



Jihad and Islam - September 11, 2001

The role of religion in the tactics of terror

9/11 Hijackers Drank Heavily in Bars and Watched Strip Shows, Especially towards Eve of Attacks

- A number of the 9/11 hijackers apparently drank alcohol heavily in bars, slept with prostitutes, and watched strip shows in the US in the months and especially the days leading up to 9/11.
- In late February 2001, hijacker Ziad Jarrah frequents a strip club in Jacksonville, Florida (see February 25-March 4, 2001).
- In July 2001, hijackers Hamza Alghamdi and Marwan Alshehhi make two purchases of “pornographic video and sex toys” from a Florida store (see July 4-27, 2001).
- Some hijackers, including possibly Satam Al Suqami and Waleed and Wail Alshehri, sleep with prostitutes in the days before 9/11 (see September 7-11, 2001).
- Majed Moqed visits a porn shop on three occasions and rents a porn video.
- The mayor of Paterson, New Jersey, will later say of the six hijackers who stay there, “Nobody ever saw them at mosques, but they liked the go-go clubs.” [NEWSDAY, 9/23/2001; NEWSWEEK, 10/15/2001]
- On September 10, three hijacker associates spend \$200 to \$300 apiece on lap dances and drinks in the Pink Pony, a Daytona Beach, Florida, strip club. While the hijackers have left Florida by this time, Mohamed Atta is reported to have visited the same strip club, and these men appear to have foreknowledge of the 9/11 attacks (see September 10, 2001). [BOSTON HERALD, 10/10/2001]
- Alshehhi and Atta are seen entering the Hollywood, Florida, sports bar Shuckums already drunk. They proceed to drink even more hard alcohol there (see September 7, 2001).
- Atta and Alshehhi are seen at Sunrise 251, a bar in Palm Beach, Florida. They spend \$1,000 in 45 minutes on Krug and Perrier-Jouet champagne. Atta is with a tall busty brunette in her late twenties; Alshehhi is with a shortish blonde. Both women are known locally as regular companions of high-rollers. [DAILY MAIL, 9/16/2001]




My Interest in Islam

I lost good friends on 9/11

“How could terrorists fly into the World Trade Center and the Pentagon on 9/11 thinking they were offering a spiritual sacrifice after going to a strip club the night before?”



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The Attack on 9/11 was a Cosmic Event

For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

Ephesians 6:12



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From an Amateur Photographer



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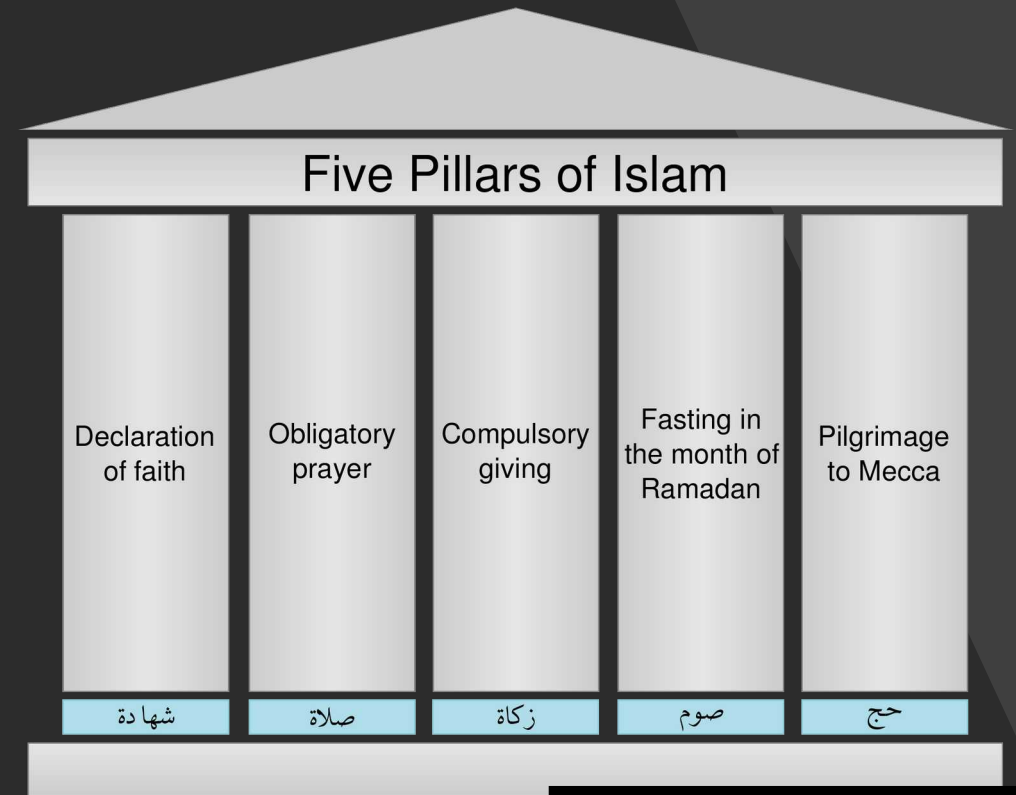
In the Beginning, God
After the Collapse,
God

Mohammed and the Birth of Islam

- Muslims claim the Angel Gabriel spoke to Mohammed in 610 AD while he was meditating in a cave in Mecca
 - Claimed these were words of true god – Allah
 - Mohammed wrote words down as he received them over a period of 22 years – Quran
 - Therefore, Quran is not Mohammed's teachings but word of Allah
 - Others wrote down Mohammed's words: "hadith" written by friends, wives and others
 - Sunni accept all the hadith as authoritative
 - Shiites accept most
- The laws of Islam are called the Sharia, regarding the duties of Muslims toward the God of Islam
 - Not specific books, but whole body of literature
 - Some ancient, some modern

Salvation for a Muslim – 5 Pillars of Islam

1. **Statement of Faith:** “there is no god but Allah and Mohammed is his prophet” (Islam = “submission”)
2. **Prayer:** Pray five times per day facing Mecca, the birthplace of Mohammed with special prayers on Fridays
3. **Giving Alms:** given at end of year like a tax and distributed to needy
4. **Fasting during Ramadan:** fast during daylight hours
5. **Pilgrimage to Mecca:** a five day ritual in Mecca done once in a lifetime



Salvation is not Guaranteed



- Paradise must be earned
- No assurance of salvation
- Soul sleep at death
 - believers go to the grave
 - await judgment at the resurrection day
- Basis of judgment is a balance
 - “then as for him whose balance (of good deeds) will be heavy, he will live a pleasant life (in Paradise). But as for him whose balance (of good deeds) will be light, he will have a home in Hell.” Surah 101:6-9

The Loophole

- Great benefits from dying in a Jihad
 - Jihad means “struggle”
 - Fight the enemies of Allah
 - “Jihad is fighting anybody who stands in the way of spreading Islam. Or fighting anyone who refuses to enter into Islam” Surah 8:39
- Guaranteed immediate entrance into paradise
- Death is “like a pinch”

The Special Covenant of Jihad

- Jihad is a contract between Allah and the Muslim. If the Muslim fights, Allah rewards him with Paradise.
 - “Let those who sell the life of this world for Hereafter fight in the Cause of Allah, and whoso fights in the Cause of Allah and is killed or gets victory, We shall bestow on him a great reward.” Surah 4:74
 - “For them Allah has got ready Gardens (paradise) under which rivers flow, to dwell therein forever.” Surah 9:89
- Different burial for those who die in Jihad
 - Normally, body cleansed and dressed nicely
 - Jihad death, body not washed or given clean clothes, going in coffin just as he died.
 - The blood is a witness for him in front of Allah
 - Angels will treat him as a special person to Allah.
- Dying in Jihad is the only way a Muslim can be assured of entering Paradise at all
- **Quran commands Jihad for all Muslims**

What about the Quran's “nice” verses?

- Quran is filled with contradictions
 - Christians complimented
 - Christians condemned to hell
- Alcohol
 - Stop drinking when going to mosque u after praying. Surah 2:219
 - Alcohol prohibited totally. Surah 5:90
- Women
 - Should not wear hijab
 - Command to wear hijab



Rule of Nasikh (Overwritten)

- Since Quran revealed to Mohammed over a span of 22 years, the later verses cancel out earlier revelations
- For example
 - 114 verses speak of love, peace and forgiveness
 - Later revelation (Verse of the Sword) supersedes
 - “fight and slay the Pagans wherever you find them, and lie in wait for them in every stratagem (of war); but if they repent and establish regular prayers and charity, then open the way for them: for Allah is often forgiving.” Surah 9:5
- If a verse is nasikh, it is as if it doesn't exist

Why there are contradictions

- Mohammed encountered opposition in Mecca
 - Man of peace and prayer
 - Verses speak of peace and cooperation with others
 - Mocked and punished for his faith
- Later went to Medina (Yathrib) and built up military strength
 - Military leader and warrior
 - Verses speak of military power and Jihad
- Returned to Mecca and conquered
- Islam went from spiritual religion to political revolution
 - 60% of Quran verses speak of Jihad
 - Earlier peaceful verses are Nasikh



A photograph showing a man in a red long-sleeved shirt being led by a person wearing a black niqab. The person in the niqab has their hand on the man's shoulder. They are walking on a sandy, textured ground. The background is a light-colored, textured wall.

Holy War in the Quran

- Jihad for Mohammed = overcome anyone who doesn't convert to Islam
 - “Those who reject Islam must be killed. If they turn back (from Islam), take hold of them and kill them wherever you find them...” Surah 4:89
 - “So, when you meet (in Jihad) those who disbelieve, smite their necks till when you have killed and wounded many of them, then bind a bond firmly (on them, i.e. take them as captives). Surah 47:4
- Allah commanded Mohammed to kill rather than take prisoners Surah 8:50-60



Jews and Christians in Quran

- “People of the Book”
 - Early revelations favorable to Christians
 - Jews never spoken of favorably
- After Mohammed’s move to Medina, revelations about People of the book became hostile
- Final revelation regarding Christians and Jews:

“And fight them until there is no more disbelief and the religion (worship) will be for Allah alone (in the whole world).” Surah 8:39
- Muslims should not befriend us

“Take not the Jews and the Christians as Auliya (friends, protectors, helpers), they are but Auliya of each other. And if any amongst you takes them as Auliya, then surely he is one of them. Surah 5:51
- Muslims must force us to convert Surah 4:47

If we do not convert, Allah instructs that our faces be removed. Punishment for Muslims who refuse to fight Surah 9:81

Islam's Ultimate Goal

- Allah is the only authority in a country
 - The only religion
 - The only political power
- Muslims engaged in Jihad only succeed when there is a theocracy
 - Afghanistan, Iran, Sudan, ISIS/ISIL



Multi-Pronged Strategy

Islamic fundamentalists were first working to control secular Muslim governments

- Algeria, Egypt, Syria, Turkey, Malaysia, Saudi Arabia, etc.

Then attacking the west directly

- Sheikh Omar Abdel Rahman changed focus
- WTC attacks

Next took advantage of American withdrawal

- Arab Spring: Libya, Syria, Egypt, Much of Africa, Iraq, and now Afghanistan

Now Pursuing Ultimate Goal of Caliphate:

- ISIS, Taliban, Erdogan

Multiple Types of Muslims

- Secular
 - Most Muslims are secular
 - Believe in nice parts of Quran
 - Reject the call to Jihad
- Traditional
 - Practice Islam, but reject Jihad
 - Some see Jihad as a “spiritual struggle”
 - Some understand Jihad, but want a nice life on earth
- Fundamentalists
 - Goal is to practice Islam as Mohammed did
 - Committed to Jihad and terror





Women in Islam

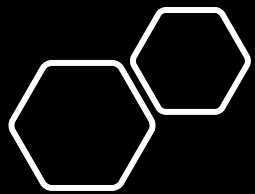
- Women are property
- Man can be married to up to four women
- Women can marry only one man
- Only men can ask for a divorce
- Women inherit half of what a man can
- Women can't answer door if husband not present
- Women are to be covered
 - Only male family can see a woman's face Surah 33:55
- Women should stay in their houses Surah 33:33
- If wife refuses sexual relations, husband is permitted to physically beat her until she submits Surah 4:34



Iran 1970



Iran 2012



Cairo University 1959



Cairo University 2012



Afghanistan



Afghanistan 1967



Afghanistan 2011



Afghanistan 2021

- Workers at a beauty salon strip large photos of women off the wall in Kabul on August 15, 2021.

Winston Churchill

1899


"The fact that in Mohammedan law every woman must belong to some man as his absolute property, either as a child, a wife, or a concubine, must delay the final extinction of slavery until the faith of Islam has ceased to be a great power among men. Individual Muslims may show splendid qualities, but the influence of the religion paralyses the social development of those who follow it. No stronger retrograde force exists in the world."



Christ Shall Prevail

“For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received from God the Father honor and glory, when there came such a voice to him from the excellent glory, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. And this voice which came from heaven we heard, when we were with him in the holy mount.

Peter 1:16-18



“and they shall see the Son of Man come in clouds with all power and glory”

Mark 13:26



God's Perspective: The Fastest Growing Church in the World is In Iran

What Should Christians Do?

- Pray - II Chronicles 7:14
- Witness and pray for Muslims, especially women and children
- Get Active in Politics
- Write Your Member of Congress and Senators