

Talking points on the causes of Islamic terrorism

(from "Bringing Peace to Jerusalem.." ¹)

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Introduction

There is a cult spreading worldwide that is dedicated to murdering those who do not agree with it. It comes from extremists' views of the meaning of the Koran (Qur'an). Marco Polo wrote about them (1254-1324), as he described the "Old Man of the Mountains" who recruited



The Golden Gate of Jerusalem, sealed by the Ottoman Sultan Suleiman the Magnificent in 1541 "to prevent the Jewish Messiah from entering the mount, believing that the Jewish Messiah will destroy the Dome of the Rock to make way for the Temple." A Moslem cemetery was added before the gate, believing that the Jewish Messiah would never walk through a Moslem cemetery.

followers with the promise of paradise and seven virgins serving them if they assassinated others that did not follow their creed. Today, the creed dedicated to murder and chaos has emerged again – on a mass-destruction scale – led by Osama bin Laden and now ISIS. This is a document that records the origin of the creed and the need to hold an open conversation on the source of the creed: verses (suras) in the Koran that advocate the murder and conquest of Kuffars (infidels, unbelievers). Those who do not submit completely to the rule of the Koran (Islam = complete submission) may be invited to convert to Islam and failure to convert will justify murdering them.

The war against the creed cannot be sustained through force of arms but rather through exposing the false ideology that presumes that God is the author of their murderous aims. To stop the murder one must disarm their murderous, terrorist ideology, and this, in turn, requires an open discussion on the passages of the Koran that are causing the terror (terror is prescribed in the suras in combat or jihad against Kuffars.)

At the center of the conflict of Islamic and Western cultures is an argument that I called, "The Allah controversy." This controversy — whether the God of the Bible and the Allah of the Koran are one and the same god — is still ongoing, focused in Malaysia.

Malaysian courts have forbidden the Catholic Church (and any other faith, such as the Sikhs) to use the word "Allah" in their texts and Holy Scriptures, as referring to the God of those scriptures. This seems to suggest that Allah is not the same God of the Bible, is greater, and, thus, that the scriptures of the Koran are

above all other scriptures and rules of law. But to the contrary, the Koran repeatedly argues that it was recited (Koran = 'recital') to confirm the Jewish Scriptures (Torah) and the Gospel (of Jesus). In the context of confirming the Bible our conversation would thus address how the "terrorist inspiring" suras of the Koran contradict the foundation Mohammed claimed as his source, including the claim in the Koran that Jesus is the Messiah!

Since there is no central authority of the Koran — such as the Pope in Catholicism — then various teachers over time could interpret and enforce the laws of the Koran as they wish. However, this is not necessarily the case, since there is a corpus of documents and interpretations of the Koran by Imams that have established baselines for interpreting the Koran.

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The dominant interpretation of the Koran — influencing teachers of Afghan and Pakistan — comes from Saudi Arabia, and is called [Wahhabism](#), or Salafism, variously described as orthodox, ultra conservative. While we discuss the source of the terrorist impulse in the Koran, keep in mind that it recognizes Jesus as a prophet and honors his mother Mary (a common understanding among Islamist teachers) and this sura (which Islamic scholars are reluctant to admit):

The IMRANS 3:45 The angels said to Mary: "Allah bids you rejoice in a Word from Him. His name is the Messiah, Jesus the son of Mary

Though not part of this document, this discussion on the source of "Islamic terrorism" will eventually turn back to reconciliation with the Gospels of Jesus and the meaning of the word "Messiah," and how that character of the Bible is viewed in the Bible and how believers are required to honor and obey him. In a nutshell one cannot honor Jesus as the Messiah and obey much of the Koran. These are the suras that conflict with the teachings of the Messiah²:

² See Appendix for a discussion on the meaning of "Messiah," and the suras that base the foundations of the Koran from the Bible.

The Suras:³

Koran's suras that advocate violence against unbelievers (kuffar) / enemies

Repentance 9.20 Those that have embraced the faith and fled their homeland and fought for Allah's cause with their wealth and their persons are held in higher regard by Allah. It is they who shall triumph. Their Lord has promised them joy and mercy, and gardens of eternal bliss where they shall dwell forever. Allah's reward is great indeed.

9.116 ...Allah has purchased of the faithful their lives and worldly goods and in return has promised them the Garden. They will fight for His cause, slay, and be slain. Such is the true pledge which he has made them in the Torah, the Gospel, and the Koran. And who is more true to his promise than Allah? Rejoice then in the bargain you have made. That is the supreme triumph.

Women 4.91 Others you will find who seek security from you as well as from their own people. Whenever they are called back to idol-worship they plunge into it headlong. If these do not keep their distance from you, **if they neither offer you peace nor cease their hostilities against you, lay hold of them and kill them wherever you find them.** Over such men We give you absolute authority.

4.92 It is unlawful for a believer to kill another believer except by accident.

4.98 He that flies his homeland for the cause of Allah shall find numerous places of refuge in the land and great abundance. He that leaves his dwelling to fight for Allah and His apostle and is then overtaken by death, shall be rewarded by Allah.

4.104 *Seek out your enemies relentlessly.*

Islamic scholars' teachings against unbelievers – "kuffar, Kafir":

An interesting site by an Islamic scholar defines what "kuffar" (disbeliever) means. His site, renaissance.com.pk — [Arguments and Rational](#) — details the Koran's verses and traditional and modern applications of the verses dealing with disbelievers: identifying them, punishing them, preaching to them and "displaced directives." His argument refers heavily to Old Testament verses that set the foundation for verses of the Koran involving the punishment of disbelievers. The site ([Punishing the Disbelievers](#)) says,

"In other words, what authorizes a Messenger to punish the Kuffar is that it can be ascertained in this very world that they are guilty of denying the basic truths in spite of being convinced about them. Good and evil are elucidated with ultimate clarity and people who accept evil do so not because of any confusion but because of their own stubbornness.

"So it can be concluded that since a Messenger reveals the basic truths in their ultimate form and those who deny it do so because of their stubbornness and even confess their sins, a Messenger has the perfect justification to punish his people after they have denied him." But in other places says, ([Misplaced Directives](#)) "In other words, what is construed from this Hadith is that a Muslim will be rewarded with Paradise if he kills a non-Muslim. Consequently, Imam Abu Da'ud, the celebrated Muslim scholar and compiler of Hadith has placed this Hadith in a chapter entitled: (bab fi fadli man qatala kafiran: Chapter on the Reward of a Muslim who Kills a Kafir). Again, it needs to be

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appreciated that these words relate to the Idolaters of the Prophet's times who had lost their right to live after they had deliberately rejected the truth. **These words are not related to later Muslims.**"

"Jihad is directed against the unbeliever (spelled variously, as kufr, kufur, kuffar, Kafir)."

khilafaparty.org, "[Articles & News](#)": **What is the Khilafah (Caliphate) ?**

Below you will find many questions and answers directly related to the Khilafah.

1. What is Dar al-Islam?

Dar al-Islam is the land where Islamic Law is implemented in all matters of life and ruling and whose security is maintained in the name of Islam even if its citizens are non-Muslims.

2. What is Dar al-Kufr?

Dar al-Kufr is the land where Kufr laws are implemented in matters of life and whose security is maintained in the name of Kufr even if all its citizens are Muslims. This is because the criterion of a region being Dar al-Islam or Dar al-Kufr are the laws that are implemented there, and the security by which it is protected, the criterion is not the religion of its citizens.

3. Which Muslim Countries today are Dar al-Islam?

Out of the Muslim countries of today, there is not a single country or state where Islamic laws are exclusively implemented in ruling and life's affairs; therefore all of them are considered Dar al-Kufr although their citizens are Muslims.

4. What is The Muslims Duty towards His Country?

Islam makes it a duty upon all Muslims to work to change their countries from Dar al-Kufr to Dar al-Islam, and this can be achieved by establishing the Islamic State i.e. the Khilafah, and by electing a Khaleefah and taking a bay'ah on him that he will rule by the Word of Allah (Subhaanahu Wa Ta'Ala) i.e. he will implement Islamic laws in the country where the Khilafah has been established. Then the Muslims should work with the Khilafah to combine the rest of the Islamic countries with it, hence the countries will become Dar al-Islam and they will then carry Islam to the world through invitation and jihad.

5. What is the Khilafah

The Khilafah is the global leadership for all the Muslims in the world. Its role is to establish the laws of the Islamic Shari'ah and to carry the da'wah of Islam to the world.

A commentary on "Kufur / Kuffar / Kafir" ("unbeliever")
(from a commentary on Kufurs / Kafirs and the Islamic Hell
flex.com/~jai/satyamevajayate/hell.html by *Zulfikar Khan*) :

Koran 9:29 *Fight those who do not profess the true faith (Islam) till they pay the jiziya (poll tax) with the hand of humility.*

Repentance 9:30 Fight against such of those to whom the Scriptures were given as believe neither in Allah nor the Last Day, who do not forbid what Allah and His apostle have forbidden, and do not embrace the true faith, until they pay tribute out of hand and are utterly subdued.

Koran The Spoils 8:12 *Remember Thy Lord inspired the angels (with the message): "I am with you: give firmness to the believers, I will instill terror into the hearts of the unbelievers, Smite ye above their necks and smite all their fingertips of them."* [N. J. Dawood translation **The Spoils, 8:12** .Strike off their heads, maim them in every limb!"]

Thus We punished them because they defied Allah and His apostle. He that defies Allah and His apostle shall be sternly punished. We said to them: 'Feel Our scourge. Hell-fire awaits the unbelievers.'

Koran, Repentance 9:5 *"Then, when the sacred months have passed, slay the idolaters wherever ye find them, and take them (captive), and besiege them and prepare for them each ambush. But if they repent and establish worship and pay the poor-due, then leave their way free. Lo! Allah is Forgiving, Merciful."* [N. J. Dawood translation, Penguin Books]

Koran Repentance 9:73 *Prophet, make war on the unbelievers and the hypocrites and deal rigorously with them. Hell shall be their Home: an evil fate...* [N. J. Dawood]

Koran Women 4:144 *Believers, do not choose the unbelievers rather than the faithful as your friends. Would you give Allah a clear proof against yourselves?..* [N. J. Dawood]

Koran Mohammed 47:4 *When you meet the unbelievers in the Jihad strike off their heads and, when you have laid them low, bind your captives firmly. Then grant them their freedom or take ransom from them, until War shall lay down her burdens.* [N. J. Dawood]

Koran The Table 5:33-34 *The only reward of those who make war upon Allah and His messenger and strive after corruption in the land will be that they will be killed or crucified, or have their hands and feet and alternate sides cut off, or will be expelled out of the land. Such will be their degradation in the world, and in the Hereafter theirs will be an awful doom; Save those who repent before ye overpower them. For know that Allah is Forgiving, merciful...* [N. J. Dawood]

The Table 5:33 Those that make war against Allah and His apostle and spread disorders in the land shall be put to death or crucified or have their hands and feet cut off on alternate sides, or be banished from the country. They shall be held to shame in this world and sternly punished in the next: except those that repent before you reduce them. For you must know that Allah is forgiving and merciful.

Believers, have fear of Allah and seek the right path to Him. Fight valiantly for His cause, so that you may triumph.]

Other verses in Khan's commentary reflect on the Koran's view of Jews and Christians and the kufur's punishment in hell.

An example of Islamist preachers can be found in Abu Hamza, who taught at Finsbury Mosque in London. A BBC article, [bbc.co.uk article 7 February 2006](http://bbc.co.uk/article/7February2006), "Hamza guilty of inciting murder," describes his conviction:

Controversial Muslim cleric Abu Hamza al-Masri has been found guilty by an Old Bailey jury of using his sermons to incite murder and race hate charges. Abu Hamza, who preached at Finsbury Park Mosque, London, was found guilty of 11 of the 15 charges he faced. The cleric, 47, was also found guilty of having audio and video tapes intended to encourage racial hatred and having a document for terror purposes. US authorities are seeking his extradition for terror-related matters. He is wanted on charges of trying to set up a "terrorist training camp" in the state of Oregon. The Egyptian-born preacher, who was arrested in May 2004, was said to have given inflammatory sermons that used unequivocal language. Following his arrest, more than 3,000 audio cassettes and 600 videos were found of speeches intended for wider distribution. And a terror manual — an encyclopaedia of Afghani Jihad — found at his west London home listed Big Ben, the Eiffel Tower and the Statue of Liberty as possible targets for an attack.

A search of Finsbury Park mosque, in north London, also led to the discovery of forged passports, CS gas, knives, guns capable of firing blanks and tents. The court heard him describe Jews as the "enemy of Islam," tell followers to "bleed" the enemies of Islam and they should not rest until they created a "Muslim state." The jury heard that he did not aim his vitriolic rhetoric only against Jews, unbelievers and the democratic West. In Abu Hamza's numerous lectures and sermons, targets included homosexual vicars, the tourist industry, the royal family and women in bikinis.

There is a common ideology among Islamic terrorists:

- 1) Of restoring the Caliphate, by which means Abu Hamza used the call to create a "Muslim state;" their objective being to spread their idea of Islam across the world. Included in their belief system is the precept that even Muslims can be kuffars (unbelievers) who must either repent or be killed.
- 2) Their main enemy are Jews, i.e., Zionism, the State of Israel, and all of those allied

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with it.

3) The destruction of Western culture, symbolized by the United States, who (using a common expression from Iranian leaders) is the “Great Satan.”

Taking into view other expressions from Iranian leaders relating to this being the age of the Mahdi (Savior of Islam who appears in the Last Days with Jesus), we can better understand that an underlying theme among Islamists is not just to reestablish the Caliphate, but also the idea that these are the Last Days (also, Day of Resurrection in the Koran) and they are vehicles of Allah / God.

Appendix A

Koran's Confirmation of the Bible⁴

The Torah, Prophets and Gospel; Jesus as the Messiah:

(We use "The Koran," by N.J. Dawood, Penguin Books, Great Britain, published 1956-1984 – considered one of the best English translations – throughout this work, except in excerpts from other authors.)

The Book of Jonah 10.37: This Koran could not have been composed by any but Allah. It confirms what was revealed before it and fully explains the scriptures. It is beyond doubt from the Lord of the Creation. This is no invented tale, but a confirmation of precious scriptures...

The Cow. 2.100 And now that a book confirming their own [the Jewish scriptures] has come to them from Allah, they deny it, although they know it to be the truth and have long prayed for help against the unbelievers. May Allah's curse be on the infidels! ...When it is said to them: "Believe in what Allah has revealed," They reply, "We believe in what was revealed to us." But they deny what has since been revealed, although it is the truth, corroborating their own scriptures.

Adoration 13.21 We gave the scriptures to Moses (Never doubt that you will meet him!) and made it a guide for the Israelites...We appointed leaders from among them who gave guidance at our bidding...

The Creator 35:25 Your only duty is to give warning...What we have revealed to you in the Book is the truth confirming previous scriptures..

Counsel 42.13 He has ordained for men the faith He has revealed to you and formerly enjoined on Noah and Abraham, on Moses and Jesus, saying: "Observe this faith and be united in it."

Kneeling 45:16 We gave the Scriptures to the Israelites and bestowed on them wisdom and prophet-hood.

AL-AHQAF 46:12 Yet, before it the Book of Moses was revealed, a guide and a blessing to all men. This book confirms it.

Women 4:47 You to whom the Scriptures were given! Believe in that which we have revealed, confirming your own scriptures, before we obliterate your faces and turn them backward, or lay our curse on you as we laid it on the Sabbath-breakers.

The Cow 2:81 The Apostle [Mohammed] believes in what has been revealed to him by his Lord, and so do the faithful. They all believe in Allah and His angels, His scriptures, and His apostles: We discriminate against none of His apostles.

The Table 5:44 There is guidance, and there is light, in the Torah which we have revealed...After these prophets we sent forth Jesus, the son of Mary, confirming the Torah already revealed, and gave him the Gospel, in which there is guidance and light, corroborating that which was revealed before it in the Torah...And to you we have

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revealed the Book with the truth. It confirms the Scriptures which came before it and stands as a guardian over them.

The Table 5:64 If the People of the Book [Jews] accept the true faith and keep from evil, we will pardon them their sins and admit them to the gardens of delight. If they observe the Torah and the Gospel and what is revealed to them from Allah, they shall be given abundance from above and from beneath.

The IMRANS 3:45 The angels said to Mary: "Allah bids you rejoice in a Word from Him. His name is the Messiah, Jesus the son of Mary

It is clear that Mohammed wrote and understood the Koran, believing that the angels who recited the Koran to him were the same angels as in the Jewish Scriptures, that the prophets and stories he conveyed were the same as those in the Jewish Scriptures, as well as the Gospel of Jesus; and he was quite irritated that the Jews of his times would not accept his writings, saying, "Believe in that which we have revealed, confirming your own scriptures..." and "And now that a book confirming their own [Jewish] scriptures has come to them from Allah, they deny it, although they know it to be the truth..."

There can be no doubt that Mohammed (sic. The Koran) believed that his source was the God of the Bible. Mohammed's reference to "Allah" can be no other than the God of the Bible.

Furthermore, drawing your attention to "The Imrans 45," we can conclude that the use of the term "Messiah," i.e., "...his name is Messiah, Jesus, son of Mary," establishes Jesus to be more than a prophet in the eyes of the Koran, in contrast to the teachings of the Imams. In fact, it establishes Jesus as the Messiah described in the Bible. The Bible is the only place the term Messiah has been used in scripture; its meaning, as used in the Bible, is in the Appendix of "Bringing Peace to Jerusalem," and includes these salient features:

Some names of the Messiah, his characteristics and times⁵

Many terms have been used to describe the Messiah (the term Messiah is the same in both Hebrew and Arabic): **The Word, Branch, Shepherd, Judge/King Messiah, Redeemer, Messiah ben Joseph, Messiah of Israel, Son of David, Servant, of Israel, in whom I will be glorified** (Isa. 49.2); **Prophet like unto thee [Moses]** (Exodus 19.18). Keep in mind while reading these epithets and Appendix A that the Koran emphasized that it confirms the teachings of the Jewish scriptures.

Lam. Rab. 1:51, p36, and Lam. 1:16: What is the name of King Messiah? R. Abba bar Kahana said: "**Lord** [Adonai] is his name, for it is written, I will raise unto David a Righteous shoot...in his days Judah shall be saved...And this is the name whereby He shall be called: **The Lord is our Righteousness** (Jer. 23:5-6)." For R. Levi said: "Happy is the country whose name is like the name of its king and the name of whose king is like the name of its God..." R. Y'hoshu'a said: "**Shoot** [Tzemah] is his name, for it is written, Behold a man whose name is Shoot and who shall shoot up out of his place and build the temple of the Lord (Zech. 6:12)." R. Yudan in the name of R. Aybo said "**Menahem** [**Comforter**] is his name, for it is written, Because the Comforter is far from me (Lam. 1:16)." In the house of R. Shela they said: "**Shiloh** is the name of the Messiah, for it is written, Until Shiloh will come (Gen. 49.10), and the word is spelled Shela." In the house of R. Hanina they said: "**Hanina** is his name, for it is written, For I will show you no favor [hanina] (Jer. 15:13)." In the house of R. Yannai they said: "**Yinnon** is his name, for it is written May his name be continued [yinnon] as long as the sun (Ps. 72:17)." R. Biva of Srungaya said: "**Nehira** [light] is his name, for it is written, And the light [nehora] dwelleth with him (Dan.2:22), and it is spelled nehira." R Y'huda ben R. Shimion said in the name of R. Shimuel ben R. Yitshaq: "This king Messiah, if he is of those who are alive, his name is **David**, and if he is of those who have died, his name is **David**." R. Tanhuma said: "I shall tell you the reason: [It is written] He giveth great salvation to His King, and showeth mercy to His Anointed (Ps. 18:51). [Thereafter] it is not written 'and to David,' but to **His Anointed to David and his seed..'** "

Mid. Mishie, ed. Buber: Rav Huna said: "The Messiah is called by seven names and they are: **Yinnon, Tzidquenu** [Our Justice], **Tzeman** [shoot] **Menahem** [Comforter], **David, Shiloh,** and **Elijah.**"

S. Buber's note: The Messiah is called by eight names: **Yinon, Tzemah, Pele** [Miracle], **Yo'etz** [Counselor], **Mashiah** [Messiah], **El** [God], **Gibbor** [hero], and **Avi 'Ad Shalom** [Eternal Father of Peace].

Pereq Shalom: R. Yoyse the Galilean said: "The name of the Messiah is **Peace**, for it is said, **Everlasting Father, Prince Peace** (Isa. 9.5)..." R. Yose the Galilean said: "Great is **Peace**, for in the hour in which King Messiah is revealed to Israel, he begins with peace, for it is said, How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger of good tidings who announceth peace [Isa. 52.7]."

B. Sanh 98.b: Rav Ynhuda said: "Rav said that the Holy One, blessed be He, will in the future raise for them [for Israel] another **David**, for it is said, They shall serve the Lord

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their God and **David** their king whom I will raise up unto them (Jer. 30.9). It does not say 'raised up,' but 'will raise up.' "

We have structured this document with quotes and citations that are easily verifiable using the internet. Links in media can be accessed directly or you may contact them by mail for the full articles. The Bible and Koran (Qur'an) can also be easily found on the internet. Jewish documents, such as the Bavli, Talmud, Midrash, Zohar, Bahir, etc. can be found online as well. There are several online libraries of the Dead Sea Scrolls and there are several links to Islamic interpretations (Hadith) of scripture, such as renaissance.com.pk. (We link those sources in our text, where quoted.)

Clearly the **Messiah** is a complex creature associated with the Spirit of God. Christians identify the Messiah (Christ Jesus) as God in the flesh based upon this verse and others:

Psalm 2.7 "I will declare the decree: the Lord hath said unto me, **Thou art my son**; this day I have begotten thee."

We have composed this in the spirit of truth and have placed many things on the table that deserve to be exposed and discussed, recognizing that some may not wish to see the issues as presented. We shall all benefit by exposing these simple facts together, leaving no one to stand aside saying, "We are better than thou."

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