Islam – Conclusions

This concluding analysis was offered by Robert Morey in *The Islamic Invasion*:

"The pagan Arabs worshiped the moon god Allah by praying toward Mecca several times a day; making a pilgrimage to Mecca; running around the temple of the moon god called the Kabah; kissing the black stone;...throwing stones at the devil; fasting for the month that begins and ends with the crescent moon..." etc.

"The Muslim's claim that Allah is the god of the Bible and that Islam arose from the religion of the prophets and apostles is refuted by solid, overwhelming archaeological evidence. Islam is nothing more than a revival of the ancient moon god cult. It has taken the symbols, the rites, the ceremonies, and even the name of its god from the ancient pagan religion of the moon god. As such, it is sheer idolatry and must be rejected by all those who follow the Torah and Gospel."

It has been said that there were more Christians martyred for the faith in the 20th century than in all of the previous nineteen centuries combined. In the world today, Islam is one of the two chief ideologies involved in the persecution of Christians, along with international Marxist-Leninism. The "World Watch List," compiled annually by Open Doors USA, ranks countries according to the intensity of persecution Christians face for pursuing their faith. For five years running, North Korea has topped that list. In six of the top ten persecuting countries, the predominant religion is Islam.² The Voice of the Martyrs chronicles that the two greatest parties guilty of persecution against Christians today are countries embracing Marxist-Leninist (i.e., "communist") ideologies and those embracing Islam. Brother Andrew, the Dutch man – for years was known as the "Bible Smuggler" for sneaking them into communist countries, said that the threat we face from Islam is the greatest the world has ever known. We remember, almost with fondness, the days of communist domination.

Islamic realities in the United States

And then, of course, there was the September 11th attack. We know about the hijacking of the four planes and flying them into the Twin Towers in New York and into the Pentagon in Washington, DC. Here are just two of the day's events on that fateful day from a personal perspective:*

- On that fateful morning, Lisa Jefferson was the Verizon supervisor on duty who spoke with United Airlines (UA) Flight 93 passenger Todd Beamer. The Boeing 757-222 from which Beamer called that day was one of four planes hijacked as part of the September 11, 2001 attacks -- the only one of the four aircraft that failed to reach its intended target. Instead, Flight 93 crashed in an empty field near Shanksville, Pennsylvania, about 150 miles from Washington, DC, after passengers and flight crew members intervened in a heroic but fatal effort to subdue the terrorists. Mrs. Jefferson says she prayed with Beamer and listened as the tragedy in the air unfolded. "The plane took another dive," Jefferson notes, "and you could hear the commotion in the background. I heard men crying and screaming, 'Oh, my God. Jesus help us.' The commotion is something I will never ever forget." Then, she recounts, she heard Beamer and others discussing a plan to take back the plane from the terrorists. "The last thing I heard from him was, 'Are you ready,'" the worker remembers. He was speaking to someone else, and he said, 'Okay.' He said, 'Let's roll.'"
- Melissa Doi, age 32, was trapped on the 83rd floor of the south tower of the World Trade Center in New York. She managed to reach a 911 operator and give her the name and phone number of her mother in the hopes that the operator might pass on a last message. As the tower continued to burn she asked the operator, "Can I stay on the line with you, please? I feel like I'm dying." Later in the conversation, Melissa said in a frantic voice, "The floor is completely engulfed. We're on the floor and we can't breathe, and it's very, very, very hot." Then "I'm going to die, I know it. Please, God, no. It's so hot, I'm burning up," she said, sobbing. After that Doi said little.⁴

Dr. Wafa Sultan

An inside perspective is offered by Dr. Wafa Sultan, a medical doctor from Syria and now living in the United States. She grew up in Baniyas, Syria, a town on the Mediterranean where her father was a local grain trader. Surrounded by protective brothers, she studied hard and rarely stepped outside the bounds of Muslim propriety. But in 1979, as a medical student at Syria's University of Aleppo, she witnessed a crime that changed her forever. One day, Wafa sat in a lecture hall with 200 other students, listening to her professor of ophthalmology, Yusef Al Yusef. Suddenly she heard the crack of gunfire and then saw her teacher crumple to the floor. A group of men stood next

to the body, guns extended, shouting, "God is great! God is great!" in Arabic. The killers, Muslim extremists, quickly ran out, leaving the students staring at their dead instructor.

Deeply troubled by this fundamentalist violence, Wafa was further shaken when she became a doctor in a large hospital. Newly married to an engineering professor, she came home from work with disturbing stories of treating victims of domestic abuse. Women would walk in with black eyes, bruised backs, broken bones. Wafa could mend their wounds and listen to their complaints, but she couldn't discuss openly what she saw as the root cause: a culture that demands total deference to men, amplified by extremist beliefs.

[After she and her husband emigrated to America with their family] she took part in the social life of the local Muslim community, yet insisted that her children "live the American life." They were taught English from the start, and while they can understand Arabic, the younger two don't speak it to this day. But the culture Wafa left behind was never far from her mind. She started writing opinion pieces on women, Islam and radicalism for the local Arabic press. Wafa was careful not to be openly critical of religion, instead questioning an interpretation of Islam that seemed to breed terrorists and wife-beaters.

Even so, some thought Wafa had gone too far. After one editorial came out, she received a phone call from a man who warned that "even in America, there are limits." The person on the line claimed to be from a prominent Islamic organization. Intimidation of this sort made Wafa nervous and her editors more timid. Then came September 11. Watching the World Trade Center towers fall on her television screen, Wafa felt enraged and emboldened. "I don't care anymore. I will write what I want," she told David. Too few people were speaking the truth about radical Islam and she, for one, would stop holding back.

And so Wafa Sultan found herself at the Los Angeles studio last year, being fitted with a microphone and placed before a camera. The host, in Qatar, presented the topic of Islam and terrorism to the audience and then surprised Sultan by introducing another guest, Ahmad bin Mohammed, an Algerian professor of Islamic law.

Sultan had no idea that someone else would be on the show to challenge her views. Raised in the Muslim culture, she certainly never expected to be placed in direct opposition to a man.

Given the floor first, Sultan became impassioned as she spoke. "Religion in our countries is the sole source of education," she argued. "It is the sole source from which terrorists drink." Ahmad bin Mohammed changed the subject to President Bush. "Our guest asked how a youth blows himself up. Wasn't it better for her to ask how a President kills innocent people in Iraq?"

Sultan woke up to the reality of her first appearance on live television: This wasn't just a conversation, but an all-out debate. She drew in a breath and opened her mouth, and the words burst forth like water through a sprung levy. She ran through a catalog of atrocities committed by radical Muslims against innocent victims: "Can you explain the killing of 100,000 children, women and men in Algeria? [Or] the death of 15,000 civilians in Syria? How can you explain the awful crime in the artillery school in Aleppo [where radicals murdered Alawite cadets]? Was this a revenge against America or Israel, or was it to satisfy the savage and barbarian instincts aroused by teachings that call for refusing the other, killing him?"

The two sparred intensely for nearly 50 minutes, sometimes shouting over each other. "He must let me finish!" she implored at one point.

The program, Sultan later found out, was watched by millions in the Middle East. When the taping ended, she left immediately with her husband for the drive back home. "You were great!" he said, beaming.

Neither had any idea how drastically their lives would now change.⁵

+ + + + + + Allah or The Lord Jesus Christ? ⁶*

By Rick Mathes

The Muslim religion is the fastest growing religion per capita in the United States, especially in the minority races!

Last month I attended my annual training session that's required for maintaining my state prison security clearance. During the training session there was a presentation by three speakers representing the Roman Catholic, Protestant and Muslim faiths, who explained each of their beliefs.

I was particularly interested in what the Islamic Imam had to say. The Imam gave a Great presentation of the basics of Islam, complete with a video.

After the presentations, time was provided for questions and answers.

When it was my turn, I directed my question to the Imam and asked: "Please, correct me if I'm wrong, but I understand that most Imams and clerics of Islam have declared a holy jihad [Holy war] against the infidels of the

world and, that by killing an infidel, (which is a command to all Muslims) they are assured of a place in heaven. If that's the case, can you give me the definition of an infidel?"

There was no disagreement with my statements and, without hesitation, he replied, "Non-believers!"

I responded, "So, let me make sure I have this straight. All followers of Allah have been commanded to kill everyone who is not of your faith so they can have a place in heaven. Is that correct?"

The expression on his face changed from one of authority and command to that of "a little boy who had just been caught with his hand in the cookie jar."

He sheepishly replied, "Yes."

I...stated, "Well, sir, I have a real problem trying to imagine Pope Benedict commanding all Catholics to kill those of your faith or Dr. Stanley ordering all Protestants to do the same in order to guarantee them a place in heaven!"

The Imam was speechless!

I continued, "I also have problem with being your 'friend' when you and your brother clerics are telling your followers to kill me! Let me ask you a question. Would you rather have your Allah, who tells you to kill me in order for you to go to heaven, or my Jesus who tells me to love you because I am going to heaven and He wants you to be there with me?"

You could have heard a pin drop as the Imam hung his head in shame. Needless to say, the organizers and/or promoters of the 'Diversification' training seminar were not happy with Rick's way of dealing with the Islamic Imam and exposing the truth about the Muslims' beliefs.

+ + + + + + + The "Shoe Bomber" Richard C. Reid⁷

Prior to sentencing, the Judge asked the defendant if he had anything to say. His response: After admitting his guilt to the court for the record, Reid also admitted his "allegiance to Osama bin Laden, to Islam, and to the religion of Allah," defiantly stating, "I think I will not apologize for my actions," and told the court "I am at war with your country."

Judge Young then delivered the statement quoted below:

- "Mr. Richard C. Reid, hearken now to the sentence the Court imposes upon you.
- On counts 1, 5 and 6 the Court sentences you to life in prison in the custody of the United States Attorney General. On counts 2, 3, 4 and 7, the Court sentences you to 20 years in prison on each count, the sentence on each count to run consecutively. (That's 80 years.)
- On count 8 the Court sentences you to the mandatory 30 years again, to be served consecutively to the 80 years just imposed. The Court imposes upon you for each of the eight counts a fine of \$250,000 that's an aggregate fine of \$2 million. The Court accepts the government's recommendation with respect to restitution and orders restitution in the amount of \$298.17 to Andre Bousquet and \$5,784 to American Airlines.
- The Court imposes upon you an \$800 special assessment. The Court imposes upon you five years supervised release simply because the law requires it. But the life sentences are real life sentences so I need go no further.

This is the sentence that is provided for by our statutes. It is a fair and just sentence. It is a righteous sentence.

Now, let me explain this to you. We are not afraid of you or any of your terrorist co-conspirators, Mr. Reid. We are Americans. We have been through the fire before. There is too much war talk here and I say that to everyone with the utmost respect. Here in this court, we deal with individuals as individuals and care for individuals as individuals. As human beings, we reach out for justice.

You are not an enemy combatant. You are a terrorist. You are not a soldier in any war. You are a terrorist. To give you that reference, to call you a soldier, gives you far too much stature. Whether the officers of government do it or your attorney does it, or if you think you are a soldier. You are not----- you are a terrorist. And we do not negotiate with terrorists. We do not meet with terrorists. We do not sign documents with terrorists. We hunt them down one by one and bring them to justice.

So war talk is way out of line in this court. You are a big fellow. But you are not that big. You're no warrior. I've known warriors. You are a terrorist. A species of criminal that is guilty of multiple attempted murders. In a very real sense, State Trooper Santiago had it right when you first were taken off that plane and into custody and you wondered where the press and the TV crews were, and he said: "You're no big deal."

You are no big deal.

What your able counsel and what the equally able United States attorneys have grappled with and what I have as honestly as I know how tried to grapple with, is why you did something so horrific. What was it that led you here to this courtroom today?

I have listened respectfully to what you have to say. And I ask you to search your heart and ask yourself what sort of unfathomable hate led you to do what you are guilty and admit you are guilty of doing? And, I have an answer for you. It may not satisfy you, but as I search this entire record, it comes as close to understanding as I know. It seems to me you hate the one thing that to us is most precious. You hate our freedom. Our individual freedom. Our individual freedom to live as we choose, to come and go as we choose, to believe or not believe as we individually choose. Here, in this society, the very wind carries freedom. It carries it everywhere from sea to shining sea. It is because we prize individual freedom so much that you are here in this beautiful courtroom. So that everyone can see, truly see, that justice is administered fairly, individually, and discretely. It is for freedom's sake that your lawyers are striving so vigorously on your behalf, have filed appeals, will go on in their representation of you before other judges.

We Americans are all about freedom. Because we all know that the way we treat you, Mr. Reid, is the measure of our own liberties. Make no mistake though. It is yet true that we will bare any burden; pay any price, to preserve our freedoms. Look around this courtroom. Mark it well. The world is not going to long remember what you or I say here. The day after tomorrow, it will be forgotten, but this, however, will long endure.

Here in this courtroom and courtrooms all across America, the American people will gather to see that justice, individual justice, justice, not war, individual justice is in fact being done. The very President of the United States through his officers will have to come into courtrooms and lay out evidence on which specific matters can be judged and juries of citizens will gather to sit and judge that evidence democratically, to mold and shape and refine our sense of justice.

See that flag, Mr. Reid? That's the flag of the United States of America . That flag will fly there long after this is all forgotten. That flag stands for freedom. And it always will.

Mr. Custody Officer, stand him down.

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Can a Good Muslim also be a Good American?

The following questions were forwarded by an individual who worked in Saudi Arabia for 20 years. This his reply:

- Theologically no. Because his allegiance is to Allah, the moon God of Arabia. Religiously no. Because no other religion is accepted by his Allah except Islam (Qu'ran, 2:256)
- Scripturally no. Because his allegiance is to the five pillars of Islam and the Quran (Koran).
- Geographically no. Because his allegiance is to Mecca, to which he turns in prayer five times a day.
- Socially no. Because his allegiance to Islam forbids him to make friends with Christians or Jews.
- Politically no. Because he must submit to the mullah (spiritual leaders), who teach annihilation of Israel and Destruction of America, the great Satan.
- Domestically no. Because he is instructed to marry four women and beat and scourge his wife when she disobeys him (Qu'ran 4:34).
- Intellectually no. Because he cannot accept the American Constitution since it is based on Biblical principles and he believes the Bible to be corrupt.
- Philosophically no. Because Islam, Muhammad, and the Qu'ran do not allow freedom of religion and expression. Democracy and Islam cannot co-exist. Every Muslim government is either dictatorial or autocratic.
- Spiritually no. Because when we declare "one nation under God," the Christians God is loving and kind, while Allah is NEVER referred to as heavenly father, nor is he ever called love in The Qu'ran's 99 excellent names.

Therefore after much study and deliberation... they obviously cannot be both "good" Muslims and good Americans.

Islam – A Peaceful Religion?

The question previously asked was: "Is this violence reflective of just a radical sect of Islam, or more of its true nature?"

A Capitol Hill conference on "Islam and Religious Pluralism" in June 1991 put forth the analysis that Islam would be the main value system that would confront the Western powers in the post-communist era. The chief differences were the secularism of the West on one hand and the lack of freedoms in the Islamic countries on the other. This analysis was couched in the idea put forth by George Washington University professor Seyyed Hossein Nasr who said, "The Islamic world is trying to assert itself as a total order..." The Rev. Canon Patrick Sookhdeo, head of the International Institute for the Study of Islam and Christianity in London, said, "With the fall of communism, the interaction of these two is the greatest issue we face." This tenet was reinforced so forcefully less than three months later with the September 11th attacks on our country.

It should be remembered that the overwhelming majority of Muslims today do not participate in violence or other overtly terrorist activity. However, they have not necessarily forsaken the idea that all people everywhere should embrace Islam. Other means of spreading this influence are by economic, political, and biological. Money is used to offer gifts of educations or cash rewards to those in the poorer countries who would embrace this faith. Politically, whatever influence can be garnered in the international arena or at a bargaining table is used. Biologically, Muslims out-birth those espousing the Christian faith in Europe. On continent some people estimate that within ninety years there will be enough Muslims to take control of that part of the world. I have heard the term "Eurabia" used in this context. As previously stated, when I was in Brighton, England for the 2001 World Methodist Conference I was aware of a widespread Arabic presence there. I heard an unconfirmed report that a goal was to make that country "Muslims" by the year 2020.

Perhaps more condemning than anything else was that after the September 11th attack on our country, I do not remember one single member of the Islamic clergy condemning what happened – not one. In this regard the silence was deafening. If the situation had been reversed and Christians had mounted a similar unprovoked attack against an Islamic country, there would have been a bevy of Christian leaders condemning the action. In addition one cannot forget the television shots of people in several Middle Eastern countries dancing and showing other signs of jubilation at the news of the attack, not to mention the smiling face of Osama bin Laden. Indeed, the most common name among Muslims after "Mohammed" is the name "Osama.".

The answer, whether we want to admit it or not, is that the recent violence is just the latest in a long history of atrocities and being carried out by those individuals and movements Muslims who take the Qur'an seriously.

Ours is a dangerous world. There are those in our national leadership who recognize this. Senator Rick Santorum has stated that Jugo Chavez, the leader of Venezuela who is the world's fourth largest exporter of oil, is taking lessons from Cuba and striving for the loyalty of Latin American countries. Iran is giving weapons to our enemies in Iraq which are being used to kill our soldiers. Iranian scientists are in North Korea, a country that has developed a nuclear device; North Korean scientists are in Iran. Russia supports nations that are aligned against the United States; it is believed that they are helping Iran develop its nuclear program.

Regardless of one's political views President Bush is tasked to lead our country in ways that protect our freedom and security. He has said, "We are in the decisive ideological struggle for the 21st century." ¹⁰

The religious war is bigger than many of us know or understand.

The Final Move¹¹ clarifies the threat that we face today – truly serious problems at home and abroad.

June 24, 2005 The Election of Mahmoud Ahmadinejad as leader of Iran. He later asked rhetorically, "Can the world exist without Israel and the United States?" Two months later he answered his own question with, "Yes." 12

Do you remember in an earlier chapter when we had referenced the march by the seemingly unstoppable Muslim forces across Europe as far as Vienna? The subsequent siege was broken by the combined efforts of the German infantry fighting in coordination with the Polish cavalry. Do you know what date of the year that was? The siege was finally broken on September 11th. This date signaled the furthest advance of the Muslim forces into Europe; their defeat at the gates of Vienna and followed by their retreat away from Europe was the decline of "jihad" at that point in time. It may be that by picking this date to attack the United States in 2001, Osama bin Laden was signaling a resumption of "jihad" in earnest.

Remember Democrat Keith Ellison, the first Muslim United States congressman? He1 was so right when he said that "a visionary like Jefferson" believed that wisdom could be gleaned from many sources. President Thomas Jefferson used that copy of the Qur'an to learn as much as he could because he knew our country would be going to war against whom he knew to be our enemy. I have used the copy of the Qur'an that Colonel Khalif gave me. The things the "jhadists" do are right there. They are simply taking the Qur'an seriously.

Whether we want to admit it or not, we are in World War III.

I wish that we Christians took as seriously our Bible's mandate to "go into all the world and make disciples for Jesus Christ" (peacefully, of course) as do the Muslims strive to fulfill the injunction to wage "holy war" – both peacefully and violently. If we had done that in the past hundred years, we might not be facing what is possibly the most serious threat to our national survival at this time.

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