

ISLAMIC FACT SHEET 1

The Truth About ISLAM – In the Qur'an's Own Words

Islam is unique among the world's modern religions in that its followers are expected to conform their lives to a sixth-century interpretation of the Qur'an (their holy book of Allah's revelations), the words of its Prophet Muhammad, as recorded in the hadith, and the biography of Muhammad as recorded in the Sira. More specifically, these three books define not only the religious aspect of Islam, but also its cultural aspect, its political aspect (the Caliphate), its judicial aspect (Sharia Law) and its militant aspect (Jihad).

The purpose of this series of Fact Sheets is to alert non-Muslims to the true nature of Islam, as directed by its holiest books.

1. For example; those who wish us to believe that Islam is a peaceful religion cite passages from the Qur'an such as:

Sura - 2:190 - And fight in God's cause against those who wage war against you, but do not commit aggression – for, verily, God does not love aggressors.

Sura 29:46 - Do not argue with those who were given the Book (Christians and Jews); Say, we believe in what has been sent down to us and what was sent down to you, for your God and our God is one and the same.

Sura 2:256 – Let there be no compulsion in religion. Truth stands out clear from Error: whoever rejects evil and believe in Allah hath grasped the most trustworthy hand-hold, that never breaks. And Allah heareth and knoweth all things.

Or other similar Suras – 2:62, 42:40, 42:42, 7:199, 45:14, 3:11 –115,5:44, 5:46,29:46, 19:51,19:58,60:8, 10:93,10:94.

2. YET those we call extremist Jihadists are equally fervent in justifying their actions by passages in the Qur'an such as:

Sura 9:5 (verse of the sword) - But when the forbidden months have passed, then fight and slay the Pagans (anyone other than Muslims) wherever ye find them, and seize them (take captive), beleaguer them, and lie in wait for them in every stratagem (of war); but, if they repent, and establish regular prayers and practice regular charity (become Muslims), then open the way for them, for Allah is Oft-forgiving, Most Merciful.

Sura 9:29 - Fight those who believe not in Allah nor the Last Day, nor hold that forbidden which hath been forbidden by Allah and His Messenger, nor acknowledge the religion of Truth (Islam), even if they are of the People of the Book (Christians and Jews), until they pay the Jizya (an infidel tax) with willing submission, and feel themselves subdued.

Sura 9:123 - O ye who believe! Fight the unbelievers who gird you about, and let them find firmness in you; and know that Allah is with those who fear him.

Sura 5:34 - The punishment of those who wage war against Allah and His Messenger, and strive with might and main for mischief (anything that opposes Sharia) through the land is: execution, or crucifixion, or the cutting off of hands and feet from opposite sides,

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or exile from the land: that is their disgrace in this world and a heavy punishment is theirs in the Hereafter. (This verse is a command for Muslims.)

Or other similar Suras: 2:190,8:12, 8:39, 3:85,9:39, 9:73,8:65 – 69, 4:78, 2:193, 2:216, 4:89, 9:25,9:28-31, 9:36, 9:36, 3:28, 14:15,5:45,47:4, 48:29, 2:191.

3. Obviously, both interpretations cannot be correct; so how better to resolve the disparity than by going to the Qur'an's own words?

Sura 9:73 - *O Prophet! Strive hard (make jahidi) against the unbelievers and the Hypocrites, and be firm against them. Their abode is Hell, - an evil refuge indeed.* (According to Islamic scholars, this Sura cancels all the non-violent verses in the Qur'an).

Sura 2:106 - *None of Our revelations do We abrogate or cause to be forgotten, but We substitute something better or similar: Knowest thou not that Allah Hath the power over all things?*

Other supporting Suras – 13:39, 16:101.

In other words, where a conflict exists between passages, Muslims are directed to go by the later (in this case, the more violent) revelations received by Muhammad, while in Medina - **because they replace the earlier (peaceful) revelations he received in Mecca.**

Is that why so few “so-called” moderate Muslims have come forward to speak out against jihadist violence? Do the rest see nothing to apologize for, because they believe it is Allah's will? Certainly that view is supported by numerous polls, which show a majority of Muslims, around the world, sympathize with the jihadist movement.

And, if that is true, does it follow that the battles we are fighting today are merely the opening skirmishes of a much broader cultural/religious war with the whole of Islam?

Note 1: For a widely accepted English translation of the Qur'an see:
www.islam101.com/quran/yusufali

Note 2: If you are interested in learning more about the history of Islam and the threat it poses to our way of life, visit our website – www.cctaxpayers.com; click on the Contact tab; and ask for information on our next (free) class.

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