

Overview IV --- Christianity Part II and Islam

Christianity Part II

1. Who was Arius and what did he say about Jesus?
 - **Arius (around 300 C.E.) was a Bishop of Egypt who held the view that Jesus was a human being. Thought he was a great and an ideal human being, but nonetheless he was not son of God. The title "Son of God" was a courtesy title.**
2. In what countries will one find Eastern and Western Churches?
 - **Eastern: Greece, Russia, Romania, Bulgaria, Ukraine**
 - **Western: Western Europe**
3. Describe the main differences between Eastern and Western Churches.
 - **Eastern Church: the nature of Jesus has two separate natures, God first created Jesus and then the Holy Spirit, when baptized you get dunked, and bread and wine (body and blood).**
 - **Western Church: God and Jesus created the Holy Spirit, Jesus is the Divine and Human in one, when baptized you get sprinkled, and ONLY bread.**
4. What is the status of the Pope in the Western Church and Patriarchs in the Eastern Church?
 - **Eastern Church: Always held to a decentralized consensus based model. Decisions regarding doctrines and practices made by local community members in consultation with patriarchs and bishops.**
 - **Western Church: Centralized authority is vested in the Pope (The Western Church includes at this point that Christians in the West as yet we had no Catholics and Protestants).**
5. Who was the father of Reformation?
 - **Martin Luther**
6. What were main objections Martin Luther took against the (Catholic) Church?
 - **No indulgences and criticize the authority of the pope.**
7. Describe two main contentions of Martin Luther.
 - 1) **Sola Fides: live by faith**
 - 2) **Sola Scriptura: live by scripture**
8. Describe two main commandments of Christianity.
 - **Know thy God**
 - **Know thy Father**
 - **Love thy neighbor**
9. Trinity in Christianity.
 - **God, son, and Holy Spirit**

Islam

1. Place and year of birth and death of Muhammad.

- **Born:** 570 C.E. in Mecca
 - **Died:** 632 C.E. in Medina (Yathrib)
2. Muhammad's parents, wife, and tribe.
 - **Father:** Abdallah died 6 months before Muhammad was born
 - **Mother:** Amina died when Muhammad was about 6 years old
 - **Wife:** Khadija, married him at age 40, she was 15 years older than him; businesswomen
 - **Tribe:** Quraysh
 3. The first Sura revealed to Muhammad?
 - **Iqra:** The Recitation Chapter
 4. Know the meanings of the word "Islam" and "Muslim".
 - **Islam:** submission to the will of God; the religion
 - **Muslim:** one who believes in the religion of Islam
 5. Who are the children of Abraham?
 - **Isaac and Ishmael**
 - **Ishmael:** where Muhammad came from (Muslim lineage)
 - **Isaac:** Jews and Christians come from
 6. How is Jesus viewed in Islam?
 - **Jesus is viewed as a prophet in Islam**
 7. What is Hadith?
 - **Tradition; It is defined as what the prophet Muhammad said, did (Sunna) and approved or disapproved of**
 8. Usury, drinking and gambling in Islam.
 - **Practiced before Muhammad, but after they were NOT allowed**
 9. Halal and Haram?
 - **Halal:** permissible (allowed)
 - **Haram:** sinful
 10. Marriage and divorce in Islam?
 - **Both legal**
 - **Marriage must be a legal document**
 - **Divorce is only a last resort**
 11. The meaning of word "Qur'an".
 - **Recitation or that which is going to be recited**

Define:
 12. Shari'a
 - **Islamic law or Islamic Jurisprudence**
 13. Qiyas and Ijma'
 - **Qiyas:** Deduction or logical inference by analogical reasoning
 - **Ijma':** General consensus of people of 3 generations after death of prophet Muhammad
 14. Sunnies and Shi'ites
 - **Sunnies:** any Muslim who is pious, man of knowledge and capable of governing can become leader of nation
 - **Shi'ites:** Imam must be blood related to Muhammad
 15. The Term Caliph or Imam.
 - **Caliph or Imam:** Leader of the Muslim Nation

16. How many Suras are in the Qur'an?
- **114 Suras (Chapters)**
17. What are the different characteristics of Mecca and Medinan Suras?
- **Meccan Suras: deal with the basics of Islam**
- **Medinan Suras: deal with the ethical, social, and political aspects of Islam**
18. Know the Five Pillars of Islam.
1) **Profession of faith (Shahada)**
2) **Prayers (Salat)**
 a. **Face Mecca, recite, bow**
3) **Fasting in the month of Ramdam (saum)**
4) **Almsgiving or charity (Zakat)**
5) **Pilgrimage (Hajj)**
 a. **Kabah: large black stone in Mecca**
19. Describe the main differences between Islam, Christianity, and Judaism.
- **Judaism: Jesus was a nice guy but NOT Messiah**
- **Christianity: Jesus was Messiah**
- **Islam: Jesus was a prophet**
20. Know the importance of the following years: 570 C.E., 612 C.E., 622 C.E., and 632 C.E.
- **570 C.E.: Muhammad born in Mecca**
- **612 C.E.: Muhammad became a prophet**
- **622 C.E.: Calendar starts and migration of prophet to Medina**
- **632 C.E.: Muhammad died in Medina (Yathrib)**