

Islam's Impact on the Contemporary World
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I. Terms

- A. Islam: "submission"
- B. Five Pillars
 - Declaration of Faith
 - Prayer
 - Zakat (alms to poor)
 - Fasting during Ramadan
 - Hajj
- C. Sources of Shariah
 - Qur'an
 - Sunnah and Hadiths
 - Fiqh:
 - Ijma
 - Ijtihad
- D. Caliph
- E. Imam

II. Schism in Islam

- A. Sunni
- B. Shia
- C. Sufi

III. Women in Islam: Islam stresses equality of all people

- A. Early period
 - a. Inheritance rights
 - b. Divorce rights
 - c. Polygamy
 - d. Dress
 - e. Muhammad's relationship with wives
 - i. Kadijah
 - ii. Umm Salama
 - iii. Aisha
- B. Modern period
 - a. Different cultures in different parts of world
 - b. Patriarchy's role in Mideast
 - c. Limits to women's rights:
 - i. Afghanistan
 - ii. Saudi Arabia
 - iii. France and Turkey
 - iv. Sudan
 - d. Women in leadership
 - i. Indonesia: Megawati Sukanoputri
 - ii. Bangladesh: Khaleda Zia and Sheikh Hasina Wajed
 - iii. Pakistan: Benazir Bhutto
 - iv. Turkey: Tansu Ciller
- C. The Nigerian Example
 - a. A daidaita sahu
 - b. Three women

IV. Democracy and Islam

- A. Democratic traditions in Islam
- B. Requirements of a Shariah compliant state

- C. Western & modern v. traditional governments
 - 1. Mustafa Kemal—Attaturk
 - 2. Nationalism's failures
- V. Rise of Islamism
 - A. In the Ottoman Empire under Abdulhamid II (1876-1909)
 - B. Other Early groups: Muslim Brotherhood and Jama'ati Islami
 - C. Ayatollah Khomeini
- VI. Democracy v. Stability
 - A. Failures of the West
 - a. Iran
 - b. Egypt: Hosni Mubarak
 - c. Undermines democracy and fuels Islamism
 - B. Western Democratic hopes
 - a. Turkey
 - b. Iraq
- VII. Islamist party strongholds
 - A. Egypt
 - B. Afghanistan
 - C. Iran: Ahmedijadi
 - D. Turkey
 - E. Lebanon: Hezbollah
 - F. Palestine

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