

Islam, Jihad and Power

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Introduction

- Islamist leaders have called for a worldwide jihad until all people are subjugated to the Will of Allah through Islam.
- Is there a theological basis for this claim? Is violent jihad valid for today?
- How should Christians respond? What will resolve this growing societal cancer?
- These are some of the questions that I hope to resolve in this presentation.

Jihad
جهاد

What is Jihad?

"#MyJihad is to build bridges through friendship"



What's yours?



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What is Jihad?



Jihad

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- Force is advocated to overcome the infidels and spread Islam.



Doesn't ISLAM Mean Peace?

Same Root: Different Meanings

- SaLaam
-Peace
- iS La M
-Submission Corpse or Corps?
- muS Li M
-One who submits
- Submission comes through Jihad

Two Forms of Jihad

The "Greater Jihad"	The "Lesser Jihad"
Subjugation of your "heart" to the will of Allah	Subjugation of the "infidel" to the religion of Islam

The World Divided

- "Idolaters and unbelievers were considered enemies of the Islamic community.
- The world was divided into two areas: the world of Islam and the world of disobedience.

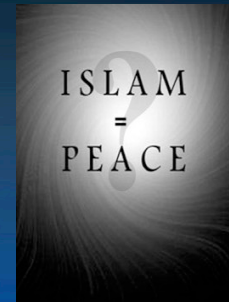
•George Braswell, Jr.

- “Through struggle and warfare the world of disobedience was to be brought under the authority and subjugation of the world of Islam.
- Thus Islam was the correct and pure religion, and jihad was the method to bring others into it through conversion or through domination.”

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Does Islam mean “Peace”?

- For Muslims, there will only be Peace when the whole world is under the domination of Islam



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Jihad for the sake of Allah

- *Jihad for the sake of Allah is not some unfortunate deviation from the true faith, it's an integral part of that faith.*

- *Needed: A New Church Policy toward Islam [Pt. 2]*
- *by William Kilpatrick, Crisis Magazine — February 4, 2015*

- “As long as the faith is taken seriously, jihad will be taken seriously. The jihad won't stop until the belief system that inspires it is undermined and dismantled. It is greatly in our interest that Muslims begin to take their faith less seriously. Thus, it is necessary to undertake the difficult and subtle work of discrediting Islam. Among other things, this discrediting process would involve questioning the authenticity of Muhammad's revelation, questioning his character and reliability, and even questioning his existence.” (same article)

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Jihad: An Essential Ingredient

- “Jihad is an essential ingredient of Islamic philosophy and all who truly love the Koranic faith are devoted to jihad. The concept of jihad is the nail on which hang all rationales for the use of political power, military force, and terrorist violence to advance the Islamic cause.”

Michael Youssef, PhD, *Blindsided: The Radical Islamic Conquest*, 93.

Islam is a Political Force

- From the very beginning Islam has been a religion dominated by a political ideology
- Islam dominates the whole of a Muslim's life, from the time they are born, to the time they die; from the moment they wake up, to the time they go to sleep.

From the Hadith

- "Our Prophet, the Messenger of our Lord, has ordered us to fight you till you worship Allah Alone or give Jizya (i.e. tribute); and our Prophet has informed us that our Lord says: 'Whoever amongst us is killed (i.e. martyred), shall go to Paradise to lead such a luxurious life as he has never seen, and whoever amongst us remain alive, shall become your master'".

—Sahih al-Bukhari

- Volume 4, Book 53, Number 3861

Ayatollah Khomeini

"Those who know nothing of Islam pretend that Islam counsels against war. Those who say 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 by the unbelievers? 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!

Ayatollah Khomeini

The sword is the key to Paradise, which can be opened only for the Holy Warriors! There are hundreds of other (Qur'anic) 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."

—Ayatollah 'Ruhollah' Khomeini

• (cited in Coughlin, 2007, p. 223)

• Also quoted in *Holy Terror: Inside the World of Islamic Terrorism* (1987) by Amir Taheri, pp. 241-3.

Jihad

جهاد

9:73
يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ جَاهِدُوا الْكُفْرَانَ وَالْمُنَافِقِينَ وَأَغْلَظْ عَلَيْهِمْ
وَمَا لَهُمْ جَهَنَّمَ وَيْسَ الْمَصِيرِ

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O Prophet, fight against the disbelievers and the hypocrites and be harsh upon them. And their refuge is Hell, and wretched is the destination.

The word "jihad" appears in 23 Qur'anic passages for a total of 41 times in the Qur'an. It is often found in the phrase "striving in the way of Allah," (*al-jihad fi sabil Allah*)

164 Jihad verses in the Qur'an

- The Qur'an's 164 Jihad Verses:
- K 002:178-179, 190-191, 193-194, 216-218, 244; 003:121-126, 140-143, 146, 152-158, 165-167, 169, 172-173, 195; 004:071-072, 074-077, 084, 089-091, 094-095, 100-104; 005:033, 035, 082; 008:001, 005, 007, 009-010, 012, 015-017, 039-048, 057-060, 065-075; 009:005, 012-014, 016, 019-020, 024-026, 029, 036, 038-039, 041, 044, 052, 073, 081, 083, 086, 088, 092, 111, 120, 122-123; 016:110; 022:039, 058, 078; 024:053, 055; 025:052; 029:006, 069; 033:015, 018, 020, 023, 025-027, 050; 042:039; 047:004, 020, 035; 048:015-024; 049:015; 059:002, 005-008, 014; 060:009; 061:004, 011, 013; 063:004; 064:014; 066:009; 073:020; 076:008

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Jihad in a military sense

- According to orientalist Bernard Lewis, "the overwhelming majority of classical theologians, jurists", and specialists in the hadith "understood the obligation of jihad in a military sense."

Bernard Lewis, *The Political Language of Islam* (University of Chicago Press, 1988), p. 72

The Qur'an and Violence



The Qur'an and Violence

1. Sura 9:5 reads:
 "Fight and slay the pagans (i.e. infidels) wherever ye find them, and seize them, beleaguer them, and lie in wait for them in every stratagem of war."



Peaceful verses versus Violent Verses

- Peaceful
- ...no
- ...in
- ...)
- ...es
- Violent
- "Fight and slay the pagans (i.e., infidels) wherever you find them."
- (Sura 9:5)
- Medinan verses

Abrogation

"None of Our revelations do we abrogate or cause to be forgotten, but We substitute something better or similar; Knowest thou not that Allah Hath power over all things?" (Sura 2:106)

The Qur'an and Violence

- 2. Sura 5:33 reads: "The only reward of those who make war upon Allah and His Messenger and strive after corruption in the land will be that they will be killed or crucified, or have their hands and feet on alternate sides cut off, or exile from the land."

The Qur'an and Violence

Sura 48:16 reads: "Ye shall be summoned to fight against a people given to vehement war: then shall you fight or they shall submit."

The Qur'an and Violence

- Violence flows out of the primary characteristic of God in Islam: Power.
- God is affirmed as being able to do anything, including making what is right, wrong, and making that which is wrong, right.
- Thus his righteousness is subordinate to his power.

The Qur'an and Violence

- Interestingly, there is only one thing which Islam affirms God cannot do -- become incarnate.
- Islam denies the sonship of Christ, and affirms the impossibility of God coming in the flesh.
- Thus the Trinity is also denied.

What is the Appeal of Jihad Today?

- Poverty?
- Oppression?
- Injustice?
- OR
- Success against the infidel
- Fidelity to the Qur'an
- Promise of instant rewards in Paradise

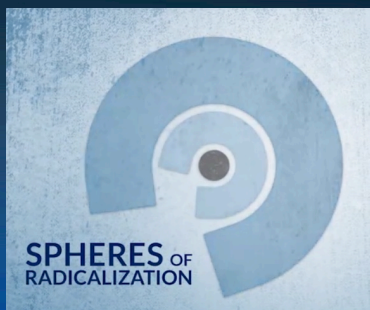
How Many Muslims are Involved?



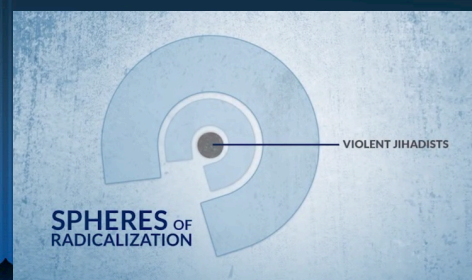
1.6 billion Muslims in the world
99.9% = the percentage of Muslims in the West who claim to be peaceful and against radical Islam (i.e. president Barack Obama)
.1% = 1,600,000 Muslims

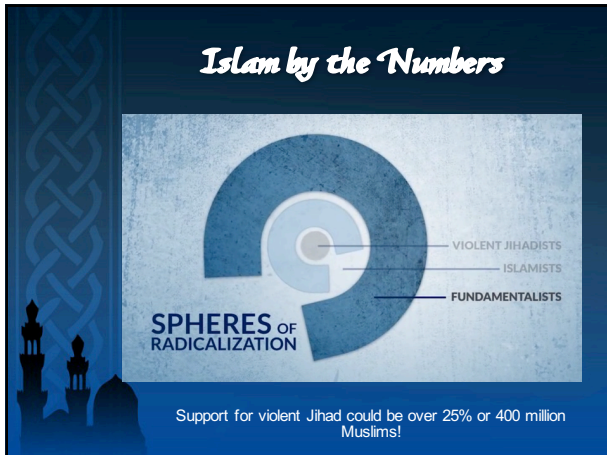
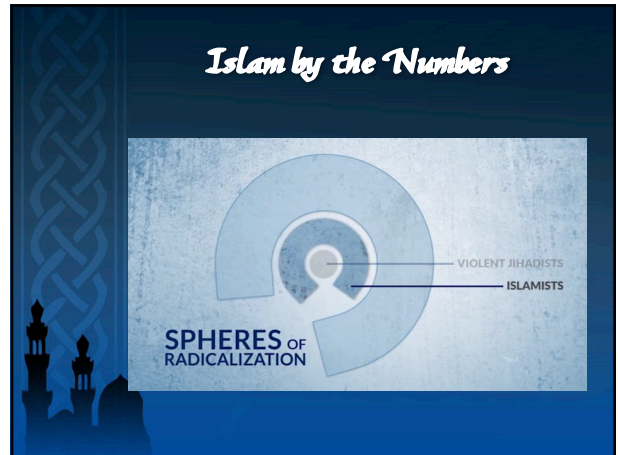
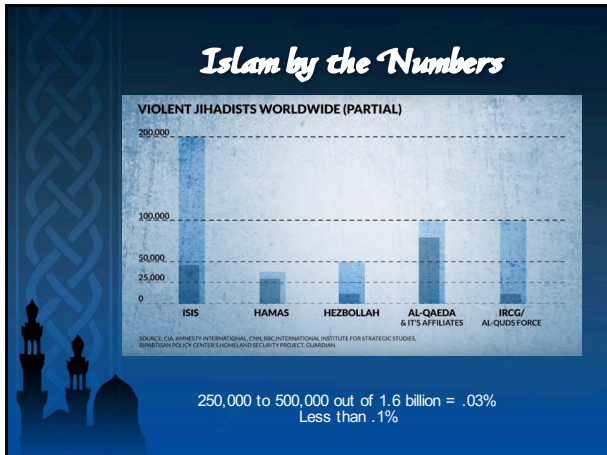
- Jihadists (radicals)
- Islamists
- Fundamentalists
- Moderate
- Liberal

Islam by the Numbers



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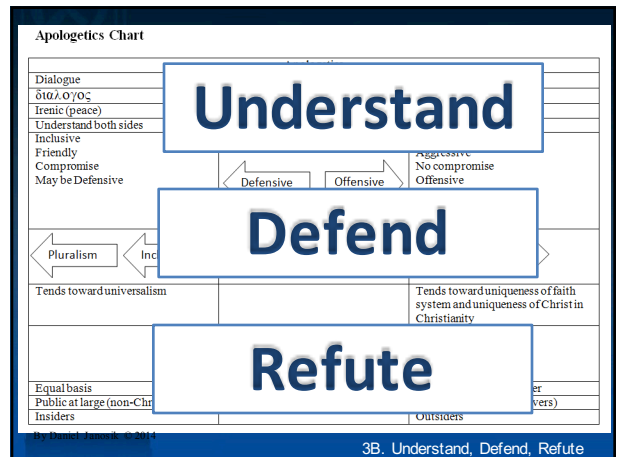




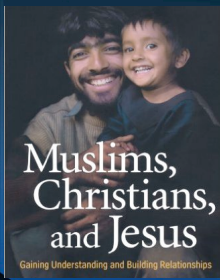
- ### Think Islam. Think Opportunities!
- There is a new wind blowing in the House of Islam
 - More Muslims have come to the Lord in the past 20 years than the previous 1400 years put together!

Think Islam. Think Opportunities!

Muslims are not the problem,
Islam is

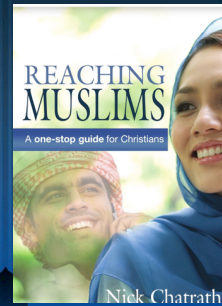


Build Relationships



- Visit mosques
- Invite Muslim colleagues to meals
- Volunteer to teach English
- Help out with campus ministries
- Encourage your church to begin outreach ministries

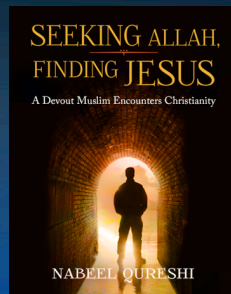
Build Bridges



- Develop a true friendship
- Build trust
- Ask good questions
- Read the gospels together
- Pray for your Muslim friends

Final Solution

- Always be ready to give an answer!
- There will be true peace for everyone who believes in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior!



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