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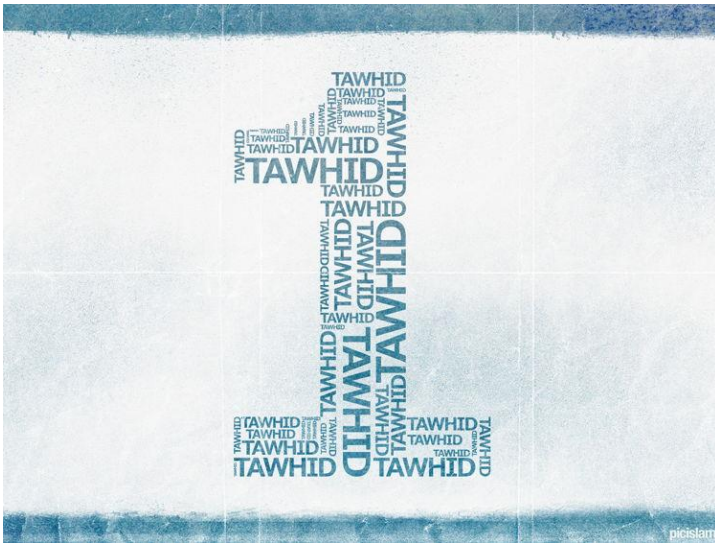
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The basic Muslim belief in the oneness of God.

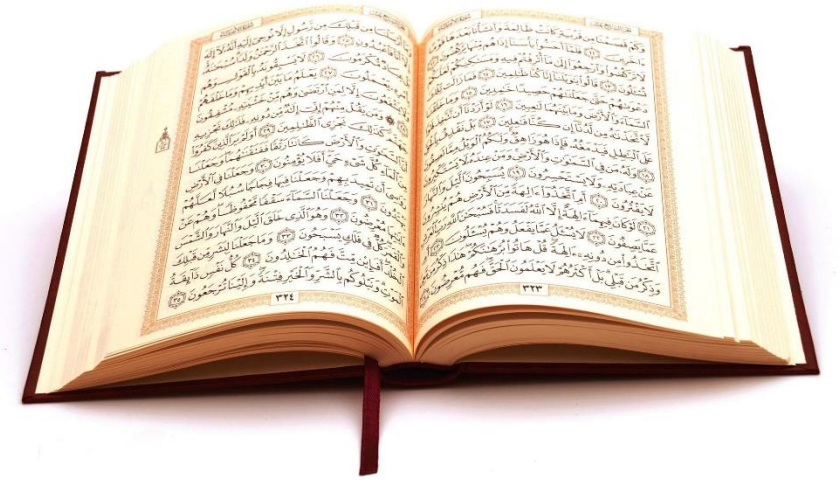
EXAMPLES?

Many Muslims believe that this is seen in al – Fatihah, the opening chapter of the Qur'an.

Muslims believe this is reflected in Muhammad's destruction of the idols in the Ka'ba.



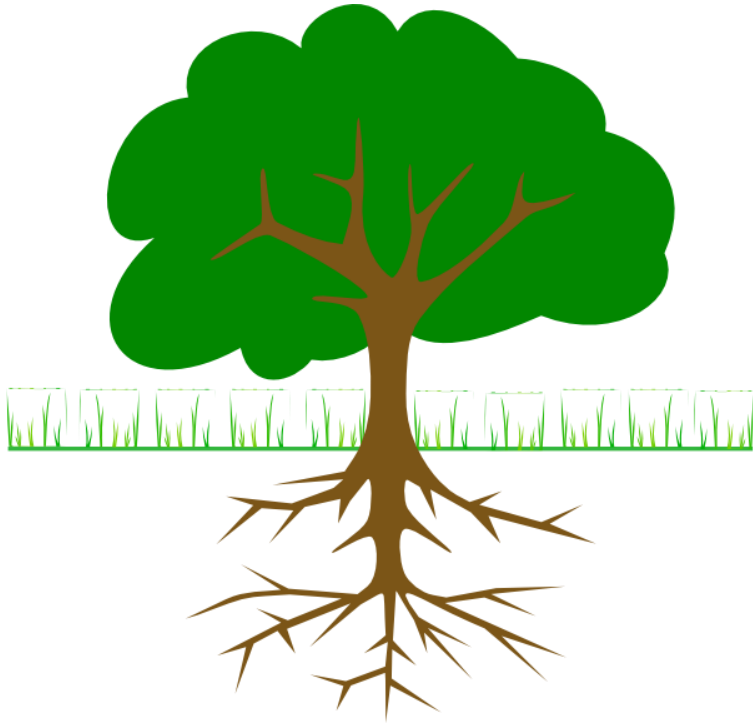
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- He is the 'seal of the prophets' – the final prophet sent by Allah.
- He relayed messages from Allah to the people on earth. For example, that there is only one true God. This is shown in the shahadah 'There is no God but Allah and the prophet Muhammad is his messenger'.
- He received the Qur'an on the 'Night of Power' (Laylat-ul-Qadr).
- He is a role model of how to live a prayerful and faithful life – the perfect example of a human being.
- He is an example of how to successfully face persecution after he himself was persecuted in Mecca.

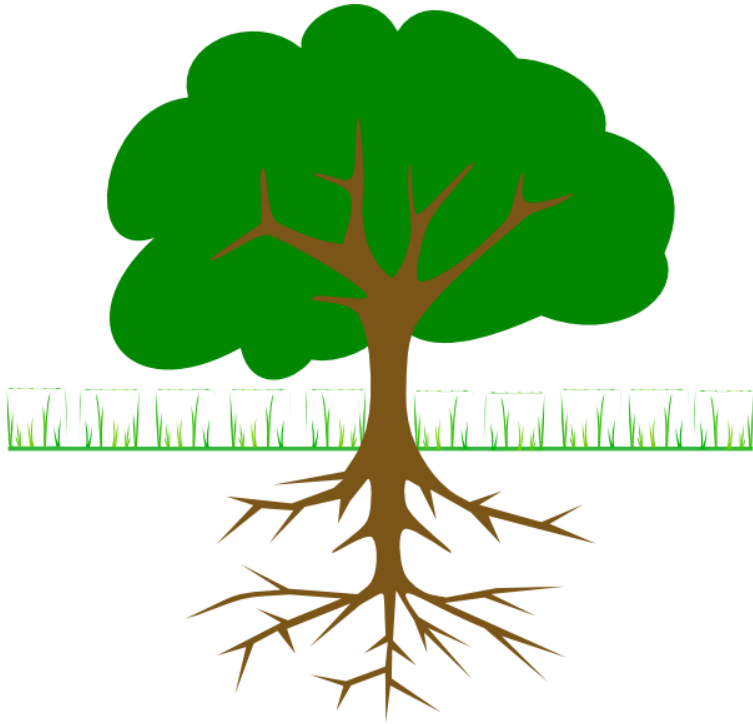
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- TAWHID – The oneness of God. He alone contains infinite power and knowledge and is worthy of worship. 'Say "He is God, One God, the eternal refuge'
- JUSTICE OF GOD – God is perfect justice, fairness and wisdom who does not tolerate wrongdoing. According to some sources, God sent 124,000 prophets!
- PROPHETHOOD – God has appointed prophets as messengers.
- LEADERSHIP: Muhammed was the last prophet but Allah has since provided 12 infallible imams to lead the Muslim Ummah. 'Ahl al-Bayt (the family of the house), part of Muhammad's extended household.
- RESURRECTION: On the day of judgement all humans will be physically raised to life to be judged by God. 'So whoever does an atom's weight of good will see it, and whoever does an atom's weight of bad will see it'

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AGREE: Judgement/resurrection is both one of the six articles of faith in Sunni Islam and one of the five roots of Shia Islam.

The Qur'an gives many warnings about the day of judgment 'On the Day of judgment the book of deeds will be read, in which every small and great thing is recorded'.

This life is predestined by God who has a master plan for all things (Al Qadr). Therefore, we should worry less about this life and trust Allah's plan for us, and instead focus on the afterlife.

This life can be marked by suffering whereas the next one will not.

Janna is described as a paradise with beautiful gardens and delicious foods. This is more important than an earthly life filled with things that are both good and bad.

The afterlife is eternal whereas this life is temporary.

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DISAGREE:

This life is a test in preparation for the next one. Raqib and Atid. 'He may let them taste part of what they have done that perhaps they will return to righteousness'

Allah has given us free will and so we will be judged on any mistakes we make here on earth in the afterlife.

Muhammad set guidelines shown in the Sunnah and Hadith for how to conduct ourselves morally in this life meaning it must be more important than the afterlife.

This life is an opportunity to evangelise to others.

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- Murder
- Lying
- Eating forbidden foods



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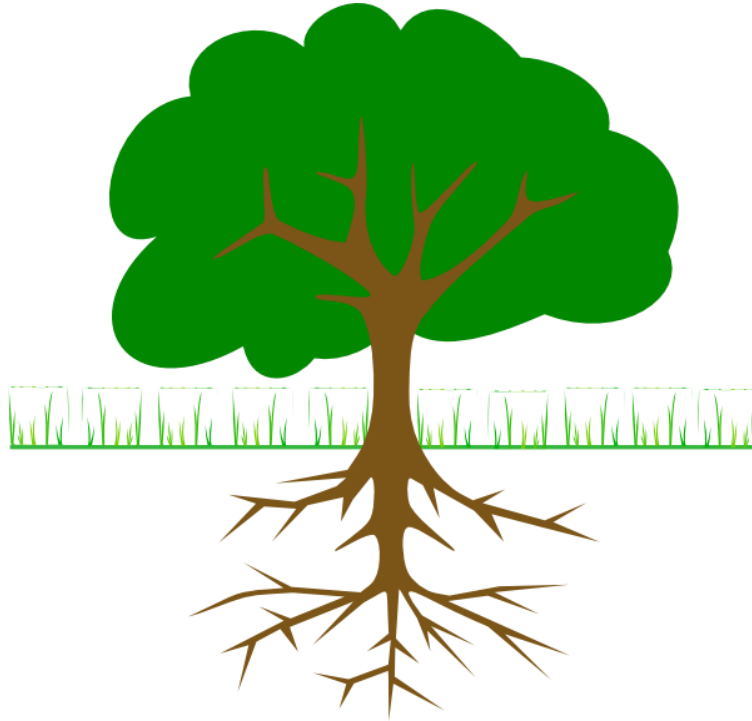
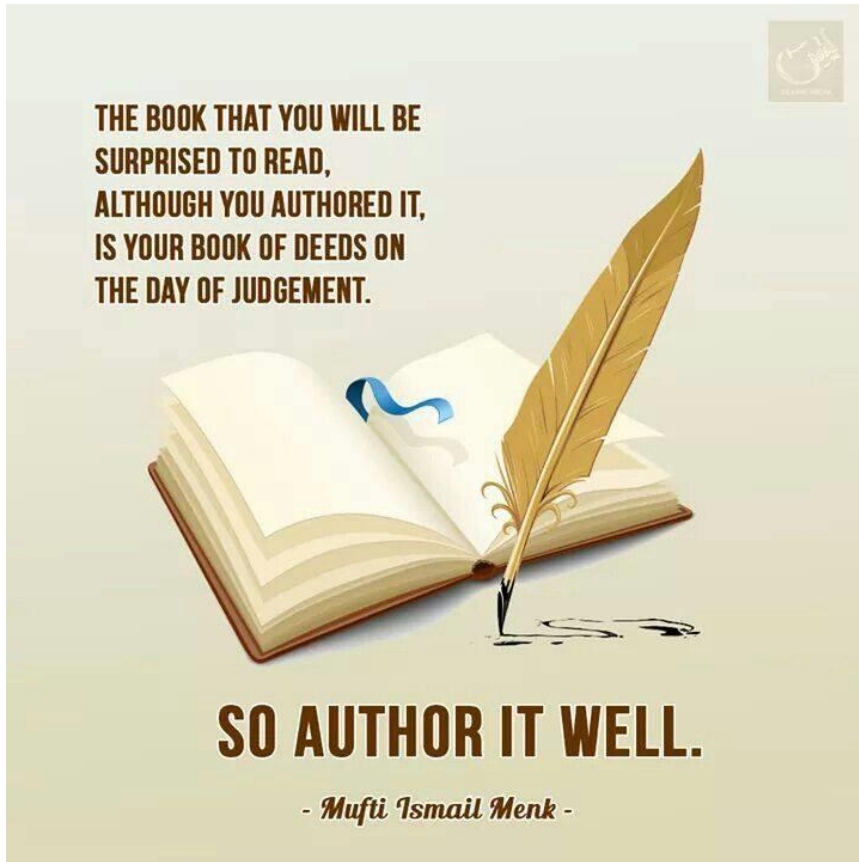
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- Revealed himself through the Qur'an given to Muhammed on the night of power. 'This is the book about which there is no doubt' (Qur'an).
- Reveals himself through prophets (Risalah)
- Reveals himself through angels – angel jibril.
- Reveals himself through Fitrah – our instinctive knowledge of and need for God.
- Reveals himself through Taqwa – the desire for a personal connection with God.
- Revealed himself through Hanifs – a group of people before Muhammad's time who believed in the one supreme God.

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Akhirah (afterlife) – one the six articles of faith.

Earthly life is a preparation for the one to come (**Raqib and Atid**) 'On the day of judgement the book of deeds will be read, in which every small and great thing has been recorded'.

Munkar and Nakir are the two terrifying angels who question each person, testing their faith.

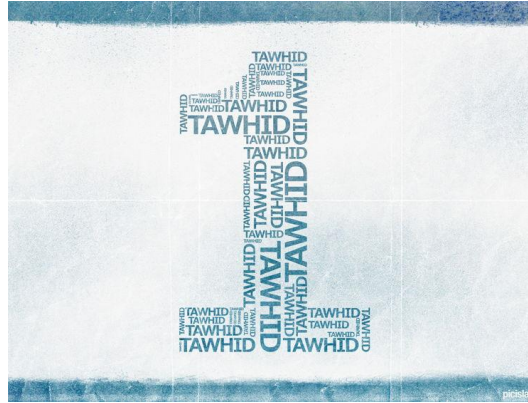
In the afterlife, there will be a day of judgement. **Angel Israfil** will blow a trumpet to announce the day of judgement.

Those that dies before the day of judgement have their souls temporarily in a state of waiting. **Barzakh**.

Janna – beautiful gardens, delicious foods and flowing rivers.

Jahannam – for those who fail to pass over the **As-Sirat Bridge** into Jannah.

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AGREE:

God’s way of communicating his message. Considered to be infallible

Shows how to achieve Janna and avoid Jahannam – especially the Hadith and Sunnah which show the perfect example of Muhammed

Many Muslims must believe this hence they become Hafiz.

Gives guidance for this life – it calls itself ‘the guidance for the worlds’

They tell humanity about Allah and his nature - ‘Say “He is God, One God, the eternal refuge’

Brings people of different religions together as the Torah (Tawrut), Gospel (Injil) and Psalms (Zabur) are all considered to be holy books in Islam.

Forms the basis of Shariah Law

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DISAGREE:

Outdated – better to listen to the imam who can relate Islamic teachings to today’s society. For example, doesn’t deal with the issues of IVF or nuclear weapons.

Akhirah (afterlife) more important – you won’t follow the holy books without motivation in the form of the afterlife.

Belief in God (Tawhid) more important as without him there would be no holy books. Shirk is considered an unforgivable sin which highlights the importance of belief in one God.

Prophethood (Risalah) is more important as it is often the words of the prophets found in scripture ie. Injil is the words and actions of Jesus.