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Islam

- * Compatible with Judeo-Christian monotheism
- * Acknowledges revealed books
 - * Old Testament
 - * New Testament
 - * Last Testament
- * Reveres prophets and messengers throughout time



Divinely revealed faiths

Kindness Modesty

Compassion

Justice

Generosity

Honesty

Major Acts of Worship in Islam

Declaration of Faith

Five Daily Prayers

Alms Tax on Savings

Fasting in Ramadan

Pilgrimage to Mecca

Declaration of Faith

" I bear witness that there is no god but Allah (The One True God) and Mohammed is His messenger."

The Muslim's pledge to submit to Allah and follow His guidance ...



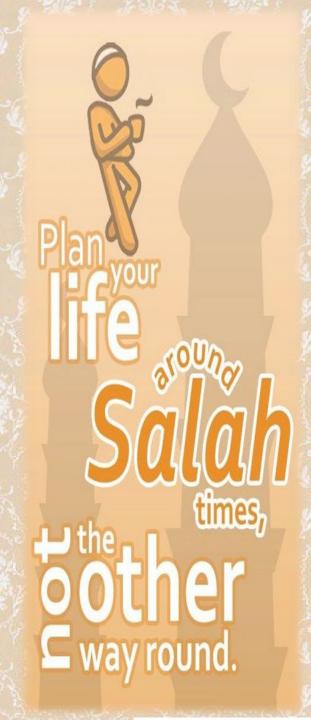


Five Daily Prayers

Before sunrise
At noon
Afternoon
After sunset
After dark
olish prayer for My "...

and establish prayer for My "... Remembrance (20:14), and to "seek help in patience and) prayer." (2:153

The prayer promotes selfdiscipline and trains us to make a connection with God and keep





Alms Tax on Savings

- 2.5%
- On savings that have accumulated
- for one year
- To be distributed to the poor
- It provides social security for the disadvantaged and weak, and promotes good will and brotherhood. It is an act of gratitude for our wealth and an act of worship ...





Fasting

Ramadan

Fasting Ramadan

The ninth lunar month

Commemorates the revelation of the Quran

Fasting has been prescribed "for you as it was prescribed for those before you so that you may learn God consciousness ..." (Quran 2:183)

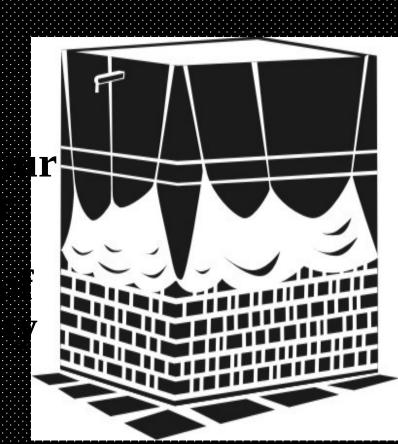
Fasting promotes self-control, patience and compassion for the poor

Ramadhan is like the rain

H nourishes the seeds of good deeds

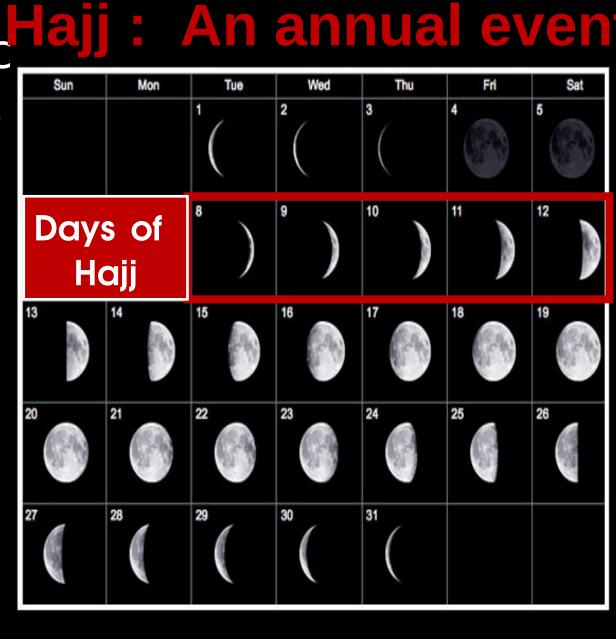






The Islamic calendar is based on the lunar cycle ...

Hajj falls in the last month of the year ...



Dhu Al-Hijjah 12

8th Dhul Hijjah

1. Remove unwanted hair, clip nails etc.

2. Perform Ghusl or Wudhu

3. Put on Ihram

4. Pray 2 rakats

8th Continued...

4. Make intention for Hajj

5. Recite Talbiyah

6. Go to Mina (preferably in the morning)

7. Pray Zuhr, Asr, Maghrib and Isha at MINA.

9th Dhul Hijjah

1. Pray Fajr at Mina

2. From Fajr of 9th to Asr of 13th Recite Takbeer of Tashreeq after every salah

3. Go to Arafat anytime after sunrise

4. Pray Zuhr and Asr at Arafat

5. Perform Wuquf (stand and pray), make dua and seek forgiveness until sunset

> 6. After Sunset go to Muzdalifah

9th Continued...

7. Pray Maghrib and Isha Together, at Isha time at Muzdalifa.

8. Collect 70 pebbles for stoning

9. Spend the night in Ibadah

10. Pray Fajr in Muzdalifah

Leave for Mina just before sunrise.

Keep reciting talbiyah frequently

10th Dhul Hijjah

- 1. Pelt the Big Jamarat with 7 pebbles
- 2. Reciting Talbiyah stops after this
- Do Qurbani (Udhiya Animal Sacrifice)
- Shave/trim the hair. The state of Ihram has ended now.

10th Continued...

5. Perform Tawaf-e-Ziyaarah anytime upto sunset of 12th of Dhul-Hijjah

6. Drink Zam Zam Water

7. Perform Saee

8. Return to MINA

11th Dhul Hijjah

1. If not finished, then follow steps 5 to 8 of 10th Dhul Hijjah

2. After mid-day, pelt the 3 Jamaraat with 7 stones each (Pref before sunset)

3. Stay in Mina for worship

12th Dhul Hijjah

1. If not finished, then follow steps5 to 8 of 10th Dhul Hijjah

2. After mid-day, pelt the 3 Jamaraat with 7 stones each

3. Leave Mina for Makkah before sunset, if possible.

13th Dhul Hijjah

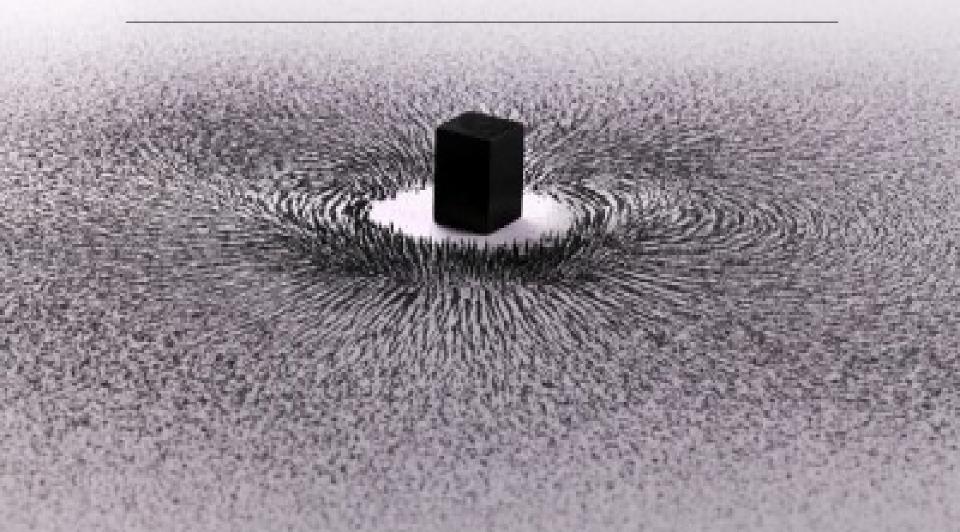
1. If still at Mina, pelt the 3 jamaraat with 7 pebbles each at the break of dawn

2. Perform Tawaf e wida before leaving makkah

3. Pray two rakats for tawaf

4. Stop reciting takbeer of Tashreeq from asr of 13th.

The Kaaba The central gathering place



The Kaaba: The central gathering place

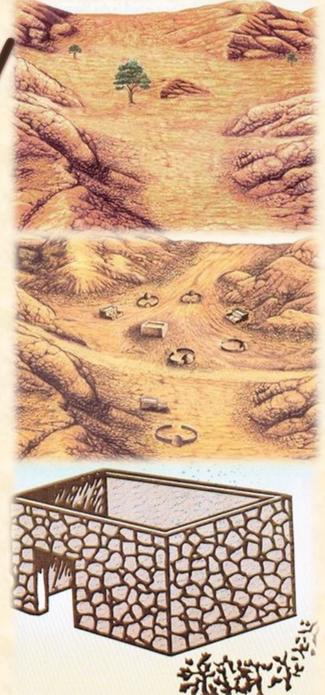
- Roughly cubical (15m)
- It is not a temple, church, or shrine, but the physical axis of the Muslim world, a focal point said to be the first building ever consecrated to the worship of God, toward which Muslims pray. The worship of God is the Muslim's central focus.



The Kaaba historically

• "Remember We made the House a place of assembly for men and a place of safety; and take ye the place of Abraham as a place of prayer..." (2:25)

• It has been rebuilt several times in the same place and shape since Abraham's time ...



Abraham – The Founding Father of Hajj

- Monotheist: "As for me, I have set myself, firmly and truly, towards Him Who created the heavens and the earth, and never shall I give partners to the [one true] God." (6:97)
- Muslim: When his Lord said to him, "Submit!" he promptly responded, "I have submitted to the Lord of the Universe." (2:131)

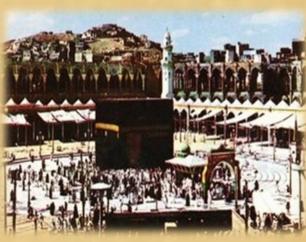


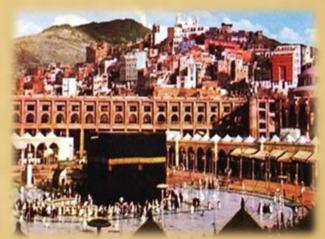
Abraham - The Founding Father of Hajj

"And remember when Abraham and Ishmael raised the foundations of the house..." (2:127)

[God ordered] "And proclaim the pilgrimage among men: they will come to you on foot and mounted on every kind of camel, lean on account of journey through deep and distant mountain highways." (22:27)



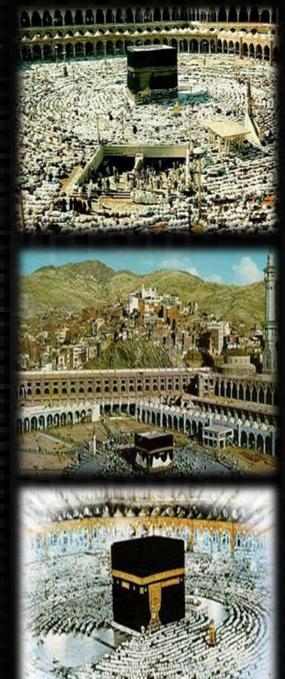




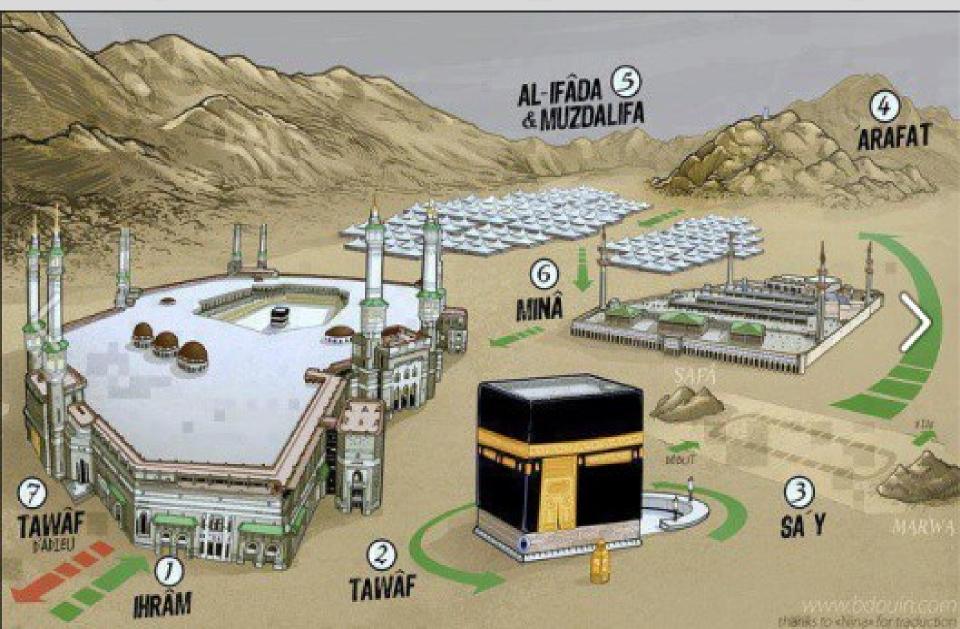
Muhammad restores the Haji

"... Abraham prayed, 'Our Lord! Raise up in their midst a messenger from among them who shall recite to them your revelations... you are All Powerful and All Wise." (2:129)

Centuries later, Muhammad was born from the descendants of Abraham and proclaimed Islam, or submission to God, the same religion that Abraham preached. With Allah's command, Muhammad revived the hajj by restoring its pure foundations and eliminating the pagan idols and customs that gradually defiled it ...



Major Rites of Hajj & their Origin



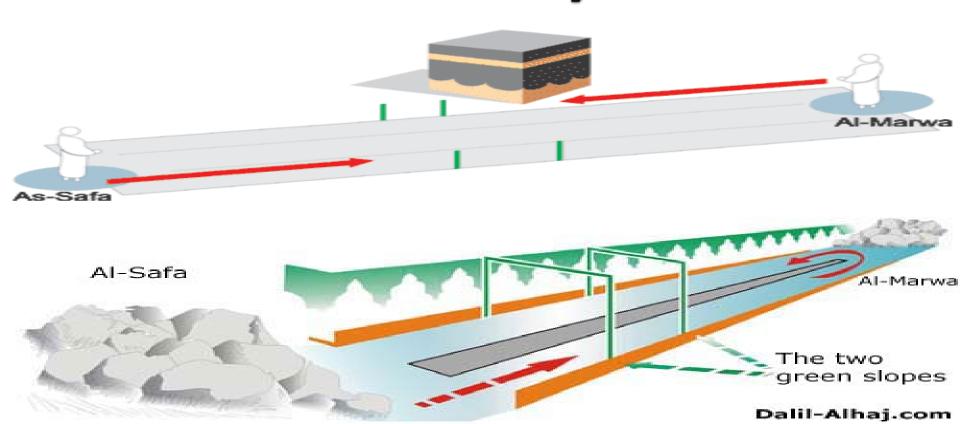
Circumambulation of the Kaaba

 commemorates the way Abraham and Ishmael carried out the God's order to do so as a token of their gratitude that they were asked to construct such a significant and sacred house of worship.



Jogging between the hills of As-Safaa and Al-Marwa

commemorates Hagar's desperate search for water for her thirsty child as she courageously accepted God's command that she and her son settle alone in the barren valley of Bacca ...



Drinking from the well of Zamzam

which was first provided for Hagar and her son, in recognition of God's generous blessing ...



A day of prayer on the plain of Arafah

is the most significant rite of Hajj, as Prophet Muhammad said. It is said to be the place of Abraham's intended sacrifice. Prophet Muhammad gave his last sermon from this location, which was attended by almost 100,000 Muslims. He reconfirmed the importance of equality, justice, tolerance and peace with all mankind, and confirmed the sanctity of honor, property and life.



Praying on Mount



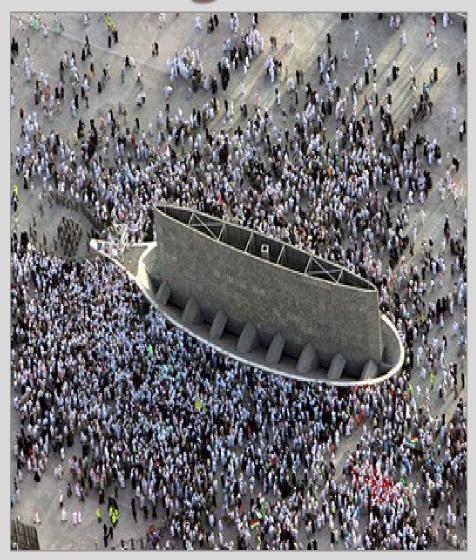
Sacrificial animal - the feast of Eid

• An animal is slaughtered by each pilgrim to commemorate Abraham's willingness to sacrifice his only son. The meat is distributed to the poor ..



[Abraham] said, "O my son! I have seen in a dream that I must sacrifice you. So what do you think?" He [Ishmael] said, "O my father, do that which you are commanded. If God so wills, you shall find me of the patient." So when they had both submitted their wills [to God], and he laid him prostrate on his forehead [for sacrifice], We called out to him, "O Abraham! You have indeed fulfilled your vision!" Thus do we reward the righteous." And we ransomed him with a momentous sacrifice. And We left [this reminder] for him among generations in later times. (37:102-107)

Rejecting Evil





- "... Satan is to man an avowed enemy!" (12:5)
- "...I will lie in wait for them on Your Straight Path. Then I will assault them from before them and behind them, from their right and their left..." (7:17)
- Stoning the devil is a symbolic act of rejecting, fighting and disabling evil forces that undermine faith. It commemorates Abraham's resistance of Satan's attempts at 3 different places to dissuade him from carrying out God's command; Abraham pelted Satan with stones to ward off temptation ...

Hajj at a glimpse

Tomorrow	Thursday	Friday	Saturda	Sunday
1	2	3	4	5
Day Of Reflection	Day of Standing	Day of Sacrifice	Stoning the Devil	Stoning the Devil
 Self-reflection 	Seeking Allah's mercy and forgiveness	 Resolve Against Satan House Of Allah:	 Repeated Rejection of Satan's temptations 	■ Repeated resistance to Satan's invitation

Effects of Hajj: Refocus

Enables one to put worldly interests aside

 work, family, friends, entertainment –
 for a spiritual retreat ...

 Provides a chance to refocus on the higher purpose of life: devotion to God in all things ...



Effects of Hajj: Unity

- A Muslim connects with other Muslims in the current Muslim "Ummah." It is the largest annual international peace conference, with representatives from every country of the world. A physical www
- A Muslim connects through time with Abraham, Hagar, Ishmael, whose acts are the bases for the pilgrimage rites, and with Muhammad, who restored pure monotheistic worship in Mecca ...



Effects of Hajj: Brotherhood

 More than 2 million people of all races, classes and nations gather together in the valley of Mecca, where distinctions among people vanish, giving one a sense of equality with all others ... Patience, tolerance and brotherhood develop as each

brotherhood develop as each pilgrim experiences the exertion and sentiments of the other.



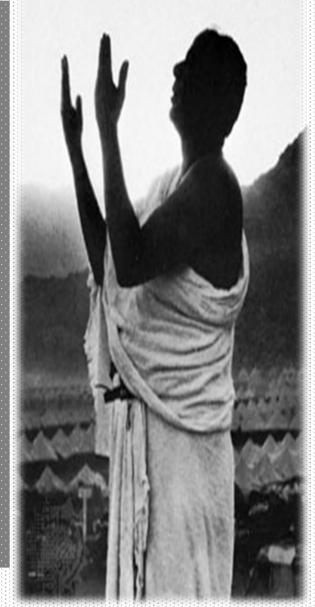
Effects of Hajj: Gratitude

- Temporary loss of residence, everyday comforts, familiar company and personal items make one grateful for these provisions in daily life.
- Having the opportunity to participate in the pilgrimage makes one feel complete in his duty to God, since the Quran says, "Due to God from the people is pilgrimage to the House" (3:96-97).



Effects of Hajj: A Reminder

- The great gathering, the dress of white shrouds, and the masses' pleas for forgiveness draws one's attention to his own death, resurrection and standing before God on Judgment Day.
- Some people's perception of life is forever changed after the hajj ...







- A visit to the first house of worship on earth; a duty to God ...
- Replicates the acts of Abraham and his family, who were pure monotheists ...
- Reference is to the hajj of Muhammad, who restored the correct practices ...
- Stress on repentance, worshipping God, resisting evil, and brotherhood.
- Re-establishes God as the focus of life ...

