

Origin & Fundamental Beliefs of Islam



6-3.4: EXPLAIN THE ORIGINS AND
FUNDAMENTAL BELIEFS OF ISLAM AND
THE GEOGRAPHIC AND ECONOMIC
ASPECTS OF ITS EXPANSION

The Rise and Spread of Islam



- The **Islamic civilization** originated with the nomadic traders who lived and traveled throughout the **Arabian Peninsula** in the **early 7th century A.D.**

Foundation of the Islamic Religion

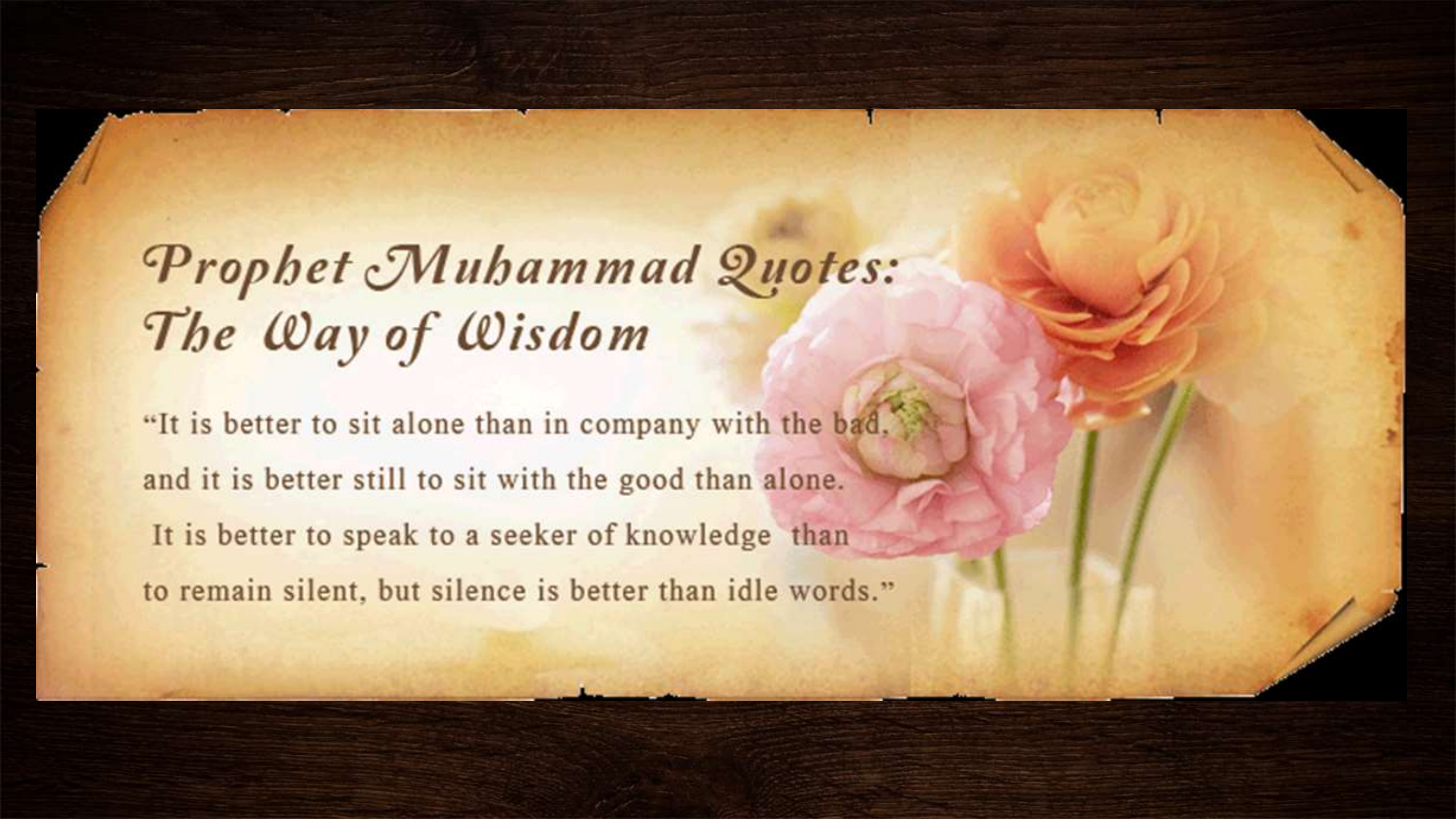
- Islamic civilization is based on the principles of the religion of Islam
 - They believed that these principles were revealed to the **prophet Mohammad** & he wrote them down in Islam's holy book, the **Qur'an** (*Koran*)



Principles of Islam

- It is a **monotheistic** religion
- It sees itself as a fulfillment of God's (**Allah's**) revelation of man
- Allah speaks through prophets; Muhammad is the final and greatest of these prophets, but is not a god and should not be worshipped
- Recognizes Abraham, Moses, & Jesus as prophets
- Islam teaches that Allah is just and rewards man according to his deeds
- The *Qur'an* hold all of Islam's sacred writings





*Prophet Muhammad Quotes:
The Way of Wisdom*

“It is better to sit alone than in company with the bad,
and it is better still to sit with the good than alone.

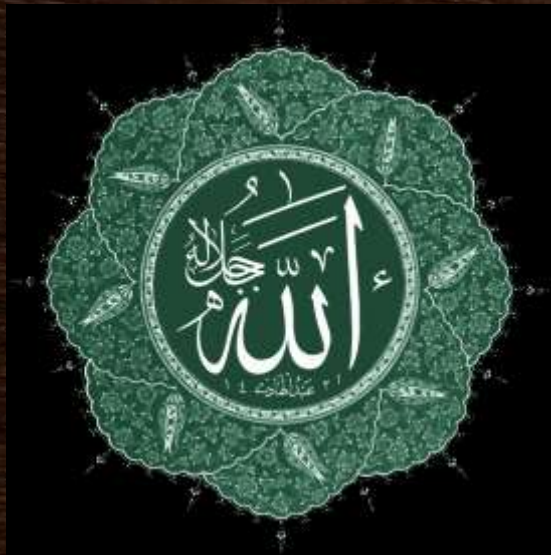
It is better to speak to a seeker of knowledge than
to remain silent, but silence is better than idle words.”

The Five Pillars of Islam

Faith

- *Shahadah:*

Belief in one god, Allah, and Mohammad is his prophet



Prayer

- *Salaah:*

Obligated to pray 5 times a day facing Mecca- the Holy Land



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Pilgrimage

- *Hajj*:

Make at least one pilgrimage to Mecca if economically and physically possible



Fasting

- *Sawm*:

During the holy month of Ramadan (the 9th month of the Islamic calendar, the month Muhammad received the *Qur'an* from Allah



The Five Pillars of Islam

Alms

- Donate regularly to charity through *zakat*, a 2.5% charity tax, & through additional donations to the needy



- Believers in Islam as called Muslims
- They accept the teaching of the *Qur'an* in every aspect of life
- There is no separation of church & state
- Their temple is called a Mosque



The Role of Mohammad

- In 622, he founded the Islamic state in Medina in western Saudi Arabia, of Mecca (Mohammad's tomb)
- He was the religious and political leader of this state
- There he shared his teachings and beliefs
- After his death, his successor was called the caliph



The Spread of Islam

- Two major denominations began in Medina: The **Sunni** and Shi'a (**Shiite**)



CAUSE:

Muhammad dies and the Muslims must continue to spread Islam.

EFFECT:

Muslims looked for a new ruler called a caliph after Muhammad passed a way.



EFFECT:

Shiites believed that caliphs should be Muhammad's blood relatives.



EFFECT:

Sunnis disagreed with the Shiites because they believed anyone could be a caliph.



EFFECT:

They conquered more land and more people began to believe in the Muslim religion.

Spread of Islam

- Within 100 years of Muhammad's death, Muslims conquered the Middle East, Persia, the Arabian Peninsula, and northern Africa
- They made Islam the religion of the region
- Later, Islam spread through normal trade across the Indian Ocean, Central Asia, West Africa
- Armed conquests through the Balkans and the Iberian Peninsula spread Islam to parts of Europe

