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A brief introduction to Islam

You can be Latin and Muslim. Faith and heritage can belong together. You can explore Islam while valuing your language, family ties and cultural roots.

One God

Muslims believe in one God, the Creator and Sustainer of all that exists. They worship God alone. Allah is the Arabic word for God; in Spanish, Dios.

Prophets and revelation

Muslims believe God sent messengers, including Abraham, Moses and Jesus. They regard Muhammad as the final prophet and the Qur'an as God's revelation to him.

Worship and everyday life

Prayer, giving, fasting and pilgrimage connect faith with action. Islam calls people to honesty, justice, compassion and care for others.

Sources: Qur'an 112; 2:136; 33:40; 2:177. References are paraphrased.

A place for your questions

Do I need to become Arab?

No. Being Muslim describes faith, not ethnicity. Learning about Islam does not require you to erase your family history. Particular customs can be explored thoughtfully.

Do I need to know Arabic?

You can begin learning in English or Spanish. Arabic has a special place in the Qur'an and formal prayer; the recitations for prayer can be learned gradually.

What about Mary and Jesus?

Both are honoured in Islam. Muslims believe in Jesus' birth to Mary without a father and honour him as the Messiah and a prophet, while worshipping God alone.

A familiar word: ojalá

The Royal Spanish Academy traces ojalá to Andalusí Arabic, glossed as “and God has willed”. Today it expresses a strong wish or hope: a small connection between languages.

Keep exploring

Read more in English or Spanish, or contact LMA with a question. Take your time; you are welcome to explore.

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Sources: Qur'an 30:22; 49:13; 3:42–49; 4:171. RAE/ASALE: “ojalá” (dle.rae.es/ojalá).