

# Islamic - Beliefs

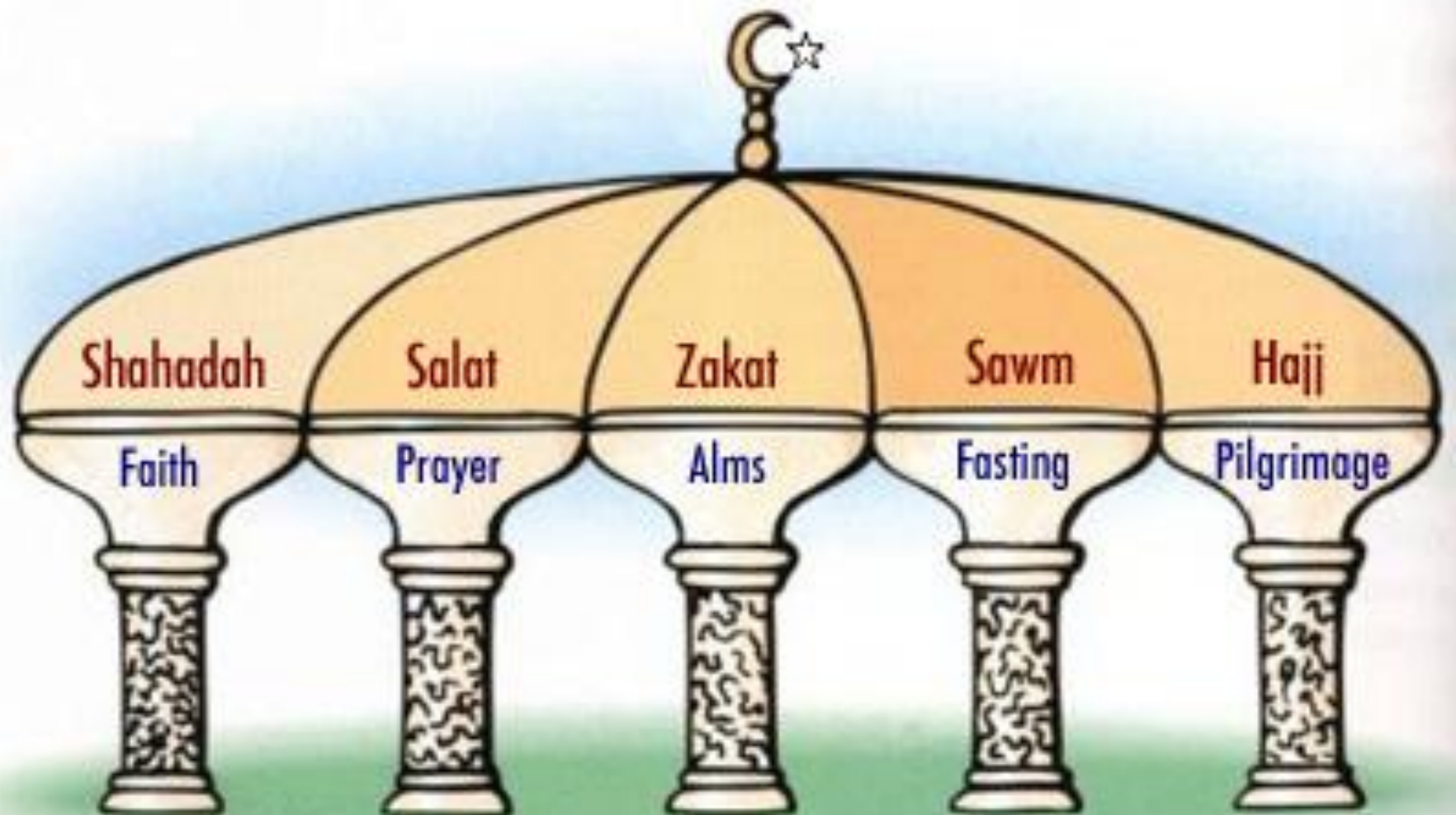
- Belief in Islam is a personal affair.
- God = Allah, creator and master of all.  
Muhammed was his prophet.
- For a Muslim, surrender to God is the only answer.
- Islam means 'submitting to God' in Arabic.

# Day of Judgement



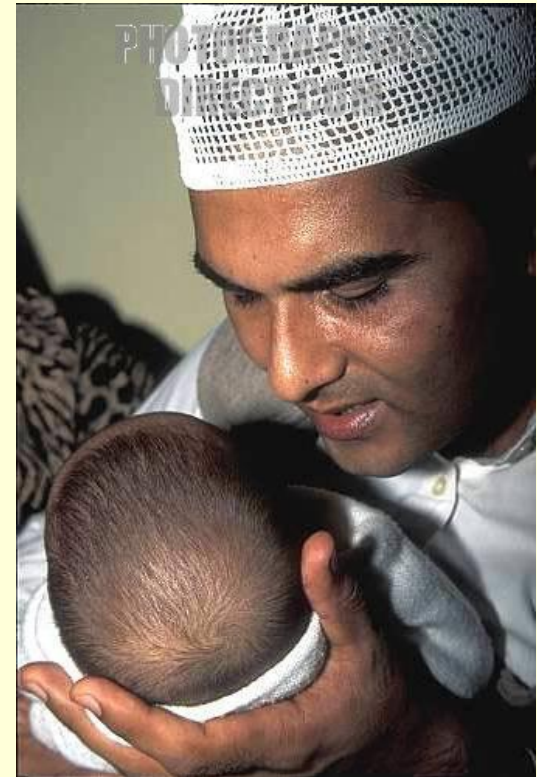
- Muslims believe their soul moves on to the afterlife after death.
- *“Well being in this world and well being in the hereafter”*
- After death body will stand before Allah for their ‘Day of Judgement.’
- Soul sent to Paradise or Hell.

# The Five Pillars of Islam



# First Pillar: Shahadah

- The declaration of faith
- Must be spoken publicly before a person can be considered Muslim
- The Islamic Creed (Shahadah); believing and saying the words: *There is no God except Allah, Muhammad is the messenger of Allah'*
- The first thing said into a baby's ear



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# Second Pillar: Salah/Salat

- Praying everyday
- The mandatory prayers performed 5 times a day:
  - \* dawn
  - \* noon
  - \* late afternoon
  - \* sunset
  - \* before going to bed
- Wash before praying
- Face Mecca
- Use a prayer rugs



# Third Pillar: Zakah

- Donating Money
- Muslims are expected to give away money to charity (2.5% of their surplus wealth over 1 year).
- This may go towards building a new hospital, or to help the poor and needy.
- This is an offering to Allah.



# Fourth Pillar: Sawm

- Fasting during Ramadan
- The month of Ramadan is the time when Muslims try their best to live better lives and to read the Qur'an regularly.
- During Ramadan Muslims fast and abstain from any other indulgences during daylight hours.
- Develops sympathy for suffering and demonstrates discipline and obedience to Allah
- Not required if Muslim is under 12, too old, pregnant, breastfeeding, or sick



# Fifth Pillar: Hajj

- Going on a Pilgrimage
- Muslims must visit the holy city of Mecca, in Arabia, at least once in their lifetime.
- Promotes the bonds of Islamic brotherhood and sisterhood by showing everyone is equal in the eyes of Allah
- Those who complete the pilgrimage may add Hajj to their name





# Questions

- How many pillars are in Islam?
- What is the Muslim word for God?
- Who do Muslims believe was the last messenger of God?
- How many times each day should Muslims pray?
- What language do Muslims use during prayer?
- What do Muslims do before they pray?
- In which direction do Muslims face when they pray?
- What word is used for giving away savings for good purposes?
- During which month do Muslims fast?
- Where do Muslims go on pilgrimage?

