

POINTS TO-GO – LESSON 1

1. Pre-Islamic Arabia:

It was not only desert & nomadic. It was based on oral culture. It was Pagan, but Monotheism was known from being neighbors to Jews and Christians.

2. The Life and Legacy of Muhammad:

He was born in Mecca to the pagan tribe of Quraysh but had to migrate to Yathrib (the Hijra). Later he returned with his followers and conquered most of the Arab Peninsula. He was innovative with combining religion and politics.

3. Rise of Islam:

From Arab polytheism to the 3rd monotheistic religion infused with self-perception of unique Arab character.