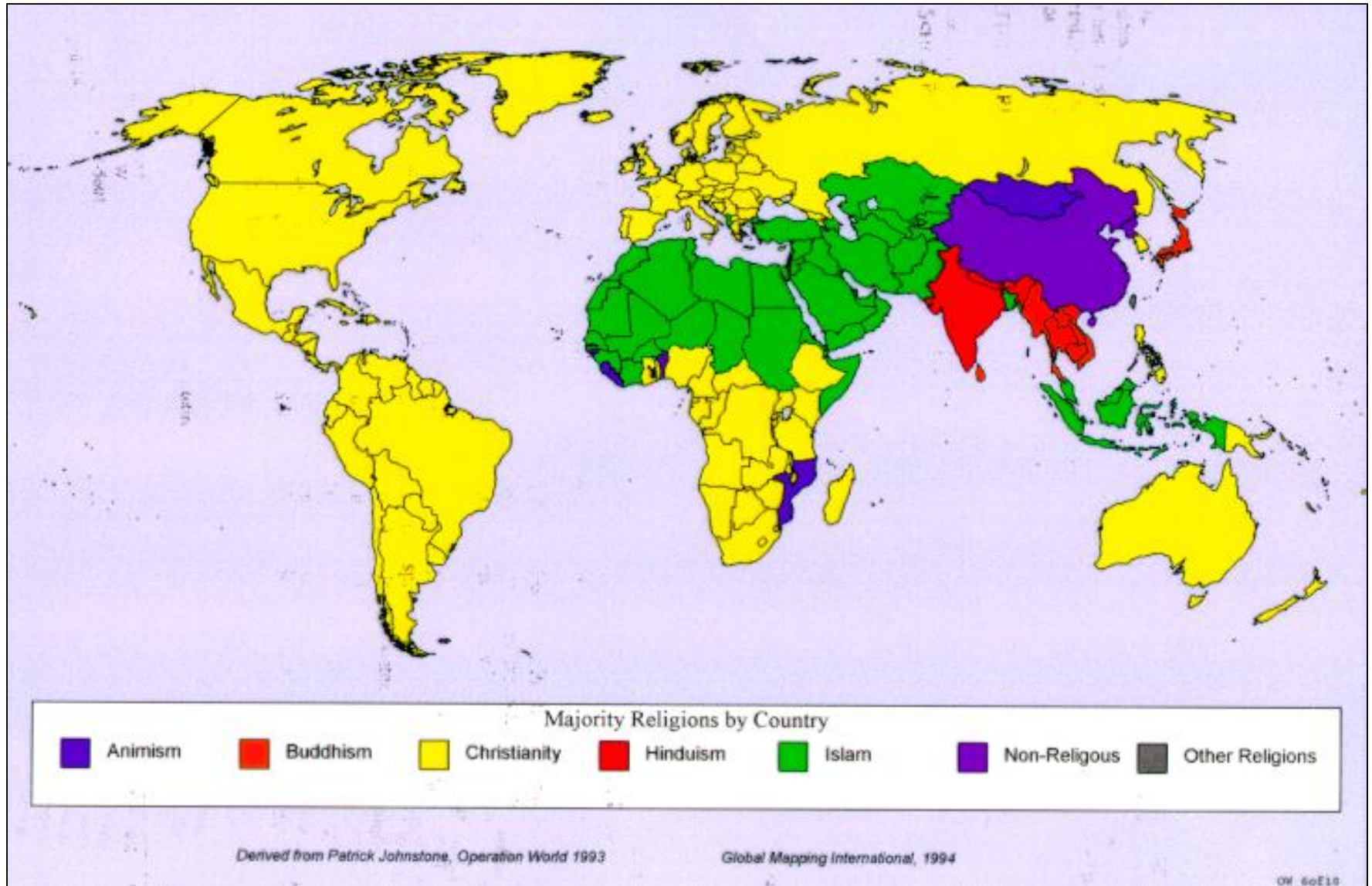


Islam



- Islam is the youngest of the major world religions
- Islam means “submission”
- A Muslim is one who submits to Allah

What are the Predominant Religions?



Muhammad



- **Muhammad is the Seal of the Prophets**
- **He claimed the angel Gabriel revealed to him God's final revelation for humanity**

The Qur'an



- The Qur'an (Koran) is the Sacred Book of Islam
- In many ways it is the center of the Islamic faith

The Qur'an



- **Muslims believe it is the dictated words of God revealed to Muhammad in Arabic**
- **Its significance to Muslims is comparable to the significance of Jesus to Christians**

Muslim Understanding of Sin

- To Muslims sin is caused by human weakness of by forgetfulness
- Christians view sin as rebellion against God
 - Sin is so serious there is nothing the sinner can do to merit God's favor



Five Pillars of Islam

*They Form the
Framework Of
the Muslim Life*

- Faith
- Prayer
- Almsgiving
- The Fast
- Pilgrimage



Faith



- The *Shahada* is a declaration of faith
- It is a simple formula that all the faithful pronounce
 - “There is no god except God (Allah), and Muhammad is the Messenger of God.”

Prayer

- ***Salat* is the name of the obligatory prayers**
 - Performed five times per day
- **Islam has no priests**
- **Prayers are led by a person who knows the Qur'an and is chosen by the congregation of the Mosque**



Prayer



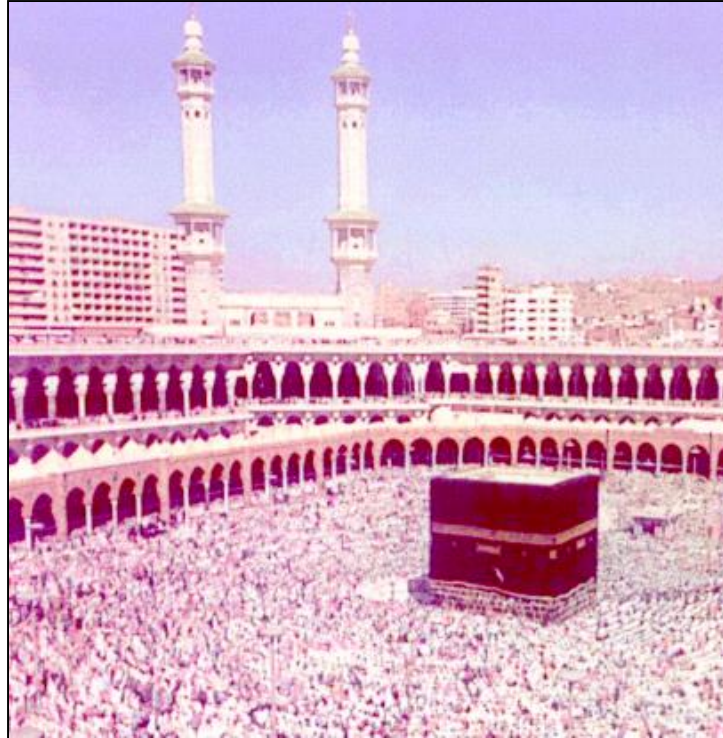
- These prescribed prayers contain verses from the Qur'an
- These prayers are said in Arabic
 - Personal supplications can be made in one's native language.

The Fast



- **The Fast (*sawn*)**
- **Faithful Muslims fast during the month of Ramadan**
 - From first light to sundown
 - Abstain from food, drink, and sexual relations

Pilgrimage



- **The *Hajj* – Annual pilgrimage to Mecca**
 - *An obligation only for those who are physically and financially able*

The *Hajj*



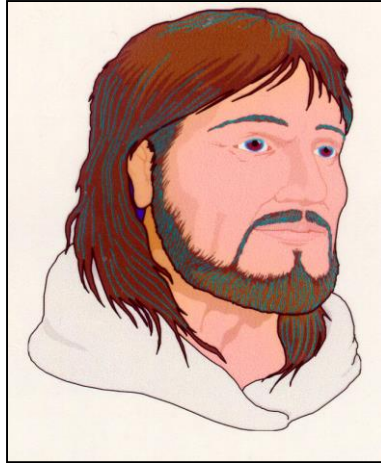
- Pilgrims wear special clothes
 - *Simple garments*
 - *Supposed to strip away distinctions of class and culture*

Almsgiving



- Almsgiving (*Zakat*) is the giving of legal alms
- Muslims believe that their possessions are purified by the giving of alms
- 2.5% of one's capital wealth

View of Jesus



- **Jesus, Called “Isa” in the Qur’an**
 - *Mentioned in 15 separate Suras (chapters) of the Qur’an*
- ***His miracles are signs that Jesus came from Allah***
 - *They give evidence that He was the walking Gospel (Injil) which was taught by Allah*

The Virgin Birth



- **Muslims believe that Jesus was born of the virgin Mary**

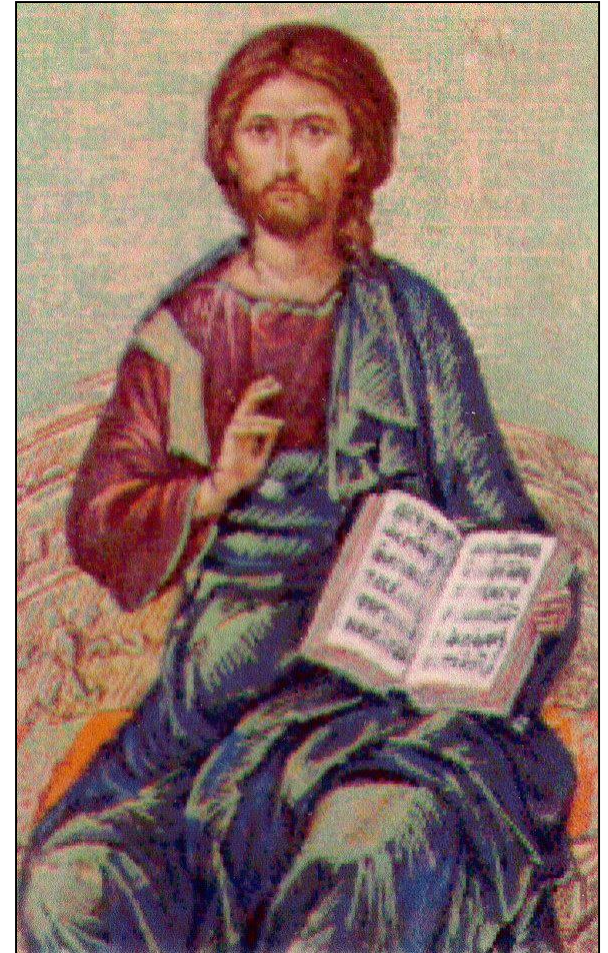
Sura 66:22 *And Mary the daughter of Imran, who guarded her chastity; and We breathed into (her body) of Our spirit; and she testified to the truth of the words of her Lord and of his Revelations, and was one of the devout (servants)*

Deny the Divine Sonship of Jesus

- Jesus is not the son of God
 - *“No son did God beget, nor is there any god along with him.”*

Sura 23:91

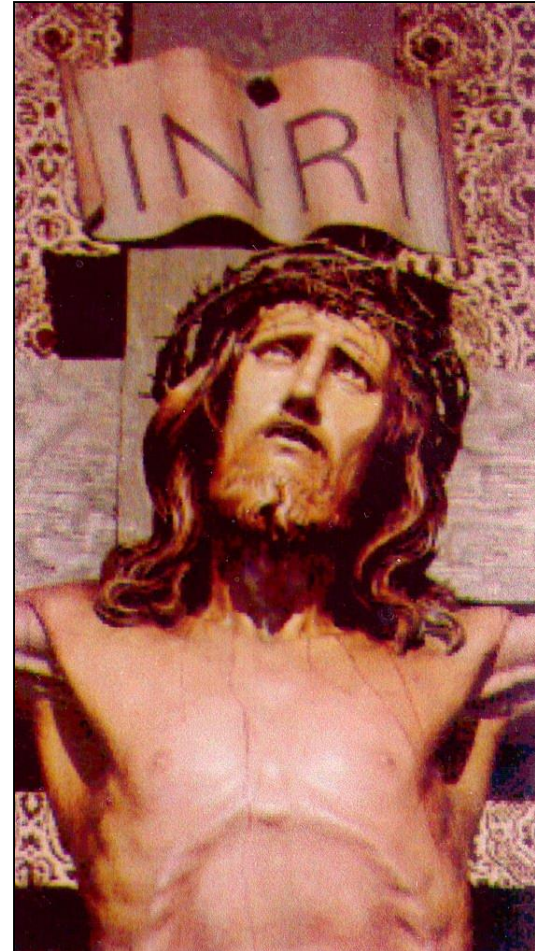
- **While Muslims accept the virgin birth of Jesus, they reject His deity.**



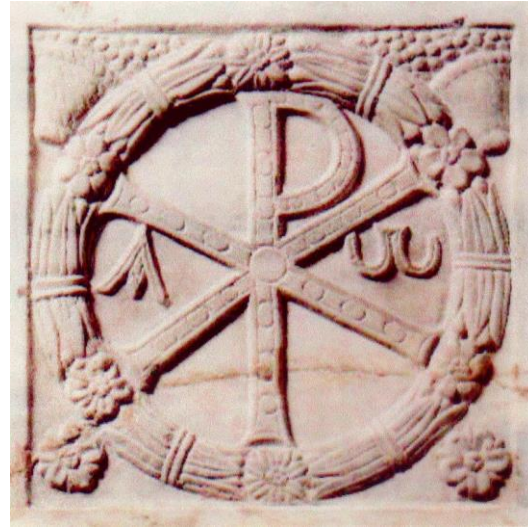
Deny the Divine Sonship of Jesus

- **Sura 4:157**

*That they said (in boast),
“We killed Christ Jesus the
son of Mary, the Apostle of
Allah”; -- But they killed
him not, nor crucified him,
but so it was made to
appear to them, and those
who differ therein are full
of doubts, with no (certain)
knowledge, but only
conjecture to follow, for of
a surety they killed him
not:*



Deny the Resurrection of Jesus



- **Since Muslims think that Jesus did not die, the question of the resurrection often makes no sense to them**

Witnessing to Muslims

1. Bible

2. Jesus

3. Cross

4. Assurance