

# Here's a brief look at Islam

The impression that most of us have of Islam probably comes from what we have read in the papers or seen on television, but much of what we see is fundamentalist and very radical, and not at all like the religion practiced by most Muslims.



**Carol Rahn**  
• From the Pulpit

The word Islam itself comes from the Arabic word for peace and means surrender or submission. Muslims believe they are to submit themselves to the will of God in all aspects of their lives.

Their confession of faith is, "There is no god but Allah, and Muhammad is his prophet." Allah is not some special name, but is the Arabic word for god, so what is being said essentially is, "There is no god but God."

The Islamic faith had its beginnings with an Arabian merchant whom we know as Muhammad. In 610, Muhammad had a revelation that there was only one God. Muhammad's revelation was something new in the Arabian world, because most Arabians at that time were pagans who worshiped many gods.

Muhammad had further revelations during which the Islamic holy book, the Koran, was dictated to him by the angel Gabriel. He was told that there had been previous revelations to other prophets, including Abraham, Moses, David and Jesus, but the revelations to Muhammad were God's final and climactic revelations.

By the time of his death in 632, Muhammad had united most of the Arabian peninsula under this new religion.

There are five Pillars of Islam, or duties required by every Muslim They are:

- Confessing that there is no god but Allah, and Muhammad as his prophet.
- Prayer five times a day – at rising, noon, midafternoon, sunset and before going to bed.
- Giving to the poor – at least 2 1/2 percent of one's wealth.
- A pilgrimage to the holy city of Mecca at least once in one's life.
- Fasting during the holy month of Ramadan, the month when Muhammad began to receive the Koran from God.

The Koran is written in Arabic, and is considered to be the very word of God. The Koran should be read only in that language, believers say. There are translations, but the Arabic is printed alongside the translation. There are 133 Suras, or chapters, in the Koran.

We have heard quite a bit about how Islamic women should dress. The Koran says this: "Tell ... the women of believers to draw their cloaks closely around them when they go abroad." (Sura 33.59) That is all.

Those who require women to completely cover themselves are taking a very radical and literalistic view of this reading. The Koran also says that "men keep what they earn; women may keep what they earn." (Sura 4.32) The total subjugation of women is not part of the teaching of the Koran.

largest. (Christianity is the largest.) We tend to think of Islam as a religion of the Middle East, but it is also a major religion in India, Pakistan, and Bangladesh, as well as in southeast Asia. The country where Islam makes up the largest percent of the population is Indonesia, where 90 percent of the people are Muslim.

The radical and terroristic views of a small number of extreme fundamentalist Muslims are not the norm. These views and behavior are as abhorrent to most Muslims as they are to us. Instead, most Muslims believe in living a life that is open to Allah's will, and that when one submits one's life to Allah, one finds security and peace.

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	6 AM	6:30	7 AM	7:30	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30	
KLBY/ABC (4) (6)	In Touch With Dr. Charles Stanley	Good Morning America (N) (CC)	This Week-George Stephanopoulos	Hour of Power (N) (CC)	Bring Wall St	Paid Program	First United Methodist Church						
KSNK/NBC (3) (8)	(Off Air)	Paid Program	Today (N) (CC)	Meet the Press (N) (CC)	Paid Program	Bring Wall St	Your Bible	Paid Program	Heads-Up Poker Champ.				
KBSL/CBS (12) (11)	Bring Wall St	Newspring TV	Cake (E) (CC)	Horse-land (E) (CC)	CBS News Sunday Morning	Face the Nation	Dino Squad	Sushi Pack (E) (CC)	Paid Program	Paid Program			
K15CG (2)	Curious George	Sid the Science	Ninos en-Casa	Plaza Sesamo	Martha Speaks	Mama Movies	Wish-bone (E) (CC)	Lomax: Hound	Animalia	Keeping Kids	Wealth-Track	To the Contrary	
ESPN (28)	SportsCenter	(CC)	SportsCenter (Live) (CC)	Outside Lines	Sports Reports	SportsCenter (Live) (CC)						Baseball Tonight	
USA (37)	Joseph Prince	Chang-ing	Ed Young	Joel Osteen	Law & Order: Criminal Intent	In Plain Sight In My Humboldt Opinion	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU					
TBS (38)	Steve Harvey	Movie: Hard to Kill ** (1990) Years after nearly dying, a policeman seeks revenge.	Movie: Striking Distance ** (1993, Suspense) <i>Bruce Willis. (CC)</i>	Movie: The Last Boy Scout *** (1991) <i>Bruce Willis. (CC)</i>									
WGN (39)	Paid Program	Amazing Facts	Key of David	Billy Graham	Jimmy Swaggart	Feed the Children	The Bob & Tom Show (CC)	WWE Superstars (CC)					
TNT (40)	(5:00) Movie: King Kong *** 1/2 (2005, Adventure) A beauty tames a savage beast. <i>Naomi Watts, Jack Black. (CC)</i>					Movie: Lost Boys: The Tribe (2008, Horror) <i>Tad Hilgenbrink. (CC)</i>	Movie: Stomp the Yard *** 1/2 (2007)						
DSC (42)	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Time Warp	Time Warp	MythBusters Killer Tissue Box (CC)	Pitchmen Shark	Dirty Jobs	Vexcon (CC)			
A&E (47)	Biography Sonny Bono (CC)	Biography Fleetwood Mac	Private Sessions Lindsey Buckingham	The Sopranos Made in America	Extor-minators	Movie: Cocktail							
HIST (48)	To Be Announced	Comic Book Superheroes Unmasked	Extreme Trains Overnight Traveler	Stealing Lincoln's Body (CC)									
NICK (55)	Jimmy Neutron	Jimmy Neutron	OddParents	OddParents	Spon-geBob	Spon-geBob	Pen-guins	Barn-yard	Mighty B Spon-geBob	Spon-geBob	Spon-geBob	Spon-geBob	
DISN (56)	Tigger & Pooh	Ein-steins	Agent Oso	Handy Manny	Mickey Mouse	Mickey Mouse	Imag. Movers	Handy Manny	Movie: Beethoven's Big Break (2008, Comedy) <i>Jonathan Silverman.</i>				
FAM (58)	Step by Step	Step by Step	Sabrina-Witch	Sabrina-Witch	Full House	Full House	My Wife and Kids	Movie: Mean Girls (2004) A teen becomes friends with three cruel schoolmates. (CC)	Movie: DirtyDan				
HALL (60)	Odyssey Network Presents	NASCAR Angels	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	7th Heaven (CC)	7th Heaven Paranoia (CC)	7th Heaven (CC)				

SUNDAY												MAY 3	
	12 PM	12:30	1 PM	1:30	2 PM	2:30	3 PM	3:30	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30	
KLBY/ABC (4) (6)	NBA Basketball: First Round -- Teams TBA. (Live)	NBA Basketball: First Round -- Teams TBA. (Live)	ABC News	News (N) (CC)									
KSNK/NBC (3) (8)	Heads-Up Poker Champ.	NHL Hockey: Conference Semifinal Game 2 -- Teams TBA.	Equestrian: Rolex Championships.	Storm Stories	NBC News								
KBSL/CBS (12) (11)	AMA Supercross Year in Review	Play Golf America: Get Ready Golf (N)	PGA Tour Golf: Quail Hollow Championship -- Final Round. From Charlotte, N.C. (Live) (CC)	Evening News	News (CC)								
K15CG (2)	McLaugh-lin	Bill Moyers Journal	Religion-Ethics	Classic Gospel 'I'll Fly Away (CC)	Healthy Body	Doctors on Call	Sewing-Nancy	Beads, Baubles	The Miller Center	National Debates			
ESPN (28)	Billiards: WPBA Florida Classic	Billiards: WPBA Florida Classic	Billiards: WPBA Florida Classic	E:60	E:60	E:60	SportsCenter (Live) (CC)						
USA (37)	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	House One Day, One Room (CC)					
TBS (38)	(10:20) Movie: Field. (Live) (CC)	MLB Baseball: Boston Red Sox at Tampa Bay Rays. Tropicana	Home Improve.	Home Improve.	Movie: Wedding Crashers *** (2005) <i>Owen Wilson. (CC)</i>								
WGN (39)	Home Videos	One Number	MLB Baseball: Florida Marlins at Chicago Cubs. Wrigley Field.	Tenth Inning	Cosby Show	ALF (CC)	ALF (CC)						
TNT (40)	(11:00) Movie: Stomp the Yard	Movie: Boyz n the Hood *** 1/2 (1991, Drama) <i>Larry Fishburne, Ice Cube. (CC)</i>	Movie: Deep Blue Sea *** 1/2 (1999, Science Fiction) <i>Thomas Jane. (CC) (DVS)</i>	Movie: Biker Boyz *** 1/2 (2003) (CC)									
DSC (42)	Deadliest Job in the World (CC)	Tuna Wranglers (CC)	Tuna Wranglers (CC)	Loobstermen: Jeopardy at Sea	Loobstermen: Jeopardy at Sea	Alaskan Crab Fishing							
A&E (47)	(11:30) Movie: Cocktail *** 1/2 (1988, Romance) <i>Tom Cruise.</i>	Movie: Die Hard With a Vengeance (1995) A New York cop must stop a mad bomber's game of revenge.	Movie: True Lies *** (1994) A man lives the double life of a spy and a family man.	Crime Wave: 18 Months of Mayhem (CC)									
HIST (48)	Hillbilly: The Real Story	Stories about mythic hillbillies spanning 300 years. (CC)	Rumrunners, Moonshiners and Bootleggers (CC)										
NICK (55)	Jimmy Neutron: Boy Genius	Barn-yard	Barn-yard	Zoey 101 (CC)	iCarly (CC)	iCarly (CC)	iCarly (CC)	iCarly (CC)	Drake & Josh	Drake & Josh			
DISN (56)	Wizards-Place	Wizards-Place	Wizards-Place	Wizards-Place	Wizards-Place	Wizards-Place	Wizards-Place	Wizards-Place	Wizards-Place	Wizards-Place			
FAM (58)	(11:30) Movie: Dirty Dancing *** (1987, Romance) <i>Jennifer Grey. (CC)</i>	Movie: Legally Blonde *** 1/2 (2001, Comedy) <i>Reese Witherspoon. (CC)</i>	Movie: Mean Girls (2004) A teen becomes friends with three cruel schoolmates. (CC)										
HALL (60)	Movie: Plainsong ** (2004, Drama) Eight people experience changes over one year.	Movie: A Season for Miracles ** (1999, Drama) <i>Carla Gugino, David Conrad. (CC)</i>	Movie: Little John (2002) A child she gave up for adoption re-enters a judge's life.										

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KLBY/ABC (4) (6)	America's Funniest Home Videos (CC)	Extreme Makeover: Home Edition (CC)	Desperate Housewives (CC)	Brothers & Sisters (N) (CC)	News (N) (CC)	KAKE Sports	Lawyer on Line	Bring Wall St					
KSNK/NBC (3) (8)	Dateline NBC You Might Be Rich! People who may have cash coming to them. (Live)	The Celebrity Apprentice Each team must create a new jingle for a company. (N) (CC)	News (N) (CC)	Monk Mr. Monk, Private Eye (CC)	The Insider								
KBSL/CBS (12) (11)	60 Minutes (CC)	The Amazing Race 14 (N) (CC)	Cold Case The Long Blue Line (CC)	The Unit Endgame (N) (CC)	News (N) (CC)	News (N) (CC)	Catch It Kansas	Whacked Out					
K15CG (2)	The History Project (CC) (DVS)	Nature Eagles of Mull (N) (CC) (DVS)	Masterpiece Classic The Old Curiosity Shop (N) (CC) (DVS)	From the Top	Rare Visions	Mystery! A Traitor to Memory (Part 2 of 4)	Inspector Lynley: A						
ESPN (28)	Baseball Tonight (Live) (CC)	MLB Baseball: Chicago White Sox at Texas Rangers. Rangers Ballpark in Arlington. (Live) (CC)	SportsCenter (Live) (CC)	SportsCenter									
USA (37)	House Needle in a Haystack (CC)	House Don't Ever Change (CC)	Law & Order: Criminal Intent (N)	In Plain Sight A Stand-Up Triple (N)	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: Criminal Intent							
TBS (38)	(4:30) Movie: Wedding Crashers	Movie: The Wedding Date ** (2005) <i>Debra Messing.</i>	Movie: The Wedding Date ** (2005) <i>Debra Messing.</i>	Movie: Down to Earth *** 1/2 (2001, Comedy) <i>Chris Rock.</i>	Movie: Lot Like								
WGN (39)	WKRP in Cin.	WKRP in Cin.	Newhart	Newhart (CC)	Honey-mooners	Honey-mooners	WGN News	Instant Replay					
TNT (40)	(5:00) Movie: Biker Boyz *** 1/2 (2003)	Movie: 8 Mile *** (2002) A Detroit man tries to achieve success as a rapper. (CC)	Movie: 8 Mile *** (2002, Drama) A Detroit man tries to achieve success as a rapper. <i>Eminem. (CC)</i>	Movie:									
DSC (42)	Alaskan Crab Fishing	Alaskan Crab Fishing	Yellowstone: Battle For Life (CC)	For Life Animals	Alaskan Crab Fishing	Yellowstone: Battle For Life (CC)							
A&E (47)	(4:00) Movie: True Lies *** (1994)	Movie: Independence Day *** (1996, Science Fiction) Earthlings vs. evil aliens in 15-mile-wide ships. <i>Will Smith. (CC)</i>	Paranormal State Half-human figure.	Movie: Independence Day									
HIST (48)	Art of War Epic battles illustrate lessons taught by Sun Tzu in his "Art of War" book.	Battles BC (N) (CC)	Life After People	Art of War (CC)									
NICK (55)	iCarly (CC)	True Jackson	The Fairly OddParents (CC)	Home Improve.	Home Improve.	George Lopez	George Lopez	Family Matters					
DISN (56)	Wizards-Place	Wizards-Place	Hannah Montana	Sonny Chance	Movie: Read It and Weep (2006) <i>Kay Panabaker. (CC)</i>	Wizards-Place	Wizards-Place	Hannah Montana					
FAM (58)	Movie: Taking 5 (2007, Comedy) Two fans of a boy band hatch a kidnapping scheme.	Movie: Material Girls * (2006, Comedy-Drama) <i>Hilary Duff, Haylie Duff. (CC)</i>	America's Funniest Home Videos (CC)	Joel Osteen	Feed the Children								
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KLBY/ABC (4) (6)	News (N) (CC)	Entertainment	Dancing With the Stars The celebrities perform. (Live) (CC)	Surviving Sub.	Castle Little Girl Lost (N) (CC)	News (N) (CC)	Nightline (N) (CC)	Jimmy Kimmel Live Justin Timberlake.					
KSNK/NBC (3) (8)	News (N) (CC)	Wheel of Fortune	Deal or No Deal (N) (CC)	Medium Allison leaves the district attorney's office. (N) (CC)	News (N) (CC)	The Tonight Show With Jay Leno (CC)	Late Night						
KBSL/CBS (12) (11)	News (N) (CC)	Inside Edition	Big Bang Th	How I Met	Two/Half Men	Engage-ment	CSI: Miami Collateral Damage	News (N) (CC)	Late Show With David Letterman	Late Late			
K15CG (2)	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)	Antiques Roadshow (N) (CC)	American Experience We Shall Remain: Geronimo (N)	C.B. Wilson	World News	This Is America	Charlie Rose (N) (CC)						
ESPN (28)	MLB Baseball: Boston Red Sox at New York Yankees. Yankee Stadium. (Live) (CC)	WWE Monday Night Raw (Live) (CC)	Baseball Tonight (Live) (CC)	SportsCenter (Live) (CC)	Baseball Tonight	NFL Live (N) (CC)							
USA (37)	NCIS Mind Games (CC)	NCIS Silver War (CC)	WWE Monday Night Raw (Live) (CC)	In Plain Sight A Stand-Up Triple	Law & Order: Criminal Intent								
TBS (38)	Seinfeld (CC)	Seinfeld (CC)	Family Guy (CC)	Family Guy (CC)	Family Guy (CC)	Family Guy (CC)	Seinfeld (CC)	Sex and the City	Sex and the City	Movie: Tommy			
WGN (39)	America's Funniest Home Videos (CC)	America's Funniest Home Videos (CC)	America's Funniest Home Videos (CC)	WGN News at Nine (N) (CC)	Scrubs My Lunch	Scrubs (CC)	The Bob & Tom Show (CC)						
TNT (40)	NBA Basketball: First Round -- Teams TBA. (Live) (CC)	NBA Basketball: First Round -- Teams TBA. (Live) (CC)	NBA Basketball: First Round -- Teams TBA. (Live) (CC)	Inside the NBA (Live) (CC)									
DSC (42)	MythBusters Dog Myths (CC)	MythBusters YouTube myths.	Belly of the Beast Giant Trucks (N)	Doing Da Vinci Machine Gun (N)	MythBusters YouTube myths.	Belly of the Beast Giant Trucks							
A&E (47)	CSI: Miami Skeletons (CC)	Intervention Janet (CC)	Paranor-mal	Paranor-mal	Psychic Kids: Paranormal	Intervention Janet (CC)							
HIST (48)	Modern Marvels Corpse Tech (CC)	Modern Marvels Carbon (CC)	Ax Men The Ax Falls (CC)	Ax Men Fresh Meat (N) (CC)	Warriors Zulu Siege (CC)	Modern Marvels Carbon (CC)							
NICK (55)	Drake & Josh	Drake & Josh	Spon-geBob	Spon-geBob	Home Improve.	Home Improve.	George Lopez	George Lopez	Family Matters	Family Matters	Home Improve.	Home Improve.	
DISN (56)	Zack & Cody	Hannah Montana	Movie: Jump In! (2007, Drama) <i>Corbin Bleu, Keke Palmer. (CC)</i>	Wizards-Place	Wizards-Place	Hannah Montana	Zack & Cody	That's-Raven	Life With Derek	Cory in House			
FAM (58)	That '70s Show	That '70s Show	Greek Dearly Beloved (N) (CC)	Room-mates	Sophie (N) (CC)	America's Funniest Home Videos (CC)	The 700 Club (CC)	Greek Dearly Beloved (CC)					
HALL (60)	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Movie: Thicker Than Water (2005, Drama) <i>Melissa Gilbert. (CC)</i>	Murder, She Wrote (CC)	Golden Girls	Golden Girls					