

Muhammad

570-632

- founder/creator of Islamic, Muslim religion
- born on Arabian peninsula, city of Mecca
- originally influenced by monotheism, (Christianity, Judaism)

-he believed that the one true God, named Allah, spoke to him thru the angel Gabriel

-the collection of what Allah said, plus M.'s statements about morality + ethics, were

written down in
the Koran,
(Islamic Holy Scriptures)
- Mecca threw him
out because he was
"dangerous"
- he moved to Medina
a city to the north,
- his influence was
greater there,

he assumed absolute leadership,

-he united the previously pagan, disorganized, disunited, nomadic tribes

-went to war against neighboring agricultural areas, including Mecca,

and won

- Arab/Islamic advance,
continued throughout
M.'s lifetime & after
- conquered...

- Middle East

- Mesopotamia

- N. Africa (Egypt)

- into Europe

across Gibraltar

- they were stopped
in Europe by the Franks
in 732 in France
(Charles the Hammer)
importance

1) M. was principle
author of Koran,
therefore is greatest
influence on
Islamic religion

2) unlike Jesus,
M. was a political
leader, (united Arab
world)

3) unlike Jesus,
M. was a military
leader

4) Koran is written in
Arabic, therefore Arabic
language hasn't changed
into different dialects

4) many Muslims today still use the Koran as what laws they live by, above laws of the nations they live in...

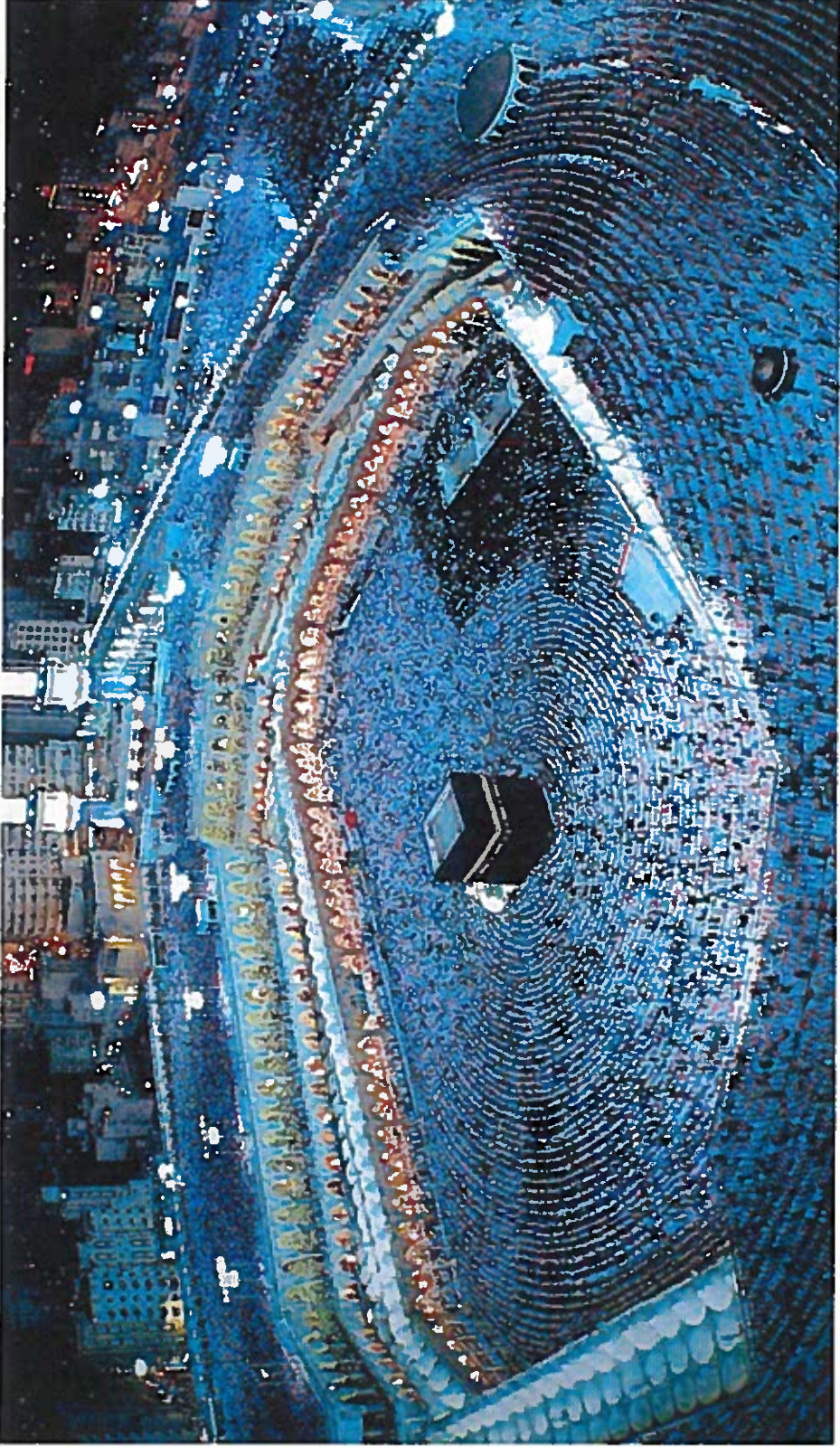
Why?

they see Koran as law of god (Allah), laws of nations are made by man

Sharia Law

Sunni Muslims

Shia Muslims



Hajj - the pilgrimage - one of 5 pillars of Islam (circumambulate 7 times, c-clockwise)
3 fast - 4 slow
Kaaba - the Cube, building made of Granite, 43ft tall - House of Allah
(Ka-La)

