

FACT SHEET ABOUT ISLAM

Ummah is a common Arabic word meaning "people group" or "nation". In the Qur'an God is said to have sent to each Ummah its own messenger. Muslims believe that God gave them an Ummah based on the Qur'an which was sent down to Muhammad.

The word Ummah comes from the word "Umm" which means mother. So Islam is like one's mother. That is why you defend your mother. You stay loyal to her. The Qur'an says God placed heaven under the feet of the mother (The Hadith 1). The Prophet Muhammad said, "May Allah's peace and blessings be upon him. Your Heaven lies under the feet of your mother" (Ahmad Nasai). That is why you need to respect your mother. You fight for this mother to succeed.

Islam comes from a collective thinking.

The refugees are going to Europe because there is a war going on in Syria. The reason for the war in Syria is a gas pipeline. There is an ocean of gas in Qatar. The Qataris wanted to export it to Europe so Europe would no longer be depending on the gas that is coming from Russia. This gas pipeline had to go over Syria. President Assad of Syria said no for two reasons:

1. He is the last ally to Russia in the region.
2. He is an Alawite, which is an offshoot of Shia Islam.

Iran said they would like to export gas to Europe also. This time Assad said yes. That is why the Europeans say that Assad must go. Assad is being backed by the Shia Muslims and Russia. ISIS is being backed by the Sunni Muslims.

When you think about ISIS you think about three countries: Turkey, Saudi Arabia and Qatar. The map of the Middle East that we know of at this moment will change very soon. Countries will be divided. We see countries supporting ISIS but they are not taking the refugees.

The word "ISLAM" means "to surrender". It does not mean "to have faith". It means "to surrender to the authority of Muhammad and Allah". The Muslims in Europe want the Europeans to remain neutral and not to criticize Islam. They are not concerned about converting Europeans to Islam.

The Islamic Dawah is the name given to inviting people to Islam. There are five ways in which this is done. One of them is to invite you directly to become a Muslim. The other ways are Dawah through influencing the political system, the economic system, the judiciary system or the society. This is what is happening in Europe. The economy is not free. The judiciary is not free because we have Islamic laws in many of the European countries. The media is not free. In a European society religion is a very small part of life. Religion does not influence life. Religion is not only separated from politics; it is also separated from life.

The Islamic view is totally different. Religion occupies the whole life. Your personal life is very small. What you eat depends on your faith. What you drink depends on your faith. What you wear, which friends you have is all being defined through religion and faith.

The Qur'an says there is only one religion, "submission" and we call it Islam. The direct quote is "The only religion approved by God is Islam (Submission)" 3:19.

Islam does not mean peace. The first message of Muhammad was, "You become a Muslim, then you live in peace with us." You submit to Muhammad, Allah and the Islamic Ummah. Only because of that do people live in peace. Islam is not just a religion. It is religion and government and politics. There has been no separation since 622 AD.

The Islamic sources are the Qur'an and the Sunnah. Muslims believe that the Qur'an is the last divine book which was revealed through angel Gabriel to Prophet Muhammad from Allah. Sunnah are the sayings, actions, approvals and attributes of Muhammad. The Islamic laws come from the Qur'an or Sunnah.

You cannot criticize the Qur'an or Muhammad.

Islam is a system. It is a social system. It is a religious system. It is an economical system. It is a judicial system. Everything is Islam. This is what makes it difficult for the Europeans to understand this culture.

Forty-six percent of the primary sources of the Qur'an and Islamic theology is devoted to the political system with Jihad being at the heart of the Islamic ideology. Jihad is more than just praying five times a day. Jihad is an Islamic term referring to the religious duty of Muslims to maintain the religion. The ultimate purpose of Jihad is that non-Muslims will submit to Islam. Jihad is not just the violence that is happening in the Middle East. You can have Jihad through the Halal. Through the Halal food that you find all over. They force you to eat the way they want you to eat and you are helping them economically also. If you make a case study in the UK you will find so many things have already changed. The last Olympic Games, in 2012, the Olympic Village and the venues had Muslim prayer rooms. The Olympic village canteen was open all night for fasting athletes. In the Frankfurt airport the people responsible for security are Turks. They control the British airports, supermarkets and prisons. They are also part of education in Germany and in England. The University of Edinburgh is almost entirely owned by Prince Alwaleed bin Talal, a Saudi. His influence is also found in the US with the "Prince Alwaleed bin Talal Islamic Studies" program at Harvard University.

The history of Muhammed tells us that in the year 610 AD he has a vision that changed his life. It is on Mount Hira that the archangel Gabriel appeared to Muhammad. From about 613 Muhammad preached in Mecca the message that he received. He preached the existence of one God. Monotheism was not popular in Mecca, where the livelihood of the people depended on idols. Once people began to convert to the new creed he made enemies in Mecca among the traders. In 622 AD they plotted to assassinate him and he escaped to Yathrib. He was welcomed there. This move from Mecca in 622 AD is seen as the beginning of Islam.\

The Muslim era dates from the Hegira – Arabic for "emigration" – that is, Muhammad's departure from Mecca. In the Muslim calendar this event is the beginning of Year 1.

Yathrib is renamed as "Madinat al Nabi", "The City of The Prophet" and becomes known as Medina.

Before Muhammad went to Medina he sent his disciples to Ethiopia. He sent them there when they were rejected in Mecca. He sent them to a Christian country. The King of Ethiopia was King Armah (Negash). He granted refuge to the disciples of Prophet Mohammad who arrived at Aksum while fleeing from Mecca. He did not want the king to kill them so he gave them one of the Qur'anic Surahs. He gave them Surah 19 – Surah Maryam. When the disciples returned to Mecca they brought many Christian concepts with them which we find in the Qur'an. The Muslims call the Qur'an – Qur'an Matshaf. Matshaf is the Amharic word for Bible. Forty percent of the words in the Qur'an are not Arabic words. The word Surah is a Farsi word that means "the crooked way". Seventeen times a day Surah 1 is quoted by Muslims when they pray. They are cursing the Christians and the Jews.

See Behind the Muslim Prayers <http://solsticewitch13.blogspot.com/2012/07/behind-muslim-prayers.html>.

The Four Caliphates

The information in this section is taken from an essay entitled Islamic History: The Four Rightly Guided Caliphates by Ojibwa [http://www.dailykos.com/stories/2011/2/19/947158/-](http://www.dailykos.com/stories/2011/2/19/947158/)

After Muhammad died came the four Caliphates. Following the death of the Prophet Muhammad in 632 AD, Islam was led by a series of four caliphs who had known the Prophet. These caliphs, known collectively by the Sunnis as the "Four Rightly Guided Caliphs", led the Islamic world and greatly expanded its territory for the next twenty-nine (29) years.

Abu Bakr became the first caliph following Muhammad's death. After only two years (27 months) as caliph, Abu Bakr died after an illness.

In 634 AD, Umar ibn al-Khattab, the "Commander of the Faithful", became the second caliph. He had been one of the chief advisors to Abu Bakr and had served as his secretary.

In 644 AD, Umar ibn al-Khattab was assassinated by a Persian in response to the Muslim conquest of Persia. On his death bed, he appointed a committee of six persons to select his successor.

On the fourth day after the death of Caliph Umar ibn al-Khattab, Uthman ibn Affian was elected as the third caliph in 644 AD. As caliph, Uthman ibn Affian established the first Islamic naval force. He was assassinated in 656 AD.

Ali ibn Abu Talib, the cousin and son-in-law of the Prophet, became the Fourth Caliph in 656 AD. According to Shia sources, he had been born in the Kaaba sanctuary in Mecca and was raised in the household of Muhammad. Muhammad told Ali that God had ordered him to give his daughter, Fatimah, to Ali in marriage.

Sunni Muslims identify Abu Bakr and his three followers as the equally rightful successors to the Prophet and they celebrate them as the Rightly Guided Caliphs (Rashidun).

The Shia Muslims regard Ali as the first in a line of infallible religious leaders called imams. They reject the authority of the first three caliphs. Ali is regarded by the Shiah Muslims as the first legitimate leader by virtue of his blood relationship with the Prophet and his status as Muhammad's first convert to Islam.

The Caliph succeeded Muhammad as a prophet politically and religiously. The division started right when Muhammad died. This conflict will go on until the end of time. The conflict we now have in the Middle East is an Islamic conflict. That is why the Saudis who are Sunni Muslims do not like the Iranians who are Shia Muslims. This conflict started from 632 AD.

Now we have in Europe the Sunnis who escaped Syria. There is a war going on in Yemen. This war is the Sunni in Saudi Arabia against the Shia in Yemen. The next big group of refugees will be coming to Europe from Yemen. There are 30 million people in Yemen and no functional government. The Shia will be coming to Europe. They will meet the Sunnis that are already there.

The ISIS Magazine is online in English; it is called Dabiq. Dabiq is also a place in Syria. It is near a place called Raqqa. ISIS took Raqqa because there is a hadith that says that when Jesus Christ comes back he will go to Raqqa and there he will support the Islamic militants and defeat the antichrist. They are fighting because they are expecting the return of Jesus but this is not the Jesus Christ the Son of God.

Now ISIS has published more insights -- in the seventh edition of Dabiq, its English translation propaganda magazine -- about the end-times theology that is driving its vicious savagery and belief that Islam is a "religion of the sword, not pacifism," and ISIS' role in bringing about the end of the world.

Specifically, ISIS explains that it will continue to war against the enemies of Islam until 'Isa (Jesus) kills the Dajjal (the Antichrist) to establish "Islam and its justice" over the whole world; and, it is luring fighters from around the world with this end-times vision.

<http://www.christianexaminer.com/article/isis.says.jesus.is.coming.soon.and.the.end.of.the.world/48469.htm>

For a Muslim there are three things he needs to do before he dies in addition to fasting and praying. He needs to make Dawah. He needs to go to Jihad. He needs to make Hegira. This is the manifesto of ISIS. This is the plan it is very simple.

There are many stories written in the Qur'an about Jesus that we do not find in the Bible. There is a story that when Jesus was a boy he would tell the other children what their mothers cooked for dinner. The source of revelation in Islam is the mother of the book (Umm-ul-Kitab); this is the Qur'an. They say that the Qur'an was created by Allah before the universe. They say the Qur'an is an everlasting book. In Surah 43:3 it says the Qur'an is in the "Mother of Books".

In the Qur'an Adam is the first prophet. There are 25 named prophets in the Qur'an. Twenty one (21) of them are biblical names. In Islam they say there are two lines: Isaac, Moses and Jesus, then Ishmael. They say that Moses brought the Torah and Jesus

brought the Gospel. They say that the second line came from Ishmael, which brought Mohammad. Mohammad brought the Qur'an and Islam goes back to Abraham. This second line does not exist from a biblical perspective.

Why do we say that Islam is from Ishmael? This comes from the Qur'an. Mohammad says that when they came to Medina the Jews rejected him and to legitimize himself as a prophet he said that he was a descendant of Ishmael. You do not find any genealogy of Mohammad. That is why we cannot speak about the three Abrahamic religions.

There were two kinds of Arabs. There is a kind of Arab that does not exist anymore.

From: <http://www.cotf.edu/earthinfo/meast/MEpeo.html>

"Arabs constitute the majority ethnic group in all of the Middle East states except Iran, Israel, and Turkey (see [political map](#)):

"Originally, the term 'Arab' referred to the peoples that inhabited the northern and central portions of the [Arabian Peninsula](#). Following the spread of various Arab-Islamic empires throughout the Middle East and into Europe and south Asia (see [History](#)), the term 'Arab' has come to be synonymous with those who speak Arabic. Presently, about 60% of the total population in the Middle East speak Arabic and consider themselves to be an Arab."

Muhammad said that Abraham came to Egypt just as we see in the Bible. In Egypt he married Hagar but when he came back from Egypt he did not go north but he went to the south to Saudi Arabia. There in Saudi Arabia in Mecca he built the Kaaba with Ishmael. In the Kaaba he went to sacrifice Ishmael and Allah gave him a lamb.

The place of sacrifice of Abraham's son is important. It is Golgotha (Mt. Moriah). It is important because Jesus Christ was crucified there. That is why Jesus said, "Abraham saw my day and he was happy". When did Abraham see the day of Jesus? As Abraham was intending to slaughter his son this lamb came from heaven there he saw Jesus Christ as his redeeming son. Now Muhammad contradicted this by saying not Moriah but Mecca. Not Isaac but Ishmael.

In Jesus Christ, God told us everything that He wanted to tell us. On the mountain of the Transfiguration, Moses and Elijah came to Jesus as sign for the law and the prophet. Both of them were united in Jesus Christ. Why those two prophets? There are 18 similarities between these two prophets. They are both mentioned in the last chapter of the Old Testament (Malachi 4:4-5). That is why Peter was so excited to see Moses. For a Jew to see Moses was major. Jesus was small for him. Peter wanted to make two tabernacles because he did not want to make Moses go.

We make a mistake when we think Jesus was one of them. Heaven opened and God said He is my begotten son. We do not compare Jesus with anyone. You should not see the challenges of Islam or ISIS. You should look up to Jesus Christ. Islam and ISIS will fall.

When you speak with a Muslim you always have to define things. We use similar words but they have different meanings to a Muslim than they do to a Christian. If we speak about God we have to define who God is. If we speak about sin we must say what sin means. We need to know our Bible very well.

The Middle East became Muslim because the church was afraid of Islam. When you are afraid of somebody you are going to fall. Secondly, the Christians were divided; the gates of Damascus were opened by the Christians, the Syrian Orthodox Church, to allow the Muslims to come in because they were afraid of the Byzantines. Most importantly, the church was not based solidly in the Bible.

When Muslims approach us they accuse us of believing in three different Gods – the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The first verse in the Bible, Genesis, says in Hebrew:

“Bereshit bara Elohim et hashamayim ve’et ha’arets”

The first word “Bereshit” is translated “In the beginning”. This is not correct. The correct translation is “The origin”.

The elements of Bereishit are:

- BE- ("at/in")
- -REISH/ROSH ("head")
- IT (a grammatical marker implying "of")

"Bara" means "to create"; it is used only in connection with God. This verb is always used with God as the subject. Meaning that only God can "Bara". "Bara" is singular. "Elohim" is plural. God who is plural is saying I create in singular.

The first three letters in the Bible are

- B – "Ben" abbreviated meaning Son
- R – "Ruach" meaning Holy Spirit
- E – "Elohim" meaning Father

This is the trinity. The last word in the book of Revelation is "Amen". The word "Amen" ends with "N" with the "BE" and the "N" together you have "Ben" who is Jesus Christ.