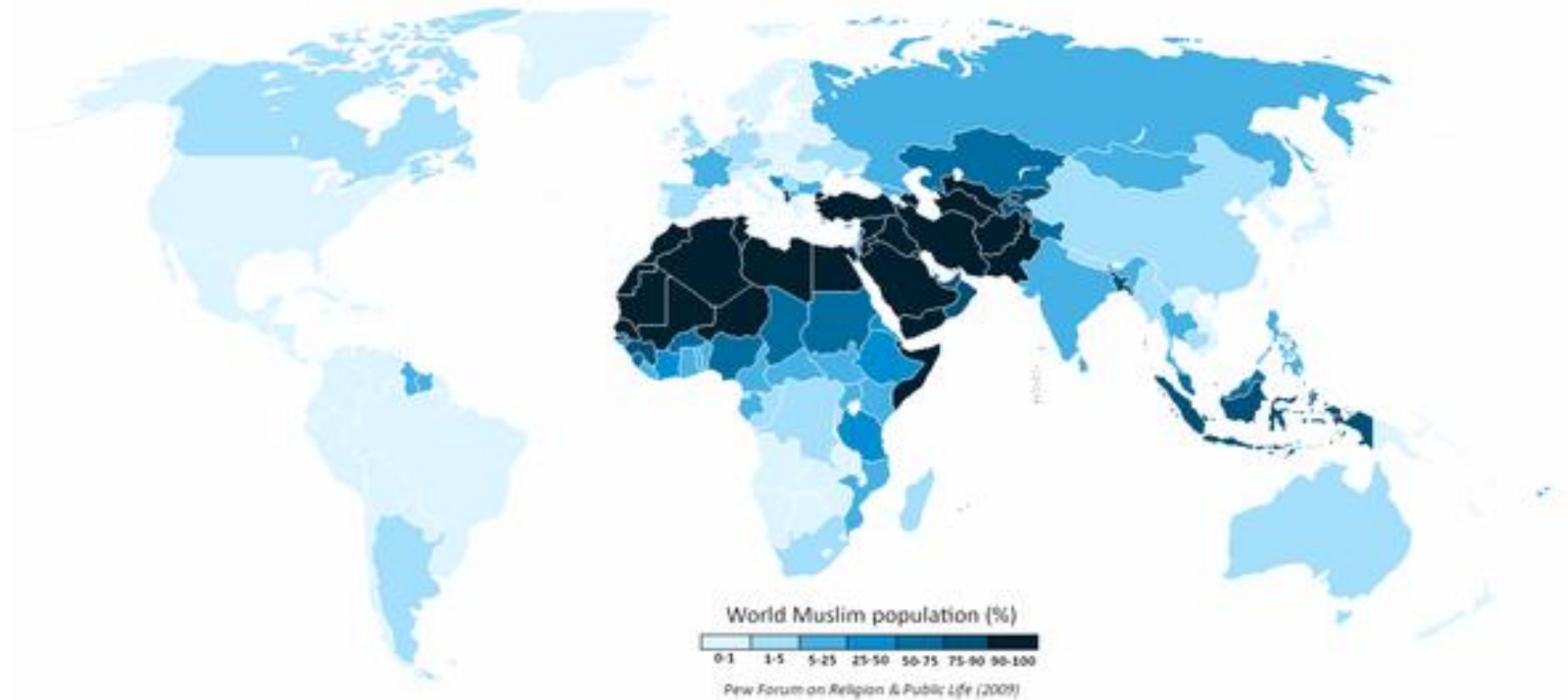
Brief introduction to Islam

- **What is *Islam* and who are the *Muslims*?**
 - **Where *are* the *Muslims*?**
 - **Who is *Allah*?**
 - **Who is *Muhammad (pbuh)*?**
 - **What is the *Quran*?**
 - **Beliefs and Acts of worship**
 - **Questions?**
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Islam and Muslims

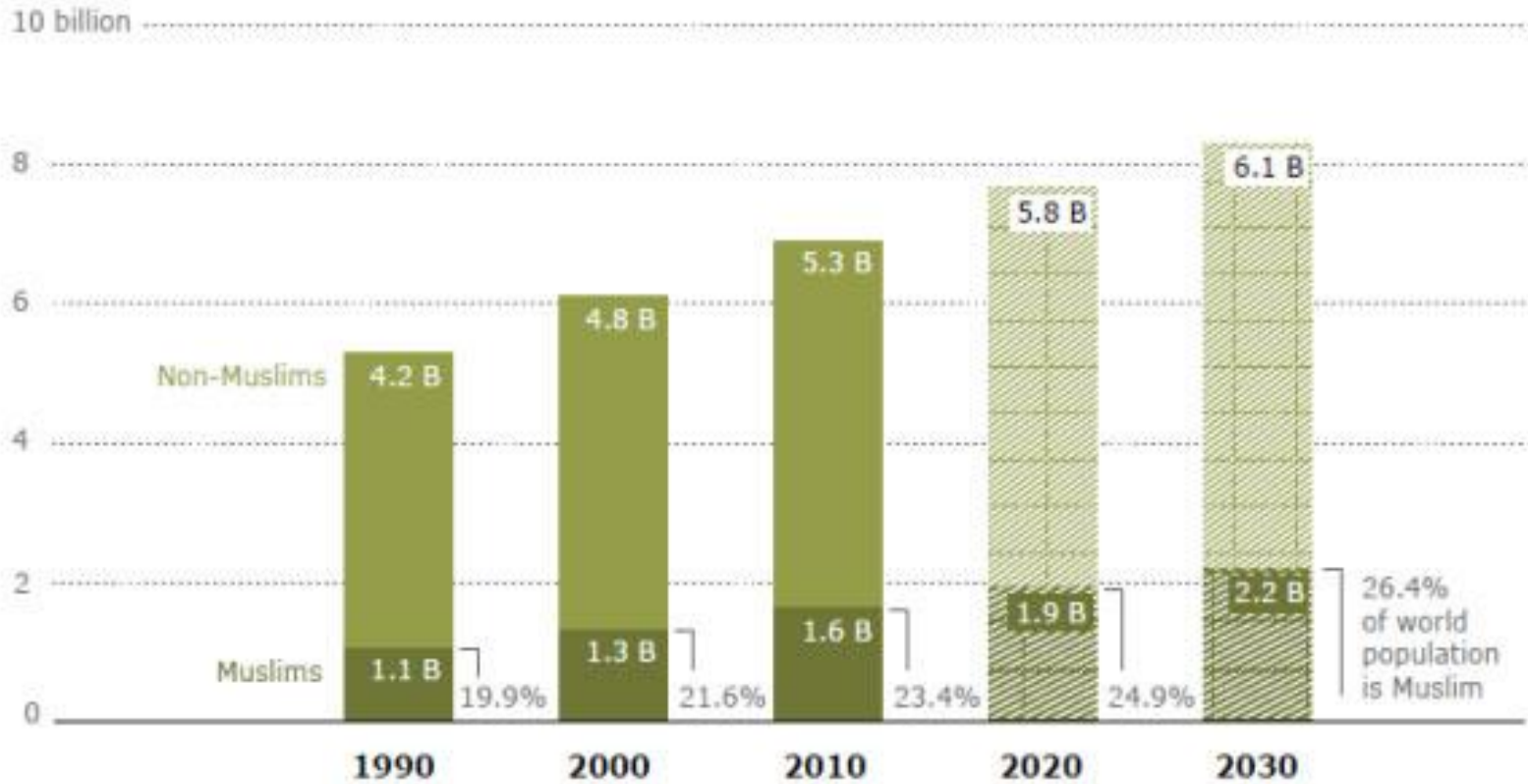
- *Islam* is an Arabic word which means peace and purity achieved through submission to the command of the one true God
 - Anyone who freely and willingly submits to God's command is a *Muslim*
 - Islam is a set of beliefs and practices that form the complete way of life
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Where are the Muslims?



World Muslims Projection

Muslims as a Share of World Population, 1990-2030



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Who is Allah? God.

He is Allah , the Creator, the Inventor, the Fashioner; to Him belong the best names. Whatever is in the heavens and earth is exalting Him. And He is the Exalted in Might, the Wise (Quran 59:24)

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Who is Muhammad? (PBUH)

Final Messenger to Mankind

“And we have not sent you except comprehensively to mankind as a bringer of good tidings and a warner. But most of the people do not know.” (Quran 34:28)

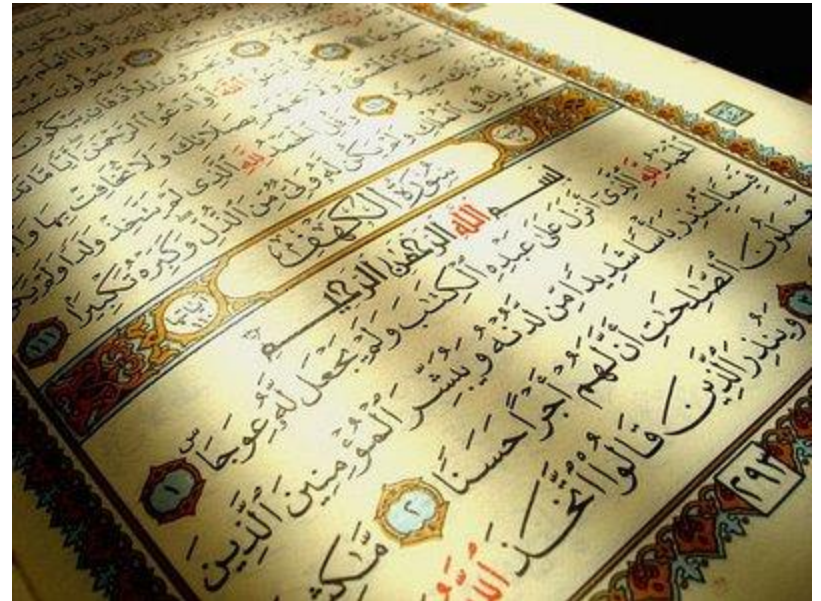


What is the Qur'an?

**Indeed, this Qur'an guides to that which is most just and right and gives good tidings to the believers who do righteous deeds that they will have a great reward.
(Quran 17:9)**

What is the Qur'an?

- Exact Words Revealed by God
- Preserved
 - By memory
 - By writing
- Primary Source of Legislation
- Recited in Prayers



Beliefs

- 1) Allah
- 2) Angels
- 3) Messengers
- 4) Revelations (Holy Books)
- 5) Day of Judgment
- 6) Divine Decree

Muslims believe in the One, Unique, Incomparable, Merciful God; in the Angels created by Him; in the Prophets through whom His Revelations were brought to mankind; in the Day of Judgement and in God's complete authority over destiny

Acts of Worship

Pillars

- 1) **Shahadah - Testifying belief**
- 2) **Salah - Daily five prayers**
- 3) **Zakah - Yearly Charity**
- 4) **Sawm - Fasting the month of Ramadan**
- 5) **Hajj - Pilgrimage to Mecca once in a lifetime**

Islam is founded on five pillars; to testify that ‘there is no deity except Allah and Muhammed(pbuh) is the messenger of Allah’; to establish the ritual prayers; to give charity; to fast during the month of Ramadan and to perform the pilgrimage to Makkah

Conclusion

Allah (God) is the Only One worthy of worship

Muhammad (pbuh) is His Final Messenger

Qur'an is the Final Message to All Mankind

Islam is a Complete way of Life



Questions?