

Islam – Gods Next Door

1. [SLIDE ONE] There are more Christians on the face of the earth than there are Muslims, but the Muslim religion is growing at a slow but steady rate while Christianity is, in effect, standing still. Estimates of when Islam will have more adherents than Christianity run from 2200 to 2023.
2. We are in the middle of a war on terror; a war that will go on for generations. We haven't really accepted the truth of that, yet, but the other side has. Terrorists have declared war on us whether or not we believe it. Some of those terrorists – in fact, so far, the vast majority of them – claim to be Muslims.
3. Estimates on how many Muslims are radical Islamists (or Islamofacists) run from 1% to 16% of the Muslim population. In other words, no one has a clue. Even taking the smaller number, 1% of 1.1 billion is still over 1,000,000 so this is a serious problem.
4. While most Muslims might be appalled at the evils unleashed against innocent civilians it must be said that the silence of the mosques and imans is deafening. Regardless, it is best to accept as fact that most Muslims are against radicalism. Since Muslims live near us, around us, go to school with us, and work with us, it is advisable to learn as much as we can about their faith.
5. Plus, they are children of God and they deserve fair treatment, respect, and dignity. They also need Jesus.
6. Remember – there is no question that most Muslims are peaceful. Remember – not all Arabs are Muslim nor are all Muslims Arab. One of the problems we face is that Islam often is confused with Arab desert culture (as it is in Saudi Arabia and in the case of female circumcision). Here are some basic (very basic) facts:
7. [SLIDE TWO] Islam is taught as the one, true religion. It is highly exclusive in doctrine and attitude. While some try to make the word “Islam” mean “peace”, Muslims themselves do not do so. They have a stronger and darker meaning to the term. “...one can achieve real

peace of body and mind only through submission and obedience to Allah. Such a life of obedience brings peace of the heart and establishes real peace in society at large.”

8. This brings us to the next slide [SLIDE THREE]. Islam requires the statement of faith in Allah, which surprises none of us. While we might give lip service to understanding and accepting the second statement, we need to give the second statement closer examination. Islam requires every aspect – not just of the individual but also of the government and greater society – to be surrendered to the will of Allah. This is why it is easier for us to tolerate them than for them to tolerate us. (similar to Bahai faith’s view of us)
9. Notice the third statement. Islam is a “works” religion that requires statements of faith. There is a definite burden placed on each person to take their lives and resources and give them entirely over to Islam so that they can be saved.
10. [SLIDE FOUR] Jihad is often lied about in the media. We see non-Muslims constantly telling us that Jihad is entirely personal, similar to Paul talking about beating his own body to keep it under subjection. However, official Islamic websites and books disagree. *“In order to preserve Islam, and convey it to people at large, and to remove the obstacles in its way, Allah, the Exalted, has decreed jihad as a legitimate institution of warfare. Jihad is also meant to deliver men from those who enslave them, and from submissiveness to men, such as rulers or sheiks, and to stop them from grave, tree, stone worshipping, and for all other idols, and make them submit to Allah alone after having lived in the darkness of ignorance bereft of the light of truth.”* Those who do not submit are considered non-Muslims regardless of their worship or statements of faith.
11. [SLIDE FIVE] “There is no true God except Allah and Mohammed is the Messenger of Allah.” This expressly denies the Trinity and the Deity of Christ. Christ is revered, but only as a prophet and secondary to Mohammed.
12. [SLIDE SIX] Prayers are offered 5x a day. It is designed to help you start and end your day in purification and to stop “heedlessness”

during the day. The prayers cleanse you like bathing in a running river.

13. [SLIDE SEVEN] Islam requires almsgiving. A charge is levied on all property and funds kept for a year.
14. [SLIDE EIGHT] Most of us know about Ramadan because it affects some NBA players! [SLIDE NINE] If a person is financially able to travel to Mecca, they must do so. It is considered weightier than a whole life full of prayers. (the books are opened when you reach puberty. After that, every good and evil deed is written down and the good deeds must outnumber and outweigh the evil deeds for you to be saved. Some deeds, like the Hajj, are weightier than others)
15. [SLIDE TEN] No surprise here. [SLIDE ELEVEN] Islam believes in a rich spirit world. In fact, belief in angels is required if for no other reason than that the angel Gabriel was supposed to have given the Koran to Mohammed (and the Book of Mormon to Joseph Smith).
16. [SLIDE TWELVE] Speaking of the Koran, you cannot be saved unless you agree that the Koran is 100% the words of Mohammed and, therefore, the words of Allah. Also included in this article of faith is the first five books of the Old Testament, the Psalms, the Gospel of Jesus (lost to us and corrupted by the four gospels), and the Sheets of Abraham, traditional sayings and teachings of Abraham (who is claimed as father by Arabs as well as by Jews).
17. [SLIDE THIRTEEN] Twenty five messengers are mentioned in the Koran. They are to be the last until the Last Iman arrives and the world is destroyed by fire. [SLIDE FOURTEEN] They believe in a judgment day including heaven (a garden) and hell.
18. [SLIDE FIFTEEN] Islam is a fatalistic religion that believes in strict predestination and predetermination of all things, human or otherwise. This is phrased this way: a) Allah has known all things and recorded them before bringing them into existence, b) When Allah wants something to exist, it does, and if He doesn't want it to exist, it won't, c) all good things and all evil things were created by Him, and d) nothing happens unless He wants it to happen.

- 19.[SLIDE SIXTEEN] The unseen is a major component in Islam. It is a reflection, once again, of the richness of their view of spirits and demons and their present day activities.
- 20.[SLIDE SEVENTEEN] In Nigeria, Morocco, Mali, Iran, Afghanistan and many other countries today, Islamic law is making inroads into becoming the law of the land for Muslims and for non-Muslims alike. Shari'ah is that law. The first tenet of Shari'ah gives Muslims the right to take any action to enforce the Koran's authority.
- 21.[SLIDE EIGHTEEN] While this second tenet covers alcohol, it also covers most entertainment, some clothing styles, music, makeup, nail polish, etc. Anything that might distract men from their holy duties is to be stomped out. (those who defend the radicals would be the first ones against the wall should Shari'ah come here)
- 22.[SLIDE NINETEEN] Killing is not allowed unless it is done to stop another human being from being destroyed. Radicals (remember there are at least one million of them?) believe this covers far more than physical self defense; it covers the defense of the faith against anything that might disrupt its progress or success.
- 23.[SLIDE TWENTY] They get all this from the Koran and it is here that there are some things you must know if you want to engage a Muslim in conversation about truth and righteousness. We know Gabriel couldn't have announced Jesus as savior, then given the Koran to Mohammed, and then given the Book of Mormon to Joseph Smith since these books do not teach the same things and often strongly contradict each other. However the Koran and the Book of Mormon have one thing in common – they both claim to honor the Bible but drop any part of it that might contradict their teachings; both of them claiming the right to do so because of corruption to the text of the NT and the purity of their own books.
- 24.[SLIDE TWENTY ONE] and then [SLIDE TWENTY TWO]. The story of Caliph Uthman presents several problems for them as does the discovery of some older Korans in recent years that differ quite a bit from the current Koran.

25. [SLIDE TWENTY THREE] then [SLIDE TWENTY FOUR] and
[TWENTY FIVE]

Chris – NO admonition tonight unless you or Josh want to offer one (or a prayer).