Christian Response to Islam - Section I

Islam: Mohammed and Allah; the Koran and the Sunna

Welcome! We’re excited you’ve decided to take this class! It will teach you what Islam actually teaches from its own source texts and help you formulate a proper Christian response. You likely have not heard much of this information and for those having initial difficulty in hearing it, we commend them to the Apostle Paul, who gave his life for the Truth. Paul’s words remind us that uncomfortable truth should not make us enemies when he asked rhetorically, “Do I therefore become your enemy, because I tell you the truth?” in Galatians 4:16

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Throughout this lesson, terms found in the glossary are in **bold underline**, the first time they appear. You’ll also see this symbol [ ] indicating key texts. Note: You may see words associated with Islam spelled differently than you’re used to. (Such as Koran and Qur’an) This is common so don’t let it become a distraction. An excellent way to use this material is to read it in advance and come to class ready to discuss as you review it. Be sure to highlight things that surprise you to discuss. Discussions are a key to the success of this class so set a time limit on the sessions but don’t feel you need to complete a certain amount. Just start where you left off in the next session. However, stick with the facts presented. It is key to learning and understanding this topic. Also, Please use discernment when presenting this material to young people, but do present it, they need to know.

*Let’s get started!*

One excellent way to study Islam is to use a scientific approach and reason. When doing so, you’ll quickly notice that Islam is **Dualistic**. Thoughtful analysis shows there is a religious Islam and a political Islam. The political system of Islam is by far the more significant part of Islamic doctrine. There is one Islam for Muslims, another for Kafirs (non-Muslims). There is a Koran from **Mecca**, another from **Medina**. The world according to Islam is divided into **dar al Islam**, (land submitted to Islam) and **dar al harb**, (land of war). Islam’s ethics of treating people is based on the concept of **al-Walaa wal-Baraa**: Walaa (allegiance or love of Muslims), Baraa (enmity or hatred of Kafirs).

To be a Muslim you must recite the **Shahadah** with a sincere heart, in Arabic: “There is no god but **Allah** and Mohammed is his prophet." Most people think that Islam is based on the Koran but there is not enough information in it to practice the religion of Islam. The Koran says (dozens of times) that every Muslim is to copy Mohammed in every way.

Islam has a **Trilogy** of sacred texts: The Koran, Sira and Hadith.

- The Koran is what Mohammed said that the angel Gabriel said that Allah said.
- But the Koran does not contain enough guidance for one to practice Islam but for repeatedly stating that all the world should imitate Mohammed in every way.
Mohammed's words and deeds are called the **Sunna**.

The Sunna is found in the Sira and Hadith.

- The first source of the Sunna is the Sira, Mohammed's biographies, written by Ishaq and Al Tabari
- The second source of the Sunna is the Hadith, the traditions of Mohammed. There are several versions of the Hadith, but the most trusted and commonly used are those written by Bukhari and Abu Muslim.

All of the foundations of Islamic doctrine are found in the Trilogy. Once you understand the Trilogy, you understand all of the foundations of Islam. The Koran is the smallest part of Islam's "bible".

Interestingly, if we count the words in each text we find that Islam is 16% Allah (god) and 84% Mohammed (man).

If you understand Mohammed's life, you understand the greatest part of Islam. This is good news: anybody can understand a biography of a man. Mohammed was born, was raised an orphan, became a businessman and then declared himself a prophet. In his last phase of life, he became a politician and warrior. When he died, every Arab he knew of was a Muslim and he did not have an enemy left standing. Anyone can read and understand his life and therefore understand Islam.

If you know Mohammed, then you know Islam. If you do not know Mohammed, you do not know Islam. Every Muslim's life goal is to imitate Mohammed in every detail. Mohammed led a fascinating life and his greatest invention was a political system that can make all others submit.

**Koran**

**KORAN** The word Koran is Arabic and it means recitation. According to Islam, the Koran is perfect, complete, universal and final. It contains not the slightest error since it comes directly from Allah, the only God of the universe. It is in his exact words. The Koran was created before the universe and it sits on an emerald table at the right hand of Allah. Notice, this is where the Bible began teaching us that Jesus sits, hundreds of years before the Koran.

The Koran we have today was created or brought together by the third Caliph Uthman.

This Koran contains 114 suras or chapters. The long chapters are in the beginning and the short chapters are at the end. That is the way that the Koran is arranged and this leads to one of the major difficulties in understanding it. It is not in chronological order.

Another thing about the Koran that's confusing is that the stories in many cases are not complete. Be aware that with most of the stories in the Koran, you don't know what the beginning is, or there is always something missing.

It is also very repetitious. For example, the story of Moses and the Pharaoh is repeated in some fashion 39 times. The repetition is so intense in the Koran that if you remove all of the repetition, it is cut in half and that does not leave a very big book, since the full Koran is about the same size as the New Testament.

The Koran took twenty-three years to compile. When Mohammed died, there was no such thing as a Koran as we know it. It was written down on everything from paper to shoulder bones. Mostly, it was memorized. Only after Mohammed's death was there any attempt to write it all down. The version we have now was put together about 60 years after Mohammed's death. All source documents were burned after the Koran was compiled. Muslims say that there are no variant versions of the Koran, which is actually not true: an ancient Koran was found in Yemen and it differs from the "official" version.
The Koran was the first book ever written in Arabia. Only poems and business correspondence had been written in Arabic before. "People of the Book" are mentioned many times, referring to Jews and Christians and the Bible.

**SCRIPTURES** Moses, Adam, Noah, Solomon, David, Jesus, Lot, Joseph and Jacob are in the Koran and are all called prophets of Allah. The stories about these "prophets" are in much shortened versions and are much different than the ones in the Bible. In reality, they just have the same biblical characters, but the main gist of the stories is that you must follow Allah's prophets and do what they say or else. Therefore, do what Mohammed says since he says that he is a prophet too!

Mohammed's only proof of being a prophet was to say that the Jews had prophets and he was their successor. His proof was assertion. Mohammed was a prophet because he said he was. Similarly, the Koran claims that it has the true stories of the prophets and that Jewish and Christian scriptures are wrong, because it says so.

In the Koran, it is not the purpose of Moses to free the Jews from slavery, instead, it's to get the Pharaoh to admit that Moses is the prophet of Allah. The same is true with the story of Noah. The whole story of Noah centers around making the people of the earth admit that Noah is the prophet of Allah and because they would not admit it and do whatever he said, Allah destroyed the earth. So the stories are similar to the stories in the Old Testament, but they've all been changed so that they proclaim one theme—those who do not recognize the prophets of Allah will be destroyed!

**PHILOSOPHY** The Koran lays out a complete philosophic system including politics and ethics. Its metaphysics claim that the only reality is Allah and humanity is to worship Him. Human life has been pre-determined by Allah. The highest form of living is to die for Allah in jihad. Death, Paradise, and Hell are the values of Islam. The proper relationship between Allah and humanity is master/slave and fear. (Muslims are the slaves of Allah and there are over 300 references to the fear of Allah, “the Merciful.”)

The epistemology (what is knowledge and how knowledge is acquired) of the Koran and Islam is revelation. But since Mohammed was the final prophet, the door to further knowledge is closed. The Koran is true because Mohammed said it was so.

**LOGIC (method of reasoning)** The Koran advances a system of logic that says: truth is determined by revelation. So, no fact or argument may refute the Koran. Islamic logical persuasion is based upon repetition, assertion and threats. Another part of the persuasion is personal attacks against those who resist Islam. The Koran advances its argument through threats against specific people and groups. If persuasion fails, then force may be used to settle the logical or political argument.

Another aspect of Koranic logic is the use of name calling and personal insults to advance the truth. The Koran, with its poetical language and repeated threats of physical violence, bases its logic on emotions. Although its intellectual truth can be contradictory, the contradictions do not need to be resolved. Understanding apparent contradictions is a key to understanding Islamic logic. In unitary logic, (as opposed to dualistic logic) a contradiction shows the theory or argument is false. For instance: if I say that I have just fallen into the swimming pool and yet I am completely dry, that is a contradiction. I was in the water, but I am completely dry. So, something is not true.

But in the Koran, a contradiction does not prove an argument to be false. What appears to be logical contradictions are actually statements of duality that offer “two true choices,” depending upon the circumstances. This is a dualistic logic.

How do we know that the Koran is true? Because it contains the words of Allah. How do we know that these are the words of Allah? Mohammed said they were Allah's words. How do we know that Mohammed is Allah's messenger? Mohammed reported that Allah said that Mohammed is His messenger. This is circular logic.
Another so-called proof of the Koran's truth is that its very existence is a miracle. How the Koran is a miracle is not clear to the Kafir.

**DUALITY AND ABROGATION** While both contained in the same book, there are in essence, two Korans—the early Koran written in Mecca and the later Koran written in Medina. The Meccan Koran has many Jewish stories and repeats that Mohammed is the prophet and everyone should do what he says. The later Medinan Koran is very political and violent.

The Koran is very contradictory. The Koran says Allah can replace a verse with one which is better so, one verse can contradict another.

> **Koran2:106** Whatever of Our revelations We repeal or cause to be forgotten, We will replace with something superior or comparable.

Replace it with a verse that is better means that the better one comes later. To deal with contradiction, you need to know which verse was written earlier or later. The Koran you buy in the bookstore is arranged from longest chapter to shortest chapter, not in chronological order. Scholars have long ago divided all the suras (chapters) into Mecca (early) and Medina (later). Generally, since the majority of the changes happened when Mohammed became politically powerful, Medina trumps Mecca.

This cancellation of one verse by another later verse is called **abrogation**. But abrogation does not really cancel or negate the verse because if the earlier verse was by Allah then that verse is true. Allah by definition, cannot error. The Koran is contradictory, but both sides of the contradiction are true.

You hear all the time that Islam is a religion of peace. We also know that Islam is behind most of all terror attacks. The Koran contains a doctrine that supports both good and evil, peace and violence.

This turns out to be an insight into the mind of Islam because it means that Muslims can hold in their mind two contradictory ideas and accept both of them as true. This explains how Muslims after September 11th were able to say Islam is a peaceful religion. A peaceful religion doesn't send out jihadists to kill 3,000 innocents. That is a contradiction. But if you are a Muslim you have been trained to accept contradictory facts and so as a result, these contradictions do not bother you at all, they don't cause you any mental questions. The Koran is a dualistic document. This dualism runs very deep into the Koran. If you arrange it in the right time order, the Koran written in Mecca is a radically different Koran than the one written in Medina. They are so different that you could take a class of college students and in one hour's time teach them how to pick out a verse taken at random and tell you whether it was written in Mecca or Medina. The two Korans are that different.

There are as many as 225 verses of the Koran that are altered, abrogated by later verses. This is part of the dual nature of the Koran. Islam may have two contradictory things to say about any subject. Part of the duality is that both sides of the contradiction are true.

In reality, it is power, not time that decides which verses are used. When Islam is weak, it uses the "nice" verses and when it is powerful it uses the "cruel" verses.

In truth, no verse is ever really abrogated. Any Muslim can at any time use any verse he wishes. Both verses are true, since they come from Allah. Duality is the actual concept, not abrogation. Duality is the key to understanding Islam.

Islam considers the Old and New Testament to be Allah's revelations, but the entire Bible could be abrogated by the Koran. For this reason, some Muslims may seem "Bible-proof". They view the Bible as error-ridden, antiquated and broken-down. Allah has replaced it with newer, better scriptures. You will learn ways to address this in upcoming lessons.
Anyone who tries to interpret the Koran without knowledge of abrogation and duality is ill-equipped or purposefully ignoring reality and fact.

ETHICS The ethical system of the Koran is also dualistic. How a person is treated depends upon his being a believer or a Kafir. There is one set of ethics for the believer and another set of ethics for the Kafir. Deceit, violence and force are acceptable against the Kafirs, who resist the logic of the Koran. Believers are to be treated as brothers and sisters. Good is what advances Islam. Evil is whatever resists Islam. They believe we’ve struck first by rejecting Islam, so jihad is always defensive.

The constant theme of Islam's perfect, eternal, and universal Koran is the division between those who follow Mohammed, and those who don't. This sacred division is dualism; nonbelievers are not fully human and fall under a separate moral code.

POLITICAL ISLAM Islam is a complete civilization with a political system, a culture, and a religion. The religion of Islam is what a Muslim does to go to Paradise and avoid Hell. Political Islam determines the treatment of unbelievers and the governance of Muslims. The religion is used to further the political agenda.

The earlier, Meccan Koran is more religious. There are 147 different references to Hell. Only 9 references are for moral failings—greed, lack of charity, or love of worldly success. The other 137 references to Hell involve eternal torture for disagreeing with Mohammed. Thus 94% of the references to Hell are as a political prison for dissenters, who did not believe that Mohammed was the prophet of Allah. Indeed the entire Meccan Koran can be summarized in one sentence: Mohammed is the prophet of Allah and if you don't believe it, you're going to suffer.

Now the Koran written in Medina continues with the same hatred of the Kafir but it manifests it in a totally different way. There's not much mention of Hell and suffering in the after-life from Medina because a new form of suffering for the Kafir is introduced. In Mecca the Kafir suffers after he dies. In Medina he suffers in this life. He can be tortured, beheaded, robbed and worse. The Medinan Koran has the same Kafir hatred but this time there is jihad, where the Kafir suffers and dies in this life. So the Medinan Koran is very political, hateful and violent.

The Medinan Koran introduces Mohammed's greatest innovation: jihad. It also introduces the dhimmi, the political subservience of the Christian and the Jew.

Although jihad is called Holy War, it is really better described as simply political war. Why? Because the only reason in the Koran that people are attacked and killed, is that they do not agree that Mohammed is the prophet of Allah. That's an intellectual idea and therefore jihad is political war, against the Kafir.

64% of the Koran is about hating the Kafir and how the Kafir must be subdued, therefore the Koran is primarily a political document, not a religious document. Less than 36% to be devoted to being a Muslim. And that 36% is filled with repetition.

The Koran has been made to seem complicated. It is actually a simple text that contains only two new ideas—Mohammed is the final prophet and jihad may be used to harm Kafirs. The main theme of the Koran is the division of humanity into believer and Kafir, and the triumph of Islam over all Kafirs.

In many ways, this could be considered the key verse of the entire Koran:

8: 39 And engage in war with them until there will not be sedition and the religion will be completely to Allah.

We’ll study this and many other verses from the Koran coming up.
The story of the Koran reaches its highest development in the dominance of Political Islam. The Koran teaches that Islam is the perfect political system and is destined to rule the entire world. The governments and constitutions of the world must all submit to Political Islam. If the political systems of the Kafirs do not submit, then force, jihad, may be used. All jihad is defensive, since refusing to submit to Islam is an offense against Allah. All Muslims must support the political action of jihad. This may take many forms—fighting, proselytizing, contributing money, making demands.

The Koran gives the basis of the Islamic dualistic legal code, the Sharia. The Sharia treats Kafirs, including Jews and Christians, as inferior to Muslims. This legal inferiority is sacred, eternal and universal.

**JIHAD** The Koran is very clear about jihad. All the jihad verses abrogate the "good" Meccan verses. The "good" verses are used by those Muslims are too weak to do jihad. When immigrants first arrive in the host country [Islam's terms for Kafir lands], they talk about peace and brotherhood, while making demands about civil rights.

As Islam grows in strength the demands increase in scope. As an example: Kafir laws should not apply to Islamic families, only Islamic law will do. This is the basis for “no go zones” in otherwise “Western” countries. All jihad can be divided into pressure and violence. At some point the political and social pressures move into violence. The first forms of violence are crime and riots. An Islamic riot is a battle in a civil war. These are taking place now in Europe. Europeans, because they are generally as ignorant as American Kafirs, see these as civil rights demonstrations, not as what they are: jihad.

**ARABIC** The Koran says it is an Arabic document. Since the Koran was written before the creation and in the Arabic language, that implies that Allah is an Arab. This is a very important part of Islam: the Arabic culture must dominate all other world cultures.

A Muslim may say to you, "Well you can't really understand the Koran unless you read it in Arabic." Now let's stop and think about this statement for a moment. The Koran claims to be universal. That is, it applies to all people. But since only a small portion of the world reads Arabic that means these ideas must be understandable in languages other than Arabic or they would not be universal.

The fact is, the great majority of Muslims today don't speak Arabic, and for many, the Koran has been translated into their language and they're fully practicing Muslims.

Many Muslims recite the Koran in classical Arabic, but the classical Arabic is not the Arabic language of today. Languages change over time and a modern Arab cannot pick up a random Koran verse and read it and understand it. He too, has to have the classical Arabic translated into modern Arabic. In truth, Arabic is no barrier to understanding the Koran. It's been translated into many languages.

Most of the Koran is written in a poetic style that is similar to the ancient classical texts such as the Greek Odyssey. The Odyssey is an epic story that is written in poetry, which makes it possible to more easily memorize it. The Koran is also written, for the most part, in a poetic form that is easy to memorize.

Take an English proverb: "Birds of a feather, flock together." We have the information that a flock of birds only contains one type of bird, but it is written in poetic form. Can "Birds of a feather, flock together" be translated into Arabic? No. But the meaning of "a flock of birds contains only one type of bird," can be easily translated into Arabic.

The poetry of the Koran does not translate, but the meaning of the Koran can be translated. Read many different translations of the Koran and you will find the meaning is consistent across the translations.

So, can the Koran be translated? No. Can the meaning can be translated into any other language? Yes. If the meaning of a particular part of the Koran cannot be translated, then that implies that the concept is not applicable to that language.
Or said another way, that part of the Koran would not be universal. But the Koran is very insistent upon the fact that it is universal. So by definition of universal, it follows that the universal meaning, can be translated into all languages.

**Allah and Allah’s Instructions in the Qur’an:**

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In this section, verses are in *italics*. Discussion questions are bold underlined.  

Key verses have this symbol. Please share any relevant Bible passages that come to mind as you discuss and contrast the following Koranic verses.

2:190 *Surely Allah does not love the transgressors. 3:140 Allah does not love the unjust. 6:141 he does not love the extravagant.* Does Allah love sinners? Would he die “the just for the unjust?” as the Bible says Jesus did?

61:4 *Surely Allah loves those who engage in war in ranks for his sake, as if they were a solid wall.* Who does Allah love?

4:95 *Allah favors those who perform jihad with their money and their lives above those who stay* 9:38 *O you who have believed, what is [the matter] with you when it was said to you, “March forth for the sake of Allah,” you cling heavily to the earth? Are you satisfied with the world’s life rather than the hereafter? 39 If you do not march forth, he will torment you with a painful torment and he will place another people in your place.* What do the above verses show us about Allah? Does he love everyone equally? Has the true God given believers the spirit of fear?

3:54 *And Allah is the best deceiver. 4:88 And whomever Allah leads astray, so you will not find for him a way* 19:83 *Have you not seen that we send the satans against the infidels to incite them incitingly? 5:41 And whomever Allah desires to lead into sedition, so you will not have anything for him against Allah. Those whom Allah does not desire to purify their hearts will have in this world disgrace, and in the hereafter they will have great torment.* What do these verses teach us about the character of Allah?

61:9 *[Allah] He is who sent his messenger with the guidance and the religion of the truth so that he may make it triumph over every religion, even though the polytheists hate it.* Where does this imply Allah’s Kingdom is located in his view?

59:2 *[Allah] He is who drives out those who became infidels from the People of the Book (Christians & Jews) from their homes in the first gathering. You did not think that they would come out, and they thought that their fortress would defend them from Allah. So Allah came to them from where they did not reckon, and he cast terror in their hearts. They demolished their houses with their hands and the hands of the believers.* What are some of the actions of Allah? What are the fruits? Who are his actions directed at? What tools does he use?

33:60 *If the hypocrites and those who have a disease in their heart and the agitators in the city do not desist, we will surely arouse you against [24] them. Then they will not be your neighbors in it except for a little while. 61 They are cursed wherever they are caught, seized and killed, slaughtering. 62 The custom of Allah for those who have gone before, and you will not find any changing to the custom of Allah.* What is Allah arousing Muslims to do to whom? Is this something that applies today?

9:30 *And the Jews said, "Uzair is the son of Allah." And the Nasara (Christians) said, "The Christ is the son of Allah." This is their saying with their mouths; they repeat the sayings of those who became infidels before. Allah engages in war with them.* Who does Allah say he is at war with?

19:88 *And they said, "The merciful has taken a son." 89 Indeed, you have brought a wicked thing. 90 The heavens might almost be torn apart from it. And the earth splits, and the mountains fall to pieces 91 because they ascribe a son to the merciful.* What emotion seems obvious in this verse? What destroys the earth? What is the rock that Christ will build His church on in the Bible?
5:72 Infidels, indeed, are those who said, "Surely Allah is the Christ, son of Mary." And the Christ said, "O children of Israel, serve Allah, my lord and your lord." Surely whoever partners with Allah, so indeed, Allah forbids him the garden. And his abode is the fire, and the unjust will have no helpers. **Who are infidels according to this verse?**

47:35 So do not be weak and do not call for peace when you have the upper hand. **Will weakening or strengthening our defense be more likely to provoke violence according to this verse?**

2:216 War is decreed to you, and it is hated by you. And perhaps you may hate something, and it is good for you; and perhaps you love something, and it is evil for you. And Allah knows, and you do not know. **What does this verse appear to be saying? What does that say about optional vs. obligatory?**

3:151 We will cast terror into the hearts of those who became infidels because they partner [other gods] with Allah which he did not send down with any sultan. **What will be done and why in this verse?**

4:89 They desire that you should become infidels as they are infidels so that you should be alike. So do not take any of them for friends until they emigrate for the sake of Allah. So if they turn away, so seize them and kill them wherever you find them, and do not take from them as friends or helpers. **And in this verse?**

8: 12 "I am with you, so make firm those who believed. I will cast a terror into the hearts of those who became infidels. So strike above their necks (decapitation), and strike off (chop off) every finger from them." 13 This is because they have opposed Allah and his messenger, and whoever opposes Allah and his messenger, so surely Allah is severe in the punishment. **And this?**

9:5 So when the forbidden months are passed, so kill the polytheists wherever you find them, and take them [as captives] and besiege them and lay wait for them with every kind of ambush; so if they repent and perform the prayer and bring the legal alms, so leave their way free. Surely Allah is forgiving, merciful. **What are Muslims called to do to polytheists? Are they to be proactive about it? Under what circumstances may they leave the polytheists free?**

4:74 engage in war for the sake of Allah. **Is Islam a “religion of peace” by our definition of peace?**

8: 39 And engage in war with them until there will not be sedition and the religion will be completely to Allah. **This is the “peace process” of Islam and its ultimate goal.**

9:29 Engage in war with those who do not believe in Allah nor in the last day. Nor forbid what Allah and his messenger forbid, nor believe in the religion of the truth among those who have been given the book until they pay the jizya out of hand and they are subdued. **This verse says non-Muslims are to be killed, the Sharia must be the law of the land and Christians and Jews willing to submit may live by becoming Dhimmis and paying the jizya, that is, paying a special tax and being in submission to Muslims.**

28:58 And how many a village rebelled in its living we destroyed, so this is their dwelling. No one dwelt in it after them except a few, and we were the heirs. 59 And your lord was not to destroy the villages until he raised in its mother a messenger reciting to them our verses, and we were not to destroy the villages unless its families are unjust. **This above verse lays out the pattern of a call to become Muslims followed by an attack if rejected. This was the pattern Osama Bin Laden used with the 9/11 attack. The attack was “defensive” because rejecting Islam was the offense.**

4:84 So engage in war for the sake of Allah, lay not burdens on any but yourself, and provoke the believers. **What are some ways Muslims could use to “provoke” others to Jihad (war for the sake of Allah)? Do you see these methods being used today? (Internet recruitment, organizing “protests,” using the political system to gain power, promote hatred of America.) Where might this indicate we should be directing some preventative measures?**
More examples of violence, terror and hatred:

8: 60 Strike terror into the enemy of Allah and your enemy 8:65 O you prophet, provoke the believers to engage in war. 9: 14 Engage in war with them. Allah will torment them by your hands and put them to shame and give you victory over them and heal chests of a believing people. 9:52 And we lie in wait for you that Allah will inflict you by a torment from himself or by our hands. So lie in wait, surely we are lying in wait with you. 9:123 O you who have believed, engage in war against the infidels who are near to you. And let them find in you harshness, and know that Allah is with the fearer. 47:4 So when you meet those who became infidels, so strike the necks (decapitating) until you have made a great slaughter among them.

6:44 we opened the doors for them of all things until, when they rejoiced in what they received, we seized them suddenly; so behold, they were in despair. **What does this seem to indicate about dealings with Muslims?**

3:28 Believers do not take the infidels for friends, rather than the believers, and whoever does this so he has nothing to do with Allah, except that you should guard yourself from them, cautiously. **May Muslims be true friends with non-Muslims according to this verse? What does the one exception imply.**

3:110 You were the best nation who came forth to the people. You command what is right and you forbid from the evil and you believe in Allah. And if the People of the Book believed, it would have been better for them. **This verse is speaking of the Arab nation and Muslims being superior to all other races and creeds.**

8:72 Surely those who have believed and emigrated and performed jihad with their money and their lives for the sake of Allah, and those who gave asylum and helped, those are friends one to another. And those who believed and did not emigrate, you owe no duty or protection at all until they emigrate. 8:74 And those who believed and emigrated and performed jihad for the sake of Allah, and those who gave asylum and helped, those are the true believers; they will receive forgiveness and generous provisions. 2:218 Surely those who have believed and those who emigrated and performed jihad for the sake of Allah, those hope for Allah’s mercy. And Allah is forgiving, merciful. **Emigrate means: to leave one country or region to settle in another; migrate.” Can you spot a pattern? What accompanies emigrating? What does this tell us should be a concern of our immigration policy?**

2:217 If you show the alms openly, it is well. And if you hide them and give them to the poor, so it is good to you and will atone for your evil. **According to this verse can good works atone for sins in Islam? And in Christianity?**

4:3 so have sex (marry) what appeals to you from the women, two and three and four. So if you fear that you will not treat them equally, so one [wife]; or [have sex with] what your right hand possesses, (slaves) **According to this verse may a man have multiple wives. May he also have sex with his slaves? Is it likely slaves have a choice in this decision?**

4:24 And it is lawful to you, besides this, to seek out women with your money, chaste without fornication. So, whatever you enjoy by it (their sexual parts) from them, so give them their wages; it is an ordinance. And there will be no sin on you about what you have mutually agreed on after the ordinance. **Is prostitution allowed in Islam according to this verse?**

4:25 And whoever among you who cannot have sex (marry) the free believing women, so [marry] those whom your right hand possesses (slaves) from your young believing girls. **If a Muslim can’t find a Muslim wife, what should he do? Islam assumes slavery as a normal part of life.**
4: 34 Men are in charge of women...So good [women] are obedient, guarding in secret that which Allah has guarded. And of whom you fear rebellion, so preach to them and separate from them in the beds and scourge them. So if they obey you, so do not seek a way against them.

May men beat their wives according to this verse? Under what condition may they do so?

8: 57 So if you overtake them in war, then scatter those who are left behind, perhaps they will remember. 58 And should you fear betrayal from any people, so do the same to them. Surely Allah does not love the betrayers. Do you see a similar condition given here? In Islam, according to the two verses above, a mere accusation is reason for violence.

5: 89 Allah will not hold you responsible for the mere utterance in your oath, but he will hold you responsible in regard to an oath taken seriously. Does lying or deception appear to be okay according to this verse? Based on what you’ve learned so far, do you think Allah would approve lying to an infidel if it furthers Islam? How should this inform our foreign policy? There is even a word for sacred deceit in Islam: taqiyya.

24:33 And do not compel your young females to become prostitutes if they want to keep chaste so that you seek the material of the world’s life. And whoever compels them, so surely after they were compelled, Allah is forgiving, merciful. What does this appear to show as Allah’s reaction to forced, child prostitution or sex trafficking?

40:66 Say, "Surely I have been forbidden to serve those that you call on without Allah. Charity may only be to Muslims. Are Non-Muslims as worthy of love in Islam? Sharia compliant companies will not donate to Christian charities.

43:71 Dishes of gold and akwab [3] will go around them, and in them, whatever the souls lusts for and what the eyes delight in, and in it you will abide forever."

56:15 On decorated beds, 16 reclining on them, facing each other. 17 Going around them immortal young boys 18 with goblets and bowls and a cup of flowing wine. 19 They will not have a headache from it nor get intoxicated. 20 And fruit from whatever they choose 21 and the meat of birds from whatever they lust for 22 and hur-eyed, (beautiful female sex objects) 23 they are like covered pearls, 24 a reward for what they were doing.

The attraction of Islam’s version of Heaven as the above two verses show, is material, sexual and fleshly in nature. There also seems to be very little offered to women in Islam’s Heaven.

78:22 a refuge for the rebellious, 23 tarrying in it for ages. 24 They will not taste in it cold nor drink, 25 only hamem and oozing pus, 26 an exact reward. 27 Surely they were not hoping, reckoning, 28 and they deny our verses,

88:2 Faces on that day will be downcast, 3 laboring and weary, 4 roasting in a hot fire; 5 they will be made to drink from a boiling spring. 6 They will not have any food except that of thorns 7 which will not fatten them nor satisfy from hunger.

While Hell is awful in the Bible to be sure, Islam’s descriptions of its version of Hell involves particularly sadistic and torturous as the above verses show.

48:19 And there will be abundant spoils for them to seize. And Allah was dear, wise. 20 Allah promised the seizing of abundant spoils for you, so he hastened this to you, and he holds back the hands of the people from you and that it may be a sign to the believer. And he will guide you to a straight way Keeping loot from conquered enemies is a major part of Islam.

50:12-14Before them, the people of Noah and the companions of Rass and Themoud denied. 13 And Ad and Pharaoh and the brethren of Lot, 14 and the companions of the woods and the people of Tubba’, they all denied the messengers, so my threat becomes established. Mohammed changed the stories of the Bible to reinforce his point that Allah’s prophets must be believed or else.

4:82 Do they not consider the Qur'an? If it was from other than Allah, they would have found in it many inconsistencies.

6:115 And the word of your lord has been completed in truth and fairness, and there is no one to change his words. And he is the hearing, the knowing.
After reading the above verses, if analysis shows the Koran has inconsistencies or has been changed throughout history, what would this indicate?

2:106 Whatever verse we abrogate, or cause it to be forgotten, we bring a better verse than it or like it. Do you not know that Allah has might over all things? The doctrine of abrogation lays out the method to find the “stronger” verse when a contradiction is found. The later one trumps the earlier one. Medina trumps Mecca.

86:5 So let the human look to what he was created from. 6 He was created from gushing water; 7 it comes out from the backbones [1] and the breasts. [2] There are many scientific errors in the Koran.

33:50 O you prophet, surely we have made it lawful for you, your wives whom you have given their wages and those that your right hand possesses which Allah has granted you and the daughters of your paternal uncle and the daughters of your paternal aunts and the daughters of your maternal uncle and the daughters of your maternal aunts, those who emigrate with you. And a believing woman if she gives herself to the prophet, if the prophet desires to have sex with her, this is a privilege for you but not for any other believers. Allah declared that Mohammed (but no one else) could have sex with virtually anyone he wanted.

35:31 And that which we have revealed to you of the book (Qur’an), it is the truth, confirming what (the Bible) is between his hands. Surely Allah to his servants is aware, seeing.

40:53 And indeed, we gave Moses the guidance, and we bequeathed the book to the children of Israel, 54 a guidance and a reminder to those who have understanding.

57:27 Then we sent our messengers after them following in their footsteps, and we sent ‘Isa, the son of Mary. And we gave him the Gospel, and we put compassion and mercy in the heart of those who followed him. The Koran has lots to say about the Christian and Jewish Scriptures often validating them in some way as the above three verses show.

9:111 Surely Allah has purchased from the believers their souls and their money so that they may have garden. They engage in war for the sake of Allah, so they kill and are killed; a promise of this is true the Torah and in the Gospel and in the Qur’an. And who is more faithful to his covenant than Allah? receive the good news in your pledge which you have pledged with, and this is the great triumph. Mohammed tried to use the Torah and the Gospel to give his Koran credibility.

3:64 Say, “O People of the Book, come to an equal word between us and you. That we serve only Allah nor partner anything with him nor take each other as lords rather than Allah.” This verse is of particular interest due to a letter sent from Muslim clerics to Christian leaders called “A Common Word.” We may have time to cover this in an upcoming class.

Mohammed

There was no Islam before Mohammed and he called himself the last of the prophets. In a sense, Islam both begins with Mohammed and ends with Mohammed. The importance of studying Mohammed is found in the Koran itself. The Koran says Mohammed is the perfect pattern of life, for all peoples, for all time.

We know an enormous amount about Mohammed. His biography, the Sira, is over 800 pages long and it is in fine print. Then, as if that were not enough, we have what are called the Traditions of Mohammed—or the Hadith.

The most important collection of hadiths is by a writer called Bukhari. He recorded about 6800 of these hadiths or traditions. Abu Muslim is another chief writer of hadiths. Abu Dawud also wrote a collection.

Each of the stories has a number similar to chapter-verse of the Bible.
A hadith, or tradition, usually only a paragraph long, is an action, brief story, or conversation about or by Mohammed. The action can be as elementary as Mohammed's drinking a glass of water or tying his shoes.

The Hadith contains the Sunna (the ideal speech or action) of Mohammed, that is, his pronouncements. The actual words or deeds that one should follow are the Sunna; the story that gave rise to the Sunna is the hadith.

All of the Hadith were written down about 200 years after Mohammed's death. There are thousands of them and in some ways, they form the most important sacred text of Islam. A Muslim's life is far more governed by the Hadith than the Koran.

There is one exception to the Sunna of Mohammed. There are four men, “The Rightly Guided Caliphs” who were Mohammed's Companions—Abu Bala, Ali, Umar and Uthman—who became caliphs (Islamic pope-like kings) after Mohammed died. Their actions and words are also Sunna. So, what they did also is a perfect example of how a Muslim should live. The Companions are similar to the Apostles in their authority.

We know a lot about this man Mohammed. We have thousands upon thousands of these traditions. We know the smallest details from the way he ate, his anger, his appearance and his family life. These are all sacred writings since a Muslim is to copy Mohammed in all things. How he put on his shoes or relieved himself is a model for all humanity for all times.

It is in Mohammed that we find right and wrong. Except, right and wrong as we think of them, (in a moral sense), is not used within Islam. Instead, the concept is: "what is permitted" and "what is forbidden." So it is in the hadiths we find much of the foundation of the Sharia, Islamic law. What is permitted is what Mohammed did. What is forbidden is what he said not to do, or he himself didn't do. So, the Sunna of Mohammed is what dictates Islam. To know Islam we have to study Mohammed.

Most Kafirs (let's define them as unbelievers in Islam for now) think that you become a Muslim by worshiping the god Allah, but this is not true. What it takes to be a Muslim is to worship Allah, exactly like Mohammed did.

All of the details of how to be a Muslim are found in Mohammed's example, not in the Koran. There is not enough in the Koran to practice the religion of Islam. For instance, the Koran says to pray, but does not tell how to do Islamic prayer. That information comes from the Hadith.

There are Five Pillars of Islam, but there is not enough information in the Koran to practice even one of the Five Pillars. You cannot worship in an Islamic way without imitating Mohammed. Mohammed's way of doing things is so important that it has a very special name: the Sunna, which means The Way. (You may recall that Jesus called Himself "The Way," hundreds of years before this was written into the Koran.)

One of the ways that you can tell how much someone knows about Islam is if they mention Mohammed or not. Sometimes you run into people who want to explain Islam on the basis of the Koran. When this happens, you can be sure you have run into a person who does not really understand Islam or is a deceiver. Although the Koran claims to be a complete document, there are many, many things in the Koran that cannot be understood unless one knows the life of Mohammed. The Koran is not remotely enough to explain Islam. In that aspect, it is incomplete.

Let's take a very small item. Have you ever been watching a news broadcast and there's some Islamic leader from the Middle East and he's talking and he's angry, perhaps he's shouting. Why do they do this? One simple reason: Mohammed was easily angered. This is recorded in both the Sira and the Hadith, so when you see a Muslim who is quick to anger, he is simply imitating Mohammed.
Mohammed was the perfect father, the perfect husband, religious leader, military leader, and political leader. There is no aspect of life, including business, where a Muslim is not to turn to the example of Mohammed. He is the perfect Muslim.

Mohammed is the most common name in the world even after 1400 years. He continues to be the most influential politician and warrior who ever lived. His life as the Messenger of Allah shapes the ethics, morals, politics and culture of over a billion Muslims. His politics have annihilated half of ancient Christianity, Hinduism and Buddhism.

Islam is based entirely upon Mohammed. The easiest and surest way to know Islam is to study his life and words.

A Peaceful Beginning...

Mohammed was born in Mecca 1400 years ago. He was an orphan who became a business man. At about 40 years of age he started to have visions and hear voices. The voice told him that he was a prophet of Allah. He began to tell others of his message from Allah. After 13 years the Meccans ran him out of town and he moved to Medina.

In Medina he became a politician and war leader. He developed jihad, sacred violence for Allah. Over the next 10 years Mohammed crushed his enemies and became the first ruler of all Arabia.

The life of Mohammed is as important to Muslims as the life of Christ is to Christians. Many imitate him in every aspect of life from worship to bathroom habits.

Mohammed was born in 570 AD in Mecca in Arabia. He was born into an upper class clan but became an orphan and was raised by his uncle. His uncle was a trader and taught Mohammed the business of going to Syria and bringing back goods to sell in Mecca. He married a successful older widow, Khadija.

Mohammed had a religious mind and inquired about Christianity and Judaism on his business trips to Syria. Syria was north of Arabia and bordered the Mediterranean Sea. Syria was primarily Christian and sadly, it was a Christian who first told Mohammed he was a prophet.

At that time, Arabia had Jews in the northern part and a few Christians scattered about the area. The great majority of Arabians were polytheists. Many tribes or towns had their own deity. When one person married another, both deities would be worshipped. Mecca was a religious pilgrimage site with a shrine called the Kabah. The Kabah was a stone building shaped like a cube. A picture of Jesus and Mary was inside, along with symbols of 360 gods.

The Meccans had a great deal of respect for the Jews because they had a sacred text. Indeed, both Jews and Christians were called People of the Book. None of the Arabian religions had a religious text, as the native Arabic religions were tribal and based on oral traditions.

Mohammed had religious retreats in a cave near Mecca. When he was about 40, he had a vision from an angel he later called Gabriel. This was the beginning of visions and visitations reported by Mohammed. At first the god of Gabriel had no name. Later this god had the name Allah.

Allah was the god of the Quraysh tribe, Mohammed's tribe. Mohammed's father was named Abdullah (meaning, slave of Allah). His other brothers were named after other Arabic gods. The Quraysh were the overseers of the Kabah and was in charge of pilgrimages. The Quraysh were similar to the priestly tribe of the Levites. Allah was the moon god of the Quraysh and was the chief god of the many gods in Mecca. Mohammed promoted Allah from chief god to the only god.

Mohammed began to tell his friends and family about his visions and recited the poetry of the early Koran that he said came from the angel Gabriel. Later Mohammed preached his doctrine to all of Mecca. At first, the Meccans did not care one way or the other about Mohammed's preaching. They had 360 religions and another one was fine with them.
Mohammed preached the doctrine of a Judgment Day and that all of the Arabians who had already died were going to go to Hell. This enraged the Meccans. An Arabian's ancestry was of critical importance to them and to be told that their ancestors were going to Hell was too much. Mohammed was aggressive with his message and went every day to the market place and the Kabah and argued with everyone and anyone. Mecca was in turmoil about Islam.

After 13 years of preaching, Mohammed had gained only 150 followers. The Meccans drove Mohammed and all of the Muslims out of town, and they went to Medina, about a hundred miles north. Islam calls this the Immigration; those who left were called the Immigrants.

The event is so important that the Islamic calendar started on this date. The Arabic word for immigration is hijra, so the Islamic calendar is AH (anna hijra). One of the Five Pillars of Islam is the pilgrimage to Mecca, the Haj. The immigrant is a sacred figure and the first stage of jihad is immigration.

After being in Medina for a year, the Muslims were very poor. Mohammed sent out armed raiders to try to steal from the Meccan caravans that passed Medina. On the eighth try, they succeeded and returned with the stolen goods and Meccan captives to be ransomed.

Mohammed was generous with money, and he distributed the stolen wealth with all of the Muslims. Islam changed from being a religion to being a political system with a war policy called jihad. Islam became the religion that paid and paid well. His followers increased to 250.

Mohammed went from small raids on caravans to open combat against Meccan armies. The entire nature of the Koran changed. In Mecca about two-thirds of the Koran raged about those who did not believe Mohammed and condemned all of them to Hell. But later in Medina, the Koran spoke of the sword, captives, enslavement, ransoms and war booty. Allah called all Muslims to jihad against those who did not believe Mohammed.

In Mecca, the Koran was filled with Jewish stories that had been retold to prove that Mohammed was the last in the line of Jewish prophets. Indeed, the claim was that the Jewish prophets had really been Muslims and the Old Testament had been corrupted to cover the Islamic nature of the message from god.

The Koran from Mecca also claimed that the god of the Jews was Allah. In short, Mohammed made liberal use of the Jewish scriptures. Key to all of this, is that very few Jews lived in Mecca, so no one contradicted him.

When Mohammed went to Medina, half of Medina was Jewish. Their leaders did not agree with Mohammed that he was a Jewish prophet. The revelations of the Koran took on a different tone about the Jews. Their scriptures did not agree with Mohammed's, therefore their scriptures were wrong. Clearly they had changed them to oppose Mohammed.

Less than two years later, there were no Jews left in Medina, and the Muslims had their possessions. Mohammed annihilated the three Jewish tribes one at a time. The Jews of Medina were separated by their own hatreds of each other and would not support each other in war.

Then he struck out against Jews who lived a hundred miles away. In the end, every non-Muslim in Arabia was exiled, murdered, enslaved or made a semi-slave called a dhimmi.

Ten years after he was exiled from Mecca, Mohammed returned as its conqueror. His first order of business was to pray at the Kabah. Then he issued death warrants for every person who had opposed him, including two dancing girls who had sung a song satirizing him. He also had one of his previous secretaries executed. The secretary had begun to suspect
that Mohammed was making up the Koran revelations and left Islam and fled Medina to Mecca. Mohammed killed anyone who spoke against him. All of Arabia became Islamic, and Mohammed became the first ruler of all of Arabia.

Mohammed was involved with an event of armed violence on the average of every 6 weeks for 9 straight years and that does not include assassinations, rapes and executions.

For Islam, Mohammed is the model political leader, husband, warrior, philosopher, religious leader, immigrant and neighbor. Mohammed is the ideal pattern of man for all times and all places.

### The Sunna of Mohammed in the Hadith and Sira:

**Bulchari 3,31,222** After coming to Medina, Mohammed witnessed the Jews observing a fast on the day of Ashura. Asked about that, they said, "This is a holy day. It celebrates the day God delivered the Jews from their enemy. Moses fasted this day" Mohammed told them, "Muslims have more right to claim Moses as a prophet than you do." Consequently, Mohammed fasted that day and required all Muslims to fast on that day.

**Bulchari 3,48,850 Ibn Abbas:** Allah tells you that the Jews and Christians have taken it upon themselves to change the word. They claim that their altered Scriptures are from God, but they make that boast to gain material rewards in this world. Hasn't enough been revealed to you through Mohammed to stop you from asking them anything? I never see any of them asking you about your revelations." **What trait does Mohammed seem to exhibit in the two verses above?**

**Bulchari 4,55,547 Mohammed:** "If it weren't for the Jews, meat would not rot. **And here?**

**Bulchari 8,73,130** There was once a curtain with pictures of animals on it in my [Aisha’s] house. When Mohammed saw it, his face became flushed with anger. He tore it to bits and said, "People that paint such pictures will receive Hell's most terrible punishment on Judgment Day." **What does this tell us about Mohammed?**

**M042,7135 Mohammed:** "A tribe of Jews disappeared. I do not know what became of them, but I think they changed and became rats. Have you noticed that a rat won't drink camel's milk, but it will drink goat's milk?" **And here? And when you consider the tribe was wiped out by him?**

**Bukhari 7,62,65** Mohammed and Aisha were married when she was six. They consummated the marriage when she was nine. Hisham said, "I was told that Aisha stayed with Mohammed from the age of nine until his death." **To imitate Mohammed in this regard is a crime in the Western World.**

**Bulchari 5,58,148** When some of the remaining Jews of Medina agreed to obey a verdict from Saed, Mohammed sent for him. Mohammed said, "Saed, give these people your verdict." Saed replied, "Their soldiers should be beheaded and their women and children should become slaves." Mohammed, pleased with the verdict, said, "You have made a ruling that Allah or a king would approve of." **List all the things this tells us about Mohammed? What does the fact that the Jews agreed to obey the verdict beforehand tell you?**

**Bukhari 3,39,531** Umar drove the Christians and the Jews from Arabia. Mohammed defeated the Jews at Khaybar and gave ownership of the land to Allah, the Muslims, and Mohammed. But now Umar wished to evict the Jews. The Jews, however, asked to remain on the condition that they provide the labor to sustain the city and in return they would receive half of the proceeds. Mohammed said, "You may stay under those conditions until we change our minds." They remained in Arabia until Umar expelled them from the land [about six years after Mohammed’s death]. **List what this tells us Mohammed. If Muslims are to follow Mohammed’s example, can they be trusted in things such as peace treaties and trade agreements?**

NOTE: The above hadith marks the beginning of religious apartheid in Arabia. To this day there are no churches, temples, or synagogues in Arabia. What is important about these hadiths is that they established the relationship
between Islam and the Jews. The Jews were the first dhimmis, and that was their only relationship with Islam for 1400 years until the establishment of Israel in 1947.

Ishaq545 There were three tribes of Jews in Medina. The Beni Qaynuqa were goldsmiths and lived in a stronghold in their quarters. Mohammed assembled the Jews in their market and said: "Oh Jews, be careful that Allah does not bring vengeance upon you like what happened to the Quraysh. Become Muslims. You know that I am the prophet that was sent you. You will find that in your scriptures." They replied: "Oh Mohammed, you seem to think that we are your people. Don't fool yourself. You may have killed and beaten a few merchants of the Quraysh, but we are men of war and real men."

Ishaq546 Some time later Mohammed besieged the Beni Qaynuqa in their quarters. None of the other two Jewish tribes came to their support. Finally the Jews surrendered and expected to be slaughtered after their capture. But an Arab ally bound to them by a client relationship approached Mohammed and said, "Oh Mohammed deal kindly with my clients." Mohammed ignored him. The ally repeated the request and again Mohammed ignored him. The ally grabbed Mohammed by the robe and enraged Mohammed who said, "Let me go!" The ally said, "No, you must deal kindly with my clients. They have protected me and now you would kill them all? I fear these changes." Mohammed exiled the Jews and took all of their wealth and goods. **What are the key events described here? What do you think Mohammed’s motivations were? What lessons can be learned from this account?**

Bukhari4,52,288 "On his deathbed Mohammed gave three final orders saying, ‘First, drive the Kafirs from Arabia. Second, give gifts and show respect to foreign officials as I have done: I forgot the third command.” **What were the priorities Mohammed left for his followers?**

**Glossary and definitions used in this study** (You’ll want to read through this as many important terms not yet mentioned, are also included here.)

**Abrogation**: The doctrine that says a Koranic verse written later is more powerful than one written earlier.

**Abu Bakr**: Mohammed’s closest Companion, his father in law and the 1st Caliph.

**Abu Muslim**: One of the two chief writers of Hadiths

**Abu Talib**: Mohammed’s uncle who adopted, taught him business and protected him.

**Adhan**: The Muslim call to prayer.

**Aisha**: Mohammed’s favorite wife, married to him at age six, their marriage was consummated at age nine. She was 18 when she died. Many hadiths are from her.

**Al-Walaa wal-Baraa**: Walaa (allegiance or love of Muslims), Baraa (enmity or hatred of Kafirs).

**Al Tabari**: Writer of Mohammad’s biography. A source of the Sunna.

**Allah**: The specific god if Islam

**Ali**: Mohammed’s cousin and son-in-law. Considered head of the Shia sect. He was the 4th Caliph (the 1st according to Shias).

**Apostate**: One who leaves Islam. The Koran says this is the worst sin possible. Mohammed killed apostates.

**Black Stone**: Dark stone set in the corner of the Kabah.

**Bucailleism**: Technique of referring to the Koran for miraculously advanced scientific truths in order to defend its divine origin.

**Bukhari**: One of the two chief writers of hadiths.

**Calif**: (or Khalifa) Islamic pope-kings.

**Dar al Islam**: Land of Submission.

**Dar al harb**: Land of War.

**Dawah**: Practice of inviting people to Islam.

**Dhimmi**: A semi-slave who was not a Muslim and deferred to Islam; a non-Muslim apologist for Islam.

**Dualism**: Having two distinct parts.

**Eid al-Fitr**: One of two major Muslim holidays; it marks the end of Ramadhan.

**Fatwa**: A decision or ruling by a Muslim authority.

**Five Pillars of Islam**: Charity (to other Muslims), Prayer to Allah, Fasting during Ramadan, Pilgrimage to Mecca, Declaring the Shahadah.

**Ghira**: Absolute control of a woman’s sexuality is part of a man’s ghira (pride, honor, self respect and sacred jealousy).

**Haj**: The annual pilgrimage to Mecca.

**Halal**: Allowed or lawful.

**Haram**: Forbidden or prohibited.

**Hadith**: Also called a tradition, a brief story about what Mohammed did or said. A collection of hadiths is called a Hadith. Some collections are not reliable. Bukhari and Abu Muslim are accepted by virtually all Muslims as accurate.

**Hafiz**: A man who has memorized the entire Koran.

**Iftar**: The meal Muslims eat after fasting, often in large gatherings.

**Imam**: Muslim religious leader.

**Injil**: The book Muslims believe Allah sent to Jesus, often condensed to the Gospels of the New Testament.

**Isa**: Muslim name for Jesus.

**Ishaq**: Writer of Mohammad’s biography, a source of Sunna.

**Isnad**: Chain of witnesses who relayed a hadith.

**Jamaat**: An assembly.
**Jihad**: Struggle, also fighting for Allah. Much more than killing and war, all effort for supremacy of Islam is included.

**Jizya**: Special tax on Kafirs in Islamic countries. Also called a poll tax, it can be as high as 50% of their income.

**Jumma**: Muslim Sabbath day.

**Kabah**: Stone shrine in Mecca shaped like a cube.

**Kafir**: A non-Muslim, the lowest form of life, cursed by Allah.

**Khadija**: Mohammed’s first wife, a successful older widow.

**Mecca**: Where Mohammed started Religious Islam.

**Medina**: Where Mohammed started Political Islam.

**Mosque**: Muslim place of worship.

**Mufti**: Muslim legal expert.

**Mullah**: Islamic religious leader of the Shia sect.

**People of the Book**: Jews and Christians.

**Quraysh**: Mohammed’s ancestral tribe.

**Ramadhan**: Muslim holy month.

**Rightly Guided Caliphs**: Four of Mohammed's Companions—Abu Bala-, Ali, Umar and Uthman—who became caliphs (Islamic pope-kings).

**Salaat**: Muslim ritual prayers.

**Shahadah**: Central proclamation of Islam: “There is no god but Allah, and Mohammed is his prophet.”

**Sharia**: Islamic dualistic legal code based on the Trilogy. Islam has a goal of replacing our Constitution with Sharia.

**Shia**: Those who follow Ali, about 10% of Muslims, strong in Iran and southern Iraq. Differences between Shia and Sunni are mainly political. They are willing to kill each other but are united against the Kafirs.

**Shirk**: A terrible sin, such as praying with Christians.

**Sira**: The life of Mohammed is found in the Sira, Mohammed's biography. The most important biography is by Ibn Ishaq. It has been translated and is an 800 page book in fine print. It is a complete biography of Mohammed. The Sira is a sacred text of Islam.

**Sunna**: Mohammed's words and deeds (found in the Hadith and Sira).

**Sunni**: Those who follow the Sunna. They are about 90% of Muslims. Differences between Shia and Sunni are mainly political, over who can be caliph.

**Sura**: chapter of the Koran.

**Tagiyya**: Sacred deceit.

**Trilogy**: Islam’s three sacred texts, the Koran, Hadith and Sira which are the foundation of Islam. The Sharia is based upon the Trilogy. Every statement and action of Political and Religious Islam comes from the Trilogy.

**Ulema**: Muslim religious scholars.

**Umar**: The 2nd caliph. He created the Islamic empire.

**Umma**: Muslim political, religious and cultural community.

**Uthman**: 3rd Caliph. He was assassinated by Muslims.

**Wudhu**: Ceremonial washing before salaat.

**Zakat**: Charity tax on Muslims, usually 2.5% of wealth.

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**Additional Reading...**

**VIOLENCE** Now as sure as someone brings up the violence in the Koran, someone is going to say "Oh, well the Koran is no different than the Old Testament, the Old Testament has a lot of violence in it as well." Yes, there is violence in the Old Testament but it’s enormously different from the violence in the Koran. The violence in the Old Testament is local and temporary, it is against a neighboring tribe and for a certain period of time. This is not true of the violence in the Koran. The violence in the Koran is universal and eternal. The jihad is to go on until the last Kafir leaves the face of the earth. There's a great deal of difference between temporary, local violence and a universal, eternal violence.

**ALLAH AND GOD** Some English translations of the Koran use the word God instead of Allah. In an English speaking culture the word God is synonymous with the One-God, Jehovah/Yahweh, of the Jews and Christians. However, the meaning of both Allah and Jehovah/Yahweh is based upon their textual attributes. Allah is defined by the Koran. Jehovah/Yahweh is defined by the Old Testament. On a textual basis Jews, Muslims, and Christians do not worship the same God. As an example, red and blue are both colors, but red is not blue. Likewise, Allah and Jehovah/Yahweh are both a One-God, but they are not the same One-God. Allah is not Jehovah/Yahweh.

Arab Christians also use the word Allah. The word allah is derived from ilah, deity or god, and al, meaning the. So Allah means The-God. But the meaning of the name Allah of Arab Christians is taken from the Christian scriptures. The meaning of the name Allah of Islam comes from the Koran. The Allah of Arab Christians is not the Allah of Islam. But for Arab Christians, Allah is the same as Jehovah. Hence, “Allah” is the only acceptable term for the One-God of the Koran, not “God.”
LOVE While there are over 300 references in the Koran to Allah and fear, there are 49 references to love. Of these references, 39 are negative such as the 14 negative references to love of money, power, other gods and status.

Three verses command humanity to love Allah and 2 verses tell about how Allah loves a believer. There are 25 verses about how Allah does not love Kafirs.

This leaves 5 verses about love. Of these 5, 3 are about loving kin or a Muslim brother. One verse commands a Muslim to give for the love of Allah. This leaves only one quasi-universal verse about love: give what you love to charity and even this is contaminated by dualism since Muslim charity only goes to other Muslims.

There is not one verse about either compassion or love of a Kafir, but there are 14 verses that teach that a Muslim is not a friend of the Kafir.

THE SATANIC VERSES Mohammed was always thinking of how he could persuade all the Meccans. It came to him that the three gods of the Quraysh could intercede with Allah. Mohammed said, "These are the exalted high flying cranes whose intercession is approved." The Meccans were delighted and happy. When Mohammed led prayers at the Kabah, all the Meccans, Muslim and Kafir, took part. The Quraysh hung about after the combined service and remarked how happy they were. The tribe had been unified in worship, as before Islam.

The Koran then revealed that Mohammed was wrong. Meccan gods could have no part in his religion. Satan had made him say those terrible words about how the other gods could help Allah. The retraction by Mohammed made the relations between Islam and the Meccans far worse than it had ever been.

THE “REAL TORAH” Mohammed said repeatedly that the Jews and Christians corrupted their sacred texts in order to conceal the fact that he was prophesied in their scriptures. The stories in the Koran are similar to those in the Jewish scriptures, but they make different points. In the Koran, all of the stories found in Jewish scripture indicated that Allah destroyed those cultures that did not listen to his messengers. According to Mohammed, the scriptures of the Jews were changed to hide the fact that Islam was the true religion.

But the Jews did not believe that Mohammed was a prophet. As a result, they were in error and cursed by Allah. By denying Mohammed's prophethood they conspired against him and Islam.

Look at how much text is devoted to condemning the Jews. Notice that in Mecca, there is little negative material, but it is massive later in Medina.

So the Medinan Koran is more anti-Jew than Mein Kampf As an aside, Mein Kampf means "my struggle" and jihad means "struggle" as well. Today, anti-Semitism is on the rise in Europe, fueled by Islam and the Left.

When Mohammed spoke about his new religion, it did not cause any problems among the Meccans. Then Mohammed began to condemn their religion and rituals and worship. This was a new phenomenon. New religions could be added and had been, but not to the detriment of others. The Meccans took offense and resolved to treat him as an enemy. Luckily, he had the protection of his influential uncle, Abu Talib.
Ishaq170 Things got much worse. Now there was open hostility in the town. Quarrels increased, arguments got very heated. Complete disharmony dominated the town. The tribe started to abuse the recently converted Muslims. But Mohammed's uncle Abu Talib was a respected elder and was able to protect them from real harm.

Ishaq191 Mohammed would come to the Kabah and tell the Meccans what terrible punishments that Allah had delivered to the others in history who had not believed their prophets. That was now one of his constant themes: "Allah destroyed others like you who did not listen to men like me."

Notes:

Please note the major conclusions you've come to in this class. If there's time, please share them with the group.
Who are you? Muslim, Dhimmi, Kafir or Child of God?

Welcome to Lesson 2! Make sure to highlight noteworthy items you come across as you read them so you can discuss them between topic breaks or segments.

All Non-Muslims should know enough about the Koran that when a Muslim (or anyone else for that matter) says, “Christians, Jews and Muslims worship the same God,” they can offer arguments to show how that simply is not true.

All Non-Muslims should be able to engage Muslims and apologists for Islam, in a thoughtful debate on the issue of Political Islam. Are you ready yet? You will be soon!

If you’re aware of the history of Islam, if you’re aware of its political doctrine, then you can be more useful in exposing the true nature of Islam. You are getting better equipped with this study.

The Non-Muslim civilization is being destroyed on a daily basis by Islam and souls are being lost for eternity as well. To prevent this destruction, we must arm ourselves with factual knowledge, about Islamic history, about the Koran and about Mohammed. Then we need to make sure we put on the “Armor of God,” and engage in both the spiritual and political/cultural battle. The Bible has much to say about kings, judges, rulers and leaders. God never intended His people to be uninvolved in politics! Far from it. It’s our hope these classes will help you get involved effectively for the Kingdom. Read Eph 6:10-18 and pray for equipping. Ask yourself what these verses are telling you to bring into this “battle” and discuss practical ways you may use them.

The Kafir

“Islam” is an Arabic word that means submission. A Muslim is one who has submitted to Allah, the god of Islam. Submission is a statement of power with one thing dominant over the other. As long as it is a personal, religious statement then the rest of the world should have no problem with it. However, since Islam is a political system, submission is also the relationship between Islam and the “unbelieving” Kafirs.

Sometimes you hear that Islam means peace. The peace of Islam comes only after you submit to Islam and everyone else does too, even if force is necessary. This is clear in the Trilogy.

“Kafir” is usually translated as “unbeliever” but “unbeliever” is logically and emotionally neutral. In reality, “Kafir” is the most abusive, prejudiced and hateful word in any language. The Koran says that the Kafir may be deceived, plotted against, hated, enslaved, mocked, tortured and worse. If people understood its meaning, society would not let it be applied to anyone and those who did would be utterly shunned.

There are many more “religious” sounding names for Kafirs: polytheists, idolaters, People of the Book (Christians and Jews), Buddhists, atheists, agnostics, and pagans. Kafir covers them all, because no matter what the religious name is, they can all be treated in the same way. Unfortunately, if you’re reading this, you are likely considered a Kafir by Islam. What Mohammed said and did to one category of Kafir may be done to them all.

The Trilogy never has the slightest sympathy for the suffering of the Kafir. Mohammed never expressed any regret at the torture, killing, enslavement or humiliation of Kafir men and the violation of Kafir women. The suffering of the Kafir is defined as good. Indeed, the finest poetic imagery of the Koran is reserved for the torture and suffering of the Kafir. The Kafir is pure “other,” and Islam cannot be too deceptive or too cruel to the Kafir.

There are no human rights in Islam, because there is no humanity in the Koran. Kafirs are hated by Allah and are lower than animals.
Because of the dual nature of Islam, the treatment of Kafirs can vary, from their being treated well to being beheaded. Both treatments reflect pure Islam. The fluid nature of the duality gives Islamic ethics great power since it totally confuses the Kafir.

Many Kafirs are confused enough to argue that being treated well is the “real” ethical system of Islam. They are completely ignorant about the Trilogy, the very foundation of Islam.

On an ethical basis there is no such thing as Islamic pacifism. It cannot be reformed. Islam is a complete “civilization” with built in war and violence. The Sira and Koran show that Islam was a failure until it adopted violence. It then became overwhelmingly powerful.

**FRIEND OR JUST FRIENDLY?**

To a non-Muslim, a true, practicing Muslim may be friendly, but is not actually a friend.

There are over a dozen verses in the Koran that say that a Muslim is not the friend of a Kafir:


A Kafir is only good if they serve or enrich Islam. A Muslim may be their friend only if it advances Islam.

A Kafir is not a real human. To this day, many Muslims refer to Jews as apes, monkeys or pigs. There is a hadith in which Mohammed says that Jews are rats as well. Christians are referred to as pigs and dogs.

Mohammed ordered the torture of Kafirs. So as a consequence, there are no debates in Islam about whether torture can be used against Kafirs. It is Sunna. It is the way of Mohammed to torture the Kafir.

Mohammed’s response, when the heads of the Kafirs were thrown at his feet, was joy.

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Islam devotes a great amount of energy to the Kafir. Chances are, that means it has a lot to say about you.

The majority (64%) of the Koran is devoted to the Kafir, and nearly all of the Sira (81%) deals with Mohammed’s struggle against them.

The Hadith (Traditions) devotes 32% of the text to Kafirs.

Overall, the Trilogy devotes over half of its content to the Kafir.

**TRUE AND FALSE CHRISTIANS AND JEWS**

- Islam teaches that true Christians are those who accept Mohammed as the final prophet. Jesus was a Muslim prophet and not the Son of God; there was no crucifixion, no resurrection and no Trinity. Believing in the Trinity would make a person a polytheist and the Gospels are corrupt and in error.
- The only true Jews are those who admit that the Torah is wrong and that Mohammed was the last in the line of Jewish prophets.
- Both Christians and Jews must accept that the Koran is the true Scripture. The contradictions between the Koran and the New and Old Testaments are proof that the Bible is wrong.
In Islam, the only real Christians and Jews are ones who declare their own scriptures to be corrupt and say that Mohammed is the last of their prophets. The only real Christians are “dhimmis,” a unique invention of Mohammed’s: A new creation that is a semi-slave, in submission to Islam. Those who are not dhimmis are false Christians and Jews according to Islam. They are Kafirs.

True Christians and Jews accept the domination of Political Islam over themselves:

**Koran 9:29** Make war on those who have received the Scriptures [Jews and Christians] but do not believe in Allah or in the Last Day. They do not forbid what Allah and His Messenger have forbidden. The (real) Christians and Jews do not follow the religion of truth until they submit and pay the poll tax [jizya], and they are humiliated.

By comparison, here’s what God’s Word teaches about real Christians...

John 17:26 (Jesus is praying to the Father) “And I have declared unto them thy name, and will declare it: that the love wherewith thou hast loved me may be in them, and I in them.” **THAT makes you a Christian!**

And John 10:26-28 (Jesus speaking) “But ye believe not, because ye are not of my sheep, as I said unto you. My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.”

**OTHER ISLAMIC TEACHINGS:**

The Koran says the Torah and the Gospels were sent by Allah:

Koran 3:2-3 Allah...has sent down on you the Koran with the truth, confirming what is between his hands, and has sent down the Torah and the Gospels. (See also 2:41, 16:43 and 35:31 for more examples.)

Koran 29:27 And we granted him Isaac and Jacob, and we assigned the prophethood and the book to his descendants. And we gave him his wage in this world, and surely in the hereafter he is among the good.

Koran 6:34 ...no one can change the words of Allah...

In other places however, Islam teaches that the Jews corrupted their scriptures to hide the fact that Allah was their deity and Mohammed was his prophet and for that, the Jews would be cursed.

Islam believes the Christian concept of the Trinity is three gods: God, Jesus and Mary, making Christians polytheists and infidels:

**Koran 4:171** O People of the Book, do not exaggerate in your religion and do not speak against Allah, except the truth. Surely the Christ ‘Isā, son of Mary, is only a messenger of Allah and his word, which he cast to Mary, and a spirit from him. So believe in Allah and his messengers, and do not say, “Three.” (In Islam, Jesus is called “Isa” which is not a translation of the name “Jesus” but a different name.)

Koran 5:73 Infidels, indeed, are those who said, "Surely Allah is the third of three."

The Koran teaches in many places that God has no son, including: 6:101, 9:30, 10:68, 19:35 and...

**Koran 19: 87-92** ...Heaven will be torn apart, and the earth will split from saying, “God has a son.” And they said, “The merciful has taken a son.” Indeed, you have brought a wicked thing. The heavens might almost be torn apart from it. And the earth splits, and the mountains fall to pieces because they ascribe a son to the merciful. It must not be to the merciful that he takes a son.
SETTING THE RECORD STRAIGHT:

Allah, Mohammed and Islam deny the Savior, the Son of God, the Word of God and the Trinity.

1 John 2:22: “Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son.”

“Jesus” means Savior:

Matthew 1:21: “And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.”

Peter taught that the Scriptures were a more surer testimony than the audible voice of God!

In fact, with the following passage, God’s Word wipes out Islam’s lies that Christ is not the Savior, that Scripture has been corrupted, that God has no Son and that there is no Trinity!

2 Peter 1:16-21 “For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received from God the Father honour and glory, when there came such a voice to him from the excellent glory, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. And this voice which came from heaven we heard, when we were with him in the holy mount. We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts: Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost”

Jesus taught that He and the Father were one (John 17:20-23) and that the Father would send the Holy Spirit to live in us. (John 14:16-17)

And don’t forget what Galatians teaches: Galatians 3:26 “For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.”

WE are children of God and adopted as sons! (Eph 1:5) And, there are quite a few of us: According to Pew research in 2012, 73% of the U.S. population claims Christianity. Islam is the third largest faith in the United States and expected to become the second shortly, growing exponentially in large part, through immigration and high birthrates. Interesting side note: Islam forbids the practice of adoption even though Mohammed was an orphan.

A very sad story: When Mohammed returned to the house after his first vision of what he said was an angel, Khadija, Mohammed’s first wife, sent for her cousin who was a Christian. It is believed that it was this Christian who told Mohammed that he was a prophet and was in touch with the angel Gabriel.

ABOUT UNITY:

Ishaq341 Muslims were instructed to oppose any who would sow discord among other Muslims. Muslims should not kill other Muslims, nor side with a Kafir against a Muslim. Muslims were to be friends to each other, to the exclusion of Kafirs. If the blood of a Muslim were shed in jihad, it was to be avenged by another Muslim. Non-believers were not to intervene against Muslims.

The Torah preached that the Jews should be unified, and they failed in this. Jesus prayed for unity in the Garden. It was what was on His mind in the last moments before the cross. Yet, Christians have often failed at this as well. Satan has used this failure greatly and has magnified it through Islam. Often, the show of weakness and disunity resulted in successful jihad and often that is just the beginning of the suffering as we’ll see with the Dhimmi...
The Dhimmi

“Islam” means “submission.” There are three ways to submit to the duality of Islam. The first is to be a Muslim. The second is to be a slave. Mohammed invented a third way of submission—the dhimmi.

The reason some people are unconcerned about being under Islamic rule is that they have never studied the history of the dhimmi and never studied the history of Political Islam.

People who do not study the history of the Dhimmi and Political Islam are doomed to repeat the subjection of the dhimmis and lose their freedom and civilization.

Dhimmis are Kafirs who agree to serve Islam. They are second class citizens, actually, semi-slaves.

Mohammed invented the dhimmi and Islam continues to enslave, persecute and kill them. Catastrophically, the more cruel the enslavement, persecution and murder, the less Kafirs seem to recognize the source of their problem: Islam. This is part of the dangerous, abusive nature of Islam: They have been annihilated, humiliated and shamed, finally “choosing” to become dhimmis. No one wants to remember such dreadful history of suffering and degradation, so they deny its existence. Kafirs must come to terms with their history with Islam. We must learn and remember our ancestors’ suffering or we and our children will repeat it - as dhimmis.

 Destruction was the experience of the 60,000,000 Christians in Syria, Egypt, Iraq, North Africa, Spain and everywhere jihad touched. But it was not just the Christians, it was the Hindus, the Buddhists and every other Kafir. The accounts of jihad in Bangladesh today read just like the account of Smyrna at the start of Islam. Destruction is in the nature of Islam.

There is a detailed history, but that history is not taught in any college course. “Acceptable” history talks about the spread of "glorious" Islam. In standard history, Islam invades and the area magically becomes Islamic. No mention is made of death and dhimmitude.

No Kafirs are killed in the make-believe world of academic Islam. That too is dhimmitude.

PROCESS OF ANNIHILATION

It was not the military invasion that destroyed Kafirs. It was not the strength of Islam that caused the Kafir culture to vanish. History is filled with invasions that destroyed cities and killed people, but life returned to some normalcy after a generation or two. Islam annihilates the native culture in order for it to remain Islamic for the rest of time. Often, the military jihad just prepared the way for the legal/political jihad.

Part of the Islamic takeover and eradication of a nation and its culture is the destruction of sacred sites. Churches or temples that are beautiful or valuable were converted to mosques. At one time an estimate put the number of churches destroyed by the Islamic conquest of Turkey near 20,000. India had magnificent temples of worship which the Muslims destroyed.

The destruction in Anatolia took several hundred years. One Muslim historian gladly reports the destruction of 30,000 church buildings. Some of the better church buildings had a special fate reserved for them: They became mosques. When it conquers, Islam has built its mosques on top of where the best church building or temple was. Destruction and humiliation is the way of Islam. Once a nation has been fully Islamized, all of its history disappears.

“WHY” IS FOUND IN POLITICAL ISLAM - “HOW” IS FOUND IN HISTORY... 

After reading the history below, take some time to discuss how this correlates with today, recognizing any parallels:

When Islam first entered the Middle East it was moving fast and had little interest in governing, other than to appoint a military governor. Local customs, procedures and laws remained the same. The middle level officials remained the same. Some locals were actually happy at the conquest. For an example, the Syrian Christians were ruled by the Byzantine
Greek Christians and had a different approach to Christianity. The real friction was over theology, not taxes and governance. The Syrians were happy when Islam defeated the Greek Christians. The Syrians saw the conquest as punishment for the way Greeks worshipped. The Muslims did not increase taxes and that was all the Syrians cared about. This contentment would not last, but by then it would be too late to do anything about it. Syrian Christianity was annihilated in the end.

Under the Islamic political system, the tax money was sent to Medina through religious leaders. Political power moved to the local bishops and rabbis. They had to collect the taxes and so the political system became religious and the religious leaders were politicized. At this stage the culture was Christian, but the real power came from Arabia. Politics is nothing new to Islam and it is a tool of jihad.

So, there was collaboration between the minority Muslims and the majority Christians. Everyone still used their native languages. Political power was administrated by native administrators. These were problems that would lead to Islam’s weakening over time, so the Islamic weapon of immigration was used. Muslims began to migrate to the cities of political power.

Before long, they confiscated land and added a new tax. There were small jihads with the usual destruction, killing, theft and violation of women. There were also tribal feuds between Muslims and the locals would experience frequent collateral damage. If the military lost a battle to Christians somewhere around the world, there would be riots against the dhimmis. Riots were one of the favorite ways to punish the dhimmi and are a form of jihad.

As Muslims took over the administration, Arabic became the language of government. Soon, the boot of government was on the dhimmi’s neck: a Copt could have his tongue removed if he spoke Coptic to a Muslim administrator. Arabic became the language of power and native languages began to disappear.

Worse still, the dhimmis’ heavily taxed labor had to compete with free labor flowing in as slaves from jihad.

**The Treaty of Umar**

Bukhari4,53,388 Juwairiya said to Umar, “Oh, Caliph, give us your advice.” Umar said, “You should continue the arrangement made by Mohammed regarding the dhimmis... (We’ll see the 2nd half of the verse later.)

The Treaty of Umar became the basis of political life. It laid out the rules for dhimmis.

A dhimmi could not ride a horse. If they were caught on a horse, they could be pulled off and beaten. They could not be citizens or carry weapons. If any dhimmi hit a Muslim, all dhimmis could be punished.

When a dhimmi met a Muslim on the sidewalk, he had to step out into the street and let the Muslim pass. They had to wear special clothing to identify them as dhimmis and traveling Muslims were entitled to stay at their home for free. A Muslim could marry a dhimmi woman, but a dhimmi could not marry a Muslim woman.

Jews and Christians could practice their religion but only in a private way. A church couldn’t ring its bells because bells are a sign of Satan, according to Mohammed. Churches or synagogues could not be built or repaired without permission from the government. They could not follow their distinctive customs such as drinking wine. They could not discuss religion with a Muslim nor try to convert anyone. Bibles had to be keep out of sight. Dhimmis could not give charity to anyone who opposed Islam and were forbidden to read the Koran. One of the terms in the treaty of being a dhimmi is to remain ignorant (“we will not teach the Koran to our children”) about Islam.

A dhimmi couldn’t hold any job that made him a supervisor over Muslims. Their rank was limited in the military. The word of a dhimmi could not be used in court against a Muslim and crimes against dhimmis were rarely prosecuted.

Christians and Jews became dhimmis to avoid being enslaved or massacred. Nevertheless, in addition to the grinding down the dhimmis’ quality of life, there were surges of violence where an entire town would be massacred. This violated
the dhimmi agreement, but any excuse could justify it. A common reason for violence was that a Kafir insulted Mohammed.

Tragically, the lack of civil rights, the abuse, humiliation and tax burden wears away the spirit to resist becoming Islamic. This was the end of Christianity in the dhimmi areas. A dhimmi had every reason to end the suffering and become a Muslim. Since Islam controlled all of the public space, the dhimmi adopted the Islamic attitudes about women, justice and a thousand other cultural things. It was an easy step to convert to Islam and live an easier life. It may have taken centuries, but over time Christianity just wore away and left no trace.

Islam annihilates all other cultures by the dhimmi laws that come out of the Sharia, Islamic law.

In the late 19th century, rising European power forced Islamic countries to drop the formal legal dhimmi status, but it remains in force in a thousand small insults and injuries. The pressure of threats is again on the rapid increase today, against Christians in many Muslim countries.

As was the case with Jews and Christians, the story of the destruction of Buddhist, Hindu and other Kafir cultures was the same. Buddhism was destroyed along the Silk Road and in what is now Afghanistan. Modern India is about half of the original Hindustan.

Jihad has destroyed more human culture than any other historical force.

These laws established a second-class citizenship and the dhimmi did not have civil rights. A dhimmi couldn’t sue or prosecute a crime against a Muslim. Usually, when the Christian or the Jewish dhimmi came to pay their yearly jizya tax, they were humiliated—grabbed by the beard, slapped in the face, or made to kneel and give the money. They were humiliated because the Koran, Mohammed’s recitation, said to humiliate them.

The persecution of the dhimmis was unrelenting. It went on for generation after generation. Finally the dhimmi would give up and become a Muslim. All of a sudden he had more money because he didn’t have to pay the jizya tax. Converted dhimmis could be promoted in their jobs. They would not be spit at or have stones thrown at them on the street. They could go to court and be treated as full, equal citizens.

As the centuries passed, more and more dhimmis converted to Islam. Dhimmitude destroys the civilization because the only way out is by giving up all of your old culture. When Islam moved into Coptic Egypt, the culture was a blend of the old pharonic culture mixed with the culture of the Greeks. In the end all of the Coptic culture disappeared just as the pyramids were stripped of their beautiful marble veneer. Why? Because Islam’s goal is to destroy all Kafir civilization.

**KHAYBAR: BIRTHPLACE OF THE DHIMMIS**

Mohammed took his army a hundred miles from Medina to Khaybar and attacked the Jews. Islam was totally victorious. After taking the property of the Jews as the spoils of war, the Muslims made an agreement called a dhimma, with the Jews in Arabia. The Jews could stay and farm the land if they gave Islam half their profits. They then became dhimmis who were under the “protection” of Islam.

The only way out of being a dhimmi was to convert to Islam or flee. The taxes from the dhimmis made Islam rich.

There are very few hadiths about dhimmitude, but it was another of Mohammed’s unique political inventions. The scorched-earth policy of killing all nonbelievers had an inherent problem: once everyone was killed, the warrior had to find other work. Mohammed therefore created the policy of dhimmitude.
So this was the progression: first jihad, then dhimmitude, and then the destruction of the native dhimmi culture.

This became the model for the next 1400 years. Only Jews and Christians and sometimes Magians (Zoroastrians) had the choice of becoming dhimmis. Buddhists, Hindus, animists and others had only two choices: death or conversion.

This is how it worked in places like North Africa, the Middle East and Turkey. Islam invaded a Christian nation, conquered it and became the ruling class—claiming all the power and the right to receive special tax money, the jizya.

It took less than a century to turn 60% of what had been Christian and European culture into a dhimmi culture.

Details varied from country to country. The Zoroastrian and Buddhist cultures collapsed under jihad and quickly disappeared. The Jews survived as the servants to Islam. Some Christian cultures managed to exist for centuries before annihilation (as in Turkey), and the Christians in other areas quickly became Muslims (North Africa).

In Turkey, dhimmitude eventually ground down the Christians until they converted. To say “There is no god but Allah and Mohammed is His prophet” would stop the persecution. In the end, Turkey became 99.7% Islamic.

BUILDING BLOCKS OF DHIMMITUDE

Ishaq 756 After the treaty of Al Hudaybiya, Mohammed stayed in Medina for about two months before he collected his army and attacked the forts of Khaybar, a community of wealthy Jewish farmers who lived in a village of separate forts about 100 miles from Medina. Describe Mohammed’s process here.

Ishaq 759 Mohammed seized the forts one at a time. On the occasion of Khaybar, Mohammed put forth new orders about raping captive women. If the woman was pregnant, she was not to be used until after the birth of the child. Nor were any women to be used who were unclean with regards to the Muslim laws about menstruation. What are three techniques we see that Mohammed used?

Ishaq 764 Mohammed knew that there was a large treasure hidden somewhere in Khaybar, so he brought forth the Jew who he thought knew the most about it and questioned him. The Jew denied any knowledge. Mohammed told one of his men, “Torture the Jew until you extract what he has.” So the Jew was staked on the ground, and a small fire built on his chest to get him to talk. When the man was nearly dead and still would not talk, Mohammed had him released and taken to one of his men who had a brother killed in the fight. This Muslim got the pleasure of cutting off the tortured Jew’s head. What technique did Mohammed use here, making it sunna? What emotion is named in the last sentence?

Ishaq 764 At Khaybar Mohammed instituted the first dhimmis. After the best goods were taken from the Jews Mohammed left them to work the land. Since his men knew nothing about farming, and the Jews were skilled at it, they worked the land and gave Mohammed half of their profits. What techniques are used? Indicating what character trait?

Ishaq 774 There were a total of 1,800 people who divided up the wealth taken from the beaten Jews of Khaybar. A cavalry man got three shares, a foot soldier got one share. Mohammed appointed eighteen chiefs to divide the stolen wealth. Mohammed received his one-fifth before it was distributed. What did Mohammed do with others’ wealth?

The Treaty of Umar dictated every single aspect of public life for the dhimmi. Islam dominated all public space. The government was Islamic; the education was Islamic; dress was Islamic; literature was Islamic. Only inside the dhimmi’s house could there be no Islam.

Mohammed’s invention of the dhimmi was the last necessary political element needed to rule the world. Now the Kafir had a place in Islam: as a dhimmi, a non-Muslim, semi-slave who deferred to Islam and whose purpose for existing was to enrich it.

Islam is strengthened by the vast ignorance non-Muslims have about Islam. Fear and ignorance will transform a non-Muslim into a dhimmi. Knowledge and courage will reverse this transformation.
When Muslims are weak, they preach that they are “brothers” of Christians and Jews. That is the current status in America. But when Islam is strong, then all Christians and Jews become dhimmis.

**DHIMMI DOLLARS**

 располагает букхарским документом 53,388, Juwairiya said to Umar, “Oh, Caliph, give us your advice.” Umar said, “You should continue the arrangement made by Mohammed regarding the dhimmis because the taxes they pay fund your children’s future.”

The wealth of Islam came from the dhimmis, from their wealth and labor. This had been true ever since Mohammed sent out his first jihadists to raid a Meccan caravan. From that day onward, Islam became wealthy through violence against the Kafir.

The perfect example of the Jews of Khaybar was used again and again. First jihad took the spoils of war and slaves; then the dhimmi tax system produced yearly wealth. The dhimmi’s only purpose for existence was to enrich Islam.

**Islam is a political system with a divine license to take what is wanted from dar al harb, the Land of War and keep it for the Land of Submission: Islam.**

It can be argued that the glory of Islam came not from Islam but its dhimmis’ knowledge. The dhimmis were the scholars, since the Arabs of Mohammed’s day were barely literate and their classical literature was oral poetry. The secular knowledge of Islam came from the Christians, Persians, and Hindus.

Islam is credited with saving the knowledge of the Greeks from extinction. This is ironic in two ways. First, it was the jihad against the Byzantine/Greek culture that caused its collapse. Secondly, it was other dhimmis, the Christian Syrian dhimmis, who translated all of the Greek philosophers into Arabic. (For expanded information on this topic, you can visit [www.textbookadvocates.com](http://www.textbookadvocates.com))

The Hindu numbering system was credited to Islam. The Muslims took the numbering system from the Hindus (including the concept of zero) and today we call our numbers Arabic numerals (before that, we used the Roman numerals).

From carpets to architecture, the Muslims took the ideas of the dhimmis and obtained historical credit. The lists of great Islamic scholars includes the dhimmis with Arabic names living under Islamic dominance.

Over time, as the dhimmi population decreased, the “Golden Age” of Islam disappeared. There has never been a totally Islamic culture that was golden, brilliant or prosperous. To date there have only been eight Nobel prizes given to Muslims in the sciences. All of these were given for work done with Kafirs in Kafir countries. There has never been a scientific Nobel prize given for work in a Muslim country. For that matter, roughly half of all Arabs are still unable to read.

Without the dhimmis, Islam is poor. The total economic output of all Arab countries (without the oil) is equal to that of Spain.

Islam’s economic model requires looting others’ wealth:

Bukhari 1,7,331 *The booty of war has been made lawful for me yet it was not lawful for anyone else before me....*

**DHIMMITUDE STARTS IN THE MIND**

Dhimmitude eventually destroys the culture, wealth, physical life and spiritual well being of those it touches but the damage does not stop there. Deep within all Kafirs today is a fear and unease that makes them want to avoid Islam. One of the ways to avoid it is to deny it and/or try to get along with it. This deference is dhimmitude.

Self-imposed dhimmitude often starts long before Islam takes over a government. You yourself may be suffering from it to one degree or another. If you have it, lots of work has gone into putting it there but again, knowledge will start the
transformation from a dhimmi back to a child of God. **Dhimmitude will hinder your effectiveness as a Christian.** If you have time, discuss this thought. In what ways?

“Unofficial Dhimmis” are often non-Muslim apologists for Islam, often talking about the “good Muslims.” What an apologist means by a good Muslim is one who is pleasant. But that point of view is not Islamic. Islam is the one and only basis of determining what a good Muslim is. An apologist’s opinion of “good” is not relevant to anyone, except to the apologist and his friends.

**Islam says that a good Muslim is one who follows the Koran and the Sunna.**

**Apologists think that Islam submits to Muslims, but Muslims must submit to Islam.**

**Three of a Kind:**

In some ways, there are three kinds of Muslims:

- **Meccan Muslim:** a Muslim who is primarily a religious person without the jihadic politics.
- **Medinan Muslim:** a Muslim who participates in Political Islam.
- **Golden Rule Muslim:** a Muslim who follows the Golden Rule, instead of Islamic ethics. He might drink beer and skip the mosque.

Today Dhimmis live in fear of Political Islam but agree that they will not resist Political Islam and they will even support it. In return, dhimmis can live “safely” - in their minds.

Today we see Western politicians, journalists, artists, intellectuals and even clergy playing the role of dhimmis.

Modern Christians want to believe that there is a bridge between Islam and Christianity. But the history of Islam shows that Islam first deceives and then annihilates Christianity. For 1400 years Islam has destroyed Christian lands.

**“DHIMWITS” SHEPHERDING THE FLOCK** “...the blind lead the blind? Shall they not both fall into the ditch?” Luke 6:39

Soon after 9/11, Muslims started going out to churches to speak to Christians about Islam, the peaceful religion. One church invited a group of imams along with several Christian ministers.

Here is how the night went...

The Christians arrived that night in ones and twos. Then, at start time, in came all the Muslims. The imams came in as a group onto the stage and the rest of the Muslim men came in next, surrounding the Christians in their seats. The Muslim women came next, all dressed in black from head to toe, and they sat in the back of the room, knowing their place in public gatherings.

An imam walked up to the lectern and placed a large Koran on top and opened it up about half way. This was a symbolic act. The Christians didn’t think anything about it but for the Muslims, it was a mark of who they were in relation to the Christians and where the Koran was in relation to the Bible.

You see, Islam means submission. For the Muslim, it means to submit to the Koran, the will of Allah and the Sunna of Mohammed. It also means that they are to make all non-Muslims submit to them. They were there to dominate.

One imam began to speak. He first said that Christians and Muslims worship the same God. Of course this is not true but since the Christians did not know anything about Islam’s god, Allah, that seemed fine with them. The imam went on to say that they too honor Jesus because Jesus was a prophet of Allah and that Jesus was a Muslim.

He went on to explain that Jesus was not the son of God. He was merely a Muslim Prophet and the apostles were also Muslims. This came perhaps as a surprise to the ministers but they didn’t say anything. The imam then went ahead to
say that Jesus was not crucified, therefore He was not resurrected. He then told the Christians was that the Trinity was
great affront to Allah. There was no such thing as the Trinity and that it made the Christians, polytheists.

Viewing Christians as polytheist explains something that happened earlier in the meeting. When the minister first said
let us pray together. There was almost a panicked response from the imams. “No,” they said, “we do not pray with
others.” This was quite puzzling to the Christian minister but since the Christians were there as hosts and they were
there to be kind and polite, he didn’t say anything.

It was obvious the minister knew nothing about Islam, from the puzzled look on his face. Why would they object to
praying together? Because praying with polytheists is a terrible sin in Islam, so terrible it has a special name: shirk. The
Koran says that if they had prayed with the Christians, they would definitely go to Hell and it would be a sin worse than
mass murder.

The Christians knew nothing about Islam or they would have never made the invitation to prayer. Or, they would have
simply prayed while the Muslims were setting there. The Muslims dominated again: Inside the Christian Church, there
would be no Christian prayers.

Another thing that the imam said was that the New Testament was a corrupt document. So was the Old Testament.
One reason is that Allah’s prophet, Jesus, had as his chief prophecy that there would come after him one final prophet
and his name would be Ahmed. (Ahmed and Mohammed is like Bill and William.)

The imam said Christians had removed these prophecies from the New Testament and if Christians wanted to learn the
real story of Jesus they would have to read the Koran. because the Koran contains the exact truth about Isa, the Arabic
name for Jesus.

Imagine if the Christian minister had stood up and made these assertions: Mohammed was not a prophet, the Koran
was filled with errors and Allah was simply the tribal moon god of the Quraysh tribe who Mohammed adopted as his
own. That is equivalent to what the Muslim minister said. Still, the Christians didn’t say those things and could have said
much worse, after all, one, they were the host and two, they had no idea what Islam taught.

At the Q&A, the Christians obviously new nothing about the Trilogy or Mohammed’s life. The imams had read the New
Testament and the Old Testament. They knew about the Christians and the Christians knew nothing about them.

The Muslims asked the Christians, 1400 year old, stock questions and the ministers were caught flat-footed, having
never thought about these kinds of questions before. The Muslims came prepared and the Christians did not.

The lack of preparation got more glaring as the Christian minister started talking badly about the Crusades and
apologized for them. This meant he knew nothing about the Crusades. Yes, mistakes were made in the Crusades, but
overall, they represented one of the few times the Christians in Europe recognized the intense suffering of the
Christians in the Middle East. The Crusades were started as a response to a cry for help.

Basically the minister showed he didn’t know anything about:

- the history of Christianity and Islam
- the definition of Kafir or Dhimmi
- the 60 million brothers and sisters in Christ who’ve been killed in jihad
- the million Armenians killed in Turkey in the 20th century alone, by Islam
- the 80 million Hindus, 10 million Buddhists and 120 million Africans who have been killed by jihad
- how Anatolia, a country with a Greek and Christian culture turned into Turkey and is now 99.7% Islamic
- that Islam is primarily a political system and not a religion
- Islam’s use of violence, emigration, deception and discrimination
- Islam’s goals of dominating every other religion, if necessary, by force
- Islam’s role in slavery that still goes on today in some countries
Why didn’t the ministers know these facts and countless more? Sadly, it’s because they went to divinity school and no one ever mentioned these facts.

Had they been educated, they could have asked about slavery for example. Virtually every slave that was sold to the white man was bought from a Muslim wholesaler. Even the Arabic word for African, abd, it’s the same word that’s used for a black slave.

They unlikely would have won over the imams but the night could have been used to educate the Christians who attended more fully about Islam and a useful dialogue with applied apologetics could have been both beneficial to the congregation and could have planted seeds with the Muslims in the audience.

Instead of using it for the Kingdom, the night was a demonstration of two things, the knowledge and power of Islam and how the Christians have not done their homework.

From the very beginning, Christians were unable to look Islam in the eye and call it for what it is. Little has changed in Christian leadership in 1400 years.

YOU MIGHT BE A DHIMMI... Signs of dhimmitude are everywhere in the Western world today:

- If you’re compelled to be politically correct about Islam...
- If you have a bumper sticker that says “coexist…”
- If your pastor teaches “Chrislam” and says we all worship the same god...
- When actors or others who know nothing of Islam, call it a religion of peace...
- When prisons renovate their bathrooms so the toilets don’t face Mecca...
- When Muslims are permitted to block traffic by praying in the middle of the street...
- When public forums are held for Muslims, but not for Christians, Buddhists or others...
- When the 10 Commandments are removed but the Shahada is recited in schools...
- When colleges install “meditation rooms” and let them be dominated by Muslims...
- When teachers teach about slavery and omit Islam...
- When we declare war on a tactic instead of an enemy (war on terror)...
- When university “gender studies” curriculum omits the plight of Islamic woman...
- When university “Islamic studies” classes teach nothing of the suffering of Kafirs...
- When media reports of terrorism make no reference to Islamic doctrine or history...
- When cities allow “no go zones” where the law of the land is replaced by Sharia...
- When Muslim assembly line workers may leave the line to pray, yet no one else can...
- When NASA’s mission becomes increasing the Muslims’ self esteem...
- When an attack on our soldiers is called workplace violence...

To slowly accept Sharia law is another form of dhimmitude.

- When politicians misquote verses to show Islam is a peaceful religion...

Here is a well known verse:

Koran 5:32 For this reason, We have decreed to the Children of Israel that whoever kills anyone, unless it is manslaughter, or for spreading mischief in the land, it will be as though he had slain all mankind. Whoever saves a life, it will be as though he had saved all mankind. Certainly Our messengers came to them [the Jews] with the proofs of their mission, and even after this, most of them committed excesses in the land.

When President Bush read this statement after 9/11, he only quoted the “that whoever kills anyone, unless it is manslaughter, or for spreading mischief in the land, it will be as though he had slain all mankind. Whoever saves a life, it will be as though he had saved all mankind.” But that law only applies to the Jews. Then read the next verse:
Koran 5:33 The only reward for those who war against Allah and His messengers and strive to commit mischief on the earth is that they will be slain or crucified, have their alternate hands and feet cut off, or be banished from the land. This will be their disgrace in this world, and a great torment shall be theirs in the next except those who repent before you overpower them. Know that Allah is forgiving and merciful.

Thus Koran 5:32 does not abjure violence, instead it makes clear that anyone opposing Islam will be killed, crucified, mutilated, or banished.

- When a newspaper fails to exercise freedom of speech...

Remember the Mohammed cartoons? What newspaper in the United States published the Mohammed cartoons? Mohammed was a political figure and yet our newspapers, by law having freedom of the press, did not publish those cartoons. Dhimmis are always looking for a way to placate and appease. Check out the following verse:

Bukhari 8,73,130 There was once a curtain with pictures of animals on it in my (Aisha’s) house. When Mohammed saw it, his face became flushed with anger. He tore it to bits and said, “People that paint such pictures will receive Hell’s most terrible punishment on Judgment Day.”

How long before artwork of animals is forbidden?

- When Sharia is allowed to grow to placate the bully of Islam...

Islam is always pressuring for this attitude of submission. For example, the Sharia, Islamic law, permits a Muslim to have up to four wives. In the West we have monogamy laws. However, England allows a Muslim to bring in more than one wife, and they all can qualify for welfare. This is dhimmitude.

Social workers often no longer report beatings in Islamic families and if there were charges, they would be brought in a Sharia court.

What is the response of Western women to this? Well, we don’t want to be culturally insensitive. We don’t want to be racist. So, if this culture of Islam wants to beat its women, why should we say anything about it?

What may be worse than Islamic doctrine towards women is that we will not help Islamic women for fear we will offend Islam. We would rather be a dhimmi than to try to create a more just and loving society.

**Common Threads**

What is common to Christianity, Judaism, Buddhism, Hinduism and other cultures that have succumbed to Islam in many parts of the world? These cultures all have several things in common with regards to jihad.

- An ethical system based upon the Golden Rule
- Millions of jihad deaths over 1400 years
- Massive losses of territory and historic identity
- Cultural grind out after invasion by war or immigration
- The denial of the role of Islam

Islam never regrets jihad, annihilation and terror against these cultures. Islam has no shame or guilt about its history of terror. This means that Islam is incapable of being corrected.

Look at human history. It does not move in a straight line. Humans may have a moral code of high standards, but do we follow it at all times? No, both as individuals and society we make grave errors. When the situation gets bad enough, we can be called back to right behavior by an appeal to our ethics (combined with force, if needed). Our sense of right and wrong is used to judge us. The Golden Rule is used to bring us back to the right path. Shame and guilt can be used for correction. Empathy with the victims can be used to make us see our wrongs.
But Islam has not done anything wrong when jihad is used to terrorize and dhimmitize Kafirs. Islam has no empathy, shame or guilt about its history or present. Muslims never write histories of regret similar to ours which show regret for the Trail of Tears, for slavery or racism. There is no such literature in Islam. In many ways, Islam is a cultural supremacist movement where victimizing those who are different is morally acceptable. Because its doctrine is believed to come from Allah, it cannot be reformed.

**It can however be opposed and it can also be converted.** We will look at both of those in the upcoming classes.

Thank you for attending!

**Additional Reading...**

**The Treaty of Umar**

The Treaty of Umar, outlined the laws of dhimmitude:

1. We shall not build, in our cities or in their neighborhood, new monasteries, churches, convents, or monks’ cells, nor shall we repair, by day or by night, such of them as fall in ruins or are situated in the quarters of the Muslims.
2. We shall keep our gates wide open for passersby and travelers. We shall give board and lodging to all Muslims who pass our way for three days.
3. We shall not give shelter in our churches or in our dwellings to any spy, nor hide him from the Muslims.
4. We shall not teach the Koran to our children.
5. We shall not manifest our religion publicly nor convert anyone to it. We shall not prevent any of our kin from entering Islam if they wish it.
6. We shall show respect toward the Muslims, and we shall rise from our seats when they wish to sit.
7. We shall not seek to resemble the Muslims by imitating any of their garments.
8. We shall not mount on saddles, nor shall we gird swords nor bear any kind of arms nor carry them on our persons.
9. We shall not engrave Arabic inscriptions on our seals.
10. We shall not sell fermented drinks.
11. We shall clip the fronts of our heads. [An Arabic sign of shame, a beaten man]
12. We shall always dress in the same way wherever we may be, and we shall bind the zunar round our waists.
13. We shall not display our crosses or our books in the roads or markets of the Muslims. We shall use only clappers in our churches very softly. We shall not raise our voices when following our dead. We shall not take slaves who have been allotted to Muslims.
14. We shall not build houses higher than the houses of the Muslims. Whoever strikes a Muslim with deliberate intent shall forfeit the protection of this pact. (from Al-Turtushi, Siraj al-Muluk, pp.229-230)

Notice that one of the terms in the dhimmi treaty is to be ignorant about Islam. (“will not teach children the Koran”)
THE FIRST WAVE OF JIHAD

After Mohammed died in 632, Abu Bala- became caliph. Many of the Muslims wanted to leave Islam, but the Apostasy Wars persuaded them that converting to Islam was a better choice than dying.

In AD 633, Islam began to invade Babylonia (Iraq) and Syria. This lasted about ten years and consisted mostly of small raids in villages. This invasion was helped by the fact that many Arabs already lived in these areas and were easily converted to Islam due to both kinship and the license it provided to plunder and to rape women.

Both the Byzantine and Persian empires were failing and could not deal with the constant raids.

The whole region of Gaza was sacked and devastated in 634. Four thousand Jews and Christians were killed. In 636 we find the first Christian bishops facing destruction by what they called Saracens (Arab Muslims). From the very beginning, Kafirs had no understanding of Islam.

In general, those in towns survived better than those in the villages and countryside.

In Babylonia, monasteries were destroyed, monks were killed and Christians were killed or raped, enslaved and forcibly converted. The operations were carried out by both Muslim Arabs and Kafir Arabs. By 642 Babylonia was in the power of Islam.

In 639, Islam invaded Christian Egypt. Luckily for Islam, the Christians already had a war going amongst themselves. Whole towns were annihilated. The Christians were terrified and fled.

The civil war led some Christians to join the Muslims in order to hurt the "enemy" Christians.

Damascus fell. Khalid, the Sword of Allah, murdered all Christians who could be found in Aleppo and Antioch. Those who survived were taken as slaves.

Palestine was crushed and then jihad entered into Armenia. Armenia was suffering a civil war, like Egypt, where one set of Christians were fighting against another set of Christians. In 642 Islam destroyed the town of Dvin and carried off 35,000 Christian slaves. The next year they returned and destroyed more of Armenia.

In North Africa, Muslims took slaves and wealth, while destroying the countryside. Tripoli was destroyed in 643, Carthage was razed to the ground and most of the Christians were killed. (Remember, St. Augustine was from Algeria.)

Back in Asia Minor, Anatolia, jihad destroyed churches in Nicaea, Antioch and other cities. The first attempt to destroy Christian Constantinople started in 717.

In 712, Islam invaded Spain from what had become Islamic North Africa. The first shipment of Kafir sex slaves to Africa consisted of 3000 women for sex slaves. Massive immigration of Muslims took the land for their fiefdoms. Kafirs were taken as slaves to work the land.

Jihad invaded across the borders of southern France in 722. Towns were destroyed. The Spanish city of Castile was invaded and put to fire and sword. The remainder of the Kafirs were sold into slavery.

The islands of the Mediterranean and the shipping felt the power of jihad on the seas. The Kafirs of Rhodes and Crete were killed, robbed and enslaved. Naval jihad even went as far north into Europe as Scandinavia. Islamic jihad ravaged all the islands of the Mediterranean.

NOTE: Islamic piracy was America’s first struggle with Jihad and lead to Jefferson’s first military action in 1801. That led to the Marine hymn line: "From the halls of Montezuma to the shores of Tripoli."
THE SECOND WAVE OF JIHAD

The Turks invaded the new Islamic empire from Asia. They slaughtered many of the Muslims and took Baghdad. [The Turks were not Muslims at the time of the invasion.] The Turks were a fierce nomadic tribe, even more fierce than the Arabs. The new conquerors became Islamized and started the destruction of Anatolia.

By 1021 Armenia had been devastated and the first of the Byzantine Kafir defeats had occurred. Anatolian Greeks became ongoing prey for the Turks.

In the early 1300's the Muslim Turks were in a constant state of war with Christians in Anatolia. Christians were still busy fighting among themselves. The Catholic Christians hated the Orthodox Greek Christians and so the Greeks were fighting on two fronts. It was a repeat of the Jews' experience in Medina, because they could not stand together against Islam, so the Muslims took them down one at a time. The division among Christians has always been Islam's great advantage.

By the early 1400's, Islam had started its invasion of Europe. Then, in 1453, Constantinople was attacked. The murder, theft, and destruction of religious art and the rape of women lasted for days.

The invasion of Europe continued up to the gates of Vienna. Then, on September 11, 1683, the Europeans finally united to drive the Turks back to what had become Turkey.

The jihad into the East is omitted here. The short story was that the Buddhists, Zoroastrians, and Hindus were victims of the same process and with the same result. The Zoroastrians of Persia were annihilated totally.

NOTE: There was an interesting side effect for those who had already been conquered as the conquest ebbed and flowed in Constantinople. If the Arabs lost a battle in Constantinople, there would be riots of anger that the Christians had beat the Muslims and the Christian dhimmis would be killed.

This persecution was what set the stage for the Christians in the Middle East to cry out to their brothers in Europe. So the history of the crusades is one of the few times where Christians tried to help other Christians in the Middle East. The Crusades should be studied to see what can be done now to help Christians against Islam.

THE FIRST CRUSADE

The First Crusades chances of success were slim to none. It was a group of knights without central command, no leader and no real strategy. Yet in 1098 they restored Nicaea and Antioch to Christian rule, then in 1099 they captured Jerusalem.

What went wrong? One band of Crusaders went along the Rhine and killed Jews.

THE SECOND CRUSADE

When part of the Christian lands were recaptured, Europe sent out another Crusade. It failed since most of the men died on the way due to starvation and cold weather.

THE THIRD CRUSADE

This Crusade was complicated by divisions of leadership. Richard the Lionhearted was successful in battles, but never recaptured Jerusalem. While he was busy with that, the King of France left the Crusade to go back to Europe and take control of Richard's holdings.
THE FOURTH CRUSADE

The Crusaders became involved with Byzantine politics of which they had no understanding and helped a new ruler to the Byzantine throne. When he would not pay the agreed upon price for the Crusaders’ help, they sacked Constantinople. This drove a wedge between the Catholics and the Eastern Orthodox sect which still exists today. It weakened Constantinople and helped to set up the conquest of Constantinople by jihad later.

There were more Crusades, but they all came to nothing. What actually slowed the advance of Islam, in a sense, was the Renaissance. It catapulted Christian Europe ahead of Islam both intellectually and economically.

Today, we curl our lips at religious wars and feel morally superior to those involved in such. Of course, jihad is the exception, which our culture manages to excuse. But a question to ask is, what are we doing about the continued jihad against Kafirs today? In short, the Crusaders tried, what are we doing?

If you would like to learn the real story of the Crusades, not the version that is popular today, read Robert Spencer’s Politically Incorrect Guide to the Crusades.

SLAVERY

Both the dhimmi and slavery are part of Islam and Sharia law, and the doctrine of Islam cannot be changed.

Slavery, like jihad, is the logical conclusion to dualistic ethics. Slavery was used by Mohammed for very simple reasons. He had known slavery from his first breath. Slaves were as common as camels in Arabia. Slaves were a free source of energy, power and money. And the slaves eventually became Muslims.

For Mohammed, slavery was positive. Allah said so. Just treat the slaves well. Men raping female slaves was part of the good treatment of slaves. This is dualism. When Muslims raped the women of the conquered tribes after killing their men, there was no empathy or compassion. A Muslim’s ghira, maleness, power and prestige, is increased with this treatment of the inferior Kafir woman. Dualism transforms this into a sacred good.

Slavery is good. Muslims are slaves of Allah. So the enslavement of others enriches Islam and helps Islamize the world.

The ethics of dualistic slavery can be seen in Islam’s attitude toward the history of slavery. Islam never acknowledges its role in the history of the suffering of Europe. Islam has no regrets or guilt about slavery. The absolute dominance of the Muslim today is shown by the fact that no one blames them or holds them responsible for slavery. Islam not only enslaves the bodies of the Kafirs, but enslaves the minds of the Kafir intellectuals. One of the most forbidden topics to be discussed is the role of Islam in slavery, both today and throughout the last 1400 years.

As a cruel example of how the Kafir mind submits to Islam regarding slavery, go to an event where freed slaves from Africa or the “Lost Boys” of the Sudan are featured. Money is raised, sympathy is given and not one word about Islam is ever mentioned. Slavery just happens. We get to see an effect without a cause, an impossibility, but a false reality, nevertheless. This mental submission of the Kafir to Islam is dhimmitude.

Ephesians 6:10-18: The Armor of God

“Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;”
Where the chapters of the Qur’an came from, Mecca or Medina: (Remember, in general, Medina revealed later, overrules Mecca, revealed earlier.)

Chapter 1 - THE OPENING (Mecca)
Chapter 6 - THE LIVESTOCK (Mecca)
Chapter 7 - AL ARAF (Mecca)
Chapter 10 - YUNUS (Mecca)
Chapter 11 - HOUD (Mecca)
Chapter 12 - JOSEPH (Mecca)
Chapter 14 - ABRAHAM (Mecca)
Chapter 15 - THE ROCK (Mecca)
Chapter 16 - THE BEES (Mecca)
Chapter 17 - THE NIGHT JOURNEY (Mecca)
Chapter 18 - THE CAVE (Mecca)
Chapter 19 - MIRIAM (Mecca)
Chapter 20 - TAH A (Mecca)
Chapter 21 - THE PROPHETS (Mecca)
Chapter 23 - THE BELIEVERS (Mecca)
Chapter 25 - THE DISCRIMINATOR (Mecca)
Chapter 26 - THE POETS (Mecca)
Chapter 27 - THE ANTS (Mecca)
Chapter 28 - THE NARRATIVE (Mecca)
Chapter 29 - THE SPIIDER (Mecca)
Chapter 30 - THE BYZANTINES (Mecca)
Chapter 31 - LOKMAN (Mecca)
Chapter 32 - THE WORSHIP (Mecca)
Chapter 34 - SHEBA (Mecca)
Chapter 35 - THE CREATOR (Mecca)
Chapter 36 - YS (Mecca)
Chapter 37 - THE ASSEMBLED RANKS (Mecca)
Chapter 38 - S (Mecca)
Chapter 39 - THE TROOPS (Mecca)
Chapter 40 - FORGIVER (Mecca)
Chapter 41 - EXPOUNDED (Mecca)
Chapter 42 - THE CONSULTATION (Mecca)
Chapter 43 - THE HIGHLY EMBELLISHED (Mecca)
Chapter 44 - THE SMOKE (Mecca)
Chapter 45 - THE KNEELING (Mecca)
Chapter 46 - THE DUNES (Mecca)
Chapter 50 - Q (Mecca)
Chapter 51 - THE SCATTERING (Mecca)
Chapter 52 - THE MOUNTAIN (Mecca)
Chapter 53 - THE STAR (Mecca)
Chapter 54 - THE MOON (Mecca)
Chapter 56 - THE INEVITABLE (Mecca)
Chapter 67 - THE KINGDOM (Mecca)
Chapter 68 - THE PEN (Mecca)
Chapter 69 - THE CATASTROPHE (Mecca)
Chapter 70 - THE WAYS OF ASCENT (Mecca)
Chapter 71 - NOAH (Mecca)
Chapter 72 - THE JINN (Mecca)
Chapter 73 - THE WRAPPED (Mecca)
Chapter 74 - THE CLOAKED (Mecca)
Chapter 75 - THE RESURRECTION (Mecca)
Chapter 77 - THE DISPATCHED (Mecca)
Chapter 79 - THE SNATCHERS (Mecca)
Chapter 80 - HE FROWNED (Mecca)
Chapter 81 - THE ROLLING UP (Mecca)
Chapter 82 - THE CLEAVING (Mecca)
Chapter 83 - THE CHEATERS (Mecca)
Chapter 84 - THE SPLITTING (Mecca)
Chapter 85 - THE CONSTELLATIONS (Mecca)
Chapter 86 - THE TARIQ (Mecca)
Chapter 87 - THE HIGHEST (Mecca)
Chapter 88 - THE OVERWHELMING (Mecca)
Chapter 89 - THE DAWN (Mecca)
Chapter 90 - THE COUNTRY (Mecca)
Chapter 91 - THE SUN (Mecca)
Chapter 92 - THE NIGHT (Mecca)
Chapter 93 - THE FORENOON (Mecca)
Chapter 94 - THE EXPANDING (Mecca)
Chapter 95 - THE FIG (Mecca)
Chapter 96 - THE CLOT (Mecca)
Chapter 97 - THE FATE (Mecca)
Chapter 100 - THE CHARGERS (Mecca)
Chapter 101 - THE CALAMITY (Mecca)
Chapter 102 - THE PROLIFERATION (Mecca)
Chapter 103 - THE AFTERNOON (Mecca)
Chapter 104 - THE BACKBITER (Mecca)
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Chapter 106 - QURAISH (Mecca)
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Chapter 109 - THE INFIDELS (Mecca)
Chapter 111 - THE FIBER (Mecca)
Chapter 112 - THE SINCERITY (Mecca)
Chapter 113 - THE DAYBREAK (Mecca)
Chapter 114 - THE PEOPLE (Mecca)
Chapter 2 - THE COW ( Medina)
Chapter 3 - THE FAMILY OF AMRAN (Medina)
Chapter 4 - THE WOMEN ( Medina)
Chapter 5 - THE TABLE ( Medina)
Chapter 8 - THE SPOILS ( Medina)
Chapter 9 - THE REPENTANCE ( Medina)
Chapter 13 - THE THUNDER ( Medina)
Chapter 22 - THE PILGRIMAGE ( Medina)
Chapter 24 - THE LIGHT ( Medina)
Chapter 33 - THE PARTIES ( Medina)
Chapter 47 - MOHAMMED ( Medina)
Chapter 48 - THE CONQUEST ( Medina)
Chapter 49 - THE ROOMS ( Medina)
Chapter 55 - THE MERCIFUL ( Medina)
Chapter 57 - THE IRON ( Medina)
Chapter 58 - THE DISPUTING WOMAN ( Medina)
Chapter 59 - THE GATHERING ( Medina)
Chapter 60 - THE EXAMINED WOMAN ( Medina)
Chapter 61 - THE RANKS ( Medina)
Chapter 62 - THE FRIDAY ( Medina)
Chapter 63 - THE HYPOCRITES ( Medina)
Chapter 64 - THE DISILLUSION ( Medina)
Chapter 65 - THE DIVORCE ( Medina)
Chapter 66 - THE FORBIDDING ( Medina)
Chapter 76 - THE HUMAN ( Medina)
Chapter 99 - THE QUAKES ( Medina)
Chapter 100 - THE ELEPHANT ( Mecca)
Chapter 101 - THE CHARGERS (Mecca)
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Notes:

Please note the major conclusions you’ve come to in this class. If there’s time, please share them with the group.
Christian Response to Islam - Section III

Sharia vs. the Law of the Land: Jihad, then and now:

A special thank you again to Dr. Bill Warner and Usama Dakdok. Much of the content in this series is derived from their work. For more details or to purchase more in depth resources, please visit Dr. Warner’s: www.politicalislam.com and Usama Dakdok’s: http://www.thestraightway.org/ Usama’s English translation of the Qur’an is used in this class.

Important concepts to remember

Sharia

Sharia means law. It is sometimes still helpful to refer to it as Sharia Law when talking to those less informed because it gives a better clue as to what is being discussed. Islam must be discussed in the political realm, because it is a powerful political system. Sharia law is the political implementation of the Islamic “civilization” or culture.

Sharia Law is the basis for the religious, political and cultural life of all Muslims. When a Muslim wears a head scarf, that is in obedience to Sharia law.

The hadiths are the very foundation of the Sharia, Islamic law. Every line of the Sharia is taken from the Trilogy. The belief is that Islamic politics come straight from god and Sharia is the final and universal moral code for all humanity until the end of time. Islamic law is perfect, universal and eternal. It is the duty of every Muslim to obey the laws of Allah, the Sharia.

Sharia is the law that Islam wants to replace our Constitution. The laws of the United States are temporary, limited and will pass away.

Freedom, equality and democracy are incompatible with Islamic law. Both the dhimmi and slavery are part of Islam and Sharia law, and the doctrine of Islam cannot be changed.

Even though Sharia violates every principle of our Constitution, it is being implemented today, because Americans are unaware about Sharia or its meaning. Public, private and religious schools typically do not teach about it so by attending this class, you are becoming a virtual expert on the topic.

UNDER SHARIA LAW:

- There is no freedom of religion
- There is no freedom of speech
- There is no freedom of thought
- There is no freedom of artistic expression
- There is no freedom of the press
- There is no equality of peoples (a non-Muslim, a Kafir, is never equal to a Muslim)
- There is no equal protection under the law (under Sharia) for different classes of people. There is one set of laws for Muslim males and different laws for women and non-Muslims.
- Women can be beaten
- Non-Muslims cannot bear arms
- Our Constitution is a man-made document of ignorance that must submit to Sharia
- Non-Muslims are dhimmis, semi-slaves
- Unlike common law, Sharia is not interpretive, nor can it be changed
- All governments must be ruled by Sharia
- There is no Golden Rule
However, weapons in the mosque are acceptable. (The mosque is a Muslim political center, community center and a place of worship:

Bukhari 1,8,443 Mohammed: “Arrows should be held by their heads when carried through mosques or markets so that they do not harm a Muslim.”

There are no common principles between American law and Sharia.

SHARIA IN EUROPE TODAY

Europe is witnessing a rise in Islamic supremacism with demands for Sharia and violent intimidation. Laws passed by EU states and resolutions in universities and elsewhere have stifled free speech. While limiting criticism of Islam, authorities have failed to prevent its preachers from inciting violence against women, Jews and others, and have tolerated public calls for the murder of those who insult Islam. All magnified and multiplied by massive immigration.

The EU is even implementing laws to crack down on "intolerance", including "Islamophobia". Sharia principles are enforced—either through "Sharia Tribunals," mainstream courts, or violent intimidation. Misogynistic de facto parallel systems are common, honor violence and “homophobia” widespread, and the harassment of Jews has intensified.

Sharia tribunals operate in the UK, run by Islamists who openly defend a man's "right" to use violence against his wife. In the UK and Denmark, "Sharia controlled zones," have been declared, and in Germany, "Sharia patrols" roam city streets attempting to impose Sharia norms—particularly targeting women and alcohol drinkers.

Entire areas of Europe are “no-go zones” for non-Muslims, this includes the police! These are Islamic enclaves where only Muslims live. This prevents assimilation and allegiance to the country they live in. It obviously is very difficult to know what is going on in these areas but it doesn’t matter because the laws of the land no longer apply there. This Muslim-only policy is based on Sharia.

A French magazine was fire-bombed for printing Mohammed cartoons. Austria has seen prosecutions for having negative views of Islam and its prophet. Dutch filmmaker. Theo Van Gogh was murdered for criticizing Islam's treatment of women. That tragic story is detailed in the film “Can't We Talk About This?” which can be found online. Dutch politicians critical of Islam face death threats. “Homophobic” violence has increased in the Netherlands—and Muslim youth are overwhelmingly implicated.

Violence against women and Jews has risen in Scandinavia, with many Jews leaving the region. Rape by Muslims is so prevalent in parts of Sweden that Sweden has forbidden the police from collecting any data in rape investigations that would point to Islam. Rape is part of Islamic doctrine, particularly applied to non-Muslim women.

The list goes on and on and continues to expand with increasing speed and scope.

The establishment's response shows more concern with preventing discussion, than in addressing these facts.

Meanwhile...

- There are times when traffic cannot move in London streets as Muslims commandeer the streets to pray—A predictable, political result, based on Sharia.
- In the schools, only Islamic approved texts can be used; this is based on Sharia law.
- Christians may not speak to Muslims about Christianity nor may Christians hand out literature. This is a political result based on Sharia and enforced by British courts.
- In London, mass demonstrations by Muslims call for the end of British law and Sharia to rule all people, regardless of religion. This political action is based on Sharia.
- At British hospitals, Muslim women are treated only as Sharia demands.
- In some English hospitals during the Ramadan fast (an Islamic religious event), non-Muslims cannot eat where a Muslims can see them. The submission of non-Muslims to Islamic preferences is based on Sharia law.

-And the list continues to grow, at an increased pace...
When you study Islam in Europe today, you are seeing America in 20 years, maybe less. Why? The actions by Muslims in Europe are based on Sharia, the same Sharia that is beginning to be implemented in America today.

“Where there is no vision, the people perish.” Proverbs 29:18a (KJV)

SHARIA IN AMERICA TODAY

Sharia is Islamic law and is the basis for every demand that Muslims make on our society. Here are some current and historical events in America, driven by Sharia Law:

- Textbooks in America must be approved by Islamic councils.
- Hospitals are being sued for not providing Sharia compliant treatment.
- Newspapers will not publish Mohammed cartoons, thereby submitting to Sharia.
- Workplaces and schools are being made Islamic worship sites through special rooms and time off to pray. This is in accordance with Sharia.
- Universities are asked to provide sexually segregated swimming pools and other athletic facilities for Muslim women. They are being asked to implement Sharia.
- The American banking system is becoming Islamized with Sharia financing. The banking system is becoming Sharia compliant in financial law, but is ignorant about the totality of Sharia Law.
- College courses do not use critical thinking regarding the history and doctrine of Islam. (Under Sharia nothing about Islam may be criticized.)
- American prisons are a stronghold of Islamic proselytizing.
- Muslim charities give money to jihadists, as part of following Sharia.
- Islamic refugees bring all of their wives for welfare and medical treatment to America. We have polygamy laws but American authorities will not act—even when presented with evidence. Polygamy is included in the Sharia.
- Wars were fought in Iraq and Afghanistan to implement constitutions whose first article is the supremacy of Sharia.
- On September 11, 2001 jihadists attacked and destroyed the World Trade Center in New York. This atrocity was in compliance to the doctrine of jihad found in the Sharia law. The attack was a political action motivated by a religious mandate for endless jihad.

We saw that Muslims can be Mecca Muslims, Medina Muslims or Golden Rule “Muslims.” Non-Muslims are Kafirs, Dhimmis or Apologists: Think of apologists as pre-dhimmis or dhimmis in training. They do not believe that Mohammed was a prophet, but they are tolerant about Islam without any actual knowledge of Islam.

Dhimmis in some ways are more dangerous than “radical Islamists” because they enable Islam to grow stronger without inciting as much backlash or outrage from the culture it is killing off

THE MIND OF AN APOLOGIST

We read the start of the story below in an earlier class. It’s about the judgment of Saed, which the Jews agreed to abide by. It continues:

Ishaq 690 The captives were taken into Medina. They dug trenches in the market place of Medina. It was a long day, but 800 Jews met their death that day. Mohammed and his twelve year old wife sat and watched the entire day and into the night. The Apostle of Allah had every male Jew killed by beheading.

Ishaq 693 Mohammed took the property, wives and children of the Jews, and divided it up amongst the Muslims. Mohammed took his one fifth of the slaves and sent a Muslim with the female Jewish slaves to a nearby city where the women were sold for sex. Mohammed invested the money from the sale of the female slaves for horses and weapons.

Ishaq 693 There was one last piece of spoils for Mohammed: The most beautiful Jewess was his slave for sex.
Muslims view all this death and violence as necessary because denying Mohammed's prophethood was, and remains, an offense against Islam. Men and boys were beheaded because it is sanctioned by Allah and Sharia. Nonbelievers look at this event as proof of the jihadic violence of Islam and as an evil act. Apologists say that this was an historic event; that all cultures have violence in their past, and no judgment should be passed. They have never actually read any of Islam's foundational texts, but speak “authoritatively” about Islam.

According to the different points of view, the killing of 800 Jewish males, enslaving the women and children and stealing all their property was:

- A tragedy
- A perfect sacred act
- Another historical event. We probably have done worse.

**“SUNNA” LAW MAY BE THE BEST NAME**

Sharia incorporates the Sunna of Mohammed into the formal structure of law.

Freedom of the press is forbidden in Sharia law...A Muslim is not to be killed as punishment for killing a Kafir...A Kafir may not testify against a Muslim in Islamic law...and on and on it goes.

A classic Sharia law text is *The Reliance of the Traveller*, N. Keller, Amana Publications. It is very authoritative as it is warranted and certified as accurate by five of the greatest Islamic scholars of today. It is a 1,200 page book, written in the fourteenth century, devoted to such subjects as: political control of non-Muslims, prayer, jihad, wills and estates, punishment, court rules, and land use. It covers legalities and theology.

Let’s look at some of the Sharia: Here is a typical paragraph with supporting passage from the Trilogy:

The "o8.1" reference below is an index number in the Sharia law text, *The Reliance of the Traveller*. The text is divided into divisions—a, b, c, ... This particular law is found in division o; section 8; subsection 1. With the index number, o8.1, you can refer directly to the source, *The Reliance of the Traveller*.

**APOSTASY FROM ISLAM o8.1** When a person who has reached puberty and is sane, voluntarily apostatizes from Islam, he deserves to be killed.

From the Hadith: [Bukhari 9,83,17] Mohammed: "A Muslim who has admitted that there is no god but Allah and that I am His prophet may not be killed except for three reasons: as punishment for murder, for adultery, or for apostasy."

For references from the Trilogy:
Koran 1:2 is a reference to the Koran, chapter 1, verse 2.
Ishaq 123 is a reference to Ishaq's Sira, (biography of Mohammed), margin note 123.
[Bukhari 1,3,4] is a reference to Sahih Bukhari’s Hadith, volume 1, book 3, number 4.
[Muslim 012, 1234] is a reference to Sahih Muslim’s Hadith, book 12, number 1234.

Below is Sharia, supported by the Koran. Jihad is part of Sharia law:

**JIHAD o9.0** Jihad means war against Kafirs to establish Islam's Sharia law.

**WHO IS OBLIGATED TO FIGHT IN JIHAD: o9.4** All sane able bodied men who have reached puberty.

**THE OBJECTIVES OF JIHAD o9.8** The caliph (supreme ruler who is both a king, and something similar to a pope) makes war on the Jews and Christians. First invite them to Islam, then invite them to pay the jizya (tax on Kafirs). If they reject conversion and the jizya, then attack them.

o9.9 The caliph fights all other peoples [Kafirs] until they become Muslims.
Anyone who kills or incapacitates a Kafir, can take whatever he can. Since jihad can be done by Muslims against any Kafir, with the proper motivation, theft from a Kafir is jihad.

KAFIR SUBJECTS OF THE ISLAMIC STATE A formal contract (dhimma) is made with Christians and Jews. They then become dhimmis. The dhimmis must follow the rules of Islam.

- Pay the jizya, the dhimmi tax.
- If the dhimmis do these things, then they are protected by the state. They are “allowed” to practice their religions and have their own courts and laws.

(Dhimmitude is part of Sharia. The complete Sharia dhimmi rules are taken from a treaty with Christians in 637 AD The Treaty of Umar which we studied in a previous class.)

Sharia law has different laws for different groups of people. Women are one of its special classes. Beating the wife is sacred because both Allah and Mohammed sanction it. The Hadith is filled with examples that establish the Sharia law about how to go about beating the wife. For example...

DEALING WITH A REBELIOUS WIFE When a husband notices signs of rebelliousness in his wife whether in words as when she answers him coldly when she used to do so politely, or he asks her to come to bed and she refuses, contrary to her usual habit; or whether in acts, as when he finds her averse to him when she was previously kind and cheerful, he warns her in words without keeping from her or hitting her, for it may be that she has an excuse.

The warning could be to tell her, “Fear Allah concerning the rights you owe to me,” or it could be to explain that rebelliousness nullifies his obligation to support her and give her a turn amongst other wives, or it could be to inform her, "Your obeying me is religiously obligatory".

If she commits rebelliousness, he keeps from sleeping (having sex) with her and refuses to speak to her, and may hit her, but not in a way that injures her, meaning he may not bruise her, break bones, wound her, or cause blood to flow. It is unlawful to strike another's face. He may hit her whether she is rebellious only once or whether more than once, though a weaker opinion holds that he may not hit her unless there is repeated rebelliousness.

The Sharia reflects the Trilogy:

Koran 4:34 Allah has made men superior to women because men spend their wealth to support them. Therefore, virtuous women are obedient, and they are to guard their unseen parts as Allah has guarded them. As for women whom you fear will rebel, admonish them first, and then send them to a separate bed, and then beat them. But if they are obedient after that, then do nothing further; surely Allah is exalted and great!

Ishaq969 He [Mohammed] also told them men had rights over their wives and women had rights over their husbands. The wives were never to commit adultery or act in a sexual manner toward others. If they did, they were to be put in separate rooms and beaten lightly. If they refrained from what was forbidden, they had the right to food and clothing. Men were to lay injunctions on women lightly for they were prisoners of men and had no control over their persons.

[Bukhari 7,62,132] The Prophet said, "None of you should flog his wife as he flogs a slave and then have sexual intercourse with her in the last part of the day." Most of those in Hell will be women.

Sharia, basically restates what the Trilogy says, making the Koran, along with the words and actions of Mohammed, the law of the land, to which all are obligated to obey.

Since Mohammed established very firmly that striking women was within the bounds of Islam, it is Sharia.

Modern day, in the Muslim holy city of Mecca, a girls’ school caught on fire. Naturally, the girls tried to escape, but they were driven back into the burning building because they were not wearing their face covering and full-body veil.
They died because it was the decision of the religious police that better they should die than have their faces exposed in the public.

Contrast this with Jesus’ teaching in Mark 2:27, speaking on the Law, the said, “the Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath.”

**THE PENALTY FOR FORNICATION**

If the penalty is stoning, they are to be stoned, no matter the weather, or if they are ill. A pregnant woman is not stoned until she gives birth and the child does not need to nurse.

**HONOR KILLING**

Honor killing is not directly included in Sharia doctrine. Sharia dictates that a woman is inferior to the male and allows beatings to enforce the rule of the male, but it does not accord honor killing a legal status. However, there is no penalty for killing an adulterer:

- **05.4** There is no expiation for killing someone who has left Islam, a highwayman or a convicted married adulterer...

This seems to include equal penalties for both men and women, however, a man has many legal ways to have sex, while the woman is strictly limited to her husband alone. Hence, the woman is much more likely to be killed.

The man rules the woman, and his status in the community depends upon how his women conduct themselves. Ghira is sacred jealousy, even Allah has ghira. Ghira is also self-respect and is the basis of honor killings.

**MARRIAGE, ARRANGED MARRIAGES, CHILD BRIDES, SEX AND MORE**

- **m6.10** It is unlawful for a free man to marry more than four women. (Although Mohammed had more than 4 at once.)

- **m3.13** Guardians are of two types, those who may compel female charges to marry someone, and those who may not.

- **m8.2** A guardian may not marry his prepubescent daughter to someone for less than the amount typically received as marriage payment by similar brides. (WebMD says that is around 9 years old or younger.)

(Mohammed, age 51, married Aisha when she was six. Marriage to a child is Sunna and covered in the Sharia.)

- **m5.1** It is obligatory for a woman to let her husband have sex with her immediately when: (a) he asks her (b) at home (c) and she can physically endure it

  [Bukhari 7,62,81] Mohammed said, "The marriage vow most rightly expected to be obeyed is the husband's right to enjoy the wife's (female body part)"

  [Bukhari 7,62,121] "If a woman refuses her husband's request for sex, the angels will curse her through the night."

Ishaq 957 Mohammed sent Muadh to Yemen to proselytize. While he was there he was asked what rights a husband has over the wife. He replied to the woman who asked, "If you went home and found your husband's nose running with pus and blood and you sucked it until it was cleaned, you still would not have fulfilled your husband's rights."

The Trilogy is filled with spiritual, psychological and physical abuse of women.

- **m10.4** The husband may forbid his wife to leave the home. But if one of her relatives dies, it is preferable to let her leave to visit them.

  [Bukhari 3,38,508] Mohammed said, "Unais, confront this man's wife and if she admits committing adultery have her stoned to death."
STONING FOR ADULTERY Sharia law includes stoning and is very technical about it. The stones should be chosen so they do not kill immediately. They have to be big enough so that when enough of them are thrown, they will kill the victim. Death by stoning is meant to be a torturous death that the entire community participates in.

MUSIC, SONG, AND DANCE r40.1 Musical instruments are to be done away with.

- Flutes, stringed instruments and the like are condemned
- Those who listen to singers will have their ears filled with lead on Judgment day
- Songs create hypocrisy

r40.2 It is unlawful to use musical instruments or listen to the mandolin, lute, cymbals, and flute. It is permissible to play the tambourine at weddings, circumcisions, and other times, even if it has bells on its sides. Beating the kuba (drum) is unlawful

THE PROHIBITION OF DEPICTING ANIMATE LIFE w50.1 One should realize that the prohibition of picture making is extremely severe.

p44.1 Those who make pictures will burn in Hell. (Sharia forbids not just pictures of Mohammed. Forbidding pictures of Mohammed is only the beginning.)

[Bukhari 4,54,447] One time I Aisha] created a stuffed pillow for Mohammed and decorated it with pictures of animals. He came in with some other people one day, and I noticed a look of excitement on his face. I asked, "What is wrong?" He replied, "What is that pillow doing here?" I answered, "I made that for you so that you could lie on it." He said, "Are you not aware that angels will not enter a house with pictures in it and that the person that makes such pictures will be punished on Judgment Day until he gives life to that which he has made?"

[Bukhari 8,73,130] There was once a curtain with pictures of animals on it in my Aisha's] house. When Mohammed saw it, his face became flushed with anger. He tore it to bits and said, "People that paint such pictures will receive Hell's most terrible punishment on Judgment Day."

LITERATURE All literature must submit to the demands of Sharia. Those who offend Islam may be assassinated, since Mohammed had several artists assassinated. Salman Rushdie has lived under a death threat for writing a novel, The Satanic Verses. There were world wide riots and killings when the Danish Mohammed cartoons were published. Theo Van Gogh and Pim Fortun, two artists, were assassinated in Europe for "blasphemy" against Islam.

Mohammed repeatedly killed artists and intellectuals such as Kab, a poet, who wrote a poem criticizing Islam. Notice the use of deceit:

[Bukhari 5,59,369] Maslama said, "I have never smelt a better scent than this. Will you allow me to smell your head?" Kab said, "Yes." When Maslama got a strong hold of him, he said to his companion, "Get at him!" So they killed him and went to the Prophet and informed him. Abu Rafi was killed after Kab Bin Al-Ashraf

The Sharia does not devote nearly that much to the Kafir since Sharia law is primarily for Muslims. Besides, the Kafir has few rights, so there is little to expound on. Here is one about the Kafirs:

w59.2 [...] And this clarifies the Koranic verses and hadiths about hatred for the sake of Allah and love for the sake of Allah, Al Walaa wa al Baraa, being unyielding towards the Kafirs, hard against them, and detesting them, while accepting the destiny of Allah Most High insofar as it is the decree of Allah, Mighty and Majestic.

SHARIA FINANCE Sharia finance is sacred finance and all religious and moral people should invest in Sharia financial instruments. The money will not be invested in liquor, tobacco, gambling, pork, art or any other impure businesses.
Today there is an increasing demand for Muslims to have their own financial system and Sharia compliant financial products. Sharia finance uses a work-around to avoid paying interest, which is illegal in Islam. It turns out that Sharia finance actually charges more for the use of money, but it is not called interest, it is termed a “leasing cost.”

Sharia finance must put part of its profits into the zakat, Islamic charity.

Sharia devotes pages to the zakat. It is to be paid to:

- Poor and needy Muslims, but not to Kafirs
- Those who collect the zakat
- New converts to Islam (to strengthen them in Islam)
- To ransom prisoners and slaves
- Fighting in Allah’s cause: jihad
- Travelers, those emigrating

**h8.17** The category fighting for Allah’s cause, means people engaged in Islamic war, but who are not part of a regular army and receive a salary. These jihadists must be paid for weapons, clothing, meals, and travel and all other expenses. Their families should be paid as well.

**h8.24** It is not permissible to give zakat (charity) to a Kafir.

Discuss how these facts might inform political policies on things like foreign aid, immigration, terror finance, “lone wolf” attack prevention and more.

When we do business with companies that participate in Sharia finance, we support:

- Charity for Muslims only with no charity going to non-Muslims
- Strengthening Muslim converts
- Muslim bureaucrats.
- Abuse and subjugation of women
- Killing of apostates
- Assassination of artists and writers
- Unrepentant slavery
- Dhimmitude for non-Muslims
- Jihadists like ISIS and Al Qaeda. (Including money to families of “suicide bombers.”)
- The murder of 270 million over the last 1400 years

**HOLY LAND FOUNDATION: FINANCING JIHAD**

Giving zakat money for jihad is not a theory. We saw the practical effects of the zakat with the Holy Land Foundation and other Islamic charities. In 2007, in Dallas, Texas, the FBI successfully prosecuted the Holy Land Foundation for financing jihad (terrorism).

You can download actual documents from the trial at: [http://www.investigativeproject.org/about.php](http://www.investigativeproject.org/about.php) The Founder, Steve Emerson has consulted for the White House, National Security Council, FBI, Justice Department, Congress and intelligence agencies. He is an internationally recognized expert on terrorism and national security.

Here’s a direct link to a Holy Land Foundation trial document: [http://www.investigativeproject.org/document/id/20](http://www.investigativeproject.org/document/id/20)

**The Muslim Brotherhood**

The Muslim Brotherhood is a global Sunni revivalist movement founded in Egypt in 1928. It seeks to establish an Islamic Caliphate governed by Sharia, Islamic law. This is a long-term objective to be realized through a methodical plan that includes preaching, charitable work and a commitment to jihad. Most major U.S. Muslim organizations have roots in, or
links to, the Muslim Brotherhood, including the Muslim Students Association (MSA), the Muslim American Society (MAS), the Islamic Society of North America (ISNA) and the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR).

A May 1991 memo was written by Mohamed Akram, a.k.a. Mohamed Adlouni, for the Shura Council of the Muslim Brotherhood. In the introductory letter, Akram referenced a “long-term plan…approved and adopted” by the Shura Council in 1987 and proposed this memo as a supplement to that plan and requested that the memo be added to the agenda for an upcoming Council meeting. Appended to the document is a list of all Muslim Brotherhood organizations in North America as of 1991.

It's a matter of public record: This internal Muslim Brotherhood memorandum was released during the terror-support trial of the Holy Land Foundation for Relief and Development (HLF) in July 2007 and shows that the Brotherhood’s jihad can take more subtle and long range approaches. Dated May 22, 1991

In 2008, jurors found all the defendants guilty on all counts of helping finance terrorism. A fifth circuit judicial panel upheld the convictions against the Holy Land Foundation and its senior leaders in December 2011. (They lost, twice.)

Excerpt from the very organized plan, detailed in the memo: “The process of settlement is a “Civilization-Jihadist Process” with all the word means. The Ikhwan (Muslim Brotherhood) must understand that their work in America is kind of a grand Jihad in elimination and destroying the Western civilization from within and “sabotaging” its miserable house by their hands and the hands of the believers so that it is eliminated and God’s religion is made victorious over all other religions.” Page 7

Jihad

THE FIRST KILLING:

Ishaq425 The Muslims took council. They were in a dilemma. If they attacked the caravan that day, they would be killing in a sacred month. They decided to go ahead with the attack, kill as many as possible, and take their goods. Islam drew first blood against the Quraysh of Mecca. They attacked the unarmed men. Amr was killed by an arrow. He was the first man to be killed in jihad. One man escaped and they captured two prisoners. They loaded the camels and headed back to Mohammed in Medina. On the way they talked about how Mohammed would get one-fifth of the stolen goods as the spoils of war. When they got back, Mohammed said that he did not order them to attack in the sacred month. So he held the caravan and the two prisoners in suspense and refused to do anything with the goods or prisoners. The prisoners said, “Mohammed has violated the sacred month, shed blood therein, stolen goods and taken prisoners.”

Ishaq426 The Koran replied that the Meccans resisted the doctrine of Islam and tried to persuade Muslims to drop their faith was worse than killing. Before Islam, the rule of justice in Arabia was a killing for a killing, but now to resist Islam was worse than murder. Those who argue against Islam and resist Islam can be killed as a sacred act. The spoils were distributed and a ransom set for the prisoners. The men who had killed and stolen were now concerned as to whether they would get their take of the spoils. So the Koran revealed that as Muslims who had been exiled and fought, they were blessed by Allah. They received their share and Mohammed took his one-fifth of the spoils of war.

Islamic teaching is far from “social justice.” Instead, we see the prototype for the first successful jihad:

- The attempts were untiring, it took seven failed tries to get to success.
- It was a sneak attack.
- It had an economic target.
- A religious disguise was used. Deception was a key element. Religion was a shield for political action.
- Kafir death was approved by the Koran.
- Theft from the Kafir was sanctioned as a moral act.
- There were clearly two sets of ethics. One for Islam and one for the Kafirs.
- It was a defensive attack. The Kafirs’ resistance to Islam violates sacred law and was an offense against Allah.
- Muslims may settle Allah’s accounts.

Based on the above, discuss how 9/11 was “by the book” jihad.
Jihad takes up a large portion of the Trilogy.

### Amount of Trilogy Text Devoted to Jihad

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While there is plenty of violence in the Trilogy, and all Muslims are to support Jihad, that doesn’t mean they are all called to the sword.

Jihad can be done with the sword, with the mouth, with a pen or with money.

Writing a letter to the editor about “peaceful Islam” is jihad. Claiming that the Declaration of Independence is based upon Islamic principles is jihad. Giving money to Islamic charities which fund jihadists is jihad. When a Muslim marries a Kafir girl, that is jihad, because all of the children must be raised as Muslims. All struggle against the Kafirs is jihad.

Jihad is surely one of the more famous Arabic words. Jihad does not mean holy war, although it includes holy war. Jihad actually means struggle, which is a much better way to see it because jihad includes much more than war with violence. The Koran defines jihad as fighting in Allah’s cause.

The Koran lays out the vision of jihad. The Sira (Mohammed’s biography) lays out the grand strategy of jihad. The hadith (the Traditions) give us the tactics—all the small details about what needs to be done. And of course all of these things are modeled by Mohammed because Mohammed is not only the perfect Muslim, but also the perfect jihadist.

Jihad was Mohammed’s greatest invention. It made him successful. Jihad is a misunderstood word. Most jihad is done with money and persuasion, not violence. It is jihad that fills Washington DC with money to buy influence. It is jihad that causes our textbooks in our schools to never mention anything negative about Islam.

Mohammed’s dying words were these: “Neither Jew or Christian shall be left in Arabia. Keep giving the money to influence the Kafir ambassadors.”

And that’s what the Saudis are doing. They are influencing the Kafir ambassadors and doing it very well. Muslims use money to advance jihad is in our educational system. No textbook that teaches about Islam in our schools can be used unless it is approved by a Muslim committee. As a consequence, the only Islam that is studied in our schools is the glorious religion, not a glorious political system. No mention is ever made of the killing of 270 million Kafirs over 1400 years. There is no mention in these textbooks of the slave trade, the dhimmi or the Kafir.
According to our textbooks, Islam conquered without any suffering at all. No mention is ever made of how Islam has played the key role in slavery for 1400 years. This propaganda that glorifies Islam in our textbooks is jihad.

But the educational jihad doesn’t stop with textbooks. The Saudis have pumped a large amount of money into our universities’ Middle East history departments, Arabic departments, and religion courses. These large amounts of money are to influence how history and religion and politics are taught. Large sums of money are also pumped into professorships supported by the Saudis. Studying Islam in our universities is done with a curriculum that is approved by the Saudis.

So, jihad by the dollar in our education system is far more dangerous than the jihad by sword. Another example of jihad is the fact that anyone in the media who makes a comment will be pressured and threatened with lawsuits. Muslims are using our own civil rights laws with great effect to intimidate and make sure that no one ever says anything about Islam that Muslims don’t like. Because you see, freedom of speech is not Sunna, the way of Mohammed.

In the end, it is not the jihad of violence that is so relevant to this discussion. It is that we do not have any understanding of what is happening. We don’t understand that when money is used to influence our politicians, the media and schools, that is jihad. So it is not that Islam is so strong, but that we know so little and that makes us so very, very weak.

TRUTH

Jihad is terror. So when Muslim scholars say terror is not the way of Islam, they are practicing deceit. Indeed the practice of Islamic deceit even has a special name in Arabic, taqiyya...It means sacred deception.

In Islam something that is not true is not always a lie.

Bukhari 3,49,857 Mohammed: “A man who brings peace to the people by making up good words or by saying nice things, though untrue, does not lie."

A Muslim’s oath is flexible.

Bukhari 8,78,618 Abu Bakr faithfully kept his oaths until Allah revealed to Mohammed the atonement for breaking them. Afterwards he said, “If I make a pledge and later discover a more worthy pledge, then I will take the better action and make amends for my earlier promise.”

You see, when deception advances Islam, the deception is not a sin.

Bukhari 9,84,64 ...if I should say something unrelated to the prophet, then it might very well be a lie so that I might deceive my enemy.

Muslim 032,6303 According to Mohammed, someone who strives to promote harmony amongst the faithful and says or conveys good things is not a liar. Ibn Shihab said that he had heard only three exceptions to the rules governing false statements: lies are permissible in war, to reconcile differences between the faithful, and to reconcile a husband and wife through the manipulation or twisting of words. (So, don’t lie except with your family, friends and enemies!)

Bukhari5,59,369 Mohammed asked, “Who will kill Ka'b, the enemy of Allah and Mohammed?” Bin Maslama rose and responded, “O Mohammed! Would it please you if I killed him?” Mohammed answered, “Yes.” Bin Maslama then said, “Give me permission to deceive him with lies so that my plot will succeed.” Mohammed replied, “You may speak falsely to him.”

Bukhari4,52,267 ...Mohammed cried out, “Jihad is deceit.”

Taqiyya takes place today in America. Who told us that Islam is the religion of peace? Islam! Who told us that jihad not the “real” Islam? Islam.

Koran16:106 ... there is no punishment for anyone who is compelled by force to deny Allah in words, but whose heart is faithful.
Think about this. If a Muslim may deny Islam for his personal convenience, then he may freely deny any part of Islam to help Islam. For instance, a Muslim congressman, soldier or cop may swear that he will uphold the Constitution, but he knows that Islam comes first. So the oath is meaningless, because he has a secret.

There is also a special form of lying that resembles taqiyya and that is kitman. Kitman means to leave out part of the truth. When you take an oath in court, you not only swear to tell the truth but the whole truth. When a Muslim tells a partial truth, to further Islam, that is kitman.

Here is a famous kitman: Muslims say that the real jihad is the inner struggle, the greater jihad. But in the Hadith, only 3% of the doctrine even mentions this inner struggle. So the Muslim who tells you that the real jihad is inner struggle is leaving out the other 97%. He is practicing kitman. Is jihad the inner struggle? Yes, 3%. Is jihad killing the Kafir? Yes, 97%. Notice again, we have a duality. There are two ways to view jihad. A Muslim may choose whichever he needs for the moment, in order to further Islam.

One more kitman example: After 9/11 an imam was asked about the 72 virgins to be given to a jihadist in Paradise. He said that the 72 virgins were part of a medieval tale and not really Islamic doctrine. What he did not reveal was that the Koran says the jihadists will get virgins in paradise, but does not say how many.

Taqiyya is part of Sharia, as seen at work on this topic as well:

**FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION (FGM)** It is unfortunate that the term “circumcision” is sometimes applied to both the removal of the foreskin of the male and the removal of the clitoris of the woman. Medically, there is no comparison between male circumcision and FGM.

Circumcision is part of the Sharia law. Here is the deceptive translation:

**e4.3** Circumcision is obligatory for both men and women. For men it consists of removing... and for women ...

However, what the Arabic actually says is:

**e4.3** Circumcision is obligatory (for every male and female) by cutting off the piece of skin...of the male, but circumcision of the female is by cutting out ... (this is called Hufaad)."

We see our leaders practicing taqiyya in our government as well:

This is a quote from Ali Al Timimi, an internationally known Muslim scholar who had U.S. government clearance. He even worked with a former White House Chief of Staff, and was invited to speak to the military about Islam.

Publicly, Al Timimi denounced Islamic violence and said: “My position against terrorism and Muslim inspired violence against innocent people is well known by Muslims.” But privately another picture emerged. Five days after the attacks on September 11th, he called them legitimate and rallying young Muslim men in his mosque to carry out more Holy war and violent jihad.

Another Islamic leader in this country, Abdurahman Alamoudi, who developed the Pentagon’s Muslim chaplain corps and acted as a goodwill ambassador for our State Department, also denounced terror. “We are against all forms of terrorism” he claimed. Privately he raised major funds for Al-Qaeda and was caught on tape grumbling that Osama bin Laden had not killed enough Kafirs in the U.S. Embassy bombings.

In our culture we would call these men liars. But this does not apply to Islamic ethics because what these men were practicing was taqiyya, which is sacred, because they were talking to Kafirs when they said those things.

**SOME GOOD NEWS: EASE AND NECESSITY**

Sharia has two principles which can be called "ease" and "necessity" Fundamentally, ease and necessity means that if a Muslim lives amongst Kafirs, the Muslim can do business the Kafir way. Here’s an example:
DEALING WITH INTEREST IN ENEMY LANDS

Muslims can pay interest if they live in dar al barb, the land of war (amongst Kafirs), meaning the Sharia is not the law of the land.

Hence, Muslims can pay and receive interest in America, according to Sharia. So why do Muslims want Sharia financing? Simple. The principle of submission comes into play. Kafirs must submit to Sharia in all matters, including banking. Also, sacred love and sacred hate means that our Kafir financial system must be destroyed.

Notice that according to Sharia, America is "enemy land".

Muslim leaders claim: in order for us to practice our religion, you must give us our prayer in school; prayer in the workplace, rooms set aside in schools and workplaces for prayer, special food (halal); days off for Muslim holidays; head scarves at work and school and allow full body burkas in sports. Kafirs must never criticize any aspect of Islam, such as polygamy, jihad or wife-beating. Kafirs must furnish welfare support for our many wives, give special treatment to Muslim women in hospitals, and on and on.

Non-Muslims do not have to accommodate Islam's demands.

The Sharia has two principles that provide guidance in the situation when Muslims cannot practice their pure Islam according to Sharia. The technical name is tayseer, meaning "lightening one's burden" or "making it easy".

Koran 4:28 Allah wishes to lighten your burden, for man was created weak.

When the circumstances are difficult and Sharia law is not in force, a Muslim's burden is lightened. They are obligated to pray and not handle pork, for instance, but if the circumstances are difficult, then the requirements are lightened. This leads to the concept of darura, necessity. If it is necessary, what is forbidden is permitted.

If a Muslim is hungry and there is no halal (Sharia compliant) food, then he can eat any food. If a Muslim is where they cannot pray, then the prayer can be done later. If Sharia law has not been implemented, then a Muslim may handle pork, for example, with no consequences.

Here is an example of the principle of darura:

It is a necessary condition for the permissibility of joining prayers (making up missed prayers) that the person be: (...) (5) Someone who fears harm in earning his living.

In short, if a Muslim cannot pray at work or school, it can be made up later. Islamic demands are about "wants" not necessities. If their demands are not met, there is no harm to their religion. To claim there is, is simply practicing taqiyya.

Another example of darura is found in buying insurance. Insurance is forbidden in Sharia, but if car insurance is required by Kafir law, then necessity allows a Muslim to buy the forbidden insurance.

By banning Sharia law, no Muslim's needs are violated. We can restrict Political Islam, without restricting religious Islam, even by Islam's own standards.

When we say no to Sharia prayer at school, we are not limiting any religious freedoms, we are protecting Kafir citizens against Islam's political demands. If a Muslim cannot pray at the appointed times, then Sharia law allows the prayer to be made up later. There is no harm in delaying prayer. Mohammed delayed prayer, hence all Muslims can delay prayer.

THE KAFIR LEADERS

Kafir leaders know nothing about Islam and Sharia. They all have met nice Muslims, so they think that Islam must be good and the trouble makers must be extremists. They know nothing about dualistic ethics or political submission.
The prime motivation of Kafir leaders is to be nice and play the role of tolerant host to these new guests. A second motivation is not to say or do anything that will cause them to be labeled a bigot.

The master plan of Kafir leadership is that if we are nice, Muslims will see how good we are and will reform Islam. But, if your goal is to implement the Sharia and the process of applying the Sharia has worked without fail for 1400 years, why reform what is not broken?

**A WORD ABOUT TREATIES**

Ishaq 750 Mohammed regarded the treaty with the Meccans as an oath to Allah and a victory for Islam. The government of Mecca had dealt with Mohammed as an independent political power. Many more Arabs were attracted to the religion of Islam now that it was rich and powerful.

The treaty at al Hudaybiya established Islam’s attitudes about treaties to this day. Islam makes a treaty, if and only if, it is in a losing position. The treaty is good only as long as Islam is weak. When Islam is strong, jihad will start again.

About a year later, Mohammed found a reason to break the treaty of Hudaybiya. He had been making raids against Kafir tribes, gaining wealth and converts. Islam was stronger than when he made the treaty. It was time and he marched against Mecca with an army of 10,000.

**FIRST AMENDMENT**

You may hear something like this: “Islam is a religion and Muslims have Freedom of Religion under our First Amendment. To deny any of Islam’s religious demands is unconstitutional, so we must do whatever they ask, if it is religious.”

But every "religious" demand by Islam has a political component. Here we have Mohammed's special gifts from Allah:

Bukhari 1,7,331] Mohammed: I have been given five things which were not given to anyone else before me:

1. Allah made me victorious by awe, by his frightening my enemies for a distance of one month's journey.
2. The earth has been made for me and for my followers, a place for praying and a place to perform rituals; therefore, anyone of my followers can pray wherever the time of a prayer is due.
3. The spoils of war has been made lawful for me yet it was not lawful for anyone else before me.
4. I have been given the right of intercession on the Day of Resurrection.
5. Every Prophet used to be sent to his nation only but I have been sent to all mankind.

The role of Islamic prayer is a political demand along with jihad and Sharia. Islam demands that the state serve its every need. This demand is the demand for political submission by Kafir governments.

✍ We must learn the difference between religion and politics

Islamic prayer has a religious motivation and a political result. It is a demand for submission of the body politic by an ideology that is fundamentally in opposition to American law, culture and tradition.

✍ We should react to all of Islam's political demands with a political response.

✍ MORE GOOD NEWS: ARTICLE SIX OF THE CONSTITUTION: (reads...)

This Constitution, and the Laws of the United States which shall be made in Pursuance thereof,; and all Treaties made, or which shall be made, under the Authority of the United States, shall be the supreme Law of the Land; and the Judges in every State shall be bound thereby, any Thing in the Constitution or Laws of any State to the Contrary notwithstanding.

In other words, you can have your religion but you abide by the laws and Constitution of the United States.
The Senators and Representatives before mentioned, and the Members of the several State Legislatures, and all executive and judicial Offices, both of the United States and of the several States, shall be bound by Oath or Affirmation, to support this Constitution; but no religious Test shall ever be required as a Qualification to any Office or public Trust under the United States."

Article 6 of the US Constitution states that the Constitution is the highest law of the land and cannot be subjugated to any other legal code. The fundamental claim of Sharia is that it is the highest law in the world and that all other legal codes must submit to Islamic law. It is a massive contradiction that is being ignored as Sharia is creeping in and being implemented, under the guise of Freedom of Religion.

Islam's religion always has a political component that must be accommodated. As a contrasting example, there are as many Buddhists who have come to America. Can you name a single political demand that Buddhists have made in the schools or any other area? Do you know of a case where Buddhists have made demands for coming into schools, businesses, law enforcement or hospitals and making demands that we learn about Buddhism and accommodate Buddhist practices? No, because Buddhism is a religion, not a political and religious ideology.

The Sharia attack on Article 6 is not direct, but it is a flanking attack. Take the example of freedom of speech and the press. When the Mohammed cartoons were published, there were no major papers in the US that published them, since Muslims said that the cartoons were blasphemy and offended Islam. The result was that we followed Sharia and did not print the cartoons. What politician protested at Sharia being implemented and our Constitution being weakened by submission to it?

Freedom of speech is being denied when anyone who criticizes Islam is called a bigot and an Islamophobe. Currently, the First Amendment is being misused, in order to destroy Article 6. Islamic political doctrine is being legitimized under the cover of religion. If we are not wise, the “prophesy” of the Muslim Brotherhood memo, destroying us “by our own hands” could be more prophetic than anything Mohammed ever said.

As a Constitutional matter, no aspect of Sharia should be allowed.

We highly recommending visiting http://www.politicalislam.com/ and getting some of Dr. Bill Warner’s materials. The 3 Part Self Study Course is among the many excellent resources.

Some of the most moving and motivating histories are shared about the world’s battle with Islamic Jihad through the years. Stories from the beginning to the present day, from Khaybar to 9/11 and most of the historic events in between. The Armenians, the Turks, America’s role, Smyrna, Vienna, Anatolia, the Hindus, India, Spain. It is really the story of our planet and the battle of good versus evil.

The story is not fully written. We hope this study will move you to act both on the political/cultural front, where we may be losing the upper hand, and on the spiritual battlefront, where the Muslims surely are losing.

It truly is time to put on the Armor of God.

Thank you and we’ll see you at the next class!

**Additional Reading 9/11 by the book...**

When you understand jihad as it comes from the Koran, the Sira, and the Hadith, you will discover that everything about 9/11 was “by the book.”

This was not the first time the World Trade Center had been attacked by jihadists. In 1993, an attempt was made to bring down the Twin Towers with a massive bomb placed in the basement. That didn’t work, but it didn’t matter because the second time it did. The second time was practiced over and over. When it all came down on September 11 they had been through it many times. This is modeled on the example of Mohammed.
When Mohammed turned to jihad, the first time he sent his men out to kill and rob, they failed. They didn’t find anyone to rob. The second try was also a failure, as was the third and several subsequent attempts. But when they went out for the eighth time, they were successful. 9/11 is just like Mohammed’s jihad.

Another way that September 11 was very Mohammedan was there was no shame or remorse inside of the Islamic community. The most popular book in the Arab world after 9/11 was written by a man who had shared a jail cell with Zawaheri. And his criticism of Zawaheri was not that what they had done was immoral. No. What was wrong was it woke the sleeping tiger, America. Many Muslims expressed no remorse over 3000 dead Kafirs because at no time in Mohammed’s life did he ever express the slightest remorse over the death of a Kafir. Indeed we have records in which he laughed and cheered, when Kafirs suffered.

Here’s an interesting thing about the attack on the World Trade Center. Two days after it happened, telephones begin to ring in churches all across America and when the church member picked up the phone, the other person said “I’m a Muslim and we would like to come to your church and give a seminar on Islam, the peaceful religion.”

Now, this was a great deception, but it was also done with amazing speed and power. Think about it. Do you know of any other group, Democrat, Republican, military—anything in the world—that could with, only 48 hours notice, launch a uniform public relations attack across an entire nation?

Another way it was like jihad was that Muslims after 9/11 said “we’re the real victims. Muslims were the ones who were really hurt.” Again, this is precisely like Mohammed did it. When his eighth attack was successful he was accused by the Arabs of violating all the rules of war because he attacked during the holy month of Ramadan. The Koran replied to this and said that what the Meccans—the Kafirs—had done to Mohammed was far more serious than being killed. It was true that the Meccan Arabs had run Mohammed out of the city, but they didn’t harm anyone. When the Muslims killed the Kafirs they said, “We’re the real victims here, not the dead Kafirs.”

Another way in which 9/11 was modeled after Mohammed is this: Muslims claimed “Oh, we are the religion of peace.” The veil of the religion of Islam was used to hide the political act of jihad. This has been done before as well. Mohammed always covered his political actions with a religious necessity.

The World Trade Center was chosen as a target for two reasons. The first reason is it was a trade center, a business center. It was the hope of Al Qaeda and Osama bin Laden that destroying the World Trade Center would paralyze the American economy. Because you see, jihad wherever possible is an economic attack. Mohammed’s attacks on the caravans were to gain wealth for himself and to remove wealth from the Kafirs.

Another way that 9/11 was modeled after Mohammed’s actions is this: The men who did it were immigrants to this country. Mohammed did not take up jihad until he was an immigrant. When he moved to Medina he called it his “emigration.” How important is this idea of immigration? Well, “Islamic Time” starts when he entered Medina and became a politician and warrior. That’s the reason why all Islamic calendars start with the time of Mohammed’s emigration, not his birthday or date of his first revelation. Time Zero was chosen because of immigration, the beginning of Mohammed’s political success.

As a sneak attack, 9/11 also followed Mohammed’s method. He used sneak attacks whenever possible. So on 9/11 when we woke up to terror and fire, it was just as though Mohammed had ordered it.

The attack on the World Trade Center violated the rules of war, another of Mohammed’s tactics. One of the reasons that Mohammed always beat the Arabs was because they kept expecting him to play by the rules. After all, before Mohammed there were established rules of war. But when Mohammed developed jihad he threw out all the rules. Brother would kill brother, father would kill son, tribe member would go to war against another tribe member. This violated all the rules of Arabian war, but Mohammed knew how to win, and that was to violate the rules.

The first September 11th was in 1683 when the Europeans drove the Muslims from the gates of Vienna. Of course some years later we would have another September 11th. Now what is important is this: Islam never forgot that on September 11th they had been turned back from the gates of Vienna and the proud Turkish Army was defeated. They never forgot.
In America we had no idea why September 11th was chosen. We were clueless and in that ignorance we see the nature of Islam and the Kafir. The Kafir never remembers. Islam never forgets. We must learn before we can remember, then we must educate others in truth, to open their eyes to the history of Political Islam.

**Why Christians Should Seek to Influence Government for Good**

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In summary, there are five views of Christian involvement the author finds unbiblical, incomplete, or spurious:

Wrong View #1: Government Should Compel Religion
Wrong View #2: Government Should Exclude Religion
Wrong View #3: All Government Is Evil and Demonic
Wrong View #4: Do Evangelism, Not Politics
Wrong View #5: Do Politics, Not Evangelism

He then proposes:

A Better View: Significant Christian Influence on Government

Christians should seek to influence civil government according to God’s moral standards and God’s purposes for government as revealed in the Bible. We’ll focus on that content here:

**Old Testament Support for Significant Christian Influence on Government:**

The Prophet Daniel exercised a strong influence on the secular government in Babylon:

“Wherefore, O king, let my counsel be acceptable unto thee, and break off thy sins by righteousness, and thine iniquities by shewing mercy to the poor; if it may be a lengthening of thy tranquillity.” (Dan. 4:27)

At that time Daniel was a high official in the King’s court with a significant advisory role. It’s reasonable to assume Daniel’s comment was followed by a longer conversation naming specific policies and actions.

The counsel Jeremiah proclaimed also supports the idea of believers having influence on laws and government:

“And seek the peace of the city whither I have caused you to be carried away captives, and pray unto the Lord for it: for in the peace thereof shall ye have peace.” (Jer. 29:7).

The true “welfare” of a city will be advanced through laws and policies that are consistent with, not contrary to, God’s teaching in the Bible.

Joseph was the highest official after Pharaoh, king of Egypt and had great influence in the decisions.

Moses boldly stood before Pharaoh and demanded freedom for the people.

Nehemiah was “cupbearer to the king” a position of high responsibility.

Mordecai “was second in rank to King Ahasuerus” of Persia.

Queen Esther also had significant influence.

In addition, on numerous occasions, Old Testament prophets address the sins of foreign nations, because the God who is revealed in the Bible, is the God of all peoples of all nations on earth.

Believers have a responsibility to bear witness to the moral standards of the Bible by which God will hold all people accountable, including those people in public office.

**New Testament examples:**

John the Baptist rebuked Herod for a specific personal sin in his life and he boldly spoke to officials about the moral right and wrong of their governmental policies.

Paul stood trial before the Roman governor Felix. Here is what happened in Acts 24:

“...And as he reasoned of righteousness, temperance, and judgment to come, Felix trembled”
This indicates that Paul was talking about moral standards of right and wrong and that Felix, as an official of the Roman Empire, had obligations to live up to the standards given by God. Paul no doubt told Felix that he would be accountable and this led Felix to be “alarmed.”

When Luke tells us that Paul “reasoned” with Felix about these things, the word in Greek is “dialegomai” which indicates a back-and-forth conversation or discussion. It would be an artificial restriction on the meaning of the text to suppose that Paul only spoke with Felix about his “private” life and not about his actions as a Roman governor.

You see, examples of godly believers’ influence on governments are not minor or confined to obscure portions of the Bible, but are found in Old Testament history, in the canonical writing prophets and in the New Testament Gospels and Acts. (And that’s just considering pagan kings, etc.) If we add to this list the Old Testament prophets’ counsel to the good and evil kings of Israel as well, we’d cover all the kings and all the prophets—nearly every book of the Old Testament, including Psalms and Proverbs.

Influencing government for good on the basis of the wisdom found in God’s own words is a theme that runs through the entire Bible.

In addition, specific Bible passages of the New Testament teach about “significant Christian influence” in government. Look at Romans 13:1–7 and 1 Peter 2:13–14 for example.

Certainly God put in such passages to not only inform Christians about how they should relate to civil government, but also for people within governmental to know what God expects of them. All of these teachings are relevant for those who serve in governmental office, and we should speak and teach about them when we have opportunity to do so.

### The Responsibility of Citizens in a Democracy

In a democracy, a significant portion of the ruling power is entrusted to the citizens through the ballot box. Therefore all citizens old enough to vote have a responsibility before God to know what God expects of government and the moral and legal standards He wants government to follow.

Citizens can only learn the kind of government God is seeking if churches teach about government and politics from the Bible. Who else is going to teach about how the Bible applies to specific political issues? The responsibility of pastors to give wise biblical teaching should certainly include instruction about policy matters in government and politics.

### Without Christian Influence, Governments Will Have No Moral Compass

The United States is in tremendous need for moral guidance and Christians should study, discuss and then speak publicly about this. If pastors and church members say, “I’ll let somebody else speak about that,” what pagan, heathen or apostate will give our nation its moral standards?

Are they better off learning from Hollywood? Friends at the bar? Liberal professors? Professional counselors? Secular scientists?

Christian friends, remember, the entire world is locked in a tremendous spiritual battle. There are demonic forces that seek to oppose God’s purposes and bring evil and destruction to every human being that God created in His own image, and also bring destruction to every human society and every nation.

The moral vacuum we leave will shortly be filled by the ultimate adversaries of the Gospel. rushing in and influencing every decision, contrary to biblical standards. Misery will soon follow.

### The Political Obligations of All Christian Citizens

Every Christian living in a democracy has at very least, a minimal obligation to be well-informed and to vote for candidates and policies that are most consistent with biblical principles.

Christians in the United States should also consider whether he or she has a higher obligation than merely voting. Is it morally right to receive great benefits from a nation but give almost nothing in return?

The last line in the Declaration of Independence says this:

And for the support of this declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor.
Should we not participate at least at some level in giving money or giving time to support specific candidates and issues? Or writing letters or helping to distribute literature? Or even running for office or volunteering to serve in the military? Is it not right that all of us at least do something more than merely voting to preserve and protect this nation?

Notes:

Please note the major conclusions you’ve come to in this class. If there’s time, please share them with the group.
Christian Response to Islam - Section IV

Witnessing to Muslims

As a complement to this week’s study we highly recommend a wonderful book called, Seeking Allah, Finding Jesus, by Nabeel Qureshi. (Copyright 2014 by Nabeel Qureshi, Zondervan  www.zondervan.com)

If you will commit a little time to be able to make a case for the Bible, defend Jesus’ crucifixion, show that He claimed to be God, explain with reasonable effectiveness the Trinity; if you can explain what the Islamic texts say about Muhammad and generally understand the compiling and content of the Qur’an, you can do this and it’s easier than you think. You’ll need to pray and use discernment of course and building a relationship and showing hospitality is a real plus. Finally, be sensitive to Muslim cultural concerns, especially around Muslim women, and above all show them love and compassion, you could soon be used of God to bring some to Christ. This class will help you get there!

A MUSLIM IN THE WEST

Aahil was taught by his parents to hold the Qur’an high. keeping it in a place of honor. (Never on the floor.) Even washing his hands before touching it. This is not just any book, it is the word of Allah - Treat it with respect.

Aahil was emboldened in his Islamic faith by the lack of boldness of the Christians “all around” him. He wondered why they didn’t talk to him about Jesus. Were they fine with him going to Hell? Didn’t they believe their own faith?

In most Islamic cultures, elders are simply obeyed and that’s that. It’s how you show them love and respect. To question them would challenge their authority. Uncritical acceptance is simple a part of Islam. Part of the Muslim worldview.

In the American universities, students were not long ago, taught critical thinking. (At least much more than Islam taught it.) To question everything a common approach in the West but not in Islamic culture. Today, it seems American higher education, or America’s education system in general, is playing right into Islam’s hands.

Aahil thought Americans (a term to many, that is synonymous with “Christians”) taught religion with no accountability. One prayer and you’re in. Heavenbound! That clashed with what he believed: that the purpose of religion was to make people and society good and if people are allowed to do whatever they want, (free), society would collapse.

Aahil began to wonder if the Hollywood types and entertainers wearing crosses may be “Chrinos.” (Christians in name only.) Yet, his parents didn’t see it that way. To them, you wear a cross, you’re a Christian, period. The generation before Aahil’s taught that culture and religion were inseparable and to think otherwise was wrong.

The average Muslim immigrant expects people in the West to be promiscuous Christians and enemies of Islam. In many cases, the promiscuous society that is America is even blamed on Christianity. Sadly, this mindset often causes Muslim immigrants to remain isolated and the lack of a true Christian visibility gives them no reason to think otherwise.

This lack of Christian witness makes it even more unfathomable to consider leaving Islam to become a Christian and creates a stronghold against the salvation of Muslims.

Perhaps if they saw one Christian who lived “righteously,” their stereotypes might be corrected. (Something we as Christians should think and pray about.) They might even begin to see Christianity as something virtuous, perhaps something they want to be a part of.

When Muslim immigrants come to America and are met with “charity workers” who teach them how to “game the system,” they see these “Christians” and foolhardy and corrupt.

For many, including Aahil, it would take the study of history and Islam itself that would destroy is faith. Nowhere was this more true than in the areas of the prophethood of Muhammad and the divine origin of the Qur’an.
**LOSING HIS RELIGION…**

On his face before God, Aahil was praying in rituals but wrestling with reasoning. Now further along in his journey, studying Islam, history and the Bible had significantly dismantled his Muslim worldview. In just a few short years, he now questioned everything he was taught, all he ever thought he knew about God.

Aahil’s Arabic prayer would be saying, “Glorified is my Lord, the Highest.” In his heart he would wonder “Who are you, Lord?” Further along in his journey, he’s now asking the One he’s praying to, “Are you the God of Islam?” Wrestling back thoughts and punishments of blasphemy, he would wonder the unthinkable question, “Are you Jesus?”

Then came the objections: A man can’t be equal to God? The Bible couldn’t be right. God didn’t need to die in order to forgive us. Who ran things when Jesus was dead? How could God eat, go to the bathroom, bleed, die?

Followed by more reasoning: An all powerful God could enter creation if he wanted to, right? “Did you? As Jesus?”

How could the Most Powerful, King of Kings be nailed to a cross? If Jesus was God, wouldn’t people be saying “Yes, Your Majesty!” Not yelling “Crucify Him!” God wouldn’t let that happen!

And then again, the reasoning that the Holy Spirit gives: “But what if what was done at the cross was important to God?”

“Come now, and let us reason together…though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be white as snow…” Isaiah 1:18

God is absolutely just. To have no penalty for sin, only forgiveness would not be justice. A penalty has to be paid.

As Aahil prayed “God is great” his mind reasoned that the Qur’an’s teachings were not great. Its pages were filled with violence and its commands conflicted with what his loving family taught him about a loving God and wonderful prophet. “Is the Qur’an Your word?”

Aahil was taught that the Qur’an had never been changed but that conflicted with the Hadith. History shows that it had indeed been changed. He also didn’t find any supernatural knowledge, great scientific information or prophesies that he was once taught were there. So much, he was learning, was indisputably untrue. “God, who are You?”

Next up was Muhammad. Aahil was taught he was the greatest man who ever lived: al-Insan al-Kamil, the perfect man. No one else even came close. He was loving, generous, merciful, fighting for women’s rights and the poor. He was a great military leader and the perfect religious follower of God. If you believed those stories, it was easy to he was Rasul Allah, God’s messenger.

But the Qur’an and Hadith painted a different picture. The weird details about his first revelation, how he raided caravans, married a little girl, owned slaves, assassinated and tortured people and did many horrible things. “Where was the love and mercy? It’s not generosity if you stole it in the first place!”

Aahil longed for peace more than ever. He wanted to know God and yet felt farther from Him than ever. he finally prayed to be shown the “straight way” and promised to walk it if God would only show him.

“Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you” Matthew 7:7

This is the goal of this session. To sort out the questions that were plaguing our Muslim friend, to explore the answers he received and the truth that guided him there.

Looking above, discuss some of the factors that worked on Aahil, moving him towards his conversion?

**THE ETERNAL VALUE OF A TRUE FRIEND**

Aahil had many Christian acquaintances - people he thought might be his friend IF he was a Christian. Unfortunately, he felt that no Christians actually cared about him or would support him in through thick and thin. Since no Christians really cared about him, he didn’t care about their message.
This made it easier for him to find excuses to ignore the facts. What he really needed was someone who DID care and then cared enough not to let him continue denying reality. He needed to hear his own lame arguments be defended by himself, over and over again until he could continue no longer.

What he really needed was a non-Muslim friend who would not compromise. Who knew facts and Scripture well enough to challenge and force him to reason through it. Someone he knew loved him enough to consistently and lovingly tell him the truth.

Prayerfully ask God to help you be that person for one Muslim friend. Then ask Him for another and another.

Forging a relationship like this can change a life literally forever!

**TAKING UP THE CROSS**

The cost for a Muslim to accept Jesus can be huge, even in America. It could mean being disowned immediately, losing friendships, perhaps their entire social life and quite possibly, their entire family. - Losing their spouse, their children.

Going through all that, with no one to turn to, can make it exponentially more difficult to endure. They will need more than just the Word of God - they will need to love of Jesus, expressed through you.

Muslim women often recognize their need for Jesus but have no support system if their husbands threaten or leave them. They often have little or no financial resources to find new housing or take legal action. Very often, their extended families will not support them either.

Christians commonly support each other in tough times such as going through a divorce or losing a loved one. Imagine the difference it could make in their receptivity to the gospel if a Muslim felt they had a friend or small group who would support them through thick and thin, good and bad, as long as it took. Can we be those people?

**People in intense life change don’t need a handout from some government bureaucrat. They need the love of God, expressed by the Spirit of God, though the people of God.**

The costs Muslims must face when considering the Gospel are very significant. In addition to the concerns mentioned above, they could be fearing the loss of paradise in the afterlife if they are wrong. This is a reality we all face, yet Muslims may feel it with increased intensity because in Islam, shirk, the unforgivable sin, is believing that someone other than Allah is God.

God’s Word again rings true: “Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel’s, the same shall save it.” Mark 8:34-3

**While the cost my seem great, ask yourself, are they better off without Jesus now or in eternity? Certainly not!**

**The Qur’an, the Bible and the Testimony About Jesus**

Adapted from the very helpful tract: *Jesus and the Qur’an* which can be found at: [http://commanetwork.com/portfolio/jesus-and-the-quran/](http://commanetwork.com/portfolio/jesus-and-the-quran/)

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Challenge Muslims, ideally after you’ve built a relationship or friendship with them, to not reject the Qur’an’s testimony about Jesus (Isa) and about the prior revelations God sent to bear witness to Him: The Bible.

**THE TESTIMONY IN THE QUR’AN**

Surahs are chapters in the Qur’an. Jesus has three named after references to him and he’s spoken of in a total of fifteen. He’s spoken of in close to 100 verses: 93, which is more than any other person in the entire Qur’an.
- Jesus healed the sick and raised the dead (3:49; 5:113)
- Was born of the virgin Mary (3:45-47; 23:50; 19:16-22)
- Brought the gospel to the Jewish people (3:49-51; 13:38)
- He alone is supported by the Holy Spirit (2:87, 253).
- And is called “the Word of God” (3:45; 4:171)
- And “the Messiah” (“Christ,” 3:45; 4:157, 172, etc.).

**THE QUR’AN IS NOT THE ONLY TESTIMONY ABOUT JESUS, NOR IS IT THE PRIMARY ONE**

The Qur’an repeatedly states that God sent prior revelations to the Jews and the Christians: The Torah (Taurat), the Psalms (Zabur), and the Gospel (Injil). Ask your Muslim friends if they ever read what these say about Jesus? Then share with them what they say.

**QUR’AN: GOD SENT OTHER SCRIPTURES, BEFORE THE QUR’AN**

In numerous places, the Qur’an says God gave the Jews and the Christians revelations in the past: “He sent down the Law (of Moses) and the Gospel (of Jesus) before this, as a guide to mankind” (3:3-4); “Say, ‘We believe in the revelation which has come down to us and in that which came down to you’” (29:46; see also 6:89; 2:136; 5:46-47; 7:157).

**THESE REVELATIONS EXISTED DURING MUHAMMAD’S TIME**

In other passages, the Qur’an is clear: these Scriptures existed during Muhammad’s life: “Say ‘O People of the Book! Ye have no ground to stand upon unless ye stand fast by the Law, the Gospel, and all the revelation that has come to you from your Lord’” (5:68; see also 4:136; 10:94 3:93; 5:46, 59, 68-69).

Christians and Jews (the People of the Book) could not “stand fast” in these revelations unless they possessed them at that time. Many ancient copies exist of both the Torah and the Gospels, dated centuries before Muhammad. These are entirely consistent with the books known today as the Old and New Testaments.

**QUICK DETOUR: A FASCINATING HISTORY OF BIBLE TRANSLATION:**

The Old Testament was translated into Greek, 200 years B.C. “Before Christ.” This took place in Alexandria, Egypt when the Egyptian King had 72 Hebrew scholars translate it. Tradition says they took 70 days and all the copies matched. We possess copies of this translation today. It is called the Septuagint, meaning “seventy.”

The New Testament was in book form (called a codex) by 100 A.D. and in 380 A.D., Jerome, the finest textural scholar of the time was brought in to remedy sloppy translating that was taking place. He translated the Old and New Testaments into what is known today as the Latin Vulgate.

This same translation was used by Wycliffe in the 1300x and ratified at the Council of Trent in 1546. That means that for over a thousand years, including during the time that Muhammad attacked Constantinople, there were accurate, “official” Bibles.

These translations arrived in Europe at the birth of the printing press and sparked The Reformation. These copies give us what is known as the “Textus Receptus” and they are used in our modern New King James Version.

As more discoveries were made, translations got more accurate, not less. Alexandrian texts from codexes going back to 250 A.D. are where we get the NASB, NIV and ESV translations for example.

Today, we have 3,400 Greek manuscripts of the New Testament alone. NO major doctrines are in question and variations between all of them could fit on just two pages of a typical Bible.
The 2,000 year old Dead Sea Scrolls showed that the previous 1,000 year old manuscripts we were using, remained virtually unchanged from the Dead Sea Manuscripts from a thousand years earlier!

God’s hand has clearly been at work in preserving and delivering His Word to the world!

**SCRIPTURES ARE CONFIRMED AND GUARDED**

Other verses claim that the Qur’an was sent to “confirm” the scriptures God sent beforehand: “This is a Book which We have sent down, bringing blessings, and confirming (the revelations) which came before it” (6:92, emphasis added; see also 2:40-41, 89, 91; 3:3).

The Qur’an also claims it “guards” these scriptures (5:51).

The Qur’an says it’s impossible for man to change or corrupt God’s revelations: “There is none that can alter the words (and decrees) of God” (6:34; see also 6:115); “No change can there be in the words of God” (10:64; see also 18:27).

In fact, not a single verse in the Qur’an states that the former Scriptures have ever been changed by men or abolished by God. All people, including Muslims, are commanded to believe and obey these unchangeable revelations.

Jesus said: “For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.” And: “Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.” (Matthew 5:18; 24:35).

**GOD’S RELEVATION OF JESUS CHRIST**

What then do the Scriptures say about Jesus? The Old Testament prophets tell of God’s ancient plan to bless all nations through Abraham’s descendant, the coming “Messiah.” The Injil testifies that Jesus is this Messiah and was crucified, buried, and rose, according to the prophets. Jesus declared, “all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me.” (Luke 24:44). His greatest sign was his own resurrection from the dead.

What was Jesus’ testimony about himself? Jesus said: “I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:” (John 11:25).

“I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.” (John 14:6).

“I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep. No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again.” (John 10:11, 18).

Jesus repeatedly told his disciples that he came to die as the ultimate sacrifice for the sins of the world (See Mark 8:31; 10:45; John 2:18-22; 5:24). He laid down his life on the cross, and three days later he took it up, leaving an empty tomb.

After ascending to heaven he appeared in a vision to his disciples and reaffirmed his limitless authority: “Fear not; I am the first and the last: I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.” (Revelation 1:17-18).

**WHO IS JESUS?**

When Jesus’ great forerunner, the prophet Yahya (John the Baptist), introduced Jesus, he said: “…he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost.” (Mark 1:7-8). And, “Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world!” (John 1:29).
When the apostle Simon Peter stated to Jesus: “Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.” (Matthew 16:16), Jesus did not rebuke Peter. Instead, he praised him: “Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.” (Matthew 16:17).

Be prepared to explain that when the Scriptures call Jesus the “Son of God,” they do not imply God had relations with a woman whose offspring was physically God’s “son. No, they mean that the Word of God, who was in the beginning with God, took human nature and became a man (John 1:1-3, 14). By the power of the Spirit of God the eternal Word was born of a virgin, as foretold by the prophets. Mary asked the angel Gabriel how this could be; he answered, “The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.” (Luke 1:35).

You might ask your Muslim friends if they believe the prophets. If they believe Jesus was telling the truth about himself - about being the Son of God who came to take away the sins of the world - A claim he proved by his resurrection.

Why did God send us these revelations? Jesus’ disciple John gives us the answer: “But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.” (John 20:31).

If your Muslim friends want to know God’s will, encourage them to read the prophets and the gospel of Jesus the Messiah! They can experience Jesus’ promises for themselves!

Share with them what Jesus said: “Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me... him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.” (John 14:1; 6:37).

The Muslims’ Case Against Christianity

Note: Muslims are more likely to challenge your faith, than give up their own - particularly if you are one of the first to “witness” to them. While it is not part of Islamic teaching, perhaps letting them test your faith, will make them more open to your asking them questions about theirs. This is particularly true once you’ve built a friendship...

Be ready. It’s not unusual for a Muslim to feel they must have a command over any points of controversy or disagreement between Islam and Christianity. Regarding Jesus, here are some points where Muslims and Christians have a particularly strong disagreement:

- Jesus died on the cross
- Jesus claimed to be God
- The Trinity
- The Bible

The Qur’an specifically denies Jesus’ death and His claim to be God. To be a good ambassador for Islam, they may have rehearsed these topics in advance. Often, you’ll find a Muslim strongly adhering to whatever he’s been taught by the authorities in the mosque. The less a Christian can offer a give and take, the more emboldened they may feel, believing they are right. Your lack of “being ready to give an answer” can make their faith even stronger.

HE DIDN’T DIE ON THE CROSS

Here are some arguments you may encounter on this topic: (Be sure to look up the Scriptures that are referenced.)

1. He didn’t want to die and prayed for God to take the cup away from Him. God loved Jesus. Why would He ignore Jesus’ prayer? (See Matt 26:42)
2. Three hours on the cross wouldn’t kill you. Some people lasted for days. (See Isaiah 52:13-15 - and many others)
3. Perhaps most common (because the Qur’an teaches it) is the Substitution Theory. Allah put Jesus’ face on someone else and that person was crucified. The Qur’an says “Jesus was neither killed nor crucified, but so it appeared.” (For claims #3, 4, 5, and 6, see Matt 27:57-28:9)
4. The Swoon Theory, (common outside of Islam as well) that the spices healed him up and He revived in the tomb
5. Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus took him and the disciples only thought He rose
6. He was taken down as the Bible says because of Pilate’s wife’s troubling dream
7. He died of old age in India. (Huh? That’s a creative one! Believe it or not, you may hear that one too!)

**Even a non-Christian should be easily able to answer these objections. You can do this!**

Remember, if they bring these things up, where do we find these stories? In the Bible! Finding Jesus’ prayer in the Garden before He died, the crucifixion, His resurrection, should be easy, even for a layman to find. Show them answers! (Remember by bringing up these objections, they are opening the door to reference a great resource: The Bible!)

Be patient, don’t get discouraged or frustrated. Study! And remember, this is a spiritual battle. It may take a long time but God your Muslim friends are worth fighting for! But also remember, people who want to avoid truth, often succeed.

Sometimes, Muslims will get more specific. That may take a little more study to answer them. You might hear things like: He was still alive because His heart was still pumping, the Bible says “blood and water gushed out.” (John 19:34)

If you ever don’t know an answer, just tell them you’ll get back to them on it and keep the relationship going!

In case you need it, here’s how to answer the “argument” above:

- What the gospel calls ‘water’ is either describing when the fluids separate after death or the fluid around the heart - either way, the blood and water is a sign of His being dead, not alive.
- The Greek word translated ‘gushed out’ can also mean ‘coming out.’ It doesn’t mean the heart was pumping.
- The purpose of spearing Him was to be sure He was dead. If He wasn’t before, He was after!
- Best of all, what does the verse directly before that say, in the book THEY brought up? It plainly says Jesus was **DEAD**! John 19:33 “But when they came to Jesus, and saw that he was dead already...”

**Here’s a valuable tip: Context is often the only key you’ll need!**

Don’t let your friend pick and choose verses without context or use obscure scriptural reference to undermine foundational doctrines. Pilate’s wife’s dream is mentioned once. Prophesies and testimony around Jesus’ death are very numerous. Luke is one of the most trusted historians in all of ancient history. The gospels are verified and factual.

◊ Let them know that the Bible and the Qur’an are nothing like each other and you can’t try to interpret one in the same way you do the other. The Bible has a story to tell and it often gives it in an orderly and complete story form. You need to read it as you would a story. Suggest they start with the Gospel of John.

As far as we know, no one ever survived a Roman crucifixion. It was a torturous, unfailing method of execution. The whips they used were designed to rip skin off in strips and cause massive damage and bleeding. Many perished from the whipping alone, spilling their insides right out.

In a crucifixion, nails would hit the median nerve and cause extreme pain. Hanging by the arms, suffocation would be a continuous threat, requiring the victim push up with his nail pierced feet to get another breath. It was easy to tell when one died. They would no longer push up with each breath, finally dying in hopeless suffocation.
That is the death Jesus endured for YOU. (For everyone. Out of love, for every sin-marred human being, including the Muslim you share this with.)

This fact, has been God’s message throughout the Torah and the Gospels. (Which the Qur’an confirms have come down from God.) Show them. This is not a perversion of justice because an innocent victim was forced to pay for someone else’s sins. This was God’s glorious will and His plan for a just and merciful redemption of mankind:

- Gen 3:15 God promises a savior who will crush evil while suffering
- “Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing.” Rev 5:12
- Exod 12:13 “…when I see the blood, I will pass over you”
- 1 Cor 5:7 “Christ our passover is sacrificed for us:”
- Matt 1:21 “thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins…”
- John 1:29 “Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.”
- Isaiah tells of a suffering servant, led like a lamb to the slaughter, “for the transgression of my people was he stricken.” (Isaiah 53:8)
- As with Abraham in Genesis 15, God promises that He, not the people, would make atonement for all their sins.
- 1 Peter 1:19 “with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:”
- Hebrews: “without shedding of blood is no remission.” Heb 9:22
- And for His sacrifice, the redeemed will sing for all eternity: “Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.” Rev 5:9-10

There are multiple non-Christian sources and many more Christian sources, all of which go back to the first century and testify of Jesus’ death on the cross. There is no early tradition to the contrary. Scholars and one time critics who’ve studied it, are virtually unanimous: the death of Jesus on the cross is among the surest facts of history.

To hold on to the Islamic version of Jesus’ crucifixion, you would have to deny facts, history and reality. Instead of facts, history and reality, you’ll often encounter cases that start with the conclusion and work backwards, completely lacking in substantiation. Don’t let them get away with it! You know better and God Word will guide you!

Historians use carefully thought out criteria and techniques, when investigating the past. Their systematic approach is called the “Historical Method.” Muslims need to realize that the Historical Method is mostly about being fair, careful, using common sense and being consistent when doing research. Be watchful of a more “Eastern” approach that makes passionate cases to the heart rather than the head. Only Christianity will satisfy both.

At some point it may be helpful to interject this key apologetic Bible verse (taught very aptly by Voddie Baucham).

2 Peter 1:16-21 says in essence: (this is a paraphrase)

We have a reliable collection of historical documents written by eyewitnesses, during the lifetime of other eyewitnesses. They report supernatural events in direct fulfillment of specific prophecies and claim to be divine rather than human in origin.

Read 2 Peter 1:16-21. Once you understand it and internalize it, you’ll have a great apologetic tool to help you remember the substantial support that exists for the Bible. Do you see how the Apostle Peter, led by the Holy Spirit lays out a format for defending the faith and the truth of God’s Word? If it’s good enough for Peter, we should use it too!
THE BIBLE HAS BEEN CORRUPTED

Muslims may say (because they are taught this) that the Bible was changed over time. Christians took out whole sections and added things they wanted. They might get specific again and claim the Trinity was put in and then taken out in 1 John 5. (The Trinity is clear in the passage even though the King James Version seems to intentionally make it more prominent.)

Some helpful answers:

- Could someone change all the Bibles in the world without any evidence of it being done?
- Would Christians all over the world allow such a thing to take place?
- If it was just a regional change, there would be evidence with great differences between documents found throughout the years (which there are not)
- There are many ancient manuscripts. We can compare and see any changes. There is an entire field of Biblical study devoted to this called “textural criticism.”
- Differences between versions are primarily minor, stylistic differences in translation and they are all using the same ancient Greek and Hebrew manuscripts.
- The issue of 1 John 5 (mentioned above) proves that we can detect alterations successfully.
- The early manuscripts are available and they are what matter. To see if the Bible has changed from the early centuries, we only need to look at them and compare. And that is what we do. There are many 2nd century, original Greek New Testament manuscripts. Dozens more exist from the 3rd century and we have two full New Testaments from the 4th century. Modern translations of the Bible are based on these ancient manuscripts. This is nothing like the telephone game played by children, where one child makes up a story and tells it to the next person and they tell what they remember to the next, on down the line. At the end, it’s nothing like the original. We have VERY early manuscripts that differ in only minute ways from manuscripts, hundreds or even thousands of years later.

Muslims may make a strange sounding accusation that we don’t think the words matter because there are so many translations of the Bible. If you encounter this:

- Tell your Muslim friends that of course the words matter, because they communicate a message and the message is what is important. That is precisely why the Bible can be translated. If the inspiration was in the words and not the message, we could never translate it and it would not be a message for all people. Yet Christ said to spread the gospel to the whole world. (This is a particularly good approach to use because many Muslims are taught that they must read the Qur’an in Arabic, yet if that’s true, it cannot be universally applicable for everyone.)

Here’s another good approach if they claim the Bible has been changed. Try asking:

- There are sixty-six books in the Bible - which part do you say has been changed?
- When was it changed?
- How was it changed?
- How does the change demonstrate a significant impact on the core message?

With rational thinking like this, a Muslim may begin to think about the fact that they have not been taught any accurate specifics. They’ve just been repeating what they’ve been taught, without evidence. Once there, you might remind them:
If you think there has been a significant change, you should provide evidence. An opinion based on nothing is only speculation and perhaps a demonstration of bias. (Don’t let your friend get away with it! - But make sure they’re a friend first and then, as the Spirit leads, guide them along in their search for truth.)

One more look at a defense here: The New Testament writings spread in a very decentralized manner. Churches would receive the letters, copy them and send them along so other churches they knew of could read them too. There’s simply no way all these copies could have been altered so they all match and yet all had been changed. It’s an inconceivable claim if you stay consistent with the facts of history.

All this may lead to a “new” objection like the ones below:

Denying that the Bible was trustworthy in the first place.
They cannot get away with this. The Qur’an says the Injil (gospels), the Torah and the Psalms are from Allah and we’ve already covered that in-depth above.

Maybe the Qur’an was referring to other books about Jesus that were lost.

That will not pass either:

- The only gospels even close to being from Jesus’ time are the gospels of the New Testament.
- All the other accounts of Jesus’ life came much later, over a hundred years or more
- Matthew, Mark, Luke and John are all first century, right after Jesus.
- To learn about Jesus’ life, these are most assuredly the most accurate.
- The main biographies about Alexander the Great were written four hundred years after his death. If we know anything about Alexander, we should be exponentially more sure we know about Jesus.

Maybe most valuable of all, to a Muslim:

♀ The Qur’an tells Christians to judge by the Injil. That means they still had it in Muhammad’s day. The Injil is not a lost scripture.

The Qur’an authenticates the Torah and the Gospels in 3:3 and 5:41. However, it also says:

Qur’an 9: 111 Surely Allah has purchased from the believers their souls and their money so that they may have the garden. They engage in war for the sake of Allah, so they kill and are killed; a promise of this is true in the Torah and in the Gospel and in the Qur’an. Hmmmm, it looks like someone may have altered Scripture! - But that teaching isn’t from the Bible!

Remember, ask the Holy Spirit to lead you into saying the right thing at the right time to the right person. Don’t’ just strive to be correct, but be prayerful and obedient in your witness. The soul of someone Jesus loves is at stake.

A couple more items that may be helpful:

- Eyewitnesses were still alive at the time the gospels were written
- Papias wrote around AD 100 that Mark was based on Peter’s eyewitness account
- Papias also confirms John and Matthew as disciples.
- Luke was Paul’s travel companion and again, he’s one of the most respected historians of all time
  - The more we find archaeologically, the more Luke is proven accurate
- It’s recorded history that the disciples actually produced these writings
This type of information may prove fascinating to a Muslim who you’ve built a relationship with. That said, they may not want to admit even to themselves that the gospels can be trusted. Remind them that they were trusted at some point during Mohammed’s time and we can trace the origins of our modern translations back hundreds of years before him. While they may feel shameful to consider their teachers may be wrong or worse, pray that the facts will settle into the cracks in your friends’ newly crumbling worldview - and be ready to stick with them through thick and thin.

**JESUS DIDN’T CLAIM TO BE GOD**

This is perhaps the most deeply ingrained error they’ve been taught. You really need to make inroads to get past this knee-jerk reaction you’ll likely encounter. A book that has been significantly helpful for many is Josh McDowell’s *More Than A Carpenter*. Consider giving them this little book and encouraging them to read it.

[*Note:* Muslims place relatively little weight on surrounding passages when interpreting the Qur’an and if you let them, they’ll do the same with the Bible. Don’t allow them to do this.]

Muhammad dictated the Qur’an to scribes over 23 years. It was not collected until after his death. Verses that had been given years or decades apart are frequency found side by side, with no obvious connection. In fact, only one story in the entire Qur’an has a clear beginning, middle and end: the story of Joseph. All others pick up in the middle or never quite finish. It’s no wonder Muslims often find the Qur’an hard to understand.

When interpreting the gospels, Muslims will need to approach things differently than how they read the Qur’an. Each gospel tells a story and has context throughout. Verses must be read in context and can’t be used by themselves to make a points that clearly aren’t being made when read along with the surrounding passages.

[*Have them read the whole gospel, understand the intent and meaning, and let God’s Word speak for Itself.*

(It won’t “come up void” as the Scriptures promise.)

**THE GOSPEL OF JOHN**

This is a great place to start. Encourage them to read it through and then offer to discuss it some time after they’ve read it. They’ll encounter John 1:1 “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.”

One former Muslim described the experience like this: “There was no other explanation. The verses were saying God created the world by means of the Word, that Word was coeternal with God and that it was God Himself, yet in some sense, separate from Him.”

[*It will become obvious that “the Word” refers to Jesus, (Isa), not just because John’s gospel says but also the Qur’an calls Jesus the “Word of God” in 3:45 More accurately, a word from God but generally Muslims do not dispute either title.*

Once the light of John’s first chapter falls on a prepared heart, A Muslim could well come to the conclusion that they were deceived by the Great Deceiver: that the Qur’an is wrong and that Islam is a false religion. This is why the gospel, not more money, education, bullets or bombs, is “the power of God unto salvation.” It is God’s answer for the soul and the world.
SON OF MAN
In the first gospel written, the Gospel of Mark, Jesus gives his legal testimony before the Sanhedrin. When asked if he was the Christ, the Son of God, he replied:

“And Jesus said, I am: and ye shall see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven” Mark 14:62

It was clear the priests thought this was a claim to be God, a blasphemy warranting the death penalty.

Jesus’ reply points to Daniel 7:13-14 and Psalm 110:1. You see, “Son of Man” means far more than a simple human being. Jesus is describing himself as the one referred to in Daniel: “one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him. And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion” The Son has shared sovereignty with God in Heaven and is worshiped by all men.

Furthermore, in Psalm 110:1, “The LORd said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool.” Who is God inviting to sit at His right hand? A Lord, someone who would sit on God’s throne alongside God, equal to God and be His Heir.

These are a huge antidote to the claim that Jesus repeatedly denied being God, by calling himself the Son of Man as Muslims are often taught.

DEFENDING PAUL
There are writings even earlier than the gospels that prove Christians saw Jesus as God: The Letters of Paul. Paul started writing in the forties, a decade or so before the Gospel of Mark.

Muslims are often repeatedly trained to see Paul as the one who corrupted the early Christianity and lead billions to worship a mere man Messiah.

The Qur’an and Hadith teach Muslims to revere Jesus and the disciples. Supposedly, they were to spread Allah’s true message including that Jesus was only human. Then, somewhere along the way, an early Christian caused people to worship Him as God. That was blasphemy according to Muslims and the early Christian that blame falls on is Paul.

You might note that none of the Gospels condemn Paul’s teachings and in Galatians (2:9) it is reported that they offered him “the right hands of fellowship.”

You may hear anti-Paul arguments like:

- Paul took the religion taught by Jesus and turned it into a religion about Jesus.
- Jesus told people to worship ‘my God and your God’ and then Paul said Jesus was God.
- Jesus told people that he had not come to abolish the law, but to fulfill it. Then Paul came along and said Jesus abolished the law.
Encourage them to think these claims through, based on what we know as facts:
- Why would Paul, a Jew, turn Jesus into a deity?
- What would he gain from it? He already had a bright future as a top student of the Jewish leader Gamaliel.
- Paul demonstrated a willingness to risk his life for the gospel. Why would he do it for a lie?
- Let them know that Paul was personally appointed by Jesus to be the messenger of the gospel for the non-Jews (Gentiles.) His message if one for the Muslims as well!

THE TRINITY
As with the doctrine of Jesus’ deity, a strong opposition to the Trinity exists in Islam. This is because the Qur’an teaches against it. Tauheed, God’s oneness is a foundational concept in Islam. It’s quite possible that your Muslim friends have had a lot of schooling on refuting the Trinity. It is likely taught that it is polytheism, the worship of multiple gods.

They may present the Trinity is non-sensical, born out of a desire to worship both God AND Jesus. They may also be taught that Christians can’t explain the Trinity and use faith as an excuse for being unable to describe it.

Here’s a “trick” one former Muslim was taught: He’d ask a Christian if the Trinity was important to them. He’d of course receive a yes. Then he’d ask them to describe it, followed by “And what does that mean?” The idea is to get an unprepared answer that sounds self-contradictory. Being prepared can undermine their Islamic faith and bring them closer to truth. Not being prepared can embolden their faith in Islam and reinforce their thinking that the doctrine of the Trinity is false and blasphemous.

The good news is that if you’ve built a valuable, vibrant friendship, you may be at odds over important doctrines but pray that your friendship will endure while the Spirit works in their heart.

GOD BRINGS THE INCREASE:
God loves your Muslim friends. Even your Muslim enemies if you have any. Remember, in Biblical terms we are all enemies of God by our own choice and sin, whether we admit it or not. And yet, God works in all our lives to draw us to Him, individually. The most important things you can do is pray, be obedient, be loving and know that God alone, brings the increase.

GOD CAN USE ANYTHING IN A MUSLIM’S LIFE
Here’s an interesting story of how God brought a Muslim to believe in the viability of the Trinity. While studying sub-atomic particles, he learned that something in nature can be three and one at the same time.

A molecule is the smallest unit something can be and still be that something. A molecule (singular) can have more than one resonance structure at the same time (plural), existing as both singular and plural simultaneously.

For example, a nitrate molecule with resonance structures can be three structures all at the same time. However, it can never be just one of the three. The three co-existing structures are the one molecule, not parts of it. To try to separate it into three, would make it cease to be what it is: one.

You don’t have to understand all of this but it’s worth asking, as he did: if there are things in creation that can be in fact, three and one at the same time, how can we limit God and say that He could not be?

You are a single human being and a single person. God has revealed Himself to be a single divine Being and Three Persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
A much less in-depth analogy would be that of an ice cube tossed into a burning hot pan. You would have three forms of the same thing, all water, yet one steam, one liquid and one solid.

Now one who wishes to argue should be reminded that no earthly thing can adequately express what God is like in His entirety. We will have eternity to discover more about Him but He has revealed this to us: He is One God, in Three Persons who loves us and gives us an opportunity to stand before Him in perfect peace and righteousness through the work of Christ who demonstrated how God’s perfect holiness, justice, mercy and love could coexist, though were it not for His work, could not coexist. It would not be holy to ignore sin. It would not be just to not enforce His own laws. It would not be merciful to punish everyone though we are all worthy of the wages of sin: death. Lastly, it would not be loving to have a way to demonstrate holiness, justice and mercy and not do it. The way God showed His love for us was at the cross, securing all things for us to His glory.

The responsibility is not on God. He has done it all. You or your Muslim friend may need to pray for a softer heart and to remember Christ said anyone who comes to Me, He will not cast out.

**The Muslim Apologetic - How They Defend Their Faith**

Here’s an interesting approach, once you have built a relationship with a Muslim you want to share your faith with. Ask them on a scale of 0 to 100, how reliable do they feel Christianity’s historical claims are. Ask them the same about Islam. Then, you know where you’re starting.

Don’t be surprised if you get a “100%!” for Islam or a comment indicating that anyone who looks at Muhammad will come to believe he was Allah’s final prophet. You might get similar comments about the Qur’an, referring to its “astounding science” and “unparalleled literary beauty.”

Don’t be surprised if they tell you this, yet they have studied the Qur’an or its claims very closely. Again, here’s where being prepared will help!

Below are some of the claims Muslims commonly make about their own faith.

**THE PERFECT MAN**

Regarding Muhammad, Americans along with the rest of the Western world, rarely know much about him at all. Many Muslims are used to being able to say anything about their faith and get away with it. They rely on our remaining ignorant. Some may be lying, others may just be sharing what they’ve been taught by their parents and other authorities.

In Islam, the message and the messenger are inseparable. Each stand on the other. Study will prove both to be quite vulnerable - but don’t underestimate the allegiance even non-practicing Muslims may show to both.

Strangely enough, Muslims who question Allah are usually more tolerated by other Muslims, than those who question Muhammad. While Muslims admit Mohammed was human, they count him as flawless. He is “al-Insan al-Kamil,” which means the man who has attained perfection. He is the symbol of all Islamic civilization: religion, culture, heritage and identity. To attack his character is to attack everything they stand for.

Also surprising, the Qur’an has very little to say about Muhammad. Most of what Muslims know of Muhammad come from stories told of him by word of mouth. This is in stark contrast to how Christians turn to the Bible to know Christ more. It’s helpful to recognize the difference and ease them into exploring what really is documented about their prophet, when the timing is right and the Spirit leads.
You’ll find that Muslims very likely have an “airbrushed” picture of Mohammed. The dualistic nature of Islam enables this very well. It’s pretty easy to paint a picture of a peaceful Mohammad (just don’t use actual paint and canvass!) by choosing to quote only the peaceful verses of the Meccan Qur’an and excluding the violent ones that abrogate them.

RECITING THE CASE
Here are some claims Muslims will share, either out of deception or simply because it is what they’ve learned from childhood. This is the picture Muslims often “sell” in order to build bridges or win converts to Islam:

- Islam is a religion of peace
- Mohammad was the most merciful and peaceful man in history.
- Terrorists hijacked Islam
- Islam means “peace”
- Mohammad and therefore all Muslims, only fight defensive battles
- The Qur’an has miraculous scientific insights
- Islam reinforces and then updates Judaism and Christianity
- Muslims worship the same God as Jews and Christians
- Muhammad had the justice of Moses and the mercy of Jesus (eye for an eye, turn the other cheek)
- The Bible prophesizes about Mohammad:
  - Duet 18:18 told of a prophet like Moses who would come. This had to be Mohammad since Jesus was not like Moses at all.
  - John 16:12-13 a promised counselor or comforter who would come and lead people to the truth. This man had to be Mohammad, since no major religious figure came after Jesus but Muhammad.
- The Qur’an teaches “there is no compulsion in religion”

Do you know how to answer these claims? (You will, keep going!)

Below are some great questions to use in your discussions with Muslim friends around topics like these. Muslims are used to blindly accepting the claims above.

When they quote peaceful verses, ask them about the violent verses like those that instruct Muslims to kill infidels. They might reply that that was a specific instance (as is actually the case in much of the Old Testament violence.) Don’t just blindly accept their answer. Ask, “How do you know?” Make them show they’ve investigated it, or realize they need to!

This may lead to the Hadith. Reliability should be a part of the conversation as it should with all discussions about writings of antiquity. Perhaps no document has received more historical scrutiny than the Bible so ask if their book can stand up to the same approach - They’ll be confident it will, even though they’ve never encountered it - until now!

You might ask if the hadith were written directly by eyewitnesses or from interviews of eyewitnesses (as the Bible is). Do they know when they were collected and how?

There is a reason for this approach. The Hadith were written down about 250 years after Mohammad. (That’s a long time to wait before writing something down.) Be careful here, again friendship is key. You are what could be viewed as attacking their culture, religion, authorities, but remember, we are called to boldness and the demolishing of strongholds, while speaking the truth in love.

When it comes down to it, while the writers of the Hadith may be respected, Muslims don’t actually know them in a way they can personally vouch for them, any more than you do.

When Muslims quote the Bible, there is usually an easy solution, if you’re prepared. For example, the one who is to come in Deuteronomy would be an Israelite and the Comforter in John clearly refers to the Holy Spirit.

In the end, a “win” is if your friend remains a friend and is convinced or convicted to study more and learn the truth. Notice, nothing overly negative was said about Mohammed using this approach. Remind them of this.
THE PERFECT MAN
Once they start reading the Hadith, they’ll learn quickly that they’ve been told some things about Muhammad that don’t line up with Islam’s sacred texts. They’ll also find some things they weren’t told...

Sahih Bukhari is the collection virtually all Muslims consider the most authentic. Here’s some of what they’ll easily find:

- Muhammad was not courageous - when he received his first revelation. He was extremely frightened
- He also suffered from depression
- He even became suicidal
- He thought a curse was put on him
- He was poisoned
- He gave verses that he later said were from Satan
- He tortured people for money
- Attacked on unarmed Jews
- He told people to drink camel’s urine
- He ordered a soldier to kill a mother of five, while she was breastfeeding. (He showed no remorse while the blood spattered her other children)
- After the Battle of the Trench, he:
  - Captured and beheaded over 500 men and teenage boys
  - Sold the women and children into slavery
  - Split up their possessions between himself and his followers
- Mohammed had seven wives at one time though Islam only allows four.
- Several hadiths report he married a six year old (Aisha) and he consummated the marriage when she was nine. (He was 52 years old at the time.)
- Caused his adopted son’s divorce so he could marry his daughter in law

If they begin to study the Hadith, more surprises will show up, including the fact that there were intentional changes made to Muhammed’s life story. “Things which it is disgraceful to discuss, matters which would distress certain people and such reports as my teacher told me he could not accept as trustworthy, all these things I have omitted.” This is a quote from Muhammed’s first biography by Ibn Ishaq, considered a very reliable biography. He altered Muhammad’s story to make it more palatable! An early instance of political correctness!

On one hand, it’s clear the report is not being objective. On the other, so much remains in reputable sources of hadith that they can’t be denied. Muhammed was not the hero many portray him to be. The historical foundations of Islam come from the Hadith. You cannot simply deny them without crumbling the very foundation of Islam.

THE PERFECT BOOK
The Qur’an itself is so revered, it is the proof Muslims provide to demonstrate that Islam is true. In many ways, it rivals how Christians think about Jesus. It is absolutely central to Islamic theology.

Common claims Muslims make about the Qur’an:

- It’s impossible to write a book that is equal in its excellence and eloquence.
  - Interesting enough, along with the fact that this is highly reliant on opinion like beauty being in the eye of the beholder, but there actually was a book published for the sole purpose of meeting the challenge and it ended up fooling many Muslims who heard it read! It was called “The True Measure of Discernment” which was a collection of Biblical teachings written in Qur’anic style. Arab Muslims who heard it read, often thought it was the Qur’an itself being read. Few hear it read today because it has been banned in places in order to “maintain security.” While this is the only defense the Qur’an provides for itself, it appears it has failed to live up to its own challenge. Not surprisingly, the book is banned in some parts of the “Muslim world.”
Many more common tests fail as well...once you refuse to redefine words, ignore contradictions, defend inaccuracies and insist it says something it clearly doesn’t. Upon looking into these “defenses,” it will become clear that an objective reader taking the text simple for what it says, will have a very hard time defending the Qur’an on a variety of fronts.

Here are some...

- **Fulfilled prophecies**
  - There are no compelling prophecies in the Qur’an. Muhammed is actually a prophet with no prophesy. Some verses can be “bent into” prophecies, but the Qur’an does not claim they are revelations of the future.

- **Mathematical patterns**
  - This claim is quite a silly one but one that is often made. If you hear claims made about this, you’ll find they aren’t worth the study to look into them. Many are simply fake data and the rest can be found in practically any literary work from the Bible to famous poetry to comic books.

- **Scientific truths**
  - It is commonly claimed that there are great scientific truths taught in the Qur’an that could only have been revealed by God. A man credited with starting this approach is a man named Bucaille. While he is credited with the approach, much of what is said in this area has been discredited by science. Some claims can be refuted by medical doctors and others can be simply by using common knowledge. Both the claims themselves and the reasoning and scholarship of Bucaille himself have been largely rejected. Simply put, there really isn’t any miraculous scientific knowledge given in the Qur’an.

- **Textural preservation**
  - Allah promises to guard the Qur’an in 15:9. This is a critical claim because Muslims hold the Qur’an above all other religious texts and use it to debunk other religions. It is their chief source for doctrine, law, their worldview, identity and apologetics. The thought that the Qur’an of today could be different from the Qur’an of Mohammed’s time is not even a remote consideration or possibility to many Muslims. If the Qur’an were not perfectly preserved, all of Islam could fail.

Since most Muslims haven’t read the Hadith, encourage them to look into it. You’ll find it is not surprising that the very Islamic traditions themselves will subvert the faith they are supposed to support...

**THE BUILDING OF A STRONGHOLD**

Volume 6 of Sahih Bukhari, details the process of Qur’an’s collection. (Book 61) In it we learn that Muhammad used to dictate the Qur’an to Muslims orally, not having first written it down. It came to Muslims a few verses at a time and sometimes Muhammad would even recite the same verse differently.

Because of this, there were arguments among Muslims over which verses were the real Qur’an. Muhammad stifled these arguments by telling the Muslims, “Both of you are reciting in a correct way so carry on reciting.” He admonished them not to argue over their differences and told them “the nations which were before you were destroyed because they differed.”

When Muhammad died, many of his followers just wanted to leave the faith. Abu Bakr declared war on these apostates and ordered them to perform their duties to Islam. So many were killed in these battles that Abu Bakr feared large parts of the Qur’an could be lost due to the death of those who had memorized portions of it. So, he ordered that the Qur’an would be collected by a man named Zaid ibn Thabit.

Sahih Bukhari gives this information: It clearly shows that Muslims easily forgot verses and the task of collected it was extremely challenging. Verses were collected from oral recitation and from written fragments. It was even discovered that Zaid left out a small portion and Muslims in different regions recited the Qur’an differently. So great was the concern over this that an appeal was made to “save this nation before it differs about the Qur’an.”

This itself was a departure from how Muhammad handled differing recitations. He told the people not to focus on the differences. It was Khalifa Uthman who ordered the standardization of the Qur’an. Copies were collected, a new one was edited and then distributed throughout the Muslim regions. To further assure no disputes would take place,
Uthman “ordered that all the other Qur’anic materials, whether written in fragmentary manuscripts or whole copies, be destroyed by fire.”

In spite of this, many Muslims are taught that scribes would copy Muhammad’s recitations and having written copies and having it memorized word for word was extremely common. Many are taught that Zaid himself had it memorized and others confirmed it. Nice and neat! The problem is, this simply is not true, according to the sacred texts like Sahih Bukhari. Muslims are seldom taught about the disputes, difficulties in memorization, the concern over lost passages and the burning of copies of what some believed were accurate.

The process of collecting the Qur’an recorded in Sahih Bukhari was so choppy that it left the door wide open for lost sections of the Qur’an. In fact, Sahih Bukhari even states this.

When Zaid’s standardized Qur’an was distributed, it left out some sections that a man named Ubay ibn Ka’b used to recite. Ubay insisted that regardless of Zaid’s Qur’an, he would not stop reciting those verses because he had heard them from Muhammad himself.

Many Muslims would find this information from Bukhari as shocking. This can open a door to make them wonder what else they had been taught incorrectly or simply hadn’t been taught at all.

Sahih Muslim, the next most trustworthy source, shows even more problems. It states that a whole surah is no longer found in the Qur’an and at least one verse went missing around the time that Muhammad died. Sunan ibn Majaj, one of the next most authentic books, gives more detail and says the verse went missing because the paper it was written on was eaten by a goat! (Not exactly a miraculous preservation!)

It’s hard to conceive what far-fetched, stretch-of-the-imagination explanations could possibly be made up to address these concerns and make them square with what many Muslims are taught about the Qur’an - and this information comes straight from the Hadith.

And yet, there’s more. Back to Bukhari: Muhammad handpicked four men as the best teachers of the Qur’an. One of the four was Abdullah ibn Mas’ud, Muhammad’s declared foremost expert of the Qur’an. Another was Ubay ibn Ka’b, the best reciter of the Qur’an. Early sources from Islam show that these men did not agree with the final version of the Qur’an. (The one that has been passed down as today’s version.) Not only that, they didn’t agree with each other.

Ubay had 116 chapters in his Qur’an, two more than Zaid’s. Ibn Mas’ud had only 111 chapters. He claimed the others that Ubay and Zaid had were only prayers.

Multiple early Muslims documented the difference between the many Qur’ans of the early Muslim world.

**Even more devastating, it was once thought that all early variants were destroyed yet one resurfaced in the early twentieth century. It shows that, in many places Abdullah and Ubay agreed with each another and Zaid ‘s Qur’an was the one that differed.**

Time to review: Multiple recitations of the same verse, disputes about whether portions were Qur’anic verses or just prayers, missing chapters and missing verses, destruction of early variants. How could anyone realistically claim the Qur’an has been perfectly preserved?

It is common for so called “scholarly” Islamic books to try to dismiss as many of these facts as possible, but in the end, they often end up with a surprising answer: (Surprising that anyone would think it suffices!) They claim that Allah intended the lost sections to be lost. He wanted Zaid’s version to be the final one. It’s interesting to note that when pressed or studied, you won’t see many scholars taking a stand that the Qur’an hadn’t been changed after all. You’ll more likely find them telling you it ended up how it is supposed to be, despite all the obvious problems, even from sacred sources. It’s also good to note that this will fly in the face of what many Muslims are taught and they are not allowed to think critically or ask questions, as we in the West are accustomed to.
Imam’s and teachers regularly declare that the Qur’an was perfectly preserved, unchanged from the moment Muhammad heard it or even before. This is why it is so important for Muslims to believe the Qur’an is the same, yesterday, today and tomorrow.

Muslims believe every word was dictated, word for word, by Allah, through the Angel Gabriel to Mohammed and they consider it inspired not only at the level of meaning, but at the level of the words themselves. This is why critiquing the Qur’an is met with such overwhelming resistance: to criticize the meaning can be seen as a double threat, to criticize both the physical wording and the meaning, all of which is claimed to be unchanged and unchangeable.

If even slightly altered, the Qur’an and its reputation would be irreparably damaged. To summarize the problems:

- Muhammad gave Qur’an orally, not in written form first
- He’d recite the same verses differently to different Muslims
- Even during his lifetime, there were arguments about who recited it properly
- Muhammad diffused arguments by telling parties that they both were reciting correctly
- After Muhammad died, Abu Bakr was worried that large portions of the Qur’an would be lost
- Zaid Ibn Thabit’s collection of it was very challenging in part because early Muslims often forgot verses.
- Zaid actually did leave out a small portion
- Zaid’s standardized Qur’an left out some sections that Ubay Ibn Ka’b said he heard first hand from Muhammad and he was named by Muhammed as one of the top four teachers of the Qur’an
- Another of the 4 was Abdullah ibn Mas’ud. His Qur’an had 111 chapters, compared to Ubay’s 116 (& Zaid’s 114)
- The best teachers according to Muhammad did not agree on the Qur’an that is passed down as today’s version
- Khalifa Uthman saw wide differences in Qur’ans which is why he ordered a recall, edit and redistribution along with the burning of variants
- Bukhari admits the process was highly susceptible to losing sections of the Qur’an
- Sahih Muslim (2nd most trustworthy Hadith) says a whole surah is missing from the original Qur’an
- One verse, maybe more was lost right around when Muhammad’s died
- Sunan ibn Majaj, says a goat ate a paper containing a verse and that one was lost
- Documents have confirmed that early Muslims had differing versions of their Qur’ans

In the face of all these problems, you might even encounter a Muslim denying the concept of absolute truth or the ability to discern it, hoping Allah won’t hold them accountable to what cannot be humanly grasped. This “peace of mind” is an excuse to keep from searching. If only we had pastors who clung to the truth as hard as many Muslims will cling to a lie!

You might want to challenge a Muslim who is far along into the cracks in the foundations of their faith, to simply ask God who He is. Ask that He reveal His truth to them. This may well lead to the next topic:

**Salvation**

Seeing the cracks in the foundation of Islam is no guarantee the battle is won. Muslims still have significant struggles in the area of salvation. Islam is a works oriented system and what we understand as “salvation” is a matter of doing more good than bad in Islam. Because of that, many feel no remorse for their sins, only pressure to have the positive side of the scale outweigh them.

This is a VERY broad departure from the Christian faith which teaches of a holy God who will not allow any sin or imperfection in His presence. “Hate the sin” and “outweigh the sin” are two entirely different things.

This profound difference can be a good starting point of a Muslim seeing his hopeless state and need for a Savior.

Christianity teaches sin is the cause of death itself and has caused a curse to be put on all creation. It’s the starting point of all suffering, violence and disease. It’s the reason, combined with God’s love, that Jesus became a man, died to pay our penalty and made it possible to return to the perfect intent of an eternity with Him in His holy presence, filled with joy, peace and love.
If Heaven is going to be perfect, there can be no sinners there. What is the Muslim’s hope of Heaven? Converting to Christianity and embracing God’s grace. Like everyone else, God loves them and wants them to be saved. They may ask, “Why would God love me?” Because He thinks of Himself as our Father and wants us to relate to Him in that way. He wants us to be adopted into His family:

“But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God” (John 1:12)

We often hear “horror stories” of Muslim families and honor killings, child marriage and more. While these things do happen, many Muslim families are families with a great deal of love. Sometimes seeing God as a loving Father can be an “aha” moment for a Muslim, considering perhaps for the first time, that God has an unconditional love, a Father’s love, for them. Could God’s love be that fond, that understanding, that loving, that wonderful, as the love of a perfect Father? Yes, and incomprehensibly more!

The “one, two punch” is the stark contrast between our depravity and hopelessness and the forgiveness and love God offers. The gospel is spellbinding. It can be the catalyst to a life changing revolution.

As you can see, apologetics can be invaluable in getting Muslims (and others) to reconsider their pre-conceived notions and open their mind and hearts to new thoughts rather than blindly accepting arguments that defy fact and reason.

In the end (or should we say, as a new beginning approaches), they may see more clearly the barriers Satan had erected to keep them from approaching God and asking Him to reveal Himself to them.

Apologetics, empowered by the Holy Spirit, can tear down those barriers and bring the lost into a position to make their choice: To follow the God of love or to reject the God of love.

Pray they finally understand the straight way to the throne and the only method of salvation: To cast themselves upon the mercy of God and accept the completed work of Christ on the cross. And you, their Christian friend, trust God’s ability to reveal Himself through His Word and the Holy Spirit.

Additional Reading...

ON HOSPITALITY
Arab people are famous for their hospitality. When visiting the Middle East, strangers may ask you if you’ve experienced their hospitality. Do we as Christians, ever ask that question of strangers we encounter or is the government our delegated form of “hospitality?”

Four factors get in the way of Christians showing hospitality toward others:

• Selfishness. It’s inconvenient to put ourselves second and share our lives with others. Read Phil 2:3
• Pride. Fear of rejection, embarrassment etc. We do not need showcase homes and fine place settings to be hospitable. Read 1 John 2:16-17
• Sloth. True, you can try too hard, but most of us try too little. Take some initiative and create some passion and energy for being open to be used of God in this area. Read Eph 5:14-16
• Fear. What we know about the doctrines of Islam can be frightening. Some people fear others who are different from themselves. Fear replaces hospitality. Read Luke 12:4-7
Why practice Hospitality?

- The Bible commands it. (Romans 12:13). Obedience shows He is our Lord (Luke 6:46) and that we love Him (John 14:15)
- It is a way to care for strangers. (Exod 22:21, 23:9)
- Giving this care serves the Lord Himself (Matt 25:34-40)
- It is a sign of godliness and maturity. It is required of both Christian leaders (1 Tim 3:2) and widows receiving church assistance (1 Tim 5:10)

Often, Christians fail to show hospitality and then complain about the lack of assimilation from the Muslim community. Let’s welcome the stranger as God commands, while being “wise as serpents and gentle as doves.”

Once you’ve reached out, be mindful that differences in cultures may make Muslims feel uncomfortable. Be willing to ask, learn and adapt. Remember, there are simply too many barriers for Muslim immigrants to understand Christians and the West by a single interaction. Only an exceptional blend of love, humility, hospitality and persistence can overcome these barriers. Sadly, not enough people make the effort. Be one who does!

**HOW A MUSLIM MIGHT SEE YOUR CHURCH**

You may not be able to do much about it, but knowing how they might see it can help. This will no doubt be a totally new experience for them. Instruments, clapping and singing, women on stage with men! Light hearted comments followed by coerced hugs and a basket being passed to collect money. Bibles on the floor or chairs! All this can seem quite irreverent or worse. Their first reaction may be to want nothing to do with it. That’s where relationship comes in beforehand.

**WOMEN REACHING WOMEN:**

American women have a unique opportunity that American men do not have, when it comes to hospitality. Most Muslim women will have meaningful social interaction only with other women, and the men of their own families. Great effort is made to maintain the modesty and safety of Muslim women by keeping them secluded, away from men in general. Conversations from men would likely be uncomfortable, unwelcome and unhelpful. However, for Christian women, these opportunities can be numerous.

It has to start with building a friendship and showing hospitality. Many Muslim women know very few people outside their own families. Keeping this in mind, know that establishing a relationship will take patience and persistence. Prayer will no doubt play an important role, but they may hesitate, especially at first to pray with you. Remember, if you’re a Christian woman, you may be the primary access point to the gospel, if you graciously befriend them and show them hospitality.

In many cases, an invite to have tea and conversation can be a safe opportunity to get to know each other, ideally, just the two of you, when the men are away from home.

Some tips:

- As with all social interactions, first impressions are important.
- Having an abundant supply of pastries may stack the deck in your favor.
- Insist they have several cups of tea. It is common for Muslims to politely refuse the first offer or refill.
- Knowing Muslim customs shows you are sensitive and thoughtful towards them.
- Serve your guest first. Make them really feel you care for them and want to serve them.
- Be mindful that Muslims see children are a reflection of their parents.

Above all, remember John 13:34-35: “By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.” ALL will know. Love distinguishes genuine disciples of Christ from the “Christian culture” or the stereotypes of Western society. A community expressing love across ethnic, cultural and age distinctions testifies powerfully to the truths of the gospel.
An Apologetics Template from Scripture:
Remember, paraphrased below, 2 Peter 1:16-21 presents the following treasure trove of apologetic guidance.
The Bible is:

- A reliable collection
- Of historical documents
- Written by eyewitnesses, during the lifetime of other eyewitnesses
- Report supernatural events
- In direct fulfillment of specific prophesies
- Claim to be divine in origin

2 Peter 1:16-21
For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received from God the Father honour and glory, when there came such a voice to him from the excellent glory, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. And this voice which came from heaven we heard, when we were with him in the holy mount. We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts: Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost

SOME ADDITIONAL THINGS TO REMEMBER WHEN WITNESSING TO MUSLIMS

- Islam affirms the Torah, the Psalms of David and the Gospels
- Try to make sin a personal matter rather than an “academic” idea, graciously but clearly
- Make truths clear: Muslims often use the same words, but have very different meanings
- One technique to counter this is to use uniquely Christian language such as “born again” or “new creation” To them, these are not “old hat” or unmemorable due to overuse.
- Be sure to “get to Jesus.” The critical question is “Who is He?”
- God is perfect in His righteousness, love, mercy and justice – Jesus’ sacrifice demonstrates this perfectly
- Remember, even Paul faced fear and felt his weakness
- The Holy Spirit gives us power and boldness
- Most Muslim objections to the Bible can be answered simply by reading the context
- Use the Bible. Doing so demonstrates your trust in it.
- Be hospitable! Most Muslim immigrants to the U.S. never enter an American or Christian home.
- Serving strangers is one way to serve the Lord
- Hardship is not unusual for people who live for Christ. Muslim converts will need to know this is expected and has been the norm throughout history.
- Remember, the Bible has no contradictions. If they claim it does, ask that they show you examples and put forth the evidence. You can have and show confidence.
- If the Bible was corrupted, why did the Qur’an confirm it six hundred years later?
- Their view of Christianity is likely skewed by viewing Western culture from a distance. Let them know that most Christians lament over their own sins
- Like you, most dislike Hollywood, cultural ills, etc.

Notes:

Please note the major conclusions you’ve come to in this class. If there’s time, please share them with the group.

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Christian Response to Islam - Section V

Solving the Problem of Political Islam

Welcome to Lesson Five! As always, make sure you highlight noteworthy items as you read, so you can discuss them between topic breaks or segments.

With thanks to all those who provided resources and guidance, we also thank you for taking the time to learn about this topic of such great importance to both God and country. With this class, we add a special thanks to the Discipling Nations Alliance and Darrow Miller’s excellent book, Discipling Nations.

Review time! Let’s see how you’re coming along. Check the items below you think you can answer or at least have learned something about. Has your knowledge increased on the topic? It’s okay to refer to the notes from previous classes, they are a resource for you to be kept handy. If you’d like some more information about anything we’ve studied, we can put you in touch with some great organizations, ministries and resources.

☐ Do you know what the Trilogy is?
☐ Can you name the three parts?
☐ Can you name some sinful things the Koran condones?
☐ What are some actions in Mohammad’s life that God condemns?
☐ What is the name for actions of Mohammed Muslims are called to imitate?
☐ What is the Sharia (or Sharia Law)
☐ Who is a Kafir?
☐ Can you explain or give an example of the dualistic nature of Islam?
☐ Is Islam primarily a political system?
☐ Do you know what abrogation teaches?
☐ Is Jihad always killing?
☐ Can you name some recent examples of seemingly non-violent jihad or “civilization jihad?”
☐ Can you share anything about how Islam grew at any point in history?
☐ Is immigration linked in some way to jihad?
☐ Can you answer objections Muslims would raise to our Christian faith? (apologetics)
☐ Can you identify flaws in the common defenses of the Muslim faith?
☐ Can you correct any errors Muslims would claim about the Bible’s teachings or formation?
☐ What is Islam’s ultimate goal from the Koran?
☐ Can you prove from the Koran and the Bible that Muslims worship a different god than Christians?

Exercise: If you were at a “Learn About Islam” event put on by Muslim apologists, what are some questions you could ask? -Not to win over the panel, but perhaps to educate the crowd or get them thinking? Discuss for a few minutes. (You may want to use some of the earlier class handouts as a reference.)

Should a Christian be involved in politics and the fight against Political Islam?

As we saw with “Religious Islam,” which is in need of a spiritual solution, Political Islam in many ways requires a political solution. And remember as we saw at the end of the last lesson:

Influencing government and society for good, on the basis of the wisdom found in God’s Word, is a theme that runs through the entire Bible.

POLITICAL ACTION MATTERS TO GOD

Three of the most significant documents in the history of governments on earth are listed below. They did not come about as a result of a “do evangelism only, not politics” view or worse yet, the “keep your faith private” view.

- There was strong Christian influence in the formulation of the Magna Charta in England (1215)
- And of the Declaration of Independence (1776)
- And the Constitution of the United States (1787)
A few examples of Christian political action from history:

- (AD 374) Christian influence on government primarily responsible for outlawing infanticide, child abandonment and abortion in the Roman Empire
- (AD 404) Ending Roman gladiator fights to the death for entertainment
- (1829) Ending the practice of burning widows alive in India
- (1830s) 2/3 of American abolitionists are clergy preaching against slavery in the pulpits
- (1840) Wilberforce’s successful effort to abolish the slave trade throughout the British Empire
- (1912) Ending binding young women’s feet in China
- (1950s) Baptist Pastor, Martin Luther King Jr. leads the American Civil Rights Movement

God cares how people treat one another. Do you think changes like these matter to God and have eternal value in His sight?

**GOVERNMENTS MATTER: KOREA**

Governments make a difference to the church and to the work of God’s kingdom. This is why Paul urged that prayers be made “For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.” (1 Tim. 2:2). Good governments help people to live a “peaceful” and “godly” life, and bad governments hinder that goal.

Think of the difference between North Korea and South Korea. These countries have the same language, ethnic background, cultural history, and live in the same location of the world. The only difference? South Korea is a robust, thriving democracy with free people and North Korea is a Communist country with perhaps the most repressive, totalitarian government in the world and a threat to regional and global peace.

And what a difference that makes: There is just a handful of Christians in North Korea, and they must exercise their faith in secret. Severe, persistent persecution has hindered the church so greatly that there is no missionary activity, no public worship, and no publication of Christian literature. Millions of North Koreans are born, live, and die without ever hearing the Gospel of Jesus Christ. By contrast, the church in South Korea, where the government has allowed freedom of religion, is growing, thriving, and sending missionaries around the world. It has one of the highest percentages of evangelical Christians of any nation (around 25%).

What is the only difference? The kind of government they have. Where God’s principles are followed more fully and people are allowed more freedom, the church will often thrive and people’s lives improve in many ways.

**WHEN GOVERNMENT DISCIPLES THE CHURCH: RWANDA**

If the church does not disciple the nation the nation will disciple the church. Rwanda is an extreme example of this principle.

On Sundays in Rwanda, we used to see well-dressed neighbors walking to church on every road. Yet, in just a few short years, these same neighbors slaughtered each other.

David Rawson, the U.S. ambassador to Rwanda, stated: I asked my chauffeur, “Who killed your parents and siblings-the army or the militia?” Neither, he said, but rather the people next door who felt authorities had given them the go ahead to kill neighbors and take over their houses and lands.

It doesn’t matter if it’s god or government that condones violence, discrimination and stealing others’ property, Christians should condemn it and proactively prevent it.

Similarly, once a person is given an intellectual justification that someone else’s life is not worth living, the results are nightmarish. Human sacrifice, Nazi Germany, euthanasia, ethnic cleansing, abortion, the list goes on and on.

Islam provides this type of justification about Kafirs and makes it a religious mandate.
TWO DIFFERENT VISIONS FOR THE SAME LAND as shared by Darrow Miller in Discipling Nations.

During a field trip when I was a student in Israel, I observed a forest-bedecked hill in the middle of what was otherwise a desert. As I looked, I realized that the trees were all the same size, which was unlike any forest I had ever seen or explored. Then I saw that the trees were not randomly distributed but were in neat rows. I asked my professor about the forest. He told me the Israelis had planted it.

“Darrow, there were two different visions for the land,” he told me. “The Israelis, worshiping Jehovah, believed God when He said that this was a land flowing with milk and honey. The Palestinians believe that Allah has cursed the land. You have two different people with two different visions for the same land.” Same land, different visions, different results. Beliefs have consequences.

It is the gospel that helps people to visualize God’s good intentions for them and their communities, giving them hope.

CAN WE STAY ON THE SIDELINES?

By tolerating false ideas and evil social and political practices we play a part in increasing wickedness and cruelty. This is particularly true in America where we have a say in who represents us in government.

“We the people...” are the actual authority in the United States and that means we are all accountable. As biblical servants, in charge of the King’s household, we are to be about preserving it (stewardship) and bringing forth its bounty, (development).

If we care about suffering, we must examine a culture’s values, (our own and others’) to determine whether they support development or poverty, stewardship or waste.

A people’s worldview determines the type of society they create. Some worldviews lead to poverty and barbarism; others lead to development and civilization.

As Christians, we are to reflect and initiate God’s truth into every realm of society, thereby “discipling the nation.”

Can this be done without being concerned with politics and culture?

One expert puts it like this: Ideas begin with the intellectuals and spread to the educated or professionals and then to the “common man.” Often, they are transmitted downward via music and the arts. Soon, they become institutionalized in a society’s laws, politics and social /economic structures.

What does this say about the Christian’s representation among the intellectuals and the educated. Should we participate? How about in music and the arts? Should we get involved in politics? Or, can we afford to let worldviews such as Islam become institutionalized in America by the Sharia? (Remember, it has virtually wiped out Christianity in other, once Christian lands.) Do you think God cares about this?

How can we sit on the sidelines and watch Satan enslave whole cultures (including our own). Shouldn’t we, as Christ taught us to pray, seek the Father’s will and Kingdom, “on earth as it is in Heaven?”

Each of us has been granted a limited amount of time to invest in God’s story. We are to redeem the time, using the multitude of Christian virtues and “occupy” until He returns. (Luke 19) We can’t occupy without being involved.

Duet 30:15-18 See, I set before you today life and prosperity, death and destruction. For I command you today to love the Lord your God, to walk in his ways, and to keep his commands, decrees and laws; then you will live and increase...

When our laws help society obey God’s laws, we will prosper. The Ten Commandments are not harsh prohibitions. They are liberating rules that enable a people to diminish the tyranny of sin; they teach a people how to live with one another and in relation with God, how to restrain violence and fraud, how to know justice and how to raise themselves above the level of predatory animals.
APPLYING SCRIPTURE:

Romans 13:1 says governments are instituted by God but will our government be the result of God’s people acting in obedience and good stewardship or will it be in response to our lack of action and reap God’s judgment?

“We the People” defines the authority in the U.S. That means we have been given a stewardship and we will give an account. How does God respond to poor stewardship in the Parable of the Talents, Matt 25:14-30?

The Bible says that a government official is a “minister of God to thee for good.” (Rom. 13:4). Is it good to murder innocents? To torture and enslave others? To teach hatred, and supremacism? As we’ve seen, Islam’s sacred texts teach this.

God’s Word says that government officials are sent “for the punishment of evildoers, and for the praise of them that do well” (1 Peter 2:14). If Christians do not hold government accountable to God’s standard, someone else will define good and evil. Do we want Islam doing this, as it does in other societies around the world?

Satan wants us to believe that all civil government is completely under his control, but that is not taught in the Bible. The verse that contains a claim of Satan’s authority over all governments is one in which Satan is speaking and he is the “Father of Lies.” We should not be accepting of this, or worse yet, enabling it.

Gal 6:10 says “As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.” Can we obey this and let Sharia be installed at the same time?

“Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.” (Matt. 5:16). Are there areas in society (such as government) where this verse does not apply?

GENUINE LONG TERM CHANGE:

Genuine, long-term change in a nation will only happen:

1. If people’s **hearts** change so that they seek to do good, not evil
2. If people’s **minds** change so that their moral convictions align more closely with God’s moral standards
3. If a nation’s **laws** change so that they more fully encourage good conduct and punish wrongdoers.

Item 1 comes about through **personal evangelism and the power of the Gospel** of Jesus Christ. Item 2 takes place through **personal relationships, teaching, public discussion and debate**. Item 3 comes about through Christian **political involvement** (and the involvement of all those who embrace the Golden Rule)

All three are necessary.

WHAT CAN WE DO? (There already has been a Draw Mohammed Art Contest!) Here are some ideas to get you started:

- Continue to learn (review the class materials and get some of the recommended resources!)
- Look for opportunities to use what you learned and then have those conversations
- Pray for guidance and effectiveness
- Love, be hospitable and witness to Muslims
- Pray for and support the persecuted church
- Recommend and share resources
- Purchase resources and give them away (You would be amazed what one free book can do!)
- Join ACT for America’s email list and act on them
- Regularly visit important websites and share postings (See resources at the end of this study.)
- Encourage others to get involved
- Encourage others to go through this study at their church
- Attend community meetings and come prepared, organized and informed
- Volunteer for “community mapping”
- Participate in call in shows and teach audiences
- Write letters to editors, politicians, companies and more
- Investigate school textbooks, know what is taught
- Request good books at the library
- Attend “interfaith dialogue” events and make sure only facts are presented
- Interact with and inform political office holders
- Become an ACT For America Citizen Activist
- Sponsor a minister in an Islamic country
Pray for Muslims! (Voice of the Martyrs has an excellent annual Prayer Guide)

Network with political and religious groups

Be creative and stretch yourself: reach out to other groups you don’t belong to but who also should be concerned: Jewish groups, LGTB groups, art clubs, libertarians, etc.

Hand out leaflets or petitions
Reject or boycott Sharia compliant companies
Set your alarm to ring at 10:03 am, the time flight 93 crashed into a field in Shanksville, PA, because people took action, the White House or thousands of other lives were saved.

Encourage Christians to have babies! God says they are a gift and a blessing. The demographic effect of not reproducing is extinction.

Pay attention to high profile events like the Annual ISNA Convention in Chicago and use the news cycle to educate people

Donate money to organizations like the ones found in our resources list at the end of this study.

Support and thank your local church and clergy for hosting this study.

Make your own list, get some friends to join you and implement it!

One of the best things you can do is have conversations with those who need to know what you now know about Islam.

Dr. Bill Warner offers this advice in his excellent resource on Persuasion.

**Can We Talk?** Talking to non-Muslims about Islam:

- Lay a **RATIONAL** foundation:
  - Agree to use critical thought and analysis
  - Inform that you will present facts from the doctrine sources (Trilogy) of Political Islam
  - Establish that Islam can be known and understood with certainty by doing the above
  - It’s not right or “multi-cultural” for us to infuse Western ideas, instead of their own texts

- The most important aspect is to **TEACH** them about the topic:
  - Presenting trivia style facts will not be enough
  - An inner voice will tell them it can’t be true
  - Their mind is filled with beliefs from “Official (politically correct) Islam”
  - Pray for God’s help – as we’ve seen, this is important to Him

- **Spell out the GROUND RULES:**
  - Agree in advance to hear what each other has to say
  - Ask them to show “tolerance” of the free exchange of facts
  - Help them anticipate that some of what you’ve learned will be enlightening to them

- **GUIDE** the discussion:
  - Whenever needed, remind them we’re sticking to what Islam teaches
  - Remind them how important knowing the Koran and Mohammed is to understanding Islam
  - Bring all arguments back to the Koran and Sunna
  - Steer back to sunna, you’ll never go wrong using stories of Islam’s “perfect man”
  - Initial questions to ask:
    - How familiar are you with the Koran and Mohammed?
      - Establish this hierarchy: The Koran and Mohammed trump everything in Islam.
      - Clarifies to you (and them) how much or little they know
    - What is the basis for what they believe about Islam? (Their authority)
      - Often, it’s the media. Point out they’ve been misled by people they trusted
      - Remember, every “expert” is demoted by the actual Islamic doctrine

When you’re ready to begin...

- Present the **DOCTRINE** (and fruit) of Islam. These may include, (perhaps in this order)
  - Trilogy and Dualism
  - Koranic teachings on a variety of topics
    - Along with Mecca vs. Medina and abrogation
  - The goal of Islam: Koran 4:193
  - Mohammad’s life and words, (sunna), from the Sira and Hadith
    - He is the perfect man to Islam:
    - Key stories include:
The plight of Kafirs and Dhimmis in history and today

- Very important: Stay Kafir-centric, making it personal rather than theoretical
- Point out that they are a Kafir as are you, a common bond
- Kafirs are hated by Allah, may be enslaved, robbed, deceived, abused, tortured, raped, etc.
- You could add Muslim women’s rights and child brides as well.
- Present the Kafir’s (victim’s) side of the story
- Islam is 100% bad for Kafirs and Dhimmis (them and their loved ones)
- Duality means there are two ways to treat non-Muslim and they get to decide. You are providing the information others have not been telling them

- Sharia
- The many forms of Jihad
  - Adding taqiyya, immigration and Mohammad’s final words
  - Jihad in America
    - Holy Land Foundation
    - Successful infiltrations
      - Textbooks endorsing Islam
  - Explain how these put freedom at risk and our way of life

- Ways to fight back
  - ACT! For America
  - Resources to get more educated
  - Mentor them to have an impact and increase the number of educated and active
  - Pray
  - Share the Gospel

TIPS:
- It is unlikely you'll cover this all in just one get together. Be patient and prayerful. God cares about this.
- Be conscious and careful about your reputation – stick to reliable sources and facts, not hyperbole.
- You’re not criticizing Muslims but the Islamic doctrine practicing Muslims must follow.
- Listen to them as promised, confirm what they say, repeat or restate their position.
- If they make statements that are not from Islamic doctrine, remind them this is a discussion about facts.
- It may be necessary to change the subject. It’s usually useful to turn the conversation back to Mohammed.
- Provide resources in between conversations but don’t overwhelm them or they’ll avoid you.
- Establish that the actions and words of practicing Muslims are based on the Trilogy
- If something is not based on Sunna & the Koran, it is not the real Islam
  - Bring all arguments back to the Koran & Sunna
  - The Sunna (Mohammed) is less tricky and you’ll never go wrong using him as a topic

Once you introduce them to the true Islamic doctrine, you can go in a thousand directions to your advantage.

**The doctrine is a devastating strategic weapon.** Use the many stories of Mohammed to illustrate your points.

**APOLOGISTS’ ARGUMENTS:** There will be some hurdles to overcome...

- They want to bring up Christianity
  - Stay with Islam, it must stand on its own, Koran and sunna
  - If they insist, welcome comparisons
    - Compare founders: Jesus to Mohammed, with Mohammed in focus
    - Compare Golden Rule to Dualistic ethics
    - Compare Crusades to Jihad
      - Start with why the Crusades were needed
      - Yes, there were wrongs done by Christians but that was nearly 1,000 years ago
      - Jihad is still going on today – look around!
- They bring up the Crusades
  - They were in response to Jihad against Christian lands
  - Jihad comes straight from the doctrine and is part of Sharia
• If they change the subject
  o Turn conversation back to the doctrine and Mohammed
  o If you do, you’ll always prevail and persuade
  o The Koran and Mohammed are so negative, you can’t lose
• They bring up their Muslim “friend”
  o You have a Muslim “friend” who out ranks theirs: Mohammed
  o Even if their friend is an “expert” he will not trump Mohammed
• If they blame the West for Muslims’ actions
  o Show that everything they do is from the doctrine (including 9/11)
  o If they heard a Muslim blame the West, they are practicing taqiyya, sacred deceit
• If they dismiss you because you don’t read Arabic
  o As we’ve seen, the Koran could not be universal as it teaches if it couldn’t not be understood by all
  o The Koran is only 14% of the Trilogy The other 86% is easy enough to understand
• What about “nice Muslims?”
  o Avoid getting personal about specific Muslims except how they follow or don’t follow the doctrine
  o If they are true Muslims and acting nice it may be that they do not yet have the “upper hand”
  o Muslims are commanded to become violent once they get the upper hand
  o If they are following the Meccan Koran, they are following primarily abrogated verses, not Allah’s best
  o If they claim to be Muslim but reject the Koran and don’t imitate Mohammed, (“Golden rule Muslims”) they are apostates, worthy of death
  o There are non-violent ways to support jihad
  o Muslims are allowed to lie and deceive Kafirs to further Islam
• Some reject Sharia
  o Ask what part? The Five Pillars are Sharia. To reject them would make you an apostate.
  o Rejecting Sharia means you reject their basis: the Koran and Sunna, making one an apostate.
• That’s the “highjacked” Islam, not the real Islam
  o Ask how do they know?
    ▪ Real Islam comes from Mohammed
    ▪ If an event is similar to Sunna, it is Islam
    ▪ If you are quoting Sharia, it is Islam
• Moderates will reform it
  o Its own doctrine teaches it cannot be reformed or changed. It would cease to be Islam
  o The Medina Koran is the completion of Islam and cannot just be thrown out.
• Sharia Law is just like Jewish Law
  o Jewish law is about being a Jew. It has no designs on non-Jews. In fact, Jewish law states that the law of the land trumps Jewish law.
• They don’t really believe that
  o What do Muslims call themselves? Believers
  o What do they believe? The Koran and the Sunna.
  o Non-practicing members of a religion are not good examples of a religion’s beliefs
• There’s violence in the Old Testament
  o Old Testament has 5.6% of the text devoted to political violence
  o Trilogy has 31% devoted to it: 900% more.
  o The Sira is 67% jihad
  o Islam’s violence is eternal and universal, Old Testament’s violence was at a specific time and place
  o Islamic violence has killed thousands of times as many people as Jewish political violence
  o Jihad stops only when the Kafir is dead or submits
• If Islam is so violent, how could it be growing?
  o Many people love violence and abuse
  o Look at everything from Hollywood to ISIS recruitment
  o Conversion by force is permitted and encouraged
  o It requires no change of heart and is works oriented
  o People often side with who they perceive as a likely winner
• What about freedom of religion?
  o That does not give you the right to dictate to others what they must do
  o Article six of the Constitution says the Constitution is the supreme law of the land and cannot be
    subjugated
    ▪ That applies to all religions including Islam’s Sharia
    ▪ All men are equal here, Muslims and “Kafirs”
    ▪ Woman have the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, etc., just like men

• Islamic violence is caused by poverty and oppression
  o During the last 9 years of Mohammed’s life, he averaged a violent event every six weeks. He was
    neither poor nor oppressed at the time.
  o Muslims are violent because their “perfect man” was violent
  o In addition, today, nearly all jihadist leaders are middle class or higher and well educated

Reminders: Never adopt a combative mode. Do not oppose them or become emotional. Be a teacher.

The apologist may be a good person who is trying to do the right thing. They do not want to be a bigot and are terrified
of being called a racist. They’re filled with the “official” media version of Islam or the “Islam” they were taught about in
school, in departments or programs and textbooks, influenced &/or funded by Middle Eastern money. Give them the
facts they are missing about the doctrine.

Don’t tell them this but many are basically narcissists, who see the argument revolving around their own goodness, not
truth. Point out how self-centered it would be to jump over the step that includes learning about true Islam and gaining
understanding. Perhaps you can challenge them to answer what right they have to speak for Muslims while disregarding
their sacred texts.

Praise their desire for peace but point out their need for knowledge. They most of all need the wisdom of God.
“For lack of knowledge, my people perish says the Lord” Hosea 4:6

Remember, you have everything you need: this study, resource references, the power of prayer and the Holy Spirit!

This process could open doors to present your Christian faith as an alternative.
Christianity is supremely beautiful in the context of Islamic doctrine.

THE PROJECT:

Let’s not forget how important this is. Here’s one more reminder: A document, called simply “The Project,” that should
be examined in the study of the Muslim Brotherhood’s expansion into Western society in general, and the U.S.
government in particular.

A November 2001 raid by Swiss authorities on a villa belonging to Yousef Nada, the Muslim Brotherhood director of the
Al-Taqwa bank (which had been funding al-Qa’eda), recovered this 14-page plan, written in Arabic and dated December
1, 1982. “The Project” presents a “flexible, multi-phased, long-term approach to the ‘cultural invasion’ of the West,”
according to Patrick Poole, a counterterrorism and Muslim Brotherhood expert. Rather than relying primarily on
terrorism, as al-Qa’eda and other kinetic-approach jihadis do, the Muslim Brotherhood opted instead for a progressive
infiltration of the very structures of Western society in order to achieve the same end result that al-Qa’eda seeks:
Islamic domination over the West.

In view of the alarming success this approach has achieved to date, not only across the Middle East and North Africa, but
inside Europe and the U.S., it is worthwhile to quote from Poole’s articles just some of the tactics outlined:

• Networking and coordinating actions between likeminded Islamist organizations;
• Avoiding open alliances with known terrorist organizations and individuals to maintain the appearance of
  “moderation”;
• Infiltrating and taking over existing Muslim organizations to realign them towards the Muslim Brotherhood’s
  collective goals;
Using deception to mask the intended goals of Islamist actions, as long as it doesn’t conflict with the Sharia;
- Establishing financial networks to fund the work of conversion of the West, including the support of full-time administrators and workers;
- Putting into place a watchdog system for monitoring Western media to warn Muslims of “international plots fomented against them”;
- Cultivating an Islamist intellectual community, including establishing think-tanks and advocacy groups, publishing “academic” studies, to legitimize Islamist positions and to chronicle the history of Islamist movements;
- Building extensive social networks of schools, hospitals and charitable organizations dedicated to Islamist ideals so that contact with the movement for Muslims in the West is constant;
- Involving ideologically committed Muslims in democratically-elected institutions on all levels in the West, including government, NGOs, private organizations and labor unions;
- Instrumentally using existing Western institutions until they can be converted and put into service of Islam;
- Instituting alliances with Western “progressive” organizations that share similar goals;
- Inflaming violence and keeping Muslims living in the West “in a jihad frame of mind”;
- Supporting jihad movements across the Muslim world through preaching, propaganda, personnel, funding, and technical and operational support;
- Instigating a constant campaign to incite hatred by Muslims against Jews and rejecting any discussions of conciliation or coexistence with them;
- Collecting sufficient funds to indefinitely perpetuate and support jihad around the world

A more worthwhile “Project” - Community Mapping:

Community mapping is the careful observation of various institutions in the community. The goal is to have some influence on these groups and institutions in order to get positive outcomes relating to Islam. It is the key to intelligently playing both offense and defense in your community. Remember: The goal is NOT to end up on the front page of a newspaper looking outraged or like a nut!

**Churches / Temples**  Can you find out who is a good contact for at your own place of worship or some other places of worship? Would their congregation be interested in attending or hosting a class, meeting or movie about Islam? Are they informed? Chances are, a local ACT Chapter Leader would be interested in helping them if you yourself aren’t able. If they are a big church, would they be interested in having Brigitte Gabriel speak? (She will do it for free.)

Start building network with other like-minded ministries that can mobilize if something important comes up. Bring developments to their attention.

**Colleges / Universities**  This is a great opportunity for two or three retired people to “go back to school!” At times, tuition is very reasonable or even free for residents over 55. Select a few courses / professors that would have a likelihood of presenting biased viewpoints regarding Islam, Sharia, America, Israel, etc. The two most highly suspect departments in which you’ll want to sign up for specific courses are: Political Science & Middle East Studies (and related). Staff at Act for America and recommend next steps.

**K-12 Schools**  We want to prevent radicalization and avoid creating apologists for worldviews that are in conflict with Judeo-Christian values by their very nature. Curriculum is often the key. Ask to review the textbooks of courses likely to be biased. Join the PTA, meet the teachers, volunteer in the classroom, look at your child’s homework, especially social studies and history. Make copies of any assigned work that is biased or untrue. It can be used to show elected officials and school board members. Find more parents who are supportive and keep your homeschooling friends informed and involved. We ALL have to live in the society that is heavily influenced by what is taught in public schools. Meet with the school board and present your findings, sharing your concerns and asking them to do something about it. Run for your local school board and support and defend good candidates!
Mosques / Islamic Centers & Organizations  Remember, we are not trying to interfere with religious Islam with these methods. We are trying to protect our communities from losing our freedom and being endangered by a radical ideology. Often you can safely monitor messages from a local mosque just by listening to their content on their websites. Does it have direct ties to radical Islam? Is the title held by a Saudi business entity? This connection highly increases the chances of radical materials being given out. You can find out who holds the title by contacting the property division of the Assessor’s office or county court house. It’s a matter of public record.

Madrassas have startlingly high chances of radical materials being passed out. Often pressure can be put on the property owner if they are leasing it to a radical organization. Visit Islamic websites like CAIR Chicago’s to see upcoming events that may be of interest or cause for action.

Media Outlets  Quickly respond with calls and letters to the editor when there is a bias represented as news. Three or four well written letters (or online posts) carry significant weight. If you’re a good writer, create a template for others to use and modify with our own words. Six letters on the same topic and position represent a groundswell of support in a typical town newspaper. Getting to know your local Religion Editor is very important. Make a list of all local media sources and have those who use them, monitor them.

Service Clubs  Keep an eye out for speakers who have a bias and ask for equal time. Clubs are always looking for good material to present. Schedule a showing of an important DVD or discussion of another resource. Get to know local “affinity” groups in the area. These may be TEA Party organizations, Homeschool groups, 9/12 Project Groups, Conservative Book Clubs, veterans groups and many more. It’s also a great way to find people to invite to your church.

Elected Officials  You should also know your Mayor, City Council, County Commission, School Board Members and State and Federal Legislators. Put their numbers into your phone and have their email addresses. Research which officials are already on board with our concerns and which are not. Create as many good relationships as possible with these leaders and never underestimate the power of getting to know the staff at a legislative or congressional office. Also, pay attention to open seats coming available and check out new candidates. (See Additional Reading Section for more.)

ACT For America Successes:

As of this writing, ACT for America has achieved the following legislative victories...

American Laws for American Courts  - ALAC prevents state courts from applying foreign laws and foreign legal doctrines when doing so infringes on the fundamental Constitutional rights of any of the parties involved - wins in 8 states, LA, TN, AZ, OK, KS, NC, FL, AL

Free Speech Defense Act  - Protects freedom of speech, press and expression by shielding authors, journalists, bloggers, radio hosts and artists from foreign libel judgments originating in jurisdictions that do not afford the same protections as the 1st Amendment of the U.S. Constitution - wins in 8 states, NY, SD, UT, TN, LA, FL, CA, IL

Andy’s Law  - Stiffens state criminal penalties for acts of terrorism and material support for terrorism and creates a civil cause of action, empowering victims of terrorism to sue for enhanced damages those who commit acts of terrorism or provide material support for terrorism - wins in 3 states, TN, LA, AR

Anti-Female Genital Mutilation (female circumcision ban) ACT for America has been working diligently at the state level to see legislation passed so that no girl ever suffers the horrors of FGM - wins in 2 states: KS, LA

Refugee Resettlement Legislation – Aids local municipalities burdened by having to deal with refugee resettlement into their communities when beyond the local community’s ability to provide critical infrastructure- win in TN
Additional priorities and projects for America:

- Confronting Terrorism
- Securing the Border
- Energy Independence
- Support for Israel
- Preserving the Constitution
- EMP Protection
- Empowering Women
- Protecting Children
- Muslim Brotherhood Unmasked Website
- Textbook Reform Project & Research
- Thin Blue Line Project
- School Protection Program
- Educating elected officials
- Educating the public

**FINAL THOUGHTS AND A CALL TO ACTION:**

If pastors and church members say, “I’m going to be silent about the moral and ethical issues that we face as a nation,” we will leave a moral vacuum. It will not be long until the ultimate adversaries of the Gospel—Satan and his demons—will rush in and influence every decision in a way contrary to God’s will and standards.

The great freedoms we have in the United States came only as a result of great sacrifice on the part of many others. The signers of the Declaration of Independence knew that they were publicly declaring themselves to be guilty of treason against Britain and since then, hundreds of thousands of men (and many women as well) sacrificed their lives to protect this nation and preserve the freedoms we enjoy today.

Should we not participate at some level beyond merely voting? Let’s get involved in the religious (spiritual) and political (material and ideological) battle against Islam. Let’s protect this nation, honor those who sacrificed before us, obey God, build His Kingdom, reduce suffering and share God’s love and the gospel with Muslims, for whom Christ laid down His life.

**Additional Reading**

**TIPS ON WORKING WITH POLITICIANS:** They are influenced by:

- Political partisans who think like them. (So if you win over one, you can win over others more easily)
- Desire to avoid controversy. (Make it more controversial for them to oppose us than to side with us)
- Desire for re-election. (Let them know they’ll have your support if they earn it and then support them)
- “Wind direction” of the undecided. (We need to make the biggest wind machine creating momentum)
- Urgent, that crowds out the important. (Make our issues urgent to them somehow)
- Special interest groups. (These regularly get their way because the majority of people are apathetic. We need to become a special interest group whose special interest is the general interest and wellbeing of the nation.)

Remember, we don’t have to outnumber the apathetic majority in society. We just need to work on winning them over while outworking and outpraying those who oppose us.

**THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE:**

The “keep anything religious out of politics” view is usually brought up by irreligious people or those who oppose Christianity. Doing so would invalidate the very reasoning for the Declaration of Independence and among other things, change freedom of religion into freedom from religion.

The Declaration Of Independence begins by saying in essence: When the situation makes it necessary for a people to politically split from their rulers to obtain the equal status that God entitles them to, than a declaration of the causes for the split should be made. The causes for the split, for the formation of this independent nation were: God given rights.
The founders claimed *divine authorization* for the very existence of the United States of America:

> When in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the Powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature’s God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation. We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are *endowed by their Creator* with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness. That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men....

**POLITICAL LESSON FROM THE TRINITY**

In the Trinity, the “one” God does not take precedence over the “many” Persons, neither are the Many given a higher priority over the One. The result is perfect Community.

In society, an extreme in either direction (one choice only, or every choice possible) leads to either totalitarianism or lawless anarchy. Society should seek the “radical middle,” where both the one and the many are properly balanced. Rights of the community and the individual must be held in tension if we are to have a state that is both free and just. Islam provides neither freedom nor justice. By institutionalizing the “one” choice of Islam, true freedom disappears.

The Biblical design involves both caring for the individual and the community as a whole: Holding people accountable for the actions of their character while not judging them by the color of their skin or what they believe. Emphasizing both “the one and the many” leads to true liberty: liberty under law. Freedom based on morality and responsibility.

**A VIEW ABOUT THE HIJAB**

The hijab is a symbol of Sharia compliance. Sharia includes hatred of the Kafir and violence against them. So, the hijab could be considered a symbol of hatred.

**JOHN ADAMS: “Our Constitution...**

> “...was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other.”

Does Islam teach morals? We find prostitution, polygamy, violence, pedophilia, deception, discrimination, slavery, robbery, abuse of women and war for god and profit. Islam and Sharia are completely incompatible with the law of the land and the foundations our society was built on, in the United States. In some ways, supporting these foundations is a way to oppose Islam.

**ISLAM’S ULTIMATE GOAL:**

> Qur’an 4:193: Engage in war with them until there be no sedition and the religion be to Allah

**REMEMBER, SOME FINAL THOUGHTS:**

We do not know if Christ will return next year or 500 years from now. What we do know is, that while we have opportunity, God tells us not to give up but to go on preaching “all the counsel of God” (Acts 20:27) and doing “good works” (Eph. 2:10) and loving our neighbors as ourselves (Matt. 22:39). That means we should go on trying to influence governments for good, as long as we are able to do so.

> Acts 5:29  But Peter and the apostles answered, “We ought to obey God rather than men.”  (Including those in culture who insists we remain silent and uninvolved.)

> Matt 10:16 “I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves.”

> Rom 12:21 “Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.”

> Luke 19:13 “…occupy till I come...”
THANK YOU for joining us in these classes! We hope they have been helpful to you. Let us know how you are using the material and please keep in touch with further information needs, ideas or questions. May God bless your efforts and faithfulness to make a difference!

Resources to inform, teach, inspire, challenge and motivate you to action:
(Inclusion does not mean they are affiliated with this project - these are just resources we've found useful.)

FIRST AND FOREMOST, GOD’S WORD: THE BIBLE!

“MUST VISIT” WEBSITES (VISIT REGULARLY / TELL OTHERS ABOUT / SHARE ON SOCIAL MEDIA!)

1. http://www.politicalislam.com/ (Dr. Warner’s site. MANY excellent/inexpensive resources & downloads)
2. http://www.thestraightway.org/ (Usama Dakdok’s ministry, excellent resources/videos, best Qur’an translation)
3. http://www.calloflove.org/ (Samya Johnson’s site on sharing our faith with Muslims, excellent, simple tools for evangelism of Muslims. She is a frequent Moody Radio guest.)
5. https://clarionproject.org/ (Prolific creator of excellent movies and resources as well as news updates.)
6. http://www.disciplenations.org/ (Wonderful ministry seeking to bring God’s Kingdom and gospel to the world)
7. http://www.actforamerica.org/ (Sign up to receive their email alerts)
8. https://clarionproject.org/ (Excellent site for current events on the topic)
9. http://www.brotherhoodunmasked.net/ (Great resource on the Muslim Brotherhood)
10. www.pamelageller.com (Great news site by organizer of the Mohammed Art Contest)
11. http://www.barenakedislam.com/ (Non-sugar coated news and graphic content. A secular site but a good one.)
13. http://www.centerforsecuritypolicy.org/ (News + great place for official documents from Holy Land Trial etc.)
14. http://www.therevolutionofpeace.com/ (Running tab on jihad attacks is one interesting feature-edgy)
15. http://counterjihadreport.com/ (Very interesting site with some hard to find resources including full length movies, ways to get involved and lots more.)
18. www.biblegateway.com Bible Search website

“MUST SEE” (AND SHARE) MOVIES AND SHORT FILMS:

Can’t We Talk About This?
The Third Jihad
Obsession
Honor Diaries
Love Costs Everything
By The Numbers - Untold Story of Muslim Opinions and Demographics
CAIR, Muslim Brotherhood and Jihad
Stop Them Erasing Our History
Believe Them!
Fear Us Women - Canadian Model Fights ISIS in Syria

Kids - The Jihad Generation
Faithkeepers
The Stoning of Soraya M
The Grand Deception
Losing Our Sons
Islam: What The West Needs To Know
Iranium
Europe’s Last Stand - America’s Final Warning
First Comes Saturday, Then Comes Sunday
Silent Conquest

YOUTUBE VIDEOS:
https://youtu.be/6-3X5hIFXYU  The Muslim Population Threat
https://youtu.be/l_Tc-cV94Bo  Brief video of Dr. Bill Warner mapping out the history of jihad & the Crusades
RECOMMENDED BOOKS AND RESOURCES: (USE, PURCHASE, SHARE!)
Dr. Bill Warner’s resources including: *Sharia Law for Non-Muslims, Three Part Self Study Course On Political Islam, The Hadith, The Sira* and *Factual Persuasion* (Available in books or downloads)
*The Generous Qur’an*, Usama Dakdok (And many DVD resources including Freedom or Surrender and Revealing the Truth About Islam)
*Because They Hate*, Brigitte Gabriel
*Seeking Allah, Finding Jesus*, Nabeel Qureshi
*Dare To Explore - 12 Lessons On Islam And How To Reach Muslims* (Workbook/DVD Series), Samya Johnson
*See Something, Say Nothing*, Philip Haney
*Getting Through-How To Talk To Non-Muslims About the Distrubing Nature of Islam*, Citizen Warrior
*The Gospel for Muslims*, Thabiti Anyabwile
*The Red-Green Axis*, James Simpson
*Muslim Brotherhood in America - 10 Part Course* by Frank Gaffney
  https://www.centerforsecuritypolicy.org/the-muslim-brotherhood-in-america/
*It IS About Islam*, Glenn Beck
*Discipling Nations - The Power of Truth to Transform Cultures*, Darrow Miller
*Reliance of the Traveller – Classic Manual of Islamic Sacred Law* - Nuh Ha Mim Keller

MINISTRIES TO LEARN MORE ABOUT: (Not affiliated with this project.)
Voice of the Martyrs  http://www.persecution.com/
Call of Love Ministries  http://www.calloflove.org/
Straight Way of Grace Ministry  http://www.thestraightway.org/
Disciple Nations Alliance  http://www.disciplenations.org/

How can we help you make a difference? Get in touch with us! God bless your efforts!

Notes:
Please note the major conclusions you’ve come to in this class. If there’s time, please share them with the group.
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