

Is Radical Islam Islamic? The Controversies and the Conspiracy

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- Is Radical Islam Islamic: The Controversies and the Conspiracy
- Many of our world leaders, including President Obama, seem to have a very difficult time saying “Radical Islam” or “radical Islamic terrorism.”

Is Radical Islam Islamic?

- They reason that merely saying the words will not solve the problem of terrorism in the world, so why use the label at all.
- However, could it be that there is a deeper, hidden agenda at work that seeks to undermine Christianity, as well as Western culture in general?

Is Radical Islam Islamic?

- This workshop will take you “behind the scenes” and provide the background you will need in order to understand the controversies behind the conspiracy.
- It will also support the view that radical Islam is indeed Islamic: Very Islamic.



President Obama
Washington Post
September 11, 2014

Hillary Clinton



In November of 2015, Hillary Clinton said: “Let’s be clear, though. Islam is not our adversary. Muslims are peaceful and tolerant people and have nothing whatsoever to do with terrorism.”

<http://www.nationalreview.com/a/November/427444/why-does-left-continue-insist-islamic-terrorism-has-nothing-to-do-islam-jonah-goldberg>

Donald Trump



"They can't even say 'Radical Islamic Terrorist'"

Ever wondered what happened to Dennis the Menace when he got older?



Hillary Clinton



In her response, Clinton used the phrase "violent jihadist terrorists" and said that the United States is not at war with Islam.

French President Francois Hollande



"Those fanatics have nothing in common with the rest of the Muslim faith."

<http://www.mediaite.co.uk/online/francois-hollande-attacks-islam-when-he-says-there-is-nothing-in-common-with-muslim-faith/>

David Cameron

"This Has Nothing To Do With Islam"



October 12, 2014

- It seems that Non-Muslim leaders have gone to extraordinary efforts to convince citizens in Western countries that groups like ISIS have nothing in common with Islam, and which, contrary to the actions of the terrorist groups, these leaders say should be regarded as a religion that promotes peace and not conflict.

Nabeel Qureshi

- “There can be no doubt by any useful definition of Muslims that Islamic terrorists are Muslim. They worship Allah, they strive to follow Muhammad, they perform their Islamic duties, and they have great concern for the international Muslim community.



Nabeel Qureshi

- Relatively speaking, they tend to place more emphasis on the foundations of Islam than do average Muslims in the West who proclaim that Islam is a religion of peace.” (Qureshi, Answering Jihad, 91)

Nabeel Qureshi

- “When the leaders and media members insist that these groups are not Islamic, they are either speaking out of ignorance or intentionally engaging in propaganda.

Nabeel Qureshi

- These three groups are dynamic expressions of the modern Islamic reformation, and their interpretations of the Qur’an and hadith, in terms of being devoid of accreted tradition, are among the most pure in the Islamic world.” (Qureshi, Answering Jihad, 88)

Go to the Source

- Instead of listening to non-Muslim leaders tell us about what Muslims believe, Muslims should be asked what they believe about their own religion.
- A good place to go for a view concerning ISIS would be their slick new magazine called Dabiq.

(Dabiq, issue 15, 26-29).
<http://www.clarionproject.org/factsheets-files/islamic-state-magazine-dabiq-fifteen-breaking-the-cross.pdf> (Accessed 8/18/2016).

Former “Christian”

- Uses a passionate call to Islam filled with verses from the Qur’an
- For example, he calls his readers to the straight path of Islam (Q. 6:153), and he calls all Muslims to form one nation under Allah (Q. 21:92), which is a call to join the Islamic State.

The "Real Jihad"

- He argues that the "real jihad" is not giving da'wah, or simply telling non-Muslims about Islam, but rather "the real da'wah is waging Jihad!"
- Action is called for, he continues, in order to fulfill the obligation of spilling the blood of the disbelievers, for the command is clear: "Kill the disbelievers, as Allah said, 'Then kill the polytheists wherever you find them'" (Q. 9:5).

ISIS Recruiter: "Why we hate you"

- We hate you, first and foremost, because you are disbelievers; you reject the oneness of Allah – whether you realize it or not – by making partners for Him in worship, you blaspheme against Him, claiming that He has a son [Christ], you fabricate lies against His prophets and messengers, and you indulge in all manner of devilish practices.
- Dabiq, Issue 15, 31.

ISIS Recruiter

- It is for this reason that we were commanded to openly declare our hatred for you and our enmity towards you... We have rejected you, and there has arisen, between us and you, enmity and hatred forever until you believe in Allah alone" (Quran 60:4)
- Dabiq, Issue 15, 31.

ISIS Recruiter

- Furthermore, just as your disbelief is the primary reason we hate you, your disbelief is the primary reason we fight you, as we have been commanded to fight the disbelievers until they submit to the authority of Islam
- Dabiq, Issue 15, 31.

ISIS Recruiter

- either by becoming Muslims, or by paying jizyah – for those afforded this option ["People of the Book"] – and living in humiliation under the rule of the Muslims [per Quran 9:29].
- Dabiq, Issue 15, 31.

The Caliph Al-Baghdadi



"Islam was never a religion of peace, Islam is the religion of fighting. No-one should believe that the war that we are waging is the war of the Islamic State, it is the war of all Muslims, but the Islamic State is spearheading it. It is the war of Muslims against infidels."
ISIS leader Abu Bakr Al-Baghdadi – 14th may 2015

Based on the Qur'an

- Clearly, when ISIS is allowed to speak for itself, the reason they give for their actions is that everything they do and say is based squarely on the commands of the Qur'an and the words and actions of the prophet.

Why do our political leaders deny the connection between Islam and the Islamic State?



Is this a case of "Pernicious Cognitive Dissonance," or do they think their obfuscation will prevent mayhem?

Why the obfuscation and cognitive dissonance?

- The rationale seems to be that if these leaders give in and admit the connection, then ISIS will have the recognition and legitimacy that they want.
- Then ISIS will be able to woo even more Muslims to their battle grounds in support because they will have won the ideological debate and the pressure will be on the moderate Muslims to either join the cause or be relegated as a hypocrite (Q. 3:167).

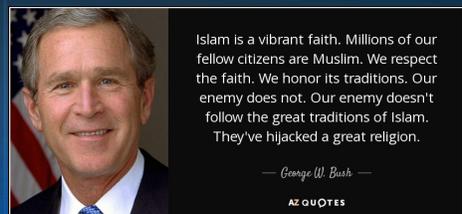
Possible Reasons

- Denial
- Obfuscation promotes confusion
 - Jedi mind tricks
- Say it long enough and loud enough and people will start to believe it

Is Islam a Religion of Peace?



President George W. Bush



A Multi-Cultural Hope

- These Western leaders seem to be promoting a multi-cultural hope that the radical Muslims will lose the battle when the moderate Muslims recognize that the pluralism of the West is more attractive than the radical agenda.
- Then the average Muslim will desire the Western lifestyle and ideologies more than the fundamental Muslim one.

Widespread Panic?

- Another reason these leaders may be avoiding linking Islam and terrorism together is that they realize that if they publically admit that the primary motivation of the terrorists is found in faithfully following the Qur'an and the example of Muhammad, then there could be widespread panic on the part of non-Muslims and violent retaliation on innocent Muslims and their mosques.

Islam and Terrorism

- Qur'an: "strike terror into the hearts of the enemies of Allah" (Q. 8:60)
- Muhammad: "I have been sent with the shortest expressions bearing the widest meanings, and I have been made victorious with terror..." (Sahih Bukhari 4.52.220).

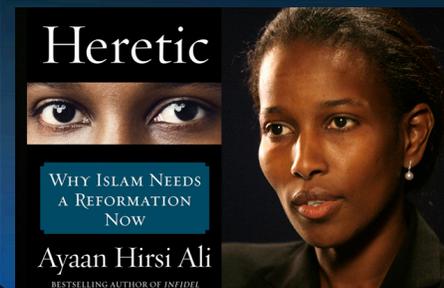
A Buffer Zone of Doubt

- By continuing to deny the relationship between Islam and the actions of the terrorists, a buffer zone of doubt seems to prevent most non-Muslims from making a firm connection. Therefore, anger and frustration is defused and a backlash against Muslims is prevented.

A Time Is Coming...

- However, if this is the reason for the obfuscation, then it is very likely that a time is coming when that buffer zone mentality crumbles and the fires of retaliation will be ignited. It would be better to face the danger truthfully and help non-Muslims opt for more positive ways to deal with the menace lurking in the shadows.

Former Muslims for Reform



The Real Dilemma

- The West today faces a real dilemma. ISIS claims to be radically Islamic, yet critics claim that ISIS is not Islamic at all. How can we resolve the cognitive dissonance that is taking place?

- The underlying reason for this dilemma is that the West does not understand the core of Islam.
- We need to realize that the core of Islam and the core of Christianity (and thus of western values) are polar opposites: one for Power, the other for Love.

- In stark contrast to this we have Christianity, the core motivation of which is Love for God and for one's neighbor (Deuteronomy 6:5; Matthew 22:37-40), because the essential nature of God Himself is Love.
- When Christians seek to live in this love, then their actions bring freedom and true peace, rather than the submission and fear that comes from a pursuit of Power.

You shall know them by their fruit

- Thus, "radical" Christians should only become more loving, even as radical Muslims would seek more and more power in a quest for domination and subjugation.
- The fruit will always show the true nature of the tree.
- Thus, since ISIS clearly strives to follow the core beliefs of Islam, as their history and own declarations reveal, then we need to recognize it as a valid representation of the religion of Islam.

Which is Easier?

- There have been two main responses to jihad recently. Some leaders have repeatedly asserted that radical Islam has nothing to do with Islam, while others seem to view radical Islam as the only form of Islam.
- However, it is dangerous to measure a religion by extreme positions.

Which is Easier?

- Robertson McQuilkin, former president of Columbia International University, often said it is easier to go to one extreme or the other rather than to remain in the center of biblical tension.
- In this same way, Islam has been cast as either a religion of peace or a conduit of terror. The truth lies in between.

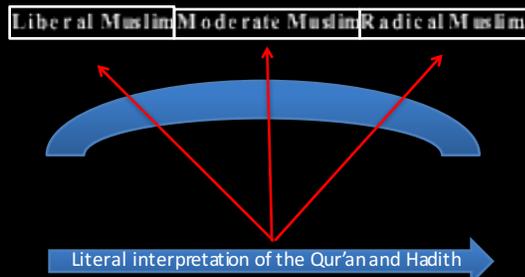
Begin with the Truth

- As Nabeel Qureshi suggests, Christians may not know how to end the struggle, but they should at least begin “with the truth about Islam and with compassion for Muslims.”

The Islamic State is Islamic!

- “The reality is that the Islamic State is Islamic. Very Islamic. Yes, it has attracted psychopaths and adventure seekers, drawn largely from the disaffected populations of the Middle East and Europe. But the religion preached by its most ardent followers derives from coherent and even learned interpretations of Islam.”
- Graeme Wood, “What ISIS Really Wants,” The Atlantic Monthly, March 2015

The “Islamoscale”



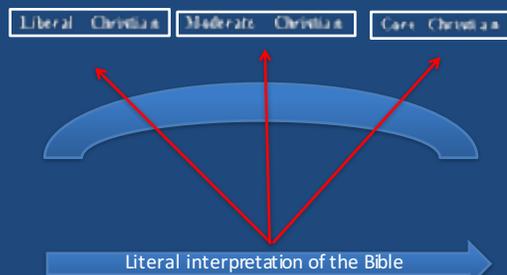
Interpreting a verse

- 9:29: Allah commands the Muslim believers to “Fight those among the People of the Book who do not believe in Allah nor the Last Day, nor forbid what Allah and His Messenger have forbidden, nor embrace the religion of truth, until they pay the jizya with willing submission and feel themselves subdued.”

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- **Liberal Muslim:**
 - This was only for the time of Muhammad
- **Moderate Muslim:**
 - This is only for defensive war and when a proper Jihad has been called by the Muslim state
- **Radical Muslim:**
 - This is for today and against anyone who does not believe that Allah is the true God and that the Qur'an is the true revelation given to Muhammad. Muslims need to fight until the whole world is under the domination of Islam.

The “Christoscale”



“Take up your cross and follow me”
Matthew 16:24

Liberal Christian

“We should be nice to everyone”

Moderate Christian

“We should try to be good examples to others so that our witness may lead them to Christ”

Care Christian

“We should live sacrificially and seek to actively reach out in word and deed in order to win the world for Christ”

If ISIS is not Islamic, neither is the Qur'an!

ISIS does nothing that the Qur'an does not command

ISIS	Qur'an
Terrorism	“strike terror into the hearts of the enemies of Allah” (8:60)
Blasphemy against Allah: Death	Qur'an 5:33-34
Blasphemy against the Prophet Muhammad: Death – even if the accuser repents	Qur'an 33:57
Blasphemy against Islam: Death	Qur'an 9:12
Apostasy: Death	Qur'an 4:89
Fighting and killing non-Muslims	Qur'an 2:216
Sodomy (homosexuality): Death for the person committing the act, as well as for the one receiving it	Qur'an 4:15-16
Theft: Cutting off the hand	Qur'an 5:38

If ISIS is not Islamic, neither is Muhammad!

ISIS does nothing that Muhammad did not first do fourteen centuries ago

ISIS	Muhammad
Terrorism	“I have been sent with the shortest expressions bearing the widest meanings, and I have been made victorious with terror...” (Sahih Bukhari 4.52.220).
Collateral damage (killing of innocents)	“when asked about the women and children of the polytheists being killed during the night raid, said: they are from them.” (Muslim 4321)
Mutilation	“If Allah gives me victory over the Quraysh at any time, I shall mutilate thirty of their men!” (Ibn Ishaq 387; Al-Tabari, vol. 7, p133)
Torture	“Torture him until you extract what he has” (Ibn Ishaq 515)
Killing the men and taking the women and children as slaves	Massacre of the Banu Qurayza: Muhammad was responsible for the death of over 600 men (Ibn Ishaq)

Graeme Wood

- “Virtually every major decision and law promulgated by the Islamic State adheres to what it calls, in its press and pronouncements, and on its billboards, license plates, stationery, and coins, “the Prophetic methodology,” which means following the prophecy and example of Muhammad, in punctilious detail.

Graeme Wood

- Muslims can reject the Islamic State; nearly all do. But pretending that it isn't actually a religious, millenarian group, with theology that must be understood to be combatted, has already led the United States to underestimate it and back foolish schemes to counter it."

How many Islamic Terrorists are there?



Islam by the Numbers



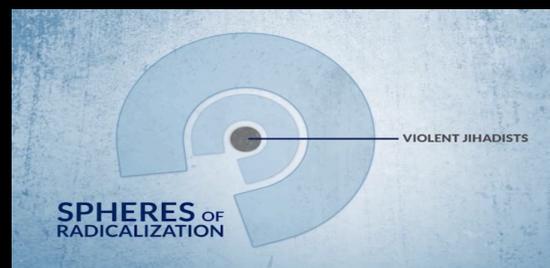
1.6 billion Muslims in the world
99.9% = the percentage of Muslims in the West who claim to be peaceful and against radical Islam (i.e. president Barack Obama)
.1% = 1,600,000 Muslims

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

Islam by the Numbers



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250,000 to 500,000 out of 1.6 billion = .03%
Less than .1%

Islam by the Numbers



Islam by the Numbers



Support for violent Jihad could be over 25% or 400 million Muslims!

*Think Islam.
Think Opportunities!*

Muslims are not the
problem,

Islam is

Ideas have Consequences

*Bad ideas have
bad
Consequences*

Ideas Have Consequences



"Faulty foundations
produce faulty beliefs"

Islam is the Veil!

- Islam is keeping 1.6 Billion people from seeing the beauty of the Lord – the one person who can truly open their eyes and make them see the Splendor of Eternity!

Islam is the Veil

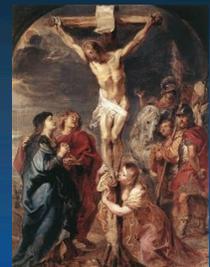


Truth and Love

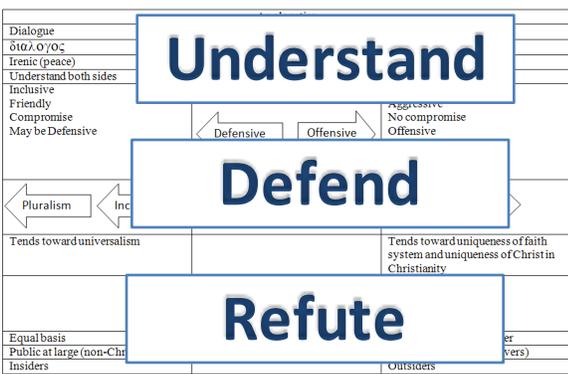
- Islam
- Religion
- **Truth** about Radical Islam
- Muslims
- People
- Radical **Love** for Muslims

Radical Love Wins!

- we need radical love in order to fight radical Islam.

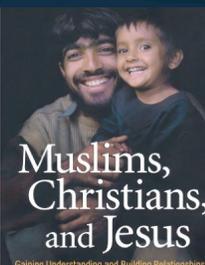


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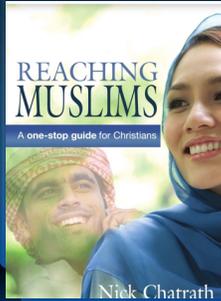
3B. Understand, Defend, Refute

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

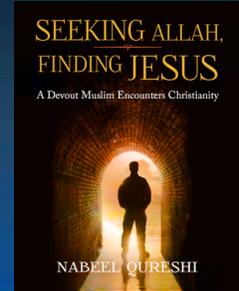
Build Bridges



- 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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