



FREEMAN-PEDIA

SOCIAL

Family
Society
Inequalities
Lifestyles
Daily Life
Slavery

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ARAB DOMINATED
-SMALL ARAB BUREAUCRACY RULED OVER NON-ARAB MAJORITY; Arabs= ONLY 1st Class Citizens
-RECEIVED **BOOTY** FROM CONQUEST; Only tax=Charity
-Warrior Elites kept garrisoned away from locals
NO ASSIMILATION
NO ATTEMPTS TO CONVERT PEOPLE
AVOIDED CONVERSION TO KEEP TAX \$\$\$
MAWALI- CONVERTS; no benefit to convert at this time
-Still had to pay JIZYA- Head Tax, No booty; Not accepted into the **Umma**
DHIMMI- People of the Book; larger % than MALAWI
-Later applied to any majority Religion (PER-Zor; INDIA-Hindu)

BUREUACRACY DOMINATED BY THE WAZIR
PUBLIC EXECUTIONER SAT NEXT TO CALIPH
-DICTATES COULD REACH THE EXTENT OF THE EMPIRE
FULL INTEGRATION OF THE MALAWI!!

UNSKILLED LABOR done by non-Islamic slaves from E. Africa
-Could earn/buy freedom; mostly horrible work swamp draining/salt mines...
AYAN-wealthy landed elite; most workers were tenant farmers on their land

POLITICAL

Leaders
Elites
War
Courts
Laws

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SPANNED FROM FRANCE (POITIERS/TOURS) TO INDIA
FASTEST GROWING EMPIRE (SO FAR)
CAPITAL-DAMASCUS SYRIA (after Uthman's Murder)

CALIPH BECAME SOFT (see IBN KHALDUN)
HUGE Harem (specialized part of Palace=Abbasid idea)
ADDICTED TO LUXURY
DISPUTED LEGITIMACY SINCE TIME OF ALI
RETREATED TO "PLEASURE GARDENS"/Palaces
ABANDONED SIMPLE LIVES OF MUHAMMAD/ABU BAKR
ENRAGED dissenting groups/sparked Revol. On frontier
WARRIORS from MERV, IRAN/PERSIA (50k)
-Intermarried with locals; identified with Persia over Damascus
-No Longer received **BOOTY** from conquest
-HATED The DAMASCAN ELITE/UM attempt to bring new troops to MERV sparked the revolt

E. IRANIAN group that traced roots to Mu.'s Uncle al ABBAS
747-OPENLY CHALLENGED THE UMAYYAD
FORMED alliances with LOCAL DISSENTERS (Shia/Mawali)
750- BATTLE of RIVER ZAB- Defeat UM led by CALIPH HIMSELF!
GREATEST RECONCILIATION BANQUET OF ALL TIMES!

Turned on SHIA; ABBASID=DEVOUTLY SUNNI (Shia=HERETICS)
CAPITAL=BAGHDAD (near old PERSIAN capital)
CALIPHs quickly turn to excess (Jeweled thrones, Harems, Palaces, etc.)
850; ALREADY begun to LOSE CONTROL OF THE EMPIRE
AL MAHDI (775-785) Downfall was apparent; couldn't stop SHIA attacks
-Never picked an HEIR led to CIVIL WAR; surrounded by wives/Concub/palaces/\$\$\$
HARUN AL RASHID
-Charlemagne stopped by.../1001 Nights/Dominated by PERSIAN ADVISORS
-Afterwards, CALIPH=PUPPET
-SUCCESSION struggles ensued pre-build armies waiting on Caliph Death
CIVIL WAR/NEW CAPITALS/PEASANT UPRISINGS/CORRUPTION= COST TONS OF \$\$\$
-Irrigation fell to disrepair/FAMINE/FLOOD/BANDIT GANGS... CRUSADES/MONGOLS OH MY!

RELIGIOUS

Holy Book
Beliefs
Mystics
Leaders
Afterlife

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SUNNI (in today's terminology)
TOLERANT
KEPT LAWS, COMMUNITIES OF THE DHIMMI INTACT

SUNNI
TOOK POWER WITH HELP OF SHIA, but QUICKLY TURNED ON THEM
ABBASID SEE THEM AS HERETICS
TOLERANT OF OTHER BELIEFS (See Pre-Islamic Arabia; many gods/tribes/etc)
MALAWI ACCEPTED! ACTIVELY SOUGHT NEW CONVERTS!
-MASS CONVERSIONS ENCOURAGED BY ALL PEOPLE!
-From N. African Berbers to Central Asian Turks
-NO distinction between 1st generation ARABS and the MALAWI
WHY CONVERT→No Jizya (head tax), Better schools, jobs, careers
-EXAMPLE→PERSIANS- came to dominate the court of the Abbasids

INTELLECTUAL

Art
Music
Literature
Math
Science

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BEST HOSPITALS ON THE PLANET
STARTED OFF ILLITERATE
Center of HELL, PERS, INDIAN, EGYPT, MESOP, JUDAIS, CHRISTIAN
LEARNING!
LARGE MOSQUES/PALACES/
REVIVED GREEK LEARNING (Aristotle, Euclid, Galen, Hippo, etc.)
-Later relearned by Europeans via CORDOBA CALIPHATE
INDIAN NUMERALS... ARABIC NUMERALS... OUR NUMERALS!

TECH

Innovations
Inventions
Inventors
Advances

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DHOW SHIPS USED

ECONOMIC

System?
Industry
Trade
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Business

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DOMINATED MEDITERRANEAN TRADE

REVIVED OLD CLASSICAL TRADE ROUTES
MERCHANTS DOMINATED
DHOW SHIPS USED
JOINT VENTURES between CHR/JEW/MUS
-could stay open 7 days a week due to the Sabbaths...
MERCHANTS brought LUXURY GOODS for the ELITES
-SUPPLIED Cities with PROVISIONS
PROFITS (©) REINVESTED IN COMMERCIAL VENTURES
-Real Estate, Mansions, but also CHARITY, mosques, palaces, schools,
'HANDICRAFT' MARKET boomed; carpets, furniture, jewelry tapestry,
GUILDS FORMED to protect trade and artisans

GENDER

Male Roles
Female Roles
Inequities

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1st Centuries of Islam
-Strengthened women's position in society
-compared to SECLUSION/VEIL of the rest of the ME
STRENGTHENED BY MUHAMMAD'S TEACHINGS
-Encouraged MARRIAGE, denounced ADULTERY, forbade INFANTICIDE (common in Pre-Islamic times)
MEN COULD HAVE up to 4 WIVES (if he could support)
& Must TREAT ALL OF YOUR WIVES EQUALLY
WOMEN could CHOOSE who to MARRY
DOWRY given directly to the WIFE
WOMEN wrote many HADITHS, Surrahs of the QURAN
WOMEN HAD MANY OCCUPATIONS, WARRIORS, SCHOLARS, LAW, COMMERCE

HAREM/VEIL...