

Big Question: How do Muslims make moral decisions? Can kindness/love change the world?

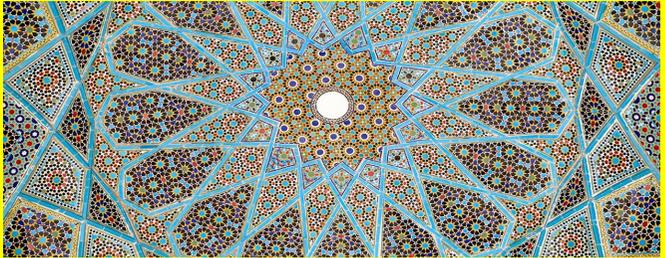


KEY VOCABULARY
Islam: the Muslim religion which holds Allah as the one true God.
Islam: derivation of the Arabic word which means peace.
Five pillars: the foundations of Muslim life.
Moral decision: a choice made based on a person's ethics, manners, character, and what they believe.
Quran: The Muslim Holy book. Literally means 'recitation', the word of God as given to Muhammad.
Zakat: giving a fixed proportion of income to charity.
Geometric design: Islamic art traditionally features geometric designs, using shapes such as squares, rectangles, triangles, and circles.

You might like to...
Find out more about the charity Islamic relief. What are its aims? Do you think it achieves those aims?

KEY FACTS
<p>The five pillars - the declaration of faith (shahada), prayer (salah), alms-giving (zakat), fasting (sawm) and pilgrimage (hajj) - form the basic norms of Islamic practice. .</p> <p>Upholding the pillars is considered obligatory for all sincere followers Islam.</p> <p>As in all religions, circumstances vary and some people are more committed than others. Such things as age, stage of life, work, family responsibilities, health and wealth all make a difference.</p> <p>The Pillars form 'patterns for living' enabling Muslims to have a clear structure for moral decision making.</p>

Patterns are also important in Islamic Art.

Further Reading
<p>https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/religious-education-ks2-my-life-my-religion-east-london-mosque/zmctvk7</p> <p>Take a look at this online visit to a London Mosque.</p>

QUESTIONS TO DEEPEN YOUR LEARNING

Character	Critical Thinking	Creativity	Communication	Citizenship	Collaboration
Which parts of this do I need to try harder to understand?	Why do I need to know about this?	What am I curious about?	How could I present what I understand?	How could this information help people?	What can I learn from others about this?