

**CHAPTER XI**  
**The Worlds of Islam**  
**Afro-Eurasian Connections**  
**600–1500**

**CHAPTER LEARNING OBJECTIVES**

- *To examine the causes behind the spread of Islam*
- *To explore the dynamism of the Islamic world as the most influential of the third-wave civilizations*
- *To consider the religious divisions within Islam and how they affected political development*
- *To consider Islam as a source of cultural encounters with Christian, African, and Hindu cultures*
- *To increase student awareness of the accomplishments of the Islamic world in the period 600–1500 C.E.*

**KEY TERMS/PEOPLE/EVENTS/DATES**

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| Abbasid caliphate: ( <i>pron.</i> ah-BASS-id) | Andalus, al-: ( <i>pron.</i> al-AND-ah-loos)    |
| Anatolia: ( <i>pron.</i> an-ah-TOLE-ee-yah)   | Battle of Talas River: ( <i>pron.</i> tah-las)  |
| Bedouins: ( <i>pron.</i> BED-wins)            | dhimmi: ( <i>pron.</i> DIM-ees)                 |
| Ghazali, al-: ( <i>pron.</i> al-gha-ZAHL-ee)  | hadiths: ( <i>pron.</i> hah-DEETHS)             |
| hajj: ( <i>pron.</i> HAHJ)                    | hijra: ( <i>pron.</i> HIJ-ruh)                  |
| House of Wisdom:                              | Ibn Battuta: ( <i>pron.</i> IB-uhn ba- TOO-tuh) |
| Ibn Sina: ( <i>pron.</i> ibn SEE-nah)         | imams: ( <i>pron.</i> EE-mahms)                 |
| jihad: ( <i>pron.</i> jee-HAHD)               | jizya: ( <i>pron.</i> jeez-YAH)                 |
| Kaaba: ( <i>pron.</i> KAH-bah)                | madrassas: ( <i>pron.</i> MAH-dras-ahs)         |
| Mecca:  | Mozarabs: ( <i>pron.</i> MOH-zah-rabs)          |
| Muhammad Ibn Abdullah:                        |   |
| Muslim:                                       |   |
| Pillars of Islam:                             |   |
| Polo, Marco:                                  |   |
| Rightly Guided Caliphs:                       |   |
| Quran: ( <i>pron.</i> kuh- RAHN)              |   |
| sharia: ( <i>pron.</i> sha-REE-ah)            |   |
| shaykhs: ( <i>pron.</i> SHAKES)               |   |
| Sikhism: ( <i>pron.</i> SEEK-ism)             |   |
| Sufis: ( <i>pron.</i> SOO-fees)               |   |
| Sultanate of Delhi: ( <i>pron.</i> DEL-ee)    |   |
| Timbuktu.: ( <i>pron.</i> tim-buk-TOO)        |   |
| ulama: ( <i>pron.</i> oo-leh-MAH)             |   |
| Umayyad caliphate: ( <i>pron.</i> oo-MY-ad)   |   |
| umma: ( <i>pron.</i> UM-mah)                  |   |