



Key Scripture

The Qur'an is divided into 114 surahs (chapters) and ayahs (verses).

Surah 112: 'Say: He is Allah, the One and Only; Allah, the Eternal, Absolute; None is born of Him, nor is He born; And there is none like Him.'

Surah 112 and 20:14 The statement of belief: 'I witness that there is no god but Allah and that Muhammad is the messenger of Allah.'

Surah 59: 'He is Allah the creator...'

Surah 24:35: 'God is the light of the heavens and the earth.'

Surah 33:43-44 God is said to bring people out of the darkness and into the light.

Practices

Muslims must bear witness to the belief in God.

Islamic art reflects Divine unity.

A Muslim must be able to recite the Shahadah and believe it with their whole heart.

The Shahadah is part of the call to prayer and is said first thing in the morning and last thing at night. It is also whispered in the ear of a new born baby.

Muslims use prayer beads (subha) when praying to help meditate on the 99 beautiful names of Allah.

Key Vocabulary

Islam	Major world religion; Islam in Arabic means submission to God.
Muslim	A follower of Islam.
Allah	The Arabic word for God.
Tawhid	The concept of the 'oneness' of God.
omniscient	Knowing everything.
omnipotent	Having unlimited power.
subha	Prayer beads.

Key Theological Concepts

At the heart of Islam is a belief in God. Muslims believe in the 'oneness' of God.

Muslims believe that God is the creator of the world, the one who sustains life and is the power behind the universe. This includes the belief that all things within the universe belong to Him and they are simply on loan to us.

God (Allah) is associated with light.

Muslims believe that the prophet Muhammed (pbuh) was the last and greatest prophet who is revered as the most perfect example of a man, on whom Muslims will model their own lives.

There are 99 names for Allah mentioned in the Qur'an. Muslims are taught the importance of knowing them and reciting them in order for a person to get a better understanding of the nature of God and in doing so may be changed within themselves.

