Islam Part 1

**ISLAM**: Submission to the Will of Allah

**Islam🡪**An Abrahamic Religion

* Muslims are strict monotheists.
* They believe in the Judeo-Christian God, which they call
  *Allah*.
* Muslims believe that the *Torah* and the *Bible*, like the *Qur’an*,
 is the word of God.

**Prophetic Tradition**

* Adam-Noah-Abraham-Moses-Jesus-Muhammad

**The Qur'an**: God's Last Revelation

**The Origins of the *Qur’an***

* Muhammad received his first revelation from the angel Gabriel in the Cave of Hira in 610.
* 622 🡪 *Hijrah* 🡪 Muhammed flees Mecca for Medina.
* \* The beginning of the Muslim calendar (1 A.H.)
* Muhammad’s revelations were compiled into the *Qur’an* after his death.
* Muslims believe it contains the word of God.
* 114 *suras* (chapters).
* *In the name of Allah, the compassionate, the merciful.*
* Written in Arabic.

**The Five Pillars of Islam**

**1. The *Shahada***

* The testimony.
* The declaration of faith:***There is no god worthy of worship except God, and Muhammad is His Messenger [or Prophet].***

**2. The *Salat***

* The mandatory prayers
 performed 5 times a day:
 \* dawn
 \* noon
 \* late afternoon
 \* sunset
 \* before going to bed
* Wash before praying.
* Face Mecca and use a prayer rug.
* The call to prayer by the *muezzin* in the *minaret*.
* Pray in the mosque on Friday.

**3. The *Zakat***

* Almsgiving (charitable donations).
* Muslims believe that all things belong to God.
* *Zakat* means both “purification” and “growth.”
* About 2.5% of your income.

**4. The *Sawm***

* Fasting during the holy month of *Ramadan*.
* Considered a method of self-purification.
* No eating or drinking from sunrise to sunset during *Ramadan.*
* ***Eid Mubarak-****End of the Ramadan holiday*

***5. The Hajj***

* The pilgrimage to Mecca.
* Must be done at least once in a Muslim’s lifetime.
* 2-3 million Muslims make the pilgrimage every year.
* Those who complete the pilgrimage can add the title *hajji* to their name.