

CHRISTIANITY

AND

ISLAM



| History & Stats | Christianity | Islam |
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| date founded | c. 30 AD | 622 CE |
| place founded | Palestine | Arabian Peninsula |
| founders & early leaders | Jesus, Peter, Paul | Muhammad |
| original languages | Aramaic and Greek | Arabic |
| major location today | Europe, North and South America | Middle East, Southeast Asia |
| adherents worldwide today | 2 billion | 1.3 billion |
| adherents in USA | 159 million | 1.1 million |
| adherents in Canada | 21 million | 500,000 |
| adherents in UK | 51 million | 1.6 million |
| current size rank | largest in the world | second largest in the world |
| major branches | Catholic, Orthodox, Protestant | Sunni, Shiite |

EARLY CHRISTIAN HISTORY

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| c. 4 BC | Birth of Jesus |
| c. 26 AD | John the Baptist begins ministry |
| c. 27 AD | Jesus begins ministry |
| c. 30 AD | Crucifixion of Jesus |
| c. 35 | Conversion of Paul |
| c. 46-48 | Paul's first <i>missionary</i> journey |
| c. 49 | <i>Council of Jerusalem</i> |
| c. 51-52 | <i>First and Second Thessalonians</i> written |
| c. 57 | <i>Letter to the Romans</i> written |
| c. 59-62 | Paul imprisoned in Rome |
| c. 60 | Andrew martyred by crucifixion in Achaia (Greece). |
| c. 66-67 | <i>Second Timothy</i> written |
| c. 68 | Martyrdom of Paul |
| 70 | Fall of Jerusalem |
| c. 90-95 | John exiled on island of Patmos |
| c. 95 | Book of <i>Revelation</i> written |

EARLY MUSLIM HISTORY

- c. 570 CE Birth of Muhammad.
- c. 610 CE Muhammad receives first vision in a cave near Mecca.
- c. 610-22 CE Muhammad preaches in Mecca.
- 622 CE Hijira - Muhammad and followers flee to Medina.**
Islamic calendar (AH, *Anno Hegirae*) begins.
- 624 CE Muslims successfully attack Meccan caravans at Badr.
- 625 Muslims are defeated by Meccans at Uhud.
- 630 Muslims capture Mecca. Ka'ba is cleansed, pilgrimage rites are Islamicized, tribes of Arabia vow allegiance to Muhammad
- 632 Death of Muhammad. Abu Bakr chosen as caliph.

THE FIRST SURAH

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

Recite! In the Name your Lord, Who
has created.

Has created man from a clot.

Recite! And your Lord is the Most
Generous.

Who has taught by the pen,
Has taught man that which he knew not,
Nay! Verily, man does transgress all
bounds.

Because he considers himself self-
sufficient.

Surely! Unto your Lord is the return.

Have you seen him who prevents,
A slave when he prays?

Tell me, if he is the guidance?

Or enjoins piety?

Tell me if he denies, and turns away?

Knows he not that Allah does see?

Nay! If he ceases not, we will catch him
by the forelock,

A lying, sinful forelock!

Then, let him call upon his council,

We will call the guards of Hell! Nay! Do
not obey him.

Fall prostrate and draw near to Allah!

(Quran 96.1-19)

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)

MALAYSIAN COURT RESTRICTS USE OF ‘ALLAH’ TO MUSLIMS

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By **THOMAS FULLER**

BANGKOK — A Malaysian court ruled on Monday that non-Muslims may not use the word “Allah” to refer to God, the latest decision in a long dispute that has polarized the multicultural country.

The decision, by a panel of three judges, was intended to protect Islam, the country’s official religion, from conversions.

“It is my judgment that the most possible and probable threat to Islam, in the context of this country, is the propagation of other religions to the followers of Islam,” the chief judge, Mohamed Apandi Ali, said in the decision, according to the news Web site Malaysiakini.

The Malay language is infused with Arabic, and while 60 percent of the population is Muslim, Malay-speaking members of other monotheistic faiths in the country often use Allah to refer to God.