ISLAM
(1.6 bill; 24% in Africa (esp Egypt & Northern Nigeria); the rest in Middle East, South Russia, Turkey, Pakistan, Indonesia (largest), the origin of first SA slaves brought by the Dutch VOC in 1694

Allah (Quran)

Prophet Moses ("Musa")
BC Egypt (also, Judaism & Christianity) (1300BC)

Prophet Jesus ("Isa")
Christianity

Prophet Mohammed (632AD)

Africa & Spain
Egypt 641 AD
Algeria 702 AD
Morocco 707 AD
N Nigeria 11th AD
(Caliphate of Sokoto), 19th AD

Spain
Caliphate/Sultanate of Cordoba

Arabia/Middle East
(Mecca, Medina, Jerusalem, Damascus)
(the cradle of most contemporary religions with exception of Hinduism, Buddhism & Confucianism)

Three Major Traditions (Sunni, Shia, Sufi) (85% of all Muslims are Sunni)
(most Sunni are Arabs; most Shia/Shite are non-Arabs (eg Persians/Iran); and most Sufi are from outside the Middle East/Persian Gulf, eg, Andalusia, West Africa, Asia & RSA)

Sunni (& Sufi)

Breakaways (after 8th AD)

1st University in Africa/Spain
- Fez (Morocco), 8th AD
- al-Azhar(Cairo), 10th AD
- Cordoba, 12th AD
(Sufi rule until 1492)

Trans Sahara Trade Route by Berbers
(Kingdoms of Ghana, Mali, Songhai, Born & Sokoto. Factors: Camels & tsetse fly, 11th-19th AD
(Strong Sufi influence since 1590)

Ismailism
(isince 8th AD)
(Sunni, 19th AD)
(Persia)

Nigeria
(SUNIS, since 1970s)

(Sunni, Political Party)

Iraq (Saddam)

Syria (al-Assad)

(Sunni, Political Party)

(Wahhabism)

(Saudi Arabia, Riyadh, 18th AD "madrassas")

Saudi Arabia's & Qatar's roles are puzzling. Both oppose IS and al-Qaeda, yet both are tolerant of Wahhabism which gave rise to Osama bin Laden's al-Qaeda. But Saudi Arabia is an ally in the "War on Terror"

Wahhabism

Examples (without territories)
al-Qaeda/Osama bin Laden (1986); Taliban in Afghanistan (1994); Boko Haram (Nigeria) (2002); al-Shabaab (Somalia) (2005)

IS (after 2013) Caliphate, with territories
(anti-participation; against Western materialism; oppose the secular state, jihadism against Christianity, militant, eg, Paris, 13 Nov 2015)
(The lessons: Muslim extremism/IS and Islamophobia in the West are mutually reinforcing: as Islamists proliferate, so are rightwing political parties in France, Belgium, the UK and the USA, etc)

NB: Most terrorists are Muslims (eg, Salaf, Wahhabi & IS), but most Muslims (eg, Sufi Brotherhoods, Shia and other Sunni) are not terrorists. They are the largest (moderate) majority of Muslims in the World (eg, Turkey, Jordan, Egypt, the Kurds, UA Emirates, Kuwait & Morocco, Indonesia, etc). Other nations in this anti-IS bloc are France, the USA, Iran, Russia and Assad of Syria, etc. Israel is non-aligned.

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