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الرَّحِيمِ ③ مَلِكِ يَوْمِ الدِّينِ ④ إِيَّاكَ نَعْبُدُ وَإِيَّاكَ نَسْتَعِينُ ⑤ أَهْدِنَا
الصِّرَاطَ الْمُسْتَقِيمَ ⑥ صِرَاطَ الَّذِينَ أَنْعَمْتَ عَلَيْهِمْ غَيْرِ الْمَغْضُوبِ
عَلَيْهِمْ وَلَا الضَّالِّينَ ⑦

THE EXORDIUM¹

IN THE NAME OF ALLAH
THE COMPASSIONATE
THE MERCIFUL

Praise be to Allah, Lord of Creation,
The compassionate, the Merciful,
King of Judgement-day!
You alone we worship, and to you alone we pray for help,
Guide us to the straight path,
The path of those whom you have favoured,
Not of those who have incurred Your wrath,
Nor of those who have gone astray.

Chapter 2. Pan-Islam and Islamic Expansionism

Allah created humans. Mankind is one nation. Those who have gone astray divided mankind into different nations. It is the duty of the Faithfuls to reunite them as one nation under Allah. The religion of Allah is Islam. The Faithfuls are called the Muslims meaning those who have submitted to the call of Allah through his last Prophet Mohammed, reciting the oath of allegiance 'There is only one God, Allah and Mohammed is His Messenger' (*La illaha illallahu, Mohammed ur Rasulu'Allah*). This is the theological philosophy that forms the foundation of Pan-Islam since the time it was born some 1,400 years ago.

As you can see it is a very simple philosophy, nothing extraordinary or different from other religious ambitions of the Christians or the Buddhists. Interestingly, the Hindus do not have the ambition of converting the world to their religion.

With this strength of plain Pan-Islamic philosophy, the Faithfuls have been expanding Islam since the time their Prophet summoned them to the call of Allah in circa 610 CE. The spread of Islam is dramatic and dynamic. Rather than giving the past history I present a summary of the Islamic expansion in the map below. We shall better focus on the events of recent past and recent days. Please note that the westward expansion of Islam was stopped by

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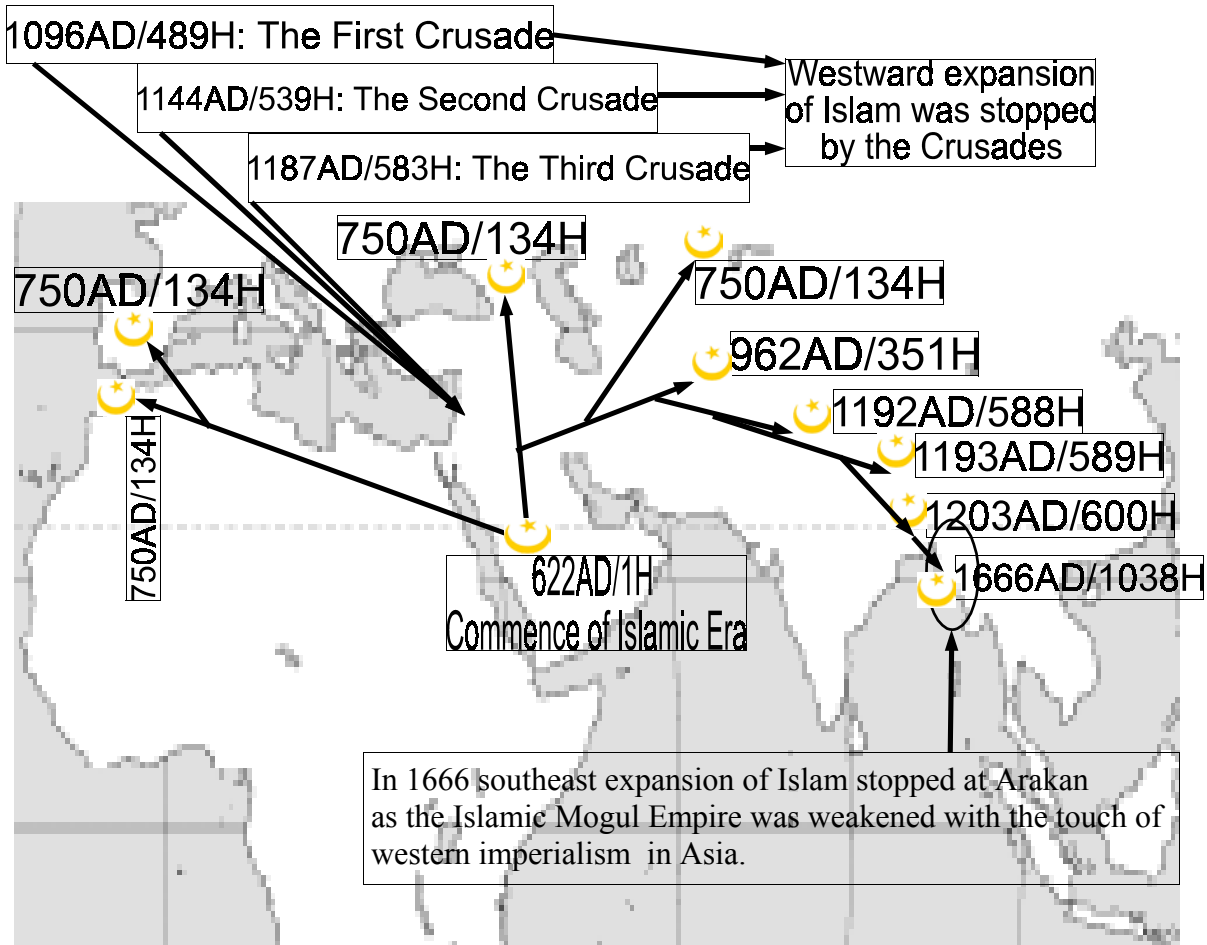
1. The Arabic version of Al-Fatiha or the Exordium, which is the opening verse (1:7) of Qur'an is taken from <http://www.islamicity.com/mosque/arabicscript/1/1.htm>. The English version of Qur'anic verses 1:1 and 1:7 are from *The Koran*, by N.J. Dawood, Penguin Books, 1974. You may compare Dawood's translation with that of Yusuf Ali, which is considered the standard English version by most Muslims.

the Crusades in the 12th century and its expansion in Asia was paused by the arrival of the western powers that weakened the Mogul Muslim Empire. The Moguls seized Chittagong of Arakan Empire in circa 1666 CE and failed to make any further advancement beyond that point.

Chapter2 contains 20 illustrations and one chart, incorporated under the following subheadings.

- 2.1. Jihad.
- 2.2. Modern Pan-Islam.
- 2.3. Twentieth Century Pan-Islam.
- 2.4. Ekhushhe and The Birth of Bangladesh.

The advancement of Islamic Expansionism



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