

Do you know and understand the Islamic Religion?

My knowledge of the Islamic religion was limited so I started reading the Quran and doing research on and about the Muslims and the Islamic religion. I decided maybe you might want to know more about the Islamic religion since they represent one of the largest religious groups in the world. In addition the fundamental or radical Muslims are trying to convert, by any means, the world's population to the Islamic religion.

In the next few days I'll share with you on my Facebook account (Doc Strong) and email what I've found. It will give you the basic knowledge about the religion? Much of my information came from a book written by Mark A. Gabriel, Ph.D. (not his real name as he had to hide his identity). I found it was hard to follow the Quran so I decided to depend on scholars of the Islamic and Muslim religion to help me. Professor Gabriel was a former Professor at Al-Azhar University, (Egypt's oldest degree-granting university and is renowned as "Sunni Islam's most prestigious university) where he taught Islamic history literature.

I have studied his work and others to understand the thinking and actions of the Muslims. In the articles I'll

present key elements of the Islam Religion and other things you should know. These will be presented over a period of days so you will have time to digest the material. If any of you want to understand more about Islam and how it affects us read his book “Islam and Terrorism”. If you find any of the information incorrect please let me know and give me the correct information and source. Send it to: strongoneducation@sbcglobal.net

What is Islam?

Islam is a religion based on the writing and actions of Muhammad which was recorded in the Quran and hadith.

The Quran was started in 610 AD when the Muhammad said the angel Gabriel spoke to him and gave him a message from Allah. The revelations came at different times in Muhammad’s life.

Islam means submission “one who submits to Allah”. The Quran says you cannot be a true Muslima unless you submit. Surah 4, The Noble Quran.

The book of hadith is a book of holy writings that records verified account of things the prophet Muhammad said and did during his life.

All Muslims accept the Quran but the Sunnis and Shiites differ on the writings in the hadith. The Sunni Muslims accept all of them while the Shiite Muslims accept most but reject the thousands of hadith recorded by the second wife of Muhammad

Why is it important to do what Allah wants?

Islam is a religion of works where one must earn the right to enter Paradise (Heaven). A Muslim is never assured of salvation. When they die they must go to a grave and wait for their judgement by Allah at resurrection day.

Is Islam a religion of peace or war?

The Quran has many contradictions just as the Christian Bible. In the early part there are verses where Christians are complemented and where they are condemned to hell. One revelation told the Arabs to stop drinking alcohol when going to a mosque for prayer and a later one prohibited alcohol all the time. (Compare Surah 2:219 and Surah 5:90)

Some verses say that Muslims can have good relations with Christians while others say Muslims must require Christian to convert to Islam. In the beginning women were not required to wear hijah , but later women were required to stay in the house and be covered. There are other contradictions you can find.

Islamic scholars determined that the reason for these contradictions was due to the fact that the Quran was revealed at different time periods. To reconcile these contradictions the scholars used a process called naskh. If a verse is a naskh or over ridden it is that verse doesn't exist.

The first part was revealed to Muhammad while he was in Mecca. In this section of the Quran there are 114 verses that speak of love, peace and forgiveness especially in the surah (Surah 2:62,109) which it titled "The Heifer". However in the Surah 9:5 which was revealed later cancelled out those previous verses. This verse is known as "The sword", and it explains that the Muslims must fight anyone who does not choose to convert to Islam, whether they are inside or outside of Arabia. It is considered to be the final development of jihad in Islam.

In the beginning when Muhammad in Mecca the messages revealed to him were peaceful and kind in order to attract followers. Muhammad faced much opposition in Mecca so in 622 he went to Yathrih (now Medina) where he built up a military force and many followers. He then conquered Mecca and defeated the strongest tribe in Arabia. The Islamic order changed from one of peace to one of war.

What is Jihad?

Jihad is a command to all Muslims, enforced by the Quran, to overcome all people who do not accept Islam.

Sixty percent of the verses in the Quran talk about jihad so one can see why it is so important to the Muslims. Those verse over ride (Nasik) the verses that speak of love and kindness.

Muhammad practiced jihad against Christians, Jews on a regular basis and others who worshiped idols or did not convert to Islam. (See Surah 2:17, 4:71-104, 8:24-36, 39-65)

The following verse from the Quran says what jihad means. "Those who reject Islam must be killed. If they turn their back (from Islam), take (hold of) them and kill them where ever you find them." Surah 4:89, the Noble Quran. The final revelation (regarding Christians and Jews) Surah 8:39 is understood to override all other revelations. It basically says to fight those who reject Islam until all worship is for Allah alone. The Quran also says that the Muslims must not be friends with Christians and Jews. There are many more verses describing the relationships of Muslims with Christians and Jews. Here are some of them if you want to read them. Surah

5:51, 52-57, Surah 8:57, The Noble Quran, English version, Surah 4:47, 4:95, 9:81 and Surah 8:16 –Ali Translation.

Islam's ultimate goal is to establish Islamic authority over the whole world. Islam is not just a religion but also a government. Do Muslims really believe this? See the article "What do the Muslims really believe".

Most of the Muslim countries in the world are in one of the three stages of jihad: the weaken stage, the preparation stage and jihad stage.

The weaken stage applies when to the Muslims when they are weak and small living in a non-Islamic society. In this situation they attempt to fit into the society and there is little if any jihad but they strive to increase their numbers. At this stage the Muslims tend to follow the word given to Muhammad when he was in Mecca. "There is no compulsion in religion". Surah 02:256 the Noble Quran.

The preparation stage is when the Muslims are a reasonable influential minority. Their ultimate goal is confrontation with the enemy they prepare in every possible area. These include financial, physical, military, mental, and any other areas they feel are needed. See Surah 8:59-60.

The jihad stage occurs when the Muslims are a minority with strength, influence and power. At this stage it is the duty of every Muslim to fight the enemy, change the system from a non-Muslim country to a Muslim and establish an Islamic government. Surah 9:5

Muslims are commanded to kill anyone who does not choose to convert to Islam. Verse "Fight and slay the Pagan where ever you find them, and seize them, beleaguer them, and lie in wait for them in ever stratagem(war). Ali Translation

Sharia Law.

Sharia, Islamic sharia or **Islamic law** (Arabic: شريعة (IPA: [ʃaˈriːʕa]) for law) is the basic Islamic legal system^[1] derived from the religious precepts of Islam, particularly the [Quran](#) and the [Hadith](#).

Sharia deals with many topics, including [crime](#), [politics](#), marriage contracts, trade regulations, religious prescriptions, and [economics](#), as well as personal matters such as [sexual intercourse](#), [hygiene](#), [diet](#), [prayer](#), everyday etiquette and [fasting](#). Adherence to sharia has served as one of the distinguishing characteristics of the Muslim faith historically.^[5] In its strictest definition, sharia is considered in Islam as the infallible law of God.^[6]

There are two primary [sources of sharia](#): the [Quran](#), and the [Hadiths](#) most Islamic scholars believe both Quran and hadiths to be a valid source of sharia,

The concept of crime, judicial process, justice and punishment embodied in shari'a is different from that of secular law.^[18]The differences between sharia and [secular law](#) have led to an ongoing controversy as to whether sharia is compatible with secular forms of [government](#), [human](#)

rights, freedom of thought, and women's rights.¹

There are two sources of sharia (understood as the divine law): the Quran and the **Sunnah**. The Quran is viewed as the unalterable word of God. It is considered in Islam to be an infallible part of sharia. The Quran covers a host of topics including God, personal laws for Muslim men and Muslim women, laws on community life, laws on expected interaction of Muslims with non-Muslims, **apostates** and ex-Muslims, laws on finance, morals, **eschatology**, and others.^{[63][64]} The Sunnah is the life and example of the Islamic prophet Muhammad. The Sunnah's importance as a source of sharia, is confirmed by several verses of the Quran).

Muslims who reject the **Hadith** as a source of law, sometimes referred to as **Quranists**,^{[68][69]} suggest that only laws derived exclusively from the Quran are valid.

Sharia is enforced in Islamic nations in a number of ways, including *mutaween* and *hisbah*.^[citation needed]

The *mutaween* (Arabic: **المطوعين، مطوعية** *muṭawwiʿīn, muṭawwiʿiyyah*)^[134] are the government-authorized or government-recognized religious police (or clerical **police**)

Hisbah (Arabic: **حسبة** *ḥisb(ah)*, or *hisba*) is a historic Islamic doctrine which means "accountability".^[139] Hisbah doctrine holds that it is a religious obligation of every Muslim that he or she report to the ruler (Sultan, government authorities) any wrong behavior of a neighbor or relative that violates sharia or insults Islam.

Sharia governs every aspect of an observant Muslim's life. " Shariah is the Islamic Law – the disciplines and principles that govern the behavior of a Muslim individual towards his or herself, family, neighbors, community, city, nation and the Muslim polity as a whole, the Ummah. Similarly Shariah governs the interactions between communities, groups and social and economic organizations. Shariah establishes the criteria by which all social actions are classified, categorized and administered within the overall governance of the state. Shariah first establishes the patterns believers should follow in worshipping Allah: prayers, charity, fasting and pilgrimage."

Articles to follow will discuss important elements of the Islamic religion. This will enable you to see where Islam and Christian religions are the same and different.

The following are a list of things that will be explored.

- Deceit,
- Dress and looks
- National Loyalty
- Human Rights

Deceit and lies are justified to foster the Islamic religion

Muslim believes that war includes deceit so that lying is an important strategy of Islam. It is ok for a Muslim to lie to non-Muslims to protect themselves when you are a minority in their country. There is an Islamic proverb, "If you can't cut your enemy's hand kiss it." So deceit is considered as a way to achieve the goals of Islam.

Muslim groups will use peace talks and agreements to buy time so they can plan, prepare, and

develop the resources to enable them to be victorious. Military and government leaders will tell the other side what they want to hear in order to buy time. But when it's time for them to deliver there is a different story or they will stall for more time. It appears from the actions of Muhammad in the case of Yasser who was captured by the Quraysh tribe. Yasser denied Muhammad and Islam to gain freedom. When he confessed to Muhammad he was forgiven and told if captured again to do the same thing. It seems that lying, denying the faith and cursing Prophet Muhammad is ok in order for him to accomplish his mission. It seems that Muslims should and must do anything to promote their religion.

ISIL and Fundamental Muslims' ACTIONS

The following are some of the activities implemented by the followers of Islam take to expand their religion and way of life.

Reported 1/9/16 In Raqqa a man killed his mother in front of a large crowd because she was reported to be a non-believer of Islam.

In New York a policeman was shot by an Islamic follower.

In Iran an outstanding poet was jailed because he kissed a member of the opposite sex

In Paris hundred and thirty some were killed by a group of Muslims.

Hundreds of car, suicide, roadside, and other types of bombings by Muslims and terrorist groups take place throughout the world.

My opinion Islamic refugees and immigrants.

Any opinion to have any value should be based on facts or it is just some words or ideas.

Therefore I need to know more about the people, their beliefs and actions in order to form an opinion of value. First I found out that there were three major groups of Muslims. The secular **Muslims** which are found all over the world believe in the nice parts of the Quran and reject the call for jihad. They may be dedicated to their system of thought even though it doesn't represent true Islam. **The traditional Muslims** are divided into two groups. One group includes people who study the Quran, know it and practice it but have a problem with jihad. They tend to think of jihad as a spiritual battle. The other group knows that jihad is fighting non-Muslims but they don't act because: 1 they feel they don't have the ability to do it by themselves, 2 they are concerned about what would happen to their lives and family if they joined the fundamentalist, 3 they want a nice life on earth instead of dying. **The fundamental Muslims** are the ones we call terrorist or radical Muslims. Their goal is to practice Islam as Muhammad did expand their belief of Islamic religion to all people. Most of them are Sunnis and they consider anyone who doesn't accept their faith as infidels even including the Shiites Muslims.

The following opinions concern mainly radical or fundamental Muslims but the vetting applies to anyone from any part of the world.

Immigrants. The one thing that I definitely believe is that we should not admit any individual as an immigrant unless they can be fully vetted and be assured that they are no risk and are coming to make a new life as an American. Its ok for them to retain their culture but their

allegiance must be to this country and they must apply for citizenship and consider themselves as Americans.

Refuges. A limited number of refugees, who are not identified as radical or fundamental Muslims, may be admitted into the country on a temporary basis. No individual is to be admitted unless they can be fully vetted and be assured that they will pose no threat to the country. All possible efforts must be made to establish safe zones in their country so they don't have to leave. If they are permitted to enter the USA they must be issued a bio-metric identification card with complete information about them. Refugee camps can be established to provide for them. If they are not in a refugee camp they must provide information periodically about their location and what they are doing.

History tells us to be careful of what we do as there are often undesirable consequences. A good example is what happened to the Indians when they invited the Europeans into their country. Without their help the Europeans would never had made it. Once the Europeans grew in number and strength they took over the country. Isn't that what the Quran directs the Muslims to do?

I hope this has helped you to understand the Islamic Religion a little better.

As Porky Pig use to say "That's, that's All Folks".