
THEISM

LESSON 1: ISLAM, PT. I



HOW DOES ISLAM ANSWER THE 4 BIG QUESTIONS?

- **Creation:** Created by Allah; slaves of Allah and His vice-regents on earth
- **Fall:** humans are in rebellion to Allah; Adam and Eve were not significant
- **Redemption:** submit to Allah and practice the 5 pillars of Islam
- **Eternity:** go to Paradise or hell depending on deeds; only martyrdom guarantees Paradise

THE BASICS OF THE MUSLIM WORLDVIEW

- Islam means “submission”
- A Muslim is one who submits to Allah and the principles of Islam
- Individual interests and identity are not as important as the “summah”; the informal aspect of Islam that binds together religion, culture, family, and ideas.

KALAM COSMOLOGICAL ARGUMENT

- Everything that begins has a cause
- The universe began
- The universe was caused

