

## Doctrine of Islam

1. The word Islam is properly translated “submission” and refers to the will of Allah as defined by the prophet Mohammed.
2. Mohammed was born in the Arabian city of Meccas and lived from c. 570 to June 7 632 AD. He died suddenly at the age of 62.
3. Muhammad was orphaned at an early age and so was raised under the care of his paternal uncle Abu Talib.
4. After his childhood Muhammad primarily worked as a merchant.
5. On occasions Muhammad would retreat to a cave in the mountains for several nights of seclusion and prayer.
6. Later, at age 40, a married man, he reported to friends and family that at this spot, that he was visited by Gabriel and received his first revelation from Allah.
7. Three years after this event Muhammad started preaching these revelations publicly, proclaiming that "Allah is One", that complete "surrender" (lit. Islam) to Him is the only way acceptable to Allah, and that he was a prophet and messenger of Allah, similar to other Islamic prophets.
8. Initially, Muhammad gained a few followers but met hostility from some Meccan tribes.
9. To escape persecution, Muhammad sent some of his followers to Abyssinia in northern Ethiopia before he and his followers in Mecca migrated to Medina (then known as Yathrib) in the year 622.
10. This event, the Flight to Hijra, marks the beginning of the Islamic calendar, also known as the Hijri Calendar.
11. In Medina, Muhammad united the tribes under the Constitution of Medina.
12. After eight years of fighting with the Meccan tribes, Muhammad gathered an army of 10,000 Muslim converts and marched on the city of Mecca.
13. The attack went largely uncontested and Muhammad took over the city with little bloodshed compared to the bloodshed and violence elsewhere.
14. With the conquest of Mecca, Muhammad was able to destroy the three-hundred and sixty pagan idols at the Kaaba, in the city.
15. In 632, a few months after returning to Medina from the Farewell Pilgrimage, Muhammad fell ill and died.

16. Before his death, most of the Arabian Peninsula had converted to Islam through military conquest. Muhammed had united Arabia into a single Muslim religious polity.
17. The revelations attributed to Muhammad are each known as Ayah, lit. "Sign" [of Allah].
18. They form the verses of the Quran, regarded by Muslims as the "Word of Allah" and around which the religion is based.
19. From the Quran containing Muhammad's teachings flow the practices or way of life for Muslims called Sunnah.
20. The word Sunnah is derived from a root word meaning smooth and easy flow or direct flow path. The word literally means to make a clear and well-trodden path.
21. An elaboration of Sunnah is found in the Hadith, meaning "report" "account" or "narrative".
22. Other Muslim practices are contained in *sira* literature, purposed to be biographies of Muhammed. This body of literature is upheld by Muslims and used as sources of Islamic law known as Sharia which forms the Islamic legal system.
23. The term Sharia means a body of moral and religious law derived from religious prophecy as opposed to human legislation.
24. Sharia law regulates in great detail every facet of life including crime, politics, and economics, as well as personal matters such as sexual intercourse, hygiene, diet, prayer, everyday etiquette and fasting.
25. There are five main pillars of Islam which may be briefly stated.
  - *Shahadah* (the testimony). A person must declare there is no god except Allah, and Muhammad is Allah's Messenger.
  - *Salat* (supplication). A devout Muslim is to engage in ritual prayer five times a day.
  - *Zakat* (that which purifies). A devout Muslim is to give no less than 2.5% of one's savings to the poor and needy.
  - *Sawm* (fasting). A devout Muslim is expected to fast and exercise self-control during the holy month of Ramadan. The fasting is only from dawn to dusk.
  - *Hajj* (pilgrimage). If possible every Muslim is to make a pilgrimage to Mecca at least once in a lifetime.
26. In the Muslim religion salvation is based upon submission to Allah, living a good life, and, if possible, waging jihad or holy war against the Infidels.

27. Muslims who are Arabs trace their lineage back to Ishmael, the first son of Abraham by the slave servant Hagar.
- *Genesis 16:3 And Sarai Abram's wife took Hagar her maid the Egyptian, after Abram had dwelt ten years in the land of Canaan, and gave her to her husband Abram to be his wife. 4 And he went in unto Hagar, and she conceived: and when she saw that she had conceived, her mistress was despised in her eyes. 5 And Sarai said unto Abram, My wrong be upon thee: I have given my maid into thy bosom; and when she saw that she had conceived, I was despised in her eyes: the Lord judge between me and thee. 6 But Abram said unto Sarai, Behold, thy maid is in thy hand; do to her as it pleaseth thee. And when Sarai dealt hardly with her, she fled from her face. 7 And the angel of the Lord found her by a fountain of water in the wilderness, by the fountain in the way to Shur. 8 And he said, Hagar, Sarai's maid, whence camest thou? And whither wilt thou go? And she said, I flee from the face of my mistress Sarai. 9 And the angel of the Lord said unto her, Return to thy mistress, and submit thyself under her hands. 10 And the angel of the Lord said unto her, I will multiply thy seed exceedingly, that it shall not be numbered for multitude. 11 And the angel of the Lord said unto her, Behold, thou art with child, and shalt bear a son, and shalt call his name Ishmael; because the Lord hath heard thy affliction.*
28. According to prophecy Arabs are wild by nature, violent, and divided.
- *Genesis 16:12 And he will be a wild man; his hand will be against every man, and every man's hand against him; and he shall dwell in the presence of all his brethren.*
29. The success of Mohammed to unite the Arabs eventually led to an Islamic Empire through military victories from India to Spain.
30. But then, the spread of Islam throughout Europe came to a halt when Charles Martel defeated the Muslim army at the Battle of Tours in AD 732. Tours is a city in central France.
31. Though it enjoyed a golden age from 750 – 1253 AD, the Islamic Empire was decimated by the Mongol hordes which captured Bagdad in 1253 AD. Later the Mongols converted to Islam, rebuilt the mosques, reopened the schools, and went on to conquer most of Hindu India, a large part of southern Russia, western China, and Eastern Europe.
32. Beginning in 1299 as a Sunni Islamic, the Ottoman Empire would expand and continue until it was destroyed by World War I.
33. From the carnage of World War I, the empire would be carved up into various Muslim countries such as Afghanistan, Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Syria, and Lebanon.
34. The rise of the Ottoman Empire was a remarkable feat for after the unexpected death of Mohammed, there was a bloody time of internecine wars which were fought over who would be the Caliph or leader.

35. Ali, Mohammed's cousin and son-in-law claimed the role of Caliph, but was rejected and killed.
36. The followers of Ali were called Shi'ites and to this day honor Ali as the true heir to Mohammad.
37. Nevertheless, the majority of Muslims are devoted to the Caliph that killed Ali. They are known as Sunnis.
38. The rise of Islam to threaten the peace of the world has not come without strategy. A variety of techniques are used to conquer and control.

- Terrorism

Bombs, beheadings, and stoning of women are not uncommon. Random attacks on foreign soil are useful to the Muslim cause.

- Recruiting

Terrorism is a powerful recruiting tool for young people who are bored and want to be part of something exciting. The Internet and other forms of social media are effectively being used by Muslims to attract devotees.

- Morality

Because it opposes pornography, smoking, drinking, and gambling, Islam presents itself as a moral religion that calls people worship, to prayer, to fasting, and to the giving of alms.

- Accommodation

While it they do not assimilate, Muslims will accommodate other religious views, for the moment. They will present themselves with moral equivalence to Christians and to Jews.

- Intimidation

The call in 1988 to kill (fatwa) Salman Rushdie for writing *The Satanic Verses*, to kill the Danish newspaper publisher, Lemming Rose of *Jyllands-Postens*, and Pamela Geller, a conservative of the American Freedom Defense who organized the cartoon context of Mohammed in Garland, Texas in 2015.

- Political Influence

Senate Resolution 133 says that "any criticism of Islam, though legal, is morally reprehensible...because it creates and fosters intolerance, hatred and fear that divide the nation."

- Agitation

To be judged by Sharia Law.

To be exempt from Obama Care because they do not believe in insurance.

To have meat markets sell halal meat, which is meat slaughtered the Islamic way.

- Subjugation.

Muslims move into a nation and then, when their population reaches 10% of that nation's population they begin to subjugate the rest of the people. England, which has allowed 2.62 million Muslim into the nation, may be the first European nation to be subjugated. France will be next where the Muslim population is now 12 % and climbing. There are 751 *zones urbaines sensibles*, sensitive urban areas, better known as “no go” zones.

- Peaceful conquest

By helping the poor, establishing Islamic Centers in the ghettos, and spreading their message, Islam is able to conquer a nation peacefully (*dawa*, invitation). It is estimated that 80,000 Americans convert to Islam each year, and that 20,000 women marry Muslim men.

39. It is instructive to recognize there are four types of Muslims.

- Secular Muslim. Though born into the Muslim community, there are many individuals that turn from the religion to live a life without Allah and without involvement in the tenants of their faith.
- Moderate Muslim. There are Muslim which embrace the religion of Islam out of duty but not delight. They are obedient to the five foundational principles of Islam but advance no further.
- Devout Muslim. A person can be a devout Muslim without being radicalized. Such Muslims seek the Greater Jihad of inner peace with a view to helping others.
- Radical Muslim. These Muslim can are angry and they are militant. They want to terrorize, kill, and conquer those who do not agree with them.

40. There are a variety of reasons why non-Muslims are attracted to the Islamic faith.

- Islam is a structured religion. In a chaotic world many long for structure.
- Islam welcomes converts and makes them feel special.
- Islam is passionate and a religion of passion attracts attraction.

- Islam pretends to be a moral religion as it encourages modesty for women and condemns drugs, alcohol, homosexuality, dancing, and rock music.
  - Islam purports to embrace strong family ties and supports close knit communities.
  - Islam justifies rape, robbery, stealing, and murder for those who are so inclined, provided these actions are primarily against Jews and Infidels.
41. The rise of Islam should remind Christians that God is judging America for its decades of decadence. The apostle Paul explained what happens to any nation that rejects the Lord and embraces pantheism, atheism, agnosticism, nihilism, evolution, humanism moral relativism and secularism while denying and rejecting absolute truth.
- *Romans 1:21 Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. 22 Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, 23 And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and four-footed beasts, and creeping things. 24 Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves: 25 Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen. 26 For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: 27 And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet. 28 And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient; 29 Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers, 30 Backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, 31 Without understanding, covenant breakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful: 32 Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.*
42. Despite the challenges of Islam to Christians, the church need not fear the future.
- *1 Thessalonians 1:7 So that ye were ensamples to all that believe in Macedonia and Achaia. 8 For from you sounded out the word of the Lord not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place your faith to God-ward is spread abroad; so that we need not to speak any thing. 9 For they themselves shew of us what manner of entering in we had unto you, and how ye turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God; 10 And to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come.*

- *Philippians 2:9 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: 10 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;*

“A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;  
 Our helper He, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing:  
 For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;  
 His craft and power are great, and, armed with cruel hate,  
 On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing;  
 Were not the right Man on our side, the Man of God’s own choosing:  
 Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He;  
 Lord Sabaoth, His Name, from age to age the same,  
 And He must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,  
 We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph through us:  
 The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him;  
 His rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure,  
 One little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth;  
 The Spirit and the gifts are ours through Him Who with us sideth:  
 Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;  
 The body they may kill: God’s truth abideth still,  
 His kingdom is forever.”

Martin Luther  
 1529