

What non-Muslims Need to Know About Islam, and Why
Useful reference Materials
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I. A Complete Code of Life
By Dr. Muhammad al Alkhuli

Islam is a religion, but not in the western meaning of religion.

The western connotation of the term "religion" is something between the believer and God.

Islam as a religion organizes all aspects of life on both the individual and national levels.

Islam organizes your relations with God, with yourself, with your children, with your relatives, with your neighbor, with your guest, and with other brethren. Islam clearly establishes your duties and rights in all those relationships. Islam establishes a clear system of worship, civil rights, laws of marriage and divorce, laws of inheritance, code of behavior, what not to drink, what to wear, and what not to wear, how to worship God, how to govern, the laws of war and peace, when to go to war, when to make peace, the law of economics, and the laws of buying and selling.

Islam is a complete code of life.

Islam is not for the mosque only, it is for daily life, a guide to life in all its aspects: socially, economically, and politically.

Islam is [a] complete constitution.

Thus Islam keeps the Muslim away from confusion, because Islam is logical and rational. Allah is one. Allah is one Allah has no sons. Allah is not trinity. Allah does not kill to save. No mediation is required between Allah and man. Islam organizes human nature, but does not go against it. There is not a class of clergy in Islam; nor is there celibacy.

Reference: *The Need for Islam* by Dr. Muhammad Al Alkhuli

Discussion Points:

Reading this article leads a non-Muslim to think about questions such as the following:

1. If Islam is a complete guide to life, is it totalitarian?
2. If "Islam is a complete constitution," is it compatible with the American Constitution?
3. How can religious Muslims be loyal both to Islam and the American Constitution?
4. Keith Ellison, new Muslim congressman from Minneapolis, claims to be a religious Muslim. Can he also be loyal to the American Constitution?
5. If Islam is a "complete guide to life" and a "complete constitution" which organizes all civic life and determines war and peace, clothing, economics, etc., what room can an Islamic society give to non-Muslims to organize their civic and economic life in a non-Islamic way?
6. If "Islam is a complete guide to life," can Muslim immigrants really assimilate into our western, pluralistic, democratic, and free society?
7. If "Islam is a complete guide to life," what does it mean to speak of "moderate Muslims" or "moderate Islam?"

II. Why the Text of the Koran (Quran) is so Important

Because the Koran is so crucially important to the lives of more than one billion Muslims, and because all Muslim extremists quote the Koran to justify their behavior, it behooves every non-Muslim to know what the Koran says. The following statements about the importance of the Koran for Muslims are taken from the respected Islamic website www.islamicity.com. **Because of its all-encompassing nature, the Koran is much more important in the lives of Muslims than the bible is in the lives of religious Jews and Christians.**

The Holy Koran

In a very real sense the Koran is the mentor of millions of Muslims, Arab and non-Arab alike; it shapes their everyday life, anchors them to a unique system of law (Sharia), and inspires them by its guiding principles. For countless millions, consequently, it has been the single most important force in guiding their religious, social, and cultural lives. Indeed, the Koran is the cornerstone on which the edifice of Islamic civilization has been built.

Together with the Koran, the Sunnah, as embodied in the canonical collections of traditions (the Hadith), became the basis for Sharia (law), the sacred law of Islam.

Unlike Western legal systems, Sharia law makes no distinction between religious and civil matters; it is the codification of God's Law, and it concerns itself with every aspect of social, political, economic, and religious life. Islamic law is thus different from any other legal system; it differs from canon law in that it is not administered by a church hierarchy; in Islam there is nothing that corresponds to a "church" in the Christian sense. Instead, there is the Ummah – the community of believers – whose cohesion is guaranteed by the sacred law. **Every action of the pious Muslim, therefore, is determined by the Koran, by precedents set by the Prophet, and by the practices of the early community of Islam as enshrined in the Sharia.**

No description, however, can fully capture **the overwhelming importance of the Koran to Muslims.** Objectively, it is the central fact of the Islamic faith, the Word of God, the final and complete revelation, the foundation and framework of Islamic law, and the source of Islamic thought, language, and action. It is the essence of Islam. Yet it is, in the deeply personal terms of a Muslim, something more as well. In innumerable, almost indescribable ways, it is also the central core of Muslim life. **To a degree almost incomprehensible in the West, it shapes and colors broadly, specifically, and totally the thoughts, emotions, and values of the devout Muslim's life from birth to death.**

The Islamic Holy Trilogy

There are three components to the Islamic Holy Trilogy. These are:

- (a) the Koran;
- (b) the Sira – the biographies of Mohammad as compiled and written by Ishag & Al Tabiri; and
- (c) the Hadith – the Traditions of Mohammad as compiled and written by Bukhari & Muslim.

In order to fully understand the scope of the Islamic religion and Sharia, one must study and understand all three components of the Trilogy. An excellent source for helping with this task is a paperback book put out by the Center for the Study of Political Islam, The Islamic Trilogy, Volume 10, Mohammed, Allah, and Politics, The Islamic Political Doctrine. This author of this book has condensed the highlights of the Trilogy into one easy-to-read book that relieves one from having to read all the source materials themselves.

III. Troubling Passages in the Koran

Note – When you read these passages from the Koran, please bear in mind the sacrosanct nature of every word in the Koran for all Muslims – even if they have never read the Koran and even if they do not follow the Koran in their daily lives. The problem is that many Muslims will follow the injunctions of the Koran. Also bear in mind that the following passages from the Koran, among others, are taught and preached every day in every mosque in the world including those in your neighborhood. For a much more extensive list of problematic verses from the Koran, see: <http://www.bahaifaith.com/islam-uncensored>.

Muslim Supremacism

1. “the (only) religion (acceptable) before God is Islam.” (3:19)
2. “If anyone desired a religion other than Islam, never will it be accepted of him.” (3:85)
3. “You are the noblest community ever raised up for mankind.” (3:110)

Attitude Towards Non-Muslims

1. The unbelievers among the people of the book and the pagans shall burn forever in the fire of Hell. They are the vilest of all creatures. (98:6)
2. Surely the vilest of animals in Allah’s sight are those who disbelieve. (8:55)
3. The unbelievers are your inveterate enemy. (4:101)
4. Mohammed is God’s apostle. Those who follow him are ruthless to the unbelievers but merciful to one another. (48:29)
5. It is unlawful for a believer to kill another believer, accidents excepted. (4:92)
6. Those who speak ill of God and his Apostle shall be cursed by God in this life and in the life to come. (33:57)
7. Believers, take neither the Jews nor the Christians for your friends. (5:51)

War on Non-Muslims

1. Make war on them until idolatry shall cease and God’s religion shall reign supreme. (8:40)
2. Fight against them until idolatry is no more and God’s religion reigns supreme. (2:193)
3. The true believers fight for the cause of God, but the infidels fight for the devil. (4:76 ?)
4. Fight then against the friends of Satan (4:76)
5. We will put terror into the hearts of the unbelievers. (3:151)
6. I shall cast terror into the hearts of the infidels. Strike off their heads, strike off the very tips of their fingers. (8:12)
7. Fight for the sake of God those that fight against you, but do not attack them first. God does not love aggressors. Slay them wherever you find them. Drive them out of the places from which they drove you. Idolatry is more grievous than bloodshed. (2:190-191)
8. When the sacred months are over, slay the idolaters wherever you find them. (9:5)
9. Fight against such of those to whom the Scriptures were given as believe in neither God nor the Last Day, ...until they pay tribute out of hand and are utterly subdued. (9:29)
10. Prophet, make war on the unbelievers and the hypocrites and deal rigorously with them. (9:73 and 66:9)
11. Believers, make war on the infidels who dwell around you. Deal firmly with them. (9:123)
12. When you meet the unbelievers in the battlefield, strike off their heads. (47:4)
13. A prophet may not take captives until he has fought and triumphed on the land. (8:67)
14. Behold, God has bought of the believers their lives and their possessions, promising them Paradise in return, and so they fight in God’s cause, and slay and are slain. (9:111)
15. The punishment of those who wage war against Allah and His Messenger, and strive with might and main for mischief through the land is: execution, or crucifixion, or the cutting off of hands and feet from opposite sides, or exile from the land: that is their disgrace in this world, and a heavy punishment is theirs in the Hereafter; except for those who repent before they fall into your power: in that case, know that Allah is Oft-forgiving, Most Merciful. (5:33-34)

Retaliation

1. Believers, retaliation is decreed for you in bloodshed: a free man for a free man, a slave for a slave, and a female for a female. (2:178)
2. Let evil be rewarded with evil. (42:41)
3. If anyone attacks you, attack him as he attacked you. (2:194)

Women

1. Women are your fields: go, then, into your fields whence you please. (2:223)
2. Men have authority over women because God has made the one superior to the other... Good women are obedient. As for those from whom you fear disobedience, admonish them, forsake them in beds apart, and beat them. (4:34)

Christians and Jews

1. In blasphemy indeed are those that say that God is Christ the son of Mary. (5:17)
2. The Jews call Ezra a son of Allah, and the Christians call Christ the son of Allah...Allah's curse be on them! (9:30)

What is a "Believer?" Only those are believers who believe in Allah and his messenger. (24:62)

IV. The Example of Muhammad

The Koran orders all Muslims to obey both Allah and Muhammad; and the Koran says that Muhammad is to be considered an excellent example of behavior for all Muslims, everything that Muhammad did or said has become a sacred model for Muslims to follow, called the Sunnah. The sayings by and about Muhammad are called Hadith, and that collection of sayings is considered to be the second holy book of Islam, as sacred as the Koran. Islamic sacred law, the Sharia, is based on the Koran and the Hadith. The Sharia is considered the law of Allah.

Koran 33:21 – Ye have indeed in the messenger of Allah a beautiful pattern of conduct...

From the Hadith

Allah's Apostle said, "May Allah's curse be on the Jews for they built the places of worship at the graves of their Prophets."

35: Volume 4: Book Number: 53, Hadith Number 392, Narrated Abu Huraira: Muhammad said to the Jews: "If you embrace Islam, you will be safe. You should know that the earth belongs to Allah and His Apostle, and I want to expel you from this land."

Sahih Bukhar [4:52:176] Narrated 'Abdullah bin 'Umar: Allah's Apostle said, "You (i.e., Muslims) will fight with the Jews till some of them will hide behind stones. The stones will (betray them) saying, 'O'Abdullah (i.e., slave of Allah)! There is a Jew hiding behind me; so kill him.' "

Mohammad said, "I have been orders to fight with the people till they say, "None has the right to be worshipped by Allah, and whoever says, "None has the right to be worshipped but Allah, his life and property will be saved by me." (Otherwise it will not). Vol. 4:196

Mohammad said, "Whoever changes his Islamic religion, kill him." Vol. 9:57

Mohammad said. "No Muslim should be killed for killing a Kafir (infidel)." Vol. 9:50

Prophet Muhammad sayings

Fight in the name of Allah and in the way of Allah. Fight against those who disbelieve in Allah. Make a holy war, ... When you meet your enemies who are polytheists, invite them to three courses of action. If they respond to any one of these, you are to accept it and withhold yourself from doing them any harm. Invite them to (accept Islam; if they respond to you, accept it from them and desist from fighting against them... If they refuse to accept Islam, demand from them the Jizya (heavy tax). If they agree to pay accept it from them and hold off your hands. If they refuse to pay the tax, seek Allah's help and fight them (kill them). (Sahia Muslim 4294).

Volume 4. Book 52, Number 220: Narrated Abu Huraira: Allah's Apostle said, "I have been sent with the shortest expressions bearing the widest meanings, and I have been made victorious with terror (cast in the hearts of the enemy)

Muhammad said: O, Women! Give alms, as I have seen that the majority of the dwellers of Hell were you (women). You curse frequently and are ungrateful to your husbands. I have not seen anyone more deficient in intelligence and religion than you... (Bukhari v.1, bk. 6, no. 4)

Mohammad asked some women, "Isn't the witness of a woman equal to half that of a man?" The women said, "Yes." He said, "This is because of the deficiency of the woman's mind." Vol. 3:826

Mohammed to women: "I have not seen any one more deficient in intelligence and religion than you." Vol. 2:541

Mohammed said, "I was shown the Hell-fire and that the majority of its dwellers are women." Vol. 1:28, 301; Vol. 2:161; Vol. 7:124

Mohammed married a nine year old girl. "Narrated Aisha that the prophet married her when she was six years old and he consummated his marriage when she was nine years old." Vol. 7:64 [Note: Muhammad was then 52 years old!]

Islam (Part I)	
Theology	Practice
A complete belief system	Varying degrees of piety. Some may be:
A trilogy, based upon the Koran, Sira, and Hadith	Radical terrorists
	Supremacist
Islam is a religion	Religious
Islam is a theology	Ritualistic
Islam is a political movement	Secular
	MINO (Muslims in name only)
Islam (Part II)	
The Koran – Religion	The Hadith -- Ideology
<i>Relation between believer and God</i>	<i>Relations between Muslims and non-Muslims</i>
Rituals, holidays, dress, food (no pork), ablutions, personal salvation, angels and Jinns, judgement day, faith and works	Complete way of life
Five Pillars	Total organization of society – Sharia
* Shehada – There is no God but Allah, and Muhammad is his Prophet	Meant for all humanity – impose Sharia on entire world
* Prayers – five times a day	Conquer world for Islam
* Charity	Jihad
* Fasting – during Ramadan	Islamic Imperialism
* Visit Mecca (Hajj)?	

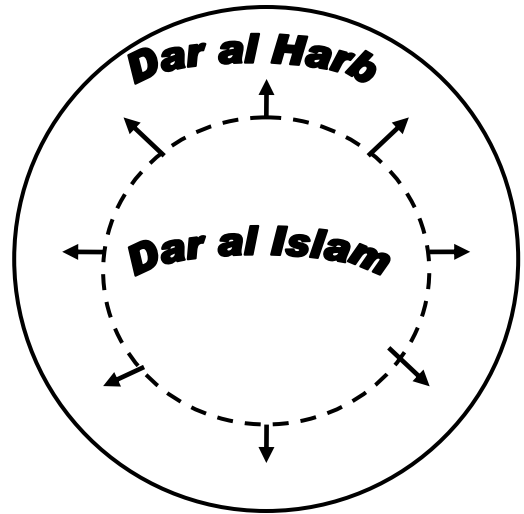
V. Islam's Universal Mission

To Impose Sharia Law on all of humanity through jihad.

Dar al Islam – The House of Islam:
That part which is already under Sharia Law.

Dar al Harb – The Domain of War:
That part which is not yet under Sharia Law.

Imagine two concentric circles. The inner circle is Dar al Islam, and the outer circle is the rest of the world, that is, Dar al Harb. Jihad can be conceived of as the constant striving to expand the inner circle until it becomes congruent with the outer circle. That is the essence of Islamic imperialism.



Jihad	
Violent Jihad	Silent Jihad
Al Qaeda	Demographic: birthrate + immigration
Hamas	Da'wa (Proselytizing)
Hizbulla	Advocacy organizations (CAIR etc.)
Abu Nidal Group	Influence on the media
Abu Sayyaf Group	Propaganda
Al-Aqsa Martyrs	Education of Muslims
Armed Islamic Group	Sermons in mosques
Asbat Al Ansar	Non-Muslim textbooks
Gama'a al-Islamiyya	Interfaith events
Harakat Al-Mujahidin	Economics: Oil and Control of corporations
Islamic Movement of Uzbekistan	Finance: Sharia loans, Sharia investments
Jaish-E-Muhammad	Politics: Block voting, Muslim elected officials
Jemaah Islamiya	Litigation
Al-Jihad	Boycots, pressure on advertisers
Lashkar-E-Tayyiba	Protests
Lashkar I Jhangvi	Negative publicity
Mujaheddin-E-Khalq	Creeping Sharia: Taxi drivers, cashiers, school recess times, nondenominational chapels, footbaths, public swimming pools, Sharia courts for family matters
Palestine Islamic Jihad	
(For more information, Google "Islamic terrorist groups")	

IV. Muslim Spiritual Leaders Speak

Ayatollah Khomeini, the most important Muslim leader of the 20th Century, said “Those who know nothing of Islam pretend that Islam counsels against war. Those who way this are witless. Islam says: Kill all the unbelievers just as they would kill you all! Does this mean that Muslims should sit back until they are devoured? Islam says: Kill them, put them to the sword and scatter their armies... Islam says: whatever good there is exists thanks to the sword and in the shadow of the sword! People cannot be made obedient except with the sword! The sword is the key to Paradise, which can be opened only for the Holy Warriors! There are hundreds of other Koranic psalms and Hadiths urging Muslims to value war and to fight. Does all this mean that Islam is a religion that prevents men from waging war? I spit upon those foolish souls who make such a claim.”

“The meaning of the term ‘terror’ used by the media... is Jihad for the sake of Allah. Jihad is the peak of Islam. Moreover, some of the clerics ... see it as the sixth pillar of Islam. Jihad – whether Jihad of defense of Muslims and of Islamic lands such as in Chechnya, the Philippines, and Afghanistan, or Jihad aimed as spreading the religion – is the pinnacle of terror, as far as the enemies of Allah are concerned. The Muhajeed who goes out to attain a martyr’s death or victory and returns with booty is a terrorist as far as the enemies of Allah are concerned... Jihad is the peak of Islam... Jihad, oh believers, is an integral part of our religion. The word ‘terror’ is used to damage this mighty and blessed foundation.” Sheikh Wajdi Hamza Al-Ghazawi, Al-Manshawi Mosque, Mecca, October 6, 2001.

All of the following comes verbatim from the reliance of the Traveler: Classic Manual of Islamic Sacred Law, (Amana Publications, Beltsville MD, revised edition 1994) approved by the highest ranking and most respected modern Islamic religious leaders and scholars. Islamic holy law, Sharia, defines jihad this way: “Jihad means to war against non-Muslims... The scriptural basis for jihad, prior to scholarly consensus, is such Koranic verses as “Fighting is prescribed for you” (Koran 2:216), “Slay them wherever you find them” (Koran 4:89), “Fight the idolaters utterly” (Koran 9:36) , and such Hadiths as the one related by Bukhari and Muslim that the Prophet (Allah bless him and give him peace) said: “I have been commanded to fight people until they testify that there is no god but Allah and that Muhammad is the Messenger of Allah...”

And the Hadith reported by Muslim, “To go forth in the morning or evening to fight in the path of Allah is better than the whole world and everything in it.” In the chapter Objects of Jihad, we read: “The Caliph makes war upon Jews, Christians and Zoroastrians...until they become Muslim or pay the non-Muslim poll tax...” and “The caliph fights all other people until they become Muslim.”

Sheik Yusaf Qaradawi, spiritual leader of the Muslim Brotherhood: “Islam came to be followed, not to follow; to be dominant, not subordinate.” Also: “Islam came with its complete, comprehensive and eternal Sharia (law) for the whole of mankind.”

From Jihad in Islam by Sayyeed Abdul A’la Maududi, one of the most prolific and most widely read Islamic writers of the 20th century: “The goal of Islam is to rule the entire world and submit all of mankind to the faith of Islam. Any nation or power that gets in the way of that goal, Islam will fight and destroy.”

Ali Gom’a, the grand mufti of Egypt, the highest Muslim religious authority in the world, supports murdering non-Muslims. In the daily Al Ahram (April 7, 2008), he says: “Muslims must kill non-believers wherever they are unless they convert to Islam.” He also compares non-Muslims to apes and pigs, not only the Jews.

Muhammad Sayyid Al Tantawi, president of Al Azhar University also approves of killing and maiming Christians, Jews, and others infidels. He added, "This is not my personal view. This is what the Shari'a Law says, the law of Allah, the only valid law on the earth."

Yousef Al Quaradhawi, the spiritual leader of the fundamentalist organization, the Muslim Brothers, urged on Al Jazeera TV (Jan 9, 2009) Muslims to kill the Jews, not only in Israel but also worldwide. He added, "No peace can be made between us (Muslims) and the non-believers. This is what our holy book says. This is what Allah says."

VI. Important Books for Learning About Islam

1. The Politically Incorrect Guide to Islam (and the Crusades) by Robert Spencer. Regnery, 2005. If you don't read anything else, read this book.
2. The Complete Infidel's Guide to the Koran, by Robert Spencer, Regnery, 2009.
3. America Alone, by Mark Steyn, Regnery, 2006.
4. Because They Hate, by Brigitte Gabriel. St. Martin's Press, 2006.
5. They Must Be Stopped, by Brigitte Gabriel, St. Martin's Press, New York, 2008.
6. Mohammad, Allah, and Politics, The Islamic Political Doctrine. The Islamic Trilogy, Volume 10. Center for the Study of Political Islam. CSPI Publishing, 2007.
7. Any English translation of the Koran. Two popular ones are: (a) The Koran, translated by N.J. Dawood, Penguin Classics, and (b) The Glorious Qu'ran, translated by Abdullah Yusuf Ali. This translation is used by American mosques and by the Council on American Islamic Relations. Free copies are available at mosques.

VII. Important Websites for Learning About Islam

1. www.hihadwatch.com Indispensable website run by Robert Spencer.
2. www.faithfreedom.org. Run by ex-Muslims.
3. www.memri.org. Invaluable for its presentation and translation of Arabic and Iranian TV. Allows one to see firsthand what Muslims say to one another with official state sponsorship. Contrast this to what Muslims tell non-Muslims.
4. www.usc.edu/dept/msa/quran. Searchable Koran with three simultaneous English translations. Created by the Muslim students Association.
5. www.islamonline.com. Click on "Fatwa and counseling. Muslim religious website for Muslims.
6. www.islam-qa.com. Click on English version. Muslim religious website for Muslims.
7. www.actforamerca.org. This is Brigitte Gabriel's website.
8. www.americancongressfortruth.org. This is another Brigitte Gabriel website.
9. www.thereligionofpeace.com. The name is sarcastic. An excellent site to help you learn about Islam.

A free e-mail list of materials from various sources about Islam is available from ideologyofislam@cox.net.