

Christianity and Islam  
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La Casa de Cristo Lutheran Church  
Crossroads and Beliefs

**Outline for Class:**

Week One: The ABC'S of Islam

Week Two: Islam: Founding , development and progression

Week Three: The Crusades and Beyond

Week Four: Theology and Scriptures: Two Faiths

Week Five: Sayyid Qutb and Radical Islam, ISIS and Al-Qaeda

Week Six: Crossroads, Beliefs , Reformation

**Some Statistics**

2.3 Billion Christians in the world as of 2019

1.8 Billion Muslims

Largest Muslim Countries are not located in what we call the Middle- East, those barely make the top ten. It is the Trans-Pacific Region.

1. Indonesia
2. India
3. Pakistan
4. Bangladesh
5. Nigeria

Thirty one percent of the world is Christian; 24 percent follows Islam; 16 percent no faith; Hindu's 15 percent; Buddhism about 7 percent, Judaism about 0.2 percent; rest is assorted . Source Pew Foundation.

Islam will probably become the world's largest religion by 2050, not due to conversion, but demographics. Average age is 24, when these younger adults have kids. Source :Pew Foundation

## The ABC's of Islam

Please take notes if you desire

Arabian Peninsula in 610 A.D **(Map)**

Pagan Faiths, Nomadic tribes, status of Christianity and Judaism

Muhammed Ibn Abdullah- 570 to 632 A.D. (note time frame in relation to Judaism and Christianity) . The final prophet of God in Islam . Significance of 610 AD.

Islam means "surrender to God "

Muslim-Follower of Islam

Al-Lah –Tawhid-Oneness of God

Mecca—site of the Ka'ba , pre-Islamic pagan worship. A city in modern day Saudi Arabia **(Picture)** . Site of the Hajj .

Qu'ran-Book of recitation. Referred to as Koran in the West sometimes. The Torah (Tawrat) and the Gospels (Injeel) of Judaism and Christianity are considered divine revelation. Twenty one to twenty three years in the making from time of Mohammed.

Masjid-Mosque **(Picture)**

Sunni and Shia –The great division. Sufiism

Dress Code-Hijab-**(Picture )**

The Five Pillars of Faith:

1. Shaadah –Ummah, oneness of God, Belief in Muhammed as final messenger, Day of Judgement
2. Salat-Prayer
3. Zakat-Giving of Alms
4. Sam-Fasting
5. Hajj-Pilgrimage

The Role of Imams and the differences with Judaism and Christianity

The Sharia Law and *fiqh*