

ISLAM

"The Peace that comes when one's life is surrendered to God"

Muhammed- 570-632 C.E. The Prophet

610- Receives the order from God to proclaim

622- Hijra. Migration from Mecca to Medina

KORAN- Received by Muhammed from God over a period of 23 years. Muhammed illiterate, dictated to others.

Direct word of God in Arabic

Continues Old and New Testament

Old and New Testament only partial truth, corrupted in transmission.

Koran is not about truth(recording of events)- it is truth.

KORAN teaches:

God is one; God is just and merciful; Humans created by God; Each soul held accountable for its life on earth; Muhammed is the final prophet in a long line of prophets.

ISLAMIC LAW

Economics- Acquiring wealth is OK but wealth must flow through the community.

Women- Increased rights of women in Arab countries. Not surpassed by west until this century. Focus on family and best situation for children.

Race relations- total racial equality

Use of Force- Righteous war allowed. No forced conversions.

5 PILLARS OF ISLAM
