

WHAT NON-MOSLEMS NEED TO KNOW ABOUT ISLAM

AND WHY

Useful reference materials

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1. Basic concepts

- Distinguish Moslems as people from Islam as belief system
- Distinguish personal religion from community religion/ideology;
- Are most Moslems peaceful?
- Has Islam been hijacked by a “few madmen” or “tiny minority of extremists”?
- Is it racist or bigoted to criticize Islam?
- Islamophobia
- Moslem spokesmen vs. respected Islamic religious authorities

2. The Koran: Allah’s literal word, perfect, complete, eternally valid.

3. The Hadith and the Example of Muhammad

4. The Sharia: Complete Code of Life for All of Humanity

5. The Islamic World View: • Moslem vs. non-Moslem and • Men vs. women

6. Human Rights: UDHR vs. CDHRI

7. Jihad: Defensive/Offensive; violent/silent

8. Islam and Israel

9. Islam and Christianity

10. Islam and Democracy

11. Can Islam be reformed?

12. Moderate Moslems and the Insoluble Dilemma

A complete code of life

by Dr. Muhammad al Alkhuli

NOTE: The following article is to be found on numerous Moslem websites. See:

<http://english.islamway.com/bindex.php?section=article&id=169>

<http://www.thetruecall.com/home/modules.php?name=News&file=print&sid=146>

Islam is a religion, but not in the western meaning of religion.

The western connotation of the term “religion” is something between the believer and God.

Islam as a religion organizes all aspects of life on both the individual and national levels.

Islam organizes your relations with God, with yourself, with your children, with your relatives, with your neighbor, with your guest, and with other brethren. Islam clearly establishes your duties and rights in all those relationships. Islam establishes a clear system of worship, civil rights, laws of marriage and divorce, laws of inheritance, code of behavior, what not to drink, what to wear, and what not to wear, how to worship God, how to govern, the laws of war and peace, when to go to war, when to make peace, the law of economics, and the laws of buying and selling.

Islam is a complete code of life.

Islam is not for the mosque only, it is for daily life, a **guide to life in all its aspects**: socially, economically, and politically.

Islam is [a] complete constitution.

Thus Islam keeps the Muslim away from confusion, because Islam is logical and rational. Allah is one. Allah is one; Allah has no sons. Allah is not trinity. Allah does not kill to save. No mediation is required between Allah and man. Islam organizes human nature, but does not go against it. There is not a class of clergy in Islam; nor is there celibacy.

Islam is complete code of human life.

Reference: The Need for Islam by Dr. Muhammad Al Alkhuli

NOTE:

Reading the article above leads a non-Moslem to think about questions such as the following:

- 1) If Islam is a complete guide to life, is it totalitarian?
- 2) If “Islam is a complete constitution”, is it compatible with the American constitution?
- 3) How can religious Moslems be loyal both to Islam and to the American constitution?
- 4) Can Keith Ellison, the new Moslem congressman from Minneapolis who claims to be a religious Moslem, be loyal to the American constitution?
- 5) If Islam is a “complete guide to life” and a “complete constitution” which organizes all civic life and determines war and peace, clothing, economics, etc., what room can an Islamic society give to non-Moslems to organize their civic and economic life in a non-Islamic way?
- 6) If “Islam is a complete guide to life”, can Moslem immigrants really assimilate into our western, pluralistic, democratic and free society?
- 7) If “Islam is a complete guide to life”, what does it mean to speak of “moderate Moslems” or “moderate Islam”?

WHY THE TEXT OF THE KORAN IS SO IMPORTANT

Because the Koran is so crucially important to the lives of more than a billion Moslems, and because all Moslem extremists quote the Koran to justify their behavior, it behooves every non-Moslem to know what the Koran says. The following statements about the importance of the Koran for Moslems are

taken from the respected Islamic website www.islamicity.com. Because of its all-encompassing nature, **the Koran is much more important in the lives of Moslems than the Bible is in the lives of even religious Jews and Christians.**

THE HOLY QURAN

In a very real sense the Quran is the mentor of millions of Muslims, Arab and non-Arab alike; it shapes their everyday life, anchors them to a unique system of law, and inspires them by its guiding principles. ... For countless millions, consequently, it has been the single most important force in guiding their religious, social, and cultural lives. Indeed, the Quran is the cornerstone on which the edifice of Islamic civilization has been built.

Together with the Quran, the sunnah, as embodied in the canonical collections of traditions, the hadith, became the basis for the shari'ah, the sacred law of Islam.

Unlike Western legal systems, the shari'ah makes no distinction between religious and civil matters; it is the codification of God's Law, and it concerns itself with every aspect of social, political, economic, and religious life. Islamic law is thus different from any other legal system; it differs from canon law in that it is not administered by a church hierarchy; in Islam there is nothing that corresponds to a "church" in the Chris-

tian sense. Instead, there is the ummah - the community of the believers - whose cohesion is guaranteed by the sacred law. **Every action of the pious Muslim, therefore, is determined by the Quran, by precedents set by the Prophet, and by the practice of the early community of Islam as enshrined in the shari'ah. ...**

No description, however, can fully capture **the overwhelming importance of the Quran to Muslims.** Objectively, it is the central fact of the Islamic faith, the Word of God, the final and complete revelation, the foundation and framework of Islamic law, and the source of Islamic thought, language, and action. It is the essence of Islam. Yet it is, in the deeply personal terms of a Muslim, something more as well. In innumerable, almost indescribable ways, it is also the central fact of Muslim life. **To a degree almost incomprehensible in the West it shapes and colors broadly, specifically, and totally the thoughts, emotions, and values of the devout Muslim's life from birth to death.**

TROUBLING PASSAGES IN THE KORAN

NOTE: When you read these passages from the Koran, please bear in mind the sacrosanct nature of every word in the Koran for all Moslems -- even if they have never read the Koran and even if they do not follow the Koran in their daily lives. The problem is that many Moslems will follow the injunctions of the Koran. Also bear in mind that the following passages from the Koran, among others, are taught and preached every day in every mosque in the world including the one in your neighborhood. For a much more extensive list of problematic verses from the Koran, see: <http://www.bahai-faith.com/islam-uncensored>.

MOSLEM SUPREMACISM

1 -- "*the (only) religion (acceptable) before God is Islam.*" (3:19)

2 -- "*If anyone desires a religion other than Islam, never will it be accepted of him.*" (3: 85)

3 -- "*You are the noblest community ever raised up for mankind.*" (3:110)

ATTITUDE TOWARDS NON-MOSLEMS

4 -- *The unbelievers among the people of the book and the pagans shall burn forever in the fire of Hell. They are the vilest of all creatures.* (98.6).

5 -- *Surely the vilest of animals in Allah's sight are those who disbelieve.* (8.55)

6 -- *The unbelievers are your inveterate enemy.* (4:101)

7 -- *Mohammed is God's apostle. Those who follow him are ruthless to the unbelievers but merciful to one another.* (48:29).

8 -- *It is unlawful for a believer to kill another believer, accidents excepted.* (4:92)

9 -- *Those who speak ill of God and his Apostle shall be cursed by God in this life and in the life to come.* (33:57)

10 -- *Believers, take neither the Jews nor the Christians for your friends.* (5:51)

WAR ON NON-MOSLEMS

11 -- *Make war on them until idolatry shall cease and God's religion shall reign supreme.* (8:40)

12 -- *Fight against them until idolatry is no more and God's religion reigns supreme.* (2:193)

13 -- *The true believers fight for the cause of God, but the infidels fight for the devil.* 14 -- *Fight then against the friends of Satan.* (4:76)

15 -- *We will put terror into the hearts of the unbelievers.* (3:150)

16 -- *I shall cast terror into the hearts of the infidels. Strike off their heads, strike off the very tips of their fingers.* (8:12)

17 -- *Fight for the sake of God those that fight against you, but do not attack them first. God does not love aggressors. Slay them wherever you find them. Drive them out of the places from which they drove you. Idolatry is more grievous than bloodshed.* (2:190-191)

18 -- *When the sacred months are over, slay the idolaters wherever you find them.* (9:5)

19 -- *Fight against such of those to whom the Scriptures were given as believe in neither God nor the Last Day, ... until they pay tribute out of hand and are utterly subdued.* (9:29)

20 -- *Prophet, make war on the unbelievers and the hypocrites and deal rigorously with them.* (9:73 and 66:9)

21 -- *Believers, make war on the infidels who dwell around you. Deal firmly with them.* (9:123)

22 -- *When you meet the unbelievers in the battlefield, strike off their heads.* (47:4)

23 -- *A prophet may not take captives until he has fought and triumphed in the land.* (8:67)

24 -- *Behold, God has bought of the believers their lives and their possessions, promising them Paradise in return, and so they fight in God's cause, and slay and are slain.* (9:111)

25 -- *The punishment of those who wage war against Allah and His Messenger, and strive with might and main for mischief through the land is: execution, or crucifixion, or the cutting off of hands and feet from opposite sides, or exile from the land: that is their disgrace in this world, and a heavy punishment is theirs in the Hereafter; except for those who repent before they fall into your power: in that case, know that Allah is Oft-forgiving, Most Merciful.* (5-33-34)

RETALIATION

26 -- *Believers, retaliation is decreed for you in bloodshed: a free man for a free man, a slave for a slave, and a female for a female.* (2:178)

27 -- *Let evil be rewarded with evil.* (42:41)

28 -- *If anyone attacks you, attack him as he attacked you.* (2:194)

WOMEN

29 -- *Women are your fields: go, then, into your fields whence you please.* (2:223)

30 -- *Men have authority over women because God has made the one superior to the other... Good women are obedient. As for those from whom you fear disobedience, admonish them, forsake them in beds apart, and beat them."* (4:34)

CHRISTIANS AND JEWS

31 -- *In blasphemy indeed are those that say that God is Christ the son of Mary.* (5:17)

32 -- *The Jews call Ezra a son of Allah, and the Christians call Christ the son of Allah. ...Allah's curse be on them!* (9:30)

WHO IS A BELIEVER?

33 -- *"Only those are believers who believe in Allah and his messenger."* (24:62)

THE EXAMPLE OF MUHAMMAD

NOTE: Because the Koran orders all Moslems to obey both Allah and Muhammad, and because the Koran says that Muhammad is to be considered an excellent example of behavior for all Moslems, everything that Muhammad is believed to have said or done becomes a sacred model for Moslems to follow, called the Sunnah. The sayings by and about Muhammad are called Hadith, and that collection of sayings is considered to be the second holy book of Islam, as sacred as the Koran. Islamic sacred law, the Sharia, is based on the Koran and the Hadith. The Sharia is considered the law of Allah.

Koran 33:21 --" Ye have indeed in the Messenger of Allah a beautiful pattern of conduct.."

FROM THE HADITH

Allah's Apostle said, "May Allah's curse be on the Jews for they built the places of worship at the graves of their Prophets."

35: Volume: 4, Book Number: 53, Hadith Number: 392 Narrated Abu Huraira: Muhammad said to the Jews: "If you embrace Islam, you will be safe. You should know that the earth belongs to Allah and His Apostle, and I want to expel you from this land."

Sahih Bukhari [4:52:176] Narrated 'Abdullah bin 'Umar: Allah's Apostle said, "You (i.e. Muslims) will fight with the Jews till some of them will hide behind stones. The stones will (betray them) saying, 'O 'Abdullah (i.e. slave of Allah)! There is a Jew hiding behind me; so kill him.' "

Mohammed said, "I have been ordered to fight with the people till they say, "None has the right to be worshipped but Allah, and whoever says, " None has the right to be worshipped but Allah , his life and property will be saved by me." (otherwise it will not). Vol. 4:196

Mohammed said, "Whoever changes his Islamic religion, kill him." Vol. 9:57

Mohammed said, " No Muslim should be killed for killing a Kafir" (infidel). Vol. 9:50

The Prophet Muhammad said:

Fight in the name of Allah and in the way of Allah. Fight against those who disbelieve in Allah. Make a holy war, ... When you meet your enemies who are polytheists, invite them to three courses of action. If they respond to any one of these, you also accept it and withhold yourself from doing them any harm. Invite them to (accept) Islam; if they respond to you, accept it from them and desist from fighting against them....If they refuse to accept Islam, demand from them the Jizya. If they agree to pay, accept it from them and hold off your hands. If they refuse to pay the tax, seek Allah's help and fight them. (Sahih Muslim 4294)

Volume 4, Book 52, Number 220: Narrated Abu Huraira: Allah's Apostle said, "I have been sent with the shortest expressions bearing the widest meanings, and I have been made victorious with terror (cast in the hearts of the enemy)

Muhammad said: O, Women! Give alms, as I have seen that the majority of the dwellers of Hell were you (women). You curse frequently and are ungrateful to your husbands. I have not seen anyone more deficient in intelligence and religion than you... (Bukhari v.1,bk 6, no.4)

Mohammed asked some women, "Isn't the witness of a woman equal to half that of a man?" The women said, "yes," He said, "This is because of the deficiency of the woman's mind. " Vol. 3:826

Mohammed to women: "I have not seen any one more deficient in intelligence and religion than you." Vol. 2:541

Mohammed said, "I was shown the Hell-fire and that the majority of its dwellers are women. " Vol. 1:28, 301; Vol. 2:161; Vol. 7:124

Mohammed married a 9 year old girl. "Narrated Aisha that the prophet married her when she was six years old and he consummated his marriage when she was nine years old."Vol. 7:64 [Note: Muhammad was then 52 years old!]

ISLAM

THEOLOGY

A BELIEF SYSTEM,
BASED ON THE KORAN,
THE HADITH
(SAYINGS OF MUHAMMAD)

AND THE SHARIAH.

ISLAM IS BOTH A

RELIGION

AND AN

IDEOLOGY

PRACTICE

MOSLEMS AS PEOPLE
COME IN VARYING
DEGREES OF PIETY, THAT IS,
VARYING DEGREES OF
ADHERENCE TO ISLAMIC
THEOLOGY:

- RADICAL TERRORIST
- SUPREMACIST
- RELIGIOUS
- RITUALISTIC
- SECULAR
- MINO
(MOSLEMS IN NAME ONLY)

ISLAM

THE KORAN AND THE HADITH

RELIGION

RELATION BETWEEN BELIEVER AND GOD

- RITUALS
- HOLIDAYS
- DRESS
- FOODS (NO PORK)
- ABLUTIONS
- PERSONAL SALVATION
- ANGELS / JINNS
- JUDGMENT DAY
- FAITH AND WORKS

FIVE PILLARS

- 1 SHEHADA
There is no God but Allah,
and Muhammad is his
Prophet
- 2 PRAYERS
FIVE TIMES A DAY
- 3 CHARITY
- 4 FASTING
DURING RAMADAN
- 5 VISIT MECCA

IDEOLOGY

RELATIONS BETWEEN MOSLEMS AND NON-MOSLEMS

COMPLETE WAY OF LIFE

TOTAL ORGANIZATION OF SOCIETY — SHARIAH

MEANT FOR ALL HUMANITY — IMPOSE SHARIAH ON THE ENTIRE WORLD

CONQUER WORLD FOR ISLAM

JIHAD

ISLAMIC IMPERIALISM

ISLAM'S UNIVERSAL MISSION

IMPOSE SHARIA LAW ON ALL OF HUMANITY THROUGH JIHAD

THE WORLD IS DIVIDED INTO:

DAR AL ISLAM — THE HOUSE OF ISLAM: THAT PART WHICH IS ALREADY UNDER SHARIA LAW

DAR AL HARB — THE DOMAIN OF WAR: THAT PART WHICH IS NOT YET UNDER SHARIA LAW.

Imagine two concentric circles. The inner circle is Dar al Islam, and the outer circle is the rest of the world, that is, Dar al Harb. Jihad can be conceived of as the constant striving to expand the inner circle until it becomes congruent with the outer circle. That is the essence of Islamic imperialism.



JIHAD

VIOLENT JIHAD

AL QAEDA
HAMAS
HIZBULLAH
ABU NIDAL GROUP
ABU SAYYAF GROUP
AL-AQSA MARTYRS
ARMED ISLAMIC GROUP
ASBAT AL ANSAR
GAMA'A AL-ISLAMIYYA
HARAKAT AL-MUJAHIDIN
ISLAMIC MOVEMENT OF
UZBEKISTAN
JAISH-E-MUHAMMAD
JEMAAH ISLAMIYA
AL-JIHAD
LASHKAR-E-TAYYIBA
LASHKAR I JHANGVI
MUJAHEDDIN-E-KHALQ
PALESTINE ISLAMIC JIHAD

(For more, Google “Islamic
terrorist groups”)

SILENT JIHAD

- Demographic: birth + immigration
- Da'wa (Proselytizing)
- Advocacy organizations
- Influence on the media
- Propaganda
- Education of Moslems
- Sermons in mosques
- Non-Moslem textbooks
- Interfaith events
- Economics
 - Oil
 - Control of corporations
- Finance
 - Sharia loans
 - Sharia investments
- Politics
 - Block voting
 - Moslem elected officials
- Litigation
- Boycotts, pressure on advertisers
- Protests
- Negative publicity
- Creeping Sharia
 - Taxi drivers
 - Cashiers
 - School recess times
 - Non-denominational chapels
 - Footbaths
 - Public swimming pools
 - Sharia courts for family matters

MUSLIM SPIRITUAL LEADERS SPEAK

Ayatollah Khomeini, the most important Moslem leader of the 20th Century, said: "Those who know nothing of Islam pretend that Islam counsels against war. Those who say this are witless. Islam says: Kill all the unbelievers just as they would kill you all! Does this mean that Muslims should sit back until they are devoured? Islam says: Kill them, put them to the sword and scatter their armies.... Islam says: whatever good there is exists thanks to the sword and in the shadow of the sword! People cannot be made obedient except with the sword! the sword is the key to Paradise, which can be opened only for the Holy Warriors! There are hundreds of other Koranic psalms and Hadiths urging Muslims to value war and to fight. Does all this mean that Islam is a religion that prevents men from waging war? I spit upon those foolish souls who make such a claim."

"The meaning of the term 'terror' used by the media... is Jihad for the sake of Allah. Jihad is the peak of Islam. Moreover, some of the clerics ... see it as the sixth pillar of Islam. Jihad --whether Jihad of defense of Muslims and of Islamic lands such as in Chechnya, the Philippines, and Afghanistan, or Jihad aimed at spreading the religion -- is the pinnacle of terror, as far as the enemies of Allah are concerned. The Muhajeed who goes out to attain a martyr's death or victory and returns with booty is a terrorist as far as the enemies of Allah are concerned... Jihad is the peak of Islam... Jihad, oh believers, is an integral part of our religion. The word 'terror' is used to damage this mighty and blessed foundation." -- **Sheikh Wajdi Hamza Al-Ghazawi**, Al-Manshawi Mosque, Mecca, October 6, 2001.

All of the following comes verbatim from the **Reliance of the Traveler: Classic Manual of Islamic Sacred Law**, (Amana Publications, Beltsville MD, revised edition 1994) approved by the highest ranking and most respected modern Islamic religious leaders and scholars. Islamic holy law, Sharia, defines jihad this way: "Jihad means to war against non-Muslims. .. The scriptural basis for jihad, prior to scholarly consensus, is such Koranic verses as "Fighting is prescribed for you " (Koran 2:216) "Slay them wherever you find them" (Koran 4:89) "Fight the idolaters utterly" (Koran 9:36)

and such hadiths as the one related by Bukhari and Muslim that the Prophet (Allah bless him and give him peace) said: "I have been commanded to fight people until they testify that there is no god but Allah,

and that Muhammad is the Messenger of Allah..."

and the hadith reported by Muslim, "To go forth in the morning or evening to fight in the path of Allah is better than the whole world and everything in it."

In the chapter Objectives of Jihad, we read: "The Caliph makes war upon Jews, Christians and Zoroastrians...until they become Muslim or pay the non-Muslim poll tax..." and "The caliph fights all other people until they become Muslim."

Sheik Yusuf Qaradawi, spiritual leader of the Muslim Brotherhood:

"Islam came to be followed, not to follow; to be dominant, not subordinate."

"Islam came with its complete, comprehensive and eternal sharia (law) for the whole of mankind."

From Jihad in Islam by **Sayyed Abdul A'la Maududi**, one of the most prolific and most widely read Islamic writer of the 20th Century:

"The goal of Islam is to rule the entire world and submit all of mankind to the faith of Islam. Any nation or power that gets in the way of that goal, Islam will fight and destroy."

Ali Gom'a, the grand mufti of Egypt, the highest Muslim religious authority in the world, supports murdering non-Muslims. In the daily Al Ahram (April 7, 2008), he says, "Muslims must kill non-believers wherever they are unless they convert to Islam." He also compares non-Muslims to apes and pigs, not only the Jews.

Muhammad Sayyid Al Tantawi, president of Al Azhar University also approves of killing and maiming Christians, Jews, and other infidels. He added, "This is not my personal view. This what the Shari'a Law says, the law of Allah, the only valid law on the earth."

Yousef Al Qaradhawi, the spiritual leader of the fundamentalist organization, the Muslim Brothers, urged on Al Jazeera TV (Jan. 9, 2009) Muslims to kill the Jews, not only in Israel but also worldwide. He added, "No peace can be made between us (Muslims) and the non-believers. This what our holy book says. This what Allah says."

IMPORTANT REFERENCES FOR LEARNING ABOUT ISLAM

There is a free e-mail group list for materials from various sources about the nature of Islam. If you would like to receive these interesting materials, please send an e-mail request to ideologyofislam@cox.net.

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By Robert Spencer. Regnery, 2005.
If you don't read anything else, do read this one.

2. **The Complete Infidel's Guide to the Koran**, by Robert Spencer , Regnery 2009

3. **America Alone**, By Mark Steyn, Regnery, 2006

4. **They Must Be Stopped** by Brigitte Gabriel; St. Martin's Press, New York, 2008

5. Any English translation of the Koran will do. Here are two popular ones:
The Koran, translated by N. J. Dawood; Penguin Classics
The Glorious Qu'ran, translated by Abdullah Yusuf Ali
This translation is used by American mosques and by the Council on American Islamic Relations. You can pick up a free copy at any mosque.

6. www.jihadwatch.com
Indispensable website run by Robert Spencer.

7. www.faithfreedom.org
Run by ex-Moslems.

8. www.memri.org
Invaluable for its presentation and translation of Arabic and Iranian TV. Allows to see firsthand what Moslems say to one another with official state sponsorship. Contrast this to what Moslems tell non-Moslems.

9. www.usc.edu/dept/msa/quran
Searchable Koran with three simultaneous English translations. Created by the Muslim Students Association.

10. www.islamonline.com Click on "[Fatwah and Counseling](#)"
Moslem religious website for Moslems.

11. www.islam-qa.com Click on English version.
Moslem religious website for Moslems.

12. www.actforamerica.org This is Brigitte Gabriel's site.

13. www.thereligionofpeace.com
The name is sarcastic. This is an excellent site with loads of links and articles to help you learn about Islam.