

**APPENDIX:  
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IN THE TIME OF SULEIMAN THE MAGNIFICENT**

Group	Origins	Language	Religion	Status	Location
<b>ALBANIANS</b>	From ancient Illyrians	Albanian (IE)	Parts convert to Islam North: Roman Catholic South: Orthodox	1479 conquered	Albania, Greece, Serbia Macedonia
<b>ALGERIANS</b>	Semites & Berbers	Arabic (S), Berber (AA)	Sunni Islam	1519 vassals & mercenaries	Algeria, Tunisia, Libya
<b>ARABS</b>	Semites: Claim – from Abraham, Arabia Fact – largely from ancient Semite populations of Middle East	Arabic (S)	Islamic & Christian	1516/1517 conquered	Middle East
<b>ARMENIANS</b>	Claim – from Hittites & Urartians Fact – separate ethnic group	Armenian (IE)	Armenian Orthodox	1533-1548 conquered "millet" status	Armenia, e. Turkey, w. Iran, large cities of Ottoman Empire
<b>AZERBAIJANIS</b>	Turkic from c. Asia	Azerbaijani (T)	Sunni Islam	1514 conquered	Azerbaijan, w. Iran
<b>BEDOUIN</b>	Semitic nomads	Arabic (S)	Islamic	Periodically under control	Middle East, n. Africa, Anatolia
<b>BESSARABIANS</b>	Mixed: Slavs, Bulgars, Rumanians, etc.	Mixed	Generally Christian	1484-1526 conquered	Bessarabia, Rumania
<b>BOGOMILS</b>	Mixed Slavic	Bulgarian (IE), Serbo-Croatian (IE), Macedonian (IE)	Bogomil Christian Religion: from Paulicians, Massalians, Zoroastrians	1393 Bulgaria conquered 1463 Bosnian Bogomils conquered & converted to Islam	Bulgaria, Bosnia, Macedonia
<b>BULGARS BULGARIANS</b>	Bulgars: Turkic aristocracy Slavicized by Slavic majority Bulgarians: Slavs	Bulgar (T) Bulgarian (IE)	Bulgarian Orthodox	1366-1393 conquered	Bulgaria, Macedonia, Greece
<b>CIRCASSIANS</b>	Uncertain	Adyghe (Caucasian)	Islamic sects	Free, often enslaved	Caucasus Mts.
<b>COPTS</b>	Claim - from ancient Egyptians Fact – Christians of Nile Valley	Arabic (S) daily Coptic (H) liturgical	Coptic Christian	1517 conquered	Egypt
<b>CROATS</b>	s. Slavic	Serbo-Croatian (IE)	Roman Catholic & Orthodox	1526 conquered	Croatia, Bosnia, & Serbia
<b>DONMEHS</b>	Jewish converts to Islam in 17 <sup>th</sup> century	Turkish (T) Ladino (IE)	Messianic Judaism + Islam	Movement in Ottoman Empire	Thessalonike
<b>DRUZES</b>	Followers of al-Hakim, from Nile to Lebanon 11c	Arabic (S)	Druze	1516 conquered	Lebanon, Israel
<b>EGYPTIANS</b>	Hamites & Semites Claim – from ancient Egypt or from Arabian invaders Fact – mixture	Arabic (S)	Sunni Islam, Shi'ite Islam & Coptic Christianity	1517 conquered	Egypt
<b>EZERITAE</b>	s. Slavic	Serbo-Croatian (IE)	Christian	1460 conquered	s. Greece
<b>GEORGIANS</b>	Caucasian	Georgian (IE)	Georgian Orthodox	1540s conquered	Georgia, Azerbaijan
<b>GREEKS</b>	Claim – from ancient Hellenes Fact – heavily Slavicized	Greek (IE)	Greek Orthodox with "millet" status	1299-1460 conquered	Greece, Turkey, Balkans
<b>GYPSIES</b>	Caucasian Claim – from Egypt / India	Romany (IE)	Various Christian sects	Nomadic	Within / without Ottoman Empire
<b>HUNGARIANS</b>	Magyars from Asia	Magyar (FU)	Roman Catholic	1526-1541 vassalage 1541 empire divided	Hungary, Austria, Slovakia, Serbia, Croatia

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<b>ITALIANS</b>	Venice, Genoa, etc.	Italian dialects (IE)	Roman Catholic	14-17th c. possessions conquered	Scattered colonies in Black Sea and Mediterranean
<b>JEWS</b>	Claim – from Abraham, Palestine Fact – considerable intermarriage	Arabic (S), Ladino (IE) & local languages	Various sects	“millet” status	Palestine, large cities
<b>KUMANS</b>	Asiatic immigrants to Balkans in 11th century	Bulgar (T)	Bulgarian Orthodox	1366-1393 conquered	Bulgaria
<b>KURDS</b>	Separate ethnic group	Kurdish (IE)	Sunni Islam, Yazidi	1515-1517 conquered	s. Turkey, n. Iraq, w. Iran, Syria
<b>MACEDONIANS</b>	s. Slavic	Macedonian (IE) Related to Bulgarian	Orthodox, periodically independent	1370s-1380s conquered	Macedonia, Greece, Serbia, Bulgaria, Albania
<b>MARONITES</b>	Claim – from Phoenicians Fact – from various ancient Semitic populations of Levant	Arabic (S)	Maronite Christian	1516-1517 conquered	Lebanon
<b>MELINGI</b>	s. Slavic	Serbo-Croatian (IE)	Christian	1460 conquered	s. Greece
<b>MONTENEGRINS</b>	s. Slavic	Serbo-Croatian (IE)	Christian	Independent	Montenegro, Albania
<b>NESTORIANS</b>	Mixed Semitic; Christian refugees from Byzantine Empire, 5-6th c.	Syriac (S) > Arabic (S)	Nestorian Christian	1515-1517 conquered	Iraq, Iran, Syria, e. Turkey
<b>PERSIANS</b>	Iranian	Farsi (IE)	Shi'ite Islam since 1501 official religion	1534 Mesopotamian Iranians conquered	Iraq, w. Turkey (independent in Iran)
<b>POMAKS</b>	Bulgar-Asiatic	Bulgarian (IE)	Sunni Islam	1363 conquered	Rhodope Mts. (Bulgaria)
<b>RUMANIANS</b>	From ancient Dacians	Rumanian (IE)	Rumanian Orthodox	1541 conquered	Rumania
<b>SELJUK TURKS</b>	From c. Asia	Turkish (T)	Sunni Islam	13-15th c. conquered	Anatolia
<b>SERBS</b>	s. Slavic	Serbo-Croatian (IE)	Serbian Orthodox	1389 vassalage 1459 annexed	Serbia, Croatia, Bosnia, Macedonia, Montenegro
<b>TARTARS</b>	Mongolian	Tartar (T)	Sunni Islam	17c. vassals & allies	Ukraine, Russia
<b>TURKOMEN</b>	Invaded Levant with Seljuks 10th c.	Turkish (T)	Sunni Islam	13-15th c. conquered	Turkey, Iran, Syria
<b>VLACHS</b>	Wallachia / Rumania (origins disputed)	Rumanian (IE)	Orthodox sects	1462 Wallachia conquered	s. Rumania, scattered about Balkans