Religion and culture

Prayer

Islam

Islam came from India. It spread from India to Indonesia in the 1200s. The main forms of Islam in Indonesia are called Al-Quran and Al-Hadith. Muslims follow the teachings of a holy book, the Koran. The Koran contains the teachings of the holy man, the Prophet Muhammad. Muslims believe in one god, called Allah. Muslims pray five times every day. The followers of the Islamic faith are called Muslims. They believe in Allah, the one god. They believe in the prophet Muhammad and all people must come to Islam to be saved. They believe in heaven and hell. They believe in the day of judgment. They believe in doing good and being kind. They believe in giving to the poor. They believe in fasting during the month of Ramadan. They believe in going to Mecca at least once in their lifetime.
Ramadan

Ramadan is a month when Muslims show faith in Allah by fasting from dawn until the sun has set. When Ramadan finishes, families gather until the sun has set. When Ramadan finishes, families gather again until the sun has set. 

During the daylight hours, Islamic families in Indonesia get up for iftar. This is a month when Muslims show faith in Allah by fasting. 

Ramadan is the most important time on the Islamic calendar. 

Fact File

Ramadan (Muslims feel at the end of the month of Muslim calendar) 

Festivals and celebrations are based on the Hindu religion. Many people in Bali also celebrate the Indonesian festivals and celebrations. Nearly all Indonesian festivals and celebrations are based on the Hindu religion.