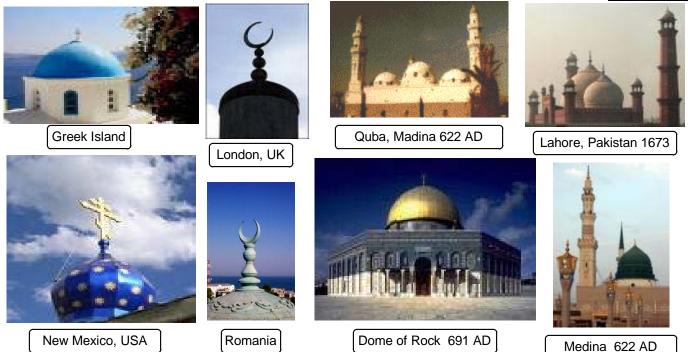


## ..Do not bow down to Sun or Moon.. Quran 41:37





It wasn't until the Ottoman Empire that the crescent moon and star became affiliated with the Muslim world. When the Turks conqueredConstantinople (Istanbul) in 1453, they adopted the city's existing flag and symbol. Legend holds that the founder of the Ottoman Empire, Osman, had a dream in which the crescent moon stretched from one end of the earth to the other. Taking this as a good omen, he chose to keep the crescent and make it the symbol of his dynasty. (Refer to about.com on Islam)

"And from among His Signs are the night and the day, and the sun and the moon. <u>Do not bow down (prostrate) to the sun nor to the moon,</u> but only bow down (prostrate) to "Allah" Who created them, if you (really) worship Him." [Quran 41:37]

