

Ch.13.2: Influence of Islam on Religious Practices

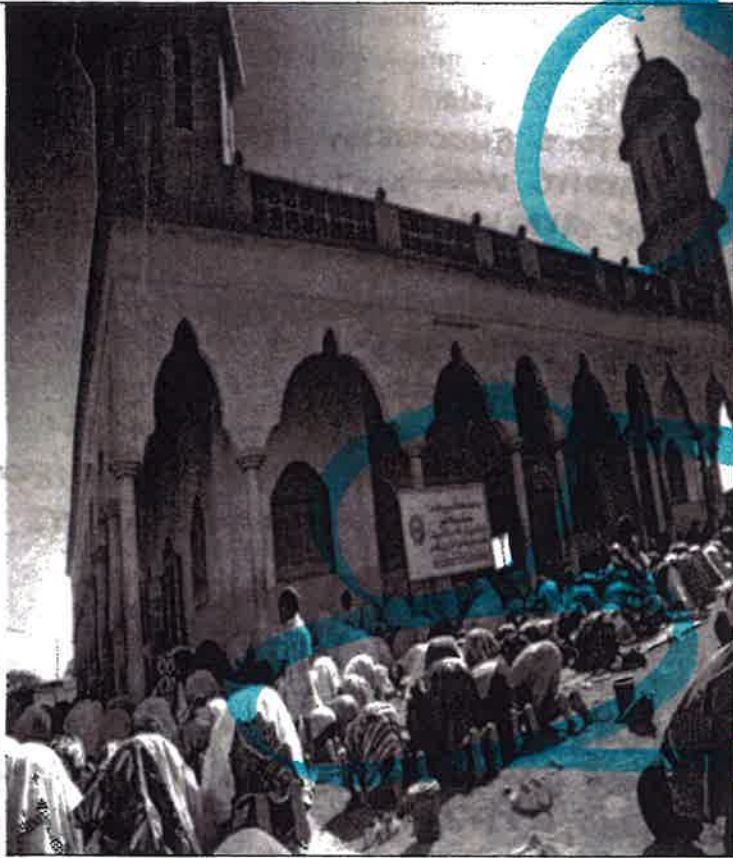


Image Analysis

Mosque with minarets

Arabic language

people pray facing Mecca

1. List 2 ways West Africans adopted Islamic religious practices:

• They learned the 5 Pillars of Islam

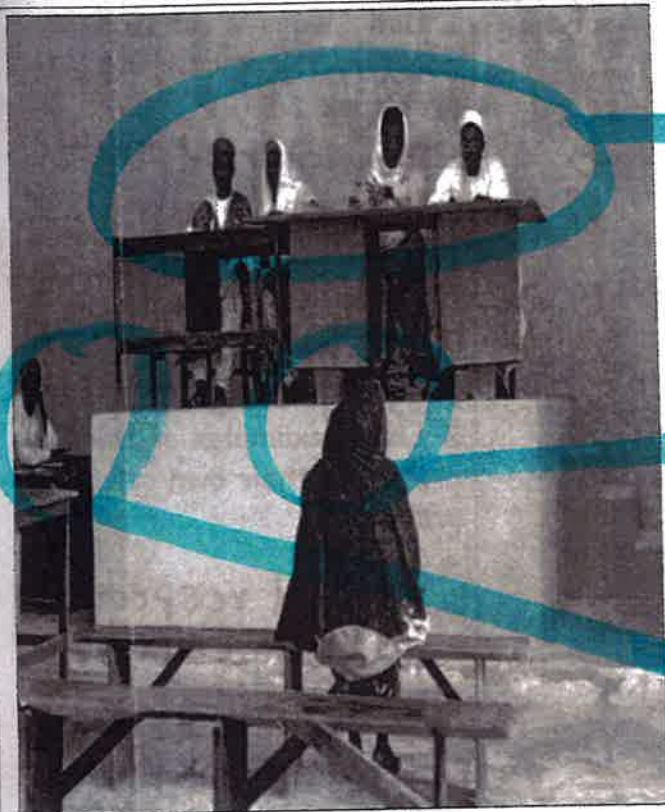
• They fasted, worshipped in mosques, and went on pilgrimages.

2. List 2 examples of how they preserved their own religious practices:

• Showed respect for dead ancestors.

• kept their beliefs in spirits and used amulets to protect themselves from harm

Ch.13.3: Influence of Islam of Government and Law



government was more unified + centralized

Shari'ah law was enforced

Shari'ah was written

1. How did the line of succession change with the arrival of Islam?

Before succession the throne was matrilineal. At the arrival of Islam succession became patrilineal.

2. How did the structure of government change under Islamic influence?

Government became more centralized and kings had more control over local leaders

3. Give one example of how shari'ah was different from customary law?

Customary law was not written down, but shari'ah was written law.

Photographer's Notes: A woman faces charges for breaking the shari'ah code.