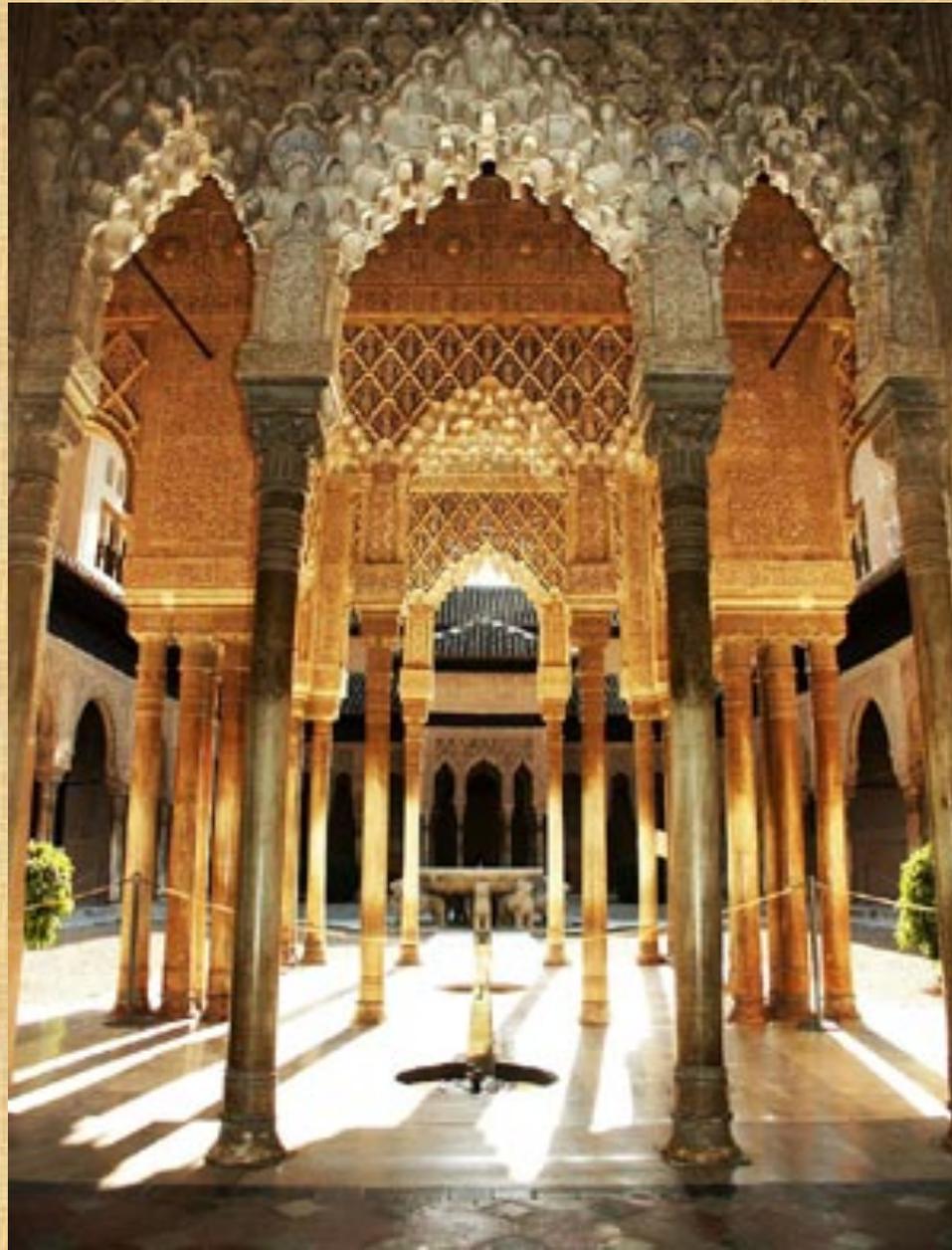
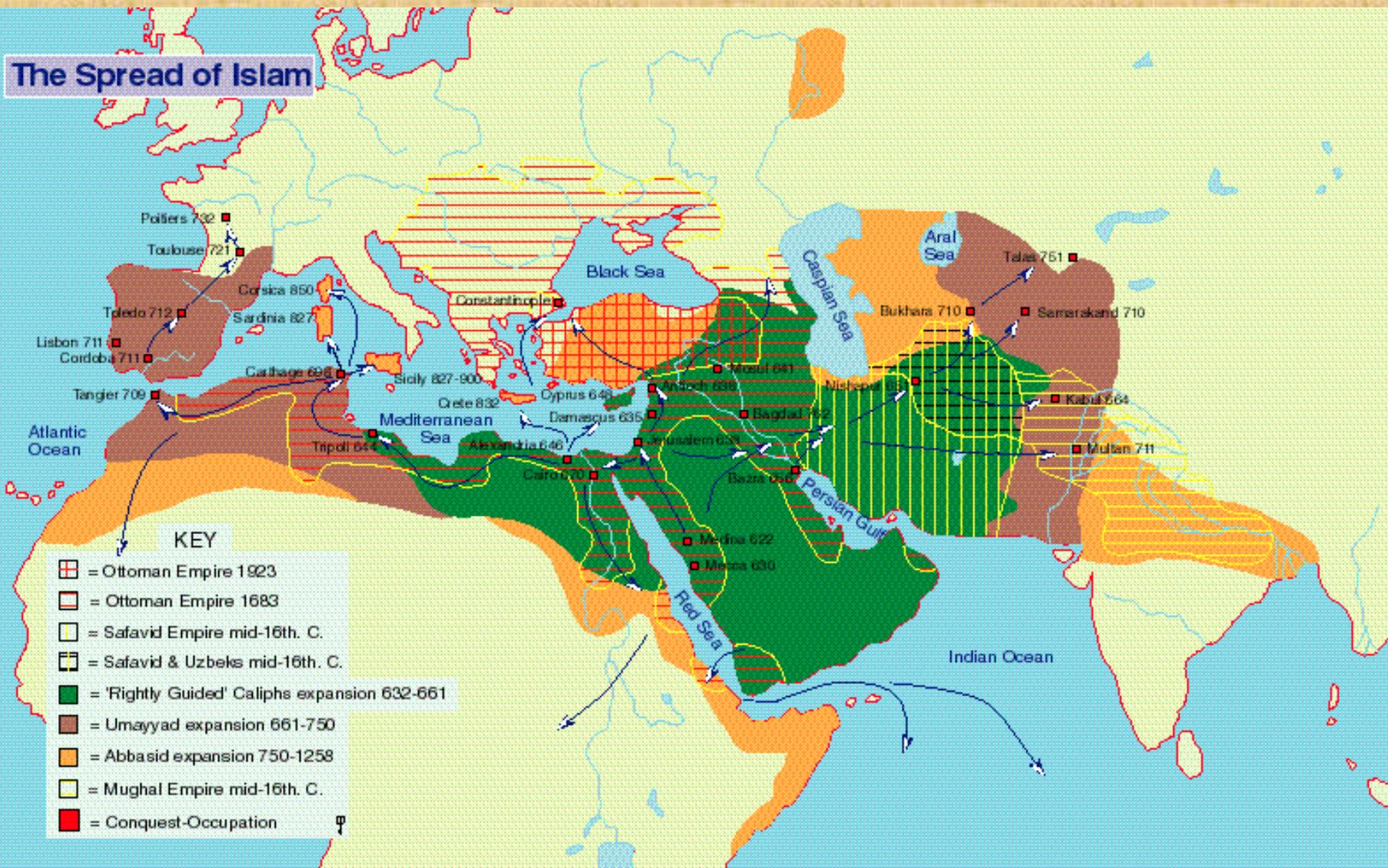


# Islam



# The Spread of Islam



Poitiers 732

Toulouse 721

Corsica 850

Sardinia 827

Toledo 712

Lisbon 711

Cordoba 711

Carthage 698

Sicily 827-900

Constantinople

Black Sea

Orete 832

Cyprus 648

Damascus 635

Tipoli 654

Alexandria 646

Cairo 700

Mosul 637

Bagdad 762

Muscat 637

Bazra 636

Medina 622

Meca 630

Persian Gulf

Red Sea

Indian Ocean

Caspian Sea

Aral Sea

Telas 751

Bukhara 710

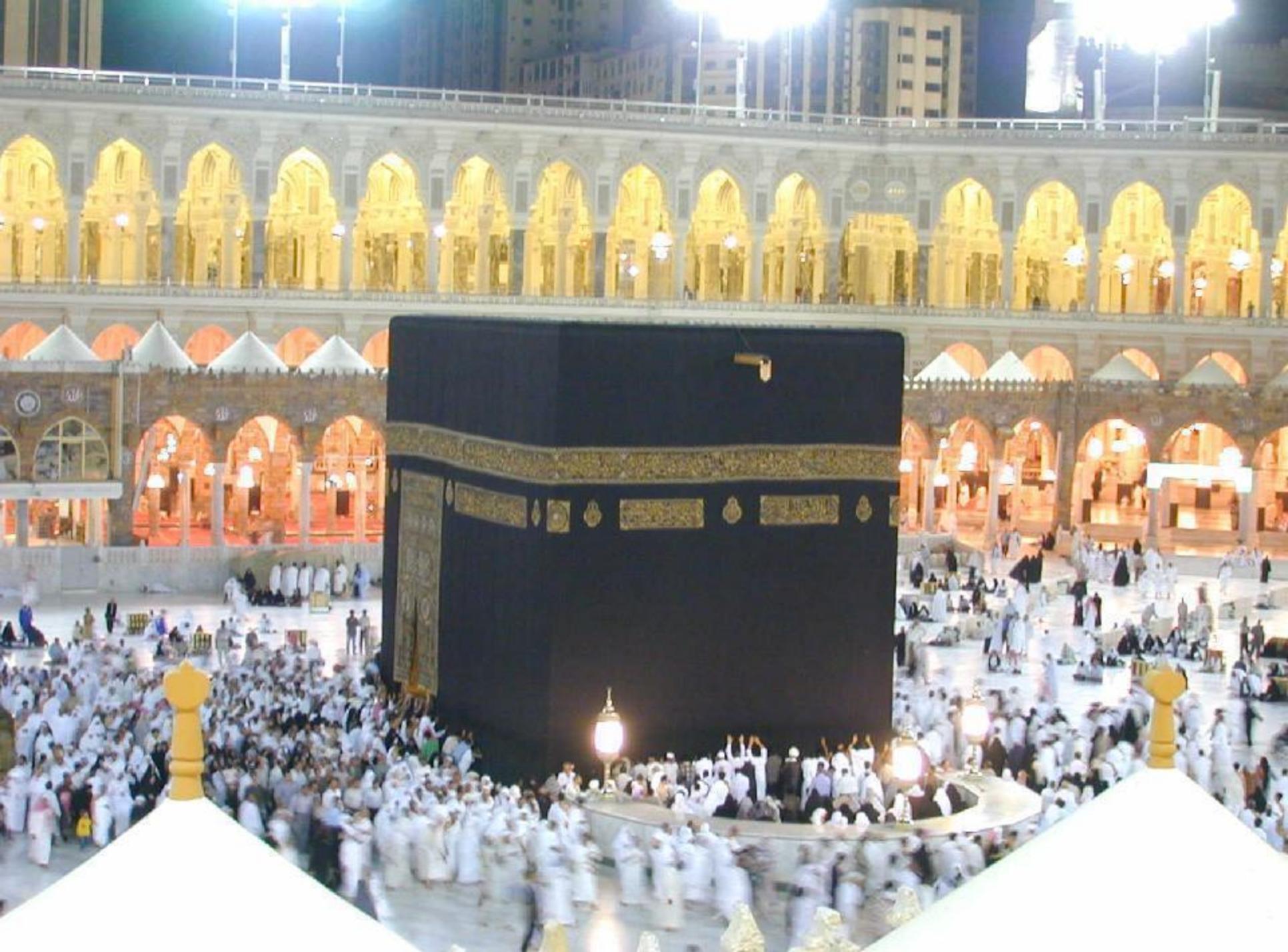
Samerakand 710

Kabul 664

Multan 711

# Islam

- **8<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> great period of expansion**
- **Predecessor—Bedouin tribes (polytheist, animistic nomads)**
- **Mecca's Kaaba housed the Black Stone and other relics**



# Life of Muhammad

- **Muhammad born in Mecca in 570**
- **Orphaned as a young boy and taken in by his uncle—a camel driver for caravans**
- **In mid-twenties marries widow trader**
- **While in the desert, he hear Gabriel's call to be a prophet of Allah**
- **He saw himself as the final revelation of both previous traditions: Judaism and Christianity**

# **Muhammad's Five Pillars of Faith**

- 1. Confession of faith**
- 2. Prayers five times a day**
- 3. Welfare of believers**
- 4. Observance of fasting and Ramadan**
- 5. Making a hajj to Mecca**

# Origins of the Kaaba

- **Islamic tradition states that the Kaaba was built by Abraham and Ishmael as a reminder of the links between Muslims and Jews.**
- **It is also believed to be the site of the place where Abraham was planning on sacrificing Isaac**





**Muhammad  
left his  
hometown and  
moved to  
Medina  
(hijrah) in 622.  
After  
converting  
Medina, he  
returned to  
Mecca and  
destroyed the  
idols in the  
Kaaba.**

# **Quran = recitation**

**As with Jesus, Muhammad never wrote down his thoughts—that was left to his disciples**

**Quran deals with secular and spiritual matters**

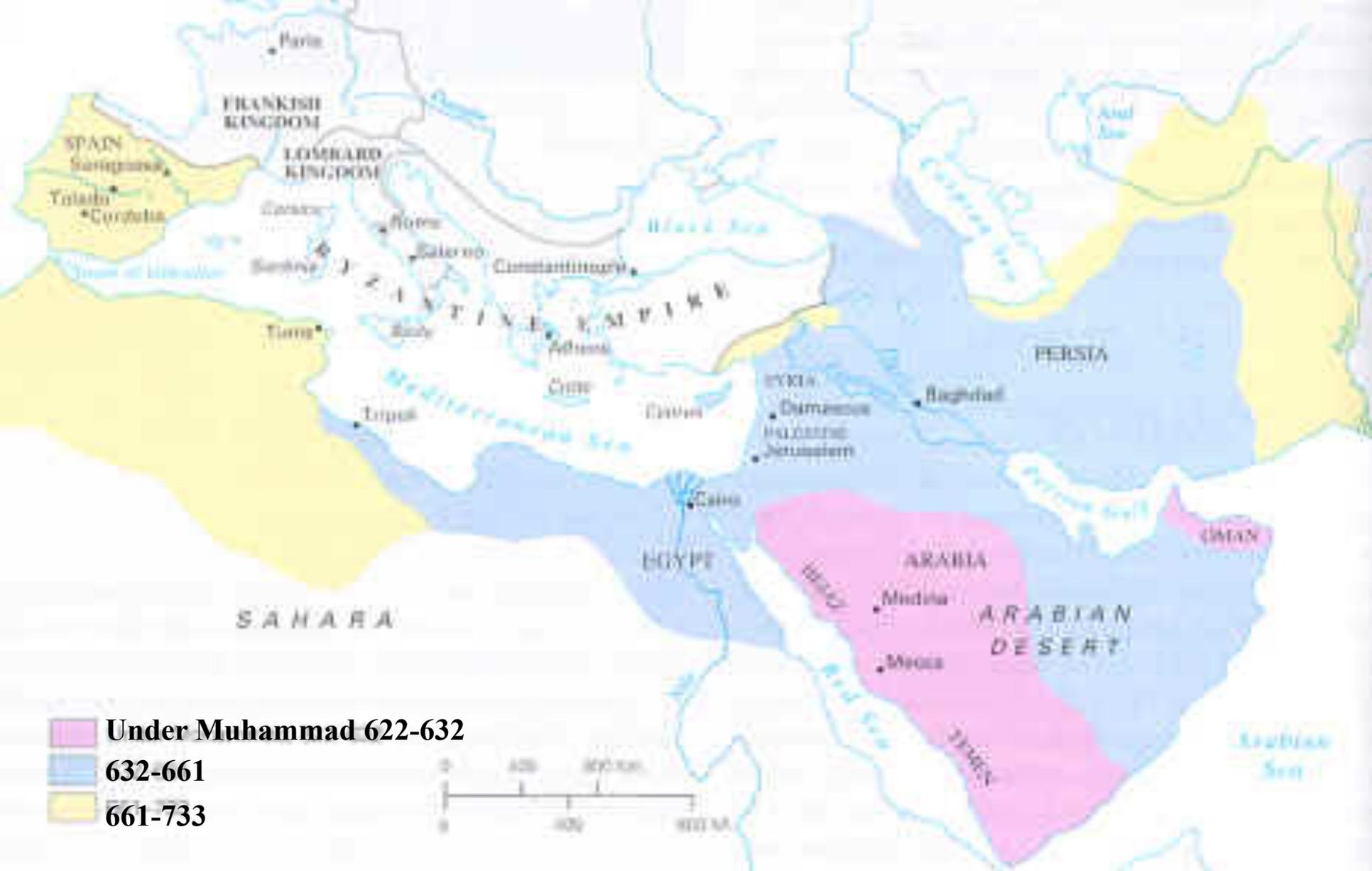
**It condemns drinking, gambling, eating pork, and immorality**

**Allows for men being more equal than women as with Christianity**

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# Islamic Theology

- **One God with many heavenly figures**
- **Messengers, jinns (between humans and angels)**
- **Predestination—within limits**
- **Eschatology—after death one waits for the end time and then one is judged based upon works**
- **Muslims go to mosques on Friday where imam preaches**
- **Polygamy and second-class relationship**
- **No pork, birds, donkeys, etc.**
- **Jihad—dual nature of personal and defensive wars**



**Spread of Islam in just over a century**

# **Expansion of Islam**

**Paralleled the expansion of Christianity.**

**Jihad=holy war and internal struggle over sin**

**There wasn't much difference between holy wars  
from both Christianity and Islam**

**Conversion wasn't so much forced as much as the  
advantageousness of being within Islam.**

# **Factors slowing Islamic spread**

- **Constantinople and Greek fire**
- **Charles Martel (the Hammer) from Tours**

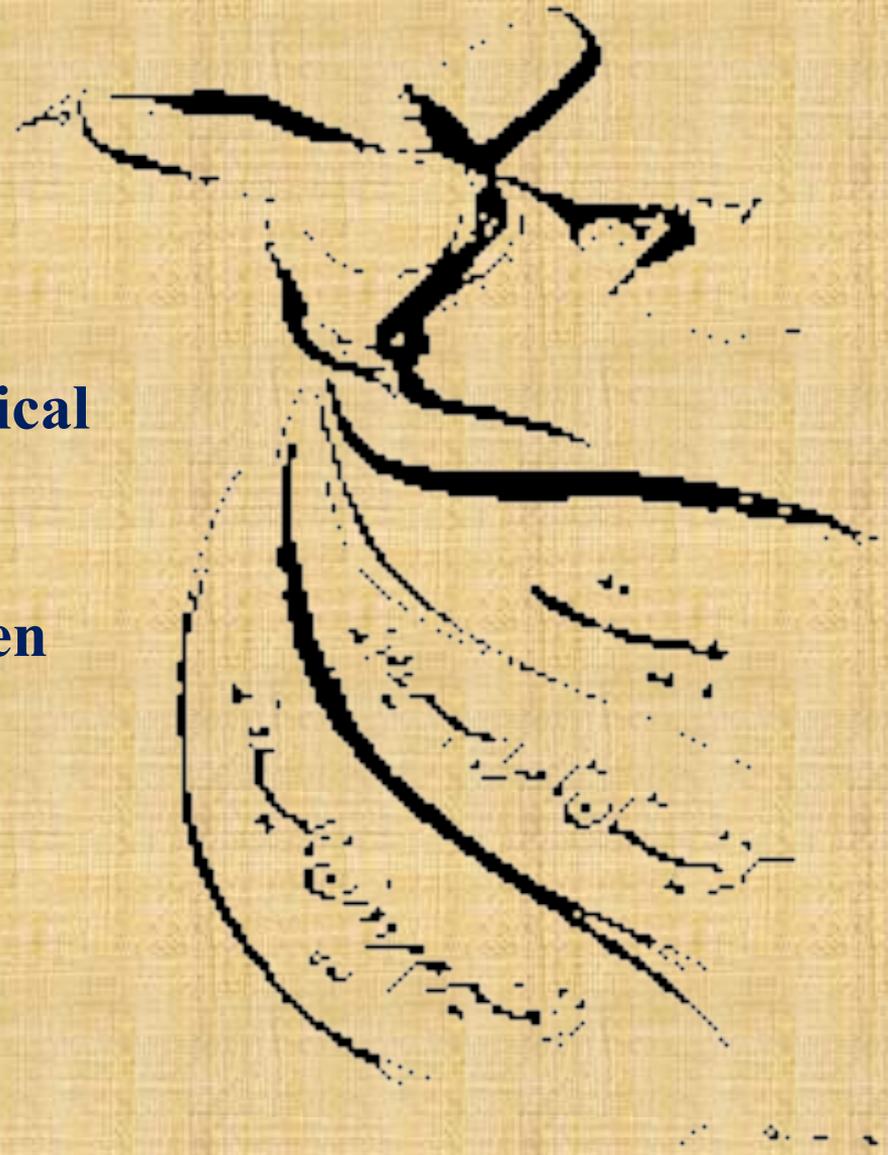
# Divisions within Islam

**After Muhammad's death several "denominations" developed within Islam:**

- **Sunni=the tradition of the Prophet (the orthodox 90% of Islam who believe in election from within the faith)**
- **Shiites=claim that they are descendants of Ali and only Shiites should be rulers**

**Sufi...purification through physical  
sensation of dance and music**

**N.B. Recall the differences between  
the East (emotional) and the West  
(logical)**





**Whirling Dervishes**

# **Spread of trade and culture**

- **Islamic traders North Africa (salt, slaves, gold, etc.)**
- **Timbuktu, Damascus, Baghdad, Cordoba, Cairo—  
great centers of power, libraries, and learning**
- **Surpassed Western Christendom in wealth, education,  
libraries, arts and culture**
- **With the Mongol invasions in 1258 the tide began to  
turn**
- **Islamic Culture multicultural (Arab and non-Arab)**

# Islamic Art and Architecture





**Great Mosque of Cordoba, Spain 784-787**



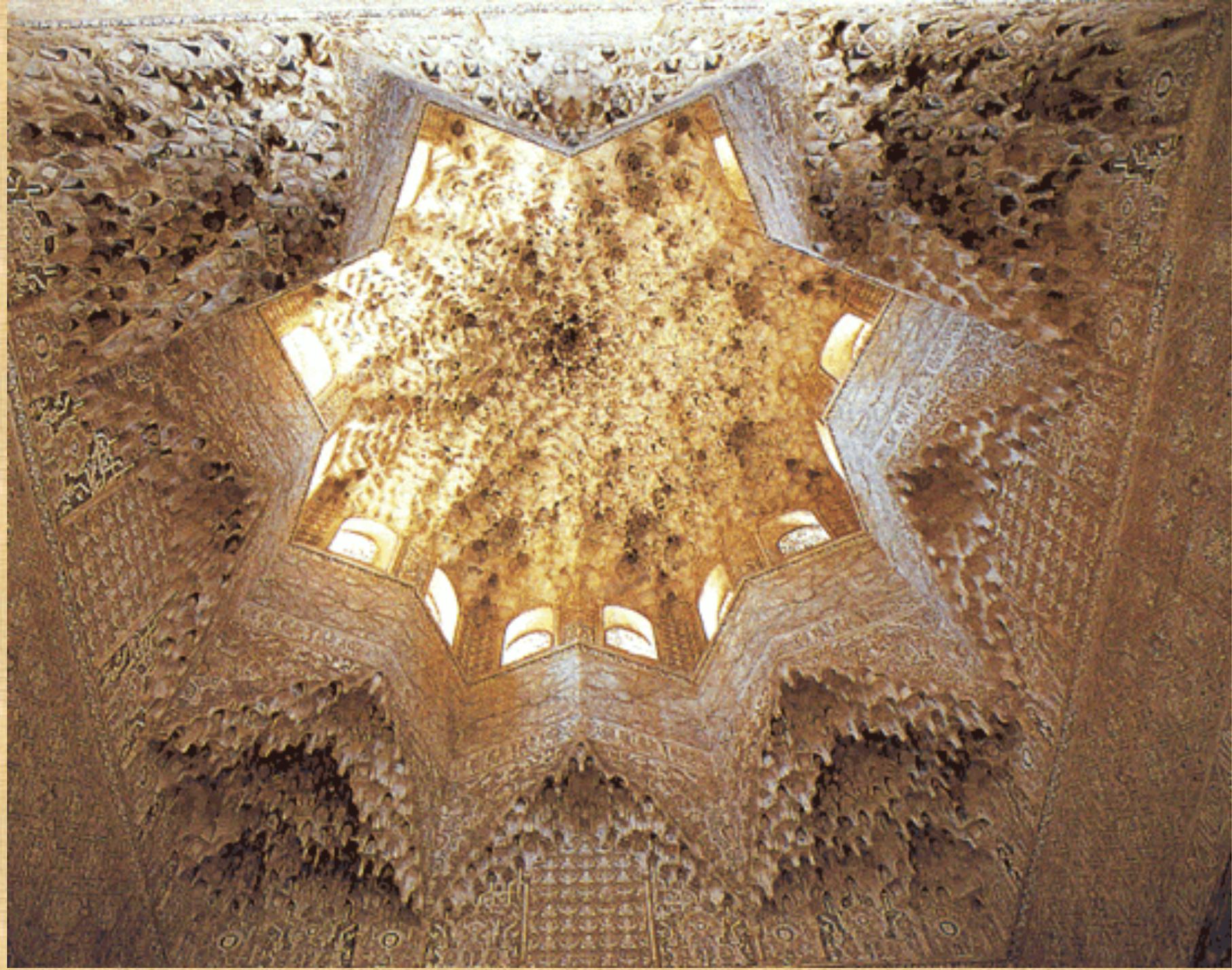


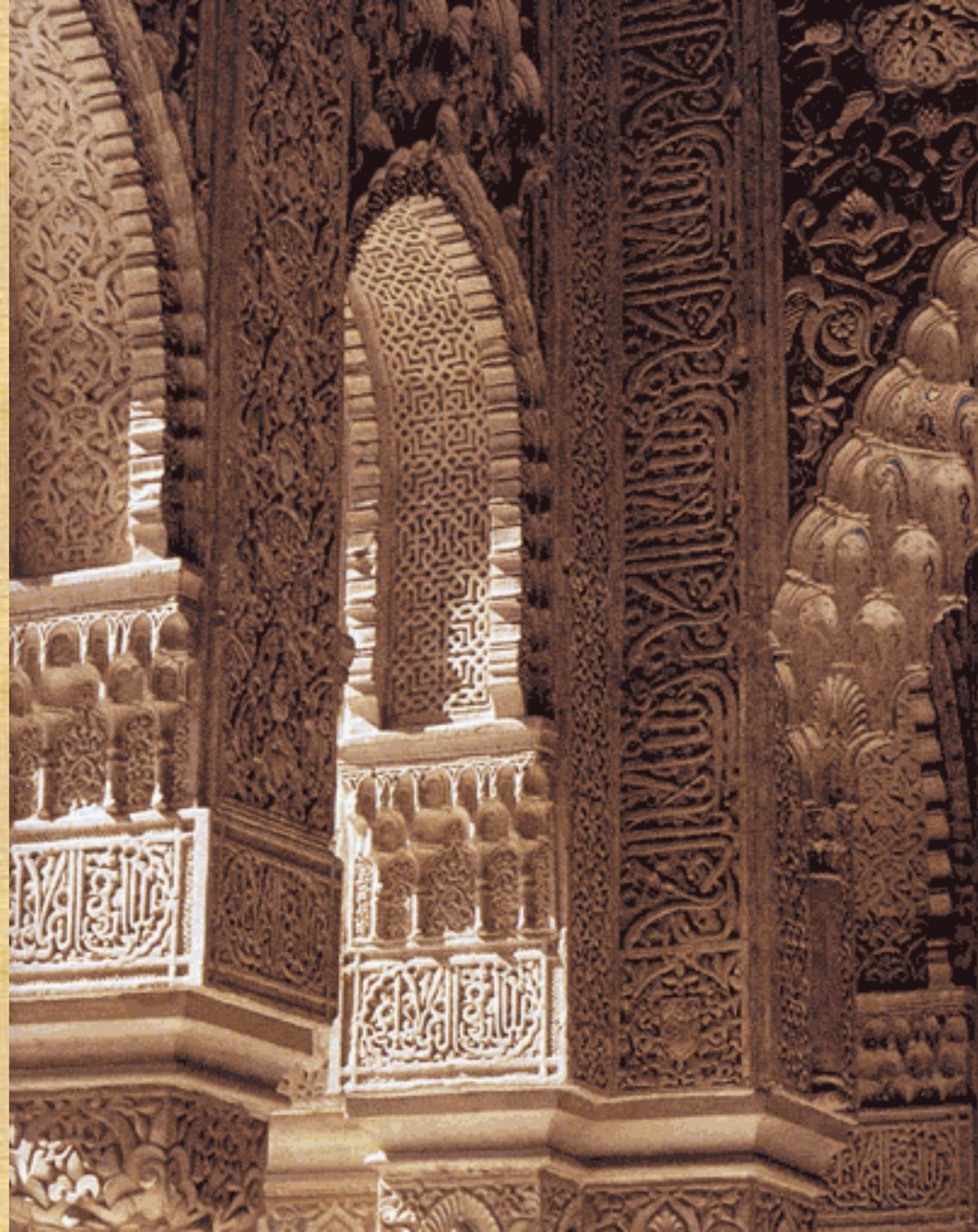


**Alhambra, Spain**











**Dome of the Rock,  
Jerusalem  
687-691**



# **The Clash of Civilizations**

**Modernity, the Palestinian problem, and terrorism are the central issues facing Islam today. How these issues play themselves out will determine much of our futures.**

# Literature

## The Thousand and One Nights

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