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## Five interesting facts about Ramadan

The last 10 days of Ramadan hold special importance for Muslims as it's said to contain the Laylat Al Qadr or **"Night of Power"**. This is reportedly the day that the Angel Gabriel first revealed the Koran to the Prophet Muhammad. No one knows for certain what day this falls on but many commemorate it on the 27th day of Ramadan. This day is significant because Muslims believe God grants special favor on this day for answered prayers, etc. Enjoy the facts below on Ramadan and we hope it helps fuel your prayer.

1. Fasting during Ramadan is one of the five pillars of Islam
2. Ramadan occurs on the 9th month of the Islamic Lunar Calendar. This is the month that the Angel Gabriel reportedly came to the prophet Muhammad to reveal the Koran.
3. Ramadan was based on a pagan festival that celebrated the "Moon God" lasting from moon rise to moon set. It was adapted to later be sunrise to sunset by Muhammad.
4. Every person is expected to abstain from food, liquid, and intercourse as well as anything deemed sinful from sunrise until sunset during the month of Ramadan.
5. Like Christian celebrations and holidays, Ramadan has become largely commercialized around the world with waste and excess to show for it. Advertisements skyrocket during the month, lavish buffets are offered, and hotels in Mecca charge extortionate prices to the pilgrims that flock to the holy city. City dumps and hospitals are stretched to capacity because of the surge in food waste and gluttony.