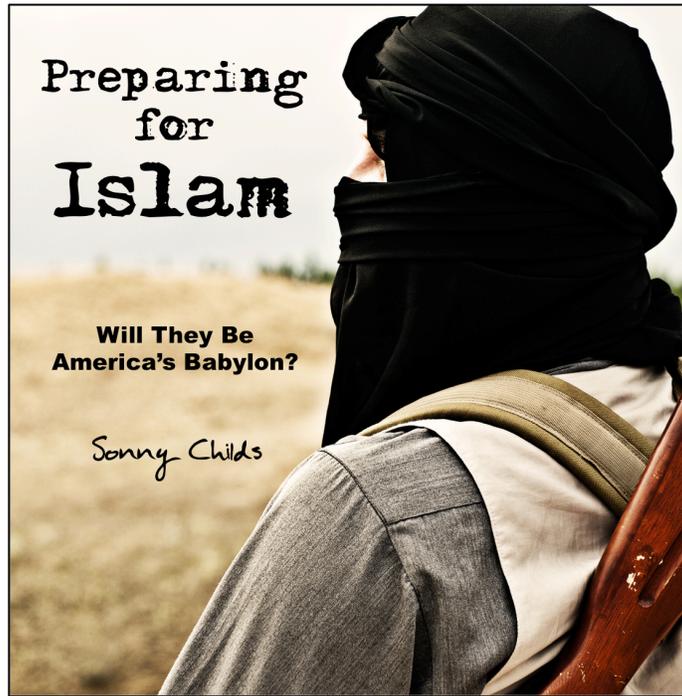


**Preparing for Islam**  
***Will Islam Be America's Babylon?***

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## **Introduction**

### ***Family Flashback***

My first memorable encounters with the Muslim culture occurred while visiting Amman, Jordan and various sites within Israel in 1983. Little did I know then just how fundamental those face to face encounters would be to my future ministry.

On September 11, 2001, my family and I were midway through a two-month string of Gospel meetings in California. We were a long, long way from our home in Arkansas and felt totally exposed when the news broke. It was still early in the morning on the West coast when we a friend, who works for the state, called to tell me to turn on the television and then advised me to find the first gas station available and fill up our vehicle. There was talk that gas prices could soar to \$5 a gallon before the day's end.

Alarmed, I hung up the phone and then turned on the television. Smoke was already billowing out of the first trade tower. I convinced myself that it was just a horrible accident and then the second plane hit. America was under attack.

Together, my family and I sat on the edge of a bed in a motel room near Monterey, California, and we wept as each of the trade towers collapsed in front of us. "People are in those buildings!" I sobbed. "People are dying right before our eyes!"

My nine-year-old son had many questions that day, but I had very few answers.

"Why?" he wanted to know. "Why would anyone drive an airplane into a building to kill thousands of innocent people? What would cause a group to do such a thing?"

### **Will Islam Be America's Babylon?**

From those first encounters in 1983, through the heartless terrorism of 2001, my first reading of the Qur'an in 2008 and into the present I am driven to give Christians a wake up call.

Jeremiah 39:1-2, 6-8 (NKJV)

“In the ninth year of Zedekiah king of Judah, in the tenth month, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon and all his army came against Jerusalem, and besieged it. In the eleventh year of Zedekiah, in the fourth month, on the ninth day of the month, the city was penetrated. Then the king of Babylon killed the sons of Zedekiah before his eyes in Riblah; the king of Babylon also killed all the nobles of Judah. Moreover he put out Zedekiah's eyes, and bound him with bronze fetters to carry him off to Babylon. And the Chaldeans burned the king's house and the houses of the people with fire, and broke down the walls of Jerusalem.”

This sad story about the Babylonian conquest of a nation, that God had once favored, should cause every American to ask one very sobering question, “Could it happen again?”

It is the purpose of this book to alert Christians to the coming danger. Unless we repent of our spiritual apathy and quickly turn back to the true God of Abraham, Islam will not only conquer our beloved nation, it will also drag off our unprepared children and indoctrinate them in the ways of Allah.

Watching as our children are persecuted or even killed at the hands of this violent religion would be horrible, but watching them lose their faith and ultimately their eternity with God would be unbearable. The message of this book is essential! Please read it, share it and pray with your family about its warning. It time for all Christians to begin ***Preparing for Islam.***

## 1. How Did Islam Originate?

### *The Ishmael Prophecy*

#### **Introduction**

*Genesis 16:12 (NIV)*

*“He will be a wild donkey of a man; his hand will be against everyone and everyone’s hand against him, and he will live in hostility toward all his brothers.”*

Just nine chapters after this prophecy was given to Hagar, we find the following historical record of Ishmael and his descendants.

*Genesis 25:18 (NIV)*

*“His descendants settled in the area from Havilah to Shur, near the border of Egypt, as you go toward Asshur. And they lived in hostility toward all their brothers.”*

The Muslims, who hate America and seek to destroy Christianity, come by their hostile nature “honestly.” Islam is based upon the teachings of Muhammad, the man who claimed Abrahamic descent through Ishmael. By claiming such a lineage, Muhammad must also claim responsibility for the prophecy about his people.

#### **1. Ishmael and Muhammad**

*Genesis 16:12 (NIV)*

*“He will be a wild donkey of a man; his hand will be against everyone and everyone’s hand against him, and he will live in hostility toward all his brothers.”*

History is littered with evidence of the fulfillment of this prophecy. Twice in modern history, the forces of Islam have tried to conquer the Western world by military force. In 710 A.D., Islamic militants crossed over the Straits of Gibraltar and conquered much of Spain and Portugal.

They then proceeded to take one-third of France before they were defeated in the Battle of Tours, only 125 miles outside Paris.

A little over 900 years later, the Turks began expanding their Ottoman Empire and conquered all of the Baltic nations before their troops reached the gates of Vienna in 1683.

In more recent history, the infamous Ayatollah Khomeini of Iran said, “The Jihad means the conquest of non- Muslim territory. The domination of Quranic Law from one end of the earth to the other is... the final goal... of this war of conquest.”

In August of 1994, at a rally in London, a Muslim spokesman of the Islamic Liberation Party said, “There are 123 verses in the Koran about killing and fighting. Ours is not a passive religion.”

Sadly, the average American is more familiar today with the Muslim culture than they ever dreamed of being prior to the attack of September 11. That horrible day of carnage and destruction may very well be looked back upon as the most productive public relations event in Muslim history.

## **2. Muhammad and Islam**

Muhammad was born around 570 A.D. in Mecca.

He was raised by his uncle and worked on caravans.

At age 25 he married a wealthy woman who was 15 years older than himself.

At age 40, Muhammad decided that he had been called by Allah to be his prophet. Muhammad spent weeks at a time in a cave on Mt. Hira, where he claimed to receive messages from the angel, Gabriel. In one such encounter, Muhammad claimed to have been transported to Jerusalem and from there ascended into Heaven to talk with God. These claims made him unpopular with many, especially the Jews.

On September 24, 622 A.D., Muhammad escaped an assassination attempt by Meccan leaders. He and his followers fled to Medina, the second holiest city of the Muslims.

While in Medina, Muhammad made several concessions in an attempt to win Jewish support.

- Adopted the Jewish Day of Atonement
- Midday prayer was probably borrowed from Judaism
- Disciples were told to turn toward Jerusalem when praying (The Jews did not accept him as a prophet. This angered Muhammad and he eventually claimed to have a new revelation saying followers should face Mecca when praying.)

In Medina, Muhammad was faced with a growing need to support his followers. Muhammad produced revelation to support the raiding of caravans. (Qur'an 22:39-40) This re-energized his movement and gave his followers justification for violence toward their enemies and thievery for survival. Muhammad himself led at least three such raids.

In April of 623 A.D., Muhammad, then in his 50's, married a nine-year-old named Aisha. Some sources say that he may have had as many as 16 different wives and several concubines. According to the Qur'an, only the prophet could have unlimited wives. All other Muslim men are limited to four. (Qur'an 4:3)

In January, 630 A.D., Muhammad and ten thousand men invaded Mecca. They conquered the city with virtually no resistance. The conquest of his beloved hometown gave his movement new momentum. He soon conquered all of the Arabian Peninsula and eventually reached as far north as Syria.

In March, 632 A.D., Muhammad led his last pilgrimage to Mecca and delivered his farewell address to tens of thousands of his followers. On his return trip to Medina, Muhammad fell ill. On June 8, 632 A.D., he died of sudden but natural causes.

## **2. Islam and Her Faithful**

Before dying at the age of 63, Muhammad had delivered numerous speeches about the laws and the philosophies that he believed should govern his new religion.

These teachings of Muhammad are found in a book called Qur'an. Six other volumes, called the Hadith, supplement the Qur'an with accounts of the life and teachings of Muhammad.

Muhammad leaned heavily upon biblical accounts when delivering his supposed revelations from God. Muhammad himself believed that the Torah (The Pentateuch) and the Gospels were confirmed by God. Qur'an 3:1-4 "He has revealed to you the Book with the Truth, confirming the scriptures which proceeded it; for He has already revealed the Torah and the Gospel...."

Ironically, Muhammad's heavy emphasis on biblical accounts was one of his biggest mistakes. Perhaps the most damaging evidence that the Qur'an was not inspired by God is the numerous mistakes Muhammad made about biblical names, events, and chronology.

- The Qur'an says that Moses was adopted by Pharaoh's wife (Qur'an 28:9), yet Scripture says it was Pharaoh's daughter. (Exodus 2:10)
- The Qur'an claims that Haman lived during the time of Moses and helped Pharaoh build the tower of Babel (Qur'an 28:38). The Bible says that Haman lived during the time of Esther and built a tower used for his own execution. (Esther 7)
- The Qur'an calls Jesus' mother the sister of Aaron (Qur'an 19:28) although this is historically impossible. It also claims that Mary gave birth to Jesus under a palm tree (Qur'an 19:22-28) instead of in a stable. (Luke 2:7)
- The Qur'an says that God is too "immaculate" to have a son. (Qur'an 19:35) God said, "This is my Son... with him I am well pleased." (Matthew 3:17, NIV)

Q: Where did Muhammad get his information?

A: On long caravan trips across the desert, Jewish, Christian and pagan traders would meet around the campfire in the evening and share their favorite stories. Muhammad listened with wide eyes but over time got names, chronology, and events jumbled and confused. Consider the following quote.

“Much has been written concerning the sources from which Mohammed derived this information; there is no evidence that he was able to read, and his dependence on oral communication may explain some of his misconceptions; e.g., the confusion of Haman, the minister of Ahasuerus, with the minister of Pharaoh (xl, 38), and the identification of Miriam, the sister of Moses, with Mary (Miryam), the mother of Jesus.” (Source: Encyclopedia Britannica, Quoted in, “The Islamic Invasion”, by Robert Morey)

Conclusion: Either Muhammad was not inspired or the Bible and history are in error.

### Core Teachings of Islam

The core of Islamic teaching comes from “The Five Pillars of Islam”:

1. Shahada - “There is no God but Allah, and Muhammad is the messenger of Allah.”
2. Salat - Prayer in the direction of Mecca at dawn, noon, afternoon, sunset, and in the evening.
3. Zakat - Each must give 2 1/2 percent of their wealth (after expenses) to the poor.
4. Sawm - Muslims must fast from dawn to sunset during Ramadan, the ninth month of the Islamic calendar.
5. Hajj - Every Muslim is expected to make this pilgrimage to Mecca at least once in their lifetime.

Hajj begins in Mecca. It is believed that this is the site at which the angel of God came to Hagar after she and Ishmael had been driven

from the camp of Abraham. Supposedly, the well at this location miraculously appeared when Ishmael's heels touched the sand.

While visiting his son in Mecca, Muslims believe that God told Abraham to build a holy sanctuary. This site is called the Ka'bah, which means cube. The Ka'bah holds a black oval stone which Muslims believe was part of the original structure built by Abraham.

The route of Hajj consists of seven stages:

1. Worshippers walk seven times around the Ka'bah counter-clockwise.
2. They then run seven times between the hills of As-Safa and Al-Marwah.
3. They spend the night in Mina.
4. They pray from noon to sunset at the plain of Arafat and then climb the Mount of Mercy and ask Allah to forgive their sins.
5. They spend the night at Muzdalifah.
6. They return to Mina for the ritual of "stoning the devil."
7. They return to Mecca and complete seven more circuits around the Ka'bah.

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## **Practical Suggestions**

### ***1. Reprioritize***

Reprioritize the study of God's Word, the importance of the church family, and loyalty to Christ at all cost. This foundation of faith and a spiritual support group will be essential to your family's survival in days to come. Start now by making family devotionals and church activities mandatory, non-negotiable, and a top priority.

Some time ago I wrote a very important eBook for just such a time as this. The title is "To Keep the Faith!" and it is now available for the Amazon: Kindle, Apple: iBooks, Barnes & Noble: Nook and various other devices.

### ***2. Equip***

Equip your family to make the most of coming conditions. It is a harsh new world. Those with the most knowledge of basic life skills will also have the most opportunity for evangelism.

Fathers, teach your sons how to hunt, fish, and raise their own meat. Teach them basic electrical, plumbing and carpentry skills. As persecution heightens, these skills will be in great demand. The evangelistic opportunities to help others and, in the process, introduce them to Christ will also be at a premium.

Mothers, teach your daughters to sew, garden, preserve food, and cook from scratch. As the need for basic survival skills increases, so will the opportunities for Christians to serve and, thereby, show others the love of Christ.

Americans have grown complacent. Many of the skills taught today will have little or no value in the future. The wisest of us all are those who are alert to the coming danger and have already started preparing for both physical and spiritual survival.

## **Will Islam Be America's Babylon?**

God's prophecy of a great and violent nation coming from Ishmael continues to come true even within our very own time. Wake up America! The conquering Babylon has again encircled a nation that once honored God. Men like Jeremiah are again warning God's people of impending doom unless we repent.

Q: What will you do with God's prophetic warning?

## 2. Do We Worship the Same God?

### *Allah and Jehovah*

#### **Introduction**

*Exodus 20:3, 5 (NIV)*

*“You shall have no other gods before me ... You shall not bow down to them or worship them.”*

*Exodus 23:13 (NIV)*

*“Do not invoke the names of other gods; do not let them be heard on your lips.”*

Are Allah and Jehovah the same God? Finding the correct answer to this question is essential. Notice the warning of Deuteronomy 6:14-15, “Do not follow other gods, the gods of the peoples around you; for the Lord your God, who is among you, is a jealous God and his anger will burn against you, and he will destroy you from the face of the land.” (NIV)

To answer this question, we need not look any further than one very important distinguishing difference between the two. ***Allah does not have a son.*** According to the repeated words of Islam’s most esteemed prophet, Muhammad, Allah would never stoop so low as to fully identify with those he created.

Consider the words of the Qur’an 19:34-35: “Such was Jesus son of Mary. That is the whole truth, which they still doubt. God forbid that he Himself should beget a son!”

Notice another translation of the last part of this text: “It does not behoove God to have a son. Too immaculate is He!” (19:35, Translator: Ahmed Ali)

In contrast to the Islamic god, Allah, the God of the Bible loves His creation so much “that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever

believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” (John 3:16, KJV)

Without question, the most striking difference between Allah and Jehovah is their relationship to Jesus. Muslims believe Jesus was a great prophet, but they do not believe that He is the Son of God. (Qur’an 19:35) In fact, the Qur’an says that those who believe Jesus is the Son of God should be damned. (Qur’an 9:30)

Jesus is the most important difference between Allah and Jehovah. To the Muslim, He was a great prophet. To the Christian, He is nothing less than God in the flesh. He is the greatest expression of the Creator’s love.

### **In Support of Allah as God**

Let's consider three arguments often used in an attempt to convince Christians they should acknowledge that Allah and Jehovah are the same being.

1. One of Muhammad’s greatest claims to fame was his direct connection to Abraham through the lineage of Ishmael.

Q: If Muhammad was related to Abraham through Ishmael, is it not reasonable to conclude that he also acknowledged the same God as Abraham?

A: It was, no doubt, Hagar not Abraham, who gave Ishmael his principle upbringing. Hagar and Ishmael were driven from Abraham's camp when Ishmael was just a boy. This, coupled with the fact that his mother was from Egypt, makes it far more likely that Hagar's pagan roots gave Ishmael a less than pure appreciation of Deity.

2. Islamic leaders since the beginning of the movement have claimed to worship the same God as the Jews and the Christians.

Q: Since God looks upon the heart, won't He look past the name Allah and accept Islamic worship regardless of what they call Him?

A: Would you accept praise regardless of what I called you? My wife's name is Cindy. If I came home from a long road trip, kissed Cindy on the cheek and said, "Susan, I missed you so much!" would she overlook my use of another woman's name?

3. Just because two people have different levels of understanding about God, it does not mean they worship different gods.

Q: Didn't Paul tell the Athenians that they were ignorantly worshipping God through the altar to the "Unknown God?"

A: Yes, but he did not say that their worship was acceptable. In fact, he said, "In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent." Acts 17:30

### **In Opposition to Allah as God**

Now, let's consider three very important reasons why Allah and Jehovah cannot be the same being.

1. The nature of Allah and Jehovah are different.

The Bible says we can know God. The Qur'an describes Allah as distant, aloof, and almost beyond human reach.

The Bible says that God is spirit. Muslims believe that describing Allah as a person or spirit is blasphemous.

The Bible says that God is one in three persons. The Qur'an scoffs at the idea of God having a Son.

The Bible emphasizes God's free gift of grace. The Qur'an emphasizes legalistic works of merit.

2. Muslims believe that the Qur'an is a God-given supplement to the Torah and the Gospels, yet the word "Allah" is never found anywhere in Scripture. Muslims sometimes claim that when Jesus cried "Eli, Eli," on the cross that He was saying "Allah, Allah." However, Jesus' quotation of Psalm 22:1 was made in Aramaic not Arabic.

3. Allah was originally the name of an Arabian pagan moon god.

According to historians, long before Islam was established by Muhammad, the holy cubical known today as the Ka'aba, contained several idols representing various gods. One of the idols was called Allah and three others represented his daughters, al-Uzza, al-Lat, and al-Manat.

The crescent moon was originally a symbol of the moon god from before the Babylonians. Ramadan begins and ends at the time of the crescent moon.

The ritual of kissing the Black Stone was also borrowed from pre-Islamic pagan rituals.

In other words, the ancient cult of the moon god, Allah, was transformed by Muhammad into a monotheistic religion that borrowed pagan practices from many religions of that area. Muhammad also hijacked many practices from Judaism and Christianity in his pursuit to create a dominant world religion.

Q: Can the true worship of Jehovah God grow out of the pagan worship of a false god?

### **In Comparison With THE Prophet**

Muhammad used compulsion.  
Jesus used conversion.

Muhammad's disciples killed for the faith.  
Jesus' disciples died for the faith.

Muhammad was a prophet of war.  
Jesus is the Prince of Peace.

Muhammad taught, "Convert or die!"  
Jesus taught, "Believe and live!"

Muhammad said, "Death to the infidels!"  
Jesus said, "Father, forgive them."

Muhammad called Jews “monkeys and apes.”  
Jesus said, “Salvation is of the Jews.”

Muhammad rejected Jesus as the Son of God.  
Jesus said, “He who rejects Me rejects Him who sent Me.”

Muhammad’s tomb is full!  
Jesus’ tomb is empty!

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## **Practical Suggestions**

***1. It is a very serious offense for God's people to use the names of foreign gods. Teach your family the proper names of God along with their meanings. Below are just a few.***

EL, ELOAH: God “mighty, strong, prominent” (Genesis 7:1, Isaiah 9:6)

ELOHIM: God “Creator, Mighty and Strong” (Genesis 17:7, Jeremiah 31:33)

EL SHADDAI: “God Almighty,” “The Mighty One of Jacob” (Genesis 49:24; Psalm 132:2, 5)

YHWH / YAHWEH / JEHOVAH: “LORD” (Deuteronomy 6:4; Daniel 9:14) – strictly speaking, the only proper name for God.

ADONAI: “Lord” (Genesis 15:2; Judges 6:15) – used in place of YHWH, which was thought by the Jews to be too sacred to be uttered by sinful men.

EL ROI: “God of Seeing” (Genesis 16:13) – the name ascribed to God by Hagar, alone and desperate in the wilderness after being driven out by Sarah (Genesis 16:1-14)

***2. Remind your family of the obvious differences between the Islamic god and the God of Christianity.***

Allah was originally the name of an Arabian pagan moon god.  
Jehovah created the moon

Allah is described as being distant and aloof.  
Jehovah is described as being close and involved.

Allah emphasizes works of merit.  
Jehovah emphasizes grace.

Allah has no son.  
Jehovah sent His Son to die for us.

### 3. What Does Their Holy Book Teach?

#### *Women, Violence and Earning Paradise*

##### **Introduction**

*Romans 8:5-8 (NIV)*

*"For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be. So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God."*

The carnal nature of this movement should give Christians special concern. Having an understanding of Islam's fleshly priorities is essential to understanding how to prepare for the darkness that is approaching.

##### **1. Women**

On Tuesday, January 22, 2008, I finished the long arduous journey of reading Islam's most holy book, the Qur'an. Although I discovered many things within this book that Christians would find deeply offensive (Jesus is not God's Son, infidels can be crucified or have limbs amputated, disobedient wives can be beaten, etc.), it may be the Qur'an's teachings about the carnal pleasures of the afterlife that exposes this male-driven religion the most.

Consider the following passages from the Qur'an and ask yourself, how might this view of paradise influence the treatment of women *in this life*?

Qur'an 78:31 "As for the righteous, they shall surely triumph. Theirs shall be gardens and vineyards, and high-bosomed maidens for companions: a truly overflowing cup."

Qur'an 55:56 "Therein are bashful virgins whom neither man nor jinnee will have touched before."

Qur'an 55:70-72 "In each there shall be virgins chaste and fair. Which of your Lord's blessings would you deny? Dark-eyed virgins, sheltered in their tents."

Qur'an 52:20 "They shall recline on couches ranged in rows. To dark-eyed houris We shall wed them."

Note: Webster's Dictionary defines an houris as "a beautiful nymph of the Muslim Paradise." Webster further describes a nymph as being part of Greek and Roman mythology and defines them as "any of a group of minor nature goddesses, living in rivers, trees, etc." In other words, the Islamic paradise of Allah rewards Muslim men with sexual pleasures from the dark-eyed goddesses of nature first worshipped by the pagan religions of Greece and Rome. This is just one more example of how Muhammad borrowed pagan beliefs and practices to build his own religion.

Some time ago, I passed a billboard directly across from a pornography store. The message was clear and so very true. It simply pictured a set of handcuffs and these words, "Pornography: Garbage in, Garbage out!"

Q: If Muslim men lay awake at night fantasizing about a multiplicity of "high-bosomed maidens" (Qur'an 78:31), "bashful virgins" (Qur'an 55:56), and "dark-eyed" mythological goddesses (Qur'an 52:20) with whom to cavort, how might they treat the less than perfect woman with whom they wake up?

If paradise is filled with the carnal pleasures of sensuality, what keeps them from expecting some of the same in this life? Why would such carnal actions be holy in paradise, yet unholy here?

I believe the Qur'an's teachings on paradise may very well be one of its most disturbing elements. Erotic fantasies of a playboy paradise in the afterlife can only serve to promote a playboy lifestyle in this life. Women beware!

Ask a man what he lives for and you will discover the way he lives. Just as a Christian's view of Heaven will impact his actions on earth, a Muslim's view of Paradise will also impact the way he lives.

Every Christian woman should celebrate the loving example Christ provided in order to guide their husbands into a proper God-sanctioned relationship with them. They should also pray fervently that Allah's standards never become dominant in America.

Ephesians 5:25-31

"Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. After all, no one ever hated his own body, but he feeds and cares for it, just as Christ does the church- for we are members of his body. 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.'"

Below you will find one more alarming passage from the Islamic holy book. Please read this passage and ask yourself what would happen if these values were to become dominant within our nation.

Qur'an 4:34

"Men have authority over women because God has made one superior to the other, and because they spend their money to maintain them. Good women are obedient. They guard their unseen parts because God has guarded them. As for those from whom you fear disobedience, admonish them, forsake them in beds apart, and beat them. Then if they obey you, take no further action against them. Surely God is high, supreme."

From this passage, I draw three very disturbing points that should concern every American woman:

1. According to the Qur'an, the authority of men over women is rooted in man being "superior."

2. According to the Qur'an, the authority of men over women comes "because they spend their money to maintain them."

3. According to the Qur'an, the authority of men over women gives husbands the Qur'an-sanctioned right to "beat" disobedient wives.

Just as the Qur'an has not lifted the Muslim world out of the childish sandbox rules of bullying its neighbors, neither has it lifted women out of the carnal role of being objects for male possession.

However, as bad as this passage from the Qur'an may be, the opposite extreme is equally damning. Few things have been more devastating to the American culture than the feminist movement of today. The push for women to abandon their role in the home (Titus 2) has devastated the American family. I believe that comments from prominent politicians like Hillary Clinton, who mock the responsibilities of homemakers and suggest they are little more than cookie bakers, is nothing less than appalling. One need only consider the quality of their marriages, the harmony within their homes and the development of their children to see the results of their feminist choices. I have no doubt in my mind that feminism is among the greatest threats posed by liberals today.

Unlike the Qur'an or the feminists, the Bible takes neither extreme. The truth is almost always found in the middle. Although Scripture plainly teaches that men and women are equal in value (Galatians 3:28), it also plainly teaches that they are different in function (1 Timothy 5:8, Titus 2:4-5). When the equal value of men and women is honored and their unique functions are celebrated, the home is secure, marriages succeed and the children flourish.

Authority within the home stems not from men being "superior" or "because they spent their money on them" or from wives being "beat" into submission. (Qur'an 4:34) Authority within the home stems directly from the supreme love exemplified by Christ for His bride, the church. (Ephesians 5:22-33) Since Allah neither had a son nor wants one (Qur'an 10:68), he offers no Divine example for men to follow. The Qur'an leaves the door wide open for spousal abuse and cruel servitude of women.

And that leads us to the next section of this chapter.

## **2. Violence**

One might say that Muslims come by their violent nature honestly. Remember, Muhammad claimed to be a descendant of Abraham through Ishmael. Yet the prophetic words of God in Genesis 16 predicted that Ishmael would become a wild donkey of a man and his descendants would do the same (Genesis 16:12; 25:18). True to form, Muhammad himself led raids on caravans in order to support his cause and even claimed Divine revelations supporting such violent thievery (Qur'an 22:39-40).

Please consider just one of the instructions given by Muhammad as supposedly inspired by Allah.

Qur'an 5:33 "Those that make war against God and His apostle and spread disorder in the land shall be slain or crucified or have their hands and feet cut off on alternate sides, or be banished from the land."

Note: A more detailed discussion of Islamic violence will follow in the next chapter. For now, it is simply my intent to show the connection between the teaching of violence within the Qur'an, the cruel treatment of women and the root cause of both - legalistic works of merit in an attempt to earn paradise and appease the manipulative god known as Allah.

## **3. Earning Paradise**

The Qur'an plainly teaches that, if one works hard enough, he can earn Allah's favor and be rewarded with a place in the lust-fulfilling carnal paradise of Islam.

Notice these passages from the Islamic holy book.

Qur'an 9:120-121 "God will not deny the righteous their reward. Each sum they give, be it small or large, and each valley they traverse, shall be noted down, so that God may requite them for their noblest deeds."

Qur'an 11:114 "Attend to your prayers morning and evening, and in the night-time too. Good deeds shall make amends for sins. This is an admonition for thoughtful men. Therefore have patience; God will not deny the righteous their reward."

Qur'an 16:96 "We shall recompense the steadfast according to their noblest deeds."

At this point I would like to remind you of the incentive given to Muslim men for completing these "noblest deeds".

Qur'an 78:31 "As for the righteous, they shall surely triumph. Theirs shall be gardens and vineyards, and high-bosomed maidens for companions: a truly overflowing cup."

Qur'an 52:20 "They shall recline on couches ranged in rows. To dark-eyed houris We shall wed them."

Please take a moment and consider how this doctrine of carnal rewards might intensify the misuse of women as well as enflame a passion for "righteous" violence in this life? It seems that the Islamic religion is largely based upon the barter system. The faithful pay Allah with prayers and noble deeds then Allah repays the faithful with gardens filled with dark-eyed, high bosomed, virgin goddesses in the afterlife. Again I ask you, if paradise is filled with the carnal pleasures of sensuality, what keeps Muslim men from expecting, no demanding, some of the same in this life?

For a Muslim, it seems that earning Allah's favor is the labor of man's life. For a Christian, however, salvation does not depend upon self-obtained goodness but upon honest submission to a loving Savior.

Unlike the Qur'an, which describes a bargain you strike with Allah, the Bible describes a free gift that was purchased by Jehovah's Son.

In Colossians 2:9-12, there is a marvelous passage about the Deity of Jesus and the fullness that comes to those who accept Him as Lord. "For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, and you have been given fullness in Christ, who is the head over every power and authority, in him you were also circumcised, in the putting off of

the sinful nature, not with a circumcision done by the hands of men but with the circumcision done by Christ, having been buried with him in baptism and raised with him through your faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead.”

Did you get that? Not only does the fullness of God dwell within Jesus, those who have experienced spiritual circumcision through baptism are given “fullness in Christ.”

What could possibly happen during baptism that could provide such a “fullness”? Notice the words of Peter in Acts 2:38, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.”

At baptism Jesus circumcises the heart and fills us with the Spirit who is from God.

For the Christian, life is not about earning salvation, it is about accepting it. “For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God- not by works, so that no one can boast.” (Ephesians 2:8-9)

Unlike Allah, your God knew that you needed a Savior, so He sent His only begotten Son to pay for it. Love the Son and you will be honored by the Father. Reject the Son and you will most certainly feel the Father’s wrath. Let the Son save you through the surgery of circumcision performed in baptism.

## **Conclusion**

The carnal nature of Islamic teaching is undeniable. Men are taught they are superior to women and even given permission to beat their wives. Their most esteemed prophet, Muhammad, encouraged violence against the infidel and even claimed Divine revelation that validated thievery and dismemberment. The core doctrine that paradise must be earned through legalistic acts of carnal merit feeds the movement to this day. It inspires the mistreatment of women, violence toward the world and leads to a miserable discontentment with self. Unlike Christians, who have a Messiah to free them from the bondage of

legalism, Muslims are trapped in a carnal existence with nothing but carnal initiatives to lure them toward a carnal afterlife. Muslims are miserable and because of carnality they take out their misery on the world around them.

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## **Practical Suggestions**

### ***1. Protect the women in your life from the influences of Islam's male dominated principles.***

Too many women have met Muslim men online, fallen in love from a distance and learned too late that life in the Islamic world is greatly different from that in a world dominated by Christian values.

### ***2. Teach your sons to honor women according to the standard given in Ephesians 5.***

Ephesians 5:25-31 (NIV)

"Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. After all, no one ever hated his own body, but he feeds and cares for it, just as Christ does the church- for we are members of his body. 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.'"

### ***3. Teach your daughters to celebrate their role as women.***

From the very beginning (Genesis 2:18), God intended for men and women to be complementary, not interchangeable. His interworking design was intended to illuminate our journey toward knowing Him. It was intended to be a living illustration of the relationship He desires to have with us. Submission to our role is essential to a relationship with Him.

Gender-specific roles illuminate the Gospel. They define the path toward knowing God. The feminist movement is robbing Christian women of one of the greatest compliments ever given by the Creator. Read Titus 2:3-5.

***4. Teach your family to appreciate the freedom Christ gives Christians from legalistic bondage.***

## 4. Why Are They So Violent?

### *Radical Few or Faithful Minority?*

#### **Introduction**

*1 John 4:1-6 (NIV)*

*"Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world. By this you know the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God, and every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God. And this is the spirit of the Antichrist, which you have heard was coming, and is now already in the world. You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. They are of the world. Therefore they speak as of the world, and the world hears them. We are of God. He who knows God hears us; he who is not of God does not hear us. By this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error."*

After completing my reading of the Islamic holy book in 2008, I concluded that most Christians, and even Muslims, have little understanding of what the Qur'an actually says about violence. The world needs to understand why this backward religion has had so much trouble emerging from the Dark Ages.

Ever since Islam rudely forced itself onto the world stage September 11, 2001, world leaders have used political correctness to sidestep the reality of this movement's core values. To pacify the oil-rich nations of Islam, the phrase "radical Muslims" is often used to differentiate between the terroristic acts of "a few" and the majority of Muslims living worldwide.

However, when world leaders do this, they ignore two very fundamental questions:

1. Does the majority really represent what Islam is intended to become?

2. What will happen when the majority decides to return to the teachings of their holy book?

Q: What will we do if the second largest world religion rallies its members to return to faithful obedience of the teachings and practices laid out in the Qur'an? I believe it is only a matter of time. Are you spiritually strong enough to persevere under the persecution already being felt by thousands of Christians worldwide? Have you prepared your family? Are your real treasures in Heaven or are you anchored to firmly to this world? Will you be faithful?

### **1. What Does Their Holy Book Say?**

Below you will find several alarming passages from the Qur'an. We will let their holy book speak for itself. Please take time to read each passage and ask yourself what would happen if these values were to become dominant within our nation.

Qur'an 4:34

“Men have authority over women because God has made one superior to the other.... As for those from whom you fear disobedience, admonish them, forsake them in beds apart, and beat them. Then if they obey you, take no further action against them. Surely God is high, supreme.”

Qur'an 9:5

“When the sacred months are over slay the idolaters, wherever you find them. Arrest them, besiege them, and lie in ambush everywhere for them.”

Qur'an 9:73

“Prophet, make war on the unbelievers and the hypocrites and deal rigorously with them.”

Qur'an 9:121

“Believers, make war on the infidels who dwell around you. Deal firmly with them. Know that God is with the righteous.”

Qur'an 5:33

“Those that make war against God and His apostle and spread disorder in the land shall be slain or crucified or have their hands and feet cut off on alternate sides, or be banished from the land.”

## **2. Would you say it is fair to assume that a good Muslim obeys the Qur'an?**

If good Muslims obey their holy book, then it is reasonable to conclude that the politically correct propaganda about them is unreasonable. Islam is not a peace-loving world religion that has been hijacked by a few radicals. Islam is a violent world religion that has not yet brought all of its followers into full submission to the violent teachings of the Qur'an. Islam is a time bomb waiting to and America's leaders seem not to have enough common sense to walk away from it.

As Christians, we are called to look beyond this realm and are commanded to live civil lives as pilgrims who do not belong here. (1 Thessalonians 4:11, NIV) As Muslims, they are called to look forward to a carnal afterlife and commanded to live as conquerors who very much belong here.

## **3. But What About the Jews in the Old Testament?**

When passages from the Qur'an, such as the ones above, are brought to light, Muslims are quick to point out that God's people under the Old Testament acted very similarly. Though their statement may be true, their defense has two very significant problems:

1. During the Old Testament period of history, God was preserving a remnant of humanity in order to bring His Son into the world. To do this, He worked within the violent infantile sandbox rules of that time.
2. Today however, Christians are “now” (Acts 17:30, NIV) called to live above the cruel “survival of the fittest” standards of this human realm. The arrival of the God/man, Jesus, changed the rules on the playing field dramatically. No longer do God's people bow to the violent bully standards of the world, we look beyond this realm and are commanded to live civil lives as pilgrims who do not belong here. (1 Thessalonians 4:11, NIV)

1 Corinthians 2:12-14 (NIV)

“We have not received the spirit of the world but the Spirit who is from God, that we may understand what God has freely given us. This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught us by the Spirit, expressing spiritual truths in spiritual words. The man without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually discerned.”

Islam is still living in the sandbox. Unlike those who have grown beyond the use of violence to solve their problems, the Muslim holy book has never lifted its people above the bully rules of cruel coercion. Because a good Muslim refuses to accept Jesus as God’s Son, he cannot appreciate the standards of life on a spiritual plane, “...they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually discerned.” (1 Corinthians 2:12-14, NIV)

May every Christian everywhere see it as his personal responsibility to draw others out of the sandbox of human immaturity through the acknowledgment of God’s only begotten Son.

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## **Practical Suggestions**

- 1. Avoid large concentrations of people.*
- 2. Have a safe location to which your family can go in times of persecution.*
- 3. Buy a gun. Teach your family to respect it and how to use it. Support gun ownership laws.*

Christians are not called to be violent aggressors, but we are not called to be naive either.

Matthew 10:16-17, 22-23 (NIV)

“I am sending you out like sheep among wolves. Therefore be as shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves. Be on your guard.... You will be hated by everyone because of me, but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved. When you are persecuted in one place, flee to another.”

Romans 12:17-18 (NIV)

“Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.”

Value life, especially the life of the aggressor, but remember, you are also called to protect the innocent and defend the weak.

With great intention, the Prince of Peace fashioned a whip and cleared the temple in John 2. In Luke 7, Jesus awarded great praise to a commander in the Roman army, yet He did so without even a hint of admonition that the Centurion should leave his military profession. In Matthew 23, Jesus launched a verbal barrage against the hypocrisy of His day and, in Luke 22, He instructed His followers to buy swords. Jesus is not a pacifist, yet His is the Prince of Peace.

We too must find the balance between “turn the other cheek” and “if you don’t have a sword, sell your cloak and buy one.” (Luke 22:36,

NIV)

#### ***4. Pray for wisdom***

As the politically incorrect material for this book was being compiled, I found it interesting that the following lead story was posted on FoxNews.com. Is it irony or is this a sobering warning about the reality of real-time challenges facing Christians today?

Headline: Feds creating database to track hate speech on Twitter

“The federal government is spending nearly \$1 million to create an online database that will track ‘misinformation’ and hate speech on Twitter.

The National Science Foundation is financing the creation of a web service that will monitor ‘suspicious memes’ and what it considers ‘false and misleading ideas,’ with a major focus on political activity online.

The ‘Truthy’ database, created by researchers at Indiana University, is designed to ‘detect political smears, astroturfing, misinformation, and other social pollution.’” (FoxNews.com, August 20, 2014)

I guess it’s that last phrase that troubles me most, “and other social pollution.” How long will it be until Christianity is considered a “social pollution?” How long until material like this and other expressions of opposition to Islamic barbarism are found to be hate crimes? How long until the presentation of truth about Islam’s holy book is no longer protected by free speech?

Are you ready?

## 5. How Can We Reach Them With the Gospel?

*Using God's A.T.M.*

### Introduction

*John 14:6 (NIV)*

*"Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."*

As the influence of Islam grows around us, Christians must be prepared for more than physical persecution, Christians must also be ready for rich evangelistic opportunities. For over 1,500 years, the Muslim religion has been trapped in the inky blackness of the Dark Ages. The liberating light of the Gospel is perfect for such a time as this!

To help you remember three essential areas for reaching a Muslim, we will use the abbreviation **A.T.M.**

### **A is for Authority**

In order to reason effectively with a follower of Islam, the establishment of common ground is essential. Read the following passage from their holy book. Buy your own copy of the Qur'an and mark the page for easy reference. This passage is key to establishing authority.

"He has revealed to you the Book with the truth, confirming the scriptures which preceded it; for He has already revealed the Torah and the Gospel for the guidance of men, and the distinction between right and wrong." (Qur'an 3:1-4)

Since the Qur'an was delivered 600 years after the Bible was completed, Muslims believe that it is a more accurate version of God's will for man. Although the Qur'an says many times that the Bible is from God, Muslims believe that God failed to protect the biblical message from the tampering of corrupted false interpreters.

However, a more likely explanation comes from the Encyclopedia Britannica. According to early publications (before Islamic political correctness), there is no evidence that Muhammad could read; therefore, his dependence on oral communication may explain some of his misconceptions about biblical stories. (Encyclopedia Britannica 13:479) While Jewish, Christian, and pagan traders conversed around the campfires, Muhammad probably listened to their favorite stories with wide-eyed fascination. As tales evolved, names, times, places, and events became confused and were later added to the Qur'anic writings.

Consider just a few examples.

The Qur'an says that Moses was adopted by Pharaoh's wife (Qur'an 28:9) when the Bible says it was his daughter.

The Qur'an claims that Haman lived during the time of Moses and helped Pharaoh build the tower of Babel. (Qur'an 28:38) The Bible says that Haman lived during the time of Esther and built a tower used for his own execution.

Muhammad calls Jesus' mother the sister of Aaron, even though this is historically impossible. (Qur'an 19:28) It also claims that Mary gave birth to Jesus under a palm tree instead of in a stable. (Qur'an 19:10)

Not only does the Qur'an contradict many biblical accounts, it even contradicts itself.

When one adds up the days in Qur'an 41:9, 10, and 12, it is found that the Qur'an claims that God created the world in 8 days. Yet, in Qur'an 10:3, it says that He created the heavens and the earth in 6 days.

Consider also the confusion brought on by the ever-changing Arabic language. Every reader is here challenged to compare two separate translations of the Qur'an. The confusing differences in wording and translations will be obvious. The message of the Qur'an and other teachings of Islam are under constant update to meet the pressures of political correctness. The Qur'an and the Hadith are written in a living language. The message is, therefore, susceptible to the fickle ever ongoing changes of political correctness.

Consider just one example.

N.J. Dawood's translation of Qur'an 4:34

"Men have authority over women because God has made one superior to the other, and because they spend their money to maintain them. Good women are obedient. They guard their unseen parts because God has guarded them. As for those from whom you fear disobedience, admonish them, forsake them in beds apart, and beat them. Then if they obey you, take no further action against them. Surely God is high, supreme."

Now notice a later, more politically correct translation

Ahmed Ali's translation of Qur'an 4:34

"Men are the support of women as God gives some more means than others, and because they spend of their wealth (to provide for them). So women who are virtuous are obedient to God and guard the hidden as God has guarded it. As for women you feel are averse, talk to them suavely; then leave them alone in bed (without molesting them) and go to bed with them (when they are willing). If they open out to you, you do not have an excuse for blaming them. Surely God is sublime and great."

Unlike the ever fickle updates of the Qur'an which are given to appease political correctness, the New Testament message has been locked in time. Shortly after the Bible was completed near the end of the First Century, God arranged for an amazing event to occur. The First Century Greek language of the New Testament was replaced by other world languages. In effect, the Greek language died. The death of the New Testament language caused the meanings of each word to be frozen in time. Unlike the living languages of today, that evolve with every passing generation (example: the English word gay), the language of the New Testament has been miraculously secured forever. Translators often attempt to abuse the original message but given the Divine safeguard of a dead language the reference point of the New Testament never changes.

Did you know that the Bible was written over a period of about 1600 years by some 40 different men who spoke at least 3 different

languages? Did you know that ancient parts of the Bible refer to events and facts that would not occur or be proven to be true until five or six hundred years later? You must admit that the Bible is an amazing book. Despite the enormous odds against it, the Bible's harmony and accuracy has never been matched.

Perhaps the best evidence to prove that the Bible is trustworthy comes from the way that its message has been preserved by God throughout history. Contrary to Muhammad's claim that the Bible needed an update, God protected its message. Notice just a few examples.

Judaism tried to destroy the Bible. In Jeremiah 36:22-23, we find that Jehoiakim tried to eliminate its message, but he failed. In 100 B.C., Antiochus IV tried to destroy the Bible, but he failed. And shortly after Jesus ascended back into Heaven, the Jewish Sanhedrin forbade preaching in Jesus' name. Yet today, the book which contains His life-story is read in nearly every corner of the world.

Moslems tried to destroy the Bible. In 732 A.D., they attempted to eliminate all Bibles and kill all Christians, but they failed.

Catholicism tried to destroy the Bible. In 1494-1516 A.D., Ferdinand and Isabella forbade the people to have Bibles. In 1600, Ferdinand II caused ten thousand Bibles to be burned in his attempt to destroy it. In 1637, Jesuits caused sixty thousand Bibles to be burned. In 1713, Pope Clement II condemned Bible reading. In 1844, Pope Gregory XVI said that Bible societies were guilty of the greatest crime against the church.

The French skeptic, Voltaire, once said, "In less than one hundred years the Bible will be discarded and Christianity will be swept from the earth." One hundred years later, Voltaire was dead and his house was being used as a depot for the International Bible Society.

Because of the eternal, indestructible, ever harmonious nature of this book, the Bible has never lost its place on the bestselling list! In fact, there is no other book throughout all history that remotely compares with the popularity of the Bible. Parts of the Bible have been translated into more than 1300 languages. About 75 million Bibles are sold each year. Well over one billion copies of this book have been printed. There

have been enough Bibles printed to make a solid ribbon of Bibles all the way around the world, not just once or twice, but three times.

Conclusions: If Muhammad is correct, then we must conclude that God failed to protect His Holy Word, history is in error, and the accuracy of the most documented book in all of history is doubtful. On the other hand, if the Torah and the Gospels are correct, then they stand in judgment of the Qur'an's inaccuracies and the entirety of the Islamic faith crumbles.

### **T is for Testimony**

One of the most often asked questions about the Islamic faith is this, "Why are Muslims multiplying?" Until Christians come to grips with the answer to this question and exemplify a superior quality of life, our testimony will fall on deaf ears.

Muslims multiply for three reasons:

1. They are Passionate - The Muslim passion runs so deep that Palestinian young people will stand in line to volunteer to strap explosives to their waist and blow themselves up in a crowded Jewish assembly. Yet, in America, many Christian churches cannot even get their young people to attend mid-week services, let alone die for the cause of Christ.

Imagine the cooperative passion it took, on September 11, 2001, to get 19 Muslim hijackers on 4 different planes to all commit suicide within hours of each other and, yet, do so voluntarily. Most Christian churches in America could not get 19 different men in a single air-conditioned office to agree on the color of the carpet, let alone volunteer to die for the cause of Christ.

Muslims are multiplying because they are passionately committed to what they believe. Until Christianity equals that passion, we will continue to lose ground to Islam.

2. They are Parental - Islam is the fastest growing religion in America today, because Muslims believe in parenting. Followers of Muhammad move in and take over an area through conversions, immigration, and

high Muslim birth rates. W.L. Cati, an American woman who married a Muslim man provided this sobering revelation in her book entitled, "Married to Mohammed." She says that in a conversation with her husband, she once asked him why he and his two brothers came to America and married Christian women. He replied that if America cannot be taken by force then Muslims are content to be patient and take it by marriage.

Imagine what would happen if America's Christians would return to a love of large families. Imagine the results of Christian parents raising their own children rather than paying others to do the job for them.

3. They are Proud - Muslim parents take great pride in raising children who are completely dedicated to the cause of Muhammad. Their hearts are especially full of pride when one of their own dies in the fight to bring Islam to the world.

Shortly after a young suicide bomber killed himself and 21 Jewish teenagers at a disco in Tel Aviv, the following quote from his proud Muslim father made headlines, "I am very happy and proud of what my son did and, frankly, I am a bit jealous. I wish I had done the bombing. My son has fulfilled the Prophet's [Mohammed's] wishes. He has become a hero! Tell me, what more could a father ask? My prayer is that Saeed's brothers, friends and fellow Palestinians will sacrifice their lives too. There is no better way to show God you love him." (USA TODAY, 6/26/01)

What would happen if America's Christian men were as proud of their sons when they put on Christ Jesus in baptism as Muslim fathers are of their sons when they put on explosive devices out of hatred?

Muslims are multiplying because they are passionate, they are parental, and they are proud of the children they raise in the service of Allah. Until Christians can match their level of passion, equal their love for parenting, and surpass their pride for dedicated children, the clouds of darkness will continue to gather around the Christian community.

**M is for Messiah**

Perhaps the greatest difference between Islamic teaching and that of Christianity is their view of Jesus. Muslims do believe in Jesus, but they do not believe that He was the Son of God. (Qur'an 19:35) In fact, the Qur'an says that those who believe that Jesus is the Son of God should be damned. (Qur'an 9:30)

According to the Qur'an, Jesus was born of a virgin and performed miracles but, instead of dying on the cross, He ascended into Heaven and one day will return to destroy all crosses and convert the world to Islam. Then Jesus will get married, reign for 40 years, die, and be buried next to Muhammad.

In his book, "Answering Islam," Norman Geisler points out that even though the Qur'an denies the Deity of Jesus, it does attribute to Him supernatural miracles. Interestingly enough, however, the Qur'an does not attribute any supernatural miracles to Muhammad. Since Jesus did miracles but Muhammad did not, and since Jesus' tomb is empty but Muhammad's tomb is not, doesn't it make you wonder why Muslims who read the Qur'an do not become Christians?

It is often very hard to convince a Muslim that Jesus is the Son of God and that He loved them enough to die on a cross to save them from their sin. The reason for this probably comes from their view of Allah and their obsession with Muhammad. The Qur'an speaks of a harsh god who offers very little security in one's relationship with him. (Qur'an 2:40) With this view, it is no doubt very difficult to imagine a God Who could love them so much that He would actually die in their place.

If Jesus is the Son of God Who died on a cross as a young man to save His followers, while Muhammad was a prophet who died as an old man living in the lap of luxury, then Muhammad pales in comparison to Jesus. To believe that Jesus is the Son of God completely destroys the Islamic faith.

## **Conclusion**

Muslims need Christianity! If we can show them the authority of Christ's teachings, present them with a compelling testimony of our lives, and convince them that Jesus is the Messiah, then light will shine into their very dark place.

Jesus is the key! Show them to God's A.T.M.

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## **Practical Suggestions**

Sharing Jesus is by far the most important element in reaching a Muslim with the Gospel.

- 1. Compare Jesus' message during the "Sermon on the Mount" (Matthew 5-7) with the many instructions Muhammad gave to his followers as documented in the Qur'an references found in these handouts.*
- 2. Focus on the freedom found in Christ as opposed to the legalistic acts of merit demanded by Muhammad. See the Qur'an references found in chapter 3 of this book.*
- 3. Emphasize Christ's compassionate treatment of women, especially those who were deemed by culture to be unworthy of attention. See John 4:4-42.*
- 4. Buy a copy of my eBook, "Keeping the Faith" and use the principles found within.*

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