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Things you Should Know About Islam

Segment One

Today I want to cover a number of different things that I think you should know about Islam.

Muslim Population

The first thing we should know is that nearly one in four people in the world today is a Muslim. 1.7 billion people in the world pray to Allah as their god. To be technical, this works out to be 23% of the world's population are Muslims.

At the end of WWI, that is about 100 years ago, the estimated Muslim population in the world was 300 million. In this relatively short time they have grown from 300 million to 1.7 billion. This is phenomenal growth. This growth does not come from evangelism, it is from having lots and lots of children.

We also need to know that a Muslim can have up to 4 wives at one time. They may divorce one or more of their wives and marry others in their place. The children that they have with these wives are by default Muslims because their father is a Muslim. This is true even if the wife is not a Muslim. The children are always the property of the father. This is why it is forbidden for a Muslim woman to have children by a non-Muslim. If she has a child by a non-Muslim she is not growing the nation of Islam. Shariah law says if a woman does this she is to be killed.

According to CAIR there are approximately 10 million Muslims in America today. This is a Muslim source and therefore may not be reliable. The FBI tells us that there are 7 million. Another source, the US census in 2010, said there were only 3 million Muslims. Do you believe that all of the Muslims told the census takers that they were Muslims? 3 million is far too low to be accurate. There are probably between 7 and 10 million Muslims here.

Birth Rates

The average American family will have 1.4 children. If this trend continues with any people group, that group will birth themselves out of existence. Despite the new laws on marriage, it still takes a male and a female to procreate. Just to maintain a population you need more than 2 children per family.

The Muslim family averages as high as 5 children per wife. Studies show a slowing of this birth rate among Muslims. Nevertheless, while our population is in decline, the Muslim population is growing.

Missions to Muslims

Since nearly one quarter of the world's population is Muslim, don't you think that one quarter of the missionaries would be reaching Muslims? This is not even close to the truth. Studies tell us that less than 1% of all Christian missionaries, regardless of their denomination, are targeting Muslims.

This means that 99% of our missionaries are neglecting one quarter of our world. Of course, there are reasons for this. We can't get into their countries. Muslim countries will not issue visas to Christians. A Christian cannot even get into Mecca.

Even if you were to get into a Muslim country and reach a Muslim for Christ, you would make that Muslim an apostate. Every Muslim knows that every apostate is to be killed. Not only would the apostate be subject to the death penalty, the one who led him to Christ would also be subject to the death penalty, or at least imprisonment and beating.

As I said earlier, there are as many as 10 million Muslims in America. Most of the Muslims who come to America, about 80%, come here to escape Islam. We have a wonderful opportunity to evangelize Muslims in our country.

The best time to do this is when they first arrive, before they get connected to the American Islamic community. The Muslim community may pull them back into Islam.

The reason most Muslims don't renounce their Muslim faith when they come here is that, according to Islamic law, they would become apostates and could be killed. It is not likely that this type of killing would happen here in America. It has in the past, but it is rare.

Most Muslims who come to America don't renounce their faith because they will be rejected by their families, but they don't practice it. They still call themselves Muslims but they really don't want to have anything to do with the religion.

We have a wonderful opportunity to reach Muslims here in our country. We are shirking our duty if we don't take advantage of this responsibility.

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Segment Two

Islamic Scripture

We are told that the Qur'an is the holy book of Islam and that it is their scriptures. In fact, the Qur'an is only a part of what they consider to be scripture. There is another part of what they consider scripture that most of us in the West have never heard of. It is called the Sunnah. The Sunnah has two parts, the first are the Hadith, which are the traditions and saying of the Prophet, Muhammad. The second is the biography of Muhammad, known as the Sirah. There have been a number of biographies written, but the most accepted is by Ibn Ishaq.

The easiest way to understand this is that the Qur'an is the revelation, word for word, from Allah, and the Sunnah are the acts and teachings of Muhammad. You must understand that both of these are used to form the doctrines of Islam. There is more to Islam than just the Qur'an.

The Qur'an Is A Sinking Ship

A study of how the Qur'an came into existence and its authenticity leads to all kinds of problems.

People have been trying to destroy the Bible. They say it is a book of fiction and that it is not reliable. It has been examined by many critics, and the Bible has survived every test designed to discredit it. The attempts to prove the Bible wrong always make the Bible stronger. There are some things that people think are contradictions, but if you study the whole Bible and keep things in context, you will find that what may at first appear to be a contradiction, is not.

When we put the Qur'an to the same tests we find that it is quite different. Let me make some comparisons between the Bible and the Qur'an.

The Bible

The Qur'an

Written over 1,500 to 2,000 years

Written over a period of about 20 years

Forty different men were used to write it down

Received by one man, Muhammad

There is perfect harmony between all parts

Has many contradictions and errors

It is like comparing an orchestra with many instruments playing in harmony and a one stringed banjo. There is no comparison.

We need to understand that the Qur'an wasn't written by Muhammad and he never ordered for it to be written. It was to be recited. Muhammad could not read or write. He was called the "unlettered" prophet. He married a rich widow, which allowed him to hire a scribe. Even Muhammad's scribe didn't write down the Qur'an.

After the death of Muhammad there were some arguments over whether the Qur'an should be written down. The first Caliph resisted efforts to write it down. The second Caliph, Umar, also resisted

attempts to write down the Qur'an. Under the third Caliph, Uthman, there was a war and they lost 40 of their reciters. It was feared that they might lose the Qur'an so he commanded that it be written down.

They brought in a team of 5 people to decide which recitations were correct. There were 7 oral versions that had developed. In the end, the Uthman Qur'an became the official Qur'an. Four copies were made and sent to the 4 regions of the Islamic empire.

There are, supposedly, two of these copies in existence today. Because of the script used in these copies it is clear that these were written at least 150 years after Uthman's time. In Uthman's time the Arabic alphabet was still being formed. If these copies dated to the time of Uthman, they would have been written in the Nabatian script. Both of them are written in the Kufic script, which has vowels. Like early Hebrew, the Nabatian script did not have vowels.

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Segment Three

The Largest Muslim Populations Are Not In The Middle East

The largest Muslim population is in Indonesia. Pakistan is the second largest and the third is in India. Even though India is mostly Hindu, the number of Muslims living there puts it in third place.

Muslim Does Not Mean Arab

Egypt is the largest Arab country in the world. In Egypt there are 2 million Coptic Christians.

Not every Muslim is an Arab. Only about 15% of the world's Muslims are Arabs. This means that most Muslims don't speak Arabic. Even the Islamic country that is most in the news today, Iran, does not speak Arabic, it speaks Farsi.

The services in the mosques are conducted in Arabic. It is a lot like the old school in Catholicism where Latin was the language of the Mass. Many may think it sounds wonderful, but they don't have a clue what they are talking about. Muslims will memorize certain prayers and parrot them, but they really don't know what they are saying.

Most Muslims Are Illiterate

More than two thirds of the Muslims in the world can't read or write. Islam tries to keep women ignorant. In Pakistan girls are forbidden to go to school. We have reported on the 11 year old girl who was shot by the Taliban in Pakistan for trying to bring awareness of the persecution of women and girls under Islam.

An educated Muslim woman is a threat to a Muslim man because she could become independent of her Muslim husband or father. Keeping the girls uneducated keeps them in the home, keeps them from going after jobs and careers, and allows them to have lots of babies.

Where Are Muslims Found In America?

The states with the largest Muslim populations are, starting with the state with the most Muslims:

Texas, New York, Illinois, California, Virginia. What about Michigan? We are told that Dearborn Michigan is the largest Muslim community in America. This is not true. More Muslims live in New York City, Los Angeles, and Chicago than in Detroit. Dearborn is a suburb of Detroit.

We are led to believe that Dearborn has the largest Muslim community because they are the oldest. As a result they are more entrenched and have taken over just about everything. Muslims hold almost every political office in the city. When you enter the area it is like going to a Muslim country. Many of the women dress like in Muslim countries, Arabic is on most of the signs, halal meat is sold in just about every restaurant, etc.

The Muslims that have taken over Dearborn are Arab Muslims. Because of this it has more of an Arabic feel.

Thirdly, the Muslims in Dearborn are brought into one community. In New York they are spread all throughout the city.

How did it get this way? Henry Ford, who was anti-semitic, found that the Arabic people were good workers. He brought them into this area because they were cheap labor.

Muhammad Was A Pedophile

Muhammad's favorite wife, he had 13 or 14 plus countless concubines, was Aisha. When he married her he was about 53 and she was 6 years old. Muhammad didn't consummate the marriage until she was 9 years old. In the Sunnah we have the story of how Aisha was playing on a swing and with her dolls when her mother came to prepare her for her wedding night.

Muhammad's example is still followed within Islam. If you are going to be a good Muslim, you follow the example of the Prophet. There is no greater example within Islam than Muhammad. If he had sex with children, you have sex with children. If he killed unbelievers, you kill unbelievers.

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Segment Four

Pedophilia is rampant in Islam because of Muhammad's example. There is even a story in the Hadith of Muhammad fancying an infant who was crawling on the floor. It says that he wanted to marry this little girl. This is why Islam has no minimum age for marriage. Most imams will say that the girl must have gone through puberty and say that the girl's body must be able to support the weight of the man, but there is no minimum age.

This is an evil religion, and Muhammad was a vile man. It seems the only limit on his debauchery was his imagination.

How did the Prophet Muhammad die?

Muhammad's death is a bit of an embarrassment for Muslims. The great Prophet Muhammad died at the hands of a woman. One of his wives poisoned him. Her name is Rahana. Let me tell you how she

became his wife.

Muhammad led his followers in 66 battles. There were only two which were not initiated by Muhammad. The biggest of these was called the battle of the ditch. He had a weakness on one of his flanks and the last Jewish tribe in the area enters into an agreement to protect that flank. Muhammad was victorious in the battle. The story goes that as he was putting down his sword the angel appeared to him and said, why are you putting down your sword, you have to deal with the treachery of this Jewish tribe.

He then attacked this last Jewish tribe and the battle went on for a week. They came to an agreement and Muhammad signed a pact saying that they could come out, but they had to leave Arabia. The men come out first and he captured all of them and he oversaw the beheading of 600 to 900 Jewish men. Their bodies were buried in the ditch which had been dug in the marketplace. The wives and children were taken as war booty, as the spoils of war. Islam teaches that making an agreement with non-Muslims means nothing.

There is a whole chapter in the Qur'an on dividing up the war booty. On fifth of all of the war booty went to Muhammad and the rest was divided up between the rest of his fighters.

Rahana was one of the slaves taken by Muhammad. Remember that she was a Jewess and her husband had just been beheaded by Muhammad. Muhammad chose to marry her and she ended up poisoning him.

It took some time for him to succumb to the poison. He became very sick and it took a number of months for him to die.

This is a double embarrassment for Muslims because their prophet died, not only at the hand of a woman, it was at the hand of a Jewish woman. This is one of the reasons that Muslims have such great hatred toward the Jews.

Muhammad Thought He Was Demon Possessed

When Muhammad first came in contact with this spirit (Arabic jinn from which we get the English word gennie), he thought it was a demon. In his first encounter with the jinn, the jinn squeezed him and said read, to which Muhammad responded that he could not read. He told this to his wife and she told him to wake her up if the spirit came back. When the spirit came back he woke her up and they did what husbands and wives do. The spirit left and his wife said that because it did not stay in must be an angel.

She used this to convince Muhammad that he was a prophet of Allah. Muhammad, himself, was not able to discern who this spirit was. He thought that he was demon possessed. He even considered throwing himself off a cliff.

If the Prophet Muhammad could not discern for himself whether this was an angel or a demon, what confidence should we give to him? I believe his first impressions were right.

In conclusion, I think you can see that Islam has a very shaky foundation.