

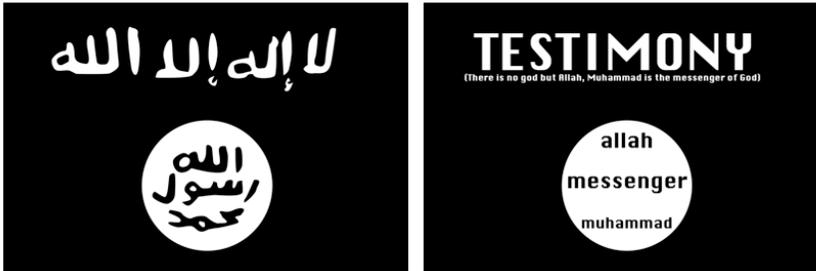
What is ISIS, and What Do They Want?

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The ISIS Flag



What is ISIS?

- Islamic State of Iraq and Syria or Islamic State of Iraq and al-Sham (ISIS)
- *الدولة الإسلامية في العراق والشام*
ad-Dawlah al-Islāmīyah fī al-‘Irāq wa al-Shām
- *The Arabic acronym is Da’ish or DAESH*
- *The group came out of al-Qaeda in Iraq (AQI)*

World Wide Caliphate

- On June 29, 2014, the group proclaimed itself to be a worldwide caliphate, and named itself the Islamic State (IS)
- Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi was named as the Caliph
- As a Caliphate, it claims religious, political and military authority over all Muslims worldwide

Ideology and Beliefs

- ISIS follows the Salafi school (Wahhabism), which follows a traditional, literal interpretation of the Qur’an and Hadith
- ISIS seeks to revive what it refers to as “Pure Islam,” governed by strict Salafist doctrine
- It considers all other Islamic groups to be illegitimate

Eschatology

- The end goal for ISIS is Apocalyptic
- They believe they can usher in the End Times
- ISIS is fighting to prepare the way for the Mahdi, or the “divinely guided one”

- In the End Times the Mahdi will come, along with the Muslim Jesus, in order to establish a worldwide Muslim caliphate where people are either converted to Islam or killed
- They believe the Muslim Jesus will return to the earth, break the cross, kill swine, and abolish the Jizya – in effect abolishing all religions except Islam

Al-Mahdi, the Muslim Messiah or the Anti-Christ?

1. Islam's primary messiah figure
2. He will be a descendant of Muhammad and will bear Muhammad's name (Muhammad bin Abdullah)
3. He will be a very devout Muslim
4. He will be an unparalleled spiritual, political, and military world leader
5. He will emerge after a period of great turmoil and suffering upon the earth
6. He will be the caliph and imam of Muslims worldwide
7. He will lead a world revolution and establish a new world order
8. He will lead military action against all those who oppose him
9. He will invade many countries
10. He will make a seven-year peace treaty with a Jew of priestly lineage
11. He will conquer Israel for Islam and lead the "faithful Muslims" in a final slaughter/battle against Jews
12. He will establish the new Islamic world headquarters from Jerusalem
13. He will cause Islam to be the only religion practiced on the earth

Does Islam mean "Peace"?

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

Is ISIS Islamic?

- President Obama has made a point of saying the Islamic State is "not Islamic," despite pressure from critics
- David Cameron: "This has nothing to do with Islam"
- 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?
- In reference to the burning of the Jordanian pilot Obama referred to "whatever ideology" fueled the group's barbarity
- At the Summit on Terrorism, even though all the examples of terrorism pointed to Islamic perpetrators, he refused to allow Islam to be joined to the word "terrorism"
- Instead, he refutes the notion that ISIS is Islamic, saying that "no religion condones the killing of innocents."
- However, he had no problem at the Prayer Breakfast telling American Christians that they needed to "get off their high horse" about religious extremism, invoking the Crusades, the inquisition and U.S. slavery.
- The 6th century Chinese military strategist, Sun Tzu, once said "know your enemy"

- In order to defeat extremist Islamic theology we need to not only admit its existence, but we need to remove it from the world
- We need to name it in order to deal with it
- We may not be at war with Islam, but we are surely at war with an extreme interpretation of Islamic theology

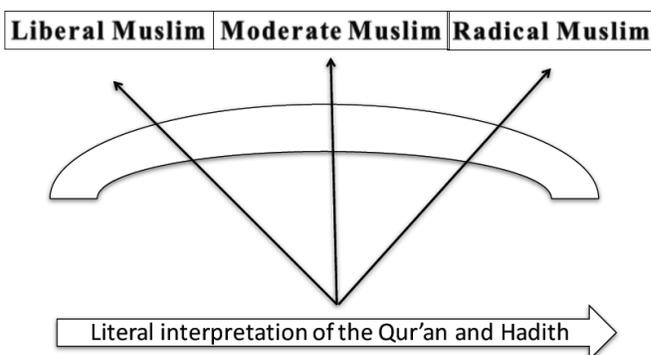
The Islamic State is Islamic!

“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

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Interpreting a verse

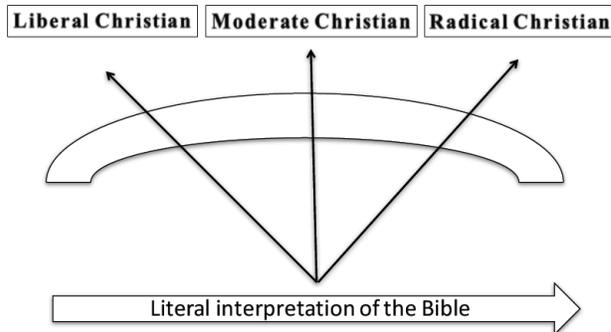
9:29: Allah commands the Muslim believers to “Fight those among the People of the Book who do not believe in Allah nor the Last Day, nor forbid what Allah and His Messenger have forbidden, nor embrace the religion of truth, until they pay the jizya with willing submission and feel themselves subdued.”

- *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”

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

ISIS “is not Islamic!”

President Obama, Washington Post, September 11, 2014

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. 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.”

-- The Atlantic Monthly, March 2015

Has ISIS hijacked Islam?

“Contrary to the often-repeated mantra that there is nothing in common between Islam and the Islamic State, for many Muslims, there is a link. And we Muslims should acknowledge that reality.”

-- Tarek Fatah, founder of the Muslim Canadian Congress

Reaching Muslims with the Gospel

The Apologetics Chart

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Apologetics		
Dialogue	ἀπολογία	Polemics
διαλογος		πολεμικος
Irenic (peace)	“defense”	Polemic (war)
Understand both sides	Defend your side	Promote your side
Inclusive Friendly Compromise May be Defensive	Witnessing ← Defensive Offensive →	Argue for victory Aggressive No compromise Offensive
← Pluralism ← Inclusivism	Apologetics flows between defending the faith and promoting the reasonableness of that faith	→ Exclusivism
Tends toward universalism		Tends toward uniqueness of faith system and uniqueness of Christ in Christianity
	Reasons for Apologetics: 1. Preparing 2. Defending 3. Refuting	
Equal basis		Dominant faith over other
Public at large (non-Christians)		Within the church (believers)
Insiders		Outsiders

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!

Books by Daniel Janosik

