Christianity and Islam in the Medieval World
The Origins of Islam

- Arabia and its people prior to Islam
- The prophet Muhammad (570-632)
- The Qur’an and its teaching
- Jesus in Qur’anic teaching
- Other Islamic sacred texts and traditions
- The People of the Book

Discovered in 2015, these two leaves of a Qur’an date to the 7th century, the earliest known. They are held in the Cadbury Research Library at the University of Birmingham, England.

Source: www.livescience.com
The Spread of Islam

Source: www.fordham.edu
Christianity under Islam

- Regions conquered by Islam
- *Dhimmi* = “protected class”
- Uneven experience of Christians
- Rights and restrictions on *dhimmi*
- Al-Andalus as an idealized society

Begun in 784 and finished nearly 200 years later, the mosque at Cordoba, Spain is one of the most stunning examples of Muslim architecture from the medieval period.

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