

WHAT IS

ISLAM

Islam is the fastest growing religion in America.

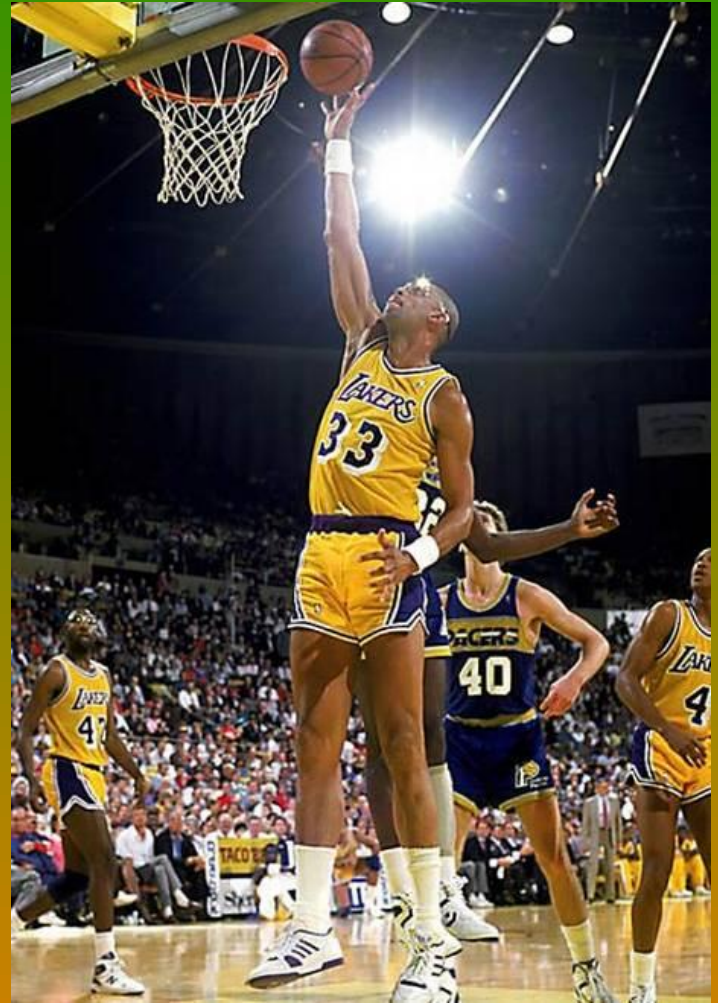


**But what do we know about this religion?
What is their history?
What do they believe?**

What do we know?



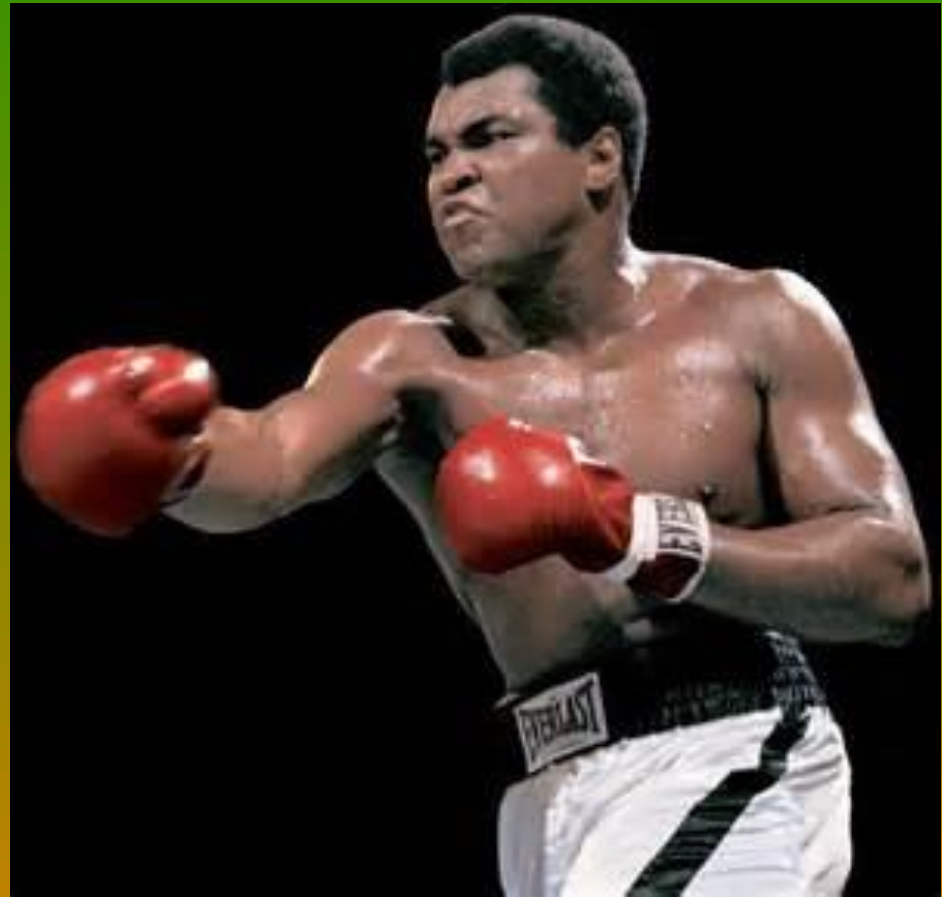
Some know that Kareem Abdul-Jabbar (NBA superstar) was born as Lew Alcindor, but converted from Catholic to Islam before the 1971-72 season.



What do we know?



The only thing some people know about Islam is that Cassius Clay changed his name to Muhammad Ali in 1975, after he converted to Sunni Islam.



What do we know?



Some remember the April 1983 bombing of the U.S. embassy in Beirut, Lebanon, by the Islamic Jihad Organization, leaving 63 dead and 120 injured.



What do we know?



Some remember the 1992 attack on the Israeli Embassy in Buenos Aires, leaving 29 dead and 242 injured.



What do we know?



Some remember the November 17, 1997, Luxor massacre, when 6 armed Islamic terrorists attacked tourists at the Luxor ruins, killing 62 and injuring 26.



What do we know?



Some remember the August 7, 1998, bombing of the U.S. Embassy in Tanzania and Kenya, leave 224 dead and 4000+ injured.



What do we know?



Some remember the
October 12, 2000,
attack on *USS Cole*
in the Yemeni port of
Aden, leaving 17
American sailors
dead and 39 injured.



What do we know?



Some remember the Christmas Eve attack in Indonesia in 2000, bombing churches in 8 cities and killing 18 people.



What do we know?

And who can forget September 11, 2001, when 4 planes were hijacked by 19 al-Qaeda members: two planes crashed into the World Trade Center in New York, one into The Pentagon in Virginia, and one into a field in Pennsylvania, leaving 2,977 dead.



What do we know?



And the list goes on
and on, from the
Boston Marathon
bombing right down
to the recent
shooting in
Chattanooga,
Tennessee, leaving 5
American service
men dead.



What do we know?



- So what do we really know about this religion?
- Why does there seem to be so much violence connected with Islam?
- What does our future hold for us?



These lectures are designed to study Islam, to know where they came from, what they believe, and what their goals are.



Let's begin with just
some terminology.
We've got to make
sure we know what is
meant by certain
words.

“Islam” – Arabic word for “submission” (*to the will of Allah*)



Islam is used to refer to the religion.

Terminology



**Mohammedism or
Muhammadanism** - The
name formerly common
in Western usage for the
religion, but not used
among Muslims.

Terminology



Islam – Muslims believe that the origin of Islam dates back to the creation of the world.

Terminology



Islam – Islam claims to be the religion of **all** the prophets (Adam, Noah, Abraham, Moses, Jesus, and Mohammad).

Terminology



Muslim – A follower of Islam. It literally means one who “surrenders” or “submits” to the will of Allah. According to the Qur’an, all of those who submit to one God are Muslims.

Terminology



Islam is the religion.

Muslim is the person.

Terminology



Muhammad - The prophet and founder of Islam. Born around 570 A.D. and died 632 A.D.

Mohammad – Second spelling

Terminology



Qur'an (Romanized to be Koran) -
The inspired word of God
given to Muhammad by
the angel Gabriel.

Terminology



Deen - The Qur'an describes Islam as an Arabic word *Deen* (way of life). Some will even argue that Islam is *not* a religion.

Terminology



Surah - What the chapters of the Qur'an are called, 114 in all.

Ayat – What the verses are called, 6,236 in all.

Terminology



Allah - The Supreme Being. The name of God.

Terminology



Hadith - The sacred sayings of Muhammad, handed down by oral tradition and finally written down.

Terminology



Mecca or Makkah - The birthplace of Muhammad and the holy city of Islam.

Terminology



Medina (muh-dee-nah) — Holy city named for Muhammad after he fled there in 622 A.D.

Terminology



Hijrah (hige-ruh) —

Muhammad's flight from
Mecca to Medina in 622
A.D.

Terminology



Hajj - The pilgrimage to Mecca, one of the five pillars of the Islamic faith.

Terminology



Mosque - Islamic place of worship.

Terminology



Muezzlin – Muslim caller
who announces the hour
of prayer.

Terminology



Salat (*suh-lot*) — Muslims daily prayer ritual. One of the five pillars of Islam.

Terminology



Salat (*suh-lot*) — The prayers are observed five times every day at these times:

Fajr: Shortly before sunrise.

Dhuhr: At noon.

'Asr: In the late afternoon.

Maghrib: Just after the sun goes down.

'Isha: Before retiring for the night.

Terminology



Salat (*suh-lot*) — The worshiper uses different postures: He starts standing, bows, prostrates himself, and concludes while on the ground. During each posture, the worshiper recites or reads certain verses, phrases and prayers.

Terminology



Salat (*suh-lot*) — The following prayer is recited at least 17 time a day: *"All praise is due to Allah, Lord of the worlds, The Most Gracious, the Most Merciful, and Sovereign of the Day of Judgment. It is You alone we worship and You alone we ask for help. Guide us to the straight path; The path of those upon whom You have bestowed favor, not of those who have evoked Your anger or of those who are astray" (1:1-7)*

Terminology



Peace Be Upon Him – An expression used by Muslims to show respect to all prophets of Allah.

Muslims usually say it just after pronouncing the name of Prophets.

Terminology



Ramadan (*ram-uh-dahn*) — The ninth and most sacred month of the Islamic year, believing it to be the month in which the Qur'an was revealed to Muhammad. It is considered a month of fasting.

Terminology



Shi'ites – The Muslim sect which insists that Muhammad's son-in-law 'Ali was Muhammad's rightful successor.

Terminology



Sunnites – The largest Muslim sect which acknowledges all of Muhammad's successors.

History



- Although the Arabs believed in the unity of God, but they also claimed that God has entrusted His duties to various gods, goddesses and idols. For this purpose, they had more than 360 idols.
- They considered angels as the daughters of God.

History



- They were ignorant of social values.
- They were nomadic people who were dependent on cattle for their living.
- There was no government or law. All power existed with the rich.

History



- The society was full of barbarity and brutality. Tribes fought with each other over trivial matters for centuries. A slight argument over horses or water could lead to the slaughtering of thousands of innocent people.
- It was the birth of Mohammad which brought a revolution to the entire fate of the nomadic Arabs.

History



- Mohammad was born in 570 A.D in the city of Makkah. The name Mohammad itself means "Highly Praised".
- His father, **Abdullah**, died before his birth and his mother, **Amina**, died when he was only six.
- Mohammad's parental grandfather, **Abdul Al Muttalib**, the most respected leader of Makkah, took care of him until he died when Mohammad was eight.

History



The Qur'an says that God, the Almighty, reminds Mohammed of his blessing: "Did God not find you an orphan and give you shelter and care? And he found you wandering, and gave you guidance. And he found you in need, and made you independent." (93:6-8)

History



- At the age of twelve, Mohammad started working as a trader. Soon he became very famous because of his loyalty and reliability.
- When he was twenty-five, **Khadijah**, a forty-year-old rich merchant widow proposed to him. He accepted the proposal after considering the advice of his uncle.

History



Mohammad disliked the worshipping of idols. He was influenced by the *Hanefites*, a group of people who rejected idol worshipping. He spent much of his time at Mt. Hera praying to God.

History



- At the age of 40 (610 A.D), when meditating at Mt. Hera, the angel Gabriel appeared and revealed to him the message of God.
- Gabriel said to him, "*Iqra*" which means "to read." Mohammad replied "I cannot read." Gabriel embraced and released him. Then the first five verses was revealed to him.

History



- As Prophet Mohammad started proclaiming the concept of believing in one God, the people started getting against him.
- The people who once called him "Trustworthy" and "Honest" boycotted and plotted to kill him.

History



- After the death of his wife, Khadijah, and his uncle, Abu Talib, in 619 A.D, the people of Makkah plotted to kill Mohammad on various occasions. He sought refuge in Medina to protect his life.

History



- During the next few years, a series of battles were fought between various tribes of Makkah and the Muslims of Medina. In 628 A.D, the Treaty of Hudaibiyah was signed between the two parties. Truce was declared for 10 years.

History



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- **Mohammad died in 632 A.D , at the age of 63 in the city of Medina. Mohammad's death brought a huge catastrophe among Muslims. People could not believe that Mohammad had left them forever. Many of the followers were perplexed and distraught, and claimed him to be still living.**

History



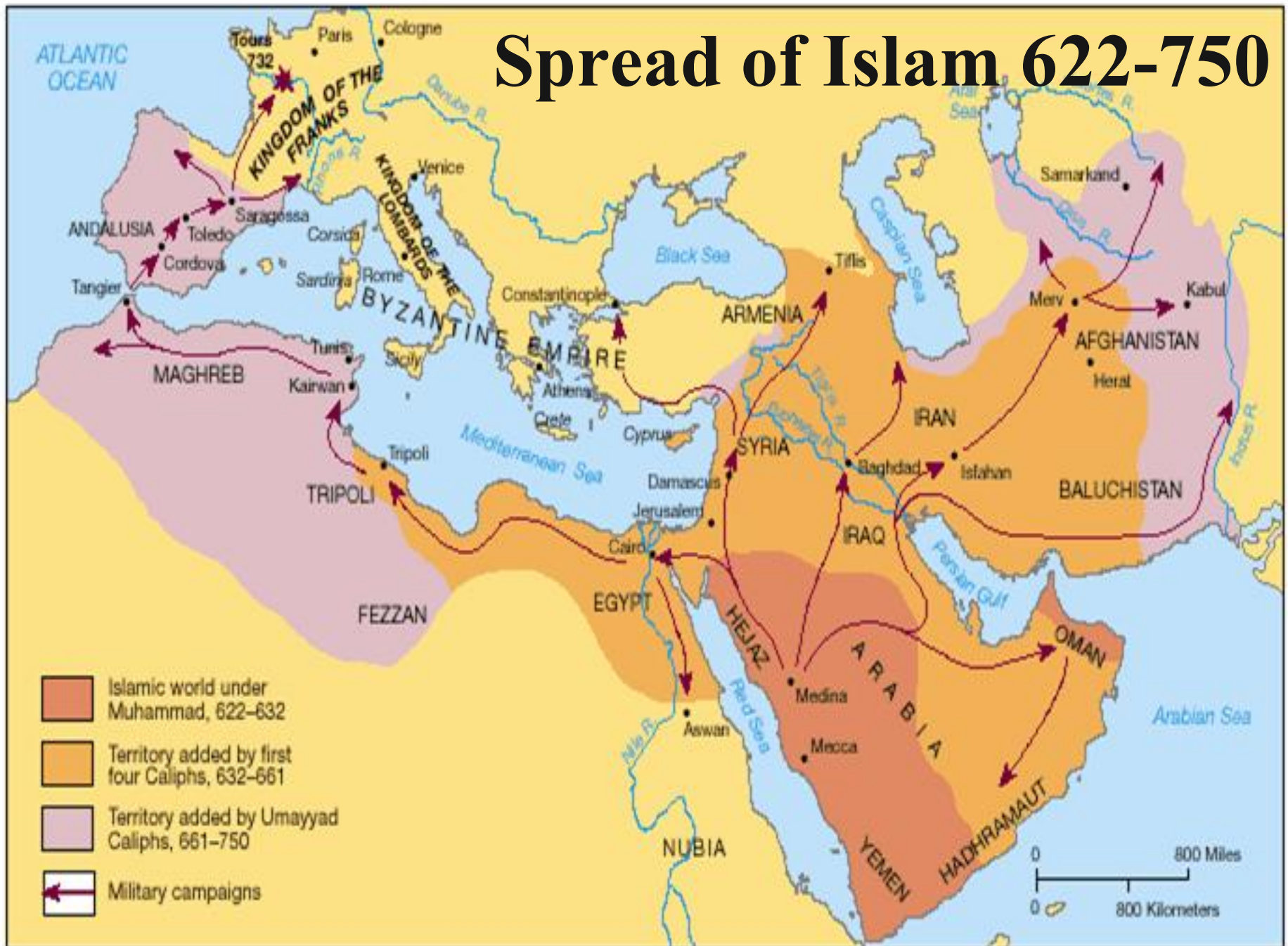
- At Mohammad's funeral, Abu Bakr [*uh*-boo-beck-er], who was the most respected of all the followers affirmed that, "O people, those of you who worshipped Mohammad, Mohammad has died. And those of you who worshipped God, God is still living."

History



- Abu Bakr [*uh*-boo-beck-er] was chosen as the first *Caliph* (leader). Before his death in 634 A.D., Umar ibn ul Khattab was appointed as his successor.
- During the ten years of his rule, Muslims conquered 22 hundred thousands miles of area, including Mesopotamia, parts of Persia, Iran, Egypt, Palestine, Syria, North Africa and Armenia.

Spread of Islam 622-750



Islam's symbol is the crescent moon.

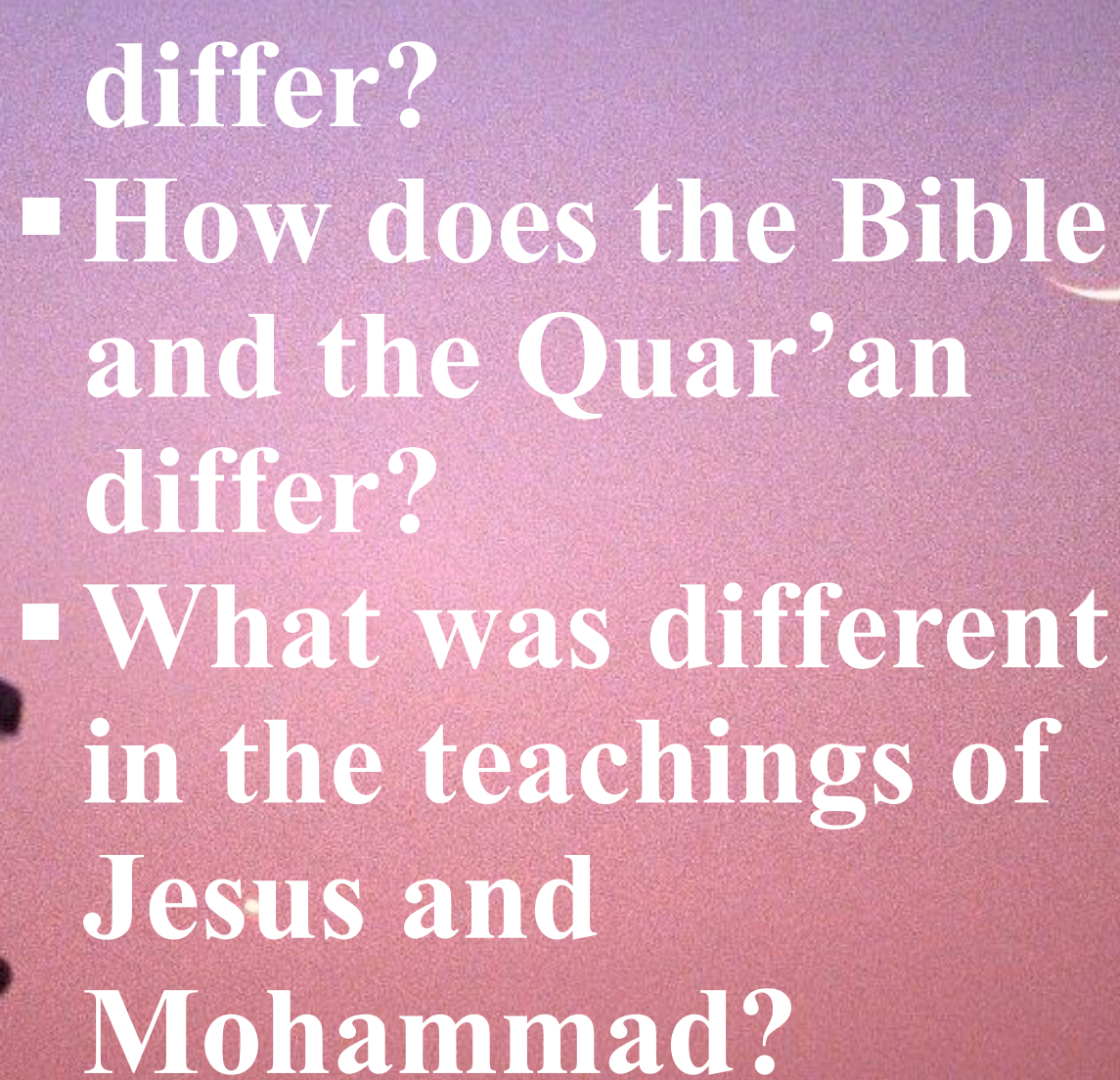


It depicts the moon in a state of increase—*representing the growth of Islamic faith from small to great.*

History



- By the tenth century, Islam dominated the half of the world known at that time.

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- So where do we differ?
 - How does the Bible and the Quar'an differ?
 - What was different in the teachings of Jesus and Mohammad?

The background of the slide is a warm, orange-toned sunset or sunrise sky. In the foreground, the dark silhouettes of mosque architecture are visible, including several tall, slender minarets and large, rounded domes. The overall mood is contemplative and spiritual.

I simply ask all students to study with open mind to find and obey God's final prophet:

- **What are the identification marks in prophecy?**
- **Is the Savior-Prophet identified?**
- **Did God prophecy Mohammed to be another prophet?**
- **Was Jesus Christ the final prophet from God?**

THE FINAL PROPHET: JESUS CHRIST OR MOHAMED?

- Look at the identification marks in prophecy:
- *Genesis 3:15* says the seed of woman would defeat Satan

And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

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- **In *Genesis 12:1-3*, God made three promises to Abraham.**

¹Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee:

² And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing:

³ And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.

THE FINAL PROPHET: JESUS CHRIST OR MOHAMED?

- **Human Plan: Ishmael**
(Genesis 16)
- **Divine Plan: Isaac**
(Genesis 21:1-21)

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The Qur'an says Ishmael:

- “Raised the Foundations” of God’s House (2:128)
- “Purified” God’s House of Devotion & Prayer (2:126)
- Was One of the Patriarchs (2:137; 3:85; 14:40)
- Was “Exalted with Elisha, Jonah and Lot” (6:87)
- Was a “Messenger & Prophet” (19:55)

The Bible says of Ishmael:

“The angel of the LORD also said to [Hagar]: 'You are now with child and you will have a son. You shall name him Ishmael, for the LORD has heard of your misery. ¹²He 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'" (Gen. 16:11-12).

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- In *Deuteronomy 18:18-19*, God said He would raise up a prophet like Moses.

¹⁸I will raise them up a Prophet from among their brethren, like unto thee, and will put my words in his mouth; and he shall speak unto them all that I shall command them.

¹⁹And it shall come to pass that whosoever will Not hearken unto my words which he shall speak in my name, I will require it of him.

THE FINAL PROPHET: JESUS CHRIST OR MOHAMED?

- *Isaiah 7:14* said He was to be born of a virgin.

Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

THE FINAL PROPHET: JESUS CHRIST OR MOHAMED?

- *Matthew 1:18-25* shows that it happened.

¹⁸Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise:
When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph,
before they came together, she was found with
child of the Holy Ghost.

²⁰...behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto
him in a dream, saying,...

²¹And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt
call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people
from their sins.

THE FINAL PROPHET: JESUS CHRIST OR MOHAMED?

- *Matthew 1:18-25* shows that it happened.

²²Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying,

²³Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.

THE FINAL PROPHET: JESUS CHRIST OR MOHAMED?

- *Micah 5:2* said He was to be born in Bethlehem.

But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting.

THE FINAL PROPHET: JESUS CHRIST OR MOHAMED?

- *Isaiah 53:4-5* said He was to die for our sins.

⁴Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.

⁵But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

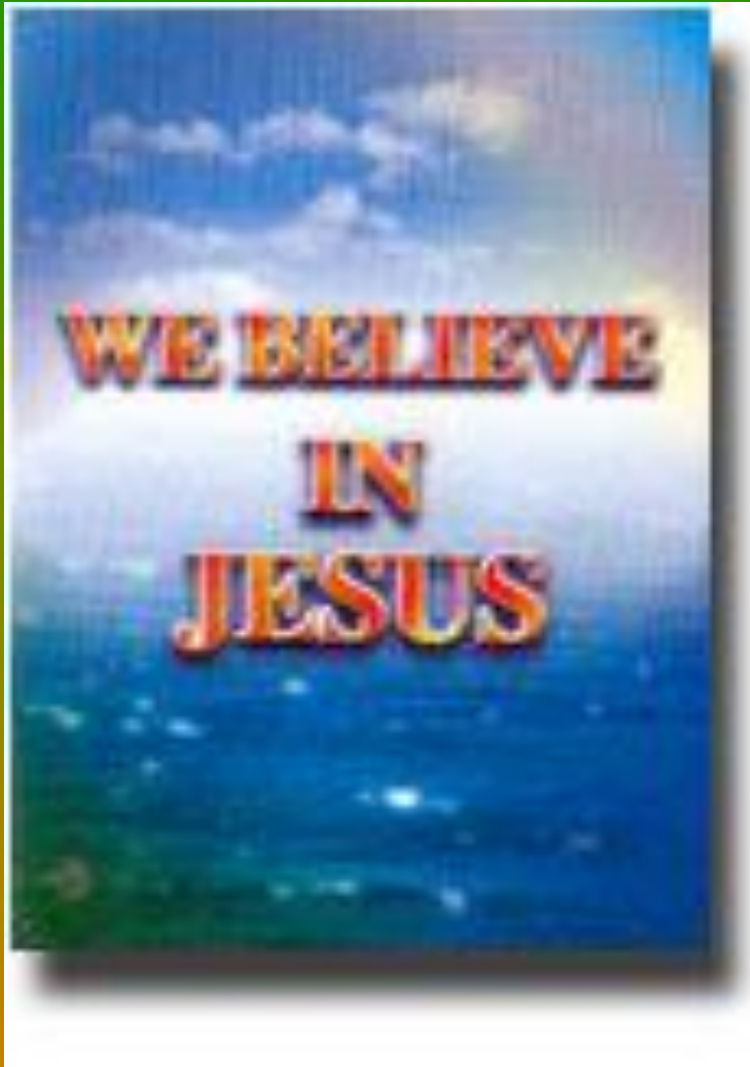
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**All promises were fulfilled in Jesus Christ.
Compare Genesis 12:1-3 to Matthew 1:1-2.**

¹The book of the generation of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.

² Abraham begat Isaac; and Isaac begat Jacob; and Jacob begat Judas and his brethren;

**They Offer This
Booklet Entitled...**



Then, write...

**“Allah negates from
Himself the
possibility of His
having any "son" or
associate in His
dominion, in His
acting and
decreeing and in the
worship of Him.”**

- Alharamain

Contradictions Are Allowed In Islam

“Whatever communications We abrogate or cause to be forgotten, We bring one better than it or like it. Do you not know that Allah has power over all things?” (Quran 2:106)

Contradictions Allowed!



“If he called them gods, unto whom the word of God came, and the scripture cannot be broken...” (John 10:35)

NO Contradictions Allowed!



What Is The Ultimate Goal of Islam?

- The Abrogation of Judaism and Christianity
- In the religion of Islam, Judaism and Christianity meet their end.
- *La ilaha illa Allah, Muhammadu Rasool Allah* -- “There is no God but Allah, Muhammad is His Prophet” - The essential Muslim profession of faith.

What Is The Ultimate Goal of Islam?

“Surely the true religion with ALLAH is Islam...”

“And whoso seeks a religion other than Islam, it shall not be accepted of him, and in the Hereafter he shall be among the losers”

“And fight them until there is no persecution, and religion is professed only for ALLAH...”

“O Prophet, urge the believers to fight. If there be of you twenty who are steadfast, they shall overcome two hundred; And if there be a hundred of you, they shall overcome a thousand of those who disbelieve, because they are a people do not understand” (Qur'an 3:20, 86; 2:194; 8:66).

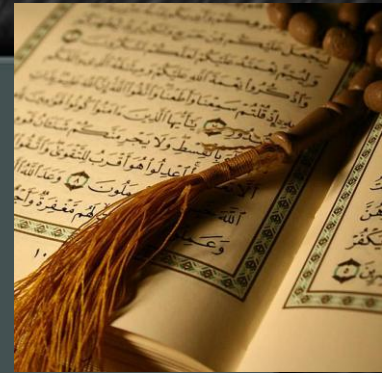
Make no doubt about
it...while the media claims
a peaceful religion, their
goal is world dominance.

“He it is who sent his
messenger....that he may
cause it [Islam] to prevail
over all religions”

Qu’ran 9:33

The Quar'an Teaches:

- One is an “Unbeliever” who confesses Jesus as *God*.
- One is an “Unbeliever” who confesses Jesus as *God’s Son*.
- One is “Forbidden Heaven” who confesses Jesus as God.
- One Deserves “Fire” & “Grievous Punishment” who confesses Jesus as God.



What Do You Do With An Unbeliever?

“Fight, therefore, in the way of ALLAH - thou art not made responsible except for thyself - and urge on the believers to fight. It may be that ALLAH will restrain the might of those that disbelieve; And ALLAH is stronger in might and stronger in inflicting punishment.” (Qur’an 4:85)

“O ye who believe! **Fight such of the disbelievers as are near to you and let them find hardness in you;** and know that ALLAH is with the righteous.” (Qur’an 9:123)

“Verily, ALLAH loves those who fight in HIS cause arrayed in solid ranks, as though they were a strong structure cemented with molten lead ” (Qur’an 61:5)

“Paradise Under the Shades of the Sword”

“Muhammed said: Know that paradise is under the shades of the sword” (Hadith 4:73)

“Being killed in the road of God covers all sins...”

“This religion will ever be established, even to the Day of Resurrection, as long as Muslims fight for it.”

Quotations of Muhammed - *Sahihu 'lBukhari* and *Sahihu Muslim*, Arabic editions, Babu 'l-Jihad)

“Paradise Under the Shades of the Sword”

“God is sponsor for him who goes forth to fight on the road of God. If he be not killed, he shall return to his house with rewards and booty, but if he be slain, he shall be taken to Paradise.”

“The fire of hell shall not touch the legs of him who shall be covered with the dust of battle in the road of God.”

Reward For Martyrdom

“Those who believe, and suffer exile and strive with might and main, in God's cause, with their goods and their persons, have the highest rank in the sight of God: They are the people who will achieve (salvation).”
(Qur'an 9:19-20)



Mohammed & Islam Used the Sword

Islam Claims That Mohammed's Sword Fulfills Deuteronomy 18

(Bashir Ahmad, "Prophecies about...
Mohammad," *Pakistan Link*, 5-13-03)

- **"only Muhammad...was like
Moses & not the Jesus Christ"**
- **"Both Moses & Muhammad
commanded their disciples to
fight their enemies and joined the
fight themselves."**

3 Options or Non-Muslims

- **Convert to Islam**
- **Pay the protection tax and agree not to oppose Islam**
- **Die**



Consider--

**Christianity began
and spread through
evangelism...**

**Islam began and spread
through violence**



Consider--

**Salvation is promised to
those who obey the
Gospel (Hebrews 5:8-9)**

**Islam guarantees
Paradise to martyrs
who fight for their
cause (Surah 8:39)**



Consider--

**Christianity is a religion
of the grace of God
(Ephesians 2:8-10)**

**Islam is a religion
of works to Allah
(Surah 101:6-9)**

**Our pulpits must educate and edify
members regarding this religion.**



*said to him, "I am the way, the truth,
the life. No one comes to the Father
except through Me" (John 14:6)*



