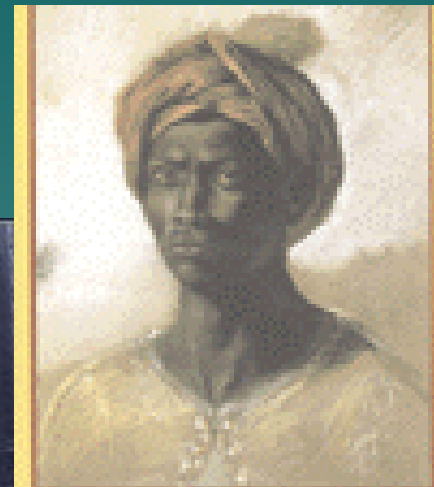
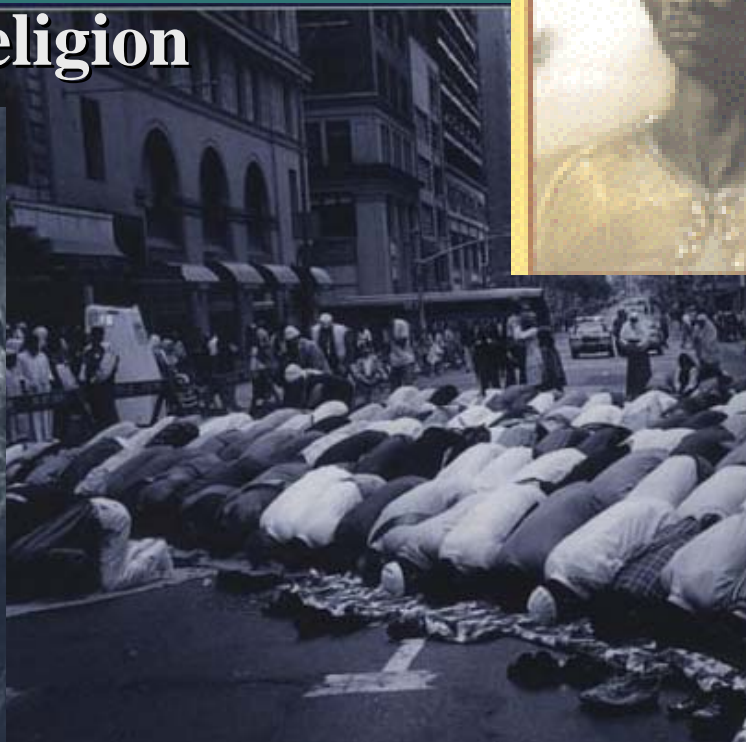


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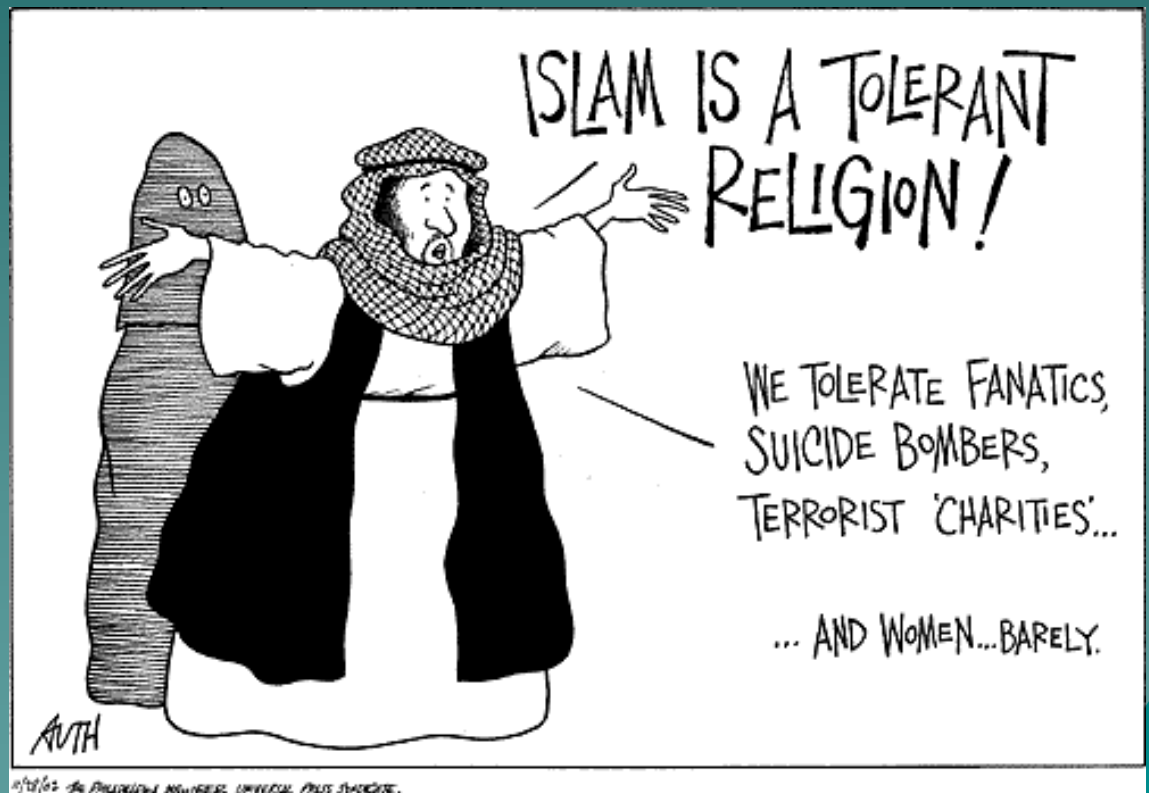
WHY LEARN?

- Muslims in Pittsburgh
- Islam: An American Religion



WHY LEARN?

- **Community Building: Correct Misconceptions**



OVERVIEW

- ◆ **American Muslim Community: Who are We?**
- ◆ **Islam: Beliefs and Practices**
- ◆ **Q & A (Please leave until the end)**

WHO ARE WE?

- ◆ Definition of Islam
- ◆ Definition of Muslim
- ◆ Muslims and Arabs

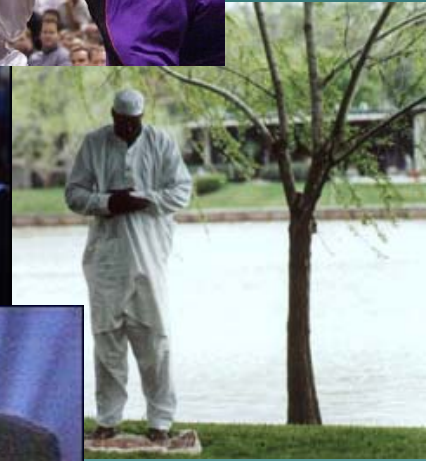


MAP OF THE MUSLIM WORLD



AMERICAN MUSLIMS: WHO ARE WE?

- ◆ National Demographics
- ◆ Local Demographics



WHAT DO MUSLIMS BELIEVE?

1. Belief in God.
2. Belief in angels.
3. Belief in God's revealed Books.
4. Belief in God's Prophets.
5. Belief in Day of Judgment and life after death.
6. Belief in the divine measurement of human affairs.



WHAT ARE THE FIVE PILLARS OF ISLAM?

1. *Shahadah*: The Declaration of Faith

“I bear witness there is no god, except God and that Muhammad is the Messenger of God.”

2. *Salat*: 5 Daily Prayers

3. *Zakat*: Poor-due, Charity

4. *Saum*: Fasting Ramadan

5. *Hajj*: Pilgrimage



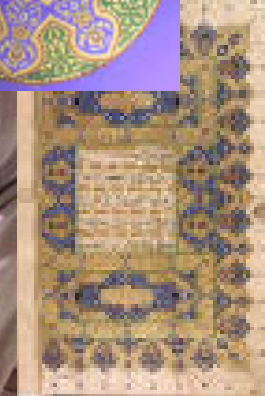
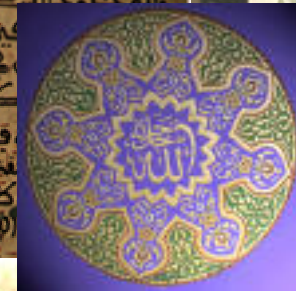
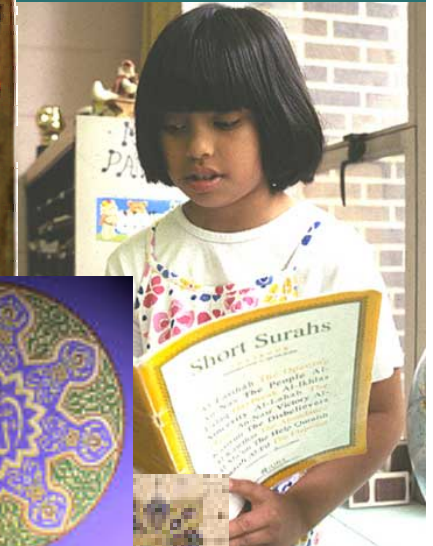
SALVATION IN ISLAM

- ◆ Islam and Original Sin
- ◆ Faith and Action
- ◆ Accountability and Forgiveness



WHAT IS THE QUR'AN?

- ◆ Definition
- ◆ Method of Revelation
- ◆ God's *Complete* message
- ◆ Authenticity
- ◆ The teachings of the Qur'an



WHO WAS MUHAMMAD?

- ◆ Birth and lineage: Direct descendent of Abraham
- ◆ Status in Islam
- ◆ *'Sunnah'*
- ◆ Defining Qualities



WHAT IS JIHAD?

- ◆ Definition of *Jihad*
- ◆ Forms of *Jihad*
- ◆ Rules of military *Jihad*
- ◆ “*Holy War*” does not exist in Islam



FOR MORE INFORMATION

- ◆ Literature Table
- ◆ List of Resources in Packet

QUESTIONS?