

Middle East Politics

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A. Nature

1. A Total Life

2. Church & State

3. Umma

B. Definition

1. Peace

2. Submission to God

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III. FIVE PILLARS OF ISLAM

A. Declaration of Faith (Shahada)

1. Most basic requirement

B. Prayer (Salat)

1. 5 times a day

C. The Zakat (2 ½ % Tax)

1. Plus Voluntary Charity

D. The Fast (During Ramadan)

1. Optional Days

E. Pilgrimage (Hajj)

1. At least once in a life time

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IV. SOURCES OF AUTHORITY

A. Koran (Quran)

B. The Sunnah

1. Hadith

C. The Role of Ulema

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V. EVOLUTION OF ISLAM

A. Pre-Islamic Era

B. Muhammad's Background

C. Muhammad's Ministry & Quraish

D. Hijra (From Mecca to Yathrib)

1. Condition of Yathrib

E. The First Islamic State in Medina

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A. Issue of Succession

B. First Major Split in Umma:

1. Shia & Sunni (7th Cent)

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