

## Islam

Muhammad

-570-632

-Born in Mecca, visited by Gabriel in 610, at the age of 40. Started preaching publicly in 613.

-To escape persecution, he and his followers migrated from Mecca to Medina in 622. This is the *Hijrah*, the beginning of the Islamic calendar.

-In 629, Muhammad marched on the city of Mecca. Conquest was largely uncontested, and ended with few casualties.

Quran

- "The Quran is for Muslims the verbatim Word of God, revealed during the twenty three year period of the prophetic mission of the Prophet Muhammad through the agency of the Archangel Gabriel."

-Oral revelation first to Muhammad, later written in Arabic, 114 chapters

-No contradictions in Quran, so says Quran (4.82)

-650-656, Uthman burned all non-standardized versions of the Quran

Hadith

-Saying of Muhammad

-Compiled in 8th-9th centuries

-*Sahih* (sound), *Hasan* (good), *Da'if* (weak)

-**Sahih al-Bukhari** is considered the most sound hadith

-Five pillars (Sunni)

-Shahada: (tawhid, oneness of Allah, unitarian monotheism vs trinitarian monotheism)

-Must be said in Arabic to become a Muslim

-In English, "There is no god but Allah and Muhammad is his prophet."

-**Shirk**, unforgivable upon death, even Muhammad's parents, but not his uncle Abu Talib, who has the best place in hell (sandals make his brain boil)

-Salah: prayer 5 times a day facing Mecca

- Sawm: fasting during Ramadan from dawn to sunset
- Zakat: giving of alms
- Hajj: pilgrimage to Mecca and Medina, circumambulate the black stone (hajar al-aswad in kaaba)

#### -Sunni and Shi'ite

- Key difference was over succession to Muhammad
  - Sunni (85-90%): Abu Bakr (prophet's companion)
  - Shia (10-15%): Ali ibn Ali Talib (prophet's cousin/son in law)

#### -Jesus

- 5 messengers
  - Noah, Abraham, Jesus, Moses, Muhammad-no distinction
- Born to virgin Mary
- Born with many miracles, including speaking from cradle
- Closest prophet to Muhammad
- Saved from crucifixion**, appeared to have been
- Will return to defeat the Antichrist
- Messiah, just chosen for a noble task
- Message (al-injil) was altered (tahrif)
- Islamic view is highly gnostic

#### Violence

-Jihad: struggle

-9/11

- Do you support the September 11 attacks on the United States
- 43% condemned, 30% justification, though political, 27% were undecided
- 11% justified by Islam, 30% against Islam, 59% no mention of Islam

-What does the Quran say?

-Personal peace

-16.31-32: They shall enter the Gardens of Eden with rivers running below. Therein they shall have whatsoever they will. Thus does God recompense the reverent, those whom the angels take

while they are in a state of goodness. They will say, "Peace be upon you! Enter the Garden for that which you used to do."

-56.25-26: They hear no idle talk therein, nor incitement to sin, save that "Peace, peace" is uttered.

-3.133-134: And hasten unto forgiveness from your Lord, and for a garden whose breadth is the heavens and the earth-prepared for the reverent, who spend in ease and hardship, and curb their rage, and pardon others-and God loves the virtuous-

-Social peace

-Surah 109:Say, "O disbelievers!" I worship not what you worship; nor are you worshippers of what I worship; nor am I a worshipper of what you worship; nor are you worshippers of what I worship. Unto your religion, and unto me my religion.

-2.256: There is no coercion in religion. Sound judgement has become clear from error. So whoever disavows false deities and believes in God has grasped the most unfailing handhold, which never breaks. And God is Hearing, Knowing.

-10.99: And had thy Lord willed, all those who are on the earth would have believed all together. Wouldst thou compel men till they become believers?

-2.62: Truly those who believe, and those who are Jews, and the Christians, and the Sabeans-whosoever believes in God and the Last Day and works righteousness shall have their reward with their Lord.

-16.125: Call unto the way of the Lord with wisdom and goodly exhortation. And dispute with them in the most virtuous manner. Surely thy Lord is He Who knows best those who stray from His way, and He knows best the rightly guided.

-41.34: The good deed and the evil deed are not equal. Repel by that which is better; then behold, the one between whom and thee there is enmity shall be as if he were a loyal protecting friend.

-25.63: The servants of the Compassionate are those who walk humbly upon the earth, and when the ignorant addresses them, say, "Peace."

-2.208: O you who believe! Enter into peace all together, and follow not the footsteps of Satan. Truly he is a manifest enemy unto you.

-Women

- 4.34: Men are the upholders and maintainers of women by virtue of that in which God has favored some of them above others and by virtue of their spending from their wealth. Therefore the righteous women are devoutly obedient, guarding in their husbands' absence what God has guarded. As for those from whom you fear discord and animosity, admonish them, then leave them in their beds, then strike them. Then if they obey you, seek not a way against them. Truly God is Exalted Great.

-Does the quran say you can hit your wife? Debate.

-Does the NT say you can hit your wife? No.

-Did Muhammad hit women? Debate.

-Did Jesus hit women? No.

-Fornication

-24.2: As for the adulterer and the adulteress, flog them each one hundred lashes, and let not pity for them overcome you concerning God's judgement.

-Martyrs and Apostates

-Sahih Bukhari: (most trustworthy source for sunni muslims) "I have been ordered to fight the people till they say, 'none has the right to be worshipped but Allah,' and whoever said La ilaha illallah allah will save his property and life from me." 2946

-Sahih Bukhari (hadith) on jihad: "A man came to Allah's Messenger and said, 'Guide me to such a deed as equals Jihad.' [Muhammad] replied, 'I cannot find such a deed.'" 2785

- "The Prophet said a single endeavor of fighting in Allah's cause in the afternoon or in the forenoon, is better than all the world and whatever is in it." 2792

- "The Prophet said nobody who dies and finds good from Allah in the Hereafter would wish to come back to this world. Even if

you were given the whole world and whatever is in it, except the martyr, who on seeing the superiority of martyrdom, would like to come back to this world and get killed again.” 2795

-6922: anyone who leaves Islam must be killed

-6923: Muhammad himself orders apostates to be killed

-6930: Muslims who kill apostates have a reward on the day of resurrection

#### -War

-22.39-40: Permission to defend yourselves

-2.190-191: And fight in the way of God against those who fight against you, but do not transgress. Truly God loves not the transgressors. And slay them wheresoever you come upon them, and expel them whence they expelled you, for strife is worse than slaying. But do not fight with them near the sacred mosque until they fight with you there. But if they fight you, then slay them. Such is the recompense of the disbelievers.

-8.61: And if they incline toward peace, incline thou toward it, and trust in God. Truly He is the Hearing, the Knowing.

-60.7-8: It may be that God will forge affection between you and those of them with whom you are in enmity. God is Powerful, and God is Forgiving, Merciful. God does not forbid you, with regard to those who did not fight you on account of religion and did not expel you from your homes, from treating them righteously and being just toward them. Truly God loves the just.

-48.26: When those who disbelieve had set zealotry in their hearts, the zealotry of the Age of Ignorance, God sent down His Tranquility upon His Messenger and upon the believers, and enjoined the word of reverence upon them, they being more worthy of it and deserving of it. And God is Knower of all things.

-5.8: O you who believe! Be steadfast for God, bearing witness to justice, and let not hatred for a people lead you to be unjust. Be just; that is nearer to reverence. And reverence God. Surely God is Aware of whatsoever you do.

-47.34-35: Truly those who disbelieve and turn from the way of God, then die while they are disbelievers, God will not forgive them. So do not falter and call for peace while you have the upper hand. God is with you and will not deprive you of your deeds.

-4.74-75: Let them fight in the way of God, those who would sell the life of this world for the Hereafter. And whosoever fights in the way of God-whether he is slain or victorious-We shall grant him a great reward.

-2.216: Fighting has been prescribed for you, though it is hateful to you. But it may be that you hate a thing though it be good for you, and it may be that you love a thing though it be evil for you. God knows, and you know not.

-8.12: Behold, thy Lord revealed unto the angels, "Truly I am with you; so make firm those who believe. I shall cast terror into the hearts of those who disbelieve. So strike above the neck, and strike their every fingertip."

-8.65: O Prophet! Rouse the believers to fight. If there be twenty steadfast among you, they shall overcome two hundred. And if there be one hundred of you, they shall overcome one thousand of those who disbelieve, because they are a people who understand not.

-9.111: "Truly God has purchased from the believers their souls and their wealth in exchange for the Garden being theirs. They fight in the way of God, slaying and being slain. [It is] a promise binding upon Him in the Torah, the Gospel, and the Quran. And who is truer to His pact than God? So rejoice in the bargain you have made. That indeed is the great triumph."

#### -Abrogation

-9.5 (Sword Verse): Then, when the sacred months have passed, slay the idolaters wherever you find them, capture them, besiege them, and lie in wait for them at every place of ambush. But if they repent, and perform the prayer and give the alms, then let them go their way. Truly God is forgiving, Merciful.

-9.29: Fight those who believe not in God and in the last day and who do not forbid what God and His Messenger have forbidden, and who follow not the Religion of Truth among those who were given the Book, till they pay the *jizyah* with a willing hand, being humbled.

-Ibn Kathir commentary

-one of the last surah to be revealed

-Barriers

-Surah 4.157 denies the crucifixion of Jesus took place

-replacement theory (someone else)

- “they did not slay him; nor did they crucify him, but it appeared so unto them.” (4.157)

-Shirk

-Unitarian monotheism vs trinitarian monotheism

-God, Jesus, Mary?

- “And when God said, ‘O Jesus son of Mary!! Didst thou say unto mankind, ‘Take me and my mother as gods apart from God?’ He said, ‘Glory be to Thee! It is not for me to utter that to which I have no right.’” (5.116)

-Scripture corruption