

THE GRAVE DANGER OF THE MUSLIM RELIGION

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Can you remember the last time you watched a serious news program that did not report some Islamic militants who were plotting to kill, wanted to kill, or had killed innocent men, women and children in the name of God? A holy war they claim, drive the infidels (unbelievers of their religion) out of their lands.

They apparently forgot that they extended an open invitation to America on 9/11. I am so grateful that we have a President who accepted that invitation! The concept of “if we leave them alone” they will leave us alone is faulty thinking. Beloved, it takes two to make peace, but only one to make war and a war has been declared against the United States of America. They call it Jihad (holy war), we call it the murder of innocent men, women and children, and rightly so.

What can Americans do against such viscous attacks carried out upon country? God in his infinite wisdom has placed the right and the power to protect the citizens of a country in the hands of civil government (Romans 13:1-7). The armed forces of the United States can, and are, fighting a physical war to prevent another attack upon our home soil. Their courage may save thousands of innocent lives from those who are bent upon our destruction.

Now having said that, there is another battle raging that members of the Lord’s church are very much involved in; namely, the battle for the hearts and minds of men, and we have a weapon that is mightier than any carnal weapon. ***“For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds; Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ”*** (II Corinthians 10:3-5).

The purpose of this study is to show that the Muslim religion is a false religion that is incapable of saving even a single soul (John 14:6; Acts 4:12). Their faith stands upon an uninspired book, written by a false prophet who, like many before him, claims to have spoken for God (Jeremiah 23:16-17; 21; 25). We do not say that to be unkind, but because it is true. Since it is true, it needs to be said no matter whose feelings get hurt (II Corinthians 13:8). The following will be a brief outline of our study:

1. The Muslim religion fosters hate and violence, despite their denial.
2. The Muslim religion denies the Son of God.
3. A false religion is neither good nor noble.
4. What can be done by the Lord’s church?

1. The Muslim religion fosters hate and violence

Muslims claim that their religion is non-violent; however, experience denies that claim, as does the book they follow. Moreover, one does not have to be very observant to notice that the killing is not limited to non-Muslims, for they torture and murder even those who profess to follow the same religion. Now, you may be inclined to ask “why?” I believe that there are at least three reasons that help to answer that question:

1. Greed and power are the driving force behind this base religion (that is why they fight and kill each other).
2. They have little or no regard for other human life.
3. God, through his inspired word, has given us an insight into why the Muslim world is beset by violence. ***“...Evil shall hunt the violent man to overthrow him”*** (Psalms 140:11). Beloved, their violent behavior breeds evil. ***“For all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword”*** (Matthew 26:52).

The Muslims use the Qur'an to justify their murderous behavior, and rightly so, for the Qur'an gives them permission to use violence. The following is a sample of those verses. The Qur'an uses the word "Sura" for each chapter or portion of the book.

Violence with God's approval

Muslims justify their indiscriminate murder by issuing a warning first. *"Never did we destroy a population that had not a term decreed and assigned before. Neither can a people anticipate its term, nor delay it"* (Sura 15:4-5).

"God did indeed fulfill His promise to you when ye with His permission were about to annihilate your enemy, until ye flinched and fell to disputing about the order, and disobeyed it after He brought you in sight (of the booty) which ye covet..." (Sura 3:152).

"Those who believe fight in the cause of God, and those who reject faith fight in the cause of evil: So fight ye against the friends of Satan: feeble indeed is the cunning of Satan" (Sura 4:76).

"Apostle! Rouse the believers to fight. If there are twenty among you, patient and persevering, they will vanquish two hundred: if a hundred, they will vanquish a thousand of the unbelievers: for these are a people without understanding" (Sura 8:65).

"Soon shall we shall cast fear into the heart of the unbelievers..." (Sura 3:151).

"Of a truth ye are stronger (than they) because of the terror in their hearts, (sent) by God. This is because they are men devoid of understanding" (Sura 59:13).

"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" (Sura 2:191).

Too many times have we watched the last terrible moments of bound and blindfolded Americans before they were beheaded by those who claim to follow this Godless religion (II John 9-11). Notice the following verse: *"Therefore when you meet the unbelievers (in fight), smite them at their necks; at length, when ye have thoroughly subdued them, bind a bond firmly (on them): thereafter (is the time for) either generosity or ransom: Until the war lays down its burdens. Thus (are you commanded): but if it had been God's will, He could certainly have exacted retribution from them (Himself); but (He lets you fight) in order to test you, some with others, but those who are slain in the way of God, He will never let their deeds be lost"* (Sura 47:4).

"A declaration of immunity from God and His apostle, to those pagans with whom ye have contracted mutual alliances for four months. But when the forbidden months are past, then fight and slay the pagans wherever you find them" (Sura 9:1-2; 5).

"The punishment of those who wage war against God and His prophet is: execution or crucifixion, cutting off of hands and feet from opposite sides, or exile from the land: That is their disgrace in this world, and a heavy punishment is theirs in the hereafter" (Sura 5:36).

Promises given to those who kill and are killed

“Can you expect from us (any fate) other than one of two glorious things – (Martyrdom or victory)? But we can expect for you either that God will send His punishment from Himself, or by our hands. So wait (expectant); we too wait with you” (Sura 9:52).

Speaking of those who are nearer to unbelief than to faith. *“(They are) the ones that say, (of their brethren slain), while they themselves sit (at ease): “If only they had listened to us, they would not have been slain”. Say: “Avert death from your own selves, if ye speak the truth. Think not of those who are slain in God’s way as dead. Nay, they live, finding their sustenance in the Presence of the Lord; They rejoice in the bounty provided by God: 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” (Sura 3:168-170).*

“God hath purchased of the believers their persons and their goods; for theirs (in return) is the garden (of paradise): They fight in His cause, and slay and are slain: a promise binding on Him in truth, through the law, the gospel, and the Quran: And who is more faithful to His covenant than God? Then rejoice in the bargain which ye have concluded: That is the achievement supreme” (Sura 9:111).

2. The Muslims religion denies the Son of God

(They even deny the crucifixion of Christ)

“Christ Jesus the son of Mary was (no more than) an apostle of God, and his word, which he bestowed on Mary, and a Spirit proceeding from Him: so believe in God and His apostle. Say not “Trinity”: desist: It will be better for you: for God is One God: Glory be to Him: (Far exalted is He) above having a son. To Him belong all things in heaven and on earth. And enough is God as a disposer of affairs” (Sura 4:171).

“They blaspheme who say that “God is Christ the son of Mary...” (Sura 5:75).

“Christ the son of Mary was no more than an apostle...” (Sura 5:78).

“The Jews call “Uzair a son of God, and the Christians call Christ the Son of God. That is a saying from their mouth; (in this) they but imitate what the unbelievers of old used to say. God’s curse be on them: how they are deluded away from the truth!” (Sura 9:30).

“They say, “God hath begotten a son!” – Glory be to Him! He is self-sufficient! His are all things in the heavens and on earth! No warrant have ye for this! Say ye about God what ye know not?” (Sura 10:68).

“They do blaspheme who say: God is one of three in a trinity: for there is no god except One God” (Sura 5:76).

“That they say (in boast), “We killed Christ Jesus the son of Mary, the Apostle of God” – 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 a surety they killed him not” (Sura 4:157).

Beloved, the seriousness of this should escape no true believer. To deny the Son is to deny the Father: ***“That all men should honour the Son, even as they honour the Father. He that honoureth not the Son honoureth not the Father which hath sent him”*** (John 5:23).

“Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father: (but) he that acknowledgeth the Son hath the Father also” (I John 2:23).

“He that hateth me hateth the father also” (John 15:23).

To deny the crucifixion is a blatant attempt to dismiss:

1. The love of God demonstrated for all men (Romans 5:6; 8; 10; I John 4:9).
2. That Jesus, by the grace of God, tasted of death for the benefit of all men (Hebrews 2:9).
3. The atoning blood of Christ, shed for the remission of sins (Matthew 26:28; Hebrews 10:10; 12; Revelation 1:5).
4. The blood of Christ that purchased the church (Acts 20:28).
 - a. Reconciliation unto God is in the church (Ephesians 2:12-16).
5. That Christ was declared to be the Son of God by the resurrection (Romans 1:4).
6. That Christ was raised from the dead to reign at God’s right hand (Acts 2:30; Romans 15:12).
7. That Christians have a lively hope because of the resurrection of Christ (I Peter 1:3).
8. That the death, burial and resurrection of Christ are inseparably connected to salvation (I Corinthians 15:1-4).

3. A false religion is neither good nor noble

Mohammad puts words in the mouth of Abraham and Jesus in order to support his false religion:

The supposed prayer of Abraham and Ishmael to make of us Muslims - please keep in mind that Abraham lived some two thousand years before Christ, long before the false prophet Muhammad and his made-up religion were ever heard of, or thought of!

“And remember Abraham and Ishmael raised the foundation of the house (with this prayer): “Our Lord! Accept (this service) from us: For thou art the All-Hearing, the All-knowing. Our Lord! Make of us Muslims, bowing to thy (will), and of our progeny a people Muslims, bowing to Thy (will); and show us our places for the celebration of (due) rites; and turn unto us (in mercy); for thou art the Oft-Returning, Most Merciful” (Sura 2:128).

Jesus made it clear that his words would be the standard of judgment; ***“He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the words that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day”*** (John 12:48). Mohammad, in his effort to establish his own credibility, has Jesus pointing a finger to him.

“And remember, Jesus, the son of Mary, said: “O children of Israel! I am the apostle of God (sent) to you, confirming the Law (which came) before me, and giving glad tidings of an apostle to come after me, whose name shall be Ahmad (or Muhammad – A. YUSUF ALI). But when he came to, them with clear signs, they said, “This is evident sorcery!” (Sura 61:6).

Islam is a religion that denies the completeness of the Bible

God made it clear that the Bible (Old Testament and New Testament) is both inspired and complete to meet every spiritual need.

“All scriptures is given by the inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto every good work” (II Timothy 3:16-17).

“According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue” (II Peter 1:3).

Moreover, God has forbidden the addition, subtraction or modification of his word.

“Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish ought from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the Lord your God which I command you” (Deuteronomy 4:2).

“Add thou not unto his words, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar” (Proverbs 30:6).

“For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, if any man shall add unto these things, God will add unto him the plagues that are written in this book. And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book” (Revelation 22:18-19).

“But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. As we said before, so say I now again, if any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed” (Galatians 1:8-9).

“Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son. If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed: For he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds” (II John 9-11).

Mohammad states that God gave him a message in addition to the Bible. More than that, the Qur'an would have us believe that the prophet Mohammad is the true light; to resist him is a supreme disgrace, and accepting the Qur'an is a must (Sura 9:63; 2:88-90).

Is the Qur'an inspired?

Of course you recognize that if the Bible is true, the Qur'an is not, and if the Qur'an is correct, the Bible is not. Beloved, even if I did not have the Bible to prove the Qur'an false, I would know that God is not the author of it by reading the Qur'an, and its absurd description of the creation.

“Has there not been over man a long period of time, when he was nothing (not even) mentioned? Verily we created man from a drop of mingled sperm (the seed of a man and woman yet uncreated), in order to try him: So we gave him (the gifts) of hearing and sight” (Sura 76:1-2).

(Notice the plural “We”. The Muslims insist there is only God, then who is the “We”?).

“Does man think that he will be left uncontrolled (without purpose)? Was he not a drop of sperm emitted (in lowly form)? Did he become a leech-like clot, then did God make and fashion him in due proportion, and made of him two sexes, male and female” (Sura 75:36-39)?

“We created you out of dust, then out of sperm, then out a leech-like clot, then out of a morsel of flesh, partly formed and partly unformed, in order that we may manifest our power to you...” (Sura 22:5).

Is Mohammad the prophet?

Is Mohammad the prophet promised by God in Deuteronomy 18:15-18, as the Muslims claim? Friends, not only do I know that he is not, I can prove it.

The Old Testament was addressed primarily to a single nation. That nation has a traceable line from the beginning of human history. Take a Bible journey with me that will set the matter before us. God, in His wisdom, provides a lineage that will enable you and me to trace this point from Adam to Moses. The first ten generations are Adam – Seth – Enos – Cainan – Mahalaleel – Jared – Enoch – Methuselah – Lamech – Noah. During the days of Noah, some 1556 years from the creation, God said enough (Genesis 6:5-6), and all life ended with the exception of those God wanted to carry over. All human life traces back to the sons of Noah - Shem, Ham and Japheth.

The sons of Ham: Cush, Mizraim, Phut and Canaan. The descendents of Noah through Ham settled in Africa. Cush means Ethiopia, Mizraim – Egypt, Phut – Libya.

The sons of Japheth: Gomer, Magog, Madai, Javan, Tubal, Meshech and Tiras. The descendents of Noah through Japheth settled in Western Europe, by these were the Isles of the Gentiles divided (Genesis 10:5).

The second ten generations. Shem: Arphaxad, Salah, Eber, Peleg, Reu, Serug, Nahor, Terah, Abraham.

That brings us to Genesis chapter 12 and a promise given to Abraham (Genesis 12:3; 22:18). Twenty-five years later, Isaac is born (Genesis 21:5), and the same promise is repeated in Isaac (Genesis 26:4). Some sixty years later, Jacob and Esau are born to Isaac and Rebekah - twins divided by parental favoritism (Genesis 25:23; 28).

Jacob (Israel) would become the father of the twelve tribes of Israel (Genesis 32:28; 46:9-24), and through **him** the promise continues (Genesis 28:14). Jacob brought his family down into Egypt and stood before Pharaoh at the age of one hundred and thirty (Genesis 47:9). Now, who went down into Egypt? The children of Israel! Two hundred and fifteen years go by, which for the most part were spent in cruel bondage (Exodus 1:8-13), until God determined that it was time for Moses to deliver the people from Egyptian bondage (Exodus 3). Ten plagues later, the nation of Israel comes out of Egyptian bondage (Exodus 12). Again, who went down into Egypt? The children of Israel. Who came out of Egypt? Why, the same ones that went down into Egypt. The children of Israel - the descendants of Abraham through Jacob (Israel)!

Beloved, we are ready for two plain passages that show to which nation the Law of Moses was given: **“The Lord our God made a covenant with us in Horeb. The Lord made not this covenant with our fathers, but with us, who are all of us alive this day”** (Deuteronomy 5:2-3).

“Remember ye the Law of Moses my servant, which I commanded him in Horeb for all Israel, with statutes and judgments” (Malachi 4:4). To what people was the Law given? The nation of Israel. Anyone else? No sir!

Now, to the promise given in Deuteronomy 18:15; 18. ***“The Lord thy God will raise up unto thee a Prophet from the midst of thee (the nation of Israel), of thy brethren, like unto me; unto him ye shall hearken”. “I will raise them up a Prophet from among their brethren, like unto thee, and will put my words in his mouth; and he shall speak unto them all that I shall command him”.***

Folks, I would hate to think we could not understand that. The Prophet that was promised in Deuteronomy 18:15; 19 would arise from among the nation of Israel (He would be a Jew), the same ones Moses delivered by God’s mighty hand and brought to Mount Sinai to receive the Law. There were Jews in the first century who knew that Jesus was that prophet (John 6:14), but more than that Peter, speaking by inspiration of the Holy Spirit (John 16:13), declared that Jesus was the Prophet promised by God (Acts 3:18-22).

4. What can be done by the Lord’s church?

If any part of this world needs to hear the good news of the gospel, it is those immersed in this religion of violence. Muslims need to know that the way to heaven is not wrapping yourself in explosives and looking for an opportunity blow yourself up. The gospel is the power of God unto salvation (Romans 1:16), let’s go tell them the good news:

1. The love of God for all men (John 3:16).
2. The terribleness of sin (Romans 3:23; Ephesians 2:1).
3. The undeniable proof that Jesus is the Son of God (John 20:30-31).
4. The death of Jesus Christ made salvation possible (Acts 13:38-39).
 - a. The remission of sins (Acts 2:38).
 - b. Reconciliation unto God (Ephesians 2:12-16).
 - c. Adoption into the family of God (II Corinthians 6:17-18; Galatians 4:4-7).
 - d. A loving fellowship (John 13:34-35).
5. True worship (John 4:23-24).
6. A message of salvation to carry into the world (Matthew 28:18-20).

Will they listen to the gospel? Beloved, we are not responsible for the reception of the gospel, only the faithful preaching of it (II Corinthians 2:15-17). The Lord’s church needs to preach the truth in love (Ephesians 4:15).