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Today we will cover:

- Sunni-Shia Frameworks
- Imamah
- Ashura
- Jihad



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5 Shia Roots of Religion

Tawhid (Oneness of Allah)
Nubuwah (Prophethood)
Ma'ad / Qiyamah (Hereafter / Day of Judgement)
Adalat (Divine Justice)
Imamah (Divine Leadership)

6 Sunni Articles of Faith

- Belief in Allah
- Belief in Prophets
- Belief in Judgment day
- Belief in Angels
- Belief in Books
- Belief in Predestination

Fully shared
Not shared 'officially' but both believe in
Distinct



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Shia 10 Branches of Religion

- Salah (Prayer)
- Sawm (Fasting)
- Hajj (Pilgrimage)
- Zakah (Almsgiving)
- Khums (20% Tax)
- Jihad
- Amr bil Maruf (Enjoining Good)
- Nahy Anil Munkar (Forbidding Evil)
- Tawallah (Love and Devotion towards Prophet Muhammad and his family)
- Tabarra (Disassociation from the opponents of Prophet Muhammad and his family)

Sunni 5 Pillars of Islam

- Shahadah
- Salah (prayer)
- Sawm (fasting)
- Zakah (alms)
- Hajj (pilgrimage)

Fully shared (but can be practiced differently)

Not shared 'officially' but both practiced

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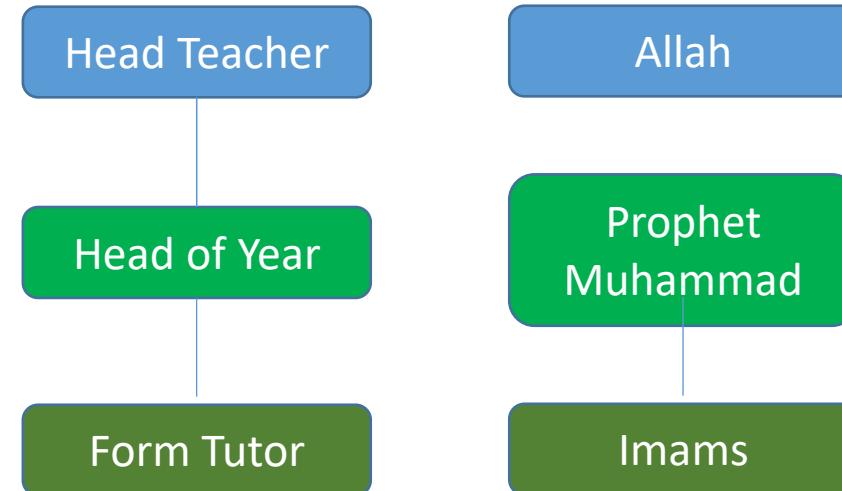
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- The 12 Imams (Twelver Shia) are chosen by Allah, not by humans. This is called *nass* (appointment by Allah).
- They are infallible – they do not sin nor do they commit errors. They are the ‘perfect’ human beings for Muslims to follow.
- They have authority over all and obedience to them is obedience to Prophet Muhammad and Allah.
- Their knowledge is bestowed upon them by God and therefore can perform miracles using this knowledge as well as use this knowledge to continue the sunnah (custom) of Prophet Muhammad.

“...they encompass nothing of His knowledge except what He allows.”(Qur'an 2:255)

- They were all killed, apart from the final Imam, who is still alive.
- Therefore Shias conclude that to be an imam you need 3 things – infallibility, knowledge, chosen by God (*nass*)

Imamah – a key belief of Shia theology



Even though they have different statuses (Head Teacher has the highest status to you, followed by Head of Year, followed by Form Tutor), obedience to all 3 groups are equal.
If you obey one, you are obeying the other two.
They all follow the same school policy.



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Historical Proof of Imamah – Ghadeer

Allah's Order:

"O Apostle! Communicate that which has been sent down to you from your Lord, and if you do not, you will not have communicated His message, and Allah shall protect you from the people. Indeed Allah does not guide the faithless lot." (Qur'an 5:67)

The Command:

"Do I not have more authority over you than you have over yourselves?"

"Whoever took me as his mawla, Ali is now his mawla. Oh Allah! Love him who loves Ali, and be enemy of the enemy of Ali. Help him who helps Ali and forsake him who forsakes Ali!"



Religion is now complete:

"Today the faithless have despained of your religion. So do not fear them, but fear Me. Today I have perfected your religion for you, and I have completed My blessing upon you, and I have approved Islam as your religion." (Qur'an 5:3)



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Historical Proof of Imamah – Verse of Purification / Hadith of Cloak

It is narrated that Prophet Muhammad wrapped himself, Lady Fatimah, Imam Ali, Imam Hassan and Imam Hussain in a cloak. This incident caused the following Qur'an verse to be revealed:

"Indeed Allah desires to repel all impurity from you, O Ahl-ul-Bayt, and purify you with a thorough purification." (Qur'an 33:33)

Shi'a Muslims argue that this verse is a clear indication that the *Ahl-ul-Bayt* are protected from the impurities of sin and therefore should be a source of authority.



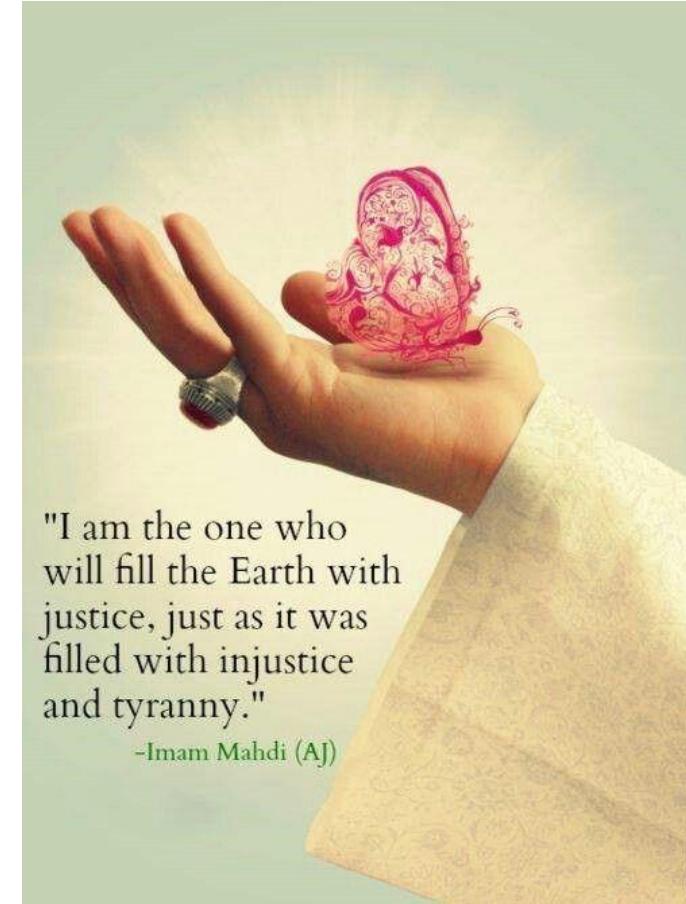
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The 12th Imam

Shias believe that the 12th Imam will return with Jesus Christ.

He was taken into occultation by Allah.

A big part of Shia identity and expression is preparing for his return and praying for his safety and reappearance



"I am the one who will fill the Earth with justice, just as it was filled with injustice and tyranny."

-Imam Mahdi (AJ)

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Commemorating Ashura – an expression of Tawallah



At the start of the Islamic New Year, Shias begin a period of mourning. They commemorate the death of the 3rd Imam – Imam Hussain. This is arguably the most important time of the year for Shias. This is theological as well as historical.

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Muharram
Safar
Rabi' al-Awwal
Rabi' ath-Thaniy
Jumada-I-Ula
Jumada-I-Akhirah
Rajab
Sha'ban
Ramadan
Shawwal
Dhu-I-Qa'dah
Dhu-I-Hijjah

Muharram

10th

Ashura – the day the Battle of Karbala took place and Hussain and his companions were killed. Approximately 15 million people visit his grave.



Safar

20th

Arbaeen – 40 days after Ashura. The women and children captives return to Karbala for the first time. 25 million+ visit the grave of Hussain.

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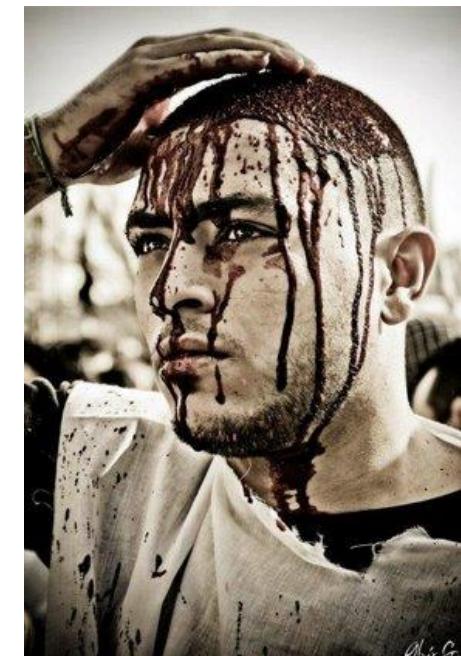


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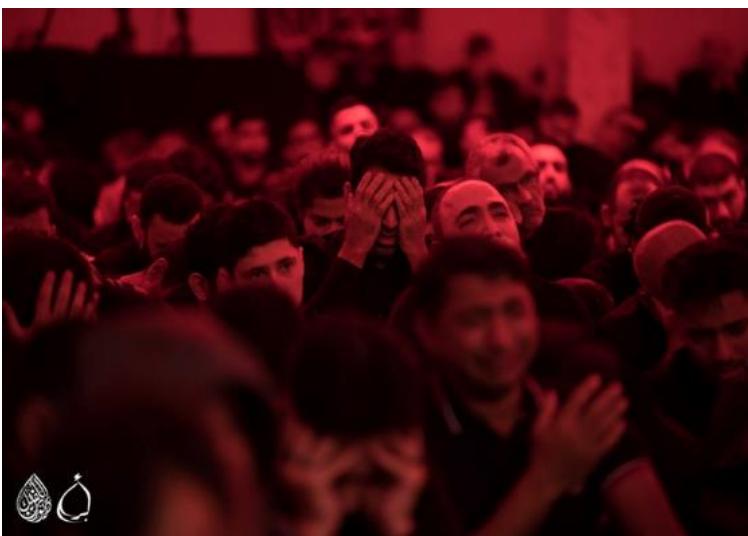
- This is a cultural act that a minority of Shia Muslims participate in to express their grief. Some hit their heads with swords, some hit their back with chains.
- It is done to feel the pain of those in Karbala.
- Discouraged by many Shia scholars.



Fausto Zonaro was an Italian painter and during his stay in Istanbul, he witnessed the Day of Ashura processions carried out by the Shia Muslims that inspired him to paint his renowned painting :

"After witnessing the horripilating procession I wish I were able to meet this man they mourn for"

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- A poet/reciter will stand on the stage and recite poetic eulogies about the tragedy of Karbala in a tune.
- The congregation will strike their chests in a rhythm in sync with the poem.
- A form of protest, rising against injustice. Represents the horses trampling on the body of Imam Hussain.
- What is actually looks like:
<https://youtu.be/zEZPgLOLxdA?t=342>



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What is the definition of Jihad if I read this?



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What does the Arabic word ‘jihad’ literally mean?

‘effort’

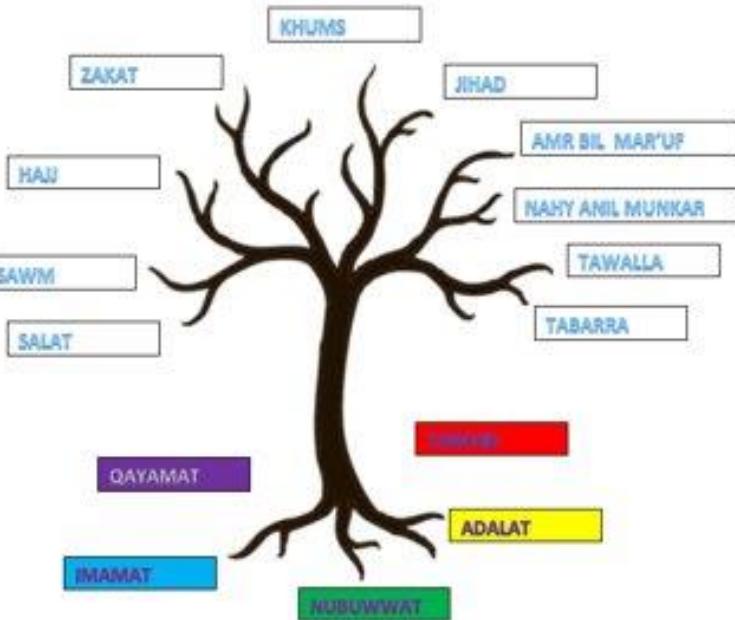
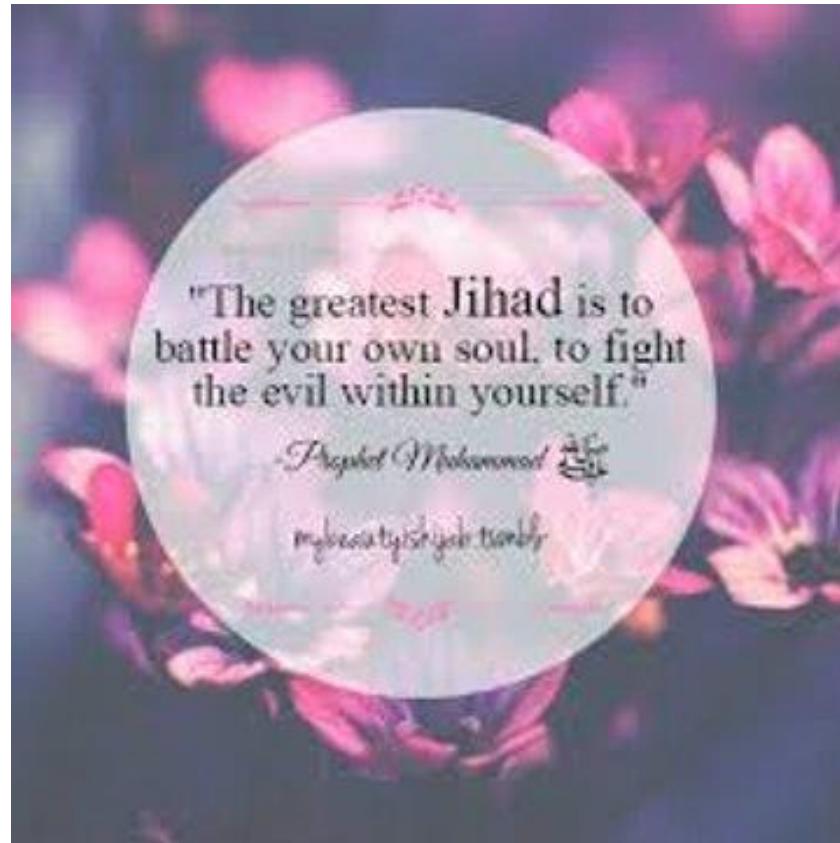
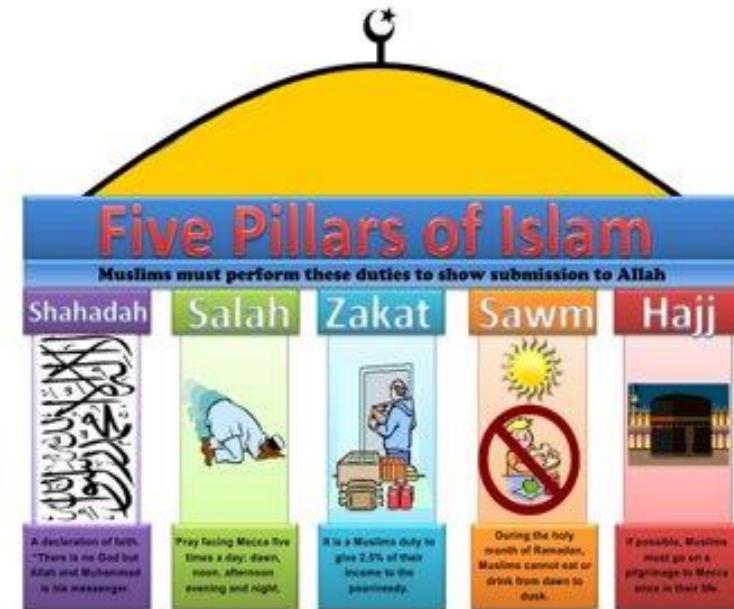
‘to struggle’

‘to work hard’

**THE STRUGGLE
IS REAL.**



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It must be in response to threat to the faith or injustice.

It must be authorised by a fair religious leader (or Imam for Shia Muslims).

It must be a last resort, after non-violent methods have failed.

It cannot be used to make people convert to Islam.

It must not be used to gain territory or wealth.

The Lesser Jihad



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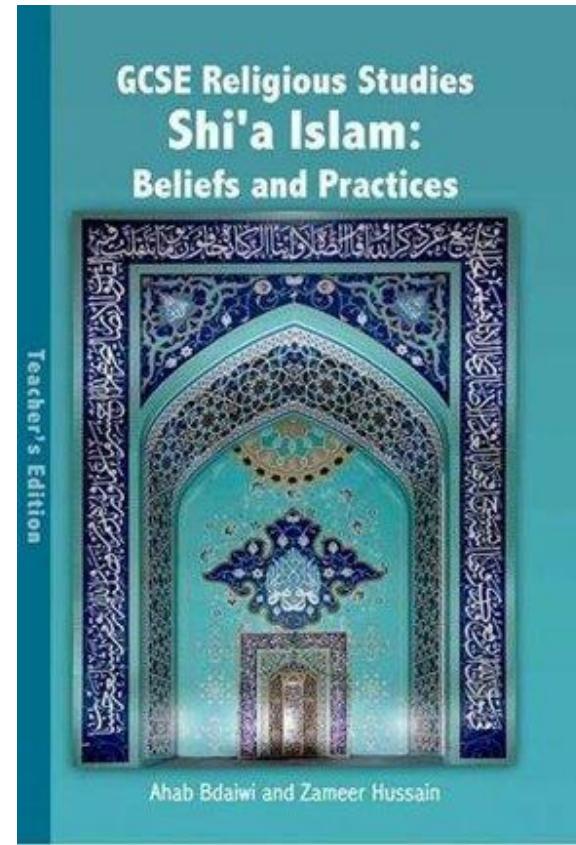
Muhammed's (PBUH) commands in Wars	
Don't cut a tree	
Don't kill a woman	
Don't kill a child	
Don't kill a sick person	
Don't kill old people	
Don't kill a monk or a priest	
Don't destroy a temple or a church	
Don't disfigure the dead	
Don't destroy a building	
Don't kill an animal except for eating	
Don't kill those who surrendered	
Be good to the prisoners and feed them	
Don't kill who ran away	
Don't enforce Islam	

"Fight in the cause of Allah those who fight you, but do not transgress the **limits**; for God loves not the transgressors" (Quran 2:190)



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