

SHARING THE GOSPEL WITH MUSLIMS PART 2

Main Idea:

Jesus Christ is more than a prophet

John 14:6

Apologetics 07.17.13

Shiite Islam & authority

“The Imam’s interpretation of the Qur’an is considered infallible. Some Shiites believe that this infallibility extends to the whole person of the imam, whose entire life would be sinless.” -
Winfried Corduan

- *Neighboring Faiths*, 103.

5 (or 6) Pillars of Islam “submission [to Allah]”

1. **Confession of God’s Oneness (Shahada, tawhid)**
2. **Ritual Prayer (salat) 5x a day**
3. **Mandatory Charity (zakat 2.5%)**
4. **Observance of Ramadan - July 8- August 7, 2013 (sawn)**
5. **Pilgrimage to Mecca (hajj)**

***Jihad**

Seven Principles (Beliefs) of Islam

1. Allah is the one God: Creator, Sustainer, and Sovereign Law-Giver
2. Holy Qur'an: Word of Allah
3. Messengers of Allah, with Muhammad, the last of the prophets
4. Allah's angels and *jinn* (good and evil spirits)
5. Last Day, Resurrection and Judgment (paradise and hell)
6. Predestination of all that happens, good or bad ("fate")
7. Jihad:

- See, *Jihad in Classical and Modern Islam* by Rudolph Peters, 1996.
(Adapted from the course "Comparative Religions 307," by Dr. Daniel Ebert).



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FRESH QUALITY HALAL MEAT

PORK BUTCH
ALL YOUR MEAT & POULTRY NEEDS HERE!

NO SMOKING

“No Muslim, even the best among them, imagines that he is guaranteed Paradise.” - Suzanne Haneef

Q: How could we use Muslim lack of assurance as a springboard for the Gospel?

Prophets recognized in Islam

- **Adam**
- **Noah**
- **Abraham**
- **Moses**
- **Solomon**
- **David**
- **Jesus**
- **Muhammad *only prophet of Ishmael's line***

*Each prophet “replaces” previous revelation

Islamic Theology

- Unitarian theism - “*shirk*” (polytheism), is the one unpardonable sin
- Judgment Day - depends on whether one’s good surpasses one’s bad deeds
- “Then those whose balance (of good deeds) is heavy, they will attain salvation: But those whose balance is light, will be those who have lost their souls, in Hell they will abide” (Qur’an 23:102-103).
- Claims to fulfill Christianity as Christianity claims to fulfill the Hebrew Scriptures

- David A. Noebel, *Understanding the Times: The Collision of Today’s Competing Worldviews* (Manitou Springs: Summit Press, 2006), 56.

Islamic Theology: Allah's Love

“Allah, the Compassionate, the Merciful”

“...Allah loves the righteous Muslims but is NOT Compassionate or Merciful to the wicked. Allah does not love them.”

- Imam Omar

Key Islamic Terms

- *Dar al-Islam* = place where Islamic law is in effect “land of peace”
- *Dar al-harb* = “the land of warfare” meaning the non-Islamic world

Q: How would these 2 categories influence a person’s view of the world?

- *Sharia* = Public & private life governed by Islamic/Qur’anic law
- *Jizya* = tax paid by non-Muslims in Muslim lands
- *Kaffir* = unbeliever

*Muslim Spain: Jews & Christians marked

Islamic Terms

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“Did you ever wonder where the Nazi's got their ideas for the denigration and humiliation of Jews? In the 9th century, Spanish Jews in Muslim areas had to wear on their shoulders a patch of white cloth that bore the image of an ape; Christians, since they ate pork, wore the image of a pig. On the Caliph al-Mutawakkil's orders a yellow badge for Jews was made compulsory, setting a precedent that would be followed centuries later in Nazi Germany.”

(<http://www.historyofjihad.org/spain.html>).

Jizya: Non-Muslim citizens tax

“Islamic law made a distinction between two categories of non-Muslim subjects, pagans and dhimmis (protected peoples, or peoples of the book; *i.e.*, those peoples who based their religious beliefs on sacred texts, such as Christians, Jews, and Zoroastrians). The Muslim rulers tolerated the dhimmis and allowed them to practice their religion. In return for protection and as a mark of their submission, the dhimmis were required to pay a special poll tax known as the jizya.”

<http://www.Britannica.com/EBchecked/topic/304125/jizya>

Jizya: Non-Muslim citizens tax

Q# How much was/is the *jizya*?

= 29% of annual income

Anis A. Shorrosh, *Islam: A Threat or Challenge? From Ancient Mecca to Modern Baghdad* (Fairhope: Nall Printing, 2004), 53.

The Qur'an

- Only valid in Arabic
- Compiled by Uthman ibn Affan (3rd Caliph) who collected parchments, palm leaves, pieces of wood, & circulating copies containing the words of Muhammad. Burned all copies not considered authentic.
- 4/5ths the size of the New Testament
- 114 chapters called “suras” with verses called “ayats”
- Arranged from longest to shortest
- Considered to be eternal - exact copy is in heaven

Sources for Islam: Qur'an & Hadiths

- Qur'an "to read" or "to recite." Revealed to Muhammad over a period of 23 years via the angel Gabriel.
 - The Hadiths "record the teachings, rulings, and actions of Muhammad as recounted by early associates."
 - Other valid sources: Torah, works of King David.
- *Moses, David and Jesus are considered to be prophets

Sharia “Islamic Law”

- All parties allowed to state their case to the judge
- Qur’an is consulted for proper judgment
- A “fatwa” (legal judgment) is issued

Marriage & Women

- **Divorce is simple - A man must publicly say 3x “I divorce you.” (Qur’an 2:228-242; 115:1-7). Must be a gap in between the statements.**
- **“As to those women on whose part you fear disloyalty and ill-conduct, admonish them (first), (next), refuse to share their beds, (and last) beat them (lightly); but if they return to obedience, do not seek against them means (of annoyance): for Allah is Most High Great (above you all).” (Qur’an 4:34).**

Marriage & Women

- The woman who dies and with whom the husband is satisfied will go to paradise.
- A wife should never refuse herself to her husband even if it is on the saddle of a camel.
- If anything presages a bad omen it is: a house, a woman, a horse.
- Never will a people know success if they confide their affairs to a woman.

Ibn Warraq, *Islamist Misogyny Has its Roots in Islam*, from "Islam's Shame: Lifting the Veil of Tears," by Ibn Warraq, *Free Inquiry*, Fall 1997. Copyright 1997 by Free Inquiry Magazine. In *Islamic Fundamentalism* Auriana Ojeda, Editor, (San Diego: Thompson/Gale, 2003), 27.

Burqa-clad Afghan women show identification cards as they wait to cast their votes



Afghan Taliban & Women

Q# Where was the support from women's rights groups in the United States for the liberation of oppressed Afghan women under the oppressive rule of the Taliban?

Qu'ran: Mohammad & Jesus

- “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven” Jesus, Matthew 5:8-10

Mohammad

- “Allah assigns for a person who participates in (holy battles) in Allah’s Cause and nothing causes him to do so except belief in Allah and His Messengers, that he will be recompensed by Allah either with a reward, or booty (if he survives) or will be admitted to Paradise (if he is killed in the battle as a martyr” Mohammad, Burkhari,

- Vol. 1, book 2, no. 36, in *The Politically Incorrect Guide to Islam (and the Crusades)*, by Robert Spencer (Washington, D.C.: Regnery Publishing, 2005), 122.

Qu'ran: Mohammad & Jesus

“All who live by the sword will perish by the sword” - Jesus

“Know that Paradise is under the shades of swords” (*Jihad* in Allah's cause) - Muhammad

(Bukhari, vol. 4, book 56, no. 2818, in *The Politically Incorrect Guide to Islam (and the Crusades)*, by Robert Spencer (Washington, D.C.: Regnery Publishing, 2005), 111.)

Qur'an: Mohammad and Jesus

“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.”

- Jesus (Matthew 5:43-44).

“When ye meet the infidels, strike off their heads till ye have made a great slaughter among them, and *of the rest* make fast the fetters (chains)”

- Mohammad, Sura 47:3-4.

Qur'an: Jesus & Muhammad

“Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.”

- Jesus, Matthew 5:44

“Against them make ready your strength to the utmost of your power, including steeds of war, to strike terror into the hearts of the enemies, of Allah and your enemies, and others besides, whom ye may not know, but whom Allah doth know.”

-Muhammad, Sura 8:60

Muhammad & Jesus

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“If God gives me victory over Quraysh in the future...I will mutilate thirty of their men...By God, if God gives us victory over them in the future we will mutilate them as no Arab has ever mutilated anyone”

(*Sahih Muslim*, translated by Abdul Hamid Siddiqi, Kitab Bhavan, revised edition, 2000, vol. 3, book 17, no. 4436).

Qur'an: Muhammad & Jesus

- “For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life”
- Jesus, John 3:16
- “Allah hath purchased of the believers their persons and their goods; for theirs in return is the garden of Paradise: they fight in His cause, and slay and are slain: a promise binding on Him in truth...”
- Muhammad, Qur'an 9:111