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ISLAMIC DOCTRINE

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BRIEF HISTORY OF ISLAM

Islam takes many forms such as the Sunnis, Shiites, Druze, Sufis, etc. In this presentation, I will not be quoting from the different Islamic denominations, but merely state what is written in the Koran, which is the final authority on Islam.

Ulbu'l-Kassim, who later took the name Mohammad, is the founder of Islam. He was born around 570 A.D. in the city of Mecca. His father died when he was 2 years old and his mother died when he was 6 years old. His uncle Abu-Talib raised him, and since he was a traveling businessman, he took the young boy on trips to a number of nations in the region. Mohammad spent time with Christian monks in Lebanon where he learned about Jesus and Mary and later he spent time in Jerusalem and studied Judaism. As a result, Islam contains portions of the Old and New Testaments from the Bible

As an adult Mohammad had a disorder that caused him to foam at the mouth and fall down into a trance. This could have been a disease like epilepsy, but it could also have been caused by demons.

At age 25, Mohammad began working for a camel trading business that was owned and operated by a rich 40 year old widow named Khadijah. According to oral tradition, she was attracted to Mohammad and asked him to marry her.

Mohammad took over the business and for a number of years took care of the caravan trucking as well as the tribal business. But over time he began thinking about spiritual matters since he had not fully accepted the Christian or Jewish faiths. Joseph Smith would behave in a similar manner in the 19th century when he sought a spiritual experience. According to Islamic tradition, Mohammad withdrew to a cave some three miles north of Mecca called Mount Hira. He was visited by the angel Gabriel during one of his stays at the cave. The message given was that Jesus had failed His mission on this earth and that Mohammad had been selected to finish what Jesus could not do. The angel commissioned Mohammad to start preaching a special message and in time this became known as the Koran.

For the next three years Mohammad began preaching this new message of Islam to his family and others in Mecca. He won some new converts but he also encountered strong resistance from the leadership in Mecca, and in the year 622 he relocated to the city of Medina, some 200 miles north of Mecca. The people in Medina accepted the new religion of Islam and Mohammad was able to get his message out to the entire Arabian peninsula. In 628 Mohammad returned with to Mecca with a force of 10,000 soldiers and captured the city. He consolidated control over the new religion and developed it into a military/religious movement that was forged to proclaim Islam to the entire world and use the edge of the sword if necessary to subdue all nations. When Mohammed died in 632 A.D., his religion had become strong and greedy men enlarged the movement and began the conquest of the world.



THE CONQUESTS

The following areas were conquered by Islamic armies:

- ❖ Syria: 634–641 A.D.
- ❖ Egypt: 639–642 A.D.
- ❖ Mesopotamia and Persia: 633–651 A.D.
- ❖ Sindh (Part of India): 711–714 A.D.
- ❖ Maghreb (North Africa): 647–742 A.D.
- ❖ Hispania and Septimania (Spain): 711–721 A.D.
- ❖ Transoxiana (Asian territory which later became part of Russia): 673–751 A.D.

THE OTTOMAN EMPIRE

The Ottoman Empire came into existence in 1299 and consisted of Anatolia (Asia Minor), Syria, Babylon, Persia, Arabia, Egypt and all of North Africa. From 1352 until 1467, the Ottoman Empire was at war with the Byzantine Empire and the struggle for control of Europe did not cease until the Islamic armies had come as far north as the Austrian Empire where they were driven back. Small nations like Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina became Islamic and still are to this day.

Millions of people were murdered in the name of Allah, the Muslim demon god. No mercy was shown to those who refused to convert to Islam.

TEACHINGS OF MOHAMMAD

Let's examine the teachings of Mohammad as found in the Koran:

1. Jesus was just another prophet that failed. Mohammad finished what Jesus could not do. According to the New Testament, the Antichrist spirit is the moving power behind Islam and every Muslim is possessed by the spirit of Antichrist. **1 John 2:22-23; 4:1-3**
2. Non-Muslims have no value and should be exterminated.
3. Jihad (Holy War) is the duty of all Muslims. Men who die in Jihad go straight to the Muslim version of heaven where they are given scores of beautiful virgins and as much alcohol as they desire. Conversely, Muslims are not allowed to drink alcohol on earth.
4. Muslims are not allowed to smoke, listen to decadent western music, watch television programs from the west and men must have beards. Any kind of infraction is punishable by severe beatings, thieves have their right hand cut off, and women caught in adultery are publicly stoned.
5. A woman has no value; she is the property of her parents and later the husband, who may beat his wife as much as he wants in order to make her submit.
6. Non-Muslim women captured in war can be used as sex slaves by the Jihadi soldiers. They become the property of the soldier and he can sell her at any time. The Koran allows for the rape of non-Muslim women at any time by men.

7. There is no set salvation plan in the Koran. A Muslim makes it to heaven by keeping all the commandments of Mohammad and the other Mullahs.
8. Murdering non-Muslims is the same as pleasing Allah.

WHAT SHOULD CHRISTIANS DO?

In facing such a murderous religion like Islam, what should the response be from Christians? First, it must be understood that the only thing that will stop Islam from expanding is force. It was the military power of the Christian armies in the Europe that drove out the Muslims from Spain and Portugal, stopped them at the border of the Austrian Empire and the final push out of Eastern Europe.

Muslim nations no longer use war to spread their religion; instead, they send refugees to infiltrate western nations and with time they hope to outnumber the Christians with their large birth rate and set up an Islamic state and Sharia law.

It is important to note that the people born in Muslim nations do not know anything else. They are going to hell without Jesus so we must love them and present the Gospel.

Matthew 28:18-20

Remember, it's not so important how you begin your life after salvation, but how you finish it!

Do you have an ear to hear with?