

CHRISTIANITY

AND

ISLAM







# THE FIVE PILLARS OF FAITH

1. The Declaration of Faith (*Shahada*)
  - “There is no God but Allah, and Muhammad is his Messenger.”
2. Daily Prayer (*Salat*)
3. The Giving of Alms (*Zakat*)
4. The Ramadan Fast (*Sawm*)
5. A Pilgrimage to Mecca (*Hajj*)

# THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

1. Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?
2. Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?
3. Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
4. Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
5. Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

# BASIC BELIEFS

# MUSLIMS ARE EXPECTED TO BELIEVE:

- In Allah
- In His Angels
- In Allah's revealed books:
  - The Quran revealed through Muhammad
  - The New Testament revealed through Jesus
  - The Psalms revealed through David
  - The Torah revealed through Moses
  - The Pages (now lost) revealed through Abraham
- In Allah's messengers
  - including many of the Hebrew prophets, as well as Jesus, John the Baptist,
  - and such previous Arab prophets as Hud and Salih.
- In the Last Day
  - Islamic eschatology is close to that of Christianity and includes an intercessory role for Jesus. Many Muslims also believe in a quasi-prophetic figure called the Guided One who will come after Jesus and usher in a period of peace and justice that will last until Judgment Day.
- In Allah's determination of affairs, whether good or bad, as an affirmation of His providence and fore-knowledge.

# THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

THE QURAN  
AND  
THE BIBLE

# ALLAH THE CREATOR

In the Name of Allah, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful . . .

1. Whatsoever is in the heavens and the earth glorifies Allah, and He is the All-Mighty, All-Wise.
2. His is the kingdom of the heavens and the earth; it is He who gives life and causes death; and He is able to do all things.
3. He is the First and the Last, the Most High and the Most Near and He is the All-Knower of everything.
4. He it is who created the heavens and the earth in six days and then was established on the Throne of Authority. He knows what goes into the earth and what comes forth from it, what descends from the heaven and what ascends thereto. And He is with you wherever you may be. And Allah is the All-Seer of what you do. (Quran 57.1-4)

# ALLAH WHO IS TO BE WORSHIPPED

22. He is Allah, the only being who has the right to be worshipped, the All-Knower of the unseen and the seen. He is the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful.
23. He is Allah, the only being who has the right to be worshipped, the King, the Holy, the One free from all defects, the Giver of security, the Watcher over His creatures, the All-Mighty, the Compeller, the Supreme. Glory to Allah! High is He above all that they associate as partners with Him.
24. He is Allah, the Creator, the Inventor of all things, the Bestower of forms. To Him belong the Best Names. All that is in the heavens and the earth glorify Him. And He is the All-Mighty, the All-Wise.

(Quran 59.22-24)

# ALLAH WHO IS ONE

2. He to whom belongs the dominion of the heavens and the earth, and who has begotten no son and for whom there is no partner in the dominion. He has created everything, and has measured it exactly according to its due measurements.  
(Quran 25.2)

# ALLAH WHO IS GRACIOUS

In the name of Allah, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful . . .

1. By the forenoon
2. And by the night when it is still
3. Your Lord has neither forsaken you nor hated you.
4. And indeed the hereafter is better for you than the present.
5. And verily, your Lord will give you all good so that you shall be well pleased.
6. Did He not find you, O Muhammad, an orphan and gave you a refuge?
7. And He found you unaware and guided you?
8. And He found you poor, and made you rich?
9. Therefore, treat not the orphan with oppression
10. And repulse not the beggar;
11. And proclaim the Grace of your Lord. (Quran 93 1-11)