

# Explaining the Tenets of Islam



1. What is the Islamic doctrine of *tawhid*?  
**Teaches Allah's complete and total unity and a denial to the Trinity.**
2. Who are Islam's archangels?  
**Gabriel - revelation  
Michael - Jews  
Israfil - doom  
Izra'il - death**
3. How do Muslims treat the *Qur'an*?  
**They reverence it to the point of worship. Never let it touch the ground, store on the highest shelf, wash before touching, hold it above lap when reading.**
4. How many prophets does Islam recognize?  
**124,000 and all are Muslims**
5. Do Muslims believe in a future Judgment Day?  
**Yes**
6. What is the doctrine of *kismet*?  
**Teaching that Allah determines the fate of all. He is in complete control of all events which are determined by his will.**
7. What is the *shahadah*?  
**Islam's Creed shortest of all religions: "There is no god but Allah and Muhammad is Allah's prophet." See calligraphy in upper right. Means "to bear witness."**
8. How many daily prayers are Muslims to observe? What must they do before praying?  
**Islam requires FIVE daily prayers. Wash themselves in a ritual known as *wudu***
9. What is *Ramadhan*?  
**The ninth month of the Islamic calendar, the month of the fast. When Muslim fast from sun-up till sundown.**
10. What motive is there for Muslims to give alms?  
**"...their reward is with their Lord and there shall not fear come upon them neither shall they grieve" (surah 2:227).**
11. What is the *Ka'bah*?  
**Temple or shrine in Mecca housing black meteorite. Visited and circles 21 times during hajj or pilgrimage.**
12. What title is given to one who completes the pilgrimage to Mecca?  
***haji***
13. What does "*Jihad*" mean?  
**"To struggle" thus "to strive in the path of Allah"**
14. Is Islam a religion of peace?  
**No. "Islam" means "submission" & "salaam" means "peace." True peace is when most people are Muslim in a given area or country.**
15. What is the reward of *jihad* and martyrdom?  
**"Whoso fighteth in the way of Allah, be he slain or be he victorious, on him We shall bestow a vast reward" (surah 4:74).  
Martyrs are given a sure hope of paradise.**
16. What other types of *jihad* are recognized in Islam?  
**Jihad of taxation, slavery, the courts, financial reward, the pen, etc.**

# Christianity vs. Islam

1. Contrast what Bible teaches about the Godhead with Islamic teaching on *tawhid* (Gen. 1:26; Mt. 3:16,17).

**Islam believes it is blasphemy to equate anyone with Allah as being a god. The Bible teaches the Godhead or trinity: one God in three persons.**

2. Contrast what Bible teaches about Judgment Day with Islamic teaching (2 Cor. 5:10; Rev. 22:12; 2 Tim. 4:6-8).

**Islam's Judgment is to determine by the scales to see if good deeds outweigh bad. In the Bible Judgment assigns punishment and one can have assurance of eternal life before that Day.**

3. Contrast what Bible teaches about fate, sin, and free will with Islamic teaching (Js. 1:15-17; Josh. 24:15; Ezek. 18:20).

**Allah determine everything including who believes and who do not. Sin is feeble-minded, forgetfulness. Bible says sin is a choice. God does not tempt men to do evil.**

4. Contrast what Bible teaches about confession with Islamic teaching (Rom. 10:9,10; Acts 8:37; Rom. 10:17).

**Muslims hope for a reward each time they say the *shahadah*. To become a Christian one must confess Jesus as Lord/Son of God before baptism. As a Christian they are to confess sins before forgiveness (1 Jn. 1:7-10).**

5. Contrast what Bible teaches about prayer with Islamic teaching (1 Tim. 2:8; Mt. 23:25-26; 1 Th. 5:17; Matt. 6:5-8).

**Islam requires 5 daily prayers toward Mecca with a particular position. Prayers are repetitious and in Arabic whether understood or not. Christians are to pray always, no position or washing or direction required without vain repetition.**

6. Contrast what Bible teaches about fasting with Islamic teaching (Matt. 6:16-18).

**Required to fast during the day in month of Ramadhan. Christians not required to fast and not to appear to be fasting.**

7. Contrast what Bible teaches about almsgiving with Islamic teaching (2 Cor. 9:6,7; 1 Cor. 16:1,2).

**Muslims must give 2.5% to poor. Christians to give cheerfully on first day of week.**

8. Contrast what Bible teaches about pilgrimage with Islamic teaching (1 Pet. 2:11; 1 Cor. 6:19,20; Rom. 12:1-2).

**For reward on Judgment Day a Muslim is to make a trip to Mecca once in his lifetime. Christian life is a pilgrimage on earth while he hopes for heaven.**

9. Contrast Islamic *Jihad* of the sword with Christian Warfare (Eph. 6:10-18).

**Jihad involves the sword or carnal weapons. Christians fight a spiritual warfare, against spiritual enemies while wearing the Armor of God.**

*Memorize:*

## **The Six Beliefs of Islam**

1. One God
2. Angels
3. Scriptures
4. Prophets
5. Future Judgment
6. Fate

*Memorize:*

## **The Five Pillars of Islam**

1. Confessing the Creed
2. Daily Ritual Prayers
3. Annual fast
4. Almsgiving