

Islam- "surrender" to the word of God

How to preserve the essence of the first Ummah without the Prophet and under new circumstances?

The Four "rightly guided Caliphs

Abu Bakr 632-634

Umar 634-644 assassinated

Uthman 644-656 assassinated

Ali 656-661 assassinated

Umayyad Caliphate 661-750

Husain- Son of Ali killed by Ummayyed Caliph- 680

Abbasid Caliphate 750-1258

Sunnah- custom based on the habits and religious practices of the Prophet. Regarded as ideal Islamic norm.

Ummah- the Muslim community

Hadith- a documented teaching of the teaching and actions of the Prophet not in the Quran but recorded by close friends, companions and family.

Shariah- Islamic sacred laws drawn from the Quran, Sunnah and Hadith
