

The Six “fundamentals” of Islam

1. Monotheism; “there is no God but Allah”
 - a. Pre-Muslim Arabs were polytheistic
 - b. The chief god of the Arabs was Allah
 - c. To offer worship to a lesser god is considered “*shirk*” / blasphemy
2. Belief in angels & jinn
 - a. Gabriel is the messenger that brought the Koran to Mohammad
 - b. Jinn are personal angels who accompany every Muslim to record their actions
3. Belief in God’s holy books, 104 of which are referred to in the Koran
 - a. Law given to Moses is chief among these
 - b. Psalms given to David
 - c. The Gospel, (*Injil*), given to Jesus
4. Belief in God’s prophets
 - a. No absolute agreement as to how many prophets there are
 - b. Adam, Jesus are prophets
 - c. Mohammad was the supreme prophet
5. Belief in the predestinating will of Allah
 - a. Good & evil deeds are predetermined by Allah
 - b. Prayers are made to the effect of enabling good deeds
6. Belief in the resurrection and final judgment
 - a. At the end of history Allah will judge all men
 - b. If good deeds outweigh bad you may enter into paradise (more next week of their sensual notion of paradise)
 - c. Completely dependent upon your works and still requires the approval of a somewhat capricious Allah

Basic practices of Islam (Pillars)

1. Recitation of the creed; “**there is no God but Allah, and Muhammad is his prophet.**”
2. The regular practice of prayers. (Sunni Muslims must pray specific prayers accompanied by prescribed motions, 5 times per day.)
3. Must practice almsgiving. The Koran requires that **2.5%** of one’s income be given to the poor & needy or to the spread of Islam.
4. Fasting during the month of Ramadan. (during the day only and most often followed by feasts during the evening hours)
5. A pilgrimage to Mecca, (*Hajj*) is required @ least once in the lifetime.
6. Jihad, which means exertion or struggle.
 - Can be personal as in fight against sin

- Can refer to taxing a non-Muslim for the right to practice their non-Muslim faith in a Muslim controlled country
- Can refer to waging literal war in defense of Allah, his prophet Muhammad & Islam
- There are many other forms of Jihad including: (Frontline)
 - i. Jihad of Words
 - ii. Jihad of deception
 - iii. Jihad of the sword
 - iv. Jihad of taxation & financial reward “shirk”
 - v. Jihad of slavery
 - vi. Jihad of Sharia Law
 - vii. Jihad of Polygamy
 - viii. Jihad of the spirits

On 9/11/2001 a group of Muslims took part in the worst attack ever on US soil all in the name of Islam & the so-called prophet Muhammad. Were they just a crazy group of individuals? We must seek to answer a few important questions.

- Many people including our past two presidents have stated that “Islam is a religion of peace.” Are they correct?
- What does the Koran teach about killing in the name of Allah?
- What is “radical Islam”?
- Are characters like Osama bin Laden representing true Islam?

What does the history of the spread of this religion tell us?

- The initial movement conquering the middle east
- northern Africa
- Southern Europe

What do we know about the current situation in the world and the spread of Islam in under-developed areas such as Africa.

- Nigeria
- Kenya
- Somalia

As we’ve already stated Islam means to submit. If we view the nature of this “religion” as internal as to mean to define one’s relationship to God, we could see that the Muslim is to submit to God or Allah. If we view this as a state religion or Theonomy / church state it means to give up fighting.

Listen to the quote from Frontline Fellowship

“Muslims see themselves as a “peace making force” using argument, intrigue, commerce, threats, terrorism, warfare and every other means possible to secure Islam as the only religion worldwide. Muslims are not permitted to make

peace with a non-Muslim country until it's inhabitants surrender to Islam. They can agree to a cease fire for a period but never to peace with non-Muslims."

Koran, Surah 3:110 Muslims are forbidden to befriend Jews or Christians: "Oh ye who believe! Take not the Jews & the Christians for your friends & protectors..... He amongst you that turns to them is one of them."

Muslims are instructed to fight until their opponents submit. Christians & Jews may be spared if they are willing to pay "Jizya" a penalty tax with willing submission.

Koran, Surah 9. "kill them wherever you find them" and later, "whenever you encounter them strike off their head"

We must also consider that the Jihad is the only promised way of a Muslim qualifying for eternity. If upon entering a jihad of the sword, one gets killed, he goes immediately to heaven to be comforted by a group of sensual women. If on the other he succeeds in battle, he is allowed to capture whatever the spoils are including the women, children or whatever for his own possession. {Mohammad was to receive 20% but the rest was his to keep.}

What the true fundamentalist Muslim sees as his mission is none other than world conquest.

Can we as Christians say that we are different?

Atheists have said that all religions are the same in this way and quote the "Crusades" as well as the nation of Israel conquering all of the "ites" in the OT or Torah. {Richard Dawkins in his book, The God Delusion"}

Arguments against such a charge:

- Commands given to the Jews were unique and temporary for the establishment of and the protection of the new nation of Israel as the world's only true Theocracy. Islam continues to seek expansion even to this day.
- Israel fought for a small piece of land to occupy, Islam fights for the world.
- God created a place where His glory would shine forth for the rest of the world to see.
- The character of YHWH is displayed in His people's righteousness. For Muslims, Allah is pure will and that will is more basic than considerations of morality and justice. (Yahweh is governed by his own attributes, He will always act consistent with His character}
- In the NT revelation we see the progress displayed in the teachings of our Lord. We are to "love our enemies" and we are "Blessed are the peacemakers." Even though Mohammad came onto the scene >600 years after the ultimate revelation from God spoke to us, he reverts to a version of God which was without such instruction. {yet he still claims to believe that Jesus was the Messiah}
- Differences of the Crusades and Islamic Jihad
 - Crusades
 - Lasted about 200 years
 - Criticized as imperialistic

- An effort to re-capture the land from Muslims
- Jesus never taught or exemplified violence against those who refused His message
- Jihad
 - Ongoing for > 1300 years
 - Mohammad's "imperialistic" jihad began more than 500 years prior to the Crusades
 - Jihad began with intent to take land never occupied by Muslims in order to establish Islamic rule "Sharia Law"
 - Muhammad not only preached violence against non-believers but engaged in it himself, {Mecca January 630 AD}

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Andrew Bostom book "*Legacy of Jihad*" well documented history over 14 centuries of data.