

IN THE NAME OF ALLAH, THE MERCIFUL BENEFACTOR, MERCIFUL REDEEMER

The image displays the Arabic word 'Allah' in a highly stylized, bold, and calligraphic font. The letters are thick and black, with elegant curves and sharp points. The 'Alif' (ا) is on the left, the 'Lam' (ل) is in the middle, and the 'Ha' (ه) is on the right. Above the 'Lam' and 'Ha' are smaller, more intricate calligraphic elements, including a 'Waw' (و) and a 'Kaf' (ك), which are part of the Basmala (the opening of many Surahs in the Quran). The overall style is reminiscent of modern Islamic calligraphy.

This book will give you the 5 pillars of Islam as simple as possible. Furthermore, the religion of Islam is the religion of One God, from all the Prophets, and for the one human race; Islam is the only monotheistic religion mandatory to believe in all the Prophets, yes! That's including Jesus. As Muslims we believe in all the Prophets from Adam to Muhammad and that these men of God were not sinners, but sincere believers in the One God. Since Muslims believe in the Prophets of old, that means our stories are similar, not copied. The Qur'an brings you the truth without speculation or mystical believing. This Qur'an constantly reminds you to think or ponder. Rational thought in Islam is mandatory. For example, people who fight with the truth of something they make their claim of proof on the story's validity or interpretation verses the in depth principle of the story. Some believe that Moses did not free the slaves by God's permission by parting the Red Sea. It's metaphorical. There is no changing someone's mind about that, however to claim that is not true is just irrational. You were not there to witness it so you have no right to deny it. The Prophet Abraham is known as a friend of God. His duty to find the

Oneness of God is the reason for humanities direction. Essentially if all the Prophets of God had dinner together there will be a mutual agreement of belief, including Jesus (Isa). Now is the time to pick up our books and read them for ourselves and ask ourselves the hard questions about where are supposed to be and what we are to believe.

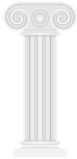
Analogy: If you were to build a house you must first uncover your foundation. Your foundation is covered by the sands of the world and the systems of culture, beliefs and ways. A basic foundation is the most important unit when building a structure. In this case Allah is building a better human being. Being human is not just arms, legs and head, but one must have be guided by a set of higher principles of morality. Many people actually believe that the way they live their lives and the way they have been raised is the way that is only satisfiable to self and whatever desires they demand to shape oneself. To search for self and find your purpose and meaning in

this life is a gift from Allah. However, to do it without reverence to your Creator you will be holding the bag alone when you realize you need help.

Now that you have been shown your foundation as did Abraham, the father of the three major religions: Judaism, Christianity and Islam. He is our patriarch, the Prophet Abraham (PBUH) as read in the Qur'an (2:127). *And (remember) when Ibrahim and (his son) Isma'il were raising the foundations of the House (the Ka'bah at Makkah), (saying), "Our Lord! Accept (this service) from us. Verily, You are the Hearer, the Knower."*

The feeling of independence of all things are innate in us. We seek for our foundations regardless of the madness we experience in life. This natural as we grow in intellect. If one completely blocks himself from this experience his goals in life will reach despair.

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The First Pillar: This is the pillar of belief. It is called the Shahada. You have recited among witnesses Ashhadu Allaha illaaha illa-lah wa Ashhadu annaMuhammadur Rasoolullah (I bear witness that there no god, but The God and I bear witness that Muhammad is the messenger of God) three times. This is sufficient to adopting what you essentially believe that Allah is real and the message from Allah are the words of the Qur'an and those words were transpired through Muhammad the Prophet. This is where faith begins. In word you profess your submission to the One True God who is not of any image. We believe in all the Prophets and the books

which they were inspired to teach. We believe in the unseen, Angels, Jinn and other creations by Allah and most of all there is a day of atonement for everyone. The religion of Islam is offered to every living being on the planet and Muhammad is a humanities prophet (Surah 21:107) *And we did not send you (O Muhammad!) but as a blessing for all beings.*

Analogy: After reciting your Kalima (shahada) you have witnessed to yourself and everyone else that my life needs guidance above the guidance you have followed for so long. So, naturally pursuing a personal goal take sacrifice, discipline and perseverance to achieve the goal. Actually we have to put in the work to erect our building. Allah says in the Qur'an (Surah 29:2) *Do people think that they will be left alone saying "we believe" and not be tested.*

This test come from spreading your light and your expression of God's truth. You will have bad experiences with family, friends, religious zealots, employers and your

old church or past places of worship, etc. Much of it is because you will be building your own structure and not catering to others without taking care of self-first. This is a normal behavior from people you may call your friends. Don't lose hope in them because the light you have received is for all. Now think to yourself why did something like this compel you to want to be Muslim? The belief is...you have nothing to do with it or this pamphlet your reading about Islam had anything to do with it. In all respect Allah (God) chose you for you place in paradise. From this day forward is a day we strive all together for a glorious success.

Many people have always believed in One God and maintained high moral standard of living, but may never accept a specific religion as a practice. This is important; all life depend on a higher power for sustenance. Everyone search outside themselves or their reach in knowledge or knowhow to achieve goals. All of its access comes from the Creator (Allah). That is religion. No matter if you use God, The great source or supreme energy. It is your way of life you choose to express.

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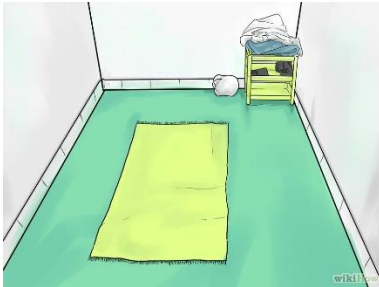


The Second Pillar: Salah (Prayer) is the duty of the Muslim (believer). These prayers are done five times a day. It is the prescription to keep the mind focused on one's duty to uphold their belief taken via shahada. Allah says in the Qur'an. Salah (Prayer) is a reminder of the shameful habits of the past and to not do them anymore. Salah (Prayer) keeps you away from potential problems that may come your way. The Qur'an explains to us the direction and times prayer is to be administered. However, the beauty of Allah's mercy knows that you may be too busy at the



prescribed times that Allah says (Make it up). There are some extra duties that must be completed before Salah (Prayer).

Analogy: While building your home the chances of having shortages of materials and workers are possible. It may rain on a newly discovered foundation causing you to doubt yourself or your time schedule. This is why discipline is so important because we are not building a house, we are building a human being. You have to understand that when you change something for the better in your life things always happen to try to discourage your effort. Prayer solidifies belief, patience, constancy and strength. You learn to have an assured stance. The physical practice of this ritual is the practice of all the prophets.



When preparing for Salah (Prayer) the body, clothing and area used for prayer must be clean. What we do is called wudu (ablution); it is a ritual cleansing as seen by Muhammad the Prophet (PBUH) and as described in the Qur'an (cleaning). Women are required to cover their heads when

performing prayer. The direction of prayer is facing what is called Qibla or the direction of Mecca as described in the Qur'an and the example of the whole Muslim world (Qibla). Stand erect in the proper direction with your head, eyes focused on the place of prostration. Hands will be at the side. Spread your feet evenly apart leaving no gaps between the shoulders and feet when praying in congregation.

When preparing to wash (wudu) there are rules as prescribed in the Qur'an and perfected by Muhammad the Prophet. Make the intention for Salah

1. Wash your hands up to the wrists (3 times)
2. Wash inside the mouth, include back of throat (3 times)
3. Wash the inside the nostrils and blow water out (3times)
4. Wash the face from top of forehead to under the chin; clean eyes (3 times)
5. Wash forearms to the elbows; right arm first (3times), then left (3times)

6. With wet hands rub across the head from forehead to back of neck and in and outside the ears.
7. Wash feet; right foot first (3 times) then left foot (3 times) up to the ankle

In Surah 4:43

(43. O you who believe! Do not approach Salah while you are in a drunken state until you know what you are saying, nor while Junub (sexually impure), except while passing through, until you bathe (your entire body), and if you are ill, or on a journey, or one of you comes from the Gha'it (toilet), or from Lamastum (touching) women, but you do not find water, then perform Tayammum with clean earth, rubbing your faces and hands. Truly, Allah is Ever Oft-Pardoning, Oft-Forgiving.)

The Muezzin will make the call to prayer. It is called the Adhan. This call is for the preparation of prayer. This is the time to get cleaned and presentable to Allah. After the Adhan you will what is called Iqama (stand). The Iqama is telling the believers to line up to meet Allah.

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This the step by step for wudu



Adhan:

Allahu Akbar (4 times).....Allah is Greater

Ashahdu Allah illaaha-ila-Lah (2times)..... I bear witness there is none worthy of worship except Allah

Ashahdu anna Muhammadur Rasooli-Lah (2 times).....I bear witness that Muhammad is the Prophet of Allah

Hayya' ala Salaat (2 times).....Come to Prayer

Hayya' ala Falaat (2 times).....Come to your success

Allahu Akbar (2 times).....Allah is Greater

Laa-ilaaha-ila-Lah (1 Time).....There is none worthy of  
worship except Allah

Then shortly thereafter you will hear,

Iqama:

Allahu Akbar (2 times).....Allah is Greater

Ashahdu Allah illaaha-ila-Lah (1time)..... I bear witness there is none  
worthy of worship except Allah



Ashahdu anna Muhammadur Rasooli-Lah (1 time).....I bear witness that  
Muhammad is the Prophet of Allah

Hayya' ala Salaat (1 time).....Come to Prayer

Hayya' ala Falaat (1 time).....Come to your success

Iqama tis Salat (2 times).....Stand it is ready

Allahu Akbar (2 times).....Allah is Greater

Laa-ilaaha-ila-Lah (1 Time).....There is none worthy of  
worship except Allah

During Fajr (morning Salat) instead of Iqama tis Salat, we say As-Salatul Khuyrun  
Mini Naum.....Prayer is better than sleep

After making your intention to offer salah by expressing the number of rukus, direction of prayer and it is for Allah alone and to please except my duty.



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When opening the Prayer, you raise your up above the shoulders as a form of surrender to the presence of Allah. Remember this is a formal Salah (Prayer) and it

requires a formal opening. In this position we say Allahu Akbar (God is Greater). Then we move to this position,



Notice the position of the hands right over left wrapping your arms around the torso of the body. In this position we begin with opening chapter of the Qur'an. It is called Al-Fatiha. These seven verses must be recited. We begin:

Bismi- lahir Rahma nir Raheem.....In the name of Allah, Most

Gracious, Most Merciful

Alhamdu lilahi Rabil Ala meen.....All praise be to Allah, Lord and

Sustainer of all the worlds

ArRahma nirRaheem.....Most Gracious, Most Merciful

Maliki yowm Middeen.....Master of the Day of Judgment

Iyaka Na' abudu wa iyaka nasta' een.....Thee do we worship and thine

Aid we seek

Ihe dinna sir Raltal Mustaqeen..... Show us the straight way

Sir Raltal ladhina an' amta alay heem.....The path that leads to your Mercy,

Ghay ril mag dubi Alayheem..... Not like those who seek other than your

Mercy,

Walad daaaaawleeen..... Like those who have strayed far away

After the Opening Chapter Al-Fatiha:

While standing in the same position it is important to read other short Chapters of the Qur'an.



Follow up with short chapters of the Qur'an. One of the best is the Purity of faith (Surah Ikhlas 112:1-4)

Qul Hu Allahu Ahad.....*Say: He is Allah, The One and Only*

Allahus Samad .....*Allah, the Eternal, Absolute*

Lam Yalid Walam Yu lad.....*He begetteth not, nor is he Begotten*

Walam Yakun nLahu Kufu Wan Ahad.....*And there is none like unto Him*

Allau Akbar: God is Greater,

Then go to the position of Ruku. In this position recite: Subhanna Rabbill Al Azeem  
(Glory be to Allah, The Great) 3 times



Stay focused, back parallel to ground and hands on the knees;  
like a deep bow to a king of sovereignty.

There is a pause, recite the words of Sami Allahu li man hamid ah (hear my praise oh, Allah) commands you move back to the Qiyamm position (standing). While moving to the upright position, the prayer recite Rabbana wala kal Hamd (Oh Lord you are the Praised One).



Allah u Akbar!



The move to the Sajda position: the face, nose, forehead, hands, knees and toes touching the floor. The prayer recites: Subhanna rabbiy a' A'ala (Glory be to The Lord, Most High) 3 times.



This position is the highest position of worship. The heart should reflect the sentiment as this position. It is ok to implore Allah for guidance, forgiveness and patience etc. This position is personal, but in a congregational Salah (prayer) you follow the commands of the Imam (leader of prayer) to maintain the uniformity of prayers with the community. Allahu-Akbar!



— The sitting position, the prayer recites: Rabigh Fir li wa Humnee (Oh Lord, Forgive of my sins and wrongdoings)



— Allah u Akbar! Back to the Sajda position and recite Subhanna rabbiy a' A'ala (Glory be to The Lord, Most High) 3 times. Allah u Akbar!



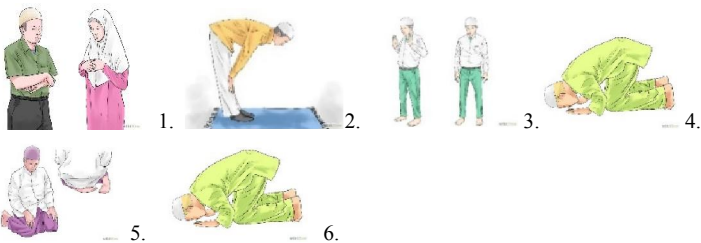
Back to the sitting position for a brief pause prior to



returning standing position (Qiyamm).

considered one unit of prayer then, repeat the process by reciting the Opening chapter (Al-Fatiha). That is

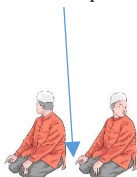
Recite Al-Fatiha then another short Chapter. From standing (1), Ruku(2), standing(3), sajda(4), sitting(5), sajda(6) and then in the sitting position after you second reading of Al-Fatiha and the second short Chapter.





— 7. Then, perform the *Tashahhud* at the end of the second raka'at. After the second prostration, stay in a sitting position and recite the Tashahhud (also known as Tahiyat) **Atta-hiyyatu lillahi was-salawatu wat-tayyibatu As-salamu 'alaika ayyuhann-Nabiyyu wa rahmat-ullahi wa barakatuhu As-salamu 'alaina wa 'alaa 'ibaadillaahiss-saliheen.**

The arrow points to an extension of the right index finger while reciting this line:



**\*Ash-hadu-al-la-ilaha illAllahu wa ash-hadu anna**

**Muhammadan 'abduhu wa Rasuluh.** At this point extend the right index finger as a sign for the belief in One God who has no partners. Meaning all worships - oral, physical and momentary - are for Allah alone. Allah's peace be upon you, O Prophet, and His mercy and blessings. Peace be on us and on all righteous servants of Allah. I bear witness that there is no god but Allah, and I bear witness that Muhammad is His Servant and Messenger then, Tasleem: AsSalamu-Alaikum over the right shoulder then, recite AsSalamu-Alaikum wa Rahma Tul Lah, then same, over the left shoulder.

A Two unit Prayer is a Fajr prayer (morning) before sunrise; as given as an example. If prayer is doing a Salat ul Thur (Afternoon) 4 units, Asr (late afternoon) 4 units, Maghrib (after sunset) 3 units and Isha (night) 4 units.

If the prayer time require more than two units after making *Tashahhud*. The second ruku, you will NOT do Tasleem. You will return to the Qiyamm (standing) position to begin the third unit, starting with the Al- Fatiha. No extra chapter is needed.

These positions of prayers were required of worship for believers and Muhammad the Prophet perfected it as an everyday practice and a form of worship. By no means, it was a practice only from the time of Muhammad. The children of Israel and the descendants of the Prophet Isaac were doing the same prostrations. There are over thirty references to the prostrations or bowing their faces to the ground. These are convincing practices of religion that have carried on for generations. The failure of the children of Israel giving the truth to the people, instead they have changed the



words of their books and misinterpret the laws given to them by their Prophets. The Qur'an says (Surah 4:46). *Among those who are Jews, there are some who displace words from (their) right places and say: "We hear your word and disobey," and "Hear and let you hear nothing." And Ra`ina with a twist of their tongues and as a mockery of the religion. And if only they had said: "We hear and obey", and "Do make us understand," it would have been better for them, and more proper; but Allah has cursed them for their disbelief, so they believe not except a few.*

In Genesis 17:3 *Abram fell on his face.* However the most convincing of all prostrations in the Bible are Matthew 26:39; *And He went a little beyond them, and fell on His face and prayed, saying, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; yet not as I will, but as You will."* This verse make many assumptions that should be questioned to the elite theologians. If he prayed, he can't be God or either came to die for anyone. That this statement itself means I am a Muslim.

Another verse is a congregational prayer in the Bible. In the Bible, Nehemiah 8:6; *Then Ezra blessed the LORD the great God. And all the people answered, "Amen, Amen!" while lifting up their hands; then they bowed low and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground.*

This is the congregational prayer of the Children of Israel led by Ezra the Prophet after the service. The pattern of worship has always been the same and the example of the Muslims is the way of old religion. This worship is practiced by the Jews today, but they are not accepting others into their religion unless you are of blood relations for the most part. Muslims through the final Prophet Muhammad re-established the ways of origin of worship given to us by Abraham the Prophet.

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The Third Pillar: (Saum) Fasting is of the biggest challenges of new believers. This pillar is the pillar that set apart you from the world you are leaving. Deuteronomy 19:8 Moses, *"I fell down before the LORD, as at the first, forty days and nights; I neither ate bread nor drank water, because of all your sin which you had committed in doing what was evil in the sight of the LORD to provoke Him to anger.* This verse refers to fasting (third pillar) and prostration. See the references for the many places in the Bible that were never told to you. There is no reason to fast other than the order is from Allah. The Qur'an says (2:183). *O you who believe!*

*Fasting is prescribed for you as it was prescribed for those before you, that you may acquire Taqwa (a consciousness of God).*

Analogy: Fasting is the pillar that reminds you of the hard times that others have. To not be selfish in your own circumstances, but think of others and to be aware of the presence of Allah. It is the strongest pillar in your house that keeps everything in place. Even when there is hurricane all around destroying everything in sight, fasting is the one thing that brings your purpose into perspective. It is the discipline of your emotions and clarity of the mind when navigating an environment that remind you of old your habits are no longer enslaving you. You truly have control over yourself.

Fasting is denying yourself when it is lawful to indulge. You will be establishing in your personality to follow none, but the words of Allah and his examples Prophets which beckons you to listen to your higher self. Allah wants you

to learn self-restraint and to not follow every new fad or invention that takes away the focus of you building the new you. Fasting is less strenuous than the days of old, although tough in these days and times, it is beneficial. Fasting during the daylight hours of no consumption food or water and sex with your spouses. At night you can eat, drink, pray and have sex with your spouses. If you are sickly; example diabetes or some other illness may require consumption of food and water because of medication. You are not required to fast. Charity to others will suffice like: feeding a family.

Denying self is the discipline that most of us need. Fasting teaches you to love yourself and listen to your body. To not glutton, but share and show empathy.

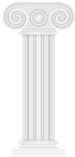
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The Fourth Pillar: Zakat (Charity) is the duty of the mindful to give to those who are less fortunate than you. Your greatest gift is not the money, material things or fame. Although many Muslims are rich and famous. There is nothing wrong with that, but mind you, your greatest gift is Allah chose you to find your ultimate success of the hereafter. Zakat (Charity) keeps you from clinging to the things that have no value to your success. It is neither useful nor needed for your direction. Charity is the principle that remind the needy to find their purpose and direction. Zakat (Charity) is an obligation of 2.5% after your debts have been settled.

Analogy: In our homes we collect so many things. Some of the things are in our closets that we will never use. It is nothing, but clutter. Cleaning these spaces are so important and the principle of charity provides that. We see these items as something we need when we really don't notice the item if they were gone. As human beings we carry a lot of things in hidden compartments. We hide our true feelings, past, and have problems letting them go. Charity cleans out and erases the bad things, unused or the dusty items. Charity removes the stain off the heart and gives the good feel for self for the pleasure of Allah. All things acquired in this world require an outlet. If you eat too much, there is a way out for it, if you shop too much, you lose space for the new items and you let things go, if gain in knowledge and have no outlet to share you are a disservice to your society. This charitable duty has the restraints of our behavior, but learning to release them only allows us to grow properly. The tree absorbs the carbon dioxide and makes oxygen for life on earth to exist. This is a form of charity that benefits life. Charity teaches us to not be gluttonous and exceed the limits of believing that all that you have acquired are of your own doing.

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The Fifth Pillar: Hajj (Pilgrimage) is optional if one cannot afford to go. The effort to visit the Mother City, Mecca and have an effort in prayer and striving to make the journey. This experience is where you will meet the whole of humanity all together, praying, eating, and pleading to Allah for forgiveness. The trip to Mecca of Malcolm X is most memorable in history because it changed his perspective of not having divisions among people and that Islam is the solution for the current segregation in America. His experience was iterated by just being seen as a human being who worships God, that the color lines were invisible and that the heart of the man was the only concern.



At this point:

You have a pinpoint view of the five pillars of Islam. The argument is not about religion with Muslims. We believe that the message of God (Allah) has always been the same as expressed by every Prophet in their perspective times. During the time of Noah, his fight was against corruption and arrogance against the belief in God. If you notice during the time Abraham it was the challenge finding the true God and destroying idol worship. Moses had his challenges in power, magic and policy against governing people. Jesus had his opposition with the church of his time. All of these areas in some way play a profound duty to our activity on this earth. Muhammad, the last of the Prophets had to deal with all of these aspects while delivering the truth as revealed to him by the Angel Gabriel from Allah. There is no comparison between the Prophets (make no distinction). They were all Muslims.

Many non-believers ask the question do Muslims believe in God or is Jesus god? Emphatically yes! We believe in God and emphatically no! To the multiple times infinity that man is God. God is not a man nor is he part of God in spirit or flesh. The Prophets of God are not adulterers, molesters or idol worshippers. They are the examples of what man is to emulate to achieve the felicity. Those that fight the idea of man not being a God, is essentially protecting his culture, measure of thought and prejudices to maintain his perceived level of power, persuasion and or influence. So what you are about to witness from Islam is not a question toward Islam but finding the answers with reason and thought as mentioned in the Qur'an (Think).

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However the answers are in your Bible. The first of them is the Shahada given down to children of Israel. The first commandment (Exodus 20:3-4). *“You shall have no other gods before me. “You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below.”* There is no option to the commandments and to honor them were to say you believe in the messenger who brought them. This segment is where the Jew and Muslim have a close knit relationship. The belief in One God, who does not have an image, or is a thing. The first pillar of Islam all in the confirmation of the Prophets before. Now, Christians will wiggle themselves out of this by saying this was written in the Old Testament. The New Testament testifies to it also. Jesus said (Matthew 5:17) *“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.”*

This is a confirmation that Muslims have always been there humbly voicing the belief of God while much of humanity return to their barbarianism. At least to this point we all should be focused on the principle of One God, no image, He created all things, and sustain them with his law and the Prophets who brought the message. I know that you are wondering about the institution of prayer. This practice is of the ancient times and prophets and have been known as the highest respect to give to your Lord. Yes, the Bible mention this position through and through. Abraham Moses and Aaron, Jonah and of course Jesus. I know you are saying no, but its right there in your Bible. Ask your Pastor about it and how come Jesus did what the prophets did before him? Watch his reaction and his protection of not professing a truth, but maintaining your presence to maintain his constituents. The Bible explains the whole Islamic prayer, mentioning the raised hands position (Nehemiah 8:6-8). *And Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. And they bowed their heads and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground. 7 Also Jeshua, Bani, Sherebiah, Jamin, Akkub, Shabbethai, Hodiah, Maaseiah, Kelita, Azariah, Jozabad, Hanan, Pelaiiah, the*

*Levites, helped the people to understand the Law, while the people remained in their places. 8 They read from the book, from the Law of God, clearly, and they gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.* Allah u Akbar and bow to position of Ruku and Sajda. That pretty much nails the second pillar of prayer in the Bible. It is only for you to see what you will never hear the pastor talk about on Sunday. I can stop right here cause that in itself are the two principles of Islam and Muslims that stand out unequivocally. Before you throw away this book do yourself a favor and grab a bible preferably and older one, like your grandmother's or the family heirloom. Do your cross reference and then cross reference with a newer version of the Bible and if you find a difference, then right there is another reason you should doubt what have been fed to you all your life.

Charity is principle that is universal and it is important. Charity can be in many forms. Muhammad said charity is a smile or a greeting. We tend to tag a dollar value to charity when charity is also helping someone make appointments, caring for

them in a time of need. In Deuteronomy 14:28 says, *at the end of every third year you shall bring out all the tithe of your produce in that year, and shall deposit it in your town. At some point we have always had to be charitable toward others.*

Hajj is complex and to find it in the Bible required some background research. The story begins with Abraham and his son Ishmael, not Isaac. This is the separating point of Muslims and Jews because the Jewish claim of the covenant have trickled out the lies about the Prophets. This is only to prove their points to maintain their influence as well as not accepting their Muslim brothers as part of the believer's family. Muslims make no argument with the Jews about the son of Abraham and who the covenant was for. If it was Isaac, as Muslim, we have no quarrel with them, but it is not what the Qur'an says (Surah 37:102-107). Okay, that is unfair to go by my book, but as Muslim we believe in all the books and God have shown the truth in their book (Torah), even when they tried to erase the history. The Bible says Abraham was 86 (Genesis 16:16). *Abram was eighty-six years old when Hagar bore*

*him Ishmael.* The name of his son would be Ishmael. The name Ishmael is rooted in the meaning 'to hear.' Abraham, at 86 yrs. old asked Allah to give him a child and Allah heard his call. This is the beauty of the truth about this story. This is his only son for 14 years. Abraham was 100 yrs. old when Isaac was born (Genesis 21:5), *"Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him."* so that means the only child in the home for nearly fourteen years was Ishmael. The writers of the Bible continue to make mistakes calling Isaac the only son (Genesis 22:2) *Then God said, "Take your son, your only son, whom you love--Isaac--and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on a mountain I will show you."*

For fourteen years with a child in your home, you build a love for them, nurture, guide them to your belief about this life and since Abraham was a Prophet of God the biggest test of his life was about to happen. The vision of sacrificing the only child of his loins at that time can only mean that it had to be Ishmael. To give up to God what he believe was his to cherish. When Abraham mentioned his vision to

Ishmael, the Qur'an says (Ishmael's response). The bible changes the story to only have to create another lie to cover up their claim it was Isaac. For example, they lie about Hagar being a slave girl when actually she was a princess. Or that Abraham, the Prophet of God was committing adultery with a young girl. These claims are to cloud the truth and question your quest to find the truth. Muslims will not make up such lies about chosen men of God to claim superior lineage over what is the truth. As the story is told in the bible and the Qur'an. Abraham left Hagar and her son in the desert. The bible refers to Ishmael as a babe when fourteen years have passed and that Hagar carried Ishmael. Why would a woman carry a young man of fourteen years of age? These are some details that liars miss when they don't confess to what is true. Hagar in her confused state pleading with God to help her. Hagar ran from mountain to mountain pleading for water and a well sprung up. That well is called zamzam (Genesis21:19). This well is in the Holy City Mecca and it still springs fresh water until today (2). Yes, people still drink from it. The rite of Hajj to run between the mountain of Safa and Mara seven times (3) is to commemorate Hagar pleading to



God for help (Genesis 21:16). The sacrifice of the ram, (Qur'an says about the ram and what the Genesis 22:11-13). The sacrifice of the ram is one of the rites of Hajj. During the ritual of Hajj, Muslim pilgrims throw pebbles at three walls (formerly pillars), called *jamarāt*, in the city of Mina just east of Mecca. It is one of a series of ritual acts that must be performed in the Hajj. It is a symbolic reenactment of Abraham's Hajj, where he stoned three pillars representing the temptation to disobey God and preserve the covenant of Ishmael.

Note:

The Hajj is associated with the life of Muhammad from the 7th century, but the ritual of pilgrimage to Mecca is considered by Muslims to stretch back thousands of years to the time of Abraham. During Hajj, pilgrims join processions of hundreds of thousands of people, who simultaneously converge on Mecca for the week of the Hajj, and perform a series of rituals: each person walks counter-

clockwise seven times around the Kaaba (the cube-shaped building and the direction of prayer for mankind).

2 Chronicles 3 states that Solomon laid out the Most Holy Place of that temple to be 30 feet X 30 feet X 30 feet, a perfect cube, separated from the temple's Holy Place by a curtain. (So important was the cube to Solomon's design. A series of steps climbed from the high-ceilinged main room of the temple to the higher, cubic Most Holy Place (9)

Although many of the lineage of Prophets are from Isaac. We Muslims accept all the Prophets of God and we believe the story of these Prophets as told in the Qur'an. The children of Israel were so disobedient to the Prophets and God that the truth of their disobedience and lies had to be told to all of humanity. Muslims believe that the Qur'an is the book of clarity and judgment. The children of Israel had their last chance with presence of Jesus. Jesus' fight with the church of that day was

so burdensome, the military sought to kill him. These orders were given as requested by the church of that time. The Jews are like a disloyal cousin of the Muslims that have convinced the world that the Muslims are the enemies of the world; while the Jews traditionally do not honor Christ in any form. Muslims honor all the Prophets in the lineage of the Prophet Isaac, but they (the Jews) have tricked the Christians not to honor the ONE Prophet of Ishmael's lineage, Muhammad. If I told you that Muhammad was mentioned in the books of old (Bible) you would think I am lying. I would say research it. America is quoted as a "Judeo-Christian" society. That is an oxy-moron because the two does not mix and the truth is buried in Jewish books. If you have any doubt as to this, in the Bible Isaiah 29:11-12 mentioned the word 'read' as a link to the first revelation given to the Prophet Muhammad. It says,

*And the vision of all this has become to you like the words of a book that is sealed. When men give it to one who can read, saying, "Read this," he says, "I cannot, for it is sealed." 12 And when they give the book to one who cannot read,*

saying, "Read this," he says, "I cannot read." This is a powerful statement that points directly to the first revelation given to Muhammad. The Bible is making a pattern of stars to reach the gates of heaven and we still worship man.

Jesus also said (John 16:7-14) these verses are very powerful words coming from Jesus in relationship to someone coming after him. It says,

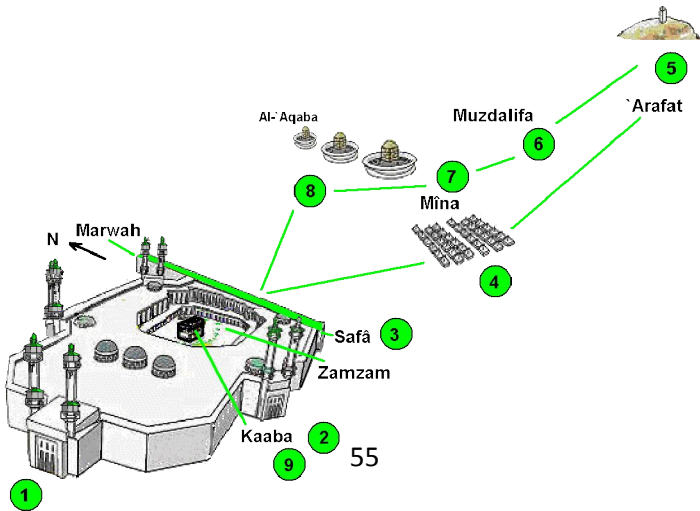
*Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. **8** And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: **9** concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; **10** concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; **11** concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.*

*12 "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. 13 When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. 14 He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you.*

In this verse Christians say it is the Holy Spirit. The verse uses the pronoun 'he' or 'him' ten times. This is to let you know that another Prophet is to come; not only that he will speak what he hears. This refers to a human being who have ears and a mouth. This information is only for saving souls. There is no money needed for spreading the truth. It only comes down to you researching it for yourself and finding the path that God has that lead straight to him.

I hope that you learn something and willing to do your research. Please contact us if you have any questions. I can be emailed for questions: [yasin.bashir@mail.com](mailto:yasin.bashir@mail.com)

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