

Origins of Islam

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Topics	Notes (include connections/parallels to Christianity or Judaism)
Muhammad's revelations & beginning of life as a prophet (teachings/beliefs, why Islam spread)	
The Quran (Koran) Messages & Images (icons) in Islam *anthropomorphize means to attribute/give human characteristics to something nonhuman *reify means to make something more concrete or real	
Opposition to Muhammad (Skeptics) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • why people are skeptical or oppose the messages of Muhammad and the Koran • Impacts of the spread of Muhammad's message 	
The Hegira: Emigration to Yathrib (Medina) & formation of Muslim community Treatment of other faiths/religions & Prayer Return to Mecca	

The Quran: What does the Quran have to say about the following topics?

The nature of Allah (God), apostles, & beliefs/tenets of Islam

Proper behavior/worship: rewards & punishments: non-believers

Connections: What messages are being communicated to readers in these sections of the Quran? How are the messages of Islam similar to messages of Judaism and Christianity?

What might be the significance of these connections and of Muslim attitudes toward “People of the Book?” What might this tell us about the Quran’s audience and goals of early Islam?