

5-3-1 Questions

1. How did Islam develop as one of the world's largest religions?
2. What does Donner believe about the origin of Islam?
3. What is the traditional view of the origin of Islam?
4. How did Islam spread in the Middle East?
5. Fill in the blanks: ... the prophet -----settled in the-----after beingfrom nearby

5-3-1 Answers

1. Islam developed as one of the world's largest religion through the development of its army and political institutions.
2. Donner believes that Islam's origin shared features with the genesis of Christianity.
3. The traditional view of the origin of Islam is that Islam was codified from the very first day.
4. Islam spread in the Middle East through military and bureaucratic expansion.
5. Muhammad, Arabian town of Medina, expelled, Mecca.

3- Definitions

1. Muslim: one who submits
2. Koran: the word of God, spoken through the Angel Gabriel to Muhammad according to Muslims
3. hur: a term that Islamic traditions insist stands for "houri", which means virgin

Summary

These two articles discuss the history of Islam from its origin to becoming one of the world's largest religions through its military and political institutions. Scholars are also examining the claims of Islam that the Koran is the word of God, and they are presenting new theories concerning the Koran which are not in agreement with the traditional views of the Koran's origin. Scholars have noted that the present day Koran differs to some degree from the Koran that had been handed down over the centuries.