

Course: World Religions, Cults and Heresies
Section One: Christianity and World Religions

Lesson Four (Supplement)

Title: Islam

Life of Muhammad

Timeline

Pre-Hijra

c. 570	Muhammad is born in Mecca. Father (Abdullah) died 6 months before his birth;
c.576	Mother (Amina) died 6 years after his birth – lived with grandfather for 2 years
c.578	Brought up by uncle Abu Talib.
594	Employed by a wealthy widow Khadijah (a distant relative)
c.595	Married Khadijah – she was about 15 years older than Muhammad and twice widowed.
Before 610	Begins meditating for long periods in a cave on Mount Hira near Mecca. Appalled by the apostasy in Mecca
c. 610	Receives his first vision. Angel Gabriel told him to make recitations. (Koran 96:1-5) Receives more revelations.
c. 613	Khadijah believes Muhammad but he keeps revelations secret from those outside his family. Begins preaching the revelations in Mecca. Preaches monotheism.
c.619	Muhammad persecuted and attacked Khadijah dies.

Post Hijra

622	Muhammad and his followers flee to Medina (Yathrib). - Hijra. Beginning of the Islamic Calendar (AH, Anno Hegirae)
624	Battle of Badr - Muslims overcome Meccans.
625	Battle of Uhud – Muslims defeated by Meccans.
627	Battle of the Trench and the Siege of Medina.
628	Treaty of Hudaybiyya made between Muslims and Meccans. Gives Muslims access to Holy site - the Kaaba at Mecca.
630	Muslims march on Mecca. City is taken without fighting.. Kaaba and pilgrimage rites become Islamic. Arabian tribes ally with Muhammad
632	Muhammad returns to Medina. Makes pilgrimage to Mecca. The first Muslim Hajj. Joined by tens of thousands.
632	June 8, Muhammad dies in Medina. Buried in the mosque in Medina.

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