

# *LIFTING THE VEIL*

*An Exploration Of Islam*

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## **FOREWORD.**

**T**his is a literary, philosophical, geopolitical and theological examination of the third and latest in a series of three religions, all rooted solidly in Semitic languages, scriptures and cultures. The first was Talmudic Judaism. It was the successor faith to the ancient Hebrew religion, centered in the rites and rituals of the Jerusalem Temple. It ended in 70 CE, several decades after the time of Jesus. It was then that the Roman armies, commanded by the later emperor, Titus, attacked the central Hebrew city in response to a persistent revolutionary movement in the Latin province of Palestina. The Romans finally grew tired, and decided to end the matter once and for all. As a result of the Roman invasion, the Jerusalem Temple was thoroughly razed, burned and destroyed, thus ending the old Temple-based cult. The modern religion called Judaism came forth from this, preserving their Hebraic scriptures in the Old Testament as well as accumulating and codifying rabbinical thought and lore in the Talmud. But, Christianity was already an active and growing rival faith, so was not all that much affected by the attack on Jerusalem or the destruction of the Temple. Early Christianity, especially with the ascension of Paul, aimed to convert the Gentile Greco-Roman world of the first century. As we know, Christianity was later officially adopted and promoted by the Emperor Constantine in c.325CE. It became the imperial Roman state church, spreading even more widely throughout the ancient world.

But, about three centuries after that, a new rival creed came forth, led by an ascetic desert prophet called Muhammad. The faith he preached was called Islam, from the Arabic root words for peace and submission. Hence, a Muslim, a follower of Islam, translates as one at peace, one in submission to God, in Arabic called Allah. The Archangel Gabriel is said to have dictated the Koran to Muhammad, the last and greatest prophet of Allah. Since the late 600s, Islam has spread over much of the world. Now outnumbering Roman Catholics, there are over one and a half billion Muslims with an estimated six to eight million in the United States. In my book, we shall explore this dynamic, vibrant -- and somewhat uncompromising -- belief system that stands before us and directly confronts us on a global scale.

## CHAPTER ONE.

### WHAT IS THE RELIGION CALLED "AL-ISLAM" ("THE SUBMISSION"), AND WHO WAS THE MAN CALLED MUHAMMAD?

**M**ost Westerners misperceive, misunderstand and misjudge Islam. Moreover, neither the media, nor the few carefully chosen Muslims who appear occasionally on TV, seem to shed much light. Is it "a terrorist religion" or "a religion of world peace and brotherhood", or something in between? Let's take a look at the world's fastest growing faith. Where did it come from? What does it represent? What is its history? How is it defined? The word Islam is derived from the Arabic word 'S\_L\_M' or salaam, the same Semitic root as the Hebrew shalom, which means among other things, peace, purity, submission and obedience. The word Islam means submission to the will of Allah/God and obedience to Sharia Law. This is a good point to add that "Muhammadanism" is a blasphemous term to Muslims ("those in submission"), and reminds them of Christianity, which blasphemously says a mere man is God. Some 1.5+ billion people (figures vary) practice "the religion of peace and submission." Once almost all Muslims were Arabs, but today Indonesia is the largest Islamic nation. While the total number of Christians still outnumbers Muslims, according to the Vatican, Muslims now outnumber Roman Catholics, the largest Christian denomination.

“Vatican City: Islam has surpassed Roman Catholicism as the world's largest religion, the Vatican newspaper said Sunday."For the first time in history, we are no longer at the top: Muslims have overtaken us," Monsignor Vittorio Formenti said in an interview with the Vatican newspaper *L'Osservatore Romano*. Formenti compiles the Vatican's yearbook. He said that Catholics accounted for 17.4 percent of the world population — a stable percentage — while Muslims were at 19.2 percent. "It is true that while Muslim families, as is well known, continue to make a lot of children, Christian ones on the contrary tend to have fewer and fewer," the monsignor said. Formenti said that the data refer to 2006. The figures on Muslims were put together by Muslim countries and then provided to the United Nations, he said, adding that the Vatican could only vouch for its own data. When considering all Christians and not just Catholics, Christians make up 33 percent of the world population.” By Alessandra Rizzo, Associated Press, 2008.

## WHO WAS THE MAN CALLED MUHAMMAD?

Muhammad, meaning "one who is praised", was born into the Arab Quraysh tribe near Mecca on the Arabian Peninsula, and lived from c.560-570 to 632. In this cultural crossroads, the inquisitive young man knew pagans of various sects, Gnostics and Gnostic Christians, Eastern Rite Byzantine Christians and Jews too as there were several Judeo-Arab tribes. Muhammad was probably influenced by them all. Muhammad was a dedicated and dynamic man. But, was he truly the last and greatest prophet? Or, was he the most successful religious eclectic synthesizer to ever live?

“It was the personality of Muhammad, his vision of truth gained through deep brooding and struggling of soul that constituted him to founder of Islam. There can be no question of his sincerity at the beginning of his career, nor of the purity of his original motives; it is equally clear that he deteriorated in his later days, became at least a self-deceiver, fell into self-indulgent vices, and justified them with supposed visions and voices from heaven.” Adeney, Walter F., *The Greek And Eastern Churches* (New York: Scribner’s, 1908, p. 162).

As a matter of fact, when he was a proto-prophet, not quite fully into what was happening to him, Muhammad initially questioned the origin of the voices he heard, thinking that they might be *jinni* or demons. These are the so-called Satanic Verses. Today someone describing these symptoms would be seen as mentally disturbed. The voice of god is often heard by schizophrenics. But in some ways, Muhammad was not all that different from other founders of religions in his prophetic motif. Muhammad ibn Abdullah was born into the pagan Arab Quraysh tribe near Mecca on the Arabian Peninsula, and lived from c.560-570 to 632. His father’s name, Ibn Abdullah, means “servant of Allah,” but how could that be since the Allah of Islam had not yet been revealed? Supposedly Allah was not fully revealed until the coming of The Last Prophet. So who was the “Allah” that his father, Abdullah, served? The answer to the riddle is that Muhammad’s father was likely a devotee of the moon god also called Allah or Al-Ilah, but more on this later. Young Muhammad’s early life was somewhat tragic. He never knew his father, who died before his birth. The Quraysh tribe may have previously worshipped Allah, the moon god. His Uncle, Obied-Allah, and his mother, Aminah, were said to have been involved in mysticism and sorcery. For more, see John McClintock and James Strong, *Cyclopedia of Biblical, Theological, and Ecclesiastical Literature*, 1981.

Because of her poverty and illness, in tribal tradition, the baby was given to a Bedouin shepherd and his family, where he spent his first six years with them in the severe desert environment. But soon after he was returned to his mother, she died, and the young prophet-to-be was raised by his grandfather and uncle. As said, young Muhammad knew pagans, Christians and Jews, and was obviously influenced by all of them. As you will see, this was not the only early influence on this evidently dedicated and dynamic man who may be the greatest eclectic synthesizer of religious thought who ever lived.

The Koran, said to be the the direct and personal revelation of the Archangel Gabriel to Muhammad, has no other witness, apart from Allah and Gabriel, other than Muhammad himself. While one may raise similar questions as to the resurrection of Jesus, there were certainly many more than one claiming to be witnesses to the events of the New Testament. Muhammad wrote down the revelations somewhat randomly, and apparently, never wrote anything else. As said, at first, he thought he was beset with demons, but later decided that he was mistaken, and it was the Archangel Gabriel instead. The Hadith, the traditions, are stories and reminiscences of the Prophet from those who were around him. It is, of course, considered blasphemous to even consider that those assembling these alleged traditions, and those who later codified them, might have had personal ideological interest in its contents. Did they cynically create and confabulate a religion with all the accompanying scriptures and history of its alleged origins and founder? While we can't conclusively say, there are more than a few clues pointing in this direction.

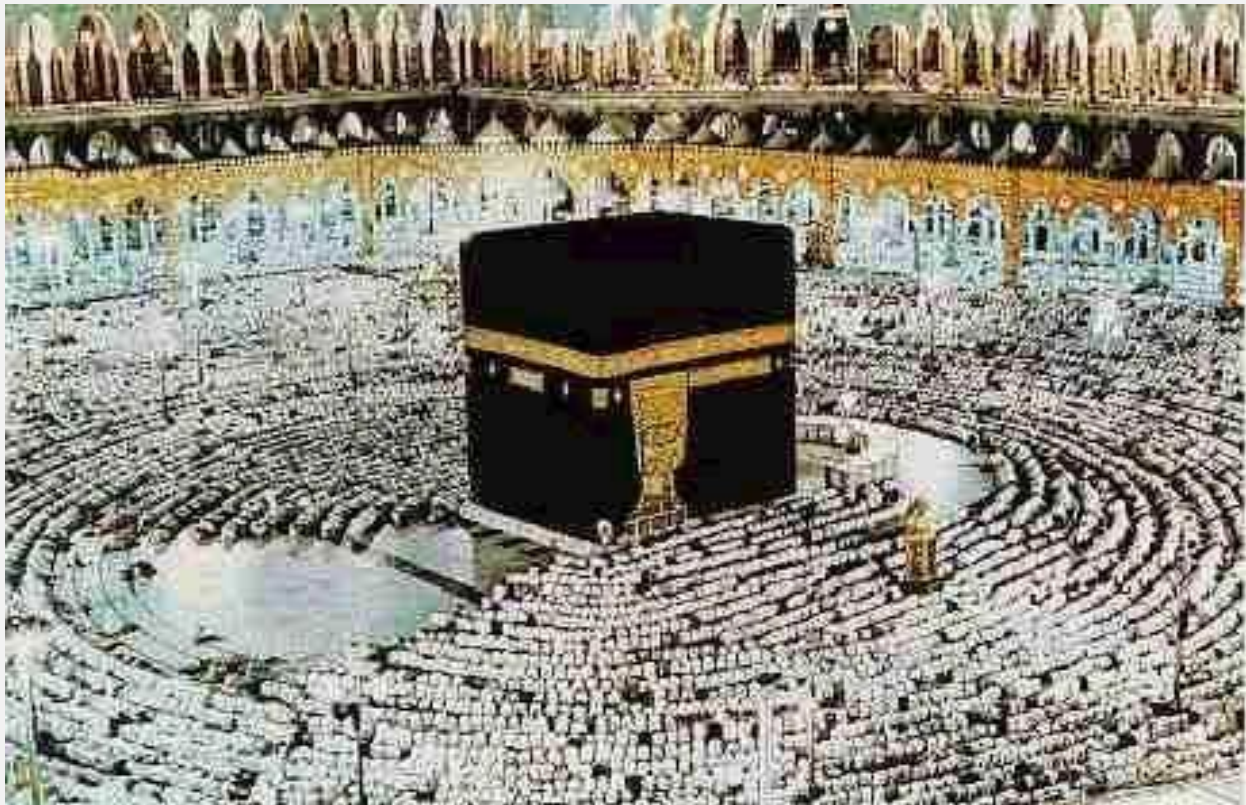
## PRE-ISLAMIC RELIGION IN ARABIA, AND THE ALLEGEDLY ABRAHAMIC KAABA.

“The Kaaba ( الكعبة al-Ka‘bah, Persian: كعبه ) also known as al-Ka‘abatu’l-Musharrafat ( الكعبة المشرفة ), al-Baytu l-‘Atīq ( البيت العتيق "The Primordial House"), or al-Baytu’l-Ḥarām ( البيت الحرام "The Sacred House"), is a building located inside the mosque known as al-Masjīdu’l-Ḥarām in Mecca. The mosque was built around the original Kaaba. The Kaaba is the holiest place in Islam. For the Muslim community, the Kaaba holds a place analogous to that of the Temple Mount in Jerusalem for ancient Jewry. The qibla, the direction Muslims face during prayer, is the direction from any point to the Kaaba. It is around the Kaaba that ritual circumambulation is performed by Muslims during the Hajj (pilgrimage) season as well as during the Umrah



(lesser pilgrimage). The Kaaba is a large masonry structure roughly the shape of a cube. (The name *Kaaba* comes from the Arabic word "muka'ab" meaning "cube"). It is made of granite from the hills near Mecca, and stands upon a ten inch marble base, which projects outwards about a foot. The most current dimensions for the structure are: 15 m high (49') with sides measuring 10.5 m (34') by 12 m (39'). It is covered by a black silk curtain decorated with gold-embroidered calligraphy. This cloth is known as the *kiswah*; it is replaced yearly. The *Shahada* is outlined in the weave of the fabric. About two-thirds of the way up runs a gold embroidered band covered with *Qur'anic* text. In the eastern corner is the *Rukn-al-Aswad* (the Black Stone or *al-Hajaru l-Aswad*), generally thought to be a meteorite remnant; at the northern corner lies the *Rukn-al-Iraqi* ('The Iraqi corner'); at the west lies *Rukn-al-Shami*, 'The Levantine corner', and at the south *Rukn-al-Yamani* 'The Yemeni corner'.

According to Islamic tradition, God ordained a place of worship on Earth to reflect the house in heaven called *al-Baytu l-Ma'mur* (Arabic: روم عمل اتي بلا). Muslims believe that Adam was the first to build such a place of worship. According to the *Qur'an*, the Kaaba was built by Ibrahim (Abraham) and his son Ismail." *Wikipedia*, 2009.



Muhammad's hometown, Mecca, was already a pagan proto-one-world-religion center, sacred to no less than five religions, including those worshipping Saturn and the Moon. It was a mercantile center, but even this revolved around the religious pilgrims who sought out the holy city in the desert. In addition to various pagans, there were resident Christians, Oriental Jews, Jews from nearby Palestine, Judeo-Arabians, Christians, various Gnostics, and others. The Kaaba, an ancient, almost square stone structure, was already there from very ancient times. Nowadays, the courtyard of the Grand Mosque surrounds it. Said to have been built by Abraham, it houses a black meteorite that is still venerated much like a Catholic or Hindu statue or holy relic in spite of various Koranic prohibitions against idols. The way it is mounted has led some to say that it is from an ancient time and the worship of a female sex organ. See the photo and decide for yourself. Apparently Muslim theologians or the faithful don't see it that way even though the main event of the Haj is the circling of the Kaaba and kissing or touching the black stone, now no longer a pagan symbol, but now purified and imbued as a sign of Allah, via Abraham. Crowds estimated at more than one million have ritually marched around the simple, black-draped cube, some perishing in the crush of the crowd. Each Muslim is asked to make a Haj, or pilgrimage to Mecca, at least once in life if possible. Emphasizing equality before Allah, all Hajis wear a simple white garment.

But as said, in early times, the Kaaba was the perfect model for a One-World Religion. In truly ecumenical and multicultural spirit, it contained at least 360 idols, including a bust of the Virgin Mary with the Christ Child. Jews are said to have revered the Kaaba as well, with a tradition that Moses and Aaron made pilgrimages there. A moon god, who some say was also called "Allah" or "Al-Ilah" was a part of the pantheon. A Judeo-Arab convert named Tobba put the first curtain over the building, much as it is today. When Muslims make their Haj, the procession circles the Kaaba where each one kisses or touches the black stone. This is the central ritual of the pilgrimage experience. Over the centuries, numerous commentators have noticed the curious resemblance to the female genitalia, a direct link to the great goddesses of the ancient pagan world. Moreover, Islamic tradition does not really deal with several related questions, such as, how this rather curious ancient relic has anything to do with Abraham. But, the story in Mecca is that it goes back to the time of Adam and Eve. The meteorite landed near them, and they built an altar and made a sacrifice. Pilgrims try to kiss the Black

Stone, but Mecca is so crowded during Hajj, this is not always physically possible, hence they may simply wave a kiss.



## MUHAMMAD AND HIS MISSION.

Multi-cultural, polytheistic pre-Islamic Mecca had a great influence on the future prophet. He was 40 when he began his religious, prophetic life, and it was no easy course. He attracted a few followers from his immediate family and clan, but aroused little other than anger and resentment among most he encountered. The famous Arabist, Sir Richard Francis Burton says:

"After a long course of meditation, fired with anger by the absurd fanaticism of the Jews, the superstitions of the Syrian and Arabian Christians, and the horrid idolatries of his unbelieving countrymen, ...he determined to reform those abuses.... He introduced himself as one inspired to a body of his relations and fellow-clansmen. The step a failure (except for converting Ali)." *The Jew, The Gypsy And El Islam*, 1898.

These religious/political struggles were quite fierce and bloody on all sides; hence, Muhammad had many opponents who wanted to kill him. In 622, he and his main followers were forced to flee from Mecca to Yathrib. While somewhat of an ignominious retreat, it did save his life, and the event became legendary. The date is commemorated as the Hegira, the Flight from Mecca to Yathrib, then renamed Medina. He proclaimed Allah as the One God and himself as the last and greatest prophet, and returned to Mecca, where he cleansed the Kaaba of idols, and began the world's first Islamic government. Islam presented itself as an Abrahamic faith, and the Koran is also very respectful of Jesus. In light of this, early Muslims hoped and expected that Christians and Jews would naturally want to convert. As history shows, they were mostly wrong.

"Historians agree to say that there is a big difference between Muhammad's personality in Mecca and his personality after his migration to Mecca. In Mecca, Muhammad was struggling to be accepted, so he tried to appeal to Christians and Jews as well, his teachings [then] condemning violence, injustice, and neglect of the poor. *However when he moved to Medina, and his followers grew in strength and number, he no longer needed to please people of other faiths, and became a relentless warrior intent on spreading his religion by the sword.*" Pilote, Alain, "Mary and the Muslims," *Michael Journal*, Jan./Feb. 02.

As we well know, today much of Islam seems devoted to aggressive and militant fundamentalist theology. One writer, speaking two years before the World Trade Center bombings, said:

"The facts speak loudly... [Islam] ...has tricked many into believing that [it] is a religion of peace, justice and equality. It has never been our policy to group all Muslims in the same category, for we know that not all Muslims are guilty of the crimes committed by the more extreme and violent elements in Islam. Nevertheless, we can definitely say beyond a doubt that the religion of Islam itself teaches and condones violence, which is characteristically manifested in war, revenge, oppression, slavery, persecution and murder toward any and all who oppose Islam. ... Do not be deceived, for Islam will not tolerate other systems of belief, nor will they rest until their opposition is completely subdued." *Tribal Call, Battle Cry Sounding*, 2001.

Muhammad led his followers to military victory, and thus conversion, of all surrounding tribes, driving out or massacring the pagans, Jews and Christians who dared to refuse. The early Jihad was very successful. By 630, he won all of Arabia. The Jihad continued after his death, later threatening Europe from several directions. Read about the Battle of Tours and the 500 years of Islamic government on the Iberian Peninsula. Even today, many Islamic maps and textbooks still show Spain and Portugal colored Islamic green, denoting a Muslim nation. A great expansion of Arabian civilization followed the conquests. In many ways, conversion to Islam means adoption of and adaptation to Arabic language and culture. Every convert tries to learn a few words in order to say or read a verse from the Koran. The true Koran is in Arabic only; all other versions are mere translations, hence they vary. To deeply study Koran, Hadith and Shariah Law, one must know Arabic.

## WAS MUHAMMAD AN ACTUAL PERSON?

Some authors don't think that the man, Muhammad, was even a real character, or at best, followers put the stories that came to be known as his life together much later after his death. If one espouses this position, the Hadith, the Traditions, were fabricated from legends and lore by later apostles and later interpreters. Did some rather ambitious and clever fellows fabricate and create their own new religion?

"We find no references to him as a prophet until 150 years after his death. No one has ever found even the smallest fragment of the Qur'an from the 7th

century. Thus much of what is said about the life of Muhammad must now be dismissed as fiction.” *How The Qur'an Came To Be* by Robert A. Morey, 1996, Research and Education Foundation. [www.faitndefenders.com](http://www.faitndefenders.com).

## **WAS MUHAMMAD A BLACK MAN?**

A number of American blacks are attracted to the Islamic religion. While more is heard about radical sects such as Louis Farrakhan and the Nation of Islam, a larger number have converted to orthodox Sunni Islam. While some Africans and African-Americans think the Prophet was black, this appears to be a story carefully planted by Arabs, who emphasized the "African-ness" of Muhammad to attract numerous converts all over the continent, which they have done. In actuality, Vol. 2 of Hadith No. 122 clearly calls him "this white man". One story tells how he seized a slave freed by a Muslim, auctioning him off immediately for 800 dirhams! Muhammad thought blacks were only suitable for slavery, and while the descendents of the slaves are attracted to the Muslim faith, one must realize that both African blacks and Arab Muslims played major roles in the slave trade. In spite of all this and much more, Muslims (especially in the Third World) still say that Islam supports black liberation and opposes slavery, and that The Prophet was perhaps a man of color.

## **MUHAMMAD, ISLAM, AND WOMEN.**

Muhammad had a large harem. In one story, he takes the wife of his adopted son and copulated with her when she was only nine years old! Even if not true, it is exemplary of certain sexual predilections that, in all fairness, largely came from pre-Islamic societies. Female circumcision is another example. Critics say that while this is true, Islam has made very few provisions to prevent this horrible abuse, and this pre-Islamic practice has continued as a part of dominating the submissive female. I know that some Islamic women will disagree, and I know that many Muslim women love and appreciate Islam and the status it gives (some) women (in some places). But, look at the facts about the women associated with the Prophet and founder of Islam.

**“Muhammad's Wives: (Sura 4:3 forbids more than 4 wives; Muhammad, however had 16 official wives, and 6 others as well.)**

1. Khadija
2. Sawda
3. Aesah (8 or 9 years old)
4. Omm Salama
5. Hafsa
6. Zaynab (originally Jahsh's, Muhammad's adopted son's wife.)
7. Jowayriya
8. Omm Habiba
9. Safiya
10. Maymuna (of Hareth)
11. Fatima
12. Hend
13. Asma (of Saba)
14. Zaynab (of Khozayma)
15. Habla
16. Asma (of Noman)

**Other wives:**

17. Mary (the Coptic Christian; chose to remain a slave rather than convert.)
18. Rayhana
19. Omm Shank
20. Maymuna
21. Zaynab (a 3rd one)
22. Khawla.”

<http://www.templemount.org/missler.html>. Chuck Missler, *Notes and References on Islam*.

## **IS THE PROPHET TRULY INFALLIBLE?**

The Prophet is regarded as infallible, hence the Koran is not only a plan for one's life, but for nation-states as well. Islam does not advocate tolerance toward non-believers except in special cases where Jews and Christians are charged a tax. Non-Muslims are subjects, not citizens, of an Islamic regime. While the Bible is accused of 50,000 or more errors, the Koran has evident flaws. For example, in the Jewish Book of Esther, the famed oppressor was named Haman, but the Koran mistakenly calls him an Egyptian when he was a Persian according to the Old Testament. Muhammad heard so many Christian, Jewish and Gnostic stories and lore, he simply got his facts crossed

up. The Koran also sets up a series of miracle stories (amplified in the Hadith) not unlike those about Jesus. James Green writes:

"Whatever Jesus did, [Muhammad] told his followers how he had done greater miracles than Jesus. He told them how he had ridden a unicorn through the air. [There are many, many amazing, miraculous stories, including that he cut the moon in half.] Muhammad told them how the sister of the Virgin Mary, mother of Jesus, was the sister of Aaron (Sura 19:290) and daughter of 'Imran' (Amram) (Sura 3:31) and hence identical with Miriam the sister of Moses and Aaron. Muhammad missed this reference by maybe 1,400 to 1,500 years in light of the Biblical account! Jesus and Moses did not live a few years apart..., but would have had to if Muhammad were correct. ... Many statements of Muhammad have been disproved by science, by archeology, by history, by medicine, and by the reliably translated Bible. Yet the Muslims assert the reason why they know that Muhammad is the True Prophet of God, whom they claim is named Allah, is because he never made an error.... His infallibility... proves he was a genuine prophet. Muslims will violently oppose anyone who begins to check out whether or not the many claims of Muhammad match the known facts."

## **THE "RELIGION OF PEACE" SPEAKS CLEARLY ABOUT UNBELIEVERS.**

From what we have learned so far, we see that Islam is a radical proselytizing religion that does not really tolerate those who refuse to convert. Muhammad and his violent practices bear witness. Read what the Koranic scriptures say.

"Violence is commanded: "Fight and slay the pagans (infidels) wherever ye find them, and seize them, beleaguer them, and lie in wait for them in every stratagem of war." Quran, Sura 9:5.

If Islam is resisted? "Their punishment is...execution, or crucifixion, or the cutting off of hands and feet from the opposite sides, or exile from the land." Sura 5:33.

Al Tawbah (The Repentance): "Prophet, make war on unbelievers and hypocrites, and deal rigorously with them." Sura 9:73.



**Al Anfal (The Spoils): "Let not the unbelievers think they will ever get away... strike terror into the enemy of God and your enemy... rouse the faithful to arms! If they (the non-Muslims) incline to peace (accept Islam) make peace with them." Sura 8:59.**

**Al Maidah (The Table): "If they reject your judgment, know that it is Allah's wish to scourge them for their sins. Sura 5:49."**

**<http://www.templemount.org/missler.html>**

**In the next chapter, we look at the supreme deity of Islam and the symbols connected to the Muslim faith.**

## CHAPTER TWO.

### WHO IS THE DEITY CALLED ALLAH AND WHAT ARE THE SYMBOLS OF ISLAM?



**W**hile always said to simply mean God, "Allah" is made from two Arabic words: "al" ("the") and "ilah" ("god"), used in the pre-Islamic Arabic transition from polytheism to "monolatry" or the worship of one supreme god out of many, indicating that their tribal god was the top one. Besides, if you don't like the name, Allah, the Koran says there are 99 other names, commemorated in the 99 beads of the Islamic rosary (a custom taken from the Catholics and Buddhists), the 100th and largest one representing Allah. Today, most people, Christian and not, will say that all "three great monotheistic faiths" worship "the same God", and want to join with them in prayer at public events. Again, there is a tendency to say much more here, but to put it simply, once one studies the Old Testament, the New Testament and the Koran, most readers note a stark difference between the Father God of Jesus and that portrayed in the ancient temple-based religion of blood sacrifices or by the god of Islam.

The words of al and ilah were combined to form "Allah". This is from the same Semitic root word for the supreme deity. "El" or "Al", an early name for God (or gods as in the polytheistic Hebrew Old Testament plural, "Elohim"). The "El" root is used in names such as Isra-el, Gabri-el, etc. El/Al is god perhaps through a different line of tradition than the one ending up as Y\_H\_W\_H (יהוה). Quite naturally, writers and theologians vary on this. Some scholars and archeologists believe that "Allah" may be the continuation in another form of an old pagan moon god, also similarly called Allah or Al-Ilah (the greatest of all gods), one of 360 idols in the Kaaba. If we accept this, then this Allah/Al-Ilah may have little connection with the *El-Elohim* of the Old Testament. Muhammad cleansed the Kaaba, expelling all the idols, yet the crescent (*hilal*) moon remains as the most enduring and visible symbol of Islam, and the Islamic Calendar (which begins with the Hegira in 622) is based on the lunar year. Please be advised that this is a *very* touchy subject in Islam, which may be the most easily offended religion on earth. To publish this in several Muslim countries would bring serious charges of blasphemy – and the death penalty!

#### WAS AN EARLIER ALLAH A MOON GOD?

Were pagan gods the precursors of the theistic construct known as Allah? Muhammad was an eclectic synthesizer, so did he bring in pagan gods or memories and vestiges of their tradition into his religious stewpot? While devoutly claiming to be of the original Abrahamic monotheistic line, one must remember Muhammad's eclectic genius of blending traditions and stories of the old Middle East. Was one deity chosen among others because its cult was so powerful and ubiquitous? Some Arabs of the day already practiced a paganism broadly called monolatry, the worship of one god out of many as the supreme one. Monolatry is a transition from polytheism to monotheism, so if we assume monolatry as a part of the cultural mix back in the day, then the evolution of Muhammad's theological thought would have included this concept of one supreme god out of many. He would have known of the moon god cult and how important it was to win over this powerful group. Perhaps he initially appealed to the Arabs, not introducing a new deity, but a new way of understanding.

“The Bedouin were ... animists, for they believed in a number of powers, spirits, and demons whom they propitiated.... [They] were also influenced by the *astral religion of the ancient Semitic peoples*, which led them to recognize *deities associated with heavenly bodies*. The major figures were goddesses, of

whom the most important were *al-Lat*, *al-Uzzah*, and *al-Manat*. A superior deity called Allah [*al-Ilah*, the one greatest god of all gods] was also familiar to them, but his function was vague, and he did not figure strongly in their thinking or practice. Nonetheless, this deity was already known to the Arabs, and Muhammad's proclamation of his unique power did not involve the introduction of a wholly new deity. The Arabs also made pilgrimages to shrines located at different places in the peninsula. There was a shrine to *al-Manat* at Ukaz, not far to the north of Mecca....” Geoffrey Parrinder, Ed., *World Religions: From Ancient History to the Present*, 1971, pp. 464-465.

“Archeologists have uncovered temples to the Moon-god throughout the Middle East. From the mountains of Turkey to the banks of the Nile, *the most wide-spread religion of the ancient world was the worship of the Moon-god*. In the first literate civilization, the Sumerians have left us thousands of clay tablets in which they described their religious beliefs. As demonstrated by Sjoberg and Hall, the ancient Sumerians worshipped a Moon-god who was called many different names. *The most popular names were Nanna, Suen and Asimbabbar*. His symbol was the crescent moon. Given the amount of artifacts concerning the worship of this Moon-god, it is clear that this was *the dominant religion in Sumeria*. The cult of the Moon-god was *the most popular religion throughout ancient Mesopotamia*.” ...

“The pagan Arabs worshipped the Moon-god Allah by praying toward Mecca several times a day; making a pilgrimage to Mecca; running around the temple of the Moon-god called the Kaaba; kissing the black stone; killing an animal in sacrifice to the Moon-god; throwing stones at the devil; fasting for the month which begins and ends with the crescent moon; giving alms to the poor, etc. ... The Muslim's claim that Allah is the God of the Bible and that Islam arose from the religion of the prophets and apostles is refuted by solid, overwhelming archeological evidence. Islam is nothing more than a revival of the ancient Moon-god cult. It has taken the symbols, the rites, the ceremonies, and even the name of its god from the ancient pagan religion of the Moon-god. As such, it is sheer idolatry and must be rejected by all those who follow the Torah and Gospel.” Yeshua Communications Network. <http://www.yeshua.co.uk>.

A Christian scholar, Dr. Robert Morey, speaks plainly in his book *The Islamic Invasion*.

"Islam's origins have been traced back by scholars to the ancient fertility religion of the worship of the moon god which was always the dominant religion of Arabia. The moon god was worshipped by praying toward Mecca several times a day, making an annual pilgrimage to the Kabah which was a temple of the moon god, running around the Kabah seven times, caressing an idol of a black stone set in the wall of the Kabah, running between two hills, making animal sacrifices, gathering on Fridays for prayers, giving alms to the poor, etc. These were pagan rites practiced by the Arabs long before Muhammad was born."

This particular "Allah" or "Al-Ilah" was a moon god (or pair of moon gods), and was a part of the pantheon of deities in the Kaaba shrine. Furthermore, the crescent (*hilal*) moon is the ubiquitous symbol of the Faith of Submission, and its calendar is based on the lunar year.

"In the 1950s, archeology disproved the Muslim faith. A major temple to the Moon-god was excavated at Hazor in Palestine. This important discovery of science is recorded in numerous archeological journals. The facts cannot be denied. Two idols of the Moon-god Allah were found, proving that the 'Allah' which Muslims around the world worship as the only true God was a pre-Islamic deity! Photos at the dig site show Allah sitting on a throne with the crescent moon, the symbol of the Islamic faith, carved on his chest. Yet these moon-god statues were made long before the Islamic faith was founded."  
*Bloody Islam, ACMTC, 2000.*



Now you know the real history of the crescent and star, the principal symbols of Islam. The Arab pagans practicing monolatry were converted, but if you follow this line of reasoning, they didn't have to give up their previous god or his name. They merely had to forget about any co-gods, daughters and/or consorts, and they could still pray at the Kaaba. Some Muslims are aware of the derivation of the most potent and enduring symbol of Islam. Here is how they explain it.

“The crescent moon and star symbol actually pre-dates Islam by several thousand years. Information on the origins of the symbol are difficult to ascertain, but most sources agree that these ancient celestial symbols were in use by the peoples of Central Asia and Siberia in their worship of sun, moon, and sky gods. There are also reports that the crescent moon and star were used to represent the Carthaginian goddess Tanit (Tanith) or the Greek goddess Diana. The city of Byzantium (later known as Constantinople and Istanbul) adopted the crescent moon symbol. According to some reports, they chose it in honor of the goddess Diana. Others indicate that it dates back to a battle in which the Romans defeated the Goths on the first day of a lunar month. In any event, the crescent moon was featured on the city's flag even before the birth of Christ.”

“The early Muslim community did not really have a symbol. During the time of the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him), Islamic armies and caravans flew simple solid-colored flags (generally black, green, or white) for identification purposes. In later generations, the Muslim leaders continued to use a simple black, white, or green flag with no markings, writing, or symbolism on it. It wasn't until the Ottoman Empire that the crescent moon and star became affiliated with the Muslim world. When the Turks conquered Constantinople (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. There is speculation that the five points on the star represent the “Five Pillars of Islam”, but this is pure conjecture. ... For hundreds of years, the Ottoman Empire ruled over the Muslim world. After centuries of battle with Christian Europe, it is understandable how the symbols of this empire became linked in people's minds with the faith of Islam as a whole. Based on this history, many Muslims reject using the crescent moon as a symbol of Islam. The faith of Islam has historically had no symbol, and many refuse to accept what is essentially an

ancient pagan icon. It is certainly not in uniform use among Muslims.” *Islam Newsletter* on About.com, 2002.

While this may explain it for some, when we survey the early history of the founding of the Islamic faith, the conclusions go way beyond this. The studies called Astrotheology teach us that all religious symbols and deities spring from the ancient worship of the stars and other heavenly bodies. This certainly seems to be the origin and basis of the ubiquitous Muslim symbols, now used all over the Muslim world. Look around. It’s hard to find a well-established mosque that does not feature the usual symbols. While some explain them differently as seen above, when we consider all the evidence, it is rather difficult to completely refute and deny the moon god hypothesis.



## LINGUISTICS AND THE ORIGIN OF ALLAH.

While the real roots of *al-Ilah* may be in the general pagan climate of Mecca prior to Muhammad's days, in the Koran, Islam identifies itself very closely with Hebrew scripture and Judaic practices. Not only that, but the Koran incorporates many basic Christian beliefs. The Jesus of the New Testament and the Hebrew prophets of the Old Testament are very important in Islamic scripture and traditions, and there are key linguistic links. Arabic, Hebrew and the later Aramaic are basic Semitic dialects. As to the word for God, the Aramaic *elah* is the same as the Hebrew *eloah*, so the Arabic *Allah* follows naturally. On the other hand, a linguistic similarity does not mean that the various early archetypal Semitic gods all had the same derivation. They did not. Pagan origins were common, and the ancient religions of Egypt and Persia played a major role in Hebrew traditions, especially in the Book of Genesis. However, in Arabic translations of the Bible, God is rendered as Allah, but, this does not mean that the Islamic concept of God dovetails with either the Judaic *Jehovah-Yahweh* or the Father-God spoken of by Jesus. This is one of the most important, most interesting, most challenging and most intricate differences between the three religions. The Koran and Muslim theology place Allah solidly in the Hebraic and Christian traditions. Hence, (at least as far as most of their clergy and theologians say) all three religions worship the same God.

Maybe you agree, maybe not. If you want to read more, there are lots of resources. Study and decide for yourself. Or better yet, make your rabbi, preacher or priest earn their money. Ask them to explain this to you, in detail, and be sure to ask plenty of questions. And if you are truly mischievous, then buy your clergy-person a copy of my book!

Now that we have examined the founder, the deity and the symbols of the Islamic religion, we turn our attention to the scriptures and the associated traditions.



### CHAPTER THREE.

WHAT ARE THE SCRIPTURES CALLED AL QURAN (“THE RECITATION”) AND WHAT IS THE HADITH (“THE TRADITIONS”)?



**T**he Koran was supposedly dictated over 20 years by the Archangel Gabriel. Muhammad was ordered to listen and then repeat, hence "*Al Quran*" means "The Recitation." About the same size as the New Testament, it is organized in 114 suras or chapters. They are not arranged by subject or chronology, but by size, the shortest being first. Like verses from the Old Testament, Talmud and the New Testament, the Koran contradicts itself, or if you prefer, provides more than one interpretation. While there are incongruities in the materials collected and approved as canonical scripture, contradictions, and thus loopholes, are key features in both Shariah and Talmudic Halakha law codes. It is impossible, therefore, without the help of a mullah, imam or a *cadi* (Islamic judge), to make sense of Shariah just as one cannot make sense of the Talmud

and Halakah without the help of rabbis and Judaic scholars (*chachams*). Since there are major contradictions and variances on many topics, Shariah and Halakah practically mean only what the mullahs and rabbis say they mean.

By 651-652, the canonical text of the Koran was settled. Other materials, legends, superstitions and stories are collected in a compendium called the Hadith (*Nabawi*, or oral traditions). While the Koran is in many languages, it is not considered genuine and worthy of veneration unless it is in Arabic or has Arabic text to the side of the translation. In the beginning, few thought that it had any meaning outside Arab cultural and linguistic paradigms. Like Christianity, it was only in its secondary phase that it manifested itself as a world religion. Now studied intently by Muslims (often they study nothing else), it has become the basis for an international Islamic culture complete with legal and governmental guidelines. In other words, the Koran is not only the guidebook for your personal life, but forms the constitution and laws of an Islamic state.

“The Islamic law (Shariah) is a divine law; its foundation, the Koran, is thought of as God's very own word (*kalam Allah*) as well as a nonhuman work and an ‘uncreated book’ that exists in heaven *ab eterno*. Although Islam considers itself the ‘religion of Abraham’ it is nevertheless true that (a) it claimed independence from both Judaism and Christianity; (b) the Kaaba, with its symbolism of the center, is a pre-Islamic location and has even older origins that cannot be dated accurately; (c) in the esoteric Islam tradition, the main reference point is al-Khadir, a popular figure conceived as superior to an pre-dating the biblical prophets (Koran 18:59-81). In early Islam the only form of asceticism was action, that is, jihad, or ‘holy war’; this type of war, at least theoretically, should never be interrupted until the full consolidation of the divine Law has been achieved. Finally, Islam presents a traditional completeness, since the shariah and the sunna, that is, the exoteric law and tradition, have their complement not in vague mysticism, but in full-fledged initiatory organizations (*turuq*) that are categorized by an esoteric teaching (*tawil*) and by the metaphysical doctrine of the Supreme Identity (*tawhid*). In these organizations, and in general in the shia, the recurrent notions of the *masum*, of the double prerogative of the *isma* (doctrinal infallibility), and of the impossibility of being stained by any sin (which is the prerogative of the leaders, the visible and invisible Imams and the *mujtahid*), lead back to the line of an unbroken race shaped by a tradition at a higher level than both

**Judaism and the religious beliefs that conquered the West.” Julius Evola, *Revolt Against The Modern World*, 1934, 1957, 1970, 1995.**

**Another critic of the religion of submission speaks out on the creation of the scriptures called the Koran.**

**“Modern scholars using sound principles of literary analysis have determined that the Qur'an did not come from Muhammad. He did not recite it and actually never saw a copy of it. It was not put together in its present written form until nearly one hundred and fifty years after Muhammad's death. This has come as quite a shock to Muslims. According to the legends, myths, and stories found in the Hadith, the Qur'an was written in heaven by Allah on a large stone tablet. The angel Gabriel brought it down and Muhammad recited it verbally but did not write any of it down. It was Muhammad's companions who wrote down what he recited. After his death, it was gathered together and compiled by the Caliph Uthman. The insurmountable problem that Muslims face is that they do not have any documentary evidence from the 7th and 8th century to back up any of their claims. For example, if Uthman compiled the Qur'an as the Hadith claims (Bukhari I:63; IV:709; VI:507, 510), where is the manuscript evidence for this? Why have no Qur'ans survived from that period? Why do we have to wait over a hundred years before we find even a scrap of the Qur'an? ... The Qur'an was invented in order to give spiritual unity to the vast empire created by Arab conquests. By borrowing liberally from the legends, myths and religious traditions of pagans, Jews, Christians, Hindus, and Persians, they created one religion to rule over all its citizens. Thus the Qur'an was the product of multiple authors from different times and places. These authors contributed stories and legends from their own cultural and religious background. The sources of these stories have been well documented by many scholars.” *How The Quran Came To Be*, by Robert A. Morey, 1996.**

## **MORE FROM THE KORAN ON ISLAMIC HOLY WAR.**

**If *jihad* means only struggle or striving, and the Koran is a book of peace, then how does one explain certain verses that seem to belie such an assertion? Here are a few to consider, all found in the second sura of the Koran.**

**2:190. “Fight against those who fight against you in the way of Allah, but do not transgress, for Allah does not love transgressors.”**

**This is the favorite verse of Muslims who seek to disown extremist interpretations of Islam. Like Christianity in previous centuries, Islam too defined a code of acceptable warfare, but both were quite bloody and relentless.**

**2:191. "Kill them whenever you confront them and drive them out from where they drove you out."**

**2:192. "Then, if they desist, know well that Allah is Ever-Forgiving, Most Compassionate."**

**2:193. "Keep on fighting against them until mischief ends and the way prescribed by Allah prevails. But if they desist, then know that hostility is only against the wrong-doers."**

**2:194. "The sacred month for the sacred month; sanctities should be respected alike ( by all concerned). Thus, if someone has attacked you, attack him just as he attacked you, and fear Allah and remain conscious that Allah is with those who guard against violating the bounds set by Him."**

#### **HOLY WAR ACCORDING TO THE HADITH ("THE TRADITIONS").**

**"Our Prophet, the Messenger of our Lord, has ordered us to fight until you worship Allah alone...." (Vol. 4, No. 386).**

**"No Muslim should be killed for killing an infidel." (Vol. 4, No. 283; Vol. 9, No. 50).**

**"Any Muslim who is killed while fighting in a Jihad will go straight to the sexual pleasures of Paradise." (Vol. 1, No. 35; Vol. 4, No. 386).**

**The last one is what the Old Man of the Mountains, the original prototype of a terrorist chieftain, and his Hashish-eating Assassins ("hashashins") believed back in the fifteenth century. Some of the violence and unpleasantness comes not so much from the Koran, but from the Hadith. Hence, a Muslim can dissemble and misrepresent the facts, and tell you that none of it is found in the Koran. It's not, but it's in the Hadith, which is also very sacred to Muslims. Furthermore, the Hadith teaches that a Muslim may**

possess the property of the infidels through Jihad and oppression. As Muhammad said:

"Whoever has killed an enemy and has proof of that, will possess his spoils." (Vol. 4, No. 370). The Hadith contains many other teachings and stories of Muhammad.

"The Muslims are also guilty of circular reasoning when they document the Qur'an by the Hadith and then document the Hadith by the Qur'an! But there is no documentary evidence to back up the Hadith or the Qur'an! They are both fraudulent as to authorship and dates." Morey, Robert A. *How The Quran Came To Be*, 2002.

The Hadith is secondary in importance only to Koran. In truth, the Traditions may be even more important as they provide not only more stories and accounts of the Prophet, but interpretation and commentary as well. Some of the few moderates and fewer liberals in Islam question that the Hadith should be given almost equal standing with the Koran itself, but most Islamic scholars also incorporate six other books of lesser collections of tradition (also called Hadith) into the *Shariah* law code.

"The historical significance of the Hadith collections is controversial. Conservative Muslims accept the Hadith books as accurate and reliable records of the Prophet's sayings, actions, and approbations, arrived at by a careful scientific sifting of the good from the bad. *Furthermore, there is an element of faith in their attitude toward the Hadith which makes any question about its authenticity seem an attack upon Islam.* Modern scholars, however, point to contradictions, anachronisms, and tendentious elements even in the *Six Sound Books* themselves and deny that the Hadith collections give reliable information about the Prophet. In their view the Hadith collections represent the consensus of the Muslim community on the great legal and theological questions of its history, all of which had been settled by the time the *Six Sound Books* were composed. The significance of the Hadith collections, therefore, lies in what they tell us of the Muslim mentality...." Parrinder.

#### **HOLY WAR IN THE HADITH, JIHAD AND ISLAMIC INVASION:.**

The Hadith reveals that Muhammad primarily wanted his new religion to be spread by force of arms. It is filled with commands to make war upon non-Muslims in order to force them to embrace Islam. *Jihad* was so

important to Muhammad that he made it the second most important deed in Islam.

[Begin quoting.] *“Allah’s Apostle was asked, “What is the best deed?” He replied, “To believe in Allah and his Apostle.” The questioner then asked, “What is the next?” He replied, “To participate in Jihad fighting in Allah’s cause.” (vol. 1, no. 25).*

*Anas bin Malik recorded that, Allah’s Apostle vanquished them by force and their warriors were killed; their children and women were taken as captives. Safiya was taken by Dihya Al-Kalbi and later she belonged to Allah’s Apostle who married her. (vol. 2, no. 68).*

A brief summary of Muhammad’s teaching on *Jihad* should be informative to Westerners. The translator of the Hadith, Dr. Muhammad Muhsin K’ban, wrote an introduction to the Hadith which included a discourse on the subject of *Jihad* by Sheik Abdullah bin Muhammad bin Hamid, Sacred Mosque of Mecca, Saudi Arabia (vol. 1, pgs. XXII-XI). This is a very frank Muslim discussion of *Jihad* we have ever read. It does not deny or play down Muhammad’s demand that Muslim’s must force Jews, Christians, and pagans to either embrace Islam or submit to political and financial suppression. Indeed, stimulates and motivates Muslims to engage in *Jihad* today. According to Sheik Abdullah bin Muhammad bin Hamid, Muhammad *“...commanded the Muslims to fight against all the pagans as well as against the people of the scriptures (Jews and Christians) if they do not embrace Islam, until they pay the Jizya (a tax levied on the Jews and the Christians who do not embrace Islam) (p. xxiv).”*

**Jihad employs several different methods:**

**(1). There is the Jihad of the sword.**

People are either to be converted or subdued through the violence of military force (vol. 1, p. xxii). Chapter 19 of the Hadith speaks of those who convert to Islam, by compulsion of fear of being killed (vol.1, p. 27). Muhammad said,

*I have been ordered to fight against the people until they testify that none has the right to be worshipped but Allah and the Muhammad is Allah’s Prophet, and offer prayers and give obligatory charity, so if they perform all that, then they save their lives and property. (vol. 1, no. 24).*

**This is why Muhammad warned the King of the Byzantines, *If you become a Muslim, you will be safe. (vol. 1, no. 6).***

**If the king did not convert, he and his kingdom would be destroyed and enslaved. The Hadith records how Mecca was conquered by force to Islam in vol. 1, no. 104. In vol. 3, no. 495, we read, *Allah made the Prophet wealthy through conquests.***

**When a Muslim murdered someone during a *Jihad*, he got to take the man's property. *The Prophet said, "Whoever has killed an enemy and has proof of that, will possess his spoils."* (vol. 4, no. 370).**

**Thus is the driving force behind Muslim violence in Africa today. In such countries as Nigeria and Sudan, hundreds of thousands of Christians and pagans have been brutally slaughtered or enslaved in the name of *Jihad* because they would not convert to Islam.**

***Our Prophet, the Messenger of our Lord, has ordered us to fight you till you worship Allah alone or give Jizya (vol. 4, no 386).***

**(2). There is the Jihad of taxation.**

**Those who refuse to embrace Islam must pay a special tax called Al-Jizya (vol. 4, chap. 21, pgs. 251-252). This financial burden suppresses non-Muslims and makes their life as hard as possible.**

**(3). There is the Jihad of financial reward.**

**In some Muslim countries, a free university education is offered to any Christian or Jew who will embrace Islam. They will also be paid \$500 for any other blacks they convert to Islam. It has been common to tell Americans and Europeans that if they want to continue to work in the oil business in Saudi Arabia, they must convert to Islam, yet another reason oil companies rotate their personnel from time to time. No Christian church is allowed to be built on Saudi soil.**

**(4). There is the Jihad of fear.**

**The death penalty is applied to anyone who renounces Islam and embraces another religion, especially Christianity. Currently, there are many Christians being tortured in prisons in Egypt, Pakistan and other Islamic countries whose only crime was to convert to Christianity.**

**(5). There is the Jihad of slavery.**

**The only place in the world where black chattel slavery is practiced is in Muslim countries. “The London Economist” reported that the Sudanese Muslims are presently capturing and then selling black women and children of the Dinka Christian Tribe for as little as \$15 a head! Even the U.N. released a report on slavery that points out that the Muslims are still enslaving blacks. This has also been pointed out in special editions of “Newsweek” and other large magazines reporting on the reality of slavery in the Islamic world. Non-Muslim women who go to Saudi Arabia to work as maids are often enslaved by their Muslim employers, beaten, and raped at will. When they try to escape, the Saudi government will not let them leave the country, but returns them to their masters.**

**(6). The Jihad of the judicial system.**

**Non-Muslims are denied equal access to and equal protection before the law because their testimony in court is not valid against a Muslim (vol. 3, chap. 31, pgs. 525-526). This applies even to murder!**

*No Muslim should be killed for killing an infidel (vol. 4, no. 283; vol. 9, no. 50).*

**(7). There is even Jihad after death!**

**A Muslim is to fight on Muhammad’s behalf in his lifetime and after his death (vol. 1, chapter 43).**

**(8). There is the Jihad of Paradise.**

*Any Muslim who is killed while fighting a Jihad will go straight to the sexual pleasures of Paradise (vol.1, no. 35; vol. 4, no. 386).*

**[End quoting. Parrinder, pp. 482-483.]**



## ARABIAN CULTURAL DOMINANCE AND ISLAM.

The Qur'an and the Hadith serve many purposes, and are the tools used to socially and culturally subjugate non-Arabs. They must accept a religion based in the Arabic language, political laws, moral standards, dress codes, penal codes and other cultural elements with the status of divine rule. So, to become a Muslim, you take an Arabic name, and (in some countries) dress like an Arab, speak Arabic, eat what Arabs eat, treat your wife as Arabs treat their wives, etc. When we look at the facts of the matter, Islam was born out of Arab cultural imperialism, rooted in an ethnocentric attitude that all things Arabic are good and all things non-Arabic are bad. Until one understands this, the true nature of Islam cannot be grasped. This is one of the several reasons why Western dress, food, movies, hairstyles, etc., are zealously denounced by the Mullahs and Imams as Satanic. This cultural supremacism is demonstrated by Islam's demand that one bow in prayer in the direction of Arabia (Mecca) and make a pilgrimage there. So as we see, Arabian culture was raised to the status of divine law and imposed on others through the relentless spread of the Islamic religion.





### **MORE RADICAL ISLAMIST THOUGHT.**

**For those who doubt the seriousness of Islamic radicals, here is additional evidence.**

**[Begin quoting.] "What the West Needs to Know" is a documentary consisting of original interviews, citations from Islamic texts, Islamic artwork, computer-animated maps, footage of Western leaders, and Islamic TV broadcasts. The tone of the presentation is sober, methodical and compelling. The focus is on Islam as being violent, the major threat against the non-Muslim world. The producers state: "Virtually every major Western leader has over the past several years expressed the view that Islam is a peaceful religion and that those who commit violence in its name are fanatics who misinterpret its tenets." This claim, while widely circulated, rarely attracts serious public examination.**

Relying primarily on Islam's own sources, this documentary demonstrates that Islam is a violent, expansionary ideology that seeks the destruction or subjugation of other faiths, cultures, and systems of government.

Islam, in other words, is a killing cult. Its so-called holy book, the Koran, is replete with killing and maiming passages. The Koran's deity, Allah, dictates that his disciples eradicate from the planet all non-Muslims, thereby yielding the Islam world rule.

Presently that is the ambition of every Muslim in the world. Even the so-called benign Muslims are truly aligned with the same Koran as the Islamic murderers advocate. If Muslims are cowardly in the face of slaying non-Muslims, those Muslim renegades will be slain as well.

In other words, all Muslims must be true to Allah's intention of wiping out infidels from the planet. There is no other choice. That is the prime aim of that cult. The documentary writers state: "We hear from prominent Western leaders that Islam is peaceful and that those who commit violence in its name are heterodox fanatics."

In answer to that, the presentation offers the following critical information:

#### Part 1: 'There is no God but Allah and Muhammad is his Prophet'

Our interviewees affirm their belief that Islamic violence is entirely orthodox behavior for Muslims and stems directly from the teachings and example of the Prophet Muhammad and the commands of the Koran. We learn that the example of Muhammad is one of a violent warlord who killed numerous people. The Koran – the verbatim words of Allah – prescribes violence against non-Muslims and Muhammad is the perfect example of the Koran in action.

#### Part 2: The Struggle

We learn that jihad, while literally meaning 'struggle', in fact denotes war fought against non-Muslims in order to bring the rule of Islamic law to the world. Violent death in jihad is, according to the Koran, the only assurance of salvation. One of our interviewees tells of his personal involvement in terrorism and of his conversion to Christianity.

#### Part 3: Expansion

Following the death of Muhammad, his 'rightly-guided' successors carried his wars to three continents, fighting, enslaving, and massacring countless

Christians, Jews, and Zoroastrians. Islam did not spread through evangelism or through its natural appeal, but through aggressive wars of conquest. The Crusades were largely a belated response on the part of Christian Europe to rescue Christians in the Holy Land suffering under Muslim oppression. The Muslim world today, while no longer the unified empire of the Caliphs, is exceptional for being responsible for the vast majority of conflicts around the world and for almost all of international terrorism.

#### Part 4: 'War is Deceit'

A great problem with Western efforts to understand Islam is due to the Islamic principle of 'religious deception', which enjoins Muslims to deceive non-Muslims in order to advance the cause of Islam. Muslim groups today in the West employ deception and omission to give the impression that 'Islam is a religion of peace', an utter fiction.

#### Part 5: More than a Religion

The most important characteristic of Islam not understood by the West is that it is more a system of government than a personal religion. Unlike Christianity, Islam has never recognized a distinction between the religious and the secular/political. Islamic law governs every aspect of religious, political, and personal action, which amounts to a form of totalitarianism that is divinely enjoined to dominate the world, analogous in many ways to Communism.

#### Part 6: The House of War

Islamic theology divides the world into two spheres locked in perpetual combat, dar al-Islam (House of Islam - where Islamic law predominates), and dar al-harb (House of War - the rest of the world). It is incumbent on dar al-Islam to fight and conquer dar al-harb and permanently assimilate it. Muslims in Western nations are called to subvert the secular regimes in which they now live in accordance with Allah's command. Due to political correctness and general government and media irresponsibility, the danger posed by observant Muslims in the West remains largely unappreciated.

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Slay the non-Muslims, direct quotations from the Quran:

**2:191**, And slay them wherever ye catch them.

**4:84**, Then fight in Allah's cause.

**4:141**, And never will Allah grant to the unbelievers a way (to triumph) over the believers.

**5:33**, The punishment of those who wage war against Allah and His Messenger, and strive with might and main for mischief through the land is: execution, or crucifixion, or the cutting off of hands and feet from opposite sides, or exile from the land: that is their disgrace in this world, and a heavy punishment is theirs in the Hereafter.

**8:12**, I will instill terror into the hearts of the unbelievers: smite ye above their necks and smite all their finger-tips off them.

**8:17**, It is not ye who slew them; it was Allah.

**8:60**, Against them make ready your strength to the utmost of your power, including steeds of war, to strike terror into (the hearts of) the enemies, of Allah and your enemies, and others besides, whom ye may not know, but whom Allah doth know. Whatever ye shall spend in the cause of Allah, shall be repaid unto you, and ye shall not be treated unjustly.

**8:65**, O Prophet! rouse the Believers to the fight. If there are twenty amongst you, patient and persevering, they will vanquish two hundred: if a hundred, they will vanquish a thousand of the Unbelievers.

**9:5**, But when the forbidden months are past, then fight and slay the Pagans wherever ye find them, and seize them, beleaguer them, and lie in wait for them in every stratagem.

**9:14**, Fight them, and Allah will punish them by your hands, cover them with shame, help you (to victory) over them, heal the breasts of Believers,

**9:23**, O ye who believe! take not for protectors your fathers and your brothers if they love infidelity above Faith: if any of you do so, they do wrong.

**9:28**, O ye who believe! Truly the Pagans are unclean; so let them not, after this year of theirs, approach the Sacred Mosque.

**9:29**, Fight those who believe not in Allah nor the Last Day, nor hold that forbidden which hath been forbidden by Allah and His Messenger, nor acknowledge the religion of Truth, (even if they are) of the People of the Book, until they pay the Jizya with willing submission, and feel themselves subdued.

**9:39**, Unless ye go forth, (for Jihad) He will punish you with a grievous penalty, and put others in your place; but Him ye would not harm in the least.

**9:73**, O Prophet! strive hard against the unbelievers and the Hypocrites, and be firm against them. Their abode is Hell - an evil refuge indeed.

**9:111**, Allah hath purchased of the believers their persons and their goods; for theirs (in return) is the garden (of Paradise): they fight in His cause, and slay and are slain: a promise binding on Him in truth, through the Law, the Gospel, and the Qur'an

**9:123**, O ye who believe! fight the unbelievers who gird you about, and let them find firmness in you: and know that Allah is with those who fear Him.

**22:9**, (Disdainfully) bending his side, in order to lead (men) astray from the Path of Allah: for him there is disgrace in this life, and on the Day of Judgment We shall make him taste the Penalty of burning (Fire).

**22:19-22**, These two antagonists dispute with each other about their Lord: But those who deny (their Lord),- for them will be cut out a garment of Fire: over their heads will be poured out boiling water. With it will be scalded what is within their bodies, as well as (their) skins. In addition there will be maces of iron (to punish) them. Every time they wish to get away therefrom, from anguish, they will be forced back therein, and (it will be said), "Taste ye the Penalty of Burning!"

**25:52**, So obey not the disbelievers, but strive against them herewith with a great endeavour.

**25:68**, Those who invoke not, with Allah, any other god, nor slay such life as Allah has made sacred except for just cause, nor commit fornication; - and any that does this (not only) meets punishment. (But) the Penalty on the Day of Judgment will be doubled to him, and he will dwell therein in ignominy.

**37:22-23, "Bring ye up", it shall be said, "The wrong-doers and their wives, and the things they worshipped- Besides Allah, and lead them to the Way to the (Fierce) Fire!**

**47:4, Therefore, when ye meet the Unbelievers (in fight), smite at their necks; At length, when ye have thoroughly subdued them, bind a bond firmly (on them): thereafter (is the time for) either generosity or ransom: Until the war lays down its burdens.**

**48:13, And if any believe not in Allah and His Messenger, We have prepared, for those who reject Allah, a Blazing Fire!**

**48:29, Muhammad is the messenger of Allah; and those who are with him are strong against Unbelievers, (but) compassionate amongst each other.**

**69:30-37, (The stern command will say): Seize ye him, and bind ye him, And burn ye him in the Blazing Fire. Further, make him march in a chain, whereof the length is seventy cubits! This was he that would not believe in Allah Most High. And would not encourage the feeding of the indigent! So no friend hath he here this Day. Nor hath he any food except the corruption from the washing of wounds, Which none do eat but those in sin.**

[End quoting. J. Grant, Jr., *Islam: What The West Needs To Know*. MichNews.com, 2006.]

Is Islam a religion of peace? It hardly seems so, but in all fairness, its sister faiths (Judaism and Christianity) spring from the same violent traditions found in the Old Testament. A close reading definitely shows a long tradition of aggression, ethnic cleansing and wars of conquest. All three belief systems talk a lot about love and peace, but even a brief study of world history clearly shows that all three have bloody hands.

Now that we've surveyed the founder, the early history, its theological, philosophical and cultural origins, and the scriptures (Koran) and traditions (Hadith) of Islam, let's turn our focus to the land of its birth.

## CHAPTER FOUR.

# THE REAL HISTORY OF SAUDI ARABIA AND THE ROOTS OF RADICAL ISLAM.



**T**his chapter focuses on Wahabist Islam and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, excluding other extremist factions and nations such as the interesting and intriguing Shiite movement in Iran and the radical Taliban and Haqqani factions in Pakistan and Afghanistan, and some others. The Arabian Peninsula is the original seedbed of both the



Islamic religion and its various versions of Islamic extremism. Wherever one starts searching for the roots of present-day Muslim ultra-fundamentalism, the geographical and ideological trails eventually lead to Saudi Arabia, where the intellectual/theological trail leads to the Wahabist ultra-fundamentalist interpretation of Islam. As a matter of fact, more than a few Muslims would dearly love to oust the corrupt Saudi royals and replace them with a fundamentalist Wahabist-inspired regime. May Yamani, a Saudi political analyst with Islam Online says: "They are clamping down not only on the jihadis but also on the reformists. If they [the Saudi royals] don't win the support of the middle class – the educated class in the country – there will be more and more people who will throw themselves into the arms of the jihadis. The royal family is losing control of the situation... They have no solution for this violence."

**Saudi Arabia is the holy land and original seedbed of Islamic extremism.**

“The rise of Islam is perhaps the most amazing event in human history. Springing from a land and a people alike previously negligible, Islam spread within a century over half the earth, shattering great empires, overthrowing long established religions, remolding the souls of races, and building a whole new world – the world of Islam. ... Arising in a desert land sparsely inhabited by a nomad race previously undistinguished in human annals, Islam sallied forth on its great adventure with the slenderest human backing and against the heaviest material odds. Yet Islam triumphed with seemingly miraculous ease....” T. Lothrop Stoddard, *The Rising Tide of Islam*, 1922.

The arid Arabian Peninsula was home to Muhammad and the first Muslims back in the seventh century. Hence, both geography and climate color the theology of Islam. Born in a harsh environment, it is an ascetic, severe and rigid desert faith. It is based on the Abrahamic heritage of the Old Testament, but old pagan moon gods, Talmudic Judaism, Gnosticism, and Christianity are part of the mix. Muhammad was a clever and functional religious eclectic. He put together a theological system, with its own unique book of holy writ, but stemming from many and varied influences. By the beginning of the eighth century, it ruled the desert lands of Arabia. During the time of Muhammad, Arabia was the center of Islam, but by the end of the seventh century, the area was disunited. While Mecca and Medina retained their importance, Arabia was still the chief cultural center, but just not the only one.

The real flowering of Islamic culture found its expression in other locations ranging from Moorish Spain (*Al-Andalus*) to Damascus and Baghdad. When Europe was in its Dark Ages, Islamic mathematicians, astronomers, physicians, and scholars of all types were not only preserving the classical Greco-Roman learning in Arabic, but making new discoveries as well. The oldest continually existing universities are not European, but those of the Islamic world. But while all this was going on, Saudi Arabia, as it had done for eons, continued to cook in the desert sun, and life changed little for the hardy, ascetic desert tribes who lived in a land with virtually no useable natural resources. Back in those days, they knew nothing of the hidden petrol-billions in a land where water was worth more than gold.

“Modern Saudi Arabia owes its existence to Ibn Saud, an adherent of the puritanical [Wahabi] Muslim sect. Beginning in 1902, he conquered Nejd, Al-Hasa and Hejaz regions, and in 1932 he proclaimed himself King of a united Saudi Arabia.” (*Concise Columbia Encyclopedia*, 1983, p. 732.)

The Saudis and their tribal allies eventually conquered and united most of the peninsula. In 1932 ibn Saud, with strong British backing, proclaimed himself monarch of a country named after himself and his clan. The new nation was one of the poorest countries in the world. When it officially began in 1932, the new kingdom’s treasury had less than £35,000. Of course, this all changed when the oil reserves were discovered in 1936. Less than two years later, oil began to flow out of the barren peninsula and a non-stop pipeline of money began to flow back to the Saudi royals and their chosen aristocracy. According to the Koran, it is the duty of every Muslim to share as he can with others, alms demanded by the Prophet himself, so the Saudi people (numbering around 27 million, but 60% are under 21) also received benefits from the oil wealth. Life is good in the paternalistic and outwardly benevolent kingdom -- for select groups. Certainly some women and dissidents of various types severely disagree! But many live a satisfied life, and the thousands of royals and their relatives hope to keep it that way. But not so far beneath the surface, a stew-pot of extremist beliefs cooks on, slowly approaching an eventual boiling point -- under the right conditions. The bloated, pompous, hypocritical and morally corrupt Saudi royals and their entourage could be replaced – and they know it. The visage of the Shah of Iran, another worldly monarch dethroned by Islamic fundamentalists, looms ominously over the not-so-old House of Saud.

While OPEC nations supply around 50+% of U.S. oil, Saudi Arabia only provides about 10%. Nonetheless, it controls a fourth to a third of the world's known oil supplies. Europe has practically no strategic reserves, so Saudi Arabia, Libya and other oil suppliers are crucially important. Oil-poor Europeans are dependent on Saudi oil reaching them smoothly. As we see, even a slight change in production levels drastically affects world prices. Our crucial, but uncomfortable (for both sides) alliance causes the Saudi royals to abet our support of the Israeli ministate and its state-sponsored terrorism toward the Palestinians. Yet this is only one element of our foreign policy and our dechristianized western culture that devout Muslims oppose. However, up to now, Saudi police and security forces have suppressed any opposition. Conversely, our dependence on stable oil prices causes us to overlook a whole host of things, like the Saudi treatment of women (ranking near the bottom), restrictive laws and punishments for Christians, severe *Shariah* "justice" such as floggings and beheadings, (a Saudi princess lost hers a few years ago for adultery), and in 2007 a rape victim was flogged. But on the other side of the ledger, few if any Saudis do menial work with hordes of indentured servants from the Philippines, Malaysia, etc. who serve as virtual slaves. There's more, including Saudi covert (and sometimes not so covert) moral and financial support for what we call terrorism. Naturally, the Saudi monarchy works hard to keep the lid on the extremist boiling pot mostly out of fear, hence purchasing "anti-terrorism insurance" against extremist actions in their own country by letting some of the oil money go to the people.

But who are these Islamic purists, the fundamentalists who both so frighten and fascinate the aristocratic Saudi oil lords? Extreme Wahabism is solely a Saudi Arabian religious phenomenon.

"The first spark [of modern Islamic revival] was fittingly struck in the Arabian desert, the cradle of Islam. Here, at the opening of the nineteenth century, arose the Wahabi movement for the reform of Islam, which presently kindled the far-flung Mohammedan Revival, which in its turn begat the movement know as Pan-Islamism." T. Lothrop Stoddard in *The Rising Tide of Islam*.

"Wahabi [or Wahabism; also Wahhabi): ...the religion of the ruling family of Saudi Arabia... founded by Muhammad ibn al-Wahab (c.1702-1792) who converted the Saud tribe. He taught that all accretions to Islam after the 3<sup>rd</sup> century of the Muslim Era, i.e., after c.950, were spurious and must be expunged. The movement, although centered in Arabia, has also spread

eastward to India [hence Pakistan, Central Asia and western China], and Sumatra and westward to North Africa and the Sudan.” *Columbia Desk Encyclopedia*, p. 902.

Ibn Abdul Wahab (1703-1792) was born near present-day Riyadh, becoming a revered and expressive Koranic scholar. In a little over 200 years, his strict and rigid interpretation of Islam gained far-reaching and widespread acceptance throughout the Muslim *umma*, or world community. Wahabism is quite rigid, intolerant and fanatical to the core, as well as hyper-aggressive and violent. It is the official doctrine of the Arabian Peninsula states, but its theological, intellectual and political influence is worldwide. As an example of severity, look at doctrinal disputes with fellow Muslims. Wahabism sternly opposes Shiite and Sufi versions of Islam. Both were reform movements and thus rivals. Both sects made more than a few innovations, regarded as illegitimate by the Wahabis.

“Among those [Shiite] innovations was the reverence given to dead saints as intercessors with Allah, and the special [metaphysical, mystical] devotions of the Sufi orders. The reformers made an alliance with Muhammad ibn Saud, ruler [tribal chieftain] of a small market town, Dir’iyya, and this led to the formation of a state which claimed to live under the guidance of the *Shariah* Islamic law code and tried to bring the pastoral tribes all around it under its guidance too. ... By the first years of the 19<sup>th</sup> century the armies of the new (Wahabist) state had expanded; they had sacked the Shi’a shrines in southwestern Iraq and occupied the holy cities of Hejaz (1926).” Hourani, Albert, *A History Of The Arab Peoples*, Harvard: 1991, p. 258.

“THE WESTERN AGE IS FINISHED.” SAYYID QUTB.

Actually, what most devout Muslims ultimately want is an Islamic World Order under *Shariah* law. This is seen by many, as not only inevitable, but the rightful and natural successor to the outmoded and dysfunctional nation-states of the Western world. Some maintain that the world has not yet seen a truly Islamic government, so differences exist as to precisely how this is to be carried out. Some moderates say that individual believers must establish the Islamic way in their hearts and lives, so that this personal regime, with hope and prayer, someday spreads over the world. In this interpretation, the effort within oneself is a struggle, a *jihad*. First, it is established in the person, then in his family, then in the tribe and state, and later to the whole world. Suffice it to say, this is not the only interpretation. *Jihad* by war may be

employed when all else fails, or more importantly, in response to attacks on Muslims. Most of the 1.5+ billion Muslims believe the West is finished, in the last stages of decay. Are they right? Only time will tell, but the events of the early twenty-first century do not bode well.

“The path to the creation of a truly Muslim society [begins] with individual conviction transformed into a living image in the heart and embodied in a program of action. Those who accept this program would form a vanguard of dedicated fighters, using every means, including *Jihad*, which should not be undertaken until the fighters had achieved inner purity, but it should then be pursued, if necessary, not for defense only, but to destroy all worship of false gods and remove all obstacles which prevent men from accepting Islam. The struggle should aim at creating a Universal Muslim Society in which there are no distinctions of race, and one which was worldwide. The western age is finished’: it could not provide the values which were needed to support the new material civilization. Only Islam offers hope to the world.” Hourani, p.446.

Wahabism is the direct ideological inspiration for Islamic extremist movements, especially those influenced by the late Osama bin Laden. Wahabi-influenced and inspired organizations include Al Qaeda networks, the USS Cole bombers, the Khobar Towers bombers (in Saudi Arabia), the Egyptian radicals who slew Anwar Sadat and later massacred the European tourists at Luxor, Algerian fundamentalists, the first World Trade Center bombers led by Ramzi Yusef and the Blind Sheik, Abdul Rahman all the way to the Taliban (the word merely means seminarians or religious students) of Afghanistan and Pakistan. While the Taliban were in power, the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan gained diplomatic recognition from only three states: the United Arab Emirates, Pakistan, and Saudi Arabia, all three of them directly inspired by Wahabism. It is a movement lavishly supported by the Saudi royals, the bin Ladens and every other rich family in the country. This includes the wealthy and somewhat numerous royals (there are hundreds of them) and assorted sheiks of the aristocratic caste. Through private banking, these wealthy families can transfer all the funds they want to whomever they want and never be challenged or traced. When the various pundits talk about tracing terrorist funds, it is rarely mentioned that Saudi Arabia, for its entire existence, has consistently refused to allow any probe into its arcane banking connections and murky dealings.

Wahabist influence is intense and worldwide as it controls and dominates Islam's holiest shrines. Ironically, as they oppose most modern developments, the fortunes of doctrinaire Wahabism rose with the development of cruise ships and airlines. From shortly after the death of Muhammad, the holy places of Islam were controlled by the sophisticated, educated elites in Damascus, Baghdad and Istanbul. In 1926, the Saud family and the militant Wahabist sect seized control of Mecca and Medina. From then on, this faction has controlled the two holy sites. They use them as prominent pulpits to impress a single, extremely limited and intolerant version of Islam on the millions of pilgrims who come. Until the nineteenth century, the pilgrimage (*hajj*) to Mecca was limited to those with time to walk there, or with time and money to go by sailing ship. Pilgrims were counted only in the thousands. Soon after the Wahabi conquest, modern transportation enabled increasing numbers of pilgrims (almost two million per year), more than a few funded by the Saudi state. Increasingly, a large number are non-Arabs who read little or no Arabic and come from non-Arabic traditions, such as Indonesia, yet they are taught the strict Wahabi way, often taking the message home with them.

Severe Islamic fundamentalist militancy often seems baffling, especially if one cannot transcend cultural boundaries a bit. For instance, most westerners do not understand the concept of *Shahada*, or active martyrdom. In the face of almost insurmountable public opinion, and ignorance, Islamist martyrs do not commit suicide in our occidental sense of the term. Wahabis and related sects teach that Islam is justified in using violent jihadist tactics because the West has attacked Islam, not only by aiding, abetting and enabling the atrocities against the Palestinians (we provide money, weapons and equipment), but through our pagan, consumerist self-centered sexually exploitative culture, which they see us forcing upon the world. The believers, especially the impressionable young, are told that those who choose *Shahada* make a crucial contribution to the divine holy war, and will receive the greatest heavenly rewards. Westerners just do not "get" this concept. Just as *hara-kiri* is seen as an honorable and brave death by the Shinto Japanese religion, *Shahada* is never viewed as a disgraceful death, but as an act of supreme and glorious, hope, dignity, and faith.

And, while some don't want to hear it, one might call the Shaheeds brave. We respect and honor our dead and wounded military heroes from many wars. In reality, how does this differ? Our cultural blindness and deafness is why we do not understand this supreme sacrifice and dedication.

Just think for a moment. What does western civilization have that any of us would die for? Will you give your life for Wal-Mart, McDonalds, the now so gay and liberal Christian churches, the Democrat and Republican parties? The list could go on, but the point is clear. Other than our unfortunate military personnel, whom we allow to die for our rather curious way of life, only a miniscule few are willing to die or even sacrifice at all! Moreover, how long will we accept the civilian deaths in Iraq, Afghanistan and now Libya and Pakistan? We seem so aware of military deaths, yet we think nothing of the innocent victims, including children, we have killed in the Mideast.

But even more importantly, how do we intellectually and physically defend against such dedicated foes? They are willing to pay the ultimate price, knowing that, in the long run, we will likely not stay the course. Suicide martyrdom has become an effective and useful tactic. Dedicated and serious Muslims are willing to die for the principles they believe should govern the world. Christians and American patriots once felt this way, but that sadly seems to be nothing but a distant and faded memory.

“Islam is the solution” is the cry of the Wahabist-inspired modern-day international Islamic renaissance and revival movement. Billions of people have heard, are presently hearing, and will continue to hear this entrancing message. What is our reply? What does western culture have to offer as an alternative? And if, sadly and regrettably, we have no viable alternatives, what does this mean for our eventual fate in this “war on terrorism”? Are we really in “for the long haul”, as our leaders tell us? If not, then the most dedicated and faithful ones, will eventually triumph. We do not demonstrate staying power, but they do. Who cares how long it takes if you are devoted to a cause that has already triumphed over many obstacles? Frankly, the results do not look promising.

This should be genuinely frightening, not only to the people of the West, but to our leaders. Since our foreign policy will probably continue in its already well-established, arrogant, blundering and deadly paradigm, the sparks that light fires in the eyes of the *Shahada* martyrs will grow white-hot. The next generation of *Mujahedeen* is already in place, and so is the one after that. Are you sure we’re in for the long haul? Or is it time to consider some form of *détente*? That could be most meaningfully manifested by getting our troops out of the Muslim holy land, but most markedly by a fair and unbiased policy to obtain genuine peace in Palestine. Get honest, be fair, involve all parties, and something creative might actually happen. Americans must be

spiritual and recapture our older values or the next line is brutally true. “No one is more distant than the Americans from spirituality and piety”, said Sayyib Qutb, after living in the U.S., 1948-50. What would he say now? Look at the vast cultural changes in just the last 50 years. Only a concerted effort and change of heart will prove him wrong.

Another misrepresentation is to imply that Islamic warriors are ignorant peasants, trained in *Madrassahs*, which are just “indoctrination centers”. While this is true in some cases, it again turns a blind eye to the twenty-first century Islamic renaissance. In the 1930’s, an era of political and cultural change movements of all kinds, radical Islam began to chafe under the colonialist yoke. Many of the writings and movements begun in those days are still with us, but one need not look to writers long gone. Probably not one westerner in a thousand could name any of these men (no women, of course), yet they are household names in Islamic communities. When the Islamic Jihad assassinated Anwar Sadat in 1981, a small 54-page document was found, entitled *The Neglected Duty*. This is apparently one of those explosive little books that pop up at various times and places when revolution and upheaval are in the air. While Islam, like Christianity, teaches subservience to rulers, the anonymous author(s) say it is the duty of good Muslims to overthrow a ruler who has abandoned true Islam. It is this philosophy, and resulting actions, that so frighten Islamic leaders who have sold out to the West, like the Saudi royals, or those who have become inextricably and compromisingly entangled with the infidels, as are the rulers of Egypt, Afghanistan, Pakistan, etc. The so-called Arab Spring of 2011 brought all of this into focus, and if there are any “winners” in these matters, rest assured it is not the West!

## THE SALAFIYYA SECT OF ISLAM.

Muslim extremist fundamentalism goes back to a medieval movement called *Salafiyya*, which gave rise to later Wahabism. Not only did *Salafis* believe hypocritical Islamic rulers should be overthrown, but that the Western, Christian world is equivalent to a state of barbarism (*Jahiliyya*) that existed before Muhammad manifested as the Prophet, and which he ordered Muslims to overthrow and displace. A major exponent of this belief, and a spiritual godfather to bin Laden, al Awlaki and many others, is Sayyib Qutb, executed in Egypt in the mid-1960s. His best-known work is *Signposts On The Road*. An influential theologian, Ibn Taymiyya (1263–1328 CE) , who lived in Damascus, was an inspiration for Qutb. Also circulating are pamphlets by the



blind sheik, Abdul Rahman, now imprisoned for the 1993 World Trade Center bombing, and the 1996 *A Declaration Of War Against America* by Osama bin Laden.

Did you know that, according to U.S. Sheik Muhammad Hisham Kabbani at a State Department forum held in 1999, 80% or more of U.S. mosques and Islamic societies are controlled by Wahabist Imams? We must assume similar conditions in Europe. More than a little of the money given to both legitimate charities and fronts that fund radical networks come from American Muslims. Funds are transferred both legitimately and through the underground network of informal *Halawa* Islamic money brokers, and over the Internet. This is not to say that all American Muslims support such groups, but it does beg the question of how many contribute alms - remember it is a religious duty - to organizations that are largely unaccountable, contributing to an ignorance-is-bliss mentality. The Saudi government provides uncounted millions each year. Where does it all go? Given our close relationship with the Saudis, does anyone in the chambers of power seriously care? If so, why are they silent? As we know, to keep the oil flowing smoothly, certain embarrassing issues are simply not discussed.

#### **RADICAL WAHABISM AND ISLAMIC EDUCATION.**

[Begin quoting.] Saudi Arabia supplies textbooks to Muslim schools all over the world, but few westerners are aware of the material and exactly what is taught. Moderate Muslims are hesitant to speak out against violent Muslims, as occasionally one does and they are threatened, intimidated, forced to change their names for protection, have fatwas put on them and even killed. So there could, in a sense, be three groups of Muslims: a minority of fundamental violent ones; a majority of moderate ones who are afraid of the fundamental violent ones; and the courageous dead ones who were not afraid of the fundamental violent ones. The West may be inadvertently fueling the problem by not understanding that fundamental Muslims interpret their "politeness" as weakness or submission.

Saudi Arabia was pressured to revise its fundamental textbooks supplied to Muslim schools around the world, including the U.S., because they contained intolerance. *The Washington Post*, May 21, 2006, published excerpts of these textbooks in an article "This is a Saudi textbook (after the intolerance was removed)":

**4TH GRADE: "True belief means ... that you hate the polytheists and infidels."**

**5TH GRADE: "It is forbidden for a Muslim to be a loyal friend to someone who does not believe in Allah and His Prophet."**

**8TH GRADE: "The apes are Jews, the people of the Sabbath; while the swine are the Christians, the infidels of the communion of Jesus."**

**9TH GRADE: "It is part of Allah's wisdom that the struggle between the Muslim and the Jews should continue until the Hour [of Judgment]."**

**11TH GRADE: "Do not yield to Christians and Jews on a narrow road out of honor and respect."**

**One may have to read that last line again:**

**"DO NOT YIELD to Christians and Jews on a narrow road out of honor and respect."**

**In other words, when a Christian or Jew thinks they are being polite by letting a Muslim go first, the fundamental student is taught that they are simply acknowledging Islam's superiority. Thus the dilemma: If the West naively promotes tolerance of a belief system that does not promote tolerance, it is effectively promoting intolerance. If the West refuses to promote an intolerant belief system, it is accused of being intolerant. Muslims still sees the West, and particularly America, as a predominately Judeo-Christian. [End quoting.] From "Moderate Muslims Turning Radical? Unintended consequence of tolerating Islam" by Willam J. Federer, [www.worldviewweekend.com/worldview-times/print.php?&ArticleID=3107](http://www.worldviewweekend.com/worldview-times/print.php?&ArticleID=3107).**

**Will policies toward our basically unfriendly Saudi "friends" ever change? The royals don't think so.**

**"I summon my blue-eyed slaves anytime it pleases me. I command the Americans to send me their bravest soldiers to die for me. Anytime I clap my hands a stupid genie called the American ambassador appears to do my bidding. When the Americans die in my service their bodies are frozen in metal boxes by the US Embassy and American airplanes carry them away, as**

if they never existed. Truly, America is my favorite slave." King Fahd bin Abdul-Aziz, 1993, in Jeddah.

It seems reasonable to say that if Saudi funding and moral support for extremist Islamic sects were cut off, the problem would ease considerably. This will never happen because the corrupt royals know they would be signing their own death warrants. Hence, the Saudis can't be genuine friends and allies. First, it is against the Koran to be friends to either Jews or Christians (Sura 5:51) and secondly, no Saudis are willing to suffer or die for the corrupt and depraved West. They do not like Western politics or culture. Nor do they approve of our military misadventures in various Muslim lands. Given this mindset, meaningful change is, at best, rather unlikely. Given our dependence on Saudi good will to keep the pipelines open and the prices from skyrocketing, it is also unlikely that we will put any significant pressure on them.

The Saudi "petrol pashas" exist in a rich, opulent, albeit increasingly uncomfortable, nether world, drifting precariously between the lures of the worldly West and the eternal asceticism of their desert Wahabi faith. Will this Humpty Dumpty kingdom eventual fall from its precarious wall and shatter like an egg? As recent events show, revolutionary changes can occur in the blink of an eye. So, will Saudi Arabia eventually become an authoritarian fundamentalist Islamic republic? Or something milder such as a parliamentary republic? Why not? Stranger things have happened. The ibn Saud family has ruled since 1932, but longevity really guarantees nothing. To mention a few, who would have thought that Mohammad Reza Pahlavi, the Shah of Iran for 38 years, or Hosni Mubarak, who ruled Egypt for 30 years, or Muammar Qaddafi, who ruled Libya for 42 years, would exit the stage so quickly? But, in light of the whole course of world history, the Saudi royals are following a well-trodden road.

"A tyrant must put on the appearance of uncommon devotion to religion. Subjects are less apprehensive of illegal treatment from a ruler whom they consider god-fearing and pious." Aristotle, *Politics*, 343 BCE.

We've been told that Muslims hate us because of our freedom. While most readers know this is a foolish and naïve simplification at best, it does raise the question of the real roots and origins of the centuries-old conflicts between Islam and the West, which we will now explore.

## CHAPTER FIVE.

### ISLAM VERSUS THE WEST, EXPLORING THE ROOTS OF THE RAGE.



**S**ir Richard Francis Burton is shown dressed *in mufti* as an Afghani *Pathan* Muslim pilgrim during his notable 1853 covert visits at both major Islamic Holy Sites, Mecca and Medina. If detected, a mob would have torn him into small bits within the blink of an eye. While in deep cover disguise and speaking fluent Arabic, Burton knew and showed respect for Islamic rites and traditions. No one thought he was anything other than another devout Muslim fulfilling his lifelong dream, participating in the holy *Hadj* (pilgrimage). Burton was a nineteenth century author, explorer, multi-linguist and ethnographer, army veteran and diplomat, serving as British Consul in Damascus in the 1870s. He describes the odd and somewhat curious period of history that saw the fantastic growth of the Muslim religion at a time when Christianity was somewhat corrupt and ineffective.

“Thus in Syria and Egypt Christianity became degraded. It sank into a species of idolatry. ... About the sixth century of its era the Christian world called loudly for reform. When things were at their worst, Muhammad first

appeared on the scene. ... After a long course of meditation, fired with anger by the absurd fanaticism of the Jews, the superstitions of the Syrian and Arab Christians, and the horrid idolatries of his unbelieving countrymen, ... he determined to reform those abuses, which rendered revelation contemptible to the learned and prejudicial to the vulgar. ... [all previous revelations] ...in the fullness of time had been superseded by the revelations of El Islam, the Saving Faith. *All the past was now effete and abrogated.* All the future would be mere imposture; for his was the latest of religions, he the Soul of the Prophets. He accused the Jews and Christians of entire corruption, of spiritual death, and preached to them with fervour a new faith, a doctrine of life.” ...

“Abolishing all belief in a local or personal God, he announced to his Arabs the One Supreme.... He preached ALLAH, the God unapprehensible, incomprehensible, omnipotent, all-beneficent, spiritual, and eternal. He revived the earliest scheme of Mosaicism and pristine simplicity of Christianity by making every man priest and patriarch of his own household. ... he bequeathed to the world a Law and a Faith than which none has been more firmly or more fervently believed in by mankind. But, however El Islam prospered amongst the kindred races, it fell flat elsewhere.” Burton, *The Jew, The Gypsy And El Islam*, 1898.

While it did somewhat “fall flat” in the west, it was certainly not from lack of trying. We must not forget that Muslims ruled the Iberian Peninsula for over 800 years. But nowadays, with the exception of a few scattered remnants in Albania, Bosnia and Kosovo, in spite of numerous military assaults on Europe, Islam gained little ground. When you understand that the goals of Allah’s true faith is the spread of Islam over the whole world, we must say that, so far, they have largely failed outside of the Mideast and some parts of Asia. The dominance of the West is seen as the main impediment to the establishment of a global Islamic community. They are overcoming some of this in Europe today, a jihad through immigration and birthrate, but they have converted only a miniscule number of white Europeans. A look at history reveals some of the major resentments and bones of contention between the civilization of the West and the Islamic *umma* of the East.



## **ROOTS OF THE RAGE: THE “CHRISTIAN” CRUSADERS.**

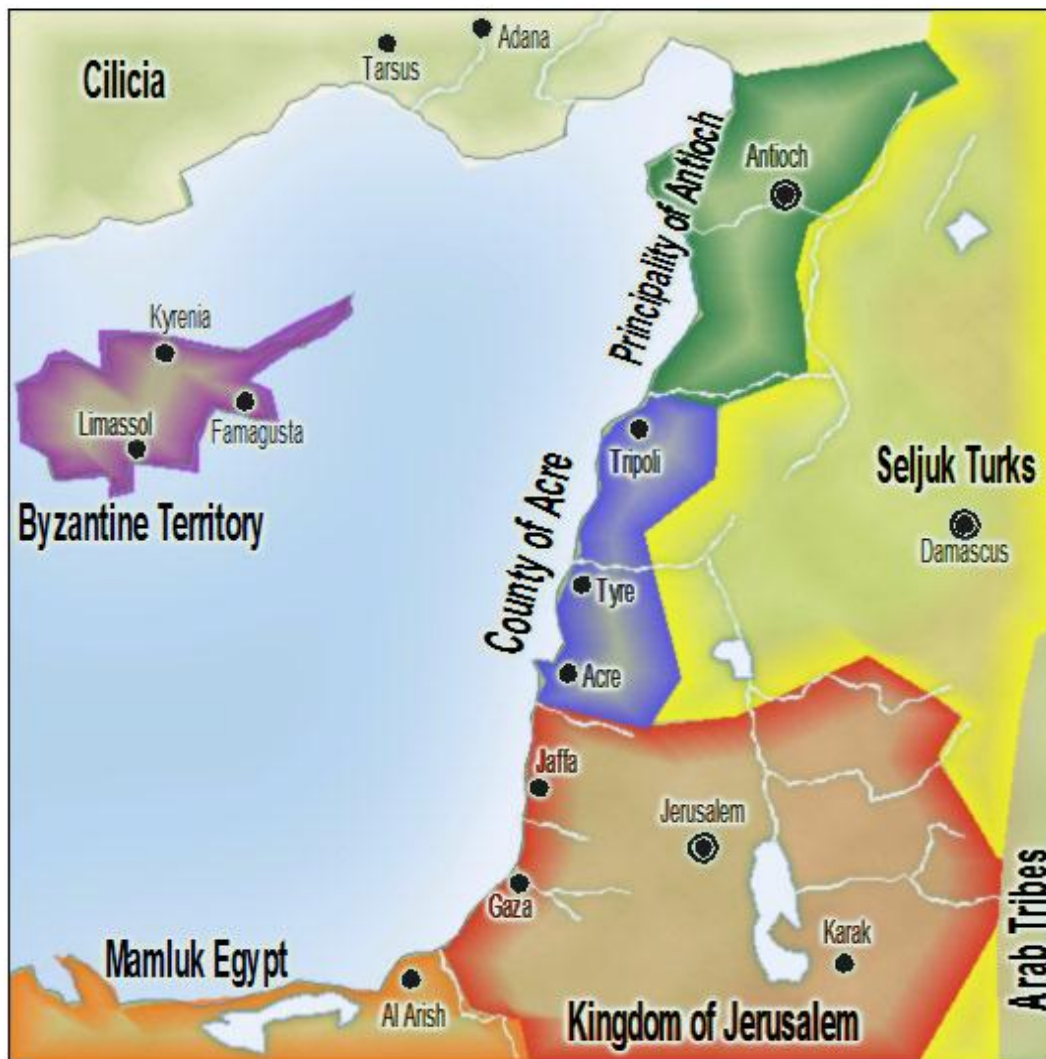
**The Crusades may be “ancient history”, gone and forgotten by the west, but not by Islam. To many Muslims, it is truly just like yesterday, especially with our military misadventures in the Mideast. Readers surely recall that George W. Bush even had the audacity to call our military movements a crusade! We saw it as a foolish slip of an already tongue-tied speaker, but most of the world’s 1.50+ billion Muslims saw it as one of the only times an American president spoke the truth!**

**Really a series of related events over a long time, the Crusades began in 1095 when Pope Urban II rallied the Christians to war, ostensibly to liberate and protect the Holy Land, but numerous other motivations present**

themselves. Europe was a bit overcrowded, with many segments excluded from productive enterprise by the rigid class structure. Peasants were many in number and often idle. The young sons of aristocrats had nowhere to go and nothing to do. The aristocracy, especially counts and dukes who wanted to be kings, dreamed of expansion into new and not too distant lands. Even lesser-born Crusaders (so-called because of the crosses prominently worn on tunics, shields, helmets, banners, etc.) might gain recognition, riches and land. Italian cities and their trade cartels, especially Venice, saw a great mercantile opportunity in the Near East, once Europeans rather than “Saracens” controlled the so-called holy lands. The Pope, his bishops, priests and monks of all sorts, just as do Muslim clerics today, greatly encouraged the Christian holy warriors, who, just like today’s Muslim Jihadists, were promised holy martyrdom and heaven for their sacrifices should they be slain. Crusaders were automatically granted Papal Indulgences, forgiving them from even the most venal sins. They would need it, for soon they would commit some of the foulest and most heinous war crimes and ethnic cleansings ever seen. This is ancient and largely ignored history to westerners, but it is a different matter with many Muslims. Current events are seen as closely following the old Crusader model by our wars in Iraq, Afghanistan, Libya, and Palestine, etc. Could they be right?

The First Crusade (1095-99) was successful, securing Jerusalem. The assorted cast of adventurers wasted no time in claiming the “holy land”. Four Latin Christian kingdoms were soon established, apparently with little regard to the fact that they presented special difficulties in defending. It was during this time that the famous Knights Hospitalers, Knights of St. John of Jerusalem and Knights Templar monk/holy warrior orders, et al, were established. All was well and prosperous – for a while. The Muslim forces did not back off completely; they merely reorganized and tried to recoup their losses. By 1144, they had reclaimed Edessa. In Europe many voices (St. Bernard of Clairvaux was the loudest) called for a Second Crusade, which lasted 1147-49. This was a dismal failure, and the great Islamic conqueror, Saladin, (Salah al-Din, The Righteousness of the Faith) recaptured Jerusalem with his massive and overwhelming jihad of 1187. A Third Crusade (1189-92), led by several of the crowned heads of Europe, failed to recapture the city, though Christians were granted access rights after a three year truce. This was the end of the real crusades to capture/recapture Palestine. The so-called Fourth Crusade (1202-04) was diverted by pressure from the Venetians to attack and sack Christian Constantinople instead!

A “mad monk” preacher created a horror and monstrosity known as the Children’s Crusade in 1212. Most never reached the holy land, and were sold into slavery (often in child brothels) or died of hunger and disease. A Fifth Crusade (1217-21) aimed at Egypt, but failed. Yet another (albeit a short one), the Sixth Crusade (1228-29) was attempted. There were several smaller, lesser-known crusades all along the way. In fact, during the earlier, more successful times, the smaller versions became almost annual events. But the real crusades came to an end in 1291 with the fall of Acre, the last remaining Christian stronghold in the Levant. Christian troops would not enter Palestine and the surrounding areas again until 1917, with the defeat of the Ottoman Empire.





It's hard to know when to quit on a fascinating topic like this, but suffice it to say, there are no sweet memories, at least not for Islam even though they eventually recaptured Palestine. Now that we are fighting medieval-spirited Muslim warriors again, let's remind ourselves of the furor the "Christian" west unleashed against them on 15 July 1099. The Crusaders thought they were doing God's will, just as the Muslim Jihadists, then and now. Great atrocities characterized the Crusades. On that ultra-sanguineous day in 1099, the Crusaders breached the walls of the Holy City. Later in the following full week of slaughter and terror, they herded the Jews into the Jerusalem synagogue and burned them alive, while circumambulating the building singing "Christ, We Adore Thee". After performing this ethnic cleansing against the harmless Sephardic Jews unfortunate enough to have stayed in the city, they directed their attention to the Muslims.

"[After they breached the walls.] Then began one of the bloodiest and cruelest massacres in history. No reliable figures are available of the total number of Muslims who perished, but according to Ibn al-Athir, some 70,000 were slaughtered in the Al-Aqsa Mosque alone, all of them noncombatants and some of them Imams and professors of theology, who had taken refuge in what, under Islamic rules of war, was held to be a sanctuary. Christian annalists have confirmed this report, and one of their number, a Crusader chaplain named Raymond, exulted in print over the atrocities that were perpetrated. 'Wonderful sights rewarded our eyes,' he wrote. 'Some of the men, and they the more merciful, cut the heads of the enemies: others shot them with arrows, so that they fell from the towers: others tortured them longer by casting them into the flames. Heaps of heads and hands and feet were to be seen in the streets of the city.' Small wonder that to the Muslim world, the Crusaders were 'animal, possessing the virtues of courage and fighting, but nothing else.' For a whole week these 'wonderful sights' continued as women and children, old men and young, soldiers and civilians, Arabs and Jews, were butchered in a massacre unsurpassed in savagery until the Mongol invaders." *The Arabs*, Anthony Nutting, 1964, p. 172.

Various other later crusades/campaigns were organized from time to time (e.g., 1396, 1464) to block the further extension of Islam. These were largely successful, and Islamic/Turkish expansion in Europe was confined to Greece and the Balkans. The expansion slowed to a halt after the disastrous Turkish naval defeat in 1571 at the Battle of Lepanto. Islam was further diverted by the Mongol threat from the east in the thirteenth century. And in

1492, Muslims who did not convert to Christianity were completely and inexorably expelled from Spain. While the Muslim Mogul empire flourished in India for a time, this had no bearing on Europe.

While the Crusades ended in 1291, the military and cultural aggression from the West never really ceased. Europe has always been a major block to the spread of Islam. More than once, Islamic military forces came quite close to conquering Europe, and they did hold Iberia for 800 years. Indeed, they came as far as France and Vienna as late as 1683. They might have conquered Europe had they fully exploited their advantages, but they did not. Even more frustratingly, Muslims clearly see that if Christian Europe had not stopped them, there might already be a world in submission to Allah instead of the world as it is today, where Muslims are under attack and suppressed on multiple fronts. They have not forgotten the Crusades nor have they forgotten the ultimate goal of all Muslims – the establishment of an Islamic World Order *umma* under Shariah law. So far, the Crusaders and their successors have been the primary adversaries.

To conclude our discussion, in all fairness and honesty, the stated reasons for the Crusades were at best a pretext. In another parallel with current events, the western powers lied to provoke a war in the Middle East and seize territory. The Muslims never really blocked pilgrims from Palestine just as Iraq never really had WMDs. Even after the savage Crusader assaults and atrocities, the Muslims still granted reasonable access rights to the Holy Land following the Third Crusade. But well beyond all of that, Christians wrongfully seized these lands again in 1917. And to further add insult to injury, the third holiest site in Islam was turned over to the Zionists in 1918 through the Balfour Declaration, and consummated in 1948 with the establishment of the Jewish state. When Israel took over, they seized even more native Palestinian land, abrogating deeds and land titles that had been valid and legal for centuries. As you see, today's news stories bring the Crusades and the geopolitical issues of a millennium ago into play on the world stage today.

While the past and present day issues we've discussed are most significant and important, there are other reasons for the people of the Mideast to find a general sense of dissatisfaction. Our next segment delves into this.

## ROOTS OF THE RAGE: THE DISAPPOINTMENT OF PAN-ARAB NATIONALISM.



“As with every successful revolutionary, Muhammad touched on the raw nerve of the masses in Hejaz who were not privileged to share in the pleasures of life. For within his spiritual message, there was a call to social revolution every bit as clear as the writings of Karl Marx or the speeches of Gamel Abdel Nasser. And just as Nasser did in the twentieth century, so Muhammad was able to uplift the Arabs and give to the underprivileged citizens who received his call a new dignity in being a Muslim Arab.” *The Arabs*, Anthony Nutting, 1964, p. 37.

It suffices to say that attempts at Arab unity, no matter how auspicious and promising in their beginnings, failed not too much later. Moreover, the promises of a better life for the masses never materialized. Gamel Abdel Nasser is perhaps the best-known Pan-Arabist. The United Arab Republic (1958-61) was a short-lived union between Egypt and Syria (with Yemen in for a short time near the end), but later dissolved. It looked good for a while, but to make a long story short, Nasser overplayed his hand, failing to bring Sudan (a non-Arab state, actually) into the pact. Other Arab nationalists were at work as well, and there was a federal union for a time between the two Hashemite kingdoms of Jordan and Iraq. The Arab League seemed

promising, but has not been that productive. The greater cause of Islamic unity has replaced the Arab nationalism of the mid twentieth century. Islamic “international nationalism”, global nationhood based on religion, raises much greater fervor, enthusiasm and determination than the old movements, while avoiding many mistakes. A new Islamic union of nations could someday arise. But, don’t expect it anytime soon as vested and entrenched interests on all sides (and in the background) always work against (or to control) such movements. Nevertheless, they could effectively align on some issues and projects, although their performance as a bloc in the U.N. General Assembly has been disappointing.

As we’ve seen, most Muslims today are not Arabs; Indonesia is the largest nation. Mosques are all over the globe. The old dream of Middle Eastern nationalism has grown and expanded itself into movements calling for a global Islamic system, a world under Koranic guidance and Shariah Law.

Don’t even for a moment think this is a “just another political movement”. Islam may very well be the ultimate rolling social tsunami that sweeps over the world in the most powerful spiritually based revolution ever known to mankind. And, don’t make an additional error. Islam is not “just another religion”. It is a world-embracing, all encompassing spiritual, legal and governmental system of the kind that literally works wonders. Think ahead several generations. Does occidental culture and modern Christianity have the tools to combat it? Only time will tell.

“Islam created a world civilization, polyethnic, multiracial, international and one might say even intercontinental. ... In the Muslims’ own perception, Islam itself was conterminous with civilization, and beyond its borders there were only barbarians and infidels.” Bernard Lewis, *What Went Wrong?*, 2002.

## **RAGE AGAINST WESTERN FINANCIAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL DOMINANCE, IMPERIALISM AND NEO-COLONIALISM.**

Until very recently, Muslim countries have depended on western finances and technology to develop and operate the petroleum industry and in many other fields as well. In a sense, the pan-Islamists are correct in saying that this is just another example of western imperialism and neo-colonialism. But to blame it all on western infidels is irresponsible, ignoring the unfair and dictatorial governments in predominantly Muslim countries. Even today, when many more Muslims than ever before are smart, sophisticated and well

trained, the vast majorities are poor and live in underdeveloped and misgoverned countries. Even in the big-money states like Saudi Arabia, the most common major in universities is not science or business, but Islamic studies! While they rail against the Western financial interests, some Muslims (Saudi royals and the like) live the good life of the West and play the system. But they only spread a little of the wealth to the people, just enough to keep the pot from boiling over. Is this the Islamic way? Fundamentalists don't think so, and they are right. Since the coming of oil in the 1930s, exacerbated by an ever-expanding market, billions upon billions of dollars have flowed into Muslim hands, and continue to flow, just as regularly as our trips to the gas pumps. So why are they still poor and underdeveloped except in rich "playhouse countries" like Kuwait, Dubai and the little Emirates? While the West has, indeed, played a destructive role, Muslims need only look in the mirror (and at their governments) to find the worst offenders.

"The great nations have always acted like gangsters, and the small nations like prostitutes." Stanley Kubrick.

## **ROOTS OF THE RAGE: INFIDEL TROOPS NEAR MECCA AND MEDINA.**

Infidel troops, including females, are considered inappropriate and unacceptable in many Muslim lands, but especially in the Islamic holy land of the Arabian Peninsula, home to both Mecca and Medina. Osama said they would never leave, and so far, they have not. The profligate Saudi royals recognize the danger in all of this. In January of 2002, and later in 2003, information was released indicating that the Saudis might ask U.S. troops to leave. But, this did not happen and is even less likely to happen in the current state of affairs. Beyond that, one might assume that the Saudi royals hope that, if an Islamic revolution ever came, the American troops might help protect them. Indeed, one can fantasize a scenario where the U.S. and NATO powers would militarily intervene to protect the oil, as they did in Libya. As of 2011, the 64th Air Expeditionary Group is stationed in Eskan Village. But, as we see in Libya, planes (and later troops) can come in rather quickly. Would the U.S. and NATO intervene to protect the oil? Absolutely!



**Mecca**

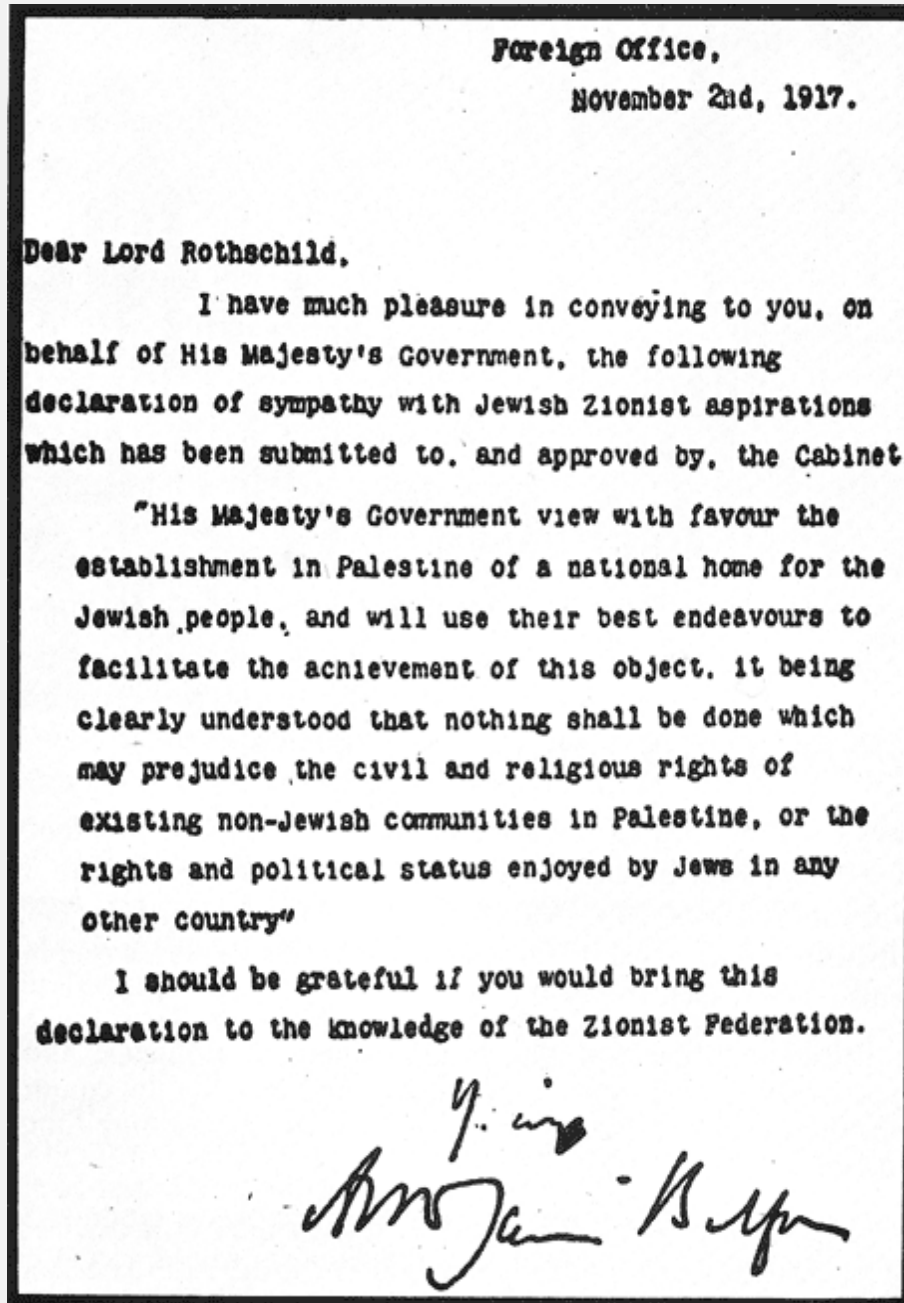


**Medina.**

## **ROOTS OF THE RAGE: THE PALESTINIAN PROBLEM.**

**In 1898, what had been carefully planned and discussed for a long time was declared to the world. Theodore Herzl convened the World Zionist Congress, declaring that they wanted Palestine as the Jewish state, but not much happened until after World War One. Turkey chose the wrong side, and ended up losing much of her empire to the Europeans, including Palestine, which at that time was regarded as a part of Syria. Western military forces entered Jerusalem in 1917, the first time since 1291, when the Crusaders of old were cast out. Britain then issued the Balfour Declaration, which set in process the State of Israel. Then as now, not all the world agreed that this was a wise plan. For example, the Vatican expressed disapproval.**

Read below. The Balfour Letter says nothing of an independent state, only a Jewish “national home” with guarantees to the resident Palestinians. If this had been honestly implemented, it would have avoided many later problems.



While I have never been a great admirer of the late liberal columnist, Molly Ivins, she had some excellent comments back in 2001, at the beginning of our somewhat inept “war on terrorism”.

“It seems to me it does no one any good to keep saying, ‘Our enemies are evil people who hate us because we are successful.’ That’s certainly not the way they look at it – and, at the very least, *it is necessary to understand your enemy in order to fight him*. As many others have pointed out, we are probably dealing with at least two aspects of terrorism. One is the perverted holy-warrior fantasy of Osama bin Laden, and the other is the consequence of history and policy. If you drive people off their land – say the Palestinians – and leave them to rot in refugee camps for three generations, you are going to get terrorism. If you further aggravate old wounds by sending settlers into Palestinian territory and ruthlessly occupy same, you will get more terrorism. This is not a great mystery, nor is it caused by envy of American success. There is no weakness in re-examining policies that lead to terrorism – we’d be fools not to do so.”

Of course, we have continued to be fools. Until true justice and fairness rules in Palestine, there can be no lasting end to the war, no matter how many “road maps to peace” are on the table.

#### WORDS OF WARNING FROM OVER A CENTURY AGO.

Sir Richard Burton not only had a fluent knowledge of Arabic, but knew and understood the intense and ultimately violent nature of the Islamic faith, especially when it feels challenged or threatened, as it does here at the beginning of the twenty-first century. In recent history, the western powers have done little other than directly challenge and threaten. Why are we so surprised by the response?

“And should Christianity, as it has often threatened, ever meet the Saving Faith in mortal combat, and the Cross assail the Crescent in the latest of crusades, the Muslim scimitar, rusty as it is with the rust of ages, will prove the good metal of which it was in the beginning forged. Supposing, however, El Islam abolished by civilization, undermined by the slow action of the Christian Powers closing around it, or become decrepit from old age, what would be the result? Some renewal, essentially the same, formally different; some revival of its eternal principle, monotheism, disguised under a fresh garb of those outward accidents that constitute a religion. Such has ever been the history of the world’s creeds.”

The West rocks along, making false linear assumptions that one day will be more or less like the next. While there are always wide-eyed prescient ones



who see what is really happening, they are few and far between and most often scoffed at, ignored, even persecuted. Who would have ever thought that a small cult of apostate Judean Palestinians flocking around a discredited prophet called Jesus could start a world-transforming religion? Who in old Rome or Greece thought that barbarians would ever defeat the greatest superpower the world had ever known? Even Eastern Christian Byzantium, who should have known better, didn't really think that the newly upstart Arabs could do any actual damage. That is, until the Islamic Jihad rolled into town in 1453 and slaughtered the bishops, priests, nuns and Christian families who took refuge in Hagia Sophia Cathedral. The Jihadists extracted revenge for the earlier atrocities, and the floors were literally knee deep in blood. But even though Muslim armies almost made it into Europe more than once, they did not. The West moved on with science and knowledge as well as warfare, and the Muslims fell back to their homelands, to take a long cultural *siesta* in the Middle Eastern sun. But they are asleep no more.



Hagia Sophia, the famous Cathedral of Holy Wisdom, was captured by the Muslim jihad in 1453 and turned into a mosque. Today it is considered to be a museum, but the idea of returning it to the Christians hasn't ever been discussed.

## **CHAPTER SIX.**

### **THE ISLAMICIZATION OF THE WEST, A GEOPOLITICAL STRATEGY FOR THE BLOODLESS *JIHAD*.**

**I**n more than a few ways, the western political order bears its own seeds of self-destruction. No matter how sugarcoated it may get, so-called democracy is little more than the dictatorship of 51%. Once a solid majority regime is effectively in place, most of the system can be changed by simple statute law. One day something is legal, and the next day it is not. Some may say that a true constitutional republic, which is different from a democracy, would prevent this phenomenon, but constitutions can be amended and radically perverted, as has happened in the USA. A parliamentary system, with proportional representation, has a greater dispersion and representative sharing of power, resulting in a government of conciliation, but there a solid faction can rule with even less than 51%.

The formula is simple. Elect a solid ruling block, change statute law, and eventually change the constitution. While a federal dictatorship was put in place in the War Between the States by the Lincoln regime, the Constitution worked fairly well until the mid twentieth century. Americans were largely of compatible cultural backgrounds, but now this has radically changed. Among other burgeoning emigrant groups are Muslims from various countries. As an honest reading of history shows, Muslims have long lived in the United States, largely assimilating. Other immigrants arrived from the Middle East as well (especially Syria, Lebanon and Palestine), and many of them were Christians, more easily blending in. Most Christian and Muslim immigrants were delighted to be away from repressive cultures, so being an American was usually not a problem. This is no longer the case. Muslims, homegrown and immigrants, are already demanding special rights and privileges.

While the Koran in due course permits violence against those who will not convert willingly, is this really necessary? Hispanic influence on American culture has grown markedly through sheer strength of numbers, both through birthrate as well as legal and illegal immigration. Look for a similar growth spurt for Muslims in America, thus for them to have a stronger political voice. Few in the carefully controlled and contrived media

seriously address this. Nevertheless, certain facts are before us, begging for interpretation and answers.

But, avoid a critical error. As said earlier, never even for a moment, think that global Islamism is a mere political movement. It is a seriously aggressive force with a deeply dynamic spiritual base. While violence is employed on the geopolitical battlefield, Islamist parties are also winning more and more open elections, much to the dismay of The Powers That Be. They are victorious in a number of embarrassing spots, such as Turkey, Algeria, Lebanon, and Palestine. With the so-called Arab Spring of 2011, add Egypt and Libya to a list of Muslim nations in the process of revolutionary change to Shariah Law. And, if truly free elections were held in Pakistan, an Islamist government would come to power there as well, displacing the well-paid Western lackeys in Islamabad. Islam is an attractive, viable and visible alternative to the Western social model, now largely based on power, sex, money, the players often drugged-out and self obsessed. Islam presents another more spiritually-based way of life. Eventually, this dynamic force crosses all cultural and racial boundaries. Islam, like most Christian Churches, does not recognize race as a factor. Both are universal, multicultural and evangelical, but “The Religion of Peace and Submission” is far ahead of outmoded or failed Christian efforts. Islam is growing quickly and its goal is worldwide. Ultimately, it knows no borders or boundaries. It also makes strong bids for political power, sincerely believing and declaring that Islam is a much better way, for both personal and political life.

Whether you like it or not, Islam is the latest and perhaps the greatest spiritually based international revolution. If the advance of Communism surprised you after the Second World War, multiply the growth potential several times. The Marxist utopian fables are not nearly as appealing as Islam. “Islam is the solution” is a cry echoing around the world. Watch current events closely. We already see the first ripples of the cultural tsunami. Do I have solutions? Sure I do, but since they involve massive recapturing and reviving of Western cultural ideals and values, I’m not so sure about our possibilities! No matter how you look at it, Islam is a strong, spiritually based religious and political revolutionary movement. Become a Muslim and you immediately become part of the *umma*, an international community. Almost no matter where you go in the world today, you find a mosque, and you can link up with likeminded folk who welcome you. Baron Julius Evola, a noted Italian philosopher and metaphysician, encapsulates the intense inner power of Islamic ideas.

**“In early Islam the only form of asceticism was action, that is, *jihad*, or ‘holy war’; this type of war, at least theoretically, should never be interrupted until the full consolidation of the divine Law has been achieved. Finally, Islam presents a traditional completeness, since the Shariah and the Sunna, that is, the exoteric law and tradition, have their complement not in vague mysticism, but in full-fledged initiatory organizations (*turuq*) that are categorized by an esoteric teaching (*tawil*) and by the metaphysical doctrine of the Supreme Identity (*tawhid*). ... [and] shaped by a tradition at a higher level than both Judaism and the religious beliefs that conquered the West.” Julius Evola, “*On Islam and Tradition*” in *Revolt Against The Modern World*.**

Never, ever discount the potency and potential of such a system. Western civilization today is particularly vulnerable. Ancient Christianity created a new world. Islam is an equal, if not greater force, and has solidly arrived in Europe and the Americas. Mosques are in all major centers and homegrown Muslim movements are growing. We find this especially among Blacks, plus some Hispanics are discovering their Moorish roots through medieval Spain and Portugal. Moreover, some Europeans and Americans are studying the Koran, and of course, a small number will eventually convert. But even if they do not -- and perhaps even more importantly -- they will take a more conciliatory stance toward Islamic ideas. So, watch and see. An “Islam Lite” version will likely develop in the West, encouraging and accommodating mixed marriages and easy conversions. Will some Christians support and accommodate Islamicization? Apparently so.

**“London - Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams, spiritual leader of the world's Anglicans, said on Thursday the introduction in Britain of some aspects of Shariah, Islamic law, was unavoidable.” *Christianity Today*, 07 Feb. 2008.**

**“A proposal by a Roman Catholic bishop in the Netherlands that people of all faiths refer to God as “Allah” is not sitting well with the Catholic community. Tiny Muskens, an outgoing bishop..., said “Allah is a very beautiful word for God. Shouldn’t we all say that from now on we will name God Allah? ... What does God care what we call him? It is our problem.” ... Ibrahim Hooper, a spokesman for the Council on American-Islamic Relations, a Washington, D.C.-based Islamic civil liberties and advocacy group, backs the idea as a way to help interfaith understanding. “It reinforces the fact that Muslims, Christians and Jews all worship the same God,” Hooper said, “I don't think**

the name is as important as the belief in God and following God's moral principles. I think that's true for all faiths." Christians who are Arabic speakers speak of Allah when they speak of God, Hooper added. "There's not a theological leap to make on the part of Christians." Fox News, 16 Aug. 2007.

More examples could be shown, but this is sufficient. We are seeing the first ripples of the tide. Are you ready for your mainline Christian churches to accommodate Islam? They will, you know. Look at their history. The bottom line is frighteningly clear. The West can be conquered by peaceful means, a bloodless *jihad*, winning by birthrate, increased immigration, and by mastering our political methodology. America, always the willing sap for a good religious sales pitch, is ripe for an Islamic cultural renaissance and exploration for new converts. But, once again, this presents a paradox. Those of us who recognize the reality of the forces called the New World Order find ourselves curiously aligned with some Muslims on some issues. Naturally, the Powers That Be oppose Islam, and after the events of 9/11, the media portray Islam and Muslims almost only as extreme and dangerous. Don't you see that the so-called War on Terror is essentially a war on Islam? Essentially, if you look closely, Islam is opposing the forces of the (largely) western Globalist New World Order, and standing virtually alone against them. My oh my, don't we live in "interesting" times?

A Culture War is already well under way on numerous fronts. Western society, especially in large cities, seems to have taken on a third world look. Since 1989, Russia's Muslim population increased to 25 million. By 2015, Muslims could make up a majority of Russia's conscript army and account for one-fifth of the country's population by 2020. More than fifty million Muslims live in Western Europe today, and this will double in twenty years. By 2025, one third of all European children will be born to Muslim families. *Jihad* by birthrate, indeed! Muhammad is already the most popular name for newborn boys in several major cities, including Brussels, Amsterdam and Rotterdam. (*Impact*, Feb./Mar. 2007.)

In earlier times, Muslim armies threatened Europe from several directions, holding territory in Eastern Europe until after the First World War. Much earlier than that, they knocked on the gates of Vienna and Paris, but to no avail. Now, however, there is no reason for more blood to be spilled. Europe is already a successful target of the bloodless *jihad* through immigration and birthrate. Never forget the ultimate goal -- a post-modern

pan-Islamic global state, the entire world in submission to Allah and Shariah Law.

“The most critical issue facing Europe is the long-term relationship between the continent's natives and its burgeoning Muslim minority. There are but three outcomes — Islamic takeover, Muslim expulsion or harmonious integration — and the end result has profound implications not only for Europe but for humanity as a whole... Extreme secularism pervades Europe, especially among its elites...” Daniel Pipes, *Eurabian Nights*, *The National Interest*. <http://www.nationalinterest.org/Article.aspx?id=13710>.

The Mideast wars are in progress on several fronts. We already know about Libya, Pakistan, Iraq, Afghanistan, Palestine, and perhaps soon to be on the list, Iran. But jihadist warfare is present on other fronts, some of which are largely ignored by the so-called news media. The Islamists succeeded in their seizure of Kosovo, and the battles in the Kashmir, between India and Pakistan, have never ceased, and little Chechnya continues to be a hot spot as well. But the most ignored field of conflict is in India. When the Indian subcontinent was freed by the British, Pakistan and Bangladesh (then known as East Pakistan) were set aside for Muslims, to separate them from the Hindus and other native Indo-Aryan religions. This has largely failed, and a culture clash with terroristic tactics and bombings has already begun. The Muslims under the Mogul dynasty ruled India for 300 years, beginning in the early 1500s. They were responsible for the deaths of millions of Hindus, plus destroying what was left of the Buddhist religion in its land of origin. Today there are more Muslims in India than in Pakistan, making for a potentially even more volatile and precarious situation. Not surprisingly, ultra-nationalist Hindus have formed a militant anti-Muslim sect out of the Hindutva (“Hindu-ness”) cultural movement. Predicting a more violent future does not require a guru or a seer.

As we clearly see, Islamicization is well under way on several fronts. While individual Muslims may argue as to precisely how the World Islamic Order is to be achieved, they all agree on the basics. Some insist that the whole thing means only that Allah should reign in your heart and mind, in the inner, spiritual person. In the same manner, they strongly assert that *jihad* means only the struggle or battle to give Allah His way in a Muslim’s life. Don’t get me wrong. I am sure this is true for most of those who say it, but on the larger scene, it is a not-so-clever theological ploy, deflecting a politically incorrect question. Think about this logically. Once Shariah is a part of your

personal life, wouldn't it make sense to want the entire planet to benefit from such a blessed state of being?

In reality, it is more than that for the devout Islamist. It is not only doing a service to bring Shariah to the whole world -- it is the overriding duty and religious responsibility of every Muslim to work for a world in submission to Allah. This should not surprise Christians. The Christian Jihad/Crusade rolled over most of its opposition well into the twentieth century. Missionaries of various sorts not only sought to administer a big overdose of religion, but to convince the converts of the superiority of the Western way of life. Naturally, this made many of them accept crass colonialism and imperialism as the Christian cultural tsunami rolled about the world. It has come and gone, but another, perhaps an even more potent one, is on the horizon.

Let's be fair. Not all Muslims favor violent *jihad*. Less militant ones see Islamic law and culture, as something the world will naturally adopt once it sees the truth of Islam. Even so, the Koran speaks specifically, for those who want to see it come sooner. Once the words of the Prophet have been thoroughly preached and presented, but the infidels still refuse to peacefully submit to The Religion of Submission, then violence is not merely an option; it appears to be a commandment. While it is true that Islamic states allow Christians and Jews to peacefully practice their faith (but just barely in some like Saudi Arabia and Pakistan) as "people of the book", anything remotely resembling proselytizing brings severe penalties. The Eastern Christian communities in Muslim countries, while tolerated, are taxed under Shariah law, and have never really prospered since the Islamic *jihad* seized Constantinople, slaughtering their clergy and leaders, and toppling them from political power in 1453. Now that the Muslim Brotherhood is apparently in control in post-Mubarak Egypt, Muslim riots have killed Christians and burnt churches, including the Coptic Christian Cathedral.

As we see, Islamic strategists differ only in the methods and timetable for imposition of Shariah Law. Several thinkers portray the ideal Muslim state as one that does not presently exist in full form. The ultimate Islamic world regime is an evolutionary quantum leap, leaving behind the old, worn-out and dysfunctional ideas of the Western nation state. In Islam there is no separation between religion and state, a concept totally out of step with Islamic thought. Hence, the living of one's life as a good Muslim (application of *Shariah* to one's personal life) is intertwined with the larger program for creating an Islamic World Order. Almost without exception, every Muslim

agrees it is good to work for the day when Allah's holy Muslim way spreads over the globe. While how to attain such a world system is the subject of debate in Islamic philosophy and theology, the basic concept is an essential part of the religion known as *Al Islam*. Julius Evola eloquently expounds on all of this.

“It is written in the Koran: ‘Let those who would exchange the life of this world for the hereafter fight for the cause of Allah; whether they die or conquer, we shall richly reward them.’ (Koran, 4:76) The presupposition according to which it is prescribed ‘When you meet the unbelievers in the battlefield strike off their heads, and when you have laid them low, bind your captives firmly’ (Koran 47:4); or, ‘Do not falter or sue for peace when you have gained the upper hand’ (Koran 47:37), is that ‘the life of this world is but a sport and a past-time’ (Koran 47:37) and that ‘whoever is ungenerous to this cause is ungenerous to himself’ (Koran 47:38). These statements should be interpreted along the lines of the evangelical saying: ‘whoever wishes to save his life shall lose it: but whoever loses his life for my sake shall find it’ (Matthew 16:25). This is confirmed by yet another Koranic passage: ‘Why is it that when it is said to you: ‘March in the cause of Allah.’ you linger slothfully in the land? Are you content with this life in preference to the life to come?’ (Koran, 9:38) “Say: ‘Are you waiting for anything to befall us except victory or martyrdom?’ (Koran, 9:52).”

The holy scriptures also say, "Fighting is obligatory for you, as much as you dislike it. But you may hate a thing although it is good for you, and love a thing although it is bad for you. Allah knows but you do not." (Koran, Sura 2:216).

“The first Muslim missionaries from abroad unblushingly declared in the 1920s, ‘Our plan is, we are going to conquer America.’ Such hopes are commonplace in recent years. For example, Omar Abdel Rahman, the blind Sheik convicted of planning a ‘day of rage’ by blowing up New York buildings [WTC] in 1991 called on Muslims to ‘conquer the land of the infidels.’ A native-born American, who converted to Islam and helped fight the Soviets in Afghanistan, proclaimed ‘it is the duty of all Muslims to complete the march of *jihad* (holy war) until we reach America and liberate her.’ Sinaj Wahaf, the first Imam to deliver a Muslim prayer for the U.S. House of Representatives, holds that if Muslims unite, they could elect their own president; ‘take my word, if six to eight million Muslims unite in America, the country will come to us.’ Ahmad Nawfal, Jordanian who spoke often at anti-



American rallies a few years ago, says that if fundamentalist Muslims stand up, 'it will be very easy for us to preside over this world again.' Shamin A. Siddiqi wrote a book on establishing Islamic rule in the United States, with the goal of Muslims creating 'a strong lobby in Washington for the promotion of Islam...in this country as well as everywhere else in the world'." *Christian News*, 12/03/01.





## **WOMEN AND MUSLIM CULTURE.**

**When Islam becomes dominant, say farewell to religious freedom and many individual rights -- especially for women. Some who have chosen not to wear Islamic dress have been whipped and beheaded! If they dare to drive in Saudi Arabia, they are arrested and punished. We could focus on so-called “honor killings” or other practices, but I chose the one I felt was largely ignored. This is the horrid and despicable practice of Female Genital Mutilation, which continues to be common in several Muslim countries. Not only that, it has come to the USA with Muslim immigrants, all across the country. For example, it is so prevalent in Colorado that new laws against FGM are being considered. While neither sanctioned, nor condemned, or even commented on in the Koran, it is clearly a part of some Muslim cultures and traditions. But Koranic or not, certain passages in the revered Hadith (the Traditions) support this cruel, abusive practice.**

**In preparation for this part of my presentaiton, I had an informative dialogue with noted author, Acharya S, who, among other things, also writes about Islam.**

**[Begin quoting.] I already sent you the video with the Egyptian women saying they'd been specifically told that it was part of Islam.**

**[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vs7PX\\_BulmA](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vs7PX_BulmA).**

**On that YT page appears this statement (go to where it says "More info" at the right of the video): The practice of circumcision in Islam comes from the Hadith, Shariahh law and the consensus of Islamic communities.**

**The Hadith. Narrated Umm Atiyyah al-Ansariyyah: “A woman used to perform circumcision in Medina. The Prophet (peace be upon him) said to her: Do not cut severely as that is better for a woman and more desirable for a husband.” (Sunan Abu-Dawud: book 41, number 5251, Hasan)**

**The Shariah. The following reference to Shariahh law comes from Ahmad ibn Naqib al-Misri, Reliance of the Traveller - A Classic Manual of Islamic Sacred Law. This book comes with the approval al-Azhar University. [Translated from Arabic] “Circumcision is obligatory (for every male and female) by cutting off the piece of skin on the glans of the penis of the male, but circumcision of the female is by cutting out the clitoris (this is called khufaad).”**

**Here's another video for further research:**

**<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BJ0I9yDgN-8>**

**Also see the book "Infidel" by Ayaan Hirsi Ali - take a look at this article to see what she says about FGM there:**

**<http://www.theaustralian.news.com.au/story/0,20867,21160254-28737,00.html>**

**See my blog post on Hirsi Ali here:**

**<http://tbknews.blogspot.com/2007/10/ayaan-hirsi-ali-saves-civilization.html>**

**You should probably also brush up on your knowledge of "taqqiya" – the Muslim practice of lying about their religion. Here's a video of Steve Emerson discussing taqqiya.**

<http://islamwatchers.blogspot.com/2007/08/taqqiyah-jihad-deception-holy-war.html> [End quoting.]

Thank you, Acharya S. Visit her informative and useful website, <http://www.truthbeknown.com/>.

The conclusion is inescapable. Some rather abusive ideas and repulsive practices are part of Islam in many areas of the world, and are already here in the United States. So as we see, basic occidental assumptions about human rights and gender rights basically do not exist in Muslim countries. Moreover and more so, Islam is not really compatible with a western democracy, parliamentary system, or a constitutional republic. While temporary political compromises are made, ultimately Islam must not and will not share power in any meaningful way. As Islam grows in social influence, so do other cultural customs, some of them quite uncivilized and undesirable.

Militant Muslims already feel their potential. Threats of violence and terrorist acts are brought to bear to ban cartoons or articles lampooning Islam or its Prophet. Poor Theo Van Gogh, a controversial videographer in the Netherlands who exposed the treatment of Muslim women, was brutally assassinated by homicidal extremists in 2004. In Spain, the feelings of the tiny Islamic majority have created problems, with its annual festival of victory over the Moors in 1492, consolidating the *Reconquista*, or Christian Reconquest of Spain. Because of hurt feelings, the politically correct Spanish socialist government has prescribed a “Proclamation of Tolerance” be read publicly, which, so far, has been accompanied by booing. How many Muslims does it take to make a national issue with international media attention out of the matter? Fewer than 500,000 Muslims live among the 40,000,000 Spaniards, which means that a vocal minority from within the miniscule 1.25% pulled this off. For more, see Matt Moffet, “Festival For A Historic Battle Highlights New Tensions In Spain” in *The Wall Street Journal*.

The latest figures on world religions show that Muslims now outnumber Roman Catholics. Islam is a worldwide religious community with extremely ambitious goals and ideals.

“Today, there is a movement that claims 1.25 billion followers worldwide; it is rapidly growing in Europe, Africa and America. This movement is very aggressive and often violent; teaching that if someone will not willingly convert that they must eventually be eliminated. This movement boldly

**demands the death of all who would oppose it. The name of this movement is Islam. Staging its final invasion under the freedom of religion, Islam is now spreading in every direction thanks to our advanced media, taking advantage of people's lack of knowledge of the Arabic language and history."**

**"ISLAM, HOWEVER, IS MORE THAN A RELIGION; IT IS A COMPREHENSIVE WAY OF LIFE. Those who defend Islam claim that Muslims desire to live peacefully with all men, yet the facts of history prove that if and when Muslims gain control, the extreme elements of Islam will fight and even kill in order to eliminate all opposition to Islam. The Qur'an and the Hadiths, Muslim's holy books, contain the religious, social, civil, commercial, military, and legal codes for Muslims. ... CHRISTIANS BEWARE! They would like nothing better than to convert you to Islam or gain your sympathy by discussing it with you. They will make you think that Islam is a 'brother' religion to Christianity and Judaism." Abdullah Al-Araby, *A Religion Of The Sword*, 2001, <http://www.IslamReview.com/>.**

**Here are the plans according to a highly praised Saudi Islamic scholar.**

**"God had made it clear to us that (we should) call for acceptance of Islam first, then wage war. It is not admissible to wage war before extending the invitation to embrace Islam first, as the Qur'an says, 'We verily sent our messenger with clear proofs and revealed to them the scripture and the balance, that mankind may observe right measure, and he revealed iron, wherein is mighty power and uses for mankind that Allan may know him who helps Him and his messengers. Allah is strong, Almighty.' (Sura Iron, 57:25). ... As a Muslim poet said, 'The Book (Qur'an) offers guidance, and he who does not turn away (from evil) by the guidance of the book, he will be kept straight by the squadrons' (*Jihad*)."** Dr. Muhammad Amin in *The Methodology Of Islamic Law*, p. 17.

## **ISLAM IS THE SOLUTION?**

**It is often said and shouted that "Islam is the solution", but is it really? In truth, not even all Muslims agree.**

**"The economic stagnation of the Middle East may indeed help explain why many non-Western Muslims appear angry with the West and particularly with the United States. But the solution offered by Islamists – the minority of Muslims who seek a radical transformation toward a completely Islamic**

global society, with no separation between church and state, for example – cannot spur prosperity, according to Timur Kuran, research fellow at The Independent Institute. The Islamist economic blueprint is so vague that ‘in all but a few ritualistic matters, the Islamists themselves disagree on what Islam prescribes’, according to Koran, ... Muslims who are angry at the United States... are driven also by a vision that treats Islam as the answer to every conceivable problem and attributes all failures to non-Islamic influences.” Dr. Timur Kuran, “Muslim Economic Rage: Causes and Cures”, 12/12/01, from [www.Lighthouse.com](http://www.Lighthouse.com). See also Prof. Kuran’s “The Cultural Undertow of Muslim Economic Rage” from National Review Online at [www.Independent.org](http://www.Independent.org).

Whether we like it or recognize it or not, we have a struggle between two distinctly different cultures. Only a while ago before the 9/11 attack, the following politically incorrect blunt commentary would never have seen the light of day in our modern managed media. It tells the truth, but how many Americans are willing to hear it?

“This war belongs within the much larger spectrum of a far old conflict between settled, creative productive Westerners and predatory, destructive Orientals. It is no good pretending the peoples of the desert and the empty spaces exist on the same level of civilization as those who farm and manufacture. They do not. Their attitude to the West has always been that it is a world ripe for the picking.” John Keegan, *National Post* (Canada), 08 October 2001.

If there is a riper orchard of rich fruit just begging to be taken, I don’t know where it is. But, the people of the great “Super Power” are nodding off, once again. But the Muslims, whose culture was once similarly asleep, now have their eyes wide open. What they see is a world apt and ready for the enticing and intoxicating message of Islam. And, very little seriously opposes them. Islam always sought to expand into the West, but was always turned back. Now, we have a new century, a new world, and a new jihad is just beginning.

## WHITHER OUR WESTERN WORLD?

Why am I so grim and gloomy? While we have obvious military superiority (for now), our cultural arsenal is pretty sparse. What is it about our way of life that makes young men and women willing to die for it? Very

little, I'm afraid. The old cultural-societal center of the occidental ethos was its Christian faith. But the present-day version of One-World Judeo-Christianity, not to mention the televangelist scams, pedophile priests and preachers, embezzlers, et al, has little to offer as an intellectual defense to anything. And, of course, the church is terminally ill in Europe for some time. Almost all of what passes for western civilization today has a broken center, no heart and no core. So, yes, I am a bit grim, and no, I don't see any uniting European-American cultural or political force effectively opposing what is on the horizon, and already within the gates. Our so-called American culture is little more than a gratuitous celebration of sex, violence, crime, power and money. As said, the Christian religion is in a serious state of flux, most of it lost in the fog and empty shell of modern Christianity. The flags waving after 9/11 are faded and tattered. And, yes, I fully expect that a mosque will eventually be opened at (or very near) NYC's Ground Zero.

Our leaders say we're in for the "long haul" in Iraq and Afghanistan. And, now we're on the same course for Libya, Pakistan and Iran? After that, who knows? Americans tire of war after not so long a time, even when it is going well, which these ones are not. Truth be known, we are rarely in for the so-called long haul. But, Islam, like the Catholic Church and other ancient religious establishments, operates on a different understanding of time. As long as you know your cause is just and righteous, not to mention, ordained and supported by God Himself, who cares how long it takes? The true believer can be calm and patient, knowing success is ultimate and inevitable.

So perchance readers will write and tell me that I am wrong, and fill in the blanks as to a cultural cure for our badly broken center, something uniting us, completing the missing parts in our response to the powerful process of Islamicization. We already sold out and spiritually surrendered to liberal multicultural social secularism, yet now we face a strongly seductive spiritual adversary. What an irony! I know our wonderfully creative Western civilization can answer the challenge, but will we really do it? And, in time? As I hope you see, lot of ground has already been lost.

"Ah, the clock is always slow. It's later than you think!" Robert Service, Canadian Poet.

## **CHAPTER SEVEN.**

### **ISLAM AND THE UNBEATABLE ARMY: FOURTH GENERATION WARFARE AND THE DECLINE OF WESTERN NATION STATES.**

**C**an Western civilization survive Fourth Generation warfare and the overall decline of the nation state? Moreover, can we “win” the “war on terror”? With the conflicts with in Iraq, Afghanistan -- and now, Libya and Pakistan and Iran on the horizon -- warfare is no longer just between nation states. We see no flags flying, armies marching in uniforms or would-be governments competing for the loyalty of the people. On the other hand, turf boundaries are clear to the residents, whose loyalties are to tribes, clans, sects, and militias rather than to traditional state entities. Indeed, beyond all of that, it is the Muslim religion that unites them. Nothing else (certainly not their governments) unites them. As a matter of fact, there is not much traditional government in these lands at all. While western political leaders largely disavow the idea, this is a war against radical Islam. The fundamentalist dogma and doctrine behind this is from the radical Wahabi sect, fueled financially and philosophically by Saudi Arabia. However, there is another paradigm in play that must be understood, not only to comprehend our struggle with Islam, but to analyze other events on the geopolitical scene.

#### **UNDERSTANDING FOURTH GENERATION WARFARE.**

What is happening in the Middle East and other parts of the world that so troubles and vexes the western Powers That Be is a phenomenon called Fourth Generation Warfare. The Treaty of Westphalia brought an end to the Thirty Years War in 1648, and the First Generation of modern warfare began. Prior to that, many different entities fought wars: regional rulers, warlords, cities, powerful tribes, clans, families, mercantile companies, religions, and others. This is happening again today. Non-state entities have key roles in ideological and armed struggles the world over. First Generation Warfare was much more organized and structured than ever before. The combat of the 1700s saw state military forces, arrayed in neat and colorful uniforms with musical accompaniment, marching in an orderly fashion, lining up across the battlefield, then taking turns firing at one another with inaccurate muskets and short-range artillery. After all of this was done, they charged with bayonets. Here were all the familiar military accoutrements:



clearly distinguished ranks and titles, uniforms, insignia, official recognition through medals, regimental flags, proper military protocols, strategic planning, and other military procedures. The Napoleonic Era is a classic period of First Generation Warfare. Forces organized in this way literally conquered the world.

This was the style until the U.S. Civil War proved it to be ineffective and far too deadly, ending the First Generation. The main cause was the introduction of the modern rifle, with greater range and accuracy than the old smoothbore muskets. Repeating rifles, rapid-fire breech loading artillery, and machine guns began a new generation. Second Generation was more top-down organized, featuring detailed central planning by generals often far behind the lines, maneuvering large forces on a clearly recognized front, using massive and more accurate artillery barrages, then following up with infantry. Second Generation originated through the strategic contributions of the French military, which other nation states, including our own, copied and sought to improve. This was the style of World War One.

Third Generation is the product of World War Two. Instead of confusing and frequently ineffective massive troop movements and encounters, often bogged down for months and years in trenches, blitzkrieg lightning fast war became the norm. The forces no longer built trenches or fortresses, seeking to strike fast and get behind the lines. Instead of “close with and destroy”, the tactics were to “bypass and collapse”. With improvements in aircraft design came massive strategically determined aerial bombing. This fundamentally supplanted the heavy artillery barrages of the First World War. Add modern tanks to the equation, and the war moves from smaller, contained battlefields to various larger fronts. This was the style of World War Two, where the USA introduced atomic weapons into the mix, setting the stage for the Cold War, including the rise of alternative warfare techniques. To learn much more, consult the sources below.

- “The Changing Face of War: Into the Fourth Generation” by William S. Lind, Colonel Keith Nightengale (USA), Captain John F. Schmitt (USMC), Colonel Joseph W. Sutton (USA), and Lieutenant Colonel Gary I. Wilson (USMCR), *Marine Corps Gazette*, October 1989.
- “Global Guerrillas, Networked Tribes, Systems Disruption, And The Emerging Bazaar Of Violence. Resilient Communities, Decentralized Platforms, And Self-Organizing Futures” By John Robb.

[http://globalguerrillas.typepad.com/globalguerrillas/2004/05/4gw\\_fourth\\_gene.html](http://globalguerrillas.typepad.com/globalguerrillas/2004/05/4gw_fourth_gene.html)

In some ways, Fourth Generation is a step back in time. Today's warfare again involves non-state entities such as: Hezbollah, Hamas, Tamil Tigers in Sri Lanka, FARC in Colombia, Al Qaeda, militias in Africa, modern adaptations of the old Communist Cell, leaderless resistance, religiously based armed groups, and a host of others. On the other end of the spectrum, not everything was successful. The Tamil Tigers, who prevailed for years and years, and who began using tactics like female suicide bombers, were thoroughly defeated in 2009. Nontraditional combat tactics long predate their use today. Spanish guerilla irregulars resisted Napoleonic occupation, and ambush by snipers was used in the American Revolution. In the early 1900s, "terrorist tactics" were used against us in the Philippines during the hideous Moro Insurrection. American troops were shocked by the risks taken by the Muslim Moros, who charged obviously well-defended US positions with little regard for personal safety. In fact, their assaults were so fierce that the Army developed a new handgun, the .45 automatic, to deal with these death-defying Jihadist warriors, who made the conflict awfully up close and personal. As today, the Muslim resistance fighters were not regarded as regular soldiers; hence they were indiscriminately abused, tortured and killed. While we succeeded in driving them back into the boondocks, Filipinos today are still plagued by the radical Moros, who now network with Islamic extremists all around the region. Some Fourth Generation tactics were used in China by the Maoists, and in Vietnam by the Viet Cong.

Just as in the Mideast, no one can tell the insurgents from civilians, so "kill them all and let God sort it out" was often the rule. In today's wars, this appears to be the norm. On the world scene, states are not so much in conflict as the forces of ideas, philosophies and religions. While the battle lines are murky to Western eyes, they are quite clear to the warrior factions and the ever-targeted civilians. Western-style nationalism and the Western nation state are European concepts. So-called Arab nationalism had its day with Nasser and the secularist pan-Arabist Baath Party (since Iraq has fallen the last of which is in Syria) and the short-lived UAR. Besides, the British redrew the world maps after World War One, and later, always arrogantly ignoring traditional cultural and tribal boundaries, thus scuttling whatever chances Asians and Africans might have had to achieve a viable nation state.



## WHO ARE OUR FOES?

At the beginning of the twenty-first century, we have put ourselves -- in most cases, needlessly -- in opposition to Islam. Today, Fourth Generation Islamic internationalist warriors ride the ascendant wave. There are no Islamic states capable of doing Third Generation battle with the West, but that is becoming less and less important. But one and one-half billion Muslims are now spread out all over the world, in every country, no exceptions, so state borders make little or no difference to their religio-political agenda. The important thing is not loyalty to a nation state, but to the *Umma*, or Islamic world community. For many Muslims, loyalty to the *Umma* trumps all else. While there is no central governing power, there serious talk of eventually reinstating the Caliphate, a sort of Muslim Vatican. While seemingly a contradiction of terms, Islam is a form of “international nationalism”, global nationhood based on religion. Many Muslims dream of the day when Koranic Shariah law and Islamic cultural values become the norm for the entire world. The battle is about a radical change of values. The Occidental order is seen as

decadent and ripe for a fall. Unfortunately, at least so far, they appear to be more right than wrong.

Westerners, with their Third Generation nation states and armed forces, do not understand how to combat such powerfully motivated foes. The most successful leaders and groups have a strong, vibrant spiritual base underlying their beliefs and actions. This is not so easily explained from the crass and cynical perspective of the secular and essentially de-Christianized west. Western leaders, for the most part, seem confounded, conflicted, confused and clueless, doing little other than issuing ignorant platitudes such as, “they hate us because of our freedom”. This is not the case at all. What “they” hate is not freedom or even democracy, but the oppressive tactics of a would-be empire seeking to impose a global hegemony.



Wise up, my friends. The whole world is laughing at our ignorance and naiveté. All of this is happening while our allies strategically distance themselves from our failures and follies. Fourth generation warfare not only doesn't feature regular armies, there are no such things as noncombatants. Back in the late 1970s and early 1980s, I traveled in a number of countries, some of which were "hot spots" in Central America such as Guatemala, Honduras, El Salvador and Sandinista-run Nicaragua), often alone or with a lady friend. Now, I could never do that as Americans are hated and targeted almost everywhere they go. No matter who we are or what values we hold as individuals, we are seen as the enemy. To do the kind of traveling I did back in the early '80s would seriously risk my life. Our image abroad has, sadly, been seriously degraded. Recovery could take decades, if ever. What our Islamic adversaries really oppose is not freedom or so-called democracy, but a materialistic, immoral and corrupt consumerist culture that exploits others for profit and control. And, by the way, democracy isn't appropriate or workable for an Islamic state.

But beyond all the rhetoric, in actual fact, we are often opponents of real democracy. It is merely a convenient shibboleth. All around the world, we support democracy in name only, most often choosing to deal with conveniently cooperative dictators like the Shah of Iran, the Saudi royals, and of course, Sadaam Hussein. Real democracy frightens the Powers That Be. Democracy is great; when they elect our guys. The hypocrisy is evident and apparent to almost everyone in the world; except us. We call our adversaries terrorists, failing to recognize and admit our own acts of ultra violence, intimidation and war crimes, such as being the only nation to ever use nuclear weapons of mass destruction. Without distracting too far, the A-Bomb was used needlessly against civilians in Japan, not to mention the earlier firebombing holocaust of Dresden and other European cities, perpetrated by the Allies. Later, we wreaked havoc on Korea, Vietnam and other Southeast Asian countries. In spite of the "domino theory", Vietnam never sought to harm us or conquer other nations after they won the war. It seems to be a rule. If the American military enter a country, they never leave unless they are run out. Germany is an example, a nation still occupied after all these years since the end of the Second World War. Moreover, there has never been a treaty of peace. Today, we wreak havoc in Iraq and Afghanistan, now in Libya and fast expanding into Pakistan. Thousands of Muslim civilians have been killed, but hardly even featured on the mainline media news, focused as they are on non-news and so-called celebrities. But as the stomach-turning conflicts drag on, more and more stories are coming out about

atrocities committed by Americans and their coalition forces, not to mention the hired private military companies mercenary and the armed forces of the puppet regimes. As for the ferocity and ultra violence of the resistance, someone once said that terrorism is the nuclear strike capability of the oppressed. We always use our very best and most effective weapons. Why shouldn't they? So far, in an ever growing number of instances, the Fourth Generation warriors are winning.

Let's face the facts. Western nation states and cultural are unquestionably on the decline. Once they were supposed to be shining Christian ideals of virtue and righteousness, but was this ever really the case? We live in a time where the rest of the world has little other than disrespect for the us. If you haven't noticed, western governments have a propensity to lie, deceive and threaten violence to achieve their goals. Lying leaders, lawmakers and preachers easily dupe most simplistic westerners, often buying into whatever they are told by the ever compliant mass media.

Think of several classic lies in modern history. The Powers That Be lied about the Spanish blowing up the battleship Maine in 1898. They lied about the sinking of the Lusitania prior to the First World War. Just as the Germans said, it was carrying arms and munitions. The PTB carefully manipulated their advance knowledge of the Pearl Harbor attack. Then they lied about Vietnam and the "domino theory". And, to start a war with Iraq and Afghanistan, they lied about weapons of mass destruction. And now, we are supposed to believe them about Pakistan? About Iran? The old magicians' motto was "*Mundus vult decepti, deceptimur*". "The world wants to be deceived, so then, let us deceive it." The political magicians have done their work well.

Will westerners eventually awaken? I have faith that we will, but hopefully, not too late. Our survival as a culture is seriously in question. Because of the greatness of our people, there is still a chance, but the old era of the Western nation state is largely past, as it really should be. The real force behind spiritually based nationalism is not the nation state itself, but the constituent people as a distinct religious and/or cultural entity. Remember, in Islam, there is no such thing as separation of mosque and state. It is an alien concept. Whether you agree or not, Islam and the Shariah Law system are seen as the ideal for world government under the guidance of Allah. For more and more Muslims, this is something to die for.

What the West has become and now stands for is not. The Western nation state is in severe decline, because, among other things, we don't seem to have many values worth defending. And because of this, we make a serious errors. We don't really understand an adversary like Islam, especially its youth, who are so little like us. Great numbers of them hold high ideals and values, spurning the consumerist, sex-oriented societies of the West. But most of all, they are willing to offer the ultimate sacrifice to obtain victory for their spiritual values. Once, Westerners (Christians) were willing to die for their beliefs, even when misguided, but this is no longer the case. Not only that, Islam and other forces of Fourth Generation Warfare are in this worldwide struggle for the long haul while we are not. Ten years? Twenty years? Thirty years? More? Who cares how long it takes if you firmly believe your cause is just, approved by God, knowing that you will eventually triumph? Those who like to wager can tell me the odds on who will win. Does Fourth Generation warfare spell the end of the nation state? Not entirely, but Western nation states have little left of their past glamour or glory, with diminished ability to spur citizens to sacrifice to achieve goals. Islam is the strongest force opposing the Western World Order. Much of our military actions against them seem only to further provoke them and provide a steady force of new combatants. Most of them are young, proud and idealistic, pleased to give their life in a war against the West, seen as an evil satanic power. When your enemies feel this way, there is little doubt about their intentions.

#### **HOPING FOR A BRIGHTER DAY.**

I close with the words of Oswald Spengler, words we must sincerely live by or see our way of life join so many other cultures, once great and celebrated, eventually displaced and discarded in the dustbin of history. Do what you can. Don't let it happen!

“There is no cause for despair, and, even were there no hope of achieving any visible result before the modern world collapses under some catastrophe, this would still be no valid reason for not undertaking a work whose scope extends far beyond the present time. Those who might be tempted to give way to despair should realize that nothing accomplished in this spiritual order can ever be lost, that confusion, error and darkness can win the day only apparently and in a purely ephemeral way, that nothing can ultimately prevail against the power of truth. ... The man who matters lives in such a way that his existence is a sacrifice to his idea.”

## CHAPTER EIGHT.

### ISLAM AND JUDAISM, SOME SURPRISING SIMILARITIES.



**O**ur state, church and media “authorities” tell us that Christianity, Judaism and Islam all worship the same God and thus share a connection. Indeed, they are dubbed the “three great monotheistic faiths”. While many Christians seem to imagine that there is tolerance, or at least the possibility thereof, this is most often not the case. On the present-day scene with the Palestinian conflict, readers see the greatest animosity between Judaism and Islam. But as ironic as it may sound, there are surprising likenesses between the two religions. Judaism, Christianity and Islam all trace themselves back to Abraham, but the Judaic and Muslim Abrahamic traditions vary a bit. For instance, Abraham is supposed to have built the Kaaba in Mecca. In truth, little is really known about the literary character named Abram/Abraham of ancient times. Did he actually exist or was this merely a personified archetype? In his *Anacalypsis*, Godfrey Higgins says that Abram/Abraham is merely a transliteration of the Indian Brahma. Whatever the case, as in other things I will show you, there is much more in common between the Abrahamic traditions of Judaism and Islam than one might think.

#### WAS MUHAMMAD DESCENDED FROM JUDAIZED ARABS?

In his pre-prophet days, Muhammad might have been a Hanif, a member of a sect claiming spiritual descent from Abraham. Moreover, several Arab tribes had adopted Judaism of some form. Yemen even became a Judaic kingdom for a time. The exact origin of the Jewish tribes of the



Arabian Peninsula is debatable. Some say the ancient inhabitants of the Mecca district were descended from the Amalekites, Sabaens, Nabathaeans and other former Canaanite tribes peripheral to the Judeans, but who had adopted the same or a similar ritual and religion. Some writers say that modern Jews, excluding the eastern European Ashkenazim, are largely the scions of Judaized Canaanites, part of the folk later called Sephardim. If we accept these claims, then the Arabized Jews would have been just as Jewish as most of the ones from Palestine who were, like the Herodian Idumean kings, interbred with Idumeans, Edomites, Palestinians and Canaanites. At all settled spots in the Hejaz (Yathrib, Taima, Khaibar, Mecca and Taif) were colonies of Arabized Jews. While they maintained some elements of the faith of the old Hebrews, they spoke Arabic and some had Arabic names. Many migrated into Spain and Portugal with the Islamic invasion in 711 CE, where they were called Sephardim, which means Jews of Spain. When the Muslims were defeated in the *Reconquista* of the late fifteenth century, they and the Jews were forced to leave the country or convert. Most Muslims went back to their North African homelands, but many Sephardics, well settled and prosperous, often became Catholics, also taking Hispanic surnames.

But, our focus is on an earlier time, when there was a close multicultural interaction between the Arabized Jews and the pagan, later Islamicized Arabs. Among scholars who addressed this was the famous British Arabist, D. G. Hogarth.

“In the middle of the fifth century there were enough Jews even in Yemen to impose rule on the Himyar Highlands; and thence some of those found later in Hejaz may have come back with the Arab migrants. Others hailed from the Euphratean country and had been Arabized before leaving their homes. Among these it is worth remembering, were ancestors of the Meccan Kuraish (Muhammad’s tribe) if a later Arab belief was well founded. The Caliph Ali, from whom we have it, was but a loose talker; and it is not inconsistent with the Prophet’s claim to be an Arab of Arabs ‘of the stock of Kuraish and the speech of Beni Saad’, or with the general creed of Moslems ever since. But a grain of truth in it would help to explain the remarkable commercial instinct and enterprise of the Kuraish, the outstanding capacity for (business and commercial) affairs shown by some of its families... whose true origins had been forgotten by the Prophet’s time.” Hogarth, *Arabia*, 1922, pp. 6-7.

The presence of Arabized Jews would account for the tradition of monotheism in an area of intense pagan polytheism, and for its preference by Muhammad

and those of the Kuraish tribe. Some say the monotheistic traditions were from Christian influences. They are, but are also from much older sources.

In 1878, a Turkish Army Major, Osman Bey, wrote about the origins and kinship of the Jewish people and the Arabs.

“The Jews were, at one time, an Arab tribe, living like the other Arab tribes upon plunder and the productions of their herds. The Old Testament makes no statements from which we might gather the descent of the Jews from the Arabs. Arabic tradition, however, and especially the Koran, fixes the fact that Abraham (Ibrahim-Allehi-Selam), an Arab patriarch, lived with his tribe and his herds in Arabia (Hiddjaz) and laid the foundation of the holy Raaba (Kiabeh) [Kaaba], the temple in Mecca, which has, at all times been the seat of monotheistic worship, and where, to this day, prayers are offered up to the God of Abraham, Ismael and Mohammed. We do not know the circumstances which induced Abraham to leave Arabia with his tribe but it was, doubtless, a desire to improve their condition which led the to emigrate. This assumption is all the more justified, as the same desire has, at all times, impelled the nomadic populations to invade the lands adjoining the Arabian Peninsula. ... [Moreover, a similar religious heritage is clearly found] in the doctrines of the Talmud as well as the Koran – two books that are a rich mine of Semitic ideas and traditions. ... Upon their departure from Arabia, Abraham and his people turned towards Mesopotamia. But their stay there was of short duration, the proverbial fruitfulness of the land of Canaan having attracted them. ... After their return from Egypt, the Jews fell with renewed rage upon the rich lands of Canaan, where they became wealthy and powerful at the expense of the native-born inhabitants.” Osman Bey, *Jewish World Conquest*, 1878.

#### MUHAMMAD’S JIHAD ON THE JEWS.

[Begin quoting.] Muhammad killed an estimated 3,000 people, including beheading 700 Jews of the Banu Qurayza tribe in Medina, A.D. 627:

"The Jews surrendered and the apostle confined them in Medina. ... Then the apostle went out to the market ... and dug trenches in it. Then he sent for them and struck off their heads in those trenches as they were brought out to him in batches. ... There were 600 or 700 in all, though some put the figure as high as 800 or 900. As they were being taken out in batches to the apostle they asked Ka'b what he thought would be done with them. He replied, 'Will you

never understand? Don't you see that the summoner never stops and those who are taken away do not return? By Allah it is death!' This went on until the apostle made an end of them." (*Sirat Rasul Allah*). ...

"Muhammad gave command and the heads of the two chiefs were severed from their bodies. The scene of torture and bloodshed was hardly ended when Muhammad sent Bilal to fetch the wife of Kinana. ... He cast his mantle around her in token that she was to be his own." (Conquest of Khaybar, A.D. 628, *Sirat Rasul Allah*).

"The apostle occupied the Jewish forts ... taking prisoners as he went. Among these were Safiya, the wife of Kinana. ... The apostle chose Safiya for himself. The other prisoners were distributed among the Muslims." (*Sirat Rasul Allah*). [End quoting.] William Federer, "*Jesus and Muhammad*", WorldNetDaily, 2008.

Other than noting the extreme cruelty and violence found in early Islam, what can we learn from this historical event? Apparently, back in 627, the recently Islamicized Arabs -- some of whom had been Jews -- killed hundreds of their own Semitic people who refused to convert to the new religion. As previously postulated, Muhammad may himself have been of at least partial Judaic descent. Note that the name of the slaughtered tribe was Banu Qurayza tribe, so it seems related to Muhammad's Quraysh tribe. Did the Prophet spring from a tribe of Judaized Arabs, and then launch one of the first major jihads against them when they refused to follow him? It surely might be.

## CHRISTIAN INFLUENCES ON MUHAMMAD.

The old Hebraic traditions were not the only early influence on the founder of Islam. Some say Muhammad was a Christian before creating his own strange religious blend, but as with the material above, there is no way to conclusively determine this. There was a Christian community that existed in Yemen when it was under Abyssinian rulers in the fourth century, with the exception of intervals of Jewish predominance. A Christian bishop is said to have preached with great eloquence in Mecca, and was heard by Muhammad. Even the great pantheon of pagan gods and goddesses in the pre-Islamic Kaaba was influenced by Judaic and Christian monotheistic beliefs. Dr. Hogarth tells us more.

**“The story that an icon of the Byzantine Virgin was associated in the Kaaba with the female idols of the Arabs, [moon goddesses] Uzza and Allat, should not be lightly dismissed; and there is some reason to suspect that Allah himself was not older at Mecca than the advent of the (Judaized) Kuraish. [Once again, the commercial acumen of the tribe is important to remember.] The Meccans were in the exceptional position of being able to make more out of polytheistic paganism than any of them expected to make by monotheism.” [They introduced the traditions that the Zemzem well and the Kaaba which were established by Abraham, father of the Semites.] But one suspects that the well had known a goddess before it knew a god. Even in the local legend, Abraham finds an old woman in possession. If the Kuraish imported Allah, who some think was the particular god of their tribe, they may well have imported Abraham too.” [And this was very profitable.] The lodgement and supply of Pilgrims seem to have been regulated on a fixed system; and their annual resort was an active cause of commercial and political relations with other communities.”**

**While Taif and Yathrib were rivals, they lacked the organization of Mecca. Ancient Petra was no longer a rival either as it lay well outside the peninsula. Moreover, it was already in decay.**

### ***AL QURAN SPEAKS PLAINLY ABOUT JEWS AND CHRISTIANS.***

**Essentially and fundamentally, the Koran allows for no other religions. Pagans are particularly despised, as the present-day animists of southern Sudan know, as well as the equally despised Christians of that sad region. The destruction of the centuries-old Buddha statues by the Afghan Taliban represents how a Muslim, strictly speaking, should handle such pre-Islamic barbarism. “The People of the Book,” that is, Jews and Christians, are to be tolerated (barely) – but taxed. As are critics of any religion, I will be inevitably accused of taking all of this out of context. Yet that conclusion begs the basic question of why the verses are there in the first place. For all Muslims, they are the irrevocable words of Allah, so for the Islamist extremists and jihadis, they are of crucial importance. With that said, please consider the following texts, taken from highly rated scholar and linguist Abdullah Yusuf Ali’s translation of the Koran as seen on the Radio Islam website.**

**2:62. Those who believe (in the Qur'an), and those who follow the Jewish (scriptures), and the Christians and the Sabians,- any who believe in God and**

the Last Day, and work righteousness, shall have their reward with their Lord; on them shall be no fear, nor shall they grieve.

2:113. The Jews say: "The Christians have naught (to stand) upon; and the Christians say: "The Jews have naught (To stand) upon." Yet they (Profess to) study the (same) Book. Like unto their word is what those say who know not; but God will judge between them in their quarrel on the Day of Judgment.

2:120. Never will the Jews or the Christians be satisfied with thee unless thou follow their form of religion. Say: "The Guidance of God, that is the (only) Guidance." Wert thou to follow their desires after the knowledge which hath reached thee, then wouldst thou find neither Protector nor helper against God.

2:135. They say: "Become Jews or Christians if ye would be guided (To salvation)." Say thou: "Nay! (I would rather) the Religion of Abraham the True, and he joined not gods with God."

2:140. Or do ye say that Abraham, Isma'il Isaac, Jacob and the Tribes were Jews or Christians? Say: Do ye know better than God? Ah! Who is more unjust than those who conceal the testimony they have from God? But God is not unmindful of what ye do!

4:46. Of the Jews there are those who displace words from their (right) places, and say: "We hear and we disobey"; and "Hear what is not Heard"; and "Ra'ina"; with a twist of their tongues and a slander to Faith. If only they had said: "What hear and we obey"; and "Do hear"; and "Do look at us"; it would have been better for them, and more proper; but God hath cursed them for their Unbelief; and but few of them will believe.

4:160. For the iniquity of the Jews We made unlawful for them certain (foods) good and wholesome which had been lawful for them; in that they hindered many from God's Way;

5:15. From those, too, who call themselves Christians, We did take a covenant, but they forgot a good part of the message that was sent them: so we estranged them, with enmity and hatred between the one and the other, to the day of judgment. And soon will God show them what it is they have done.

**5:20. (Both) the Jews and the Christians say: "We are sons of God, and his beloved." Say: "Why then doth He punish you for your sins? Nay, ye are but men,- of the men he hath created: He forgiveth whom He pleaseth, and He punisheth whom He pleaseth: and to God belongeth the dominion of the heavens and the earth, and all that is between: and unto Him is the final goal (of all)"**

**5:44. O Apostle! let not those grieve thee, who race each other into unbelief: (whether it be) among those who say "We believe" with their lips but whose hearts have no faith; or it be among the Jews,- men who will listen to any lie,- will listen even to others who have never so much as come to thee. They change the words from their (right) times and places: they say, "If ye are given this, take it, but if not, beware!" If any one's trial is intended by God, thou hast no authority in the least for him against God. For such - it is not God's will to purify their hearts. For them there is disgrace in this world, and in the Hereafter a heavy punishment.**

**5:47. It was We who revealed the law (to Moses): therein was guidance and light. By its standard have been judged the Jews, by the prophets who bowed (as in Islam) to God's will, by the rabbis and the doctors of law: for to them was entrusted the protection of God's book, and they were witnesses thereto: therefore fear not men, but fear me, and sell not my signs for a miserable price. If any do fail to judge by (the light of) what God hath revealed, they are (no better than) unbelievers.**

**5.54. O ye who believe! take not the Jews and the Christians for your friends and protectors: They are but friends and protectors to each other. And he amongst you that turns to them (for friendship) is of them. Verily God guideth not a people unjust.**

**5:72. Those who believe (in the Qur'an), those who follow the Jewish (scriptures), and the Sabians and the Christians,- any who believe in God and the Last Day, and work righteousness,- on them shall be no fear, nor shall they grieve.**

**5:85. Strongest among men in enmity to the believers wilt thou find the Jews and Pagans; and nearest among them in love to the believers wilt thou find those who say, "We are Christians": because amongst these are men devoted to learning and men who have renounced the world, and they are not arrogant.**

## **WHEN CONVERSION FAILS, JIHAD IS NEXT.**

Because of his Christo-Gnostic-Judaic-quasi-Abrahamic influences, Muhammad naturally expected Christians and Jews, and more especially, those of the Arab-Jewish tribes, to see the light and convert to his new revelation. Surely, thought Muhammad, they will follow me and recognize Allah, but of course, they did not. Then as now, Jews are most averse to conversion. When these conversion efforts miserably failed, jihad became the chosen strategy. As well as ridding the newly conquered Islamic lands of the idolater Christians, Muhammad later annihilated the Jewish-Arab tribes of North Africa in one of the first bloody Islamic Jihads.

This is a characteristic of Islam. The Ones In Submission to Allah (Muslims) must tolerate the infidels only for so long. Infidels must be given a chance to convert, but if they refuse, then conversion by conquest through holy war is seen as not only legitimate, but demanded by *al Quran*. Even so, this should be judged in context. As exemplified amply in the Old Testament, and foreshadowing the Christian Crusaders yet to come, early Islam follows an ancient Abrahamic and Mosaic tradition of holy war and murder in the name of their ultra ethnocentric deity. Sir Richard Burton said,

"And did Moses disdain to place carnal weapons in the hands of his people? The great Lawgiver of Israel sanctioned the murder in cold blood of women and child captives. Even kings were hewed in pieces before the Lord."

This is a fascinating line of inquiry to follow as it leads to the conclusion that what we today know as the cruelty of the jihad (and Christian violence) has Hebraic roots. Read the ultra-violent Old Testament. It's all there. To conclude this segment, I draw your attention to this. One of many famous stories about Muhammad concerns an attempted poisoning by a Jewess. After that, not to mention after the unrelenting and often bitter rejections by the Jewish tribes, he essentially gave up on converting them. Of course, the jihad had already wiped out most of those who dared to refuse, so it is somewhat meaningless gesture. Nonetheless, as a result of unfailing Jewish rejection, Muslims were told to face Mecca for prayer, where previously they faced Jerusalem. Let's look at some other Judaic-Islamic kinships and ritual similarities.

To some degree, both early Islam and early Christianity may be seen as efforts to reform, purify and unify Judaic and pre-Judaic Hebrew beliefs. But while the church gave up most of the Mosaic codes and the later Halakah law codes, circumcision, ritual foods, and the like, Islam did not. As a matter of fact, ritual food preparations are almost identical. Muslim Halal food may be substituted when a Kosher meal is not available, and vice versa. Both the Orthodox Jew and the devoutly observant Muslim prefer the unshaved beard, though the Islamists omit the Hasidic forelocks. Most mosques, like Orthodox synagogues, separate male and female worshippers. The Jewish Sabbath begins on Friday evening. Islam has no real Sabbath but Friday, often in the evening, became the day when a Mullah or Imam preaches a sermon and reads from the Koran. Islam, like Judaism, has no liturgical music or dance (except in the mystical Sufi sects). A mosque (masjid in Arabic) and a synagogue have no statues or images. They are plain and unadorned so that worshippers are not distracted.

The Koran has ample texts refuting or abrogating other verses. Since the chapters are arranged by length, there is no way to tell which text might have come first. And then we have the Hadith (the Traditions), which functions as a guide or secondary scriptures, to interpret what is found in the Koran. Looking at clergy of all religions, a Mullah is more akin to the rabbinical model, as he is, above all, a judge. He is an interpreter of the Shariah just as the Rabbi interprets the Torah and Halakah law code. Shariah Law operates like Rabbinical Law. One submits disputes to a court of Mullahs (the word means judge) and Islamic scholars who decide the case. This is essentially the same as a Judaic *beit din* court in which Rabbis and Talmudic scholars determine the results. Both Judaism and Islam might be best described as legal systems as much as religions.

In another interesting parallel, converts to both religions most often change their names. Practically every new Muslim does, and proper immigrants to Israel have the right to legally adopt a Hebrew name. There are other similarities as well. Some are uncannily mirrored in rituals and educational practices. Koranic study, like Talmudic study, can be intense. If he (like Jews, women are not encouraged to study scripture) learns to recite the Koran from memory, he then adds the honorific title of Hafiz to his name. Watch the young Islamic boys at Madrassah schools in their skullcaps swaying back and forth reciting the Koran just as Jewish boys in yarmulkes rhythmically recite Judaic scriptures at the Yeshiva. The Jewish swaying



and nodding is often seen at the Wailing Wall in Jerusalem. The Ashkenazi Hasidic mystical sect commonly practices this hypnotic monastic technique.

Burial practices are similar as well. The actual rites are simple -- what we see on TV at Muslim martyr-funerals are the public parts, heavily politicized, especially the parade with the ubiquitous martyr photo (posing for this is a big deal accompanied by a celebration) plastered on big posters carried by the mourning crowd, always accompanied by a cacophony of ululating Muslim women. Muslims, as do the Jews, inter the body very quickly, if at all possible, no later than 24 hours after the death. Unless required by law outside the Muslim world, no autopsy is allowed.

Formerly, all three religions forbade financial usury (interest). Christianity gave this up in the 1500s, and Jews always practiced usury, but only with non-Jews. Islamic banking still holds to the non-usurious model. Naturally, the international banking and trade cartel would like to suppress and destroy this rival system, but seem to be content with merely co-opting it. Whether Interest is charged or not, every culture must have money, and money comes through the international banking cartel. Again, this is a topic worth further exploration as the Islamic system perhaps provides a useful non-usurious paradigm for banking.

As said in the beginning, readers should in no way mistake the likenesses for harmony between Jews and Muslims. However, it is well worth noting that before the Palestinian conflict beginning in 1948, Muslims, Jews and Christians lived in relative peace with one another all over the Middle East, but especially in Palestine, Lebanon, Syria and other areas of the old Ottoman Empire called the Levant. In stark contrast with today, there was, more or less, an atmosphere of tolerance. All of this changed radically and perhaps irrevocably with the establishment of Zionist Israel, right in the heart of the Muslim world. In regards to the so-called Holy Land, we must never forget that Jerusalem is a sacred city to all three Semitic Abrahamic religions. Perhaps Jews, Christians and Muslims could live there in peace one day, or is that too much to ask? Once again, only time will tell.

Now that we've surveyed the links between Judaism and Islam, we turn our attention to likenesses and similarities with the Christian faith.

## **CHAPTER NINE.**

### **CONVERTING FROM CHRISTIANITY TO ISLAM, A CRITICAL EXAMINATION.**

**I**n some ways, Islam and the Christianity are not all that different from one another. Even a cursory reading of the Koran shows that the Messianic figure of Jesus is a central and important character. Indeed, some Muslim values are fundamental to Christianity. That being said, most modern liberal Christians don't even hold some of these most basic biblical beliefs, but which are held sacred by all Muslims! As you will see below, there are several striking theological and doctrinal similarities.

#### **CONVERSION, A REALLY BIG JUMP OR JUST A SHORT HOP?**

Get ready to learn some things that may surprise you. Let's begin by looking at similarities no one can deny.

#### **TEN BRIEF POINTS CHRISTIANS SHOULD KNOW ABOUT MUSLIMS AND JESUS.**

- 1. Muslims love Jesus. We also love Abraham, Moses, and Noah, to name just a few other Prophets Muslims revere. May God's peace be upon all of these great messengers of God.**
- 2. Muslims also love the mother of Jesus, the Virgin Mary. We believe she was a pious and noble woman chosen over all of the women of the world.**
- 3. Muslims believe that Jesus was born miraculously of a virgin mother and no father. His birth is miraculous like the birth of Adam, the first human being, who was created with neither mother nor father.**
- 4. Muslims do not believe that Jesus was the son of God. God is so powerful and self-sufficient that He does not need a son or any kind of partner.**
- 5. In Arabic Bible the name for God is Allah. Therefore all Arab Christian call God Allah as Muslims do as well.**
- 6. Jesus did not die on the cross. Rather, God saved him as his enemies were confused about him. Jesus was taken up by God to Heaven.**
- 7. Jesus is called Isa (pronounced Eesa) in Arabic.**

8. Jesus performed miracles by the Will of God, like healing the blind and those with leprosy.
9. Jesus prayed to the same God as all Prophets and we pray to.
10. Jesus will return before the end of the world.”

[End quoting.]

<http://www.soundvision.com/info/christmas/10muslimbeliefs.asp>

Regardless of these similarities, most Christians respond by citing the many differences between the teachings of the gentle and peaceful prophet, Jesus and the violent and warlike prophet, Muhammad. Nevertheless, there is a theological and doctrinal kinship that can't be denied. Islamo-Christian dialogue might resolve some of the differences between the two religions, perhaps moving to a more spiritual understanding. Only time will tell, but right now, for most Muslims and Christians, the two religions are very far apart, but as expected, not all agree.

#### “CHRISLAM” AN ECUMENICAL MISADVENTURE.

As far as I can tell, Christianity and Islam are theologically incompatible marriage partners. My book has a lot of information about both the similarities and differences between the two faiths. While surprisingly and somewhat enticingly similar in some fascinating ways, they are not the same thing, not at all! Worshipping together in some kind of union situation, while impractical, should not preclude or distract us from true interfaith dialogue and discussion. Eating a halal meal together, hearing Islamic imams and Christian pastors read from and speak about the Koran and the Bible and share good times together is a desirable thing. But moving beyond that, so-called Chrislam is mostly a deception and a distraction. I'm sure numerous readers will disagree, but when the facts are critically considered, this seems an unavoidable conclusion. Hence, with that aside, we continue exploring both religions and their congruency as demonstrated in a well-known and controversial landmark.

**THE MOSQUE OF OMAR (DOME OF THE ROCK) IN JERUSALEM ATTESTS TO THE CENTRALITY OF JESUS AND JUDAISM IN ISLAM.**



**We must not forget that until Muhammad experienced almost total rejection by the Arab Jewish tribes of the peninsula, all of the Prophet’s followers bowed toward Jerusalem for their five daily prayers. After that, one of the first jihads was launched against the unrepentant Judaic unbelievers, and Muslims were directed to pray toward Mecca, home of the Kaaba, a monument attributed to Abraham. None the less, Jerusalem is still the third most holy site in Islam, and crucially important in the teachings of the Koran. This is a good point to mention that – without changing my mind about Chrislam, and while some Christians and Jews may disagree -- Islam is a religion solidly within the larger Abrahamic Hebraic Semitic traditions. Late nineteenth century world traveler John L. Stoddard visited Jerusalem, and was struck by the truth of the matter as to the Temple Mount and the Dome of the Rock.**

**“At first it might seem strange that this old Hebrew site should be held sacred by Mohammedans. Yet it is easily understood, when we remember that**

Mohammed derived most of his religious knowledge from the Jews, and looked upon Jerusalem as a holy place sanctified by the prayers of Hebrew patriarchs and prophets. ... The theology of the builders of this edifice cannot be misunderstood, for among various verses from the Moslem scriptures here inscribed are these: ‘The Messiah, Jesus, was the son of Mary and Joseph. He was the ambassador of God. Believe in God and His ambassador, but do not say that God is three. For God is one, and cannot have a son. Pray then to God alone; this is the only way.’ Moreover, not content with the religious teachings carved upon the walls, a Moslem priest, from a beautiful marble pulpit in this courtyard, every Friday proclaims to the faithful the significance and sanctity of all around them. Every word of the Christian Bible was written by Jews [and] the Moslem Bible, the Koran, is founded on the Jewish faith....” John L. Stoddard, *Lectures, Volume Two*, 1897.

Nesta Webster provides even more interesting facts about this strategic geopolitical location.

“In the Masonic periodical *Ars Quatuor Coronatorum*, Vol. XXIV, a Freemason (Bro. Sydney T. Klein) observes: ‘It is not generally known that one of the reasons why the Mohammedans removed their Kiblah from Jerusalem to Mecca was that they quarreled with the Jews over Jesus Christ, and the proof of this may still be seen in the Golden Gate leading into the sacred area of the Temple, which was bricked up by the Mohammedans, and is bricked up to this day, because they declared that nobody would enter through that portal until Jesus Christ comes to judge the world, and this is stated in the Koran.’ I cannot trace this passage in the Koran, but much the same idea is conveyed by the Rev. J. M. Rodwell, an English translator of the Koran, who in the note above quoted adds: ‘The Muhammedans believe that Jesus on His return to earth at the end of the world will slay the Antichrist, die, and be raised again. A vacant place is reserved for His body in the Prophet’s tomb at Medina’.” *Secret Societies and Subversive Movements*, 1924.

#### **SOME NOTEWORTHY WESTERN CONVERTS TO ISLAM.**

“In a World where people are surrounded by darkness, ignorance and fear, it is a sign of hope to be celebrating Islam's message of peace and light, and the last great Messenger, born and chosen to deliver them to all mankind. ... I did not come into contact with any Muslim before I embraced Islam. I read the

**Qur'an first and realized no person is perfect, Islam is perfect, and if we imitate the conduct of the Holy Prophet... we will be successful.” Yusuf Islam.**

**Perhaps the best-known European convert to Islam is Steven Demetre Georgiou, born of Swedish and Greek Cypriot parents, who became world-famous as ‘60s and ‘70s hit singer and songwriter Cat Stevens. He became attracted to Islam while visiting Morocco, hearing “music for God” in the voice of the Muslim call to prayer. This was after a near-drowning, where he called on God to save him. After his formal conversion, he adopted the Islamic name, Yusuf (Arabic for Joseph) Islam, now mostly referring to himself simply as Yusuf. This creative and humanitarian man, of course, sees Islam as a religion of spiritual serenity, peace and justice. Yet even this gentle man was said to have contradicted his basic beliefs by seemingly endorsing a famous death fatwa. “Salman Rushdie, indeed any writer who abuses the prophet or indeed any prophet under Islamic law, the sentence for that is actually death.” In several later interviews, he explained that he only meant to state the literal meaning of the Koran about blasphemy, adding that this is also the teaching of the Christian Bible, which is true. Later mysteriously barred from entering the USA after 9-11, Yusuf expressed his regret and sorrow about the attacks, words worth noting again.**

**“I wish to express my heartfelt horror at the indiscriminate terrorist attacks committed against innocent people of the United States yesterday. While it is still not clear who carried out the attack, it must be stated that no right-thinking follower of Islam could possibly condone such an action. The Qur'an equates the murder of one innocent person with the murder of the whole of humanity. We pray for the families of all those who lost their lives in this unthinkable act of violence as well as all those injured; I hope to reflect the feelings of all Muslims and people around the world whose sympathies go out to the victims of this sorrowful moment.”**

**While some may see Yusuf as overly promoted and impractical, his conversion to what is essentially an idealistic version of Islamic universalism is very sincere and well-meaning. Indeed, even here in a new century, and more than a few years later, his story is still quite spectacular.**

**In the next narrative, we feature a prominent former Roman Catholic Priest from Germany who reflects on his life-changing spiritual conversion experience while he was in Jerusalem.**

[Begin quoting.] **A Surprising Encounter:** After passing the gloomy Wailing Wall, old darkened stones, last relics of the former Herodean Temple, dear to the Jews during the long centuries of their dispersion under alien suppression, I slowly climbed up to the Holy Temple-Rock and its sacred precincts just before dawn. There I could observe groups of Palestinian Arabs freely responding to this early Adzan-call for morning worship, and I soon heard the solemn Arabic prayer-recitations of this devout congregation. The surprising encounter with this praying community of the greatest monotheistic world religion surrendering themselves to the one God and Creator in faithful worship was a deeply stirring experience.

**A New Religious Message:** The public declaration of the monotheistic faith of Islam from the minaret above the Jerusalem Temple sounded to me like a new religious message of great challenging force.

Several years of post-graduate studies in the field of Comparative Religion and special research of the Essenic Movement during the time of Jesus and its impact on the development of early Christianity, have led me convincingly into the radiant light and truth of Islam, bringing me closer to the original message of Jesus, the godsent man and prophet of Nazareth who called his followers back onto the right religious way of the Jewish prophets and patriarchs of old, like Abraham, surrendering themselves to the one and only God, Allah, Creator of all, and striving to establish in word and action real human brotherhood among their people. [End quoting.] Dr. Yahya A. R. Lehmann, Th.D. <http://www.islam4all.com/newpage2.htm>.

**Another German intellectual and public servant speaks of his conversion.**

**HOW DR. MURAD HOFMANN, A GERMAN DIPLOMAT AND NATO OFFICER, BECAME A MUSLIM.**

Dr. Murad Hofmann, who accepted Islam in 1980, was born as a Catholic in Germany in 1931. He graduated from Union College in New York and completed his legal studies at Munich University where he received a doctorate in jurisprudence in 1957. He became a research assistant for the reform of federal civil procedure, and in 1960 received an LL.M. degree from Harvard Law School. He was Director of Information for NATO in Brussels from 1983 to 1987. He was posted as German ambassador to Algeria in 1987 and then to Morocco in 1990 where he served for four years. He performed *umrah* (Lesser Pilgrimage) in 1982 and Hajj (Pilgrimage) in 1992.

Several key experiences led Dr. Hofmann to Islam. The first of these began in 1961 when he was posted to Algeria as Attaché in the German Embassy and found himself in the middle of the bloody guerilla warfare between French troops and Algerian National Front which was fighting for Algerian independence for the past eight years. There he witnessed the cruelty and massacre that the Algerian population endured. Every day, nearly a dozen people were killed - "close range, execution style" - only for being an Arab or for speaking for the independence. "I witnessed the patience and resilience of the Algerian people in the face of extreme suffering, their overwhelming discipline during Ramadan, their confidence of victory, as well as their humanity amidst misery." He felt it was their religion that made them so, and therefore, he started studying their religious book - the Qur'an. "I have never stopped reading it, to this very day." [As seen on islamweb.net.]

Conversion to Islam seemingly requires that new Muslims accept, adapt to and partially adopt Arab culture and world view. Since the two converts featured above are German, we might say they adopted the Arabian *Weltanschauung* (worldview) as a part of their new religion. It is difficult to contradict such devoted and dedicated converts, whose hearts and souls were touched by the poetic words of the Koran and the stories in the Hadith. Regardless of what religious position you espouse, an exploration into true and sincere western believers in the Islamic faith shows us the deeply held inner spiritual feelings leading to their rather spectacular conversions. They really had nothing to gain. Indeed, when you look at their personal history it must have negatively impacted their personal lives as well as their professional careers and positions in society.

The call of the muezzin is heard in more and more places, even in the heart of our western cultural confusion as the economic implosion continues. Like it or not, more will heed the call of that most unique religious eclectic, the fascinating desert holy man called Muhammad/Ahmad, or in English, the Glorious and the Illustrious One. Islam must be recognized as a new, extremely dynamic, actively proselytizing potent and popular religious faith. Islam is a worldwide community, a comprehensive religious and governmental system which is extremely attractive to many people, as evidenced by the ever-growing ranks of the world's already over one and one-half billion Muslims.



## **CHAPTER TEN.**

### **THE PARACLETE AND THE PROPHET, DISCOVERING MORE SURPRISING LINKS BETWEEN CHRISTIANITY AND ISLAM.**

**I**s Muhammad mentioned in the New Testament? No, you say? What if he were? What would it mean? If the Muslim prophet's coming was predicted by Jesus, a conversion from Christianity to Islam might be more of a short hop than a great leap. Islam, of course, welcomes Christian converts. They need not renounce their creed entirely at all; just enlarge the meaning of it by acknowledging the Prophet and Islam. Jews may convert, and they need not renounce their old religion either, but they must believe in Jesus as the Messiah to affirm the truth of the Koran. In Islam, one is not really considered to be reading the real Koran unless it is in the original Arabic. There are numerous translations as we know, but true study of the true Koran is always in Arabic. If Christians felt the same way, then they would have to read their scriptures in Hebrew, Aramaic, Coptic and Greek. But as we know, except for a few linguists and scholars, this is a miniscule number of Christians. Greek was the lingua franca of the eastern Roman Empire. As used in the first century, it is called Koine or Common Greek, this is the language of the New Testament.

My focus is two related Greek words and their meanings. We begin by looking at an important term used in the New Testament scriptures speaking of the coming of the so-called Holy Spirit. What words were originally used? Is the usual translation accurate? Unfortunately, we have no autographs, i.e., no original documents. They simply do not exist. The oldest copies of New Testament manuscripts are from the late fourth century or even later. Once St. Jerome/Hieronimus completed his Latin Vulgate Bible translation, the Romans probably destroyed any other documents when and if they were discovered.

Be that as it may, there are differences in the manuscripts that have come down to us. The first Greek word is probably familiar to many readers, but the second one probably is not. The Greek text and my exegetical discussion appear below

# πάρακλητός

Paracletus or Paraclete translates as Counselor, Comforter, Advocate, Helper, Intercessor. This is said by Christian theologians to be the Holy Spirit, the third person of the Trinity. Then there is a similar word, but with a significantly different meaning.

# περικλυτός

Periclitus or Periclyte translates as Illustrious, Famed, Praised or as it is in Arabic, Muhammad or Ahmad. Using this meaning, John 14:26 reads a bit differently. The first verse comes from the King James Version with Paraclete, then we rephrase using Periclyte, and lastly we see the Peshitta Aramaic Version, which differs from both of the others using different titles/names altogether! There had to have been other ancient manuscripts also floating around until the Roman Church put an end to all of that when they completed and published St. Jerome's Latin Vulgate Bible.

“The argument of the Mahomedans respecting the translation of the word into *πάρακλητός* instead of *περικλυτός* receives a strong support from the mode adopted by St. Jerome in the Latin Vulgate in rendering it by the Latin word Paracletus, instead of Paraclitus. This shows that the copy from which St. Jerome translated must have had the word *περικλυτός* and not *πάρακλητός*. This also strongly supports the Mahomedan assertion relating to the destruction of the old manuscripts.” Godfrey Higgins, *Apology For The Life And Character Of The Celebrated Prophet Of Arabia, Called Mahomed, The Illustrious*, 1829.

Look at the difference just one word can make.

“But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I have said unto you.” King James Version.

**“But the Illustrious One, which is Muhammad, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I have said unto you.” King James Version, retranslated.**

**“But he, The Redeemer of the Accursed, The Spirit of Holiness, whom my Father sends in my name, he will teach you all things and he will remind you of everything whatsoever I have told you.” Peshitta Aramaic Version.**

I believe the verse refers to a person, not a “ghost” or “spirit”; nor some kind of largely misunderstood third god. The concept of the so-called Trinity is yet another supposedly essential and closely held Christian belief, recited in all the Creeds and catechisms, but not found anywhere in the scriptures! It is a theological creation of the Roman Church. What is more, most clergy have difficulty explaining the tripartite godhead, and most church members have difficulty understanding it, or its relevance. Most Christians and converts usually just accept it and don’t really think about any deep theological matters. In religious terms, they believe because of their faith.

As to the “remembrance of all that I (Christ) have said”, Muslims believe that the Koran affirms and attests to the truth about the prophet called Issa. As to the Virgin Birth, Muslims have more fundamentally basic biblical beliefs than do modern liberal Christians! Read John 16:7ff. Doesn’t this sound like a human being rather than a supernatural entity? Again, the Aramaic text varies in its own unique way, assigning other titles rather than Holy Spirit or Holy Ghost.

**“Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you. And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: Of sin, because they believe not on me; Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more; Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged. I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come. He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you. All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall shew it unto you. A little while, and ye shall not see me: and again, a little while, and ye shall see me, because I go to the Father.” King James Version, John 16:7-16.**

**“Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, Muhammad, the Illustrious One will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will convince the world of sin, because they do not believe in me; of righteousness, because I go to the Father. And you will see me no more.” King James Version, re-translated, John 16:7-10.**

**“I tell you the truth: it is beneficial for you that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Redeemer of the accursed will not come to you, but if I depart I shall send him to you. And when he comes, he will correct the world concerning sin and concerning righteousness and concerning judgment; Concerning sin, because they do not trust me; Concerning righteousness, because I will go to my Father’s presence and you will not see me again; ... But whenever The Spirit of The Truth comes, he will lead you into the whole truth, for he will not speak of his own will, but he shall speak whatever he shall hear and he shall reveal the future to you.” Peshitta Aramaic Version.**

No special spiritual powers or miracles are spoken of for the one who was to come after Jesus, just that he will preach the truth and reveal the future. Both the Hadith and the Koran show that this is exactly what the Prophet Muhammad is said to have done. As we see, using Periclyte rather than Paraclete, the New Testament texts say something altogether different. Note the use of personal pronouns, he and whom. In verse 27 we see that both the Apostles and the One to Come are equal witnesses to the truth of Jesus. This is affirmed by the Koran and the ministry of Muhammad. A couple more texts should suffice.

**“But when Muhammad (περικλυτός) is come, whom I shall send you from the Father, even the Illustrious One, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me. And ye also shall bear witness because ye have been with me from the beginning.” John 15:26-27.**

**And then there’s this one.**

**For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost (πάρακλητός): and these three are one. I John 5:7.**

**“And it is Muhammad (περικλυτός) that beareth witness, because Muhammad is the truth.” I John 5:7, Retranslated.**

## **MUHAMMAD AND THE DISPUTED GOSPEL OF BARNABAS.**



**Islamic scholars believe that the apocryphal Gospel of Barnabas is an authentic Christian scriptural book, suppressed by the Church because it predicts the coming of Muhammad. In Arabic, the name Ahmad is another form of Muhammad.**

**"And remember, Jesus, the son of Mary, said: O Children of Israel! I am the apostle of Allah (sent) to you, confirming the Law (which came) before me, and giving Glad Tidings of a Messenger to come after me, whose name shall be Ahmad. But when he came to them with Clear Signs, they said, this is evident sorcery!" Koran, Sura 61:6.**

**“Jesus answered: as God lives, in whose presence my soul stands, I am not the Messiah whom all the tribes of the earth expect, even as God promised to our father Abraham, saying: In your seed will I bless all the tribes of the earth. But when God shall take me away from the world, Satan will raise again this accursed sedition, by making the impious believe that I am God and son of God, whence my words and my doctrine shall be contaminated, insomuch that scarcely shall there remain thirty faithful ones: whereupon God will have mercy upon the world, and will send his Messenger for whom he has made all things who shall come from the south with power, and shall destroy the idols with the idolaters who shall take away the dominion from Satan which he has over men. He shall bring with him the mercy of God for salvation of them that shall believe in him, and blessed is he who shall believe his words. ... Unworthy though I am to untie his hosen, I have received grace and mercy from God to see him.” ...**

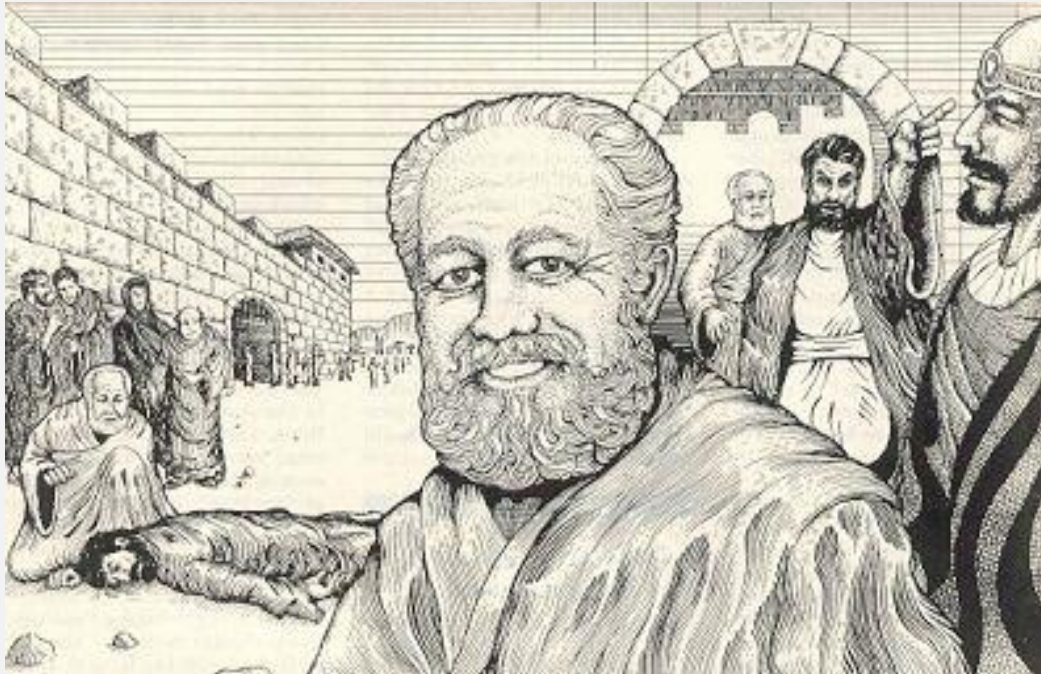
**“Then said the priest: How shall the Messiah be called, and what sign shall reveal his coming? Jesus answered: The name of the Messiah is admirable, for God himself gave him the name when he had created his soul, and placed it in a celestial splendour.”**

**“When I shall send you into the world I shall send you as my Messenger of salvation, and your word shall be true, insomuch that heaven and earth shall fail, but your faith shall never fail. Muhammad is his blessed name. Then the crowd lifted up their voices, saying: O God send us your Messenger: O Muhammad, come quickly for the salvation of the world!”**

**From the Gospel of Barnabas, Chapter 97.**

**Naturally, there are many opinions about and condemnations of the apocryphal Gospel of Barnabas, and many consider it a trumped-up story. I am not advocating for its authenticity, but it very well may be a manuscript which preserves an ancient counter-tradition. The Church would have suppressed, oppressed and destroyed any writings like this. The Koran warns Muslims that the Judaic and Christian scriptures have been altered.**

**“Woe, then, unto those who write down, with their own hands, [something which they claim to be] divine writ, and then say. This is from God,” in order to acquire a trifling gain thereby; woe, then, unto them for what their hands have written, and woe unto them for all that they may have gained!” Sura 2:79.**



**The Apostle Barnabas.**

## **THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH IN THE ERA OF MUHAMMAD.**

**The Eastern Christian Church was already in a severe state of decline when Muhammad began his ministry in the early 600s. Some speculate that he might have been a Christian, Gnostic or even a Jew before his revelations came to him, but even if he weren't, he surely knew of all these traditions and more. Mecca was already important trade nexus and the Kaaba, supposedly built by Abraham, was a major spiritual nexus with visitors from many foreign lands. It is said to have had 360 idols, including the Virgin Mary and the Holy Child. Muhammad's *Quraysh* tribe was the custodian of the already well-established Kaaba nest of idols. Muhammad was exposed to and influenced by a plethora of spiritual ideas and religions. Christianity of the day was in no shape to combat a new, dynamic -- and militant -- religious faith.**

**“The [theological] controversies became more and more hard and narrow, unspiritual and purely polemical, as the weary process went on, till the Church woke up with a rude shock in the advent of Mohammedanism, to face the vital question whether Christianity was to continue to exist at all – in any**

form, orthodox or heterodox.” Walter F. Adeney, M.A., D.D., *The Greek And Eastern Churches*, 1908.

This process of decay was not just in Arabia, but over the whole Byzantine world of the seventh century, from the heartland of Constantinople/Byzantium, to the dry scrublands of the Arabian Peninsula. One traveler/author aptly described it as a state of “mental asphyxia”, speaking of the bizarre paradox between a highly developed culture, once the home of great learning and scholarship, and a society that had grown intellectually bare and unproductive, not only in the sciences, but in theology and philosophy as well.

“The Byzantine Empire presents a strange and unparalleled spectacle of a highly civilized people, unfettered by the system of caste, possessing and carefully preserving the literary treasures of an earlier and better day, yet existing for seven hundred years without discovering one new truth, developing one important or fruitful idea, or producing one book, which for either style or substance, deserved to be remembered by succeeding ages. This strange and miserable decay of the intellectual life of society and the Church, which marked the last thousand years of the history of the Empire, is something unique in human history. ... Few inquiries could be more instructive or profitable than that which should point out clearly the causes of this gloomy and at last total obscuration of the light of the ancient world. ... Naturally and inevitably, the bishops began to copy in the Church the despotism of the civil government, and combine themselves into a vast and powerful hierarchy [with] despotic authority....” Edson L. Clark, *Turkey*, a volume in *Nations of the World*, 1898.

Such was the state of Christianity when a new, clear and inspiring voice arose in the desert sands, a voice which would not be silent, then or now. The Christian empire of the east continued its decline until the Islamic jihad put an end to the matter in 1453 when it conquered Christian Constantinople, the Second Rome.

## **SOME FUNDAMENTAL CONGRUITIES OF JUDAISM, CHRISTIANITY AND ISLAM?**

Any Muslim will tell you that the essentials of Christianity, i.e., “...all that I have said unto you”, are affirmed in the Koran, including the Annunciation and the Virgin Birth. Regardless its actual more pagan roots,



Islam presents itself as the authentic Abrahamic monotheistic religion of the One True God. But Christians essentially believe in one God and are unlearned about the rather convoluted Doctrine of the Holy Trinity anyway. So once a potential convert accepts that Jesus/Issa predicted Muhammad's coming, it is not so great a leap to the uncomplicated Muslim rites of conversion. Islam is a simple Unitarian position. Unlike a pagan, neither a Christians nor a Jew need abjure or renounce their faith in order to convert to the religion of the Prophet of the One True God, although a Jew must accept that Jesus is the Messiah in order to affirm the full truth of the Koran.

A notable nineteenth century scholar tells us much.

“With the Christians, Mahomed, the messenger of the one only true God, must have had less difficulty than with the Jews. His system is built essentially upon the Christian foundation. No Jew can become a Mahomedan without first admitting that Jesus was a prophet divinely inspired by God. How much more than this is it that the Unitarian Christian believes? It does not appear that Mahomed believed any more, or that he required any more to be believed by his disciples, though they might believe almost as much more as they chose. But there is another very striking argument, an argument of the first importance, which aided him very much with the Christians, which has been recorded both by friends and foes, but to which the latter have not paid so much attention as it deserves. It was the universal tradition, as well as the words of the record, the gospel histories, that Jesus, before his ascension, promised his disciples that he would send a person to them, in some capacity or other; the Greek of our Gospels says, as a Paraklitos, translated Comforter.” ...

“The Mahomedans maintained, and yet maintain, that Mahomed was this person foretold by Jesus Christ, the same as Cyrus was by Isaiah -- both by name -- that he was called by Jesus, not by a word which ought to be rendered in the Greek language, as in our gospel histories, paracletus but periklitos, which means not comforter, but famous or illustrious, and which, in Arabic, is the meaning of the word Mahomed; that the gospel of the Christians (John xiv. 16, 26, and xv. 26, and xvi.) had originally the latter of those words, but that it was corrupted to disguise the truth. They also allege that the Christians cannot deny that there are corruptions, or various readings, in their present copies, and they say that all the autographs were destroyed to conceal this passage. The fact of the loss of the autographs cannot be denied, and is a fact very difficult satisfactorily to account for; and as for ancient

copies, there does not exist one before the sixth century.” Godfrey Higgins, *Apology For Mohomed...*, 1829.

## ISLAMIC HISTORY IS A PART OF WESTERN CULTURE.

The West has an ongoing relationship with Muslims and the Islamic religion, whether we like it or not, and the clashes and conflicts have grown worse and even more dangerous in modern times. Perhaps both the west and Islam can recognize their mutual history as well as their differences. This is not to overlook the past, but to focus on the more positive aspects.

“The fact that Islam appeared and thrived long before the rebirth of critical thought (and of classical taste) in Europe, and that its whole political history seems to run quite apart from that of most European countries, must not deceive us. If we consider the western world as a whole (Europe *and its background*), and not only the small portion of it which one generally has in mind when speaking of ‘the West,’ then we have to include in it the countries of the Bible – Syria, Egypt, Arabia, Iraq – no less than Greece; for they are the geographical and cultural background of Christianity, the religion of Europe for centuries. And if this be so, we have, in this outsketch of the history of culture, to take account of Islam as one of the most important religions upheavals *of the West*, however paradoxical this coupling of words may seem.” Dr. Savitri Devi Mukerji, *Son of the Sun*, 1956.

“Europeans are very vain of their present superiority over the Mahomedans in science, arts and arms; and to hear them talk, a person might be induced to suspect, that in no former age had any nations ever risen to any eminence in these elegant and useful acquirements. But in this he would be much deceived. Except, perhaps, in some branches of experimental philosophy and manufactures, there was no branch of art or science which was not almost in as great perfection among the subjects of the Caliphs as they now are in Great Britain.” Godfrey Higgins, *Anacalypsis*, 1833.

## LOOKING AHEAD.

Will Christians convert to Islam because of two Greek words, whose meanings are in dispute? Unless their mind has already moved in that direction, it is unlikely. Nor do I foresee any actual ecumenical merger of the faiths, but leading Judaic Rabbis, influential Christian Priests and Ministers joined by prominent Muslim Imams and Mullahs, might agree on some

**important points as to our mutual history and the horrible problems we presently face. The participants would have to fully acknowledge -- and then begin to move beyond -- the centuries old conflicts and bloodshed among the three classic Abrahamic religions. Naturally, a deep spiritual sense of mutual respect and forgiveness would have to prevail before anything else could happen.**

**I hope you have enjoyed this chapter, telling about some biblical, linguistic and historical matters and introducing some reference sources you may not have seen before.**

# THE FIVE PILLARS OF ISLAM

1

## SHAHAADAH

(Testimony)

Declaration of Faith



Muslims declare their faith by saying:  
"Ash hadu anlaa ilaaha illallaahu wa  
ash hadu anna muhammadar  
rasulallah"

Which means "I bear witness that  
there is no god except Allaah and I  
bear witness that Muhammad is the  
Messenger of Allaah."

4

## SAWM

(Fasting)

Fasting During the  
Month of Ramadhaan



For one month of the Year, Muslims  
refrain from food, drink and keep  
away from things that distract us  
from worship. This is done during  
the day from dawn till dusk.  
Although fasting is beneficial to  
health, fasting is a form of worship.  
Additionally it helps us to remember  
others who are less fortunate and do not  
have much food or water.

2

## SALAAH

(Prayer)

Five Compulsory Daily  
Prayers



A physical and mental means of  
worship prescribed five times a day.  
These are to remember God and to  
seek forgiveness throughout the day.  
We face towards the Holy Kaa'bah in  
Makkah. Salaat (Prayer) is performed  
at set times: before sunrise, at midday,  
in the afternoon, in the evening after  
the sunsets and at nightfall.

3

## ZAKAAT

(Purity or Charity)

Almsgiving



The Arabic word Zakaat means to  
purify. Muslims give 2.5% of their  
surplus wealth to charity every year.  
This shows obedience to God and  
prevents greed. Zakaat is given to  
the poor and those that are less  
fortunate than ourselves. It is  
believed that by giving charity, the  
possessions you keep are made pure.

5

## HAJJ

(Pilgrimage)

Pilgrimage to the  
Holy Sites in Makkah



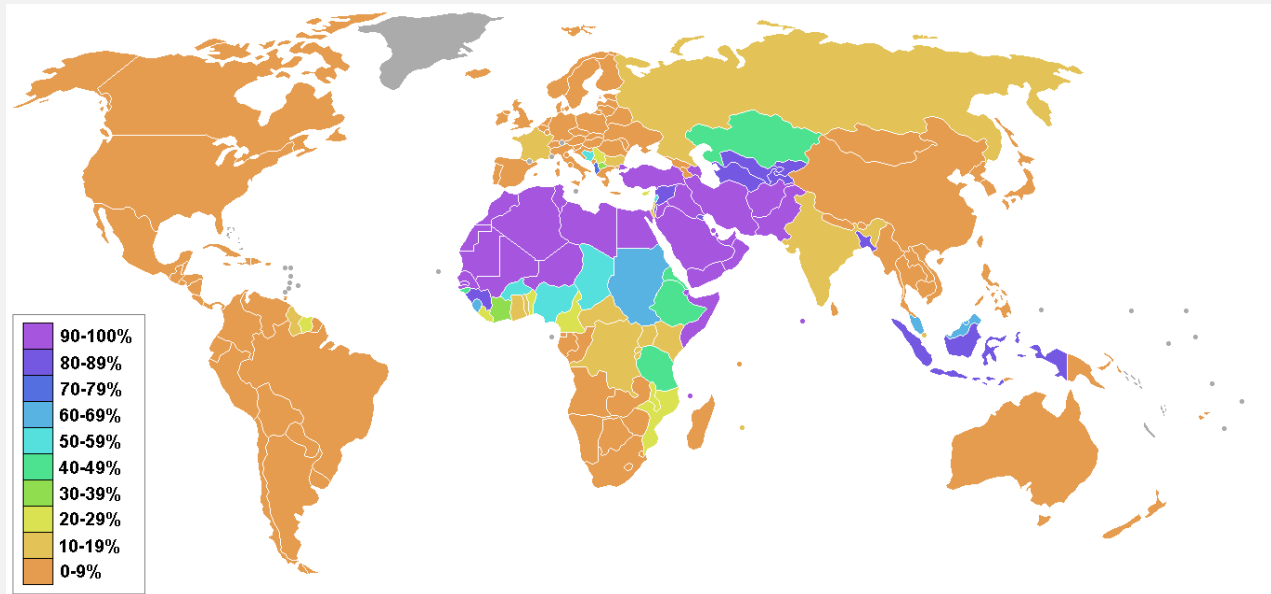
Hajj is the journey to the holy sites in  
Makkah to perform various rituals. It  
is only obligatory once in a life time  
upon those who have the financial  
means and are physically able. The  
pilgrims adorn simple garment that  
strip away any distinctions of class  
and culture, so they all stand equal  
before Allah (God). The final part of  
the pilgrimage is at the Holy Ka'bah  
(cube) in the centre of the Great  
Mosque in Makkaah.

The religion of Islam requires accepting some  
main Articles of Faith. These are the core  
beliefs - without any one of these, one would  
not be accepted as a believer. The acceptance  
of these Articles leads to the practical five  
Pillars of Islam.

The Five Pillars of Islam are the  
Fundamental duties in a Muslims life, which  
lead to living a good and responsible life  
according to Islam.

## CHAPTER ELEVEN.

### ISLAM AND THE WEST IN THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY, A NEW ERA.?



**A**n American Muslim leader comments on a possible synthesis between the three religions as a desirable scenario. As we've seen in the previous chapters, there are close similarities -- as well as differences -- between Islam and its predecessor faiths, Judaism and Christianity.

"When we read the Quran and Bible with proper understanding, we can clearly see that these great religious leaders were not divided one against the other. Jesus not only supported the scripture that Moses taught, but he interpreted it and explained it so that the people could get more light on what Moses had taught them. When Prophet Muhammad of Arabia came behind Jesus, he did the same thing. He spoke from the scriptures that Jesus had left and he explained and interpreted what Jesus left. If our great heroes in religion have not divided themselves one against the other, and if they have shown us that they belonged to one unified family, why are we divided?"  
Imam Warith Din Mohammed.

Conversions are increasing. Some Hispanic Americans are discovering their family roots in the *Mudijar* culture of Islamic Iberia, and Muslim immigrants have planted mosques throughout Latin America. More and more African Americans are converting, not to the more radical Nation of Islam and similar cults, but to orthodox Sunni Islam. And, while not yet all that large in numbers, a few white Americans are quietly converting, just as they are in Europe. As we see, those brought up in Christian traditions already have the tools to understand the Koran and the message of Muhammad. They are most often pleasantly surprised by the many likenesses between the Bible and the Islamic scriptures. As said earlier, the Virgin Mary is mentioned more often in the Koran than in the New Testament. Beyond that, as a Muslim, you continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah. Indeed, the Koran tells us so.

If you were to accept the extra-biblical Gospel of Barnabas used by Islamic scholars and theologians, you see the Koran as the latest and greatest scriptural revelation, and that the ministry of the Prophet Muhammad fulfilled, properly interpreted and completed the mission of the Prophet Jesus/Issa. Of course, some Christians would never consider such a thing, but others will. Eventually it could be enough to make a cultural impact. Think about the modern media. What if some popular celebrities were to convert? As just one example, it is said that Michael Jackson considered conversion. Whether true or not, what if he had? Would this cause fans and others to do the same? I think you know the answer in our media-maddened world.

By the way, there is an active Jews for Allah group, mostly made up of younger converts, many from Orthodox Judaism, including some who were rabbis. In many ways, their stories are quite interesting and compelling.

**“These are True Stories of Jewish People who followed Judaism and became Muslim, despite the Israeli Arab political conflict, more and more Jews are realizing that Judaism and Christianity are light houses leading to Islam, whether you were a Messianic Jew, a Jew for Jesus, or an Orthodox Jew, any Jew can be for Allah. Because Everyone is born a Muslim (in Submission to Allah) Everyday Jews are Returning (Reverting) to their Religion of Birth and the Religion of Abraham, Moses, and all the past Prophets, Islam.”**

Of course, they all gave up their Judaic names, taken Islamic names and wear Islamic dress. See <http://www.jews-for-allah.org/Jewish-Converts-to-Islam/> for their conversion stories and photos.

Essentially, Islam makes it easy for both Judaic and Christian converts, but even beyond that, some Koranic passages are quite inclusive of other kinds of believers. It must be considered important since essentially the same text is found several times.

“Those who believe (in the Qur’án) and those who follow the Jewish (Scriptures), and the Christians and the Sabians [may refer to either followers of John the Baptist or Zoroastrians], and who believe in Allah and the last day, and work righteousness, shall have their reward with their Lord; on them shall be no fear, nor shall they grieve.” Sura 2:62, 5:69, etc.

“And they say: "None shall enter paradise unless he be a Jew or a Christian." Those are their (vain) desires. Say: "Produce your proof if ye are truthful. Nay, whoever submits his whole self to Allah and is a doer of good, he will get his reward with his Lord; on such shall be no fear, nor shall they grieve." The Jews say: ‘The Christians have naught (to stand) upon;’ and the Christians say: ‘The Jews have naught (to stand) upon.’ Yet they (profess to) study the (same) Book. Like unto their word is what those say who know not, but Allah will judge between them in their quarrel on the Day of Judgment.’ ... ‘Never will the Jews or the Christians be satisfied with thee unless thou follow their form of religion. Say: "The guidance of Allah, that is the (only) guidance." Wert thou to follow their desires after the knowledge which hath reached thee, then wouldst thou find neither protector nor helper against Allah.” Sura 2:111-113; 120. *The Qur'an* (Yusuf Ali translation).

وَيُكَلِّمُ النَّاسَ فِي الْمَهْدِ وَكَهْلًا وَمِنَ الصَّالِحِينَ ﴿٤٦﴾

اور ماں کی گود میں اور بڑی عمر کا ہو کر (دونوں حالتوں میں) لوگوں سے (یکساں) گفتگو کرے گا اور نیکو کاروں میں ہوگا

46. "He shall speak to the people in childhood and in maturity. And He shall be (of the company) of the righteous."

قَالَتْ رَبِّ أَنَّى يَكُونُ لِي وَلَدٌ وَلَمْ يَمَسِّنِي بَشَرٌ قَالَ كَذَلِكَ اللَّهُ يَخْلُقُ مَا يَشَاءُ إِذَا

قَضَىٰ أَمْرًا فَإِنَّمَا يَقُولُ لَهُ كُنْ فَيَكُونُ ﴿٤٧﴾

مریم نے کہا پروردگار میرے ہاں بچہ کیونکر ہوگا کہ کسی انسان نے مجھے ہاتھ تک تو لگایا نہیں فرمایا کہ اللہ اسی طرح جو چاہتا ہے پیدا کرتا ہے جب وہ کوئی کام کرنا

چاہتا ہے تو ارشاد فرما دیتا ہے کہ ہو جا تو وہ ہو جاتا ہے

47. She said: "O My Lord! How shall I have a son when no man hath touched me?" He said: "Even so: Allah createth what He willeth: when He hath decreed a plan, He but saith to it, 'Be,' and it is!

وَيُعَلِّمُهُ الْكِتَابَ وَالْحِكْمَةَ وَالْتَّوْرَةَ وَالْإِنْجِيلَ ﴿٤٨﴾

اور وہ انہیں لکھنا (پڑھنا) اور دانائی اور تورات اور انجیل سکھائے گا  
48. "And Allah will teach Him the Book and Wisdom, the law and the Gospel,

Young westerners of all backgrounds are attracted to alternative religions and new models for spirituality. Like it or not, for many, Islam is an attractive alternative. There are many disaffected Americans, and more than a few are essentially untouched by traditional Christianity, hence candidates for alternative belief systems of all kinds. I not only foresee Islamo-Christian dialogue, but some kind of "Islam Lite" version to come forth, encouraging quick conversions and intermarriages. So-called Chrislam is a precursor.

"95% (or more) of Americans believe in either God or angels. ... So we are left with this formless belief that there is a Creator, who sent down lots of different messengers who started different religions at different places and



times, but it all about says the same thing: Love thy neighbor as thyself, and strive to be less egotistical and always be grateful to the One Who not only created you, but continues to give you life at each moment. You are powerless to control this force. It's all good. Most Americans are spiritual rather than being attached to one religion or another. That's Islam. ... That's what Islam is all about. Like the inverse of the Hell's Angels saying, 'We don't choose our members, we recognize them,' Muslims are those who recognize the ancient voice of God in the Quran and they realize they have always believed that, like they recognize the veins on the back of their own hands." Maria Hussein, Word Press.

The Koran clearly teaches that Judaism and Christianity are from the same divine revelation from prophets on the same spiritual path. Islam, of course, is the final and completing phase.

"Thus Allah the Mighty, the Knower inspireth thee (Muhammad) as (He inspired) those before thee. ... He hath ordained for you that religion which He commended unto Noah, and that which We inspire in thee (Muhammad), and that which We commended unto Abraham and Moses and Jesus, saying: Establish the religion, and be not divided therein. ... Allah chooseth for Himself whom He will, and guideth unto Himself him who turneth (toward Him)." Pickthall translation, Sura 42.

Muslim speakers say that Christians are already Muslims; they just don't know it yet. Muhammad completes the message that came through Abraham, Moses, Jesus and all the other prophets. They all preached Islam, submission to the One True God. Thus it is the duty of Muslims to proclaim this message to the world.

## **ISLAM IS A PROSELYTIZING FAITH RIDING AN ASCENDANT WAVE.**

On both the religious front and on the stage of world events, our present strategy of open warfare with Islam, in the long run, will not prevail. To put it simply, we are not in for the long haul. They are. Who cares how long it takes to prevail when you know you are doing the right thing, as instructed by God in the sacred scriptures? Muslims have good reason to believe that the predestined and ultimate victory of Allah will come in good time. Given the past history, how could they think otherwise? Needless to say, much of modern Christianity simply does not have a real and meaningful response to the challenges of Islam. Nor do our political leaders seem to have any

response other than the ever-increasing violence. Numerous commentators have weighed in on this, but I like what Pat Buchanan had to say.

"It has always seemed to me that there would be a resurrection of Islam and that our sons or our grandsons would see the renewal of that tremendous struggle between the Christian culture and what has been for more than a thousand years its greatest opponent." Hilaire Belloc. Belloc was prophetic. Even as Christianity seems to be dying in Europe, Islam is rising to shake the 21st century as it did so many previous centuries. Indeed, as one watches U.S. Armed Forces struggle against Sunni insurgents, Shia militias and jihadists in Iraq, and a resurgent Taliban, all invoking Allah, Victor Hugo's words return to mind: "No army is so powerful as an idea whose time has come."

"The idea for which many of our adversaries fight is a compelling one. They believe there is but one God, Allah, that Muhammad is his prophet, that Islam, or submission to the Quran, is the only path to paradise and that a godly society should be governed according to the Shariah, the law of Islam. Having tried other ways and failed, they are coming home to Islam. What America needs to understand is something unusual for us: From Morocco to Pakistan, we are no longer seen by the majority as the good guys. If Islamic rule is an idea taking hold among the Islamic masses, how does even the best army on earth stop it? Do we not need a new policy?"

*Needed: A New Policy On Islam* by Patrick J. Buchanan.

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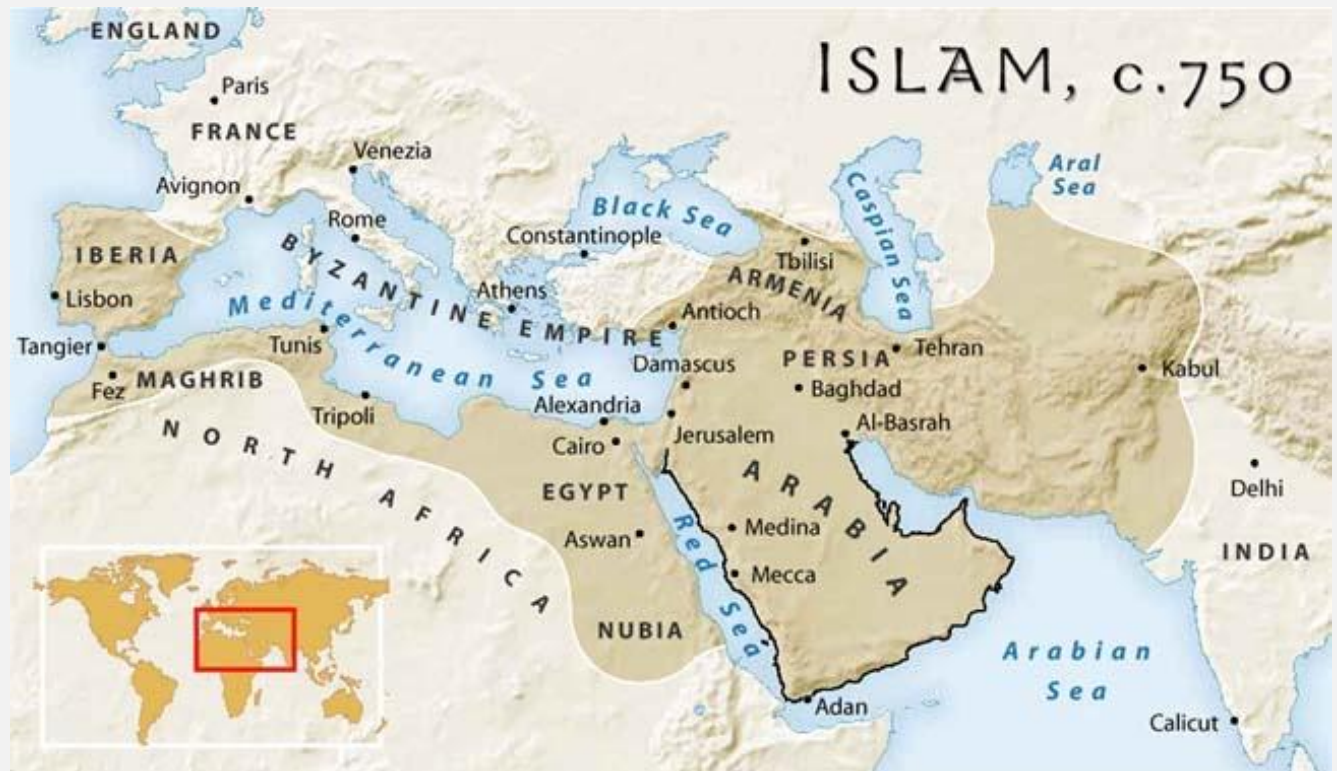
When we look at our world, we see both extremes of the historical and ideological spectrum. Some say that, given our mutual history of aggression and warfare, the present-day conflicts were ultimately unavoidable. This is a sad and depressing conclusion, but not an unreasonable one given the events of the past, recent history and current events. On the other hand, why not aim for something better? As I've shown, there is plenty of philosophical and theological room for a spiritually based dialogue among Jews, Christians and Muslims.

## **IS MODERN CHRISTIANITY AND WESTERN CULTURE UP TO THE CHALLENGE OF EVER-EXPANDING ISLAM?**

While it may not be apparent to all readers, Islam is an attractive religion offering spiritually based alternatives and solutions for the problems

of the world. For many who consider these matters, including certain inquiring minds, the answer is clear. “Islam is the solution”.

“If any religion has a chance over England, nay Europe, within next hundred years, it can only be Islam. I have always held the religion of Mohammed in high estimation because of its wonderful vitality. It is the only religion which appears to me to possess the assimilating capability to the changing phases of existence, which can make its appeal to every age. I believe that if a man like Mohammed were to assume the dictatorship of the modern world, he would succeed in solving its problems in a way that would bring much needed peace and happiness.” George Bernard Shaw.



Back in 732, the now barely remembered Battle of Tours decided the fate of Europe between the armed forces of Christianity and Islam. Muslims already ruled the Iberian Peninsula and decided to move their overwhelmingly successful jihad to the north. This was a natural progression of geopolitical events. Islam was on the move. In the mid 700s, Europe was threatened by Muslim forces on several strategic and potentially vulnerable fronts. To the East and Southeast the militant Umayyad Caliphate, and the

Muslims who conquered Spain and Portugal created their own Caliphate in Cordoba. Its center, the Great Mosque, is still there, but was converted into a Catholic cathedral after the *reconquista* (reconquest). I visited there in the early 1980s. Believe me, the spiritual feelings and powerful past history engrained in this building made a definite impression. In that place, in some rather curious ways, Christianity and Islam are united. Nonetheless, back in 732, the Islamic jihad was well on its way from *Al-Andalus* into the heart of Western Europe.

However, in France the jihad was met and defeated by the Frankish forces under Charles Martel (“the Hammer”). This came at a time when Islam was taking over much of the world left over from the Roman and Persian empires. Looking back on it, the West was fortunate to have defeated them. Islam is on the move again, and on some of the same fronts. Today it directly targets the declining and devolving empires of Europe and the United States. Western Civilization is in the crosshairs both militarily and religiously. Are we up to the challenge? Except for a few factors one way or another, the Islamic tsunami could have washed over us well over a thousand years ago, and today we would be living in a world under Shariah Law, studying Arabic in school. At the Battle of Tours, we were either very lucky or else the hand of God does intervene from time to time.

## **AFTERWORD.**

### **A BOLD LEAP INTO THE FUTURE,**

**W**hat should be our response to the challenges and threats from the Muslim world? Can we obtain détente? Should we apologize and seek to atone for some of the obvious wounds we have inflicted, both in the past and the present? In return, should they? As in most relationships, actions are more important than words, including apologies. Five specific steps could make an incredible difference. The ideas will require great willpower and major paradigm shifts to accomplish. Muslims have great faith in the beliefs and practices called the Five Pillars of Islam. I propose the Five Pillars of Peace. See what you think.

#### **THE FIVE PILLARS OF PEACE.**

**“Allah said, I have prepared for my pious worshipers such things as no eye has ever seen, no ear has ever heard of, and nobody has ever thought of.”  
Sahih Al-Bukhari, Hadith # 6.302.**

**"When the power of love becomes stronger than the love of power, we will have peace." Jimi Hendrix.**

- 1. PEACE AND JUSTICE IN PALESTINE.** Americans must elect a patriot-nationalist government that can align with the forces of peace and justice, and actively work for a fair division of lands and rights. Peace will come when all sides negotiate rationally and honestly. Our blind support of Israel has only made the situation worse. Can we be an honest broker? Isn't it about time?
- 2. STOP BEING THE WORLD POLICE.** A true patriot nationalist government would never have our military forces spread all over the world. We must get our troops out of Muslim lands. Moreover, we eventually must withdraw our forces from all foreign lands! First of all, why are they there? Eventually, a constitutional government must renounce the unacceptable goals of geopolitical hegemony.

3. **OIL-RICH MUSLIMS SHOULD SHARE THE WEALTH.** Muslim states with mineral wealth should seek new ways so that the residents of the petrol-states share more meaningfully in the profits. Since charitable generosity is incumbent on Muslims, perhaps some of the wealth can assist other needy Muslims all around the world.
4. **NEW MIDEAST GOVERNMENTS MUST PROVE THEMSELVES.** New governments, unproven as yet, have arisen over the Muslim world, beginning with the 2011 Arab Spring in Egypt. The rich ruling elites are fast falling from power. Again, we need to repudiate our past misdeeds and incompetency and be on the right side – if we can determine who that really is! Obviously, these chapters are yet unwritten.
5. **PEACEMAKERS MUST ARISE WITHIN ISLAM.** If Islam is truly a religion of peace, then let Muslim leaders step forward and proclaim an Islam committed to peace and coexistence. As far as I know, not one mosque and its leadership have ever done this. If I am wrong, please let me know.

#### **STEPS TOWARD PEACE FROM THE WEST.**

Those who make peaceful change impossible will make violent revolution inevitable. *John F. Kennedy.*

“Experience and history teach us that people and governments have learnt nothing from history, nor acted on principles deduced from it.” Hegel.

Can we create a new model for a better world? Or is Hegel absolutely and always correct? Who will ultimately win the *kulturkampf*? If you’ve followed both history and current events, you see that so far, the western powers have consistently made the wrong decisions about the challenges from Islamic movements and nations. Moreover, our actions, past and present, have caused death and destruction wherever we have gone, all around the world. Likewise, we’ve created major mayhem and madness in the Muslim world by our misdeeds in Iraq and Afghanistan, then Libya, now also aiming at Pakistan and Iran.

But we must never overlook or diminish our potential to come to our senses. We can survive and prosper, even in the bleakest of times and facing relentless enemies. Most of the struggles facing us have to do with cultural, religious and geopolitical conflicts between Jews, Christians and Muslims. If a reconciliation scenario were to play out, genuine and meaningful affirmations of non-violence would be followed by practical plans, including as many factions as possible in open and honest negotiations. The goals must include peace, not only in Palestine, but in the entire Mideast. Am I just an impractical old dreamer? Is this really possible?

May God, the Great I AM יי יי of all three Abrahamic faiths, make it so. Peace Be Upon You. *Shalom Aleichem. Assalamu Alaikum.*

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