A Christian Understanding of Islam By Pastor Mujahid-El-Masih Ph.D

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Introduction to Islam:

1. Basics

- Islam is an Arabic word meaning "SUBMISSION TO ALLAH AND HIS PROPHET MOHAMMAD".
- Islam is a religion and the people following this religion are Muslims.
- Islam started with Mohammad the Prophet of Islam. Mohammad lived 570AD-632AD.
- The name of the god of Islam is Allah.
- Muslim means slave or servant of Allah
- The holy book of the Muslim people is called the Quran or Koran. It was written 610AD-632AD. Chapters in the Quran are called Surahs.
- The Hadith contains the Teachings and Traditions of Mohammad

2. Christian salvation is dependent upon Christ, not one's worthiness

- **John 6:35** "I am the bread of life; he who comes to Me shall not hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst."
- **John 11:25-26** "I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me shall live even if he dies, and everyone who lives and believes in Me shall never die".
- John 14:6 "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but through Me."
- **Revelation 1:17-18** "I am the first and the last, and the living One; and I was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of death and of Hades.
- John 20:31 "These are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name."

3. Muslim salvation is dependent upon works, so they do not know if they will enter Heaven.

- **Five Pillars of Islam** (by which one attains salvation):
 - 1. The Creed, "There is no god but Allah is the only god, and Mohammad is the prophet of Allah"
 - 2. Five Prayers A Day
 - 3. 30 Day Fast
 - 4. Alms
 - 5. Pilgrimage
- Hadith-AbuHurayrah MISHKAT AL-MASABIH: "Allah's Messenger (peace be upon him) said, 'There were two men among the Banu Isra'il who loved each other, one of whom engaged ardently in worship while the other called himself a sinner." "To the sinner He said, 'Enter Paradise by My mercy;' and to the other He said, 'Can you forbid My mercy to My servant?' He replied, 'No, my Lord.' Then he said, 'Take him away to Hell."
- Sahih Bukhari, Volume 4, Book 55, Number 549: "So a man may do deeds characteristic of the people of the (Hell) Fire, so much so that there is only the distance of a cubit between him and it (Hell), ...and enters Paradise." "Similarly, a person may do deeds characteristic of the people of Paradise, so much so that there is only the distance of a cubit between him and it (Paradise), ...and enters the (Hell) Fire."
- Surah 2:286, "Allah burdens not a person beyond his scope. He gets reward for that good which he has earned, and he is punished for that (evil) which he has earned."
- Sahih Muslim Volume 1 Chapter 86-87 Book of faith. Page 136-137 Hadith Number 398-402: Mohammad told his relatives that he is not able to save them from the day of judgment and the fire of hell. He also told his most beloved daughter Fatima that he is not able to save her from the day of judgment and hell fire.

4. Martyrdom is the Exception:

- Surah 3: 157-158, "And if you are killed or die in the way of Allah, forgiveness and mercy from Allah are far better than all that they amass. And whether you die or are killed, verily, unto Allah you shall be gathered."
- Contrast Islamic martyrdom with Christian martyrdom:
 - John 15:13 "Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends."
 - 1 John 3:16 "This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers."

Islam denies the basic tenets of the orthodox Christian faith.

- 1. **God has no Son: Surah 19:88-93**, "To say that God has a son is assuredly a disastrous thing, whereby the heavens are almost torn, the earth split asunder, and the mountains fall in ruin. God has no son but everyone has to come to God as a slave."
- 2. **God is not a Trinity: Surah 4:48, 171**, "Allah forgiveth not that partners should be set up with Him... Say not "Trinity": desist: it will be better for you: for Allah is one Allah: Glory be to Him: (far exalted is He) above having a son. To Him belong all things in the heavens and on earth. And enough is Allah as a Disposer of affairs." **Surah 5:73** "They do blaspheme who say: Allah is one of three in a Trinity: for there is no god except One Allah. If they desist not from their word (of blasphemy), verily a grievous penalty will befall the blasphemers among them.
 - Muslims misunderstood Mary to be a Part of the Christian Trinity (due to veneration of Mary by Roman Catholicism!), Surah 5:116, "And behold! Allah will say: "O Jesus the son of Mary! Didst thou say unto men, worship me and my mother as gods in derogation of Allah'?" He will say: "Glory to Thee! never could I say what I had no right (to say). Had I said such a thing, thou wouldst indeed have known it. Thou knowest what is in my heart, Thou I know not what is in Thine. For Thou knowest in full all that is hidden.
- 3. **Jesus was not God: Surah 3:59** "Verily, the likeness of Isa (Jesus) before Allah is the likeness of Adam. He created him of dust, then (He) said to him: 'Be!'- and he was."
- 4. **Jesus was not crucified: Surah 4:157** "That they said (in boast), "We killed Christ Jesus the son of Mary, the Messenger of Allah"; but they killed him not, nor crucified him, but so it was made to appear to them, and those who differ therein are full of doubts, with no (certain) knowledge, but only conjecture to follow, for of a surety they killed him not."
- 5. **Blood is unimportant to Allah. Surah 22:34-37**, "To every people did We appoint rites (of sacrifice), that they might celebrate the name of Allah over the sustenance He gave them from animals (fit for food). But your god is One God: submit then your wills to Him (in Islam): and give thou the good news to those who humble themselves,- To those whose hearts when Allah is mentioned, are filled with fear, who show patient perseverance over their afflictions, keep up regular prayer, and spend (in charity) out of what We have bestowed upon them. The sacrificial camels we have made for you as among the symbols from Allah: in them is (much) good for you: then pronounce the name of Allah over them as they line up (for sacrifice): when they are down on their sides (after slaughter), eat ye thereof, and feed such as (beg not but) live in contentment, and such as beg with due humility: thus have We made animals subject to you, that ye may be grateful. It is not their meat nor their blood, that reaches Allah: it is your piety that reaches Him: He has thus made them subject to you, that ye may glorify Allah for His Guidance to you and proclaim the good news to all who do right."
- 6. There is no atonement for sin in Jesus: Surah 4:171 "O People of the Scripture (Christians)! Do not exaggerate in your religion nor utter aught concerning Allah, save the truth. The *Messiah, Jesus son of Mary, was only a messenger of Allah*, and His word, which He conveyed unto Mary, and a spirit from him. So believe in Allah and His messengers, and say not 'Three'—Cease!" Surah 5:75, "Christ the son of Mary was no more than a messenger; many were the messengers that passed away before him. His mother was a woman of truth. They had both to eat their (daily) food. See how Allah doth make His signs clear to them; yet see in what ways they are deluded away from the truth!"
- **1 John 4:2-3**, "This is how you can recognize the Spirit of God: Every spirit that acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, but every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus, is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist."

Quran—The Book of Allah

- 1. Basics
 - According to Muslims the Quran was written by Allah.
 - According to Orthodox Islamic Scholars, the Quran was compiled in 646-50 AD.
 - The Quran has no chronological order.
 - Different names of the Quran: AL-Furkan, Al-Dikhar, Mother of the Book. Surah 43:2-4, "By the Book that makes things clear,- We have made it a Qur'an in Arabic, that ye may be able to understand (and learn wisdom). And verily, it is in the Mother of the Book, in Our Presence, high (in dignity), full of wisdom."
 - The Quran has 114 Surahs (chapters), 6616 verses,77943 words, and 338606 letters.
 - 94 chapters were written when Mohammad was in the minority and had no power. In these are found verses regarding peace and tolerance, such as Surah 2:109, "Many of the people of the Scripture long to make you disbelievers after your belief, through envy on their own account, after the truth hath become manifest unto them. Forgive and be indulgent (toward them) until Allah give command. Lo! Allah is Able to do all things."
 - 20 chapters were written when Mohammad gained a majority and had power. According to the <u>Doctrine of Abrogation</u>, the latest revelation has the greatest authority. Thus Surah 2:109 is abrogated by Surah 9:29 "Fight (Arabic katel) against such of those who have been given the Scripture (Jews and

Christians) as believe not in Allah nor the Last Day, and (who) forbid not that which Allah hath forbidden by his messenger, and (who) follow not the religion of truth (Islam), until they pay the tribute readily, being brought low." **Surah 5:54** "O ye who believe! Take not the Jews and Christians for your friends and protectors. They are but friends and protectors to each other. And he amongst you that turns to them is one of them."

2. The Bible versus the Quran

- The Bible, the Word of God, is eternal and unchangeable, Isaiah 40:8 "The grass withers, the flower fades, But the word of our God stands forever." Luke 21:33, "Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away."
- The Quran, the word of Allah, is temporal and subject to change, Surah 2:106, "If we Supersede any verse or cause it to be forgotten, We bring a better one or similar. Do you not know that Allah has power over all things?"
- 3. Teachings in the Quran taken from the Bible contradict the historical accounts found in Bible.
 - A. Abraham lived in Mecca and sacrificed Ishmael, not Isaac, Surah 37:100-112, "O my Lord! Grant me a righteous (son)!" So We gave him the good news of a boy ready to suffer and forbear. Then, when (the son) reached (the age of) (serious) work with him, he said: "O my son! I see in vision that I offer thee in sacrifice: Now see what is thy view!" (The son) said: "O my father! Do as thou art commanded: thou will find me, if Allah so wills one practicing Patience and Constancy!" So when they had both submitted their wills (to Allah), and he had laid him prostrate on his forehead (for sacrifice), We called out to him "O Abraham! "Thou hast already fulfilled the vision!" thus indeed do We reward those who do right. For this was obviously a trial- And We ransomed him with a momentous sacrifice: And We left (this blessing) for him among generations (to come) in later times: "Peace and salutation to Abraham!" Thus indeed do We reward those who do right. For he was one of our believing Servants. And We gave him the good news of Isaac a prophet,- one of the Righteous."
 - The Bible plainly teaches that Abraham left his home in Ur of the Chaldeans to live in the land of Canaan (Gen 15:7), and it was his son Isaac that was to be sacrificed (Gen 22).
 - B. **Pharaoh's wi fe adopted Moses, Surah 28:9**, "The wife of Pharaoh said: '(Here is) joy of the eye, for me and for thee: slay him not. It may be that he will be use to us, or we may adopt him as a son.' And they perceived not (what they were doing)!"
 - In the Bible it was Pharaoh's daughter that adopted Moses, Exodus 2:5.
 - C. **Pharaoh ordered Haman to Build the Tower of Babel, Surah 28:38,** "And Pharaoh said: O chiefs! I know not that ye have a god other than me, so kindle for me (a fire), O Haman, to bake the mud; and set up for me a lofty tower in order that I may survey the god of Moses; and lo! I deem him of the liars." (See also Surah 40:24-25).
 - In the Bible and historically, Pharaoh, Haman, and the Tower of Babel were separated by hundreds of years and thousands of miles.
 - D. A Samaritan built the calf, Surah 20:83-88, "(When Moses was up on the Mount, Allah said:) "What made thee hasten in advance of thy people, O Moses?" He replied: "Behold, they are close on my footsteps: I hastened to thee, O my Lord, to please thee." (Allah) said: "We have tested thy people in thy absence: the Samiri has led them astray." So Moses returned to his people in a state of indignation and sorrow. He said: "O my people! did not your Lord make a handsome promise to you? Did then the promise seem to you long (in coming)? Or did ye desire that Wrath should descend from your Lord on you, and so ye broke your promise to me?" They said: "We broke not the promise to thee, as far as lay in our power: but we were made to carry the weight of the ornaments of the (whole) people, and we threw them (into the fire), and that was what the Samiri suggested. "Then he brought out (of the fire) before the (people) the image of a calf: It seemed to low: so they said: This is your god, and the god of Moses, but (Moses) has forgotten!""
 - In the Bible and historically, the Samaritans did not exist until hundreds of years after Moses.
 - E. Saul led Gideon's army. Surah 2:249, "And when Saul set out with the army, he said: Lo! Allah will try you by (the ordeal of) a river. Whosoever therefore drinketh thereof he is not of me, and whosoever tasteth it not he is of me, save him who taketh (thereof) in the hollow of his hand. But they drank thereof, all save a few of them. And after he had crossed (the river), he and those who believed with him, they said: We have no power this day against Goliath and his hosts. But those who knew that they would meet Allah exclaimed: How many a little company hath overcome a mighty host by Allah's leave! Allah is with the steadfast."
 - In the Bible and historically, Saul and Gideon's army are separated by more than 100 years.
 - F. Mary gave birth to Jesus under a palm tree, and is the sister of Aaron and Moses, Surah 19:20-28, "She said: "How shall I have a son, seeing that no man has touched me, and I am not unchaste?" He said: "So (it will be): Thy Lord saith, 'that is easy for Me: and (We wish) to appoint him as a Sign unto men and a Mercy from Us': It is a matter (so) decreed." So she conceived him, and she retired with him to a remote place. And the pains of childbirth drove her to the trunk of a palm-tree: She cried (in her anguish): "Ah! would that I had died before this! would that I had been a thing forgotten and out of sight!" But (a voice) cried to her from beneath the (palm-tree): "Grieve not! for thy Lord hath provided a rivulet beneath thee; "And shake towards thyself the trunk of the palm-tree: It will let fall fresh ripe dates upon thee. "So eat and drink and cool (thine) eye. And if thou dost see any

man, say, 'I have vowed a fast to (Allah) Most Gracious, and this day will I enter into not talk with any human being'" At length she brought the (babe) to her people, carrying him (in her arms). They said: "O Mary! truly an amazing thing hast thou brought! "O sister of Aaron! Thy father was not a man of evil, nor thy mother a woman unchaste!"

- In the Bible, Mary gave birth to Jesus in a stable (Luke 2:7), and it was Miriam who was the sister of Aaron (Num 26:59). Surah 66:12 calls Mary the daughter of 'Imran, clearly confusing her with Miriam, the daughter of Amram.
- G. Because of such contradictions, Muslims claim that the Bible was corrupted by Jews and Christians. However, overwhelming manuscript evidence predating the Quran by hundreds of years soundly refutes this claim, and in fact has established the transmission of the text of both the Old and New Testament Scriptures as the most accurate and reliable of all ancient documents. A Christian reading the Bible can know that the text he reads is almost 100% identically the same as that written by the original authors. In contrast, although 600 years more recent, the Quran boasts nowhere near the textual support as the Bible, and while a Muslim may believe the words he reads are as Mohammad wrote them, the textual evidence actually indicates that "the Quran's transmission is not free from errors and variant readings in significant points. There is concrete evidence in the best works of Islamic tradition (e.g., Sahih of Muslim, the Sahih of Bukhari, the Mishkat-ul-Masabih), that from the start the Quran had numerous variant and conflicting readings. That these are no longer found in the Quran is only because they have been discreetly removed—not by direction of God, but by human discretion. There is similar evidence that, to this day, verses and, indeed, whole passages are still missing from the Quran." (Josh McDowell and John Gilchrist, The Islam Debate, San Bernardino, CA: hear's Life Publishers, 1983, p. 50-51.)

4. Strange Teachings in the Quran

- Seven Earths, Surah 65:12, "Allah is He Who created seven Firmaments and of the earth a similar number. Through the midst of them (all) descends His Command: that ye may know that Allah has power over all things, and that Allah comprehends, all things in (His) Knowledge."
- Men who did not keep the Sabbath were turned into apes, Surah 2:65-66, "And well ye knew those amongst you who transgressed in the matter of the Sabbath: We said to them: "Be ye apes, despised and rejected." So We made it an example to their own time and to their posterity, and a lesson to those who fear Allah." Surah 7:163-167, "Ask them concerning the town standing close by the sea. Behold! they transgressed in the matter of the Sabbath. For on the day of their Sabbath their fish did come to them, openly holding up their heads, but on the day they had no Sabbath, they came not: thus did We make a trial of them, for they were given to transgression. When some of them said: "Why do ye preach to a people whom Allah will destroy or visit with a terrible punishment?"- said the preachers: "To discharge our duty to your Lord, and perchance they may fear Him." When they disregarded the warnings that had been given them, We rescued those who forbade Evil; but We visited the wrong-doers with a grievous punishment because they were given to transgression. When in their insolence they transgressed (all) prohibitions, We said to them: "Be ye apes, despised and rejected." Behold! thy Lord did declare that He would send against them, to the Day of Judgment, those who would afflict them with grievous penalty. Thy Lord is quick in retribution, but He is also Oft-forgiving, Most Merciful.

The Quran denies the freedoms cherished by those in the west:

- 1. **Freedom of religion: Surah 4:89** "They desire that you should disbelieve as they have disbelieved, so that you might be (all) alike; therefore take not from among them friends until they fly (their homes) in Allah's way; but if they turn back, then seize them and kill them wherever you find them, and take not from among them a friend or a helper."
- 2. Freedom from religion: Surah 2:193 "And fight them until persecution is no more, and religion is for Allah."
- 3. **Freedom of Speech: Surah 9:12** "But if they violate their oaths after their covenant, and taunt you for your Faith, fight ye the chiefs of Unfaith: for their oaths are nothing to them: that thus they may be restrained."
- 4. **Freedom to question Islam: Surah 5:102** "A people before you indeed asked such questions, and then became disbelievers on account of them."
- 5. Women's rights: Surah 4:34 "Men are in charge of women, because Allah hath made the one of them to excel the other, and because they spend of their property (for the support of women). So good women are the obedient, guarding in secret that which Allah hath guarded. As for those from whom ye fear rebellion, admonish them and banish them to beds apart, and scourge them (word used in Arabic means to use a whip). Then if they obey you, seek not a way against them. Lo! Allah is ever High, Exalted, Great."
- 6. **Racial Equality**: **Surah 3:106-107** "On the Day when (some) faces will be whitened and (some) faces will be blackened; and as for those whose faces have been blackened, it will be said unto them: Disbelieved ye after your (profession of) belief? Then taste the punishment for that ye disbelieved. And as for those whose faces have been whitened, in the mercy of Allah they dwell for ever."

• The Quran teaches the superiority of Muslims over all peoples, Surah 3:110 "Ye (Muslims) are the best community that hath been raised up for mankind.", Surah 8:55 "Lo! The worst of beasts in Allah's sight are the ungrateful who will not believe" (non-Muslims are worse than animals).

Jesus of the Bible Versus Isa of the Quran

- 1. **Jesus of the Bible is the eternal, self-existent God, Colossians 1:15-17,** "And He is the image of the invisible God, the first-born of all creation. For by Him all things were created, *both* in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities -- all things have been created by Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together." **John 10:30,** "I and the Father are one."
 - Isa, the Jesus of the Quran, was only a man, Surah 3:59, "The similitude of Jesus before Allah is as that of Adam; He created him from dust, then said to him: "Be". And he was."
- 2. **Jesus of the Bible is the only way to God, John 14:6**, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but through Me." **Acts 4:12**, "There is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men, by which we must be saved."
 - Isa of the Quran is one of Allah's Apostles, Surah 4:171, "O People of the Book! Commit no excesses in your religion: Nor say of Allah aught but the truth. *Christ Jesus the son of Mary was (no more than) a messenger of Allah*, and His Word, which He bestowed on Mary, and a spirit proceeding from Him: so believe in Allah and His messengers. Say not "Trinity": desist: it will be better for you: for Allah is one Allah: Glory be to Him: (far exalted is He) above having a son. To Him belong all things in the heavens and on earth. And enough is Allah as a Disposer of affairs".
- 3. **Jesus of the Bible was crucified to take away the sins of the whole world, Isaiah 53:4-6,** "Surely our griefs He Himself bore, And our sorrows He carried; Yet we ourselves esteemed Him stricken, Smitten of God, and afflicted. But He was pierced through for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; The chastening for our well-being *fell* upon Him, And by His scourging we are healed. All of us like sheep have gone astray, Each of us has turned to his own way; But the LORD has caused the iniquity of us all To fall on Him." **Ephesians 1:7,** "In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace".
 - Isa of the Quran was not Crucified, Surah 4:157, "That they said (in boast), "We killed Christ Jesus the son of Mary, the Messenger of Allah"; but they killed him not, nor crucified him, but so it was made to appear to them, and those who differ therein are full of doubts, with no (certain) knowledge, but only conjecture to follow, for of a surety they killed him not".
- 4. Jesus of the Bible gives those who confess Him as the Son of God confidence in the day of judgment, 1 John 4:15-17, "Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. And we have come to know and have believed the love which God has for us. God is love, and the one who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. By this, love is perfected with us, that we may have confidence in the day of judgment; because as He is, so also are we in this world."
 - Isa of the Quran will be a witness against Christians on the day of judgment, Surah 4:159, "And there is none of the People of the Book (Christians) but must believe in him before his death; and on the Day of Judgment he ('Isa, Jesus) will be a witness against them"

Jesus Versus Mohammad

- 1. Jesus' name means Savior
 - Mohammad's name means 'Praised One'
- 2. Jesus was born of the Virgin Mary
 - Mohammad was born of Aminah
- 3. Jesus had no earthly father; God is His Father
 - Abdullah was Mohammad's father
- 4. Jesus was born about 4 B.C. in Bethlehem
 - Mohammad was born June 8 in 570 A.D. in Mecca
- 5. Jesus was raised by Mary, His mother, and Joseph, His adopted father.
 - Mohammad was raise by his mother, Halima, the nurse, Uncle, and grandfather
- 6. Many prophets prophesied about Jesus' birth.
 - No prophecy was ever been made about Mohammad's birth.
- 7. Angel told Mary & Joseph about His Name.
 - No angel spoke to the parents of Mohammad.
- 8. Angels sang at Jesus' birth.
 - No angel sang on Mohammad's birth
- 9. Jesus grew up as a carpenter

- Mohammad grew up as a shepherd.
- 10. Jesus performed many miracles.
 - Mohammad performed no miracles
 - Jesus attracted 1000's of people by His miracles and teachings.
 - Mohammad attracted 1000's of people by his teaching and the sword.
- 11. Jesus said to "love your enemies."
 - Mohammad said to "kill your enemies."
- 12. Jesus killed nobody, but raised the dead.
 - Mohammad killed many people, and took part in many battles.
- 13. Jesus was rejected by His people in Nazareth & went to Capernaum.
 - Mohammad was rejected by his people in Mecca & went to Medina.
- 14. Jesus never sinned, 1 Peter 2:22 "He (Jesus) committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth."
 - Mohammad was a sinner, Surah 40:55 "So be patient (O Mohammad). Verily, the promise of Allah is true, and ask forgiveness for your fault."
- 15. Jesus had no wife.
 - Mohammad had many wives & his youngest wife was 6 years old.
- 16. Jesus died on the cross.
 - Mohammad died on June 8, 632 A.D.
- 17. Jesus was resurrected on the third day and His tomb is empty!
 - Mohammad's bones are bound in his tomb in Medina.
- 18. Jesus is coming back to judge the world.
 - Mohammad is waiting for the day of Judgment

Jehovah of the Bible versus Allah of the Quran

- 1. Allah of the Quran says that God has no Son, but the God of the Bible has a Son whose name is Jesus.
- 2. The Name of God
 - The name of the God of the Bible is Yahweh/Jehovah, and He is called that almost 9,000 times.
 - Another name for God in the Bible is Elohim, and He is called that almost 2,500 times.
 - These names are not in the Quran.
- 3. **The God of the Bible is eternal and unchangeable, James 1:17**, "Every good thing bestowed and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation, or shifting shadow." **Malachi 3:6**, "For I, the LORD (Jehovah), do not change." **Hebrews 13:8**, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today, yes and forever."
 - Allah of the Quran gives changing revelation, Surah 2:106, "If we Supersede any verse or cause it to be forgotten, We bring a better one or similar. Do you not know that Allah has power over all things"
- 4. **The God of the Bible is a God of love, John 3:16**, "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life."
 - Allah of the Quran is hateful, Surah 32:13, "If we so willed ,we could have brought every soul its true guidance, but the word from me will come true: "I will fill hell with demons and men all together."
 - Allah of the Quran is a God of war, Surah 9:14 "Fight [kill] them [non-Muslims] and Allah will punish them by your hands and disgrace them and give you victory over them..."
- 5. **The God of the Bible cannot lie**: Titus 1:2 "...in the hope of eternal life, which God, who cannot lie, promised long ages ago". See also Heb 6:18.
 - Allah of the Quran is the "best" deceiver: Surah 3:54 "And they (disbelievers) plotted, and Allah planned too. And Allah is the best of those who plot." Surah 8:30, "And when those who disbelieve plot against thee (O Mohammad) to wound thee fatally, or to kill thee or to drive thee forth; they plot, but Allah (also) plotteth; and Allah is the best of plotters." Surah 13:27, "Lo! Allah sendeth whom He will astray." The word "schemer" and "plotter" in Arabic is "makreen", meaning "evil schemer and deceiver". See John 8:44 for whom the Bible says is the evil schemer and deceiver.
- 6. The God of the Bible gave the land of Israel to the people of Israel as a heritage.
 - Islam denies this basic truth.
- 7. **The God of the BiHe tells His people to speak the Truth, Exodus 20:16**, "You shall not bear false witness." **Revelation 21:8**, "But for the cowardly and unbelieving and abominable and murderers and immoral persons and sorcerers and idolaters and all liars, their part *will be* in the lake that burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death."

- Allah tells his followers they are allowed to tell a lie, Surah 16:106, "Any one who, after accepting faith in Allah, utters Unbelief, except under compulsion, his heart remaining firm in Faith but such as open their breast to Unbelief, on them is Wrath from Allah, and theirs will be a dreadful Penalty."
- 8. The God of the Bible commands husbands to "love your wife as Christ loved the Church" (Ephesians 5:25).
 - Allah allows the Muslims to beat their wives, Surah 4:34, "Men are in charge of women, because Allah hath made the one of them to excel the other, and because they spend of their property (for the support of women). So good women are the obedient, guarding in secret that which Allah hath guarded. As for those from whom ye fear rebellion, admonish them and banish them to beds apart, and scourge them (word used in Arabic means to use a whip). Then if they obey you, seek not a way against them. Lo! Allah is ever High, Exalted, Great."

Jihad—The Holy War

- 1. **Jihad as Great Commission**: Just as Christians have a great commission to make disciples of all nations by sharing the gospel (Matt 28:18-20), so do Muslims have a great commission to spread the teachings of Islam by Jihad.
 - Religion of Islam should prevail over all religions, Surah 48:28-29 "He it is Who sent His Messenger with the guidance and the true religion that He may make it prevail over all the religions; and Allah is enough for a witness. Mohammad is the Messenger of Allah, and those with him are firm of heart against the unbelievers..."
 - **Fight** (**katal**) **until all people become Muslim, Surah 8:39** "And fight them on until there is no more tumult or oppression, and there prevail justice and faith in Allah altogether and everywhere."
 - Warfare is ordained for Muslims, Surah 2:216 "Warfare is ordained for you, though it is hateful unto you; but it may happen that ye hate a thing which is good for you, and it may happen that ye love a thing which is bad for you. Allah knoweth, ye know not." Surah 8:67, "It is not for any prophet to have captives until he hath made slaughter in the land. Ye desire the lure of this world and Allah desireth (for you) the Hereafter, and Allah is Mighty, Wise."
- 2. Islam instructs Muslims to fight until all their opponents submit.
 - **Surah 9:29**, "Fight those who... believe not in Allah nor the Last Day, ...nor acknowledge the religion of truth (Islam), until they pay tribute taxes with willing submission and feel themselves subdued."
 - Surah 9:5, also 2:193, "Fight and slay the pagans wherever ye find them, seize them beleaguer them and lie in ambush for them in every stratagem (of war)."
 - **Surah 47:4,** "Therefore, when ye meet the unbelievers (in fight), smite at their necks; at length, when ye have thoroughly subdued them, bind a bond firmly (on them):"
 - Sahih Al Bukari Vol 1 Number 24: Allah's Apostle said, "I have been ordered by (Allah) to fight against the people until they testify that none has the right to be worshipped but Allah, and that Mohammad is his (Allah's) Apostle, and offer the prayers perfectly and give the obligatory charity, so if they perform that they save their lives and property from me."
 - Sahih Al-Bukhari, Hadith No. 2926: "Allah's Messenger said, 'The Hour will not be established until you fight against the Jews, and the stone behind which a Jew will be hiding will say, O Muslim! There is a Jew hiding behind me, so kill him."
- 3. There are two houses within Islamic Theology:
 - The House of Islam: those countries where Muslims are in the majority and Islamic law has been established (e.g., Saudi Arabia, Pakistan, Iran, Iraq, Libya, etc...)
 - The House of War: those countries where Muslims are in the minority and Islamic law has not been established. Every Muslim believes it is his/her duty to bring Islam to these countries by all means (e.g., U.S.A., England, etc...)

4. What is Jihad?

- The Noble Quran Surah 2:190 footnote: "Al-Jihad (holy fighting) in Allah's Cause (with full force of numbers and weaponry) is given the utmost importance in Islam and is one of its pillars (on which it stands). By Jihad Islam is established, Allah's Word is made superior, and His religion (Islam) is propagated. By abandoning Jihad (may Allah protect us from that) Islam is destroyed and the Muslims fall into an inferior position; their honor is lost, their lands are stolen, their rule and authority vanished. Jihad is an obligatory duty in Islam on every Muslim, and he who tries to escape from this duty, or does not in his innermost heart wish to fulfill this duty, dies with one of the qualities of a hypocrite."
- According to the Dictionary of Islam: "Jihad: An effort, or a striving." A religious war with those who are unbelievers in the mission of Mohammad. It is an incumbent religious duty, established in the Quran and in the Traditions as a divine institution, and enjoined specially for the purpose of advancing Islam and of repelling evil from Muslims. When an infidel's country is conquered by a Muslim ruler, its inhabitants are offered three alternatives: (1) The reception of Islam, in which case the conquered become enfranchised citizens of the Muslim states. (2) The payment of a poll-tax (Jizyay), by which unbelievers in Islam obtain protection, and became second class citizens, provided they are not the idolaters of Arabia. (3) Death by the sword, to those who will not

pay the poll tax. (Dictionary of Islam. T. P. Hughes. Lahore: The Book House Publishers and Booksellers Trust Bldg., Urdu Bazar, Post Box 734 Lahore-2, Pakistan. N. d., Pgs 243-8.)

- 5. Silent Jihad, practiced where Muslims are a minority.
 - I will follow my religion and you will follow yours, Surah 109:1-6 "Say: O ye that reject Faith! I worship not that which ye worship, Nor will ye worship that which I worship. And I will not worship that which ye have been wont to worship, nor will ye worship that which I worship. You shall have your religion and I shall have my religion."
 - **Do not criticize the gods of other people, Surah 6:108** "Revile not those unto whom they pray beside Allah lest they wrongfully revile Allah through ignorance."
 - "Let there be no compulsion in religion" Surah 2:256 "Let there be no compulsion in religion: Truth stands out clear from Error: whoever rejects evil and believes in Allah hath grasped the most trustworthy hand-hold, that never breaks. And Allah heareth and knoweth all things.

• Examples of Silent Jihad:

- A. The President of the American Muslim council Abduraham Alamoudi, joined President Bush at a prayer service for the September 11, 2001victims. But not quite a year before, he had said to a Muslims group, "Hear that, Bill Clinton! We are all supporters of Hamas. I wish they add that I am also a supporter of Hezbollah."
- **B.** Also invited to the prayer service attended by Alamoudi after the attacks was Muzzammil Siddiqi, the spiritual leader of the Islamic society of the Orange county. At the service, Siddiqi prayed: "Keep our country strong for the sake of the good." Only a year earlier, Siddiqi was an organizer of the rally where Alamoudi expressed support for Hamas and Hezbollah. Then, Siddiqi said, "The United States of America is directly and indirectly responsible for the plight of the Palestinian people. If you remain on the side of injustice the wrath of God(Allah) will come." (Jake tapper, "Islam's Flawed spokesmen," www.salon.com, 26 September 2001.)
- C. Another Muslim who prayed with Bush was Hamza Yusuf, a California-based Imam: "On Sept. 20, FBI agents showed up at the house of Hamza Yusuf, a Muslim teacher and speaker in Northern California. They wanted to question him about a speech he had given two days before the Sept. 11 attacks, in which he said that the U.S. "stands condemned" and that "this country has a great, great tribulation coming to it." "He's not home," his wife said. "He's with the president." The agents thought she was joking, Yusuf said. But she wasn't. That day Yusuf was at the White House, the only Muslim in a group of religious leaders invited to pray with President Bush, sing "God Bless America," and endorse the president's plans for military action. (Some Muslim Leaders Seen with Bush Expressed Support for Terrorist Groups," www.foxnews.com, 1 Oct. 2001).

6. Jihad as self-defense:

- "Fight against those who fight you, Sur ah 2:190; "Fight in the cause of Allah those who fight you, but do not transgress limits; for Allah loveth not transgressors. And slay them wherever ye catch them, and turn them out from where they have Turned you out; for tumult and oppression are worse than slaughter; but fight them not at the Sacred Mosque, unless they (first) fight you there; but if they fight you, slay them. Such is the reward of those who suppress faith." Surah 22:39, "To those against whom war is made, permission is given (to fight), because they are wronged;- and verily, Allah is most powerful for their aid."
 - Contrast the repeated teaching of the New Testament: Matthew 5:39 "But I say to you, do not resist him who is evil; but whoever slaps you on your right cheek, turn to him the other also." Romans 12:17 "Never pay back evil for evil to anyone." 1 Thessalonians 5:15 "See that no one repays another with evil for evil, but always seek after that which is good for one another and for all men." 1 Pet 3:8-9 "To sum up, let all be harmonious, sympathetic, brotherly, kindhearted, and humble in spirit; not returning evil for evil, or insult for insult, but giving a blessing instead; for you were called for the very purpose that you might inherit a blessing."
- Jihad justified to protect Churches, Synagogues and Mosques, Surah 22:40, "(They are) those who have been expelled from their homes in defiance of right, (for no cause) except that they say, "our Lord is Allah". Did not Allah check one set of people by means of another, there would surely have been pulled down monasteries, churches, synagogues, and mosques, in which the name of Allah is commemorated in abundant measure. Allah will certainly aid those who aid his (cause); for verily Allah is full of Strength, Exalted in Might, (able to enforce His Will).
- Jihad justified to fight for the cause of feeble men, the women and the children Surah 4:75, "And why should ye not fight in the cause of Allah and of those who, being weak, are ill-treated (and oppressed)? Men, women, and children, whose cry is: "Our Lord! Rescue us from this town, whose people are oppressors; and raise for us from thee one who will protect; and raise for us from thee one who will help!"

7. Offensive Jihad as economic gain

- To capture much booty, Surah 48:18-20, "Allah was well pleased with the believers when they swore allegiance unto thee beneath the tree, and He knew what was in their hearts, and He sent down peace of reassurance on them, and hath rewarded them with a near victory; And much booty that they will capture. Allah is ever Mighty, Wise. Allah promiseth you much booty that ye will capture, and hath given you this in advance, and hath withheld men's hands from you, that it may be a token for the believers, and that He may guide you on a right path.
- Twenty percent of all booty devoted to Allah, Surah 8:41, "And know that out of all the booty that ye may acquire (in war), a fifth share is assigned to Allah".
- Looting of Muslims by other Muslims was strongly discouraged, Surah 4:94, "O ye who believe! When ye go abroad in the cause of Allah, investigate carefully, and say not to any one who offers you a salutation: "Thou art none of a believer!" Coveting the perishable goods of this life: with Allah are profits and spoils abundant. Even thus were ye yourselves before, till Allah conferred on you His favors: Therefore carefully investigate. For Allah is well aware of all that ye do."

8. The Quran speaks against rich Muslims who tried to avoid Jihad:

- To be at home in the company of beautiful Syrian women, Surah 9:86-87, "And when a surah is revealed (which saith): Believe in Allah and strive along with His messenger, the men of wealth among them still ask leave of thee and say: Suffer us to be with those who sit (at home) [i.e., with the women]. They are content that they should be with the useless and their hearts are sealed, so that they apprehend not."
- Because of the distance, Surah 9:41-42, "Go forth, light-armed and heavy-armed, and strive with your wealth and your lives in the way of Allah! That is best for you if ye but knew. Had it been a near adventure and an easy journey they had followed thee, but the distance seemed too far for them. Yet will they swear by Allah (saying): If we had been able we would surely have set out with you. They destroy their souls, and Allah knoweth that they verily are liars."
- Because of the heat of the desert. Surah 9:81, "Those who were left behind rejoiced at sitting still behind the messenger of Allah, and were averse to striving with their wealth and their lives in Allah's way. And they said: Go not forth in the heat! Say: The fire of hell is more intense of heat, if they but understood."

9. Importance of Jihad Emphasized in the Quran

- True Muslims do not avoid Jihad, Surah 49:15; "The (true) believers are those only who believe in Allah and His messenger and afterward doubt not, but strive with their wealth and their lives for the cause of Allah. Such are the sincere." Surah 9:44, "Those who believe in Allah and the Last Day ask no leave of thee lest they should strive with their wealth and their lives. Allah is Aware of those who keep their duty (unto Him)."
- **Jihad gives a higher rank, Surah 57:10,** "And what aileth you that ye spend not in the way of Allah when unto Allah belongeth the inheritance of the heavens and the earth? Those who spent and fought before the victory are not upon a level (with the rest of you). Such are greater in rank than those who spent and fought afterwards. Unto each hath Allah promised good. And Allah is Informed of what ye do.
- Avoiding Jihad will mean painful doom and Hell, Surah 48:16-17; "Say to the desert Arabs who lagged behind: "Ye shall be summoned (to fight) against a people given to vehement war: then shall ye fight, or they shall submit. Then if ye show obedience, Allah will grant you a goodly reward, but if ye turn back as ye did before, He will punish you with a grievous Penalty. No blame is there on the blind, nor is there blame on the lame, nor on one ill (if he joins not the war): But he that obeys Allah and his Messenger,- (Allah) will admit him to Gardens beneath which rivers flow; and he who turns back, (Allah) will punish him with a grievous Penalty." Surah 9:90, "And there were, among the desert Arabs (also), men who made excuses and came to claim exemption; and those who were false to Allah and His Messenger (merely) sat inactive. Soon will a grievous penalty seize the Unbelievers among them." Surah 9:94-95, "They will present their excuses to you when ye return to them. Say thou: 'Present no excuses: we shall not believe you: Allah hath already informed us of the true state of matters concerning you: It is your actions that Allah and His Messenger will observe: in the end will ye be brought back to Him Who knoweth what is hidden and what is open: then will He show you the truth of all that ye did.' They will swear to you by Allah, when ye return to them, that ye may leave them alone. So leave them alone: For they are an abomination, and Hell is their dwelling-place,-a fitting recompense for the (evil) that they did."
- Mohammad will neither attend their funerals nor pray for those who shrink back from Jihad, Surah 9:84-85, "Nor do thou ever pray for any of them that dies, nor stand at his grave; for they rejected Allah and His Messenger, and died in a state of perverse rebellion. Nor let their wealth nor their (following in) sons dazzle thee: Allah's plan is to punish them with these things in this world, and that their souls may perish in their (very) denial of Allah."
- Those who hold back their hands from fighting to simply pray and do acts of charity cannot escape death. Surah 4:77-78, "Hast thou not turned Thy vision to those who were told to hold back their hands (from fight) but establish regular prayers and spend in regular charity? When (at length) the order for fighting was issued to them, behold! a section of them feared men as or even more than they should have feared Allah: They said: "Our Lord! Why hast Thou ordered us to fight? Wouldst Thou not Grant us respite to our (natural) term, near

- (enough)?" Say: 'Short is the enjoyment of this world: the Hereafter is the best for those who do right: Never will ye be dealt with unjustly in the very least! Wherever ye are, death will find you out, even if ye are in towers built up strong and high!'
- Former prophets said to have embr aced Jihad, Surah 3:146-147, "How many of the prophets fought (in Allah's way), and with them (fought) Large bands of godly men? but they never lost heart if they met with disaster in Allah's way, nor did they weaken (in will) nor give in. And Allah Loves those who are firm and steadfast. All that they said was: 'Our Lord! Forgive us our sins and anything We may have done that transgressed our duty: Establish our feet firmly, and help us against those that resist Faith.'"
- Those who take part in fighting are better than those who go to pilgrimage and do other good works, Surah 9:19-20, "Do ye make the giving of drink to pilgrims, or the maintenance of the Sacred Mosque, equal to (the pious service of) those who believe in Allah and the Last Day, and strive with might and main in the cause of Allah? They are not comparable in the sight of Allah: and Allah guides not those who do wrong. Those who believe, and suffer exile and strive with might and main, in Allah's cause, with their goods and their persons, have the highest rank in the sight of Allah: they are the people who will achieve (salvation)."

10. Jihad promises eternal gain in exchange for temporal fighting

- **Jihad saves from a painful doom, Surah 61:10-11;,** "O ye who believe! Shall I show you a commerce that will save you from a painful doom? Ye should believe in Allah and His messenger, and should strive for the cause of Allah with your wealth and your lives. That is better for you, if ye did but know."
- Jihad makes Paradise a binding promise, Surah 9:111, "Lo! Allah hath bought from the believers their lives and their wealth because the Garden will be theirs: they shall fight in the way of Allah and shall slay and be slain. It is a promise which is binding on Him in the Torah and the Gospel and the Quran. Who fulfilleth His covenant better than Allah? Rejoice then in your bargain that ye have made, for that is the supreme triumph."

11. Jihad for Personal Salvation

- Merit of Martyrdom, Surah 3:195, "And their Lord hath accepted of them, and answered them: "Never will I suffer to be lost the work of any of you, be he male or female: Ye are members, one of another: Those who have left their homes, or been driven out therefrom, or suffered harm in My Cause, or fought or been slain,- verily, I will blot out from them their iniquities, and admit them into Gardens with rivers flowing beneath;- A reward from the presence of Allah, and from His presence is the best of rewards."
- Those killed in Jihad are not dead, but alive, Surah 2:154, "And say not of those who are slain in the way of Allah: "They are dead." Nay, they are living, though ye perceive (it) not."
- Those killed in Jihad will not touch Hell-fire, Mishkat Vol. 2 ch. 23:8; p. 345.
- Those killed in Jihad find sustenance in the presence of their Lord Allah and rejoice in their reward, Surah 3:169-171, "Think not of those who are slain in Allah's way as dead. Nay, they live, finding their sustenance in the presence of their Lord; They rejoice in the bounty provided by Allah: And with regard to those left behind, who have not yet joined them (in their bliss), the (Martyrs) glory in the fact that on them is no fear, nor have they (cause to) grieve. They glory in the Grace and the bounty from Allah, and in the fact that Allah suffereth not the reward of the Faithful to be lost (in the least).
- Those killed in Jihad shall be with the prophets and saints, Surah 4:69, "Whoso obeyeth Allah and the messenger, they are with those unto whom Allah hath shown favor, of the prophets and the saints and the martyrs and the righteous. The best of company are they!
- According to the Hadith Al-Tirmidhi Hadith 1067, those killed in Jihad
 - A. Have their abode in Paradise.
 - B. Are preserved from the punishment in the grave.
 - C. Are kept safe from the greatest terror.
 - D. Receive a crown of honor, made of a ruby.
 - E. Shall have seventy-two virgins as his wives.
 - F. Shall be in the company of women and immortal youths (boys). See also Surah 56:15-18
 - G. Shall be able to intercede for seventy of his relatives.
- Those killed in Jihad shall have carnal delights, Surah 52:19-22, "Eat and drink with happiness because of what you used to do. They will recline on thrones arranged in ranks. And, we shall marry them to Hur (Fair Females) with wide lovely eyes. And, we shall provide them with fruit and meat such as they desire." Surah 56:31-37, "Water flowing constantly and fruit in plenty whose supply is not cut off, and reclining on couches raised high, verily we have created them (Women) of Special Creation and made them Virgins of Equal Age." Surah 78:32-34, "Gardens and Vineyards and Young full Breasted Virgins of equal age and a full cup of Wine."
- Mohammad extols the excellency of martyrdom, Sahih Albukhari Vol.1Hadith No. 35, Mohammad says concerning martyrdom and Jihad, "I would have loved to be martyred in Allah's cause and then made alive, and then martyred and then made alive, and then again martyred in his cause."

• Mohammad taught that martyrs die without pain, Altirmidhi Hadith No.402, Mohammad revealed that the death of martyrs is almost painless. A martyr does not suffer when he is slain any more than one of you suffers from being bitten by an ant..

12. Jihad against idol worshipers

- Idol worshipers are Unclean, Surah 9:28, "O ye who believe! Truly the Pagans (idolaters) are unclean; so let them not, after this year of theirs, approach the Sacred Mosque. And if ye fear poverty, soon will Allah enrich you, if He wills, out of His bounty, for Allah is All-knowing, All-wise."
- "Slay the idolaters", Surah 9:5, "So when the sacred months have passed away, then slay the idolaters (Pagans) wherever you find them, and take them captives and besiege them and lie in wait for them in every ambush, then if they repent and keep up prayer and pay the poor-rate, leave their way free to them; surely Allah is Forgiving, Merciful."

13. Jihad against Jews and Christians

- Those who have been given portion of the Scripture are cursed by Allah because they believe in idols and false deities, Surah 4:51-52, "Have you not seen those to whom a portion of the Book has been given? They believe in idols and false deities and say of those who disbelieve: These are better guided in the path than those who believe. Those are they whom Allah has cursed, and whomever Allah curses you shall not find any helper for him."
- Allah fights against Jews and Christians, Surah 9:30, "And the Jews say: Ezra is the son of Allah, and the Christians say: The Messiah is the son of Allah. That is their saying with their mouths. They imitate the saying of those who disbelieved of old. Allah (Himself) fighteth against them. How perverse are they!"
- They commit great sin who say Allah has a son, Surah 19:88-92, "They say: '(Allah) Most Gracious has begotten a son!' Indeed ye have put forth a thing most monstrous! At it the skies are ready to burst, the earth to split asunder, and the mountains to fall down in utter ruin, That they should invoke a son for (Allah) Most Gracious. For it is not consonant with the majesty of (Allah) Most Gracious that He should beget a son."
- Jihad against those who would preach the Gospel to a Muslim, Surah 2:217, "They question thee (O Mohammad) with regard to warfare in the sacred month. Say: Warfare therein is a great (transgression), but to turn (men) from the way of Allah, and to disbelieve in Him and in the Inviolable Place of Worship, and to expel His people thence, is a greater with Allah; for persecution is worse than killing. And they will not cease from fighting against you till they have made you renegades from your religion, if they can. And whoso becometh a renegade and dieth in his disbelief: such are they whose works have fallen both in the world and the Hereafter. Such are rightful owners of the Fire: they will abide therein."
- Fight (katel) with People of the Book, Surah 9:29, "Fight those who believe not in Allah nor the Last Day, nor hold that forbidden which hath been forbidden by Allah and His Messenger, nor acknowledge the religion of Truth, (even if they are) of the People of the Book, until they pay the Jizya (tribute) with willing submission, and feel themselves subdued."
- **Fight until all are Muslims, Surah 8:39**, "And fight with them until there is no more persecution and religion should be only for Allah".

14. Jihad by deceiving non-Muslims

- Muslims are not bound by their oaths, Surah 66:2, "Allah has already ordained for you, (O men), the dissolution of your oaths (in some cases): and Allah is your Protector, and He is Full of Knowledge and Wisdom."
- Muslims are allowed to lie when they are in danger, Surah 16:106, "Any one who, after accepting faith in Allah, utters Unbelief, except under compulsion, his heart remaining firm in Faith but such as open their breast to Unbelief, on them is Wrath from Allah, and theirs will be a dreadful Penalty."
- **15. Jihad by disobeying non-Muslim government, Surah 24:52,** "It is such as obey Allah and His Messenger, and fear Allah and do right, that will win (in the end)"
 - **Do not obey the unbeliever, Surah 25:52**, "So obey not the disbelievers, but strive against them herewith with a great endeavor."
 - Do not obey the unbeliever, Surah 26:151, "And obey not the command of the prodigal,"
 - **Do not obey the unbeliever, Surah 33:1**, "O Prophet! Fear Allah, and hearken not to the Unbelievers and the Hypocrites: verily Allah is full of Knowledge and Wisdom."
 - **Do not obey the unbeliever, Surah 76:24**, "So submit patiently to thy Lord's command, and obey not of them any guilty one or disbeliever."

16. Jihad against those who oppose Mohammad.

• If anyone opposes Allah and Mohammad his/her head should be cut off and finger tips, Surah 8:12-13, "Remember thy Lord inspired the angels (with the message): 'I am with you: give firmness to the Believers: I will instill terror into the hearts of the Unbelievers: smite ye above their necks and smite all their finger-tips off them.' This because they contended against Allah and His Messenger: If any contend against Allah and His Messenger, Allah is strict in punishment."

17. Jihad through marriage

- Marry Jewish and Christian women, Surah 5:5, "This day are (all) things good and pure made lawful unto you. The food of the People of the Book is lawful unto you and yours is lawful unto them. (Lawful unto you in marriage) are (not only) chaste women who are believers, but chaste women among the People of the Book, revealed before your time,- when ye give them their due dowers, and desire chastity, not lewdness, nor secret intrigues if any one rejects faith, fruitless is his work, and in the Hereafter he will be in the ranks of those who have lost (all spiritual good)."
- An adulterer can marry an adulteress, Surah 24:3, "The adulterer shall not marry save an adulteress or an idolatress, and the adulteress none shall marry save an adulterer or an idolater. All that is forbidden unto believers."
- Temporary marriage, Surah 4:24, "And all married women (are forbidden unto you) save those (captives) whom your right hands possess. It is a decree of Allah for you. Lawful unto you are all beyond those mentioned, so that ye seek them with your wealth in honest wedlock, not debauchery. And those of whom ye seek content (by marrying them), give unto them their portions as a duty. And there is no sin for you in what ye do by mutual agreement after the duty (hath been done). Lo! Allah is ever Knower, Wise."

18. Jihad through drugs:

- Abdul Rashid, the head of the Taliban's anti-drugs control force in Kandahar, spelled out the nature of his unique
 job. He is authorized to impose a strict ban on the growing of hashish, "because it is consumed by Afghans and
 Muslims." But, Rashid tells me without a hint of sarcasm, "Opium is permissible because it is consumed by kafirs
 (unbelievers) in the West ands not by Muslims or Afghans." <u>Ideals and Realities of Islam,</u> Seyyed Hossein Nasr,
 pg. 59.
- "Who cares if heroin is wreaking havoc in the West? It doesn't matter, they aren't Muslims." <u>Mohammad</u>, by Maxime Rodinson, trans. Anne Carter (Pantheon Books, 1980) pg. 205.
- Muslims should not use tobacco: "Most of the tobacco manufacturers are Jewish, and in order to destroy the Jews we must not consume their products...The Jews are the enemies of Allah" <u>Islam</u>, by Caesar E. Farah, 6th ed., (Barrons, 2000), p. 67.
- 19. Jihad with pen, Al-Tibri': ibn-Hazm and Ahmed Deedat

What about the Christian Crusades?

- 1. Jesus condemned the Crusades: Matthew 5:9 "Blessed are the peacemakers..." Matthew 5:43-46 "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor, and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you in order that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven."
- 2. Those who advocate war or violence in the name of Christ are not following the teachings of Christ. Matthew 5:39 "I say to you, do not resist him who is evil; but whoever slaps you on your right cheek, turn to him the other also." Matthew 26:51-52, "And behold, one of those who were with Jesus reached and drew out his sword, and struck the slave of the high priest, and cut off his ear. Then Jesus said to him, 'Put your sword back into its place; for all those who take up the sword shall perish by the sword.""

Are The Quran References Contained in This Summary Mistranslated or Taken Out of Context?

• References contained in this summary can be verified in their context using The Noble Quran on-line at http://www.usc.edu/dept/MSA/quran/. However, the reader should recognize that the issue is not a matter of translation or context, for the many references that have been made are precisely those being used today by Muslims themselves to support Islamic Jihad throughout the world, as evidenced in the daily media and illustrated below.

By their fruits you will know them

- 1. **Matthew 7:15-18** "Beware of the false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly are ravenous wolves. You will know them by their fruits. Grapes are not gathered from thorn *bushes*, nor figs from thistles, are they? Even so, every good tree bears good fruit; but the bad tree bears bad fruit. A good tree cannot produce bad fruit, nor can a bad tree produce good fruit."
- 2. Here is a small sample of some recent headlines from around the world describing the fruit being born by Islam:
 - December 23, 2002, Church Leader Murdered In Nigerian Jihad (VOM News) A prominent Nigerian church leader was murdered December 12 in his hometown. Bitrus Manjang, vice president of the Church of Christ in Nigeria, was the latest victim of violence against Christians in Plateau State. Also shot and killed were his daughter-in-law, six-year old grandson and five other residents of the Christian village of Riyom. Pastor Manjang's death is another act of violence in the ongoing jihad against Christian leaders in Plateau State.

- December 23, 2002, Filipino Pastor Released From Prison in United Arab Emirates (Charisma News Service & ASSIST News Service) A Filipino pastor, charged with distributing Christian materials, has been released after spending more than a month in prison. According to International Christian Concern (ICC), Fernando Alconga was arrested for giving "The God Story" to an Egyptian Arab. He was then accused of distributing cassette tapes, tracts and New Testaments, after being approached by undercover agents who asked for them. Pastor Alconga was held without bail. His legal counsel from the Philippines Embassy was unable to attend a trial earlier this month because they were not informed of the hearing. Alconga was also refused a translator and forced to sign documents in Arabic, which he could not understand. He was released upon the deposit of two passports, his and that of a guarantor.
- December 30, 2002, Three Americans Shot Dead at Hospital in Yemen By Mohammed Sudam SANAA (Reuters) A gunman shot dead three American staff at a Baptist mission hospital in Yemen Monday. Police quickly arrested a 30-year-old man they said was an Islamist militant for killing a doctor and two of her colleagues. A fourth American, a pharmacist, was wounded.
- December 31, 2002, Muslim Cleric Detained Following Christmas Day Grenade Attack on Pakistan Church, (ASSIST News Service) Four people, including a Muslim cleric who allegedly urged his followers to murder Christians, were detained after a Christmas Day grenade attack at a church killed three girls and injured a dozen others. Two assailants in burqas, the traditional women's garb, tossed a grenade at a Presbyterian church in a village about 160 miles south of Islamabad. An attack in Isla mabad was thwarted when police found two grenades and 20 bullets hidden in a shopping bag near St. Thomas Protestant Church where about 1,000 worshippers, including foreigners, attended the Christmas Day service. The Associated Press quoted the pastor as saying, "It was God who changed the plans of those people."
- January 9, 2003, Pamphlets Distributed in Pakistan Urge Muslims to Kill Westerners and Christians, (ASSIST News Service) A pamphlet being distributed in Pakistan by Islamic fundamentalists calls on Muslims to kill Westerners and Christians wherever and whenever they may be found. According to International Christian Concern (ICC) the pamphlet, which is printed in Urdu and Arabic, was distributed on January 9 in two provinces and some other major cities.
- January 10, 2003 Nigeria Jails Christians For Violating Sharia Law (Religion Today/Compass) Ninety-one Christians were jailed by the government of Niger state for alleged violations of Sharia, or Islamic law. Most of the offenses related to the consumption of alcoholic beverages and sexual promiscuity. They were fined a total of 300,000 naira (\$3,000) according to Alhaji Mohammed Bida, chairman of the state's Islamic enforcement board. He expressed delight that the arrests led to the entrenchment of Islam in the state.
- January 24, 2003, Jordanian Christian Ordered to Surrender Children (VOM/Canada) Last November VOM reported the plight of a Christian woman, Mrs. Siham Qandah, who had been ordered to surrender her children because her husband allegedly converted to Islam before his death. His Muslim brother was given full legal custody of the children and has filed an appeal asking that she be arrested. A Jordanian court has sentenced Mrs. Qandah to 30-days in jail, but she and her children are again in hiding.
- February 19, 2003, Islamic Rebels Attack Christian Village in Philippines, (ASSIST News Service) There has been an escalation of conflict and Islamic terror in the Southern Philippines. A terrorist kidnapping gang operates in the south and the government believes the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) is harboring and training them. On February 19, suspected Islamic rebels attacked the Christian village of Kalawit in the region of Zamboanga. Grenades were lobbed into homes before the rebels gathered the residents together in the streets and sprayed them with machinegun fire. Fourteen Christians died, including several young children and an infant who was shot dead in his mother's arms. Pray Islamic militants and terrorists would be removed from South Philippines. Pray God will give the Christians faith and hope and an abundance of love toward those who want to destroy them. Pray our loving Father will place a shield of protection around the Christian community.
- February 28, 2003, Christian Taxi Driver Killed in Iraq After Refusing to Denounce Christ, (Charisma News). Ziwar Muhammad Isma'il, a Christian taxi driver, was killed in the city of Zakho after he refused to denounce Christianity and return to Islam.
- February 28, 2003, Government of Sudan Continues Jihad Despite Cease-Fire, (ASSIST News Service) In spite of peace talks and a signed cease-fire agreement, the Government of Sudan (GOS) continues its jihad against the non-Muslim, predominantly Christian south of Sudan. Once again the GOS is mercilessly attacking southern Sudanese civilians. Thousands have been displaced in the Western upper Nile region. Eyewitnesses report that GOS tactics include the abduction of women and children, gang rapes, ground assaults supported by helicopter gunships, destruction of humanitarian relief sites and the burning of villages.
- March 7, 2003, Muslims Acquitted For Second Time In Egyptian Massacre (ASSIST News Service) In a repeat verdict, the Sohag criminal Court has acquitted nearly all 96 suspects charged with atrocities in connection with violence which broke out in the village of El Kosheh in January 2000, leaving 21 Christian and a Muslim dead. Only four men received sentences, according to Christian Solidarity Worldwide (CSW). One was sentenced

- to 15 years for killing the sole Muslim victim, the other three, all Muslims, received much lesser sentences for setting alight a truck. The acquittals are a deep disappointment to Egypt's Christian minority, who had hoped to see justice done at the retrial. During the trials, police suppressed vital evidence such as fingerprints and suspected murder weapons. Coptic Bishop Wissa sees this final verdict as a green light to kill Christians.
- March 18, 2003, Saudi Defense Minister Says Churches Not Allowed, (VOM/Canada) As the birthplace of Islam, Saudi Arabia will not allow churches to be built on its land. According to a March 10 AP report, the Defense Minister, Prince Sultan, said that foreigners are allowed to worship freely in their homes, but churches would not be permitted, since it would affect Islam. Calling those who want churches "fanatics," Sultan told reporters, "We are not against religions at all---but there are no churches---not in the past, the present or future." Despite assurances from Sultan, foreigners have been arrested and deported for worshipping in their homes and Christians face imprisonment, torture and death.
- March 23, 2003, Muslim-American Soldier Kills Compatriot in Anti-War Attack, (Reuters) One U.S. soldier was killed and 15 others were wounded on Sunday when a Muslim American serviceman apparently angered by the war against Iraq rolled hand grenades into their tents.
- 3. Muslim Response To the Space Shuttle Columbia disaster: www.alfajr.com: Sheikh Dr. Ali Al-Tamimi, an American citizen said: "The whole world heard about the shuttle crash. Undoubtedly, the heart of every believer leaped with joy at the disaster of his greatest enemy." Al-Tamimi said, "In my heart arose some thoughts that I would like to share with my brothers: First, the name of the shuttle, Columbia, is from Columbus, who discovered the American continent in 1492 following the fall of Grenada, the last of the strongholds of Islam in Andalusia. It is known that with the discovery of the two American continents, the Byzantines, that is, the Christians of Europe, exploited the resources of both these continents in order to take over the Islamic world. With the fall of the Columbia, a thought arose in my heart that this was a powerful sign that the supremacy of the West, and particularly that of the U.S., which began 500 years ago, is about to fall—Allah willing—as happened to the shuttle." The American continued, "Second, the shuttle crew included an Israeli astronaut, about whom the Israeli Ambassador to the U.N. said that he bore with him all the hopes and aspirations of the Israeli people. Thus, these hopes and aspirations burned up, Allah willing, in the fall and burning of the shuttle." Third, he said, "CNN announced at the beginning that the shuttle fell near the city of Palestine, Texas. I said to myself: Allah is great; thus, Allah willing, will America fall in Palestine."

Does Mohammad bring Peace and Love?

- 1. Mohammad conquered Mecca with the sword. He slew all those who would not submit to Islam.
- 2. Jesus killed no one and gave his life in Jerusalem for his enemies.

Love Conquers All

- 1. Every Muslim deserves to hear the truth
- 2. Every Christian needs to know the facts of Islam.