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### **Many faces of Islam All On One Page**

The center of Muslim life is their confession of faith, the *shahadah*: "I bear witness that there is no god but God, and Muhammad is the prophet of God." Islam is an Arab religion intent on making the world submit to Arab control. *Islam* means "submission" (as well as containing the idea of peace), and *Muslim* means "one who submits to the majesty and will of God." When Muhammad, born around A.D. 570, first began to proclaim the new faith. 1,400 years ago in Mecca, his intent was to unify the Arab world into a united mono-theism, and away from their pagan polytheism and moon-god worship. Their moon-god was called Allah.

"These idolaters associated partners with God and worshipped female deities who were believed to be daughters of God. But the monotheism was so severe that no room was left for Christian affirmation of the divinity of Jesus Christ. Although the Christianity that Muhammad rejected was largely heretical, worshipping Jesus and Mary as gods in addition to God (*Qur'an surah 5:119*) Muhammad firmly denounced such believers as guilty of the greatest of all sins, *shirk* (associating partners with God.) To this day Islam stresses the indivisible unity of God." (*Islam and Christianity* by Donald S. Tingle @1985)

A once common illustration for Muslims is that of mankind being on a journey. They came across a beautiful oasis. Some of mankind stayed and lived there but most moved on until they came across an even grander oasis. Again some stayed but most moved on until they came to the grandest most beautiful oasis of all. Thus the Jews stopped at the monotheistic "Justice of God", the Christians at the refreshing "Love of God", and the Muslim, completing the journey, arrive at the balanced monotheistic just and loving God that they call Allah.

Islam is a missionary religion contending that Jews, "the people of the book" (*Qur'an chapter of repentance 9:29*), and the Christians, "nearest among them (Muslims) in love" (*Qur'an surah 5:85*) are on the right path but have not evolved to the right oasis yet. All people are permitted and expected to convert to Islam, but none are permitted to leave Islam for another faith. Christian converts from Islam can face disinheritance, the loss of their children, imprisonment, banishment from their country or even death. They are considered not only traitors to their faith but also to their country. Thus while Jesus set aside Peter's sword, saying "all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword." (Matt 26:52) Muhammad, Islam's "Seal of the Prophets" embraces the sword. *Jihad* means "striving in the cause of God". Muslims are taught by Muhammad that wrong can be addressed with the sword, as a first resort, secondly, If it is impossible to use the sword effectively, Muslims can use their words in the fight against evil. If even speech is too dangerous, they can resist silently in their hearts. But armed struggle in the fight against evil is the viable and preferred option, first and foremost against pagans (*Qur'an surah 9:5*) certainly against the "people of the book" (Jews) (*Qur'an chapter of repentance 9:29*) until they pay a "poll-tax". Explicitly Muslims prefer the sword against Christianity because it seeks to "Go into all the world and preach the Gospel," and being a religion for all people is a rite Muslims hold as theirs, and theirs only. It is their final oasis. Conversion to Islam can be forcibly attained through the sword of their god for Allah. Muslims intend to bring America under Islamic law, they have previously used words, presently their swords are showing.

Robert A. Morey, author of "Islamic Invasion" writes in a 1996 article: The religion of Islam was thus born out of Arab cultural imperialism and is rooted in a racist attitude that all things Arab are good while all things non-Arab are evil. Until this is understood, the true nature of Islam cannot be grasped. This is why Western dress, food, movies, hairstyles, etc., are zealously denounced by the Mullahs and Imams as Satanic. Such things as blue jeans are not really condemned because they are immoral but because they are not Arab. The truthfulness of this observation is easily demonstrated by Islam's demand that one bow in prayer in the direction of Arabia (Mecca) and make a pilgrimage to Arabia (Mecca). The religion of Islam is Arabian paganism and culture raised to divine law and imposed upon conquered nations. Nations such as Egypt, Turkey, Lebanon, etc. who had the misfortune of having Islam forced upon them by the sword, need to break free from Arab imperialism in order to regain their own identity and culture. Until they throw off the shackles of Islam, they cannot become free societies where human rights are honored. How can this be done? The oppressed masses must return to their Christian heritage which was stolen from them by wave after wave of Arab armies. Why would anyone entering the 21st century want to continue to believe in a foreign

religion that was forced upon his ancestors many centuries ago by violence, slavery, oppression and unjust taxes? It is time to break free from the darkness and ignorance of Islam and enter into the freedom and light of Christianity.

In my book "Non Christian Religions" I describe Islam's three major sects: At Muhammad's death in 632 A.D., Muslim's 'last and greatest of the prophets' had appointed no successor. He had founded a 'religion' with no distinctions between religion and government and it could not exist without a head to succeed Muhammad. Someone had to enforce the law, lead in war and guide in peace<sup>1</sup>. The questions of who will be the spiritual and political leader, or '*Caliph*', would cause more division and blood shed in Islam than any other issue. From the very first three rival parties divide over this vacuum of leadership, and Islam has been sharply divided along these three lines throughout its history.

There were the 'Companions of the Prophet', believing in the eligibility of any qualified early believer to become their '*Caliph*'. Eventually these became called the Sufis, holding more to mysticism. There was the Aristocracy of Mecca, who believed the new leader must be only of the family of Umayya. These eventually came to be called the Sunnis, holding to traditions above all else. And there was the 'Legitimists' who believed only family of Muhammad would be suitable for successors, and that selection should be done by god without any elections. They considered 'Ale, the cousin and son-in-law of the Prophet as the 'divinely appointed' successor. The 'Party for 'Ali' was called in Arabic '*Shi'a of Ali*' and these became the Shi'a sect.

Now there are multiple other sects and divergent groups, but understanding these three, the Sufis, the Sunnis and the Shi'a is most helpful in understanding the whole conglomerated socio-economic-political-religious-militant state of Islam.

Can you lead a Muslim to saving faith in the Lord Jesus Christ? The Muslim has rejected Jesus Christ as the Son of God. The paganism of Roman Catholicism, which deified Mary and began praying to "holy Mary mother of God" horrified Muhammad in 600 AD, (as it does me in 2001). He taught that Jesus was virgin born (*Qur'an surah 3:47*) but just a creation of God that never died but was transformed up to heaven. Teaching that he will return when the world is Islamic. Muslims believe that Judas Iscariot's visage was transformed into Jesus' and they crucified the wrong man, deceiving even Peter and John. In their mind, for God to be the Father of Jesus, he would have to have sex, God would never do

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<sup>1</sup> Anderson, Sir Norman, *The Worlds Religions*, Grand Rapids, MI, William B. Eerdmans Pub. Co. 1976, 64.

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