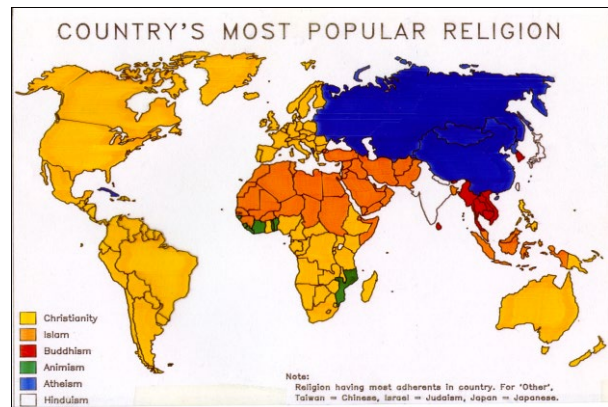


"ISSUES OF ISLAM"

(2019)



(A) INTRODUCTION: WHAT IS ISLAM?

(1) Historical Difficulties concerning Islam's Creation:

570-923 AD Beginnings (Traditional vs. Revisionist accounts)

[SIRA - HADITH - TAFSIR - TAR'IKH - QUR'AN]

(2) Practices of Islam:

Deen: "5 Pillars" (Shahada, Salat, Zakat, Sawm, Hajj)

(3) Teachings of Islam:

(Islam = "Submission", Muslim = "one who submits" - 'Abdullah')

Iman - Six Muslim Beliefs = (Allah, prophets, books, angels,

judgment, predestination)

(4) The Scriptures: Torah, Zabur, Injil, QUR'AN (Sura 85:22 the eternal tablets)

-History (Meccan/Medinan), collation (Uthman), authority (sources, abrogations, errors)

(5) Da'wah: "To Invite" (Dar-al-Islam/Dar-al-Harb: word = pen; law = shariah/scales; force = sword - passive/active)

(B) THEOLOGY: DIFFERENCES BETWEEN CHRISTIANITY AND ISLAM

Similarities: Monotheism, similar history, prophets, scriptures, moral teachings & volition.

Differences: God, trinity, humanity, sin, atonement, incarnation, revelation, predestination, theocracy, spirit, prayer, paradise

(C) DEMOGRAPHICS: ISLAM IN THE WORLD

[1] Muslim Population = 1.6 – 2.0 Billion = 21.5% World total (43>50%, 24>90%)

Arab = 270m, Africa = 255m, Asia = 900m, US = 6.0m, E. Europe = 20m, W. Europe = 18m

growth: 2.5%-3.0% = Muslims vs. 2.7% = Protestants, 5.0% = Evangelicals!!

[2] Islam in Continental EUROPE

1) 8th-9th = Iberia, 2) 13th = Mongols, 3) 15th = Ottoman, 4) 20th = Post-WW2

Currently: 1) Students 2) Migrant Workers: former USSR = 11-25m; France = 8.0, Yugoslavia = 3.8m

Germany = 4m; Italy = 1.9m; Netherlands = 300,000; Spain = 200,000; Swiss = 80,000

ISLAM IN THE U.K.

1.4m-2.9m: 70% = Indian sub-continent (India = 700,000; Pakistan = 357,000; Bangla-Desh = 200,000;

E.Africa = 99,000) (48% within London); 50% < 25yrs.; 50% born in UK; 4% birthrate, vs. 1.8% UK ave.

Structures: Mosques = 1,200; **Qur'anic schools** = 5,000; Political structures; Agenda (politics, education, social)

Evangelism:- Da'wah - Muhajiroun, IERA: Passive and Active; using lectures, book-tables, debates:

agenda: 1) West's decline 2) Christianity = fault (corrupted scriptures) 3) Islam = answer (a '24/7' religion)

(D) MISSIOLOGY: THE ATTRACTION OF ISLAM (in the U.K./U.S.):

-5,000 UK converts, 100-200/yr., Muslim's claim = 20,000 converts, 3-4/day (mostly women/wives)

-12 reasons for conversion to Islam (U.S.): Social Laws; Unity of God; Brotherhood; Morality; Qur'an; Simplicity;

Testimony; Rationality; Practices; Superiority; Theology; Spirituality

SEPTEMBER 11TH & JULY 7TH – AN OVERVIEW:

1) **Who** are these people? 2) **Why** do they hate us? 3) **What** is their Authority? 4) **How** should we respond?

(E) DIFFICULTIES: THE PROBLEM OF OUTREACH TO MUSLIMS

1) Little interest 2) Few results 3) Demographic shift 4) Polemics 5) Passion 6) Mistrust of Christianity & West+

(F) SOLUTIONS: REASONS TO FEEL CONFIDENT:

1) Bible vs. Qur'an 2) Women's Issues 3) Khilafa vs. Kingdom of God 4) Jesus vs. 'Isa' vs. Muhammad 5) Peace vs. Violence 6) Relevancy

(G) METHODOLOGY:

1) **Pray** (Before, During, and After)

2) Break down the **barriers** (1 = Incarnational Life-style, 2 = Train, 3 = Participate, 4 = Help)

3) Make **Relationships:** Meetings, book-tables, 1-to-1s, 'Ishmael', visits, Speaker's Corner, debates

4) **Methodologies:** Tent making, Programs, Proclamation, Irenic, Camel, Contextual, Dialogue/Debate

5) **Dialogue and Proclamation** (Apologetics and Polemics)

-2Cor. 10:1 "**timid** when with [brothers in Christ], but **bold** when away", sought to

(vs.5) "**demolish arguments** and **take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ**".

-New Testament **model** (Mathew 23:13-33, Luke 19:45, Acts 17-Athens, 19-Ephesus, 28-Rome)

-**Topics:** Trinity, Jesus, Scripture, Sin, Current Relevancy, Khilafa, World View, etc...

6) Bring Muslim **contacts** or converts into existing churches.

7) Get on the **Internet:** (43,000 Muslim web-sites versus only 16 Christian web-sites)

<https://www.answering-islam.org/>

Go and help out on **YouTube** <https://www.youtube.com/user/PfanderFilms/featured>

8) **Leave the results to the LORD!!**