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this engaging introduction to islam examines its lived reality its worldwide presence and the variety of beliefs and practices encompassed by the religion the global perspective uniquely captures the diversity of islam expressed throughout different countries in the present day a comprehensive multi disciplinary and global introduction to islam covering its history as well as current issues experiences and challenges incorporates key new research on muslims from a variety of countries across europe latin america indonesia and malaysia central asia directly addresses controversial issues including political violence and terrorism anti western sentiments and islamophobia explores different responses from various islamic communities to globalizing trends highlights key patterns within islamic history that shed light upon the origins and evolution of current movements and thought

this comprehensive introduction explores the landscape of contemporary islam written by a distinguished team of scholars it provides broad overviews of the developments events people and movements that have defined islam in the three majority muslim regions traces the connections between traditional islamic institutions and concerns and their modern manifestations and transformations how are medieval ideas policies and practices refashioned to address modern circumstances investigates new themes and trends that are shaping the modern muslim experience such as gender fundamentalism the media and secularisation offers case studies of muslims and islam in dynamic interaction with different societies islam in the modern world includes illustrations summaries discussion points and suggestions for further reading that will aid understanding and revision additional resources are provided via a companion website

islam is a major religion in southeast asia with indonesian muslims comprising the largest muslim population in the world events and developments since 11 september 2001 have added greater attention to islam and its adherents in this part of the world this general survey of islam in southeast asia is intended to inform explain and update readers about the more significant aspects of islam in southeast asia then and now these include the following the geographical origins and sources by which the faith spread in this region the social economic and political profiles of the muslim communities relations between muslims and non muslims and between muslims and the state the strands and trends that shapes the role of islam and the muslims in the national body politic and the challenges confronting muslims in confronting the vicissitudes of their lives in this era of rapid change characterized by modernization capitalism secularization and globalization the discussion will begin with an overview of the broad picture of islam and the muslims in the region as a whole covering both muslim majority and muslim minority countries this will be followed by case study analysis of islam and the muslims in individual countries indonesia malaysia brunei singapore thailand philippines myanmar vietnam cambodia and laos given the difficulty of writing on such a complex and contentious topic this book attempts to present the subject matter in a manner that is sufficiently objective to scholars and yet simple and accessible enough to be readily understood by ordinary readers

although more than half of the world s muslims live in asia most books on contemporary islam focus on the middle east giving short shift to the dynamic and diverse presence of asian islam in regional and global politics the muslims of asia constitute the largest muslim communities in the world indonesia pakistan bangladesh india and central asia in recent years terrorist bombings in bali separatist conflicts in thailand and the philippines and opposition politics in central asia all point to the strategic importance of asian islam in asian islam in the 21st century terrorism and its effects are placed within the broader context of muslim politics and how islamic ideals and movements mainstream and extremist have shaped asian muslim societies democratization experiments successful and unsuccessful are examined the rise of radical militant movements is analyzed and placed in historical perspective the result is an insightful portrait of the rich diversity of muslim politics and discourse that continue to affect asian muslim majority and minority countries specialists and students of islamic studies religion and international affairs and comparative politics as

well as general readers will benefit from this sorely needed comprehensive analysis of a part of the world that has become increasingly important in the 21st century

islam the religion of total submission to god is the belief of more than one fifth of all human beings and is the second largest religion in the world despite its large number of followers little was known about it in america until after the tragic event of september 11 2001 unfortunately the media portrayed islam negatively after september 11th and distorted its true nature hence some people do not want to hear anything about islam while many others began to ask many questions about it an insider s guide to islam is a practical guide that explains islam as understood and practiced by muslims of diverse background to muslims islam is a way of life and a religion of peace which brings tranquility and harmony to their lives islam is a rich culture and a unique tradition which must be understood on its own merits the author brings insight into what islam means how it is practiced and its relationship with other religions he also analyzes the concept of jihad the role of women in islam and the values that islam cherishes the development of islam in america and the roles that muslims play in the united states are also elaborated upon in this volume

from the earliest times also many balkan muslim soldiers and bureaucrats as well as scholars and poets made an impact on the wider islamic world the most prominent being mohammed ali the founder of modern egypt

this invaluable introductory guide provides a complete and lively summary of islam one of the most worldly of the great religions in which the quest for spiritual fulfillment is inevitably bound up with political aspirations malise ruthven presents a full overview of the religion in its historical geographic and social settings

islam in the world has long been considered one of the best books for gaining an understanding of modern islam in this updated edition islamic expert malise ruthven adds a new preface and new chapters analyzing the major issues of today including the impact of 9 11 the meaning of the war on terror and the overthrow of saddam hussein new material also explains important differences within islam that many westerners are just beginning to learn about including the rivalry between sunnis and shias the relationship between sufism and modern islamism and the debates about democracy raging throughout the muslim world this invaluable introductory guide presents a full overview of islam in its historical geographic and social settings and explains how the quest for spiritual fulfillment is inevitably bound up with political aspirations

in recent years islam has become a more visible force not only in north africa the middle east and asia but also in western europe and the united states greater attention to religious observance prayer fasting dress pilgrimage has accompanied the creation of new institutions mosques finance houses insurance companies schools

clinics and hospitals religiously inspired social and political movements have proliferated only a few decades ago muslims were virtually invisible in europe and america today increased immigration has changed the religious landscape of the west mosques and islamic centers are found in european and american cities and towns muslims are visible in nearly every area of social and political life a list of major islamic cities and populations today must include not only cairo tunis damascus and islamabad but also paris london new york and detroit this demographic and cultural shift requires that we speak not only of the relationship between the traditional islamic world and the west but also about islam in the west it has also meant that islam has been obliged to modernize to grapple with its status as a minority religion in some parts of the world and a majority one in others modernizing islam speaks to the significance origins influences and implications of islam s changes and thus to the various ways in which this religion is becoming a truly global force shaping such realms as law politics education and ethics among many others

based on a reading of classical islamic literature the writings of modern muslims and on extensive travel and interviews this book discusses ways in which muslim peoples adapt themselves to a world composed of sovereign nation states having peaceful and equal relations with both non muslim states and collectivities of other muslims the classical and medieval legal theory of islam appears to place two obstacles in the way of such adaptations it divides the world into two areas muslim and non muslim between which relations can at best be those of truce and it demands that the life of societies should be regulated by the will of god as revealed in the qur an not by the will of rulers or of the people dr piscatori shows that the traditional theory provides for some degree of territorial pluralism which has been clearly reflected in the historical experience whereby stable nation states have emerged and become part of the international order

the involvement of african americans with islam reaches back to the earliest days of the african presence in north america this book explores these roots in the middle east west africa and antebellum america

from the qur an to ramadan this friendly guide introduces you to the origins practices and beliefs of islam many non muslims have no idea that muslims worship the same god as christians and jews and that islam preaches compassion charity humility and the brotherhood of man and the similarities don t end there according to islamic teaching muhammad founded islam in 610 ce after the angel gabriel appeared to him at mecca and told him that god had entered him among the ranks of such great biblical prophets as abraham mooses and christ whether you live or work alongside muslims and want to relate to them better or you simply want to gain a better understanding of the world s second largest religion islam for dummies can help you make sense of this religion and its appeal including muhammad the man and the legend the five pillars of wisdom the five essentials beliefs of islam the different branches of islam and islamic sects the qur an and islamic law islam throughout history and its impact around the world professor malcolm clark explores the roots of islam how it has developed over the centuries and it s long and complex relationship with christianity he helps puts islam in perspective as a major cultural and geopolitical force and he provided helpful insights into among other

things muhammad the qur an and the ethical teachings of islam muslim worship customs and rituals surrounding birth marriage and death shi ites sunnis sufis druze and other important muslim groups islam in relation to judaism and christianity in these troubled times it is important that we try to understand the belief systems of others for through understanding comes peace islam for dummies helps you build bridges of understanding between you and your neighbors in the global village p s if you think this book seems familiar you re probably right the dummies team updated the cover and design to give the book a fresh feel but the content is the same as the previous release of islam for dummies 9780764555039 the book you see here shouldn t be considered a new or updated product but if you re in the mood to learn something new check out some of our other books we re always writing about new topics

this is islam presents a lively introduction to a religion that has a dramatic history and plays a crucial role in the world today designed for people unfamiliar with islamic beliefs rituals and customs it explains the history of islam the importance of islamic law and major sects including sunnism shi ism and sufism it is vital for our schools to teach what the religion of islam is like and how it agrees and differs from judaism christianity and other world religions this is islam serves that purpose with calm cool brief and authoritative explanations of the islamic religion and of muslim societies with all their variations william mcneill professor emeritus of history university of chicago author of the rise of the west national book award and the human

reflecting the diversity of islam this collection focuses on the presence of muslims in countries outside the traditionally conceived heartlands of the islamic world the history of the arrival of islam in such countries and the nature of the way in which islam is practised in such places is the thematic focus of the materials selected for inclusion today the community of muslims around the globe looks to the arab world and iran as a source of identity and authority while this is driven as much by finances as by religious ideology it does create a sense of there being a central islamic world and a diaspora which can be separated and considered this separation may also be considered a historical phenomenon the core islamic world came into existence as a result of the early military expansion of the arabs up to about 750ce after that point the spread of islam occurred by different and more gradual means often influenced by trade especially both of these ways of conceptualizing the region of interest results in a vast amount of territory in which to explore the special manifestations of islam materials selected for inclusion in this major work provide general information on islam rather than being overly specific a number of aspects are considered the history of the introduction of islam into the area the means by which islam spread the attitude muslims took to the surrounding culture the character of the islam which resulted the sense of muslim identity in the area and the issues which might have emerged as a result the gathered material is grouped geographically with an attempt to include as many individual countries as possible within each area while also paying attention to each of the above criteria an initial selection of articles on world islam the process and means of the spread of islam in general and some consideration of what it means to talk about the presence of islam in the world and a survey of the general diversity of characteristics of islam

serves as an introductory section to the volumes additional groupings are geographical and include south asia south east asia australia and islands of the pacific china countries of the former soviet union south africa east africa west africa europe north america central and south america

today the islamic faith has exploded on the contemporary scene on television and in newspapers islam is depicted as playing a major role in world events in this illuminating volume distinguished muslim christian and jewish writers explore the nature of the islamic religion and its impact on a pluralistic society in diverse ways they present a new and challenging vision of dialogue between the three monotheistic faiths in the modern world

papers presented at a conference held in 2003

an introduction to islam today the faith of more than a billion people set in the context of world history and of religious studies

learn about the history and traditions of the islamic faith in the islam book part of the fascinating big ideas series this book tackles tricky topics and themes in a simple and easy to follow format learn about islam in this overview guide to the subject brilliant for novices looking to find out more and experts wishing to refresh their knowledge alike the islam book brings a fresh and vibrant take on the topic through eye catching graphics and diagrams to immerse yourself in this captivating book will broaden your understanding of islam with images of islamic art architecture calligraphy and historical artifacts packed with facts charts timelines and graphs to help explain core concepts a visual approach to big subjects with striking illustrations and graphics throughout straightforward text makes topics accessible for people at any level of understanding the islam book is a comprehensive guide essential to understanding the world s fastest growing religion aimed at self educators after a trustworthy account and religious studies students wanting to gain an overview here you ll find clear factual writing offering insight into terms like sharia law the caliphate and jihad sunni and shia divisions and sufi poetry and music your islam questions simply explained this essential guide to islam covers every aspect of the muslim faith and its history from the life of the prophet muhammad and the teachings of the koran to islam in the 21st century if you thought it was difficult to learn about one of the world s major religions the islam book presents key information in an easy to follow layout find out about modern issues such as fundamentalism the work of peaceful traditionalists modernizers and women s rights campaigners as well as the central tenets of islam such as prayer fasting and pilgrimage the big ideas series with millions of copies sold worldwide the islam book is part of the award winning big ideas series from dk the series uses striking graphics along with engaging writing making big topics easy to understand

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