

DID YOU KNOW???



The Majority of Muslims do not live in the Middle East. The most populous Muslim country is Indonesia, the 4th largest country in the world with 184 million Muslims.

Early Oxbridge students studied books written by Muslims on mathematics, medicine, chemistry, optics and astronomy.

The first purpose built Masjid is claimed to be in Woking (South of England) with money provided by the ruler of Bhopal, in India (the Shah Jahan Masjid was built in 1889).

The 1860 city records of Cardiff (UK) show a Masjid in operation in a converted building at 2 Glynrhondda St. Yemani sea men on their trips between Aden (in Yemen) and Cardiff founded this Masjid.

The grand doors of our prophets (sallallahu alayhi wasallam) Masjid in Madina weigh 2 and half tonnes each! Enormous quantities of "sag wood" was gathered from all over the world and shipped to the United Kingdom to be dried in computerised furnaces (the traditional drying process would have taken many years!). Even then, it took 5 months to dry the wood! The wood was then shipped to Barcelona (Spain), Where the main body of the doors where made. And finally the French even paid their little part, as the brass ornamentation was carried out in the city of Roi (France). Next time you visit the holy Masjid, keep this entire in mind!

The Islamic calendar is based on the phases of the moon, with it being approximately 11 days shorter than the 365 days of the year in the Julian calendar. Hence, the dates of our festivals move through the year.



The following English words are borrowed from Arabic: Algebra, Zero, Cotton, Sofa, Rice, Candy, Saffron, Balcony. And even 'alcohol' derives from Arabic : al-kuhl meaning powder. These are just a few mentioned here.

Adelard of Bath (a city in the UK) was a leading scholar of the middle ages. What made him famous was translating the word of Muslim scientists from Arabic to Latin!

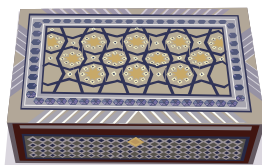


There are more Muslims in India than the combined population of Syria, Iraq, Jordan, Palestine and the whole of the Arabian Peninsula.

The first treatise on smallpox and measles was written by Abu Bakr alrazi (c.864-925, known to Europe as Rhazes). (Due to this) Inoculation against smallpox became a common practise in Muslim lands. Despite this, scientific text book credit the invention of a smallpox vaccine to Edward Jenner. (1749-1823).

The roof top of our prophet's (sallallahu alayhi wasallam) Masjid in Madina is designed to be strong enough to carry additional floors in the future.

Some verses in the Qur'an refer to man being equal to woman. Mathematically, the number of times the word "man" appears in the Qur'an is 24. The number of times the word "woman" appears in the Koran is also 24.



It was only in 1932 the Kiswah (cloth of the Ka'bah) was wholly made by Saudis (citizens of Saudi Arabia).