

RELIGION ISLAM ESSAYS

Persecution and expansion in Islam

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Persecution=

In 610 AD Muhammad went to pray in a cave on the Mount of mercy. Here he had his first revelation the angel Gabriel appeared to him and told him there was one god called Allah and that Muhammad was to be a prophet eg Allah Muhammad could not read or write so he learned all that the angel told him and passed it to his followers through oral tradition.

What had happened?

This night was a. Very significant time for Muslims it is called the night of power and excellence. Muhammad told his wife khadijah. She believed his message and became the first convert to Islam. Muhammad preached his message from Allah to the people of mecca.

At this time mecca was a very busy trading city there was many different regions passing through the city on a daily basis the kaaba at the centre of the city contained 360 idols dedicated to many gods. Polytheism was clear in mecca at this time muhhamads preaching was not easy to do. For 13 years he was persecuted by followers of other faiths living in mecca.

Muhammad had a very new message for the people of mecca. He was encouraging them to believe in one god rather than worshiping inanimate objects. He encouraged them to show obedience to Allah (Muslim and Islam means submission) the one Lord over the whole universe he also told them in the sight of the creator they were all equal. He said if they became Muslims they would be all brothers. At this time society was organised on tribes for them blood family was the only basis for social organisation. Muhammad called rich Arabs to share their wealth with the poor and underprivileged. By preaching such new and revolutionary ideas he was infuriating those with power in the old establishment. Some groups in power were practising loaning money with large interest with the poor in mecca were high priests in the pagan faiths. They saw Muhammad as real treat to their social system

Muhammad's new movement began to saothar followers as his message did not appeal to some in society. Muhammad was not only condemning polytheism he was critical of the economic system in mecca at that time. Muhammad spread a teaching of equality regardless of bloodline or

economic status. In the quran the most excited person is the one who loves and obeys God at all times.

The early followers of Islam were mocked and jeered by some non believer in mecca they didn't physically attack Muhammad for fear of provoking reprisals but some Muslims suffered attacks both versal and pysical

Eventually after 13 years of Persecution Muhammad and his followers left mecca for the nearby city media. In media Islam thrived this journey is knows as the HIJRATH. This is often identified as the start of the Islamic calender

Islam 2009 Q discuss the importance of a sacred text in one of the major world relgiins-islam

The sacred text of Islam is called the Qur an Muslims believe it contains messages from Allah as revealed to Muhammad by the angel gabri over a 23 year period from his first revelation on the night of power on 610 ad to his death on 632AD. Muhammad could not read or write so he learnt the messages of Allah of by heart and recited their to his followers this is known as oral tradition were the prophet passed on the Teachings of Allah by word of mouth.

After his death his followers Road down those revelations in Arabic and it formed the book or sacred texts called the Qur an on to this day it is written in Arabic and Muslims learn Arabic so that they may restart from the Quran when they pray. The quran has 114 suras or chapters Muslims treat the quran with great respect they wrap it in a white cloth and keep it on a shelf to protect it when it is not in use. They preform a ritual washing called wudu before they pray. Muslims view the Qur an as the most important miracle of Muhammad it is a document of faith. Muslims look to one Qur an for guidance eon how to live according to will of Allah. Today Muslims learn Arabic so that they may read and recite the Quran and an individual who can recite the entire Quran is called Hafiz. During Ramadan Muslims typically complete recitation of the entire qur an.

The Qur an is of great importance to Muslims as it is regarded as a primary source of the faith of Islam it is the single most important reference for all matters of faith, social practice, contemplation of law and understanding of God/allah

Islam questions compare the religious practice of the earliest followers of one of the world regions Islam with the religious practice of its members today.

The origins of the hajj date back to 2000bc which is before Islam ever began 610 AD the prophet Abraham and his wife hajar were strand ad in the desert they had their infant son with them who was close to death with thirst hagar ran back and faith between two hills looking for water until the angel Gabriel came toucher the earth and a spring of waste came about this was known as the well of lamlam following gods orders Abraham is said to have built a monument near the well this is called the kaaba over time the Kaba situated in mecca was used for worship by other religions not only Jewish people there were polytheistic religions in the area at that time so many idols to pagan gods were placed in the kaaba and pagan rituals were preformed. In 630 ad Muhammad lead an army of Muslims from media to mecca they destroyed the idols(statues) place by polytheistic worshippers and re dedicated the site to Islam in the name of Allah. The path that Muhammad and his followers travelled in 630 AD is retraced as part of the hajj today. Muslim pilgrims make the work. Hagar made between 2 Hills and they drink from the well of ZamZam. They throw stones at 3 pillars in memory of the time Satan tempted Abraham to defy God. This is a symbol that these Muslims making the pilgrimage defy evil. They confessed their sins on the Mount of mercy they camp together during the 3 days of the hajj they slaughter an animal and shave it among their family and also other pilgrims.

2.5 million Muslims will make this once ina lifetime journey. It takes place during the final months of the Islamic year. The pilgrimage in one of the five pillars of Islam.. Every practising Muslim must perform or follow. Muslims perform the pilgrimage over 3 days and unites them with their community of faith people wear white robes, men do not shave women don't wear perfume or elaborate jewellery this is an outward sign that they are all equal. This pilgrimage is of great significance to Muslims as it connects them with their fellow Muslims it affords them an opportunity to seek forgiveness for their sins and they pay tribute to Allah. The ultimate rite fo passage of the pilgrimage /hajj is when Muslims circle the kaaba it is spiritual considered by Muslims to be centre of the world. Completion of all mandated rituals is of key

importance in completing a successful hajj guidelines to the hajj and how it should be performed are to be found in the sacred text of Islam the Qur'an. The festival of Eid ul Adha is celebrated by all Muslims to mark the end of the hajj.

Islam 2017 schism q5 work for justice 1 of 5 pillars of islam.

Islam and Muslim mean submission for Muslims their religion has a huge impact on how they live on a day to day basis. Muslims believe that the prophet Muhammad first encountered the angel Gabriel on Mount Hira. They believe that the angel Gabriel revealed to him messages from Allah the night was known as the night of power. It is believed that Muhammad experienced many such revelations Muhammad couldn't read or write so he learned all the revelations messages off by heart and then passed them on to his followers through oral tradition after his death those messages which contained Teachings and core beliefs of Islam were written down in Arabic and formed a sacred text called the Qur'an.

Today Muslims learn Arabic so that they may recite prayers from the Qur'an an imam leads them at prayer in the mosque on a Friday he helps in the community understand the teaching of Allah and how they can live a life according to the teaching of their faith. Muslims have 5 core beliefs they believe in one God called Allah. They believe in the sacred text or Qur'an. They believe in prophet Muhammad and heaven. Everyday Muslims strive to live according to the teaching of their faith so that they may be rewarded in heaven. The 5 pillars of Islam are 5 ways Muslims express their faith on a daily basis and these five pillars or practises stem from their core beliefs.

The first one is shahadah Muslims believe there is only one God called Allah and Muhammad is the final prophet these words are repeated several times a day when they pray they are the first words whispered into a baby's ear at birth and if possible the last words a Muslim hears before they die Muhammad taught that Allah or God can only be known through his messages therefore belief in God requires belief in the Qur'an and belief in messengers of God

Second one salat prayer Muslims pray 5 times a day reciting prayers from the Qur'an in Arabic they face Mecca when they pray and they use a prayer mat to pray. Muslims perform a ritual washing before prayer called

wudu. On a Friday Muslims pray in a mosque. That shows that prayer plays a huge role on the life of a Muslim on a day to day basis

Third one fasting swam when it comes to food Muslims do have some foods that are forbidden or haram for eg pork or alcohol they also fast for one month every year during the month of ramadan muslims fast during daylight hours.this fasting reminds muslims not to take the good things in life for granted it helps their identity with the poor its a time of prayer meditation and reflection

Zakat charity or almsgiving all muslims are expected to give 2.5% of their gross income to the poor this is called the pillar of social action.muslims see this as a way to spread wealth in a fair ay and it also purifies ones soul

And the final pillar is called hajj or pilgrimage to mecca and allmuslims try to go on this pilgrimage once in their lives.

The islamic religion has a huge influence on its followers on a daily basis not only in ho they pray but also how they live their lives

Essay for eid ul adha festival

Eid Ul Adha is a Muslim festival that basically marks the end of Hajj or Pilgrimage to Makkah. This Eid is also known as the Eid of sacrifice, and it basically commemorates the faith of Abraham and devotion to Allah. According to the Belief of the Muslims, Allah asked Abraham to sacrifice his son for Allah's sake, and even though he was a good man and loved his son very much, his devotion and faith to God was so strong that he did not hesitate to take this bold step and agreed to sacrifice his son (Huda, 2011). The willingness of Abraham to sacrifice his son for the sake of Allah caused Allah to spare his son's life, and therefore a lamb was sacrificed in his place. This was a miracle of Allah and it proved that he has command over all things and the known and the unknown. It is because of this holy incident in the History of Islam that the Muslims now celebrate Eid ul Adha every year to earn Allah's blessings and forgiveness.