

# Islam in Africa



The transatlantic slave trade brought Islam to the whole of the Americas; the north and south as well as the Caribbean, there are many written account's by Muslim slaves describing their Islamic heritage and experience in the New World.

A timeline describing some of the events in Western Islamic history:  
After 800 years of African Muslim (Moors) rule in Spain (Andalusia) an age of "enlightenment" with the scientific knowledge of the Moors dawned upon Europe and started the age of "discovery". Eventhough european historian use the term "discovery" and "renaissance". The rest of the world just experienced slavery and colonial oppression.

- 1492 - African Muslims from Granada and Guinea arrive at the American continent along with Colombus, 1500 Berbers, Wolofs and Mandinka's.
- 1500 - Berbers, Wolofs and Mandinka's were sold as slaves in Mexico.
- 1503 - Spanish colonial slavers report that the runaway slaves were attempting to spread Islam amongst the other slaves.
- 1532 - The Muslim Wolof tribe from Senegal were expelled and banished from Puerto Rico for spreading Jihad
- 1550 - The Spaniards started with the purchase of slaves from non-muslim area's to limit the rebellion amongst the slaves.
- 1500's - Luis Solan and Lepe de la Pen are convicted for spreading Islam in Cuzco ( Peru )
- 1533 - Spaniards prohibited the import of Wolof slaves in the West Indies to prevent Jihad amongst the slaves.
- 1539 - The King of Spain decrees that all sons and grandsons of Jews and Muslims should be burned at the stake in the West Indies and Mexico.
- 1543 - Emperor Charles V ratifies the decree that all Muslims should be banished from New Spain.
- 1548 - Muslims slaves rebel in Honduras.
- 1565 - Wolofs were expelled from Chili for spreading Islam.
- 1578 - Muslims from the Philippines were reported to spread Islam amongst the Mexican natives.
- 1620 - Spaniards started importing Mandinka( Muslim tribe)slaves.
- 1620 - Spaniards started torturing Mandinka slaves for the refusal of Christianity.
- 1753 - 1757 - Françoise Mackandal the Muslim rebel leads the rebellion in Haiti.
- 1700's - Alabi and ZamZam lead the rebellion of the Maroon/Marron groups in Suriname.
- 1811 - 1831 - The Mandinka community in Trinidad are actively buying the freedom of their kinsmen on the island.
- 1835 - Ramadan the Malê/Bahia Rebellion. The largest and longest rebellion in the history of Brazil was led and executed by hundreds of Hausa and Yoruba Muslims who united in Jihad against their slave masters, they communicated in Arabic so that they could not be understood by spies and slave masters.
- 1836 - Supreme Imam of Trinidad Jonas Bath dies.

For Muslims from West Africa Islam was equal to knowledge. Wealth was measured in books.

