

Islam is monotheistic

the Quran is the holy book of Islam; the Old Testament of the Bible is revered

Followers of Islam are known as Muslims

Muslims generally believe that there have been many prophets of God including Adam, Abraham, and Jesus. They believe Muhammad is the last and most significant prophet

Muslims have 5 primary duties known as the "Pillars of Islam"

- I. Declaration of faith; (there is only 1 God & Muhammad is His messenger)
- II. Prayer (5x day)
- III. Charity (with special concern for widows & orphans)
- IV. Fasting (dawn to dusk during Ramadan)
- V. Pilgrimage to Mecca ("Hajj")

Islam is primarily divided into 2 major groups.

Sunnis (85-90%) believe Abu-Bakr (Muhammad's friend) was the legitimate successor to Muhammad

Shia (10%) especially Iran & Iraq believed Ali (Muhammad's son-in-law) was the rightful successor to Muhammad