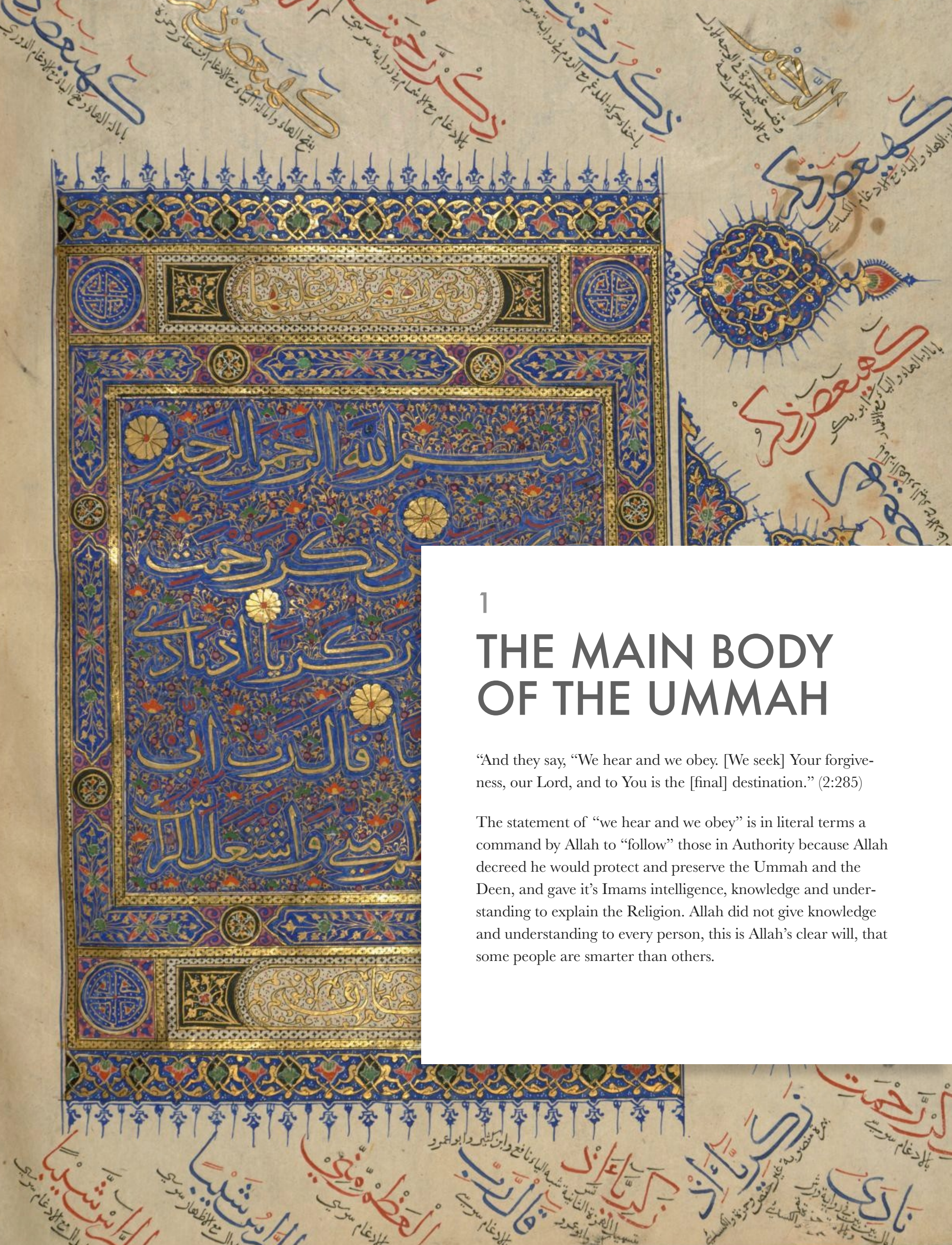


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“And they say, “We hear and we obey. [We seek] Your forgiveness, our Lord, and to You is the [final] destination.” (2:285)

The statement of “we hear and we obey” is in literal terms a command by Allah to “follow” those in Authority because Allah decreed he would protect and preserve the Ummah and the Deen, and gave it’s Imams intelligence, knowledge and understanding to explain the Religion. Allah did not give knowledge and understanding to every person, this is Allah’s clear will, that some people are smarter than others.



## MADHHAB DEMOGRAPHICS OF THE MUSLIM WORLD

### Who is the Main Body of the Ummah

The prophet (saws) described the reality of our time very clearly “One who defected from obedience and separated from the main body of the Muslims-if he died in that state-would die the death of one belonging to the days of Jahiliyya” (Muslim)

Imam Muslim narrated in his Sahih, in The Book on Government (Kitab Al-Imara), what the prophet (saws) said muslims should do during this time:

Hadith 4555:

It has been narrated on the authority of Abu Huraira that the Messenger of Allah (may peace be upon him) said: One who defected from obedience (to the Amir) and separated from the main body of the Muslims-if he died in that state-would die the death of one belonging to the days of Jahiliyya (i. e. would not die as a Muslim). One who fights under the banner of a people who are blind (to the cause for which they are fighting. i. e. do not know whether their cause is just or otherwise), who gets flared up with family pride, calls, (people) to fight for their fam-

ily honour, and supports his kith and kin (i. e. fights not for the cause of Allah but for the sake of this family or tribe) -if he is killed (in this fight), he dies as one belonging to the days of Jahiliyya (Ignorance before Islam). Whoso attacks my Umma (indiscriminately) killing the righteous and the wicked of them, sparing not (even) those staunch in faith and fulfilling not his promise made with those who have been given a pledge of security-he has nothing to do with me and I have nothing to do with him.

The Prophet established this many narration's, "My community will not come together on misguidance"; "You have to follow the congregation for verily Allah will not make the largest group of Muhammad's community agree on error.", "Whoever among you wants to be in the middle of Paradise, let him cling to the congregation.", "Shaytan is a wolf like the wolf that preys on sheep, taking the isolated and the stray among them; therefore, avoid factionalism and **keep to the congregation and the collective** and the masjid.", "**Allah's hand is over the group, and whoever dissents from them departs to hell.**", "Allah's hand is over the group, follow the largest group, for verily whoever dissents from them departs to hell".

We are nearing the end of this world as the Prophet (saws) said and nearly every scholar in our time has similarly stated we are at the end of this Ummah's time on earth.

Imam Al-Bukhari narrates in his Sahih from Abu Musa (ra):

The Prophet (peace and blessing be upon him) said: "The example of Muslims, Jews and Christians is like the example of a man who employed labourers to work for him from morning till night for specific wages. They worked till midday and then said, 'We do not need your money which you have fixed for us and let whatever we have done be annulled.' The man said to them, 'Don't quit the work, but complete the rest of it and take your full wages.' But they refused and went away. The man employed another batch after them and said to them, 'Complete the rest of the day and yours will be the wages I had fixed for the first batch.' So, they worked till the time of 'Asr prayer. Then they said, 'Let what we have done be annulled and keep the wages you have promised us for yourself.' The man said to them, 'Complete the rest of the work, as only a little of the day remains,' but they refused. Thereafter he employed another batch to work for the rest of the day and they worked for the rest of the day till the sunset, and they received the wages of the two former batches. So, that was the example of those people (Muslims) and the example of this light (guidance) which they have accepted willingly.(Sahih al-Bukhari, Book 37, Hadith 11)

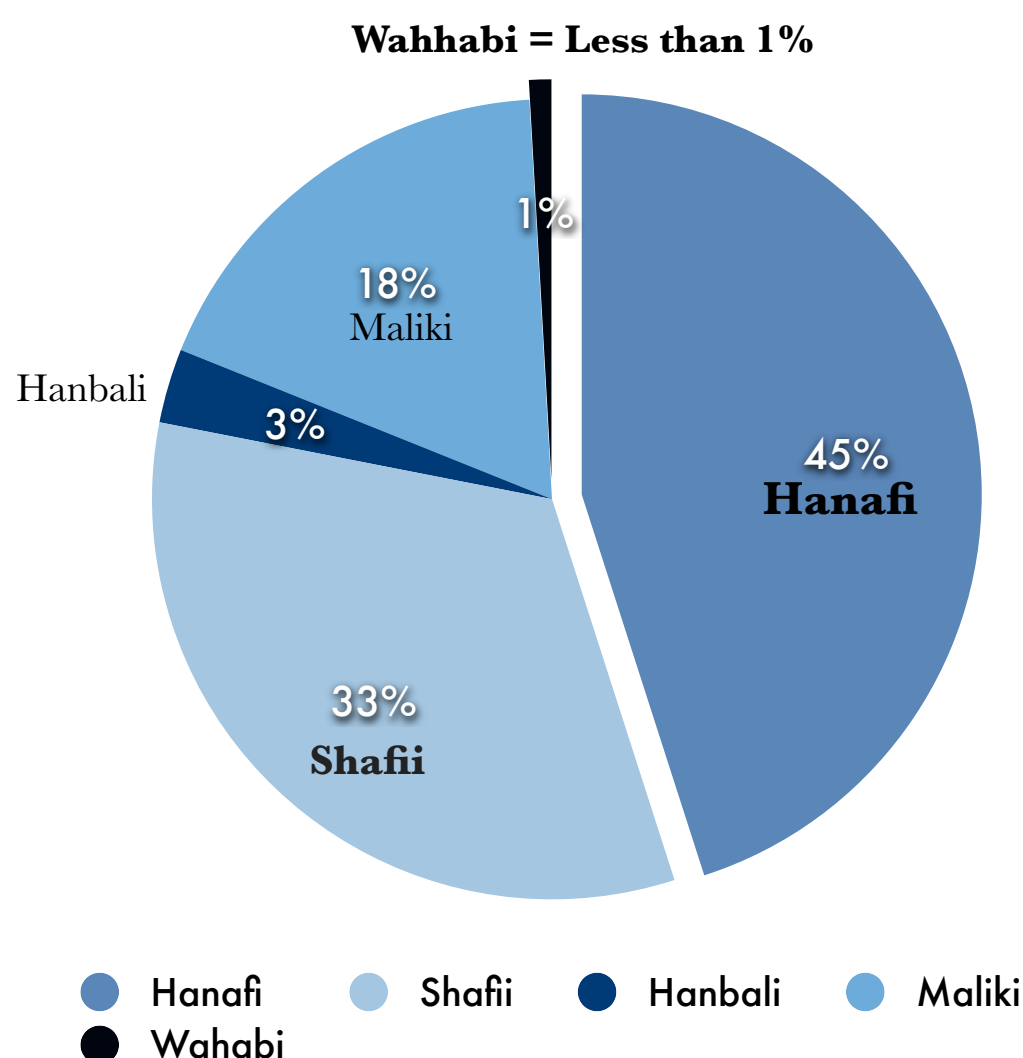
We are at the asr (ending) time of the world and it's maghrib (end of the world) is upon the ummah, to understand who the prophet (saws) meant by the main body of the muslims, even if they don't have an Imam (Khalifah), we have to look at what the Muslim around the world are following, and science can answer this question without any doubt.

The Muslim Demographics from around the world are clear in what they show, Sunni's comprise the overwhelming majority of Muslims around the world and this hasn't changed since the first days of Islam.

Most scholars believe that ***Sunni Muslims*** comprise ***87-90 percent*** of the world's ***1.5 billion*** Muslim population. We can divide the Ummah into those who follow the four Madhhabs (Hanafi, Shafii, Maliki and Hanbali) and those who don't, and from this the words of the prophet (saws) become crystal clear, to follow the same thing muslims have been following from day one without fail in it's history.

Around the Muslim world there are countries who's entire populations follow a single Madhhab, from this we can calculate ***what the muslim main body looks like*** because they make up the bulk of the Sunni population.

The Hanafi Madhhab is followed by approximately ***45% of Muslims world wide***, The Shafii Madhhab is followed by approximately 15% of muslims world wide, in countries primarily Shaffi in fiqh, if we add to this number the countries that are mixed, part Shafii part something else that number rises ***to about 33.3%***. About ***18%*** are primarily Maliki, followed by the Hanbali Madhhab which is about ***3%***, these are the clear figures we can calculate of those who follow the madhhabs without doubt. The Salafi, Wahabbi sect which doesn't follow any madhhab is less than ***1%*** of the muslim world population.



## **The Hanafi Madhhab:**

The Last Khalifah of Islam the Ottoman Khalifah followed the Hanafi Madhhab. Today, the Hanafi school is predominant among:

- Sunni Muslims in South Asia: Pakistan, India, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, and the Maldives.
- In the Middle East, Lower (Northern) Egypt was where the influence of the Hanafi madhhab in the time of the Ottomans was strongest.
- Iraq, Syria, Lebanon and Palestine are mixed Shafi/Hanafi.
- Regions of the Caucasus: Ingushetia, Chechnya and Daghestan are almost entirely Hanafi.

Other areas with sizable Hanafi adherents include:

Muslim communities of the Balkans: Bosnia-Herzegovina, Kosovo, Albania, communities in Bulgaria and Romania.

- Central Asian countries: Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan.
- China, Russia, Tatarstan, and Bashkortostan, and Ukraine. Most Tatars and Turks are also Hanafi adherents.
- Sizable communities in Abkhazia, Ajaria, and other parts of Georgia and Southern Russia.
- Communities in Western Africa, including Mali and Mauritania, are also Hanafi.

Afghanistan, 84% are Sunni of the Hanafi School, the remainder 16% being Twelver Shi'a or Ismaili Shi'a.

## **The Shafi Madhhab:**

The Shafi'i Madhhab is the dominant school of jurisprudence amongst Muslims in the Hejaz region of Saudi Arabia, Yemen, Syria, the Palestinian territories, Jordan, Egypt, Djibouti, Eritrea, Somalia, Ethiopia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Brunei, the North Caucasus, Kurdistan and Maldives. There are large communities in Saudi Arabia (in the Tihamah and Asir), Kuwait, Iraq, the Swahili Coast, South Africa, Thailand, Vietnam, Cambodia, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, Kazakhstan (by Chechens).

It is also practiced by large communities in Madagascar, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam, Cambodia, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, and Indian States of Kerala (most of the Mappilas), Karnataka (Bhatkal, Mangalore, Hasan, and Coorg districts), Maharashtra (by Konkani Muslims) and Tamil Nadu.

In terms of followers, the Shafi'i Madhab is the second largest school of Law, after the Hanafi madhab. It is practiced by approximately a third (33.3%) of all Sunni Muslims.

**The Maliki Madhhab:** The Maliki Madhhab Its adherents reside mostly in North Africa and West Africa,(Libya, Tunisia, Algeria, Morocco, Mauritania, Mali, etc) and Kuwait, Bahrain, Eastern Saudi Arabia, Oman, and parts of India.

**The Hanbali Madhhab:** The Hanbali Madhhab is followed predominantly in Saudi Arabia, Qatar and the United Arab Emirate, as well as minority communities in Syria and Iraq. The Hanbali school gave birth to the Wahhabi-Salafist movement and historically that school has always been a minority.

Country	Population	
Saudi Arabia	29,994,272 million	Total = 41 Million
UAE	9,205,651 million	
Qatar	2,155,446 million	
The Hanbali Madhhab is approximately 3% of the 1.5 billion Muslim Population		

It is very clear from These Figures that the Min body of the Ummah we should stick to are the Four Madhhabs of Islam (Hanafi, Shafii, Maliki, Hanbali), to leave them means “One who defected *from obedience* and *separated from the main body of the Muslims*, if he died in that state *would die the death of one belonging to the days of Jahiliyya (before Islam)*” (Sahih Muslim)

## Demographics of the Hanafi Madhhab

(Calculated from Countries that are Majority Hanafi)

Country	Hanafi Population	
Pakistan	127 million	<b>Total Hanafi Population = 419 million</b>
India	116 million	
Bangladesh	120million	
Afghanistan	24 million	
Turkey	56 million	
<b>Hanafi’s make up 45% of 1.5 Billion = 675 million</b>		
Results	We have not included countries in Central Asia and the Balkans which are Hanafi dominated, or countries with large but not dominant Hanafi populations around the world like Egypt and the Middle East which account for the remaining figures.	

## Statistics

Country	Demographic	Population	Result
Pakistan	97% muslim (Sunni 77%, Shia 20%), Christian, Hindu and Other 3%.	165,803,560	77% = 127 million most of whom are Hanafi
India	80.5% Hindu, Muslim 13.4%, Christian 2.3%, Sikh 1.9%, Other 1.8%, unspecified 0.1%	1,095,351,995	13.4%= 146 million (20% are Shia) the remainder are mostly Hanafi.
Bangladesh	83% Muslim, Hindu 16%, other 1%	147,365,352	83% = 122 million, most of whom are Hanafi.
Afghanistan	80% Sunni, 19% Shia, 1% other	31,056,997	80% = 24 million, most of whom are Hanafi.
Turkey	99.8% Muslim (mostly Sunni), other 0.2% (mostly Christian & Jews)	70,413,958	Most of Turkey is Hanafi, most Kurds are Shafi = 56 million Hanafi's.
Total	416 million, Hanafi.		We have not included countries in Central Asia and the Balkans which are Hanafi dominated.

## Demographics of the Shafii Madhhab

(Calculated from Countries that are Majority Shafii)

Country	Shafii Population	
Indonesia	215 million	<b>Total Shafii Population = 248 million ~ 15%</b>
Malaysia	14 million	
Somalia	8 million	
Yemen	11 million	
<b>Shafii's make up 33% of 1.5 Billion = 495 million</b>		
Results	We have not included countries like Syria, Iraq and Egypt, because these countries are a mix of Hanafi, Shafi'i and Maliki. There are large Populations in Egypt and the Middle East which account for the remaining figures.	

## Statistics

Country	Demographic	Population	Result
<b>Indonesia</b>	88% Muslim, Protestant 5%, Roman Catholic 3%, Hindu 2%, Buhdist 1%, other 1%.	245,452,739	88% = 215 million most of whom are Shafii.
<b>Malaysia</b>	60/4% Muslim, 19.2% Budduism, 9.1% Christian, 6.3% Hindu	24,385,858	60.4% = 14.7 million, most of whom are Shafii
<b>Somalia</b>	100% Sunni Muslim (approx)	8,863,338	8 million follow the Shafii madhhab (accounting for wahhabi presence).
<b>Yemen</b>	55% Sunni muslim, rest are Shia with small numbers of Christian, jews and Hindu.	21,456,188	55% = 11.8 million, 11 million follow the Shafii madhhab (accounting for wahabi presence)
<b>Total</b>	248 million, Shafii.		Syria, Iraq and Egypt, have not been included because exact numbers could not be found and these countries have a mix of Hanafis, Shafi'is and Malikis.

## The Significance of the Main body at the End of Times

Before the day of Judgment arrives the prophet told us about signs and prophecies to indicate to us in our remaining time on earth how close the hour is. The Scholars divided these signs into two groups the Minor signs and the Major Signs, when the minor signs are all fulfilled the major signs would then begin, the scholars are in agreement that the most of the minor signs have been fulfilled with only a few left before the first major sign of the hour appears, Imam Mahdi (r.a).

Here are some signs many will recognize:

**A Hadith** mentioning the fighting caused by the Uneducated Youth in Islam:

Abdullah (bin Masud) narrated that the Messenger of Allah (s.a.w) said: “In the end of time there will come a people young in years, foolish in minds, reciting the Qur'an which will not go beyond their throats, uttering sayings from the best of creatures, going through the religion as an arrow goes through the target.” (Tirmidhi, Sahih, Book 33, Hadith 2347)

Meaning they won't understand what they are reciting or what they are quoting from the “best of creatures” and misapplying it. “Beyond their throats” also means it's understanding won't enter their hearts, all they say it will only be verbal assertions.

**A Hadith** mentioning the manipulation of Government and its system to oppress people:

Anas ibn Maalik related that the Messenger of Allah said, “Indeed, before Ad-Dajjal there are deceptive years - the truthful one will not be believed, the liar will be believed, the trustworthy one will be accused of betrayal, the treacherous one will be trusted, and **the Ruwaibidah will speak.**” It was said, "And what is the Ruwaibidah?" He (r.a.) said, "The base wicked-doer, he will speak in **the affairs of the general public** (he will be trusted to rule and he will speak by the name of the people)." (Ahmad, and its chain is good.)

Abu Bakr bin Abi Syaibah told us. He said; Yazid bin Harun uttered to us. He said; Abdul Malik bin Qudamah al-Jumahi uttered to us from Ishaq bin Abil Farrat from al-Maqburi from Abu Hurairah, He said; Rasulullah SAW said, “There will come to the people years of treachery, when the liar will be regarded as honest, and the honest man will be regarded as a liar; the traitor will be regarded as faithful, and the faithful man will be regarded as a traitor; and **the Ruwaibidhah will decide matters.**” It was said 'Who are the Ruwaibidhah?' The Prophet replied: “Vile and base men **who will speak in the affairs of the people.**” (Narrated by Ibnu Majah)

This fitnah of the Ruwaybidah will cover the whole earth, this is the fitnah of the ignorant evil people being put in charge of the public, in our time because of them every sin has become popularized for the sake of profit. These are the people legislating in government, they have no sense of mo-

rality and they impose their way of life on the majority of people who follow religion, chaos has spread because of them because they don't have sound judgment and legislate according to how they want life to be, for their benefit and happiness.

**A Hadith** recorded by Imam Suyuti, in which the Prophet (pbuh) tells us How close the hour will be when it is fulfilled, which has recently occurred:

In Arabic: “itha ra'aitun makka bu'ijat katha'ima, wa ya-tasawa bunya-nuha ru'usa jibaliha, faqad athalata l-sa'atu.”

The prophet (saws) said: “If you see Makkah with holes in its mountains, and its buildings reach (or surpass) it's mountain tops, then the hour has cast its shadow”

"itha ra'aitun makka bu'ijat katha'ima”

“If you see mecca with holes in its mountains” - Holes in its mountains refer to tunnels, the ones newly built and used by pedestrians and vehicles during and after hajj leading to and from the masjid. If we watch Live video of Mecca on the internet eventually we will see these Holes (tunnels) in the mountains right near the Masjid.

“wa ya-tasawa bunya-nuha ru'usa Jibaliha”

“And its buildings reach (or surpass) its mountain tops” - The Giant Clock tower near the Kaaba constructed in 2012 was the first building to surpass the mountains of Makkah, and the high-rise buildings they have only now reached the height of the mountains, this is the same year the War in Sham (Syria Began) which is also another sign of the hour. The Clock tower is the world's second tallest building and the world's tallest hotel at 1972 ft.

“faqad athalata l-sa'atu”

“Then the hour has cast it's shadow” - meaning it's shadow has reached us, the significance of its nearness in this description is the difference between looking at an object **from a distance** and watching it approach us (which is the past 1400 years of Islam) and looking at an object **whose shadow touches us** and is coming **even closer** (our time the years we live in).

This Indicates that now is the time for the beginning of events that will be the direct cause for the major signs of the Hour, the first being the Mahdi, as Imam Ibn Kathir said he is the first of the Major signs. These events leading to him mentioned in ahadith are the fitnah's that will occur right before his time, the sanctions placed on Iraq and to be placed on Syria and then Egypt, the Du-haimma (Blind and Dark fitnah), the people being sorted into two groups, the general state of the People, Globalization as people lives become intertwined and finally the change of Rulers in the

Ummah on a global scale from Dictators to a Khalifah as the era of tyrants comes to an end with the war in Syria and the era of the Mahdi (r.a) begins.

Rasul Allah (Sallallahu Alayhi Wasallam) said, "Perform all good deeds before the era of evil dawns (the Duhaima), the darkness of which will increase in waves. The effects of these evils will be so grave that a person will be a Mu'min in the morning and a Kaaafir at night, or, a Mu'min at night and a Kaaafir in the morning. A person will sell his Deen in lieu of a paltry sum." (Muslim)

'Abdullah ibn 'Umar said, "While we were seated with the Messenger of Allah, he mentioned the tribulations, and he mentioned much about them until he discussed the trial of the saddlebags [1]." Someone said, "O Messenger of Allah, what is the trial of the saddlebags?" He said, "It is the usurping of wealth and the fleeing. Then there is the trial of As-Saraa (much wealth and safety, or fitnah of secrets) — it's Dakhal (cheating and corruption) or smoke. Underneath my feet is a man from the people of my household who claims that he is my son (or direct descendent) but he is not from me (Saddam Hussein claimed this in 1990 to legitimize himself); indeed my Awliya are only those who are the Muttaqoon (those who fear Allah).

Then people will gather and agree upon a man, (but it will be an agreement that is) like a hip on a rib. [2] Then there will be the Duhaimaa (Blind black, dark, catastrophic) trial. It will afflict every single person from this Nation. When it will be said that it is over, it will return; during it, a man will be a believer in the morning and a disbeliever in the night. (This will continue) until people will go to two Fustaats (groups) — the Fustaat of Eemaan (faith), in which there is no hypocrisy, and the Fustaat of hypocrisy, in which there is no Eemaan (faith). And when that will come to you (when it will finally end), wait for the Dajjaal on that day or on the morrow." (Sunan Abu Dawud, Book 37, Hadith 3. Ahmad related it as well in his Musnad).

[1] As the saddlebag adheres to a mount, so too will this trial adhere to the people. This is one possibility why it is called the trial of the saddlebag; another is because a saddlebag is usually black, and the trial being discussed is black, dark, and gloomy.

[2] A hip does not belong on a rib and so if placed on it, it will not remain upright; so too regarding the said agreement: it is weak and not firm or upright. [I.e. it will be a temporary arrangement with this man]

The Scholars said this hadith relates to events surrounding the first Gulf war, which was the fitnah of the saddlebag, the Fitnah of as Sarra is the fitnah of secrets, when spying and spy agencies became wide spread on earth, then the Duhaima, what came after the Iraq war that is sorting people out into two camps, a camp of Iman (faith) and a camp of hypocrisy, is the fitnah of September the Eleventh, that caused Iraq and Afghanistan to be invaded, and muslims around the world to be dominated.

This single event has affected the entire Ummah “It will afflict every single person from this Nation” and cause the weakest people in the Ummah to become Kufar and sell their religion for gain in this life, which we are seeing with many people openly writing books about becoming kufar to become rich. The scholars then said this sorting into two camps will continue until it decide’s who in this Ummah is in the Mahdi’s (r.a) Army and who isn't, eventually they will face the Dajjaal, which is when the Fitnah of the Duhaima will end, this is why the prophet (saws) called it an era of darkness, “(This will continue) until people will (all) go (in)to two Fustaats (groups) “this is the time we live in.

Abdullah ibn 'Amr ibn Aas reported that the Messenger of Allah (pbuh) said, "How will you (act) and the time draws near ***when people will be sifted***; the covenants of people will be corrupted and the people will differ; then they will be like this," and ***he intertwined his fingers***. They said, "How should we (act), O Messenger of Allah?" He said, " Take what you know to be good and leave what you repudiate; betake yourselves to your own private affairs and leave off the affairs of the general public." (Abu Dawood, Ibn Majah and Ahmad related the same Hadeeth through different chains).

In this Hadith the prophet (saws) mentions Globalization, people lives will be intertwined, this only occurred recently with advances in telecommunications and travel, he (saws) also said business will be corrupt and this will occur when people are being sifted which is after the Duhaima (september the eleventh) essentially when the internet began to spread and affect peoples lives connecting them and the earth.

The War in Syria in 2012 began the first event that will take us to time of the Mahdi this is because with the “Arab Spring” the era of muslim dictators around the world has come to an end with Syria having the last dictator, mentioned in Ahadith.

The Prophet (saws) in many Ahadith mentioned the stages of rulership this Ummah will go through, the last before the time of the Mahdi (r.a) is the era of Dictators, the we will return to rule under and Islamic Khalifah.

The Prophet (saws) said: The Prophethood will remain amongst you for as long as Allah wills it to be. Then Allah will raise it when He wills to raise it (meaning the Prophet will die). Then there will be the Khalifah upon the Prophetic methodology (Abu Bakr, Umar, Uthman, Ali). And it will last for as long as Allah wills it to last. Then Allah will raise it when He wills to raise it. Then there will be biting kingship, and it will remain for as long as Allah wills it to remain (The different Khalifahs in history ending with the Ottomans). Then Allah will raise it when He wills to raise it. Then there will be tyrannical (forceful) kingship (the era of dictators, Saddam, Asad, Kadafi etc) and it will remain for as long as Allaah wills it to remain.

Then He will raise it when He wills to raise it (the Arab spring ended this era and Asad is the last). Then there will be a Khalifah upon the Prophetic methodology (the return of the mahdi). Then he (the Prophet) was silent. (Musnad Imam Ahmad (v/273))

The War in Syria is bringing this era to a close. The prophet (saws) said "Qiyammah will not take place until Iraq is attacked and innocent people will seek places to shelter in Sham (War in Iraq). Sham will be reconstructed (the War in Syria now) and Iraq will be reconstructed. (Kenzul Ummal, Book of Thoughts on Doomsday, Vol. 5, p.254)

Many scholars have written on these signs and have arranged the Ahadith chronologically in the order they are to occur in, Imam Ibn Katheer did this in his work al bidaya wal nihaya, the book of the end.

Ibn kathir (r.a) placed three of the following Ahadith with the Great trials that would befall this Ummah just before the time of the Mahdi (r.a) in his work al bidaya wal nihaya (The Book of The End), they refer to events we have already lived and events we are living now.

**Ahadith** on the sanctions that were placed on Iraq and the sanctions to be placed on Syria and then Egypt:

Abu Nadhrah reported: "We were sitting in the company of Jabir bin Abdullah (r.a.) when he said: It May Happen that the People of Iraq may not send their Qafiz and Dirhams. We said, "Who would be responsible for it?" He Said, "The Non-Arabs would prevent them." He again said, "There is the possibility that the people of Shaam (Syria) may not send their Dinar and Mudd." We said, "Who would be responsible for it? He said, "Prevention would be made by the Romans." He (Jabir b Abdulah) Kept Quiet for a while and then reported Allah's Messenger (saws) having said: "There would be a caliph in the last (period) of my Ummah who would freely give out handfuls of wealth to the people without counting it". I said to Abu Nadra and Abu al-Ala, "Do you mean 'Umar bin Abd al Aziz?" They said "No (he would be al Mahdi)". (Muslim, Book41, Number 6961)

Abu Nadhrah reported: "We were sitting in the company of Jabir bin Abdullah (r.a.) when he said: Soon the people of Iraq will neither receive any food (grain) nor any money." We asked, "Why would such a thing happen?" He replied, "Because of the non-Arabs." He then said: "Soon the people of Shaam (Syria) will neither receive any money nor grain." We asked as to why this would happen. He replied: "Because of the Romans." And in the narration of al-Hakim there is the following addition: "Then he said: "By He in Whose Hand is my soul, the matter will return as it began. All Iman will return to al-Madinah, as it began from there, until all Iman will be in al-Madinah." (Muslim, Volume 2, page 395, the book of tribulations and signs of the final hour)

After describing these events, Jabir [radhiyallahu 'anhu] then brought the saying of the Messenger of Allah [sallallahu 'alayhi wa-sallam]: "There will be in my Ummah a khalifah who will give out wealth in heaps, without counting it." (the Mahdi (r.a))

Abu Hurairah related that the Messenger of Allah said, "Iraq will be prevented from its dirham (a currency) and its (Qifaz) measurement; Sham will be prevented from its (Mudd) measurement and its Dinar (a currency) and Egypt will be prevented from its Irdab (measurement) and its Dinar (currency). You will recoil to that position from where you started and you will recoil to that position from where you started, the bones and the flesh of Abu Huraira would bear testimony to it" (Muslim, Book 41 Hadith 6923)

We lived through the Sanctions of Iraq, the Non Arabs (U.N, U.S and the coalition) stopped trade and food from entering the country and during this period the Iraqi currency was de-evaluated so they couldn't trade with it preventing them from their measurement, ***"Iraq will neither receive any food (grain) nor any money."***, ***"It May Happen that the People of Iraq may not send their Qafiz and Dirhams"***. A Dirham is a currency, 1 Dinar = 4.45grams of gold and 1 Dirham = 0.7 Dinar. While a Qafiz is a measure of Oil, the word Qafiz has been used throughout history for a measure of Oil, because of Arab influence over southern Italy which borrowed some words from Arabic, one word in the Sicilian language is "Cafisu" or a "Cafiso" a measure of Oil.

This hadith indicated that the sanctions imposed on Iraq would be about Money and Oil, the prophet (saws) mentioned this long before Oil had any significance in the world and is exactly what occurred when sanctions were placed on Iraq.

These sanctions have now been lifted, we are now living through the initial stages of the Syrian conflict and eventually we will see that country go through something similar to Iraq then followed by Egypt.

***"Syria would withhold it's Mudd and Dinar"***, Mudd is a measure of wheat or generally speaking food such as rice, barley, bread, etc. One Mudd equals 3/4 of a kilogram or 708 grams. A Mudd is also a measure translated in today's language as a "Bushel". The sanctions on Syria according to the Hadith will then be about Food and Money, different from the sanctions placed on Iraq.

The Prophet (saws) indicated to us some 1400 years ago that Iraq would produce Oil over which sanctions would be placed on it and these are the sanctions to be placed on Syria by the Romans (present day Europe).

Egypt will withhold it Irdab and Dinar, the word in the Hadith Irdab is a measurement specific to Egypt, 1 Irdab = 73Kg (of wheat), when referring to grain, Irdab generally means wheat free from dirt, rubbish and husks. More generally Irdab also refers to fruit in their dried state like dried dates and raisins.

Therefor the sanctions on Egypt will impact the dinar (money) and the import of wheat and dried fruits. The measure of Irdab (73Kg) may indicate that the sanctions placed on Egypt may be more severe than those placed on Syria due to its large Quantity.

The Ahadith mention the dominance of the non-Arabs (U.N, U.S and the coalition who oppressed Iraq) and the Romans (Europeans who will oppress Syria) over the Muslim's, he specified that it will be two different groups who will impose these sanctions.

All these Ahadtih indicate the time we are living in and the significance of this time to the time of the Mahdi (r.a) because the prophet (saws) mentions who will support the Mahdi and what we should do.

The prophet (saws) said "A people will come out of the East who will pave the way for the Mahdi." (Ibn Majah.) East of Madina is Afghanistan, Pakistan and Central Asia.

The Prophet Muhammad (blessing and peace be upon him) said that "When you hear the news of Black Flags coming from the East, then, you must join them ***even if you have to crawl over ice*** (to reach them).(Trimdhi)

On the authority of Thawban, the Messenger of Allah (upon him be peace and blessings) said: "Before your treasure (the Kaaba in Makkah), three will kill each other (over it), all of them are the sons of a different Khaliph (khaliph simply means ruler) but none will be the recipient. Then the black Banners will appear from the East and they will Kill you in a way that has never been done by a nation." Thawban said: "Then he (the prophet) said something that I do not remember by heart" then continued to say that the prophet (praise and peace be upon him) said: " If you see him give him your allegiance, even if you have to crawl over ice, because surely he is the Khalif of Allah, the Mahdi. (Sahih, Ibn Maaja)

The Prophet (sallallahu 'alaihi wa sallam) said: A man called al-Harith ibn Harrath will come forth from Ma Wara an-Nahr (translated as Transoxania elsewhere, meaning the region between two rivers, the Amu Darya and the Syr Darya rivers, roughly present day Afghanistan, Uzbekistan and Tajikistan). His army will be led by a man called Mansur who will establish or consolidate things for Muhammad's family (the mahdi who is Sayyid) as Quraysh consolidated them for the Messenger of Allah (sallallahu 'alaihi wa sallam). Every believer must help him, or he said: respond to his sermons. (Aid him) (Sunan Abu Dawud Book 38, Hadith 13)

A man will come out from Ma Wara' an-Nahr (river) called al-Harith, a farmer. At the head of his army will be a man called Mansur. He will establish the rule of the family of Muhammad, al Mahdi who is from his family, as Quraysh did for the Messenger of Allah.

The Army from the east will establish the rule of the Mahdi. It will be an obligation upon every believer to help him” the leader of this army Harith or he said: "to respond to him.” “Al-Harith, a farmer”: is a description of him.

This is the wording in the majority of the copies of Sunan Abu Dawud. Some copies have: “al-Harith ibn Harrath”, with “Harrath” being a name and not a description, and Allah knows better. Ma Wara an-Nahr is the old Arabic name for the area beyond the River Oxus, which covers present-day Uzbekistan and Tajikistan.

“If you see the black flags coming from Khurasan, join that army, ***even if you have to crawl over ice***, for this is the army of the Khaliph, the Mahdi and no one can stop that army until it reaches Jerusalem.” (It’s isnad is Sahih according to Al-Hakim who narrates it in Mustadrak al Hakim).

This is the Army of the Mahdi and we are commanded to give them support, Khurasan is present day Afghanistan, Pakistan and the surrounding Area.

This means the Army of the Mahdi (r.a) will be from the Hanafi Madhhab, there is nothing more clearer than this about the reality of the Jamaah, the main body of the Ummah and its role.

The Mahdi will have wheat-ich complexion, long straight nose, eye brows round like a bow, big black eyes, very white front teeth with a spacing between them, a small black spot on the right cheek, face glowing like a shining star, a mark on his shoulder like that of the Prophet Muhammad (blessings and peace be upon him), complexion like the Arabs and body like the bani Israil. He will be slow in speech (with a slight stutter) and when he stutters, he will strike his left thigh with his right hand. He will appear at the age of 40.

While praying to Allah, he expands his hands for prayer like birds expanding their wings. He will be wearing ***Qutwani Cloaks***. He will resemble in character Prophet Muhammad (blessing in peace be upon him), but in appearance, he will be different. (Muhammad Al-Barzanji in Isha’ah li Ashrat al-Sa’a).

The Qutwani cloak is the traditional dress of the people in that region, meaning the Mahdi will adopt their ways of dress and imitate them.

“He (Imam Mahdi) would be wearing two Qutwani Cloaks”.(Kanz-ul-Aamal, Page 268, Hadith No 3868).

“He will don two Qutwaani cloaks”. (Tabarani)

If the Madhhabs that make up 99.9% of the sunni population are not the main body of the Ummah who we should, Allah would not decree that they become the Army of the Mahdi (r.a)who he will imitate and the prophet (saws) would not command the rest of the Ummah who are not from that region to aid them even if they have to crawl over ice.

Who the rightly guided group are is very clear, it isn't the Salafi sect that doesn't even make up 1% of the muslim population and wont be able to do anything for the Mahdi (r.a) when he comes.



