

*Understanding Major World Religions*  
“Understanding Islam (A)”

I. Background of Islam

A. Introduction

1. Islam
2. Basic Creed:
3. Allah
4. Size
5. Worldwide growth
6. Can be militant

B. Pre-Islamic Arab religion

1. Key features

C. Key city

II. Life of Muhammad

A. Muhammad – Key features and background

1. Early life
2. Adulthood
  - a. Cave event

3. Memorization – Koran

4. Demonic encounter??

5. The man

a. Will Durant

6. His initiatives – Key features

B. The warring years

1. Vision

2. Themes

3. Personality Change?

4. Marital Law

a. Key thought

C. Early expansion after Muhammad's death

1. 635 and following

#### D. Muslim perceptions of Christianity today

1. Key features

#### E. Conquest in the East

1. Key dates

#### F. 10 Things to keep in mind about Islam

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