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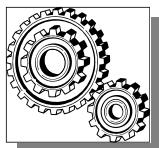
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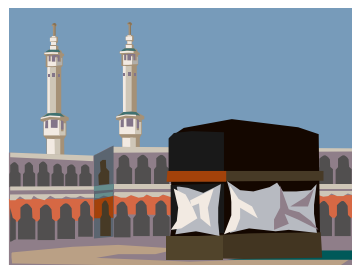
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Sharia(h). Taqiyya. Kitman. Jihad. Da'wa(h). Abrogation. Jizya. Caliphate. Imam. Infidel. Madrassa. Sura. The House of Islam/Peace. The House of War. The Five Pillars of Islam. Hajj. Dhimmitude. These words and phrases are not part of the vocabulary of most non-Muslim U.S. citizens, but they should be. The time for ignorance in the United States of America concerning these words is over. The survival of western civilization depends on it. The Board of the Christian Action Ministry Network (CAM) has felt a heavy spiritual burden for several years to share information with our readers concerning Islam, what it believes, and what its plan is for America. We are now taking that step. It is not our intent to be disrespectful, but it is our intent to educate our fellow Christians.

Certainly, most Americans are familiar with the terms *Islam, Muslim, Allah, Muhammad* (also spelled *Mohammed*), *mosque*, and *Quran* (also spelled *Koran*). We must understand from



the start that Islam is not just a religion, but an entire religious, political, military, economic, social, and legal system in full. Islamic law, called Sharia, is based on the Quran and regulates (1) every aspect of a Muslim's life, and (2) both the Muslims and non-Muslims (infidels) he interacts with. Muslims must follow Sharia, although not all do so completely. Mosques (Muslim houses of teaching,

worship, and community gathering) teach Sharia. Some mosques provide a Madrassa, or Islamic school, where Islam's "holy book", the Quran, is taught. Islam teaches that the Quran was dictated to Muhammad by the angel Gabriel beginning in 610 A.D. Islam teaches that the religions of Judaism and Christianity, although they came first, are incomplete and corrupted religions without the whole truth. Islam teaches that the Quran and Islam have completed the truth, and so are more perfect than Judaism and Christianity. Islam teaches unquestioning obedience to Allah (the Islamic deity) and his commands, including placing the entire physical world under the rule of Islam (the Caliphate). This must be accomplished either by conversion (da'wa) or by the sword (jihad). The nations of the world that are Muslim are called The House of Islam/Peace, or Dar-es-



"I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. You shall have no other gods before Me." Deuteronomy 5:6-7 (The First Commandment)

Salaam. The other parts (such as Israel, the USA, Canada, Australia, etc. which have not bowed to Islam) are called The House of War, or Dar-al-Harb, and must be conquered and brought under Sharia. The Muslim Allah is not a god of love and forgiveness as Jesus is, but a god of rules, commands, and conquest. Islam's "99 Perfect Names of Allah" do not use the word "love" in connection with him. The God of the Judeo-Christian Scriptures is not the same as the god of Islam.

Islam is a monistic faith. Muslims worship one god. Allah has no son, divine or otherwise. There is no Trinity (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit as co-equal divine Persons in one Godhead). Allah is alone and alone is seen as divine. In fact, most observant Muslims believe that Christians are polytheists and worship three gods. Their imams (religious teachers/leaders) teach this. Islam repudiates the divinity of Jesus. Jesus is classified as a human prophet according to Islam, and ranks below the prophet Muhammad, the founder of Islam,

in order of importance. Thus, the Muslim Allah and the Christian God the Father cannot logically be the same deity. One is monistic; one is Trinitarian. Muslims see Jesus as only a human prophet, less important than Muhammad. Christians



worship Jesus as Lord. Judaism, Christianity, and Islam are often referred to as the three great monotheistic religions of the world, but Islam's belief system is very different from Christianity and Judaism. According to Islam, Christians and Jews may be "People of the Book" (Bible), but we are still infidels and non-believers. Islam defines all non-Muslims as infidels. That means everyone from the most militant atheist or secularist, to the most orthodox Jew or Christian, is an infidel. So are pagans, wic-

cans, Sikhs, Buddhists, Hindus, etc. Jews are called very derogatory names in the Quran, which also permits their deaths. Radical Muslims and militant Islamic groups openly call America "the great Satan" and Israel "the little Satan".

Since it is impossible to cover Islam and Sharia (Islamic law) in depth in this limited space, it is important to define

terms. We may discuss these terms at greater length in later CAM newsletters, but for now we present these definitions in random order. Other terms have been defined in the discussion above.

Sharia(h): The complete system of Islamic law, according to the Quran, which governs every aspect of a Muslim's life and his interactions with others. Sharia is not limited merely to the religious aspects of Islam. Muslims hope for a future Caliphate (Islamic kingdom

on earth) where all nations have been conquered and are ruled by Sharia.

Abrogation: Some of the early and later verses of the Quran appear to contradict one another. The earlier verses appear to be more peaceful. The later verses are more strident and warlike. Under the Islamic principle of abrogation, the later verses must be interpreted as having replaced the earlier verses in determining which meaning a Muslim must follow if there is a dispute over interpretation. For example, the term *jihad* is shown in earlier *suras* (verses) of the Quran as an interior struggle within a Muslim individual to live a worthy life by striving to obey the Five Pillars of Islam. In later *suras*, jihad is broadened in meaning to include an armed struggle to subjugate the entire world for Islam. This later warlike meaning of jihad has now replaced the former peaceful meaning of an interior struggle to live as a good Muslim.

Taqiyya: This term refers to direct lying for the Islamic faith. Under this part of Sharia, Muslims are permit-

"Islam isn't in America to be equal to any other faith, but to become dominant. The Quran should be the highest authority in America."

Omar M. Ahmad, 1998, Co-founder and former national Chairman of the Council on American Islamic Relations (CAIR), and former President of CAIR's now-dissolved parent organization, the Islamic Association for Palestine (IAP)

ted to lie to infidels under certain circumstances if doing so will advance the cause of Islam. An often-seen example of this is Muslims telling non-Muslims that the term *jihad* merely means an internal struggle within oneself, without revealing that under the principle of abrogation, *jihad* now means an armed struggle. Muslims are not allowed to select which interpretation of *jihad* they prefer as an individual. Some non-radical Muslims try to do so, but they are disobeying Sharia if they do. Kitman (the little white lie) is a term that refers to a lesser degree of Taqiyya, lying by omission. Contrast these teachings with our Scriptures, which teach that lying is a sin, that our *yes* should be yes and our *no* should be no, and that we must not bear false witness.

Jizya: Non-Muslims who live in a nation Islam has conquered can be made to pay a special tax, called the jizya, for the right to live there and to worship covertly as non-Muslims. However, they will be third-class citizens with the status of *dhimmis*.

Dhimmitude: The condition of third-class status under Sharia that majority-Muslim nations are allowed to impose on their non-

Muslim fellow citizens who will not convert to Islam. Signs of dhimmitude are (1) forcing non-Muslims to pay the jizya, (2) weighing their rights in legal proceedings as less than the rights of Muslims, (3) refusing to allow non-Muslims to dress as well as Muslims, shop in the same stores, or live in the best areas of a city, (4) Refusal to allow non-Muslims to run for public office, (5) Legal harassment and religious persecution short of death. For example, witness the total absence of any Christian churches or Jewish synagogues in Saudi Arabia, and the increasing persecution of non-Muslim groups in other Islamic nations today.

The Five Pillars of Islam: The five obligations a Muslim strives to follow if s/he is to live a worthy Muslim life. The five pillars consist of (1) Reciting the Shahadah which says that there is no god but Allah and that Mohammed is his prophet, and embracing the teachings of the Quran. (2) Salat, or praying five times a day while facing the city of Mecca. (3) Making a pilgrimage or Hajj to Mecca at least once in a lifetime. (4) Zakat, which is giving money to Islamic charities or the Muslim poor. (5) Fasting during Ramadan.

Da'wa(h): According to Brigitte Gabriel of Act! for America, Da'wa is the slow insertion of Sharia and Islamic thought into the culture and thought process of a nation, most recently in Europe and America. She states that the Muslim Brotherhood crafted such a plan in 1982 which is intended to establish an all-encompassing "Islamic government on earth". They have planned their work, and are now working their plan. Islam is the fastest-growing religion in the world at this time.



Needless to say, there would be scant religious tolerance if Islam and Sharia became the majority religious/legal system in America. Sharia and the U.S. Constitution are incompatible, despite assertions to the contrary by the Muslim Brotherhood. There is no "separation of church and state" under Islam. No "freedom of religion". Under Sharia, most sections of the Constitution would become null and

void. Glaring examples of this would be the destruction of the First and Second Amendments; Article I, Section 8; Article IV, Section 4; Article VI; Amendments Nine and Ten, etc. We may discuss these in a later newsletter. Sharia has entered our judicial system, and has been indirectly acknowledged by at least two members of the U.S. Supreme Court as allowable in deciding certain legal cases. Sharia, fully or mostly implemented in America, would effectively nullify the U.S. Constitution and run roughshod over both Jewish and Christian Scripture. Americans who do not convert would become dhimmis at best. At worst, people who refuse to comply could be imprisoned or killed, as is now happening in numerous foreign countries. Jesus loves Muslim people. He died for them. It is the Islamic system that violates the First Commandment. Christians must pray that the hearts of individual Muslims will be open to the message of the Gospel.

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Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter! Woe unto them that are wise in their own eyes and prudent in their own sight! Isaiah 5:20,21

What can I do?



Faith without works is dead James 2:17

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Mark your Calendar

We Stand With Israel, a group of Christians and Jews who actively work together on behalf of Israel, is bringing Bret Stephens to Burlington on Sept. 6, 2012 at 7:00 pm.

Mr. Stephens is the principal columnist on foreign affairs at the Wall Street Journal and a well known Israel advocate. He will speak at the Davis Center at the University of Vermont.

Accompanying him will be Rabbi Shmuel Bowman, the Director of Operation Lifeshield, a non-profit organization that builds bomb shelters in public places in Israel. Proceeds from the evening will go toward the construction of a bomb shelter in Israel to protect its citizens from attacks.

**Tickets are \$15 / person
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