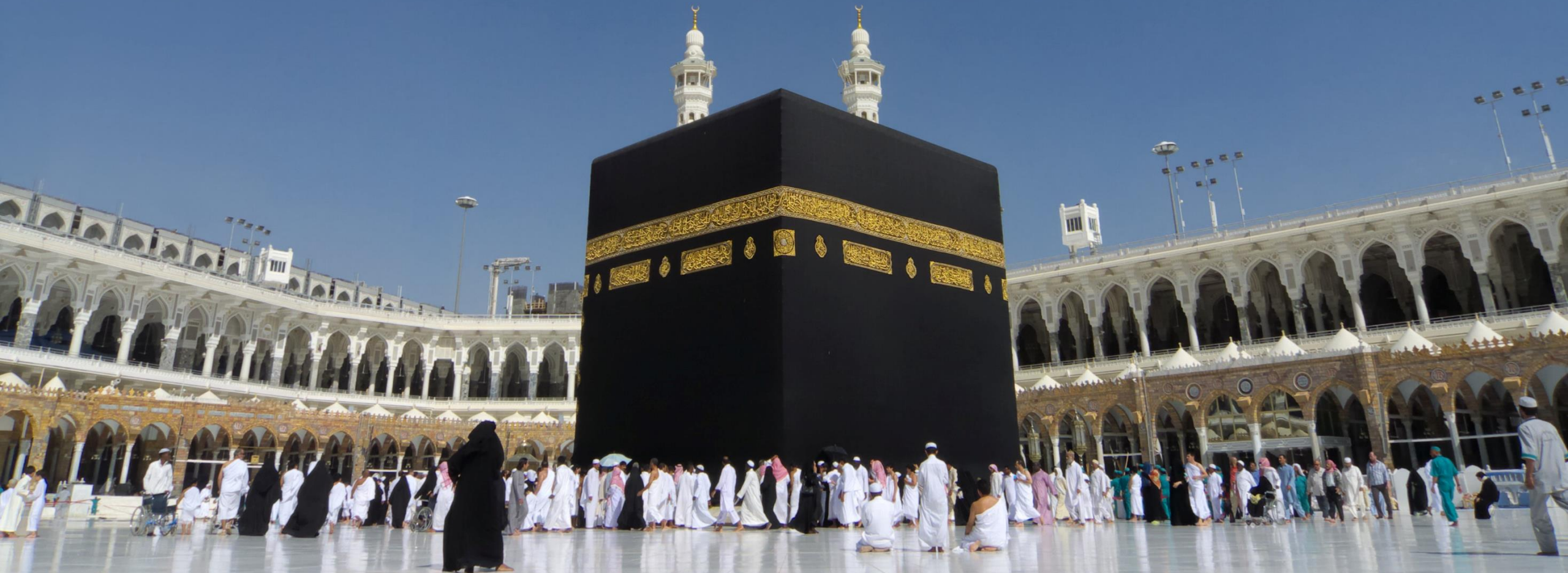


A Closer Look at Islam







Queen Rania

“The fact that
Islam is very
tolerant means
that it doesn't
impose anything
on other people.”



Queen Rania

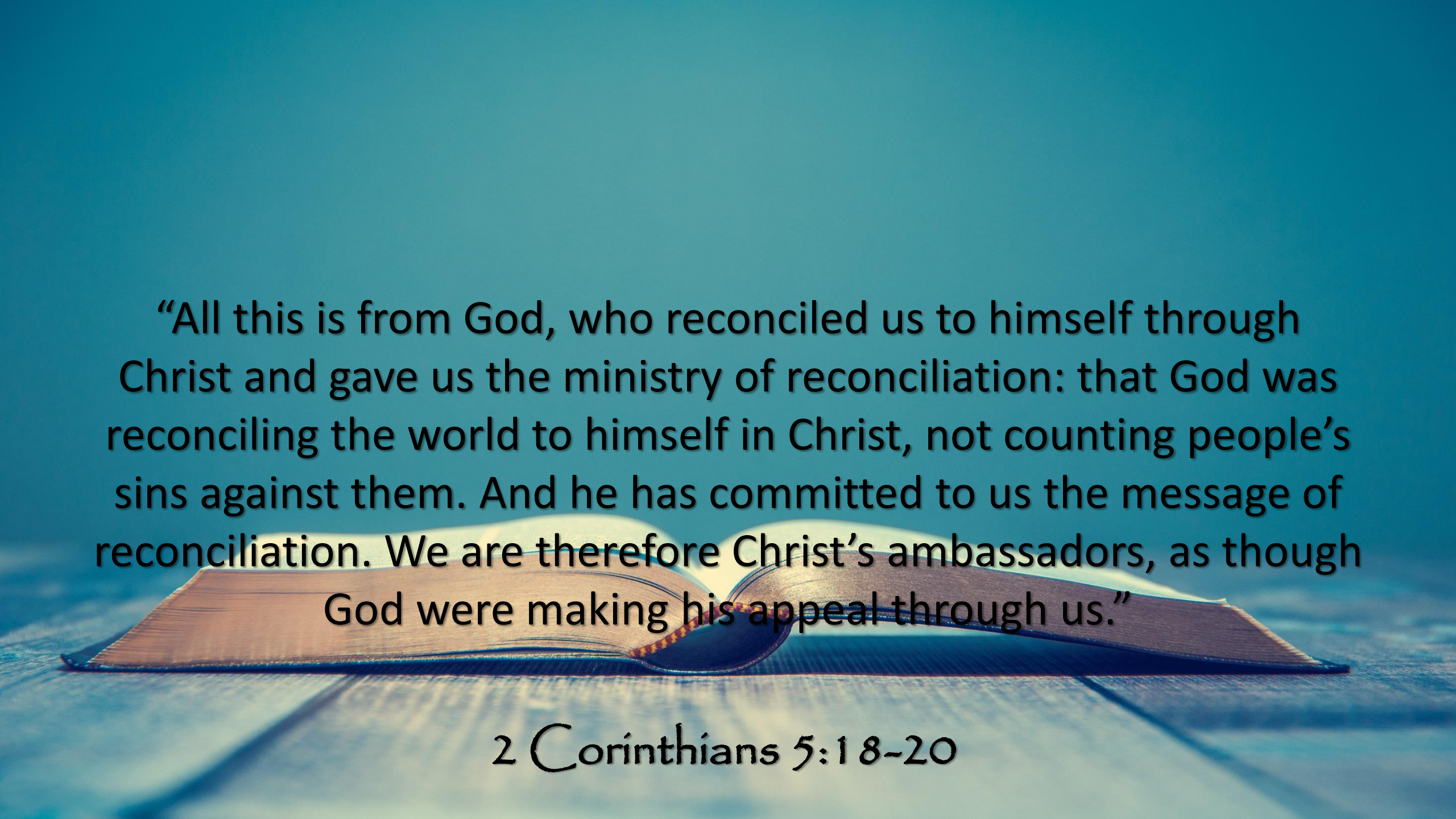
“Islam views women as full and equal partners to men, so [women's] rights are guaranteed by Islam.”



“Islam is a peaceful religion and Muslims are a peace-loving people.”



“The Holy Koran teaches that whoever kills an innocent, it is as if he has killed all mankind; and whoever saves a person, it is as if he has saved all mankind.”



“All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people’s sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ’s ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us.”

2 Corinthians 5:18-20



You are an ambassador for Christ!

An Ambassador Learns about Islam



Quran

The literal words
of Allah



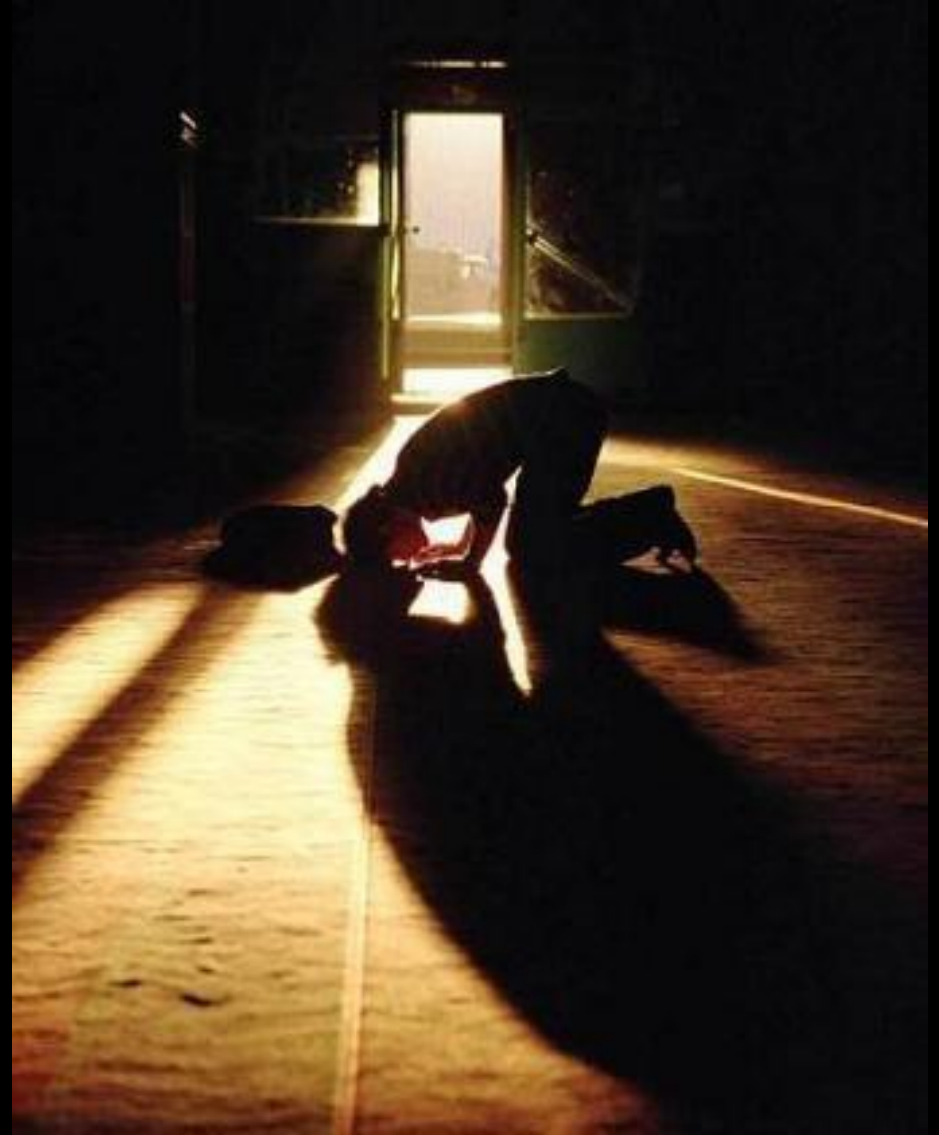
Hadith

Written
traditions of
what
Mohammed
said or
approved of



Sunnah

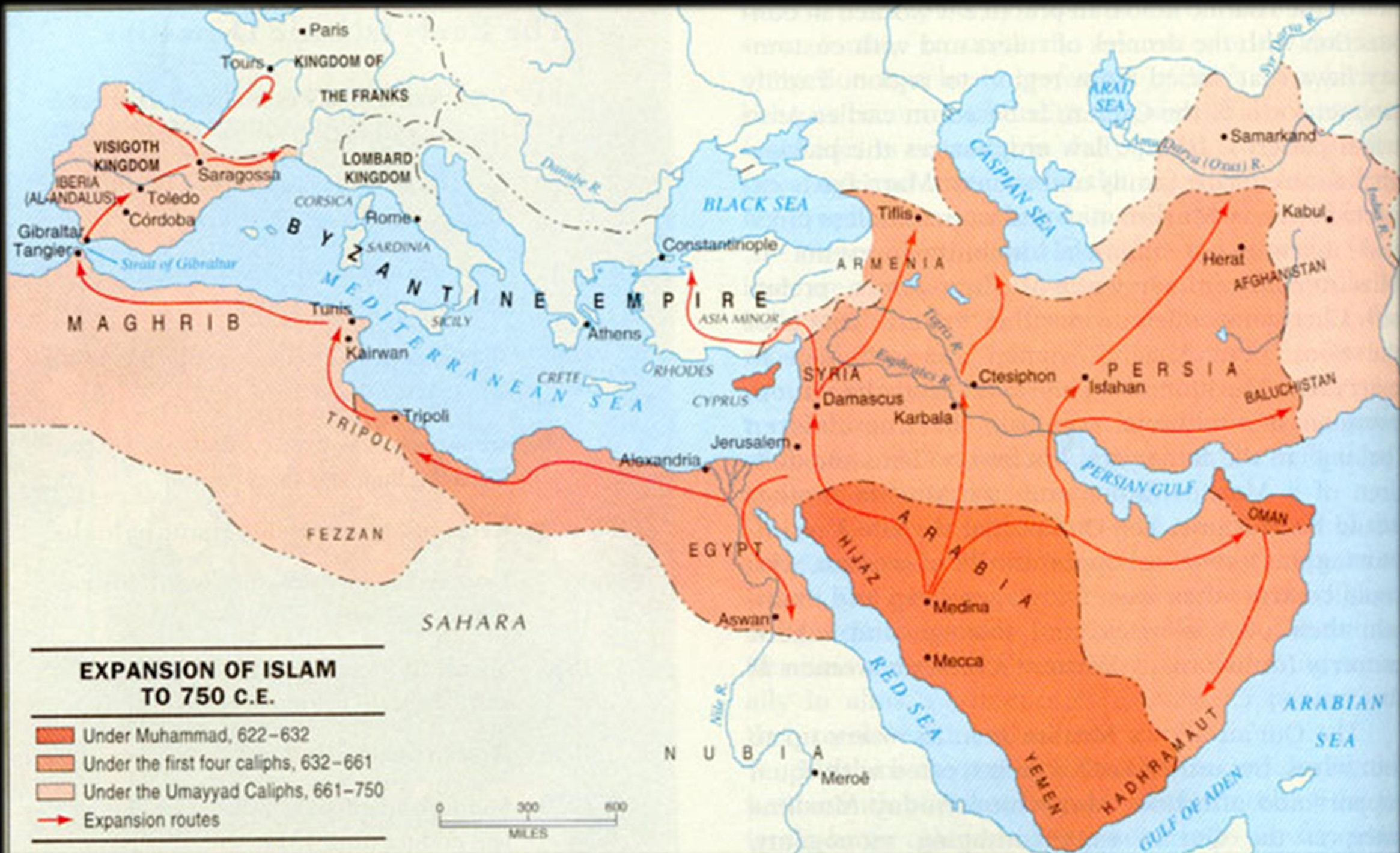
The life example
of Mohammed



Is Violent Jihad a Valid Islamic Doctrine?

- Taught in the Qur'an
 - (Surah 8 & surah 9)
- Taught in Hadith literature
 - (Bukhari 4:196, Muslim 19:4294, etc.)
- Taught in the Sunnah
 - (*Life of Mohammed* by Ibn Ishaq)
- Practiced by his successors (caliphs)





Two Responses

“I’m not violent. Most Muslims don’t practice violence.”

I agree.

“Islam has been a ***peaceful*** religion that’s been hijacked by ***violent*** terrorists.”

I disagree.

The opposite is true...

“Islam has been a ***violent*** religion that’s been hijacked by ***peaceful*** Muslims.”

Doesn't Christianity Have its Own Jihad?



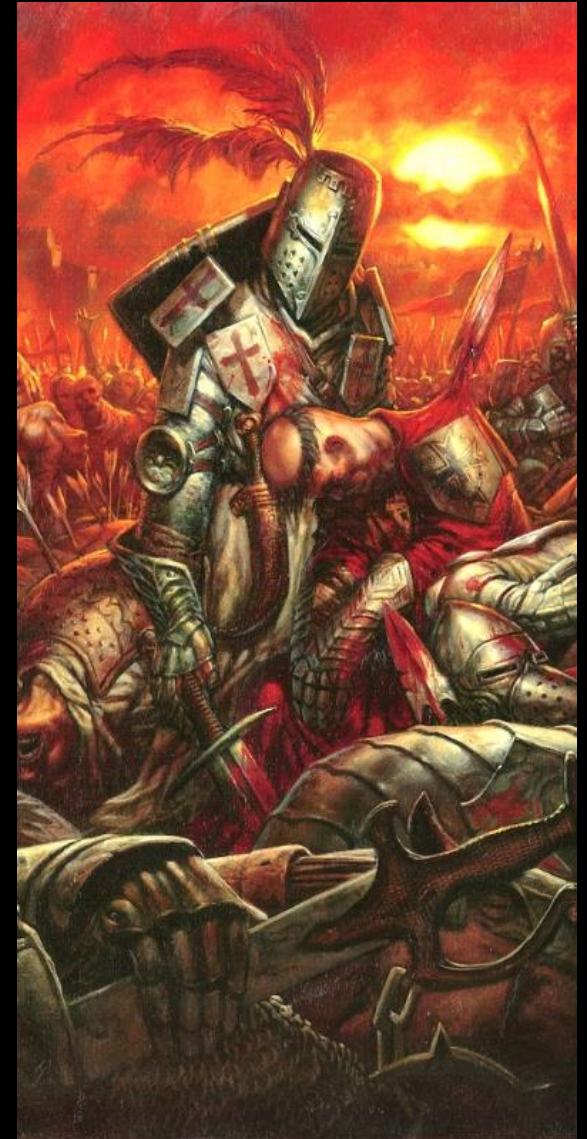
**Old Testament
killing
Christian terrorists**

**Crusades
Killing Muslims in the
Middle East today**

**Spanish
Inquisition**

1. War and Killing Served a Different Purpose

- God used war and killing as judgment – never to spread religion.
- God gave grace and waited patiently for repentance.
- God was even willing to judge His own people.



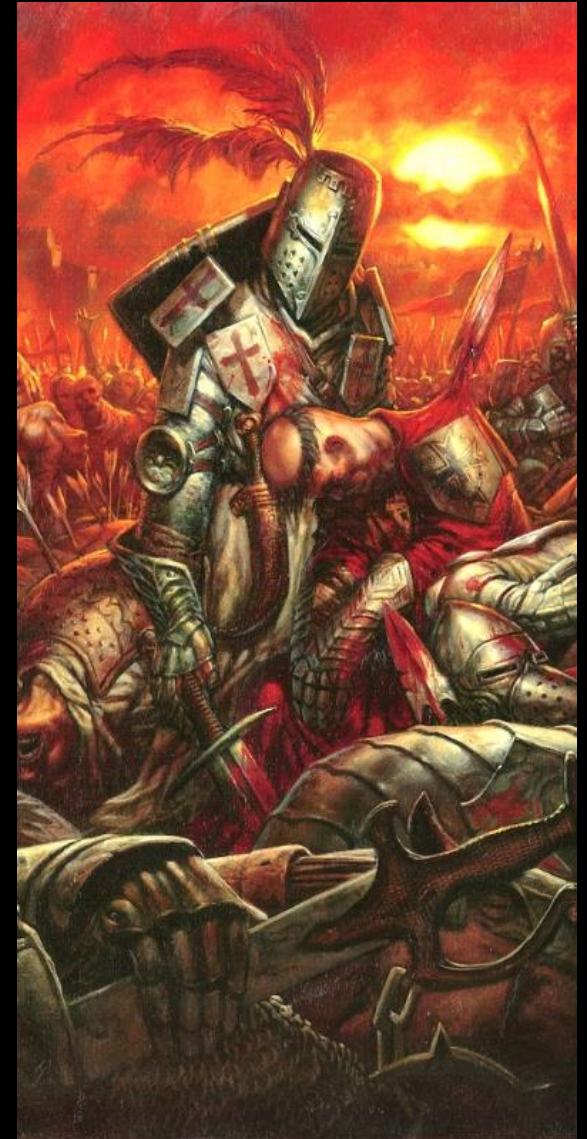
2. War and Killing Is *Descriptive*, not *Prescriptive*.

- God's OT commands were localized and no longer apply.
- No church, seminary, or school of thought exists that makes war or killing normative.
- When Christians have killed in the past, it has been *contrary* to their theology.



3. Jesus is the paradigm for the Christian

- Jesus is often mistaken for a pacifist.
- “Those who live by the sword, die by the sword.”
- His final command was the Great Commission.



Reciting the Creed



لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ مُحَمَّدٌ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ

“There is no god but Allah
and Mohammed is his prophet.”

Daily Prayer



Fast of Ramadan

A silhouette of a man in a prayer position, with his hands raised and palms facing forward, set against a warm, orange-hued sunset or sunrise background. The man is shown from the side, sitting or kneeling, with his head tilted slightly upwards. The overall mood is serene and spiritual.

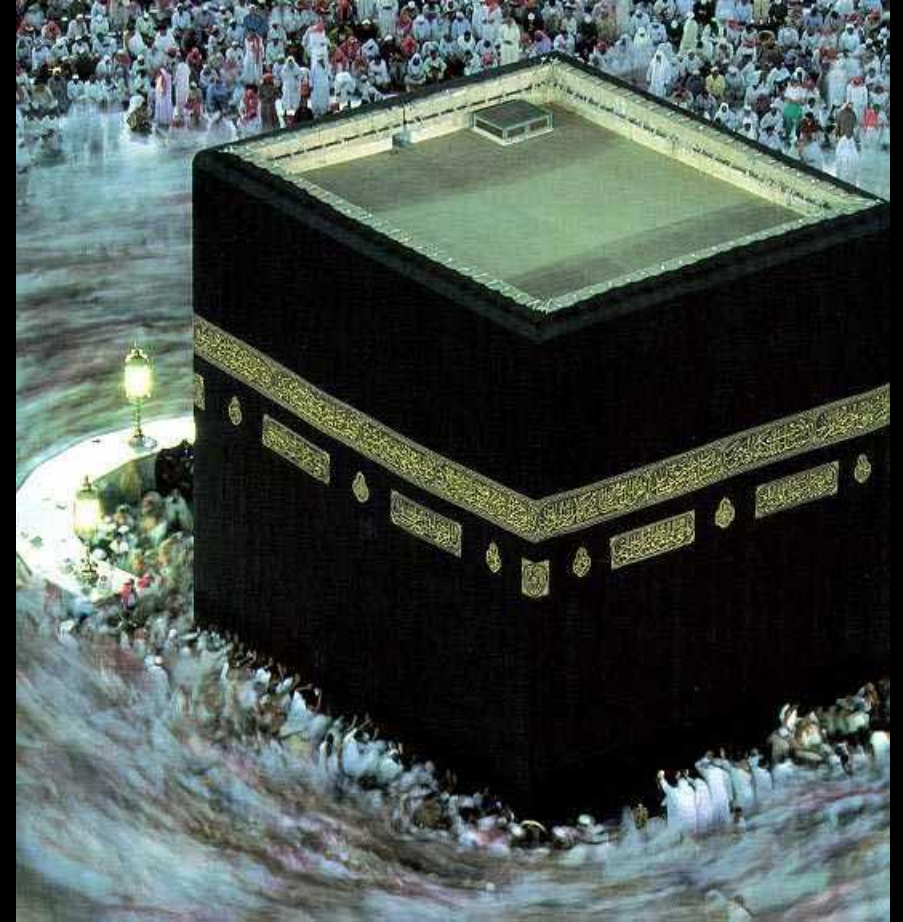
Muslims fast from dawn to dusk to commemorate Mohammed receiving the Qur'an.

Giving Alms



Muslims are to give 2.5% for the poor and needy.

Pilgrimage to Mecca



Muslims must go to Mecca at least once in their lifetime.

Belief in the Unity of God



Surah 112

Belief in God's Angels

Angels administrate
God's kingdom



Belief in God's Prophets

Adam



Moses



David



Jesus



Mohammed

*Photo
not
available*

- Jesus is not the Son of God.
- Jesus is not part of the Trinity.
- Jesus was not crucified.
- Jesus was not resurrected.
- Jesus did not atone for sins.

THE Muslim JESUS



*Jesus is merely a human being. He is a prophet like
Moses or Mohammed.*

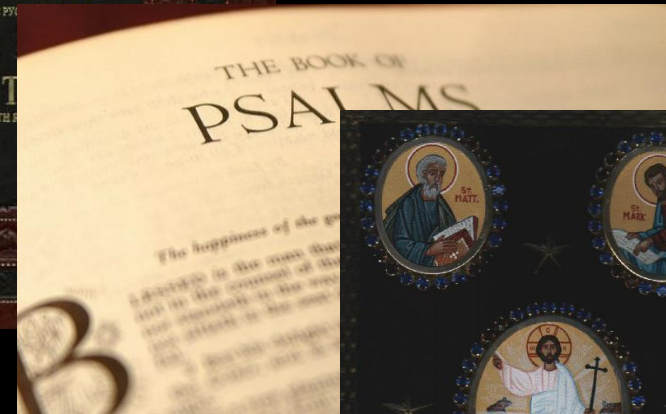
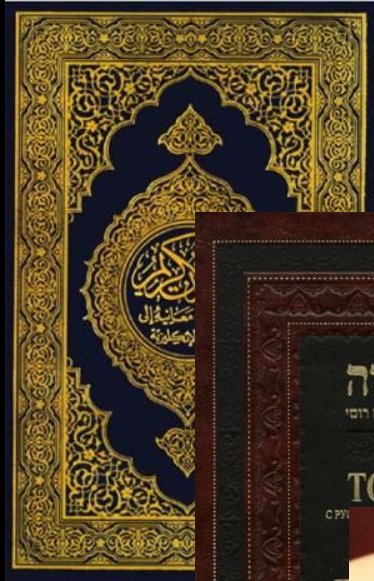
According to the Qur'an...

Jesus	Mohammed
Birth announced by angels (surah 3:44-45)	No announcement
Virgin birth (surah 19:20)	Normal birth
Performed miracles (surah 3:49)	Performed no miracles
Sinless (surah 19:19)	Not sinless
Called the "Messiah" (surah 5:75)	<i>Not</i> called the "Messiah"
Never died, was taken up by Allah (surah 3:55)	Died and buried
Appointed to return in end times (surah 43:57-67)	Not appointed to return

Belief in God's Books

Four divine revelations:

1. The Quran
2. The Torah
3. The Psalms
4. The Gospel



The Quran makes two key points:

1. The words of God can't be changed or corrupted.

(surah 6:34, 6:115, 10:64, 18:27)

2. The Bible is the word of God.

(surah 3:3, 2:136, 4:136, 29:46)



Therefore, according to the Quran, the Bible could not have been changed or corrupted.

Centinela State Prison



THE
AMBASSADOR'S
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to

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Belief in the Final Judgment

Allah will judge all
people according to
their deeds.



Belief in Divine Destiny

A long, empty wooden pier stretches into the distance under a twilight sky. On both sides of the pier, there are ornate black metal benches and tall, slender street lamps with glowing yellow lanterns. The pier is bordered by a decorative metal railing. The perspective is from the end of the pier, looking down its length as it disappears into the misty distance.

Everything that happens is by the divine decree of Allah.



An Ambassador *Engages* Muslims



Muslim Demographics



“And the Lord’s bond-servant must not be quarrelsome,
but be kind to all, able to teach, patient when
wronged, with gentleness correcting those who are in
opposition, if perhaps God may grant them
repentance leading to the knowledge of the truth.”

2 Timothy 2:24-25



We are at war.



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