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Ramadan (rah·mahm) is an Islamic holy month when Muslims may not eat or drink from morning until night. The term Ramadan comes from the word Rama, meaning great heat or burning. Ramadan is believed to cleanse a person of sins. Muslims are supposed to seek forgiveness from God during this month.

Ramadan is the ninth month of the Islamic year. Because the Islamic calendar is based on lunar months rather than on solar months as the Western Gregorian calendar is, Ramadan falls at different times of the year. Muslims celebrate Ramadan as the month during which the prophet Muhammad received the first of the revelations that make up the Qur'an, the holy book of Islam.

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