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The Tears of Jihad

It is the epic battle of the End Time. It's not the United States and the War on Terrorism. It's not the West versus the Middle East. It's not even Christianity versus Islam. It has come down to good versus evil. Dr. Gregory M. Davis wrote, *"Like other religions, Islam sees the universe in terms of good and evil; but unlike other religions, in Islam good and evil have expressly political significance. Islamic theology divides the world into two spheres locked in perpetual conflict: the House of Islam and the House of War. The House of Islam (dar al-Islam) embraces territory where Islamic law (Sharia) is the law of the land, while the House of War (dar al-harb) comprises the rest of the world. The House of Islam is enjoined by Allah to make war upon the House of War until the latter is permanently assimilated into the former. The term jihad, which literally means 'struggle,' denotes the military effort to bring new lands into the House of Islam. While the state of war between the Islamic and non-Islamic worlds is sometimes hot and sometimes cold, it is permanent until Sharia law reigns over the entire planet."*¹

The House of Peace vs. the House of War



Moslems call their religion the "House of Peace." However, Islam is any thing but peaceful. True Moslems believe that if you do not belong to the "House of Peace" then you belong to the "House of War." They believe that peace will not come to the world until Islam prevails. Thus peace is a result of war against the unbelievers. Very few Christians know that there are over 100 verses in the Quran calling Moslems to wage *jihad* against unbelievers. Muhammad commanded his *Jihadis* (holy warriors) *"...to slay the unbelievers wherever you find them"*² and *"Therefore, when you meet the unbelievers in fight, smite at their necks; at length, when ye have thoroughly subdued them, bind a bond firmly on them."*³ Muhammad taught that his believers that those who reject Islam are the *"vilest of creatures"* and deserve no mercy.⁴ Davis also wrote, *"Of the major world conflicts of the last fifteen or so years, it would be easier to list those that do not involve Islam. In contrast, the wars in the Sudan, the Ivory Coast, Nigeria, Chechnya, Algeria, Bosnia, Kosovo, East Timor, the Spice Islands, the Philippines, Somalia, Iraq, Israel,*

Afghanistan, Mauritania, Kashmir, and Thailand, all include a self-identified Moslem fighting force. And that list does not include the major acts of international terrorism, the overwhelming preponderance of which are committed by Moslems in the name of their religion. Of the forty foreign terrorist organizations named by the U.S. State Department, six of them are Communist, six nationalist, one Jewish, and fully twenty-seven of them Islamic.”⁵

The Six Pillars of Islam

Muhammad introduced the “five pillars” of Islam that are the basis of its practice: recital of the original formula of belief (*shahada*), praying five times per day (*salat*), fasting during Ramadan (*sayam*), giving alms to the poor (*zakat*), and the pilgrimage to Mecca (*hajj*).⁶ The sixth pillar was added later on when Muhammad resided in Medina.⁷

Many uninformed Christians and secularists believe that *jihad* means a “personal struggle;” an inner battle with oneself. They want to deny that *jihad* means a global warfare against Christians and other non-Islamic religions. They want to believe that bad Moslems have *hijacked* a peaceful religion and have perverted the true meaning of *jihad*. Many people want to participate in “magical thinking” and pretend that Islam is not a threat to world peace. Therefore it’s time to take our heads and out of the sand and see Islam for what it really is. If you want to know what Muhammad really meant by *jihad*, read the Quran, study the history of Islamic imperialism, and read what the Moslems wrote about Muhammad and his successors.



My Struggle



Shi'a Moslems teach that there are two categories of *Jihad*. The lesser *jihad* is the declaration of holy war against the infidels (non-Moslems or apostate Moslems) and the greater *jihad* is the struggle to obey Allah and to live a holy life.

Moderate Moslems claim that the greater *jihad* really means “my struggle,” but so did Adolf Hitler’s book *Mein Kampf*. Is it any

wonder that Hitler's *Mein Kampf* has become a best seller in Middle Eastern bookstores? Its emboldened title has been translated as "Jihadi," as in "My Jihad," confirming in an ironic fashion the "moderate" Islamic claim that *jihad* only means "struggle," as in an "inner struggle."⁸ When Israeli forces overran Yasser Arafat's bases in southern Lebanon in 1982, they found many copies of *Mein Kampf*, in Arabic, among the PLO terrorists' belongings. Even today, Lebanon's terrorist militia, *Hezbollah* marches by goose-stepping and stiff-armed saluting their commanders reminiscent of Hitler's Storm Troopers. Evil lives on. As in J.R.R. Tolkien's *Lord of the Rings*, evil never really dies nor goes away. It goes into hiding, and feeds until it gets stronger. And it always resurfaces



Muhammad: the Warrior-Prophet

Muhammad was not a man of peace, but a man of war. He was a warrior, a raider, a terrorist, and a murderer. His life story is interesting. He was born in pagan Mecca (Saudi Arabia) in 570 AD. He was orphaned as a child and his uncle took him in so he would not starve; he was poor and illiterate. At the age of 25, he married a wealthy widow, 15 years older than him. When he was 40, he started his own religion. He devoted his worship to Allah, who was already recognized by the Meccans as the father of the lesser gods. *Allah* is Arabic for "the god" (*al + lah* literally translated "the god"). Muhammad began preaching a monotheistic message commanding the Meccans to abandon their idolatrous ways and turn to worship the true god, *Allah* and he declared himself as Allah's prophet.

He tried his best to convert his fellow tribesmen and countrymen. His own tribe, the Quraysh rejected his message. The Quraysh were his harshest critics. They accused Muhammad of borrowing from Judaism, Christianity, and Zoroastrianism (the main religion of the Persian Empire), rather than receiving divine revelations from Allah. The Quraysh ridiculed and

persecuted the Moslems. Eventually, Muhammad sent his followers to the safety of Medina, where a small band of his Moslem believers pledged their undying loyalty to him. The Meccans plotted to kill Muhammad so he fled to Medina as well. They even pursued Muhammad a short distance across the desert until he reached the safety of Medina. Fleeing Mecca to save his life set the course of Muhammad's actions for the remainder of his years. Muhammad established a religious-political kingdom in Medina and declared *jihad* (war) against whoever rejected him or his message. He convinced his followers that if they died fighting in *jihad*, they would be absolved of any sins and immediately admitted into Paradise and experience the wonderful, carnal pleasures of beautiful virgins, young boys, great wealth, sumptuous fruit, clear water and wine. In fact, dying in *jihad* was the only assurance that a Moslem would enter Paradise. Islam grew under *Jihad* because Muhammad, under the threat of the sword, forced the unbelieving captives and prisoners to convert to Islam or be executed on the battlefields.

Muhammad started by declaring *jihad* on his enemies, the Meccans. In less than 23 years he conquered and ruled all of Arabia and died without a single enemy left alive. It's important to recognize that Muhammad preached his religion in Mecca for 13 years and only gained 150 followers. However, he became a total success when he turned to politics and war. In ten-years-time he became the first ruler of Arabia by averaging an event of violence every seven weeks for nine years. Muhammad instructed his holy warriors to engage in some 84 battles and he was present for 27 of them. He personally fought in nine battles (in one he had a tooth knocked out). Politics is the real power of Islam. Muhammad's success did not come as a religious leader, but as a political leader.⁹

Jihad against the Meccans

After the immigration to Medina, Islam became violent when persuasion failed. Ancient Arabia was full of Christians, Jews, and pagans who worshipped many gods and idols. Preaching a message of peace did not work for Muhammad. Thus he introduced *jihad* to the world. While living in Medina, Muhammad and his impoverished followers worked menial jobs, such as basket weaving, caring for goats and camels, and drawing water from wells. One day, Muhammad received a revelation from Allah to declare war on the pagan Meccans. Allah allowed the Moslems to raid the Meccans' caravans and they were instructed to keep the wealth. Allah told Muhammad to keep one-fifth for himself. It was during these raids that Islam's institution of slavery began. Muhammad taught his *Jihadis* that war captives who did not convert to Islam were to become their slaves. Thus Muhammad created a class of warriors who believed that they should be served. Even today, Moslem-Arabs believe that manual labor is beneath them and it is reserved for slaves. Muhammad institutionalized slavery into Islam and made it an earthly reward to the warriors who engage in *jihad*.

The Hadiths (oral traditions about Muhammad's life later recorded and accepted as sacred writings) record that Muhammad and his band of followers accumulated their wealth by raiding Meccan merchants and caravans that crossed the desert. Muhammad had a new revelation from Allah who commanded his *Jihadis* to "*smite the necks*" of the unbelievers.¹⁰

Muhammad did not show mercy to his captives even though many were his former countrymen. Muhammad had them mutilated and decapitated. The Hadiths report that Muhammad cruelly taunted his prisoners and mocked their terror before they were beheaded. Cutting off the heads of the unbelievers is still happening throughout the Moslem world today. Beheadings occur in Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Yemen, Iran, and Afghanistan. More recently

jihadi beheadings have also occurred in Algeria, Nigeria, Kashmir, Chechnya and the Moslem-dominated southern Philippines. Why do Allah's warriors continue using the ancient, barbaric practice of beheading unbelievers by swords, knives, or axes instead of merely shooting them? Because the *Jihadis* are true Moslems, and true Moslems follow the Prophet Muhammad's example. Islam teaches that Muhammad is *al-insan al kamil* (the ideal man).¹¹ Muhammad's life set the standard for Islam's code of conduct.

After eight years, Muhammad took a large army of 10,000 followers and conquered Mecca. He forced the Meccans to accept him and convert to Islam or die by the sword. They had to publicly acknowledge that there was no other god but Allah and Muhammad was his prophet. After he triumphantly entered Mecca he stopped to pray and then commanded his Moslem warriors destroy all of the religious art within the city. Afterwards he ordered the beheadings of every single intellectual and artist in Mecca who had opposed Islam. Muhammad killed all his

critics; and by the time of his death, there was not a single opponent left who spoke out against Islam.



In the grand totality of Islam, only six percent of the references to Hell in the Quran are for immorality such as theft, lies, murder and greed; while ninety-four percent of the references to Hell are for the intellectual sin of disagreeing with Muhammad. In the hierarchy of Islam, disagreeing with Muhammad is a worse sin than murder. When an intellectual or artist spoke against Islam, Muhammad sent an assassin to kill the offender.¹² One poet who spoke out against Muhammad was Asma bint Marwan, a woman with five sons. She was murdered at night inside her tent while breastfeeding her infant. Another was an elderly Jew named Abu 'Afak. He was assassinated because he opposed Muhammad and refused to convert to Islam. This is where the Islamic tradition of anti-intellectual and anti-artist *fatwas* (death warrants) arose.¹³ Muhammad ordered the deaths of at

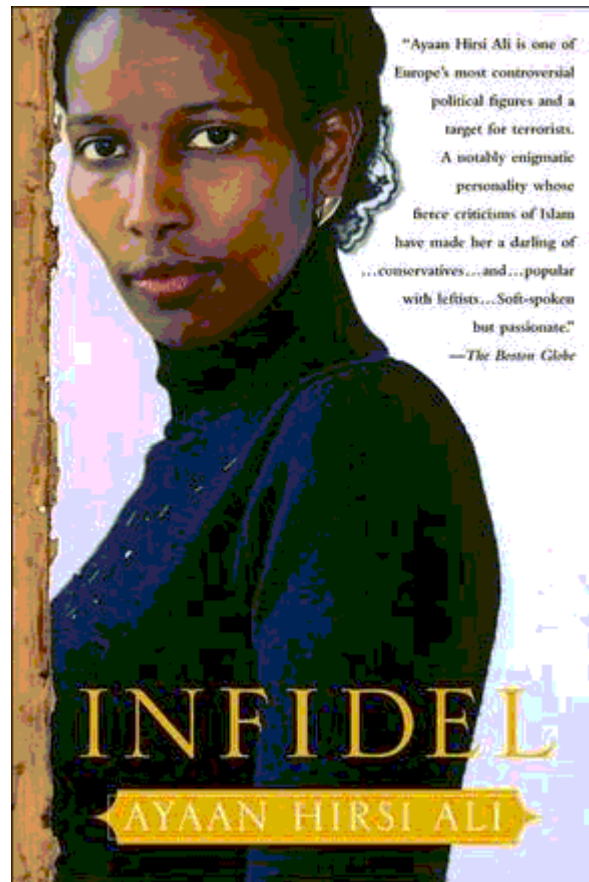
least 27 people.

Fatwas calling for the deaths of artists and writers who criticize Islam are still occurring in this modern age. For example, Moslems all over the world called for the deaths of cartoonists and the publishers of the allegedly, sacrilegious cartoons of Muhammad in a Danish newspaper. In 1988, Ayatollah Khomeini, the supreme religious leader in Iran, issued a death warrant for the writer, Salmon Rushdie, because he wrote the book, *The Satanic Verses*. On November 2, 2004,

Theo Van Gogh, a Dutch filmmaker (and the grandson of the brother of the famous Vincent Van Gogh) was shot on the streets of Amsterdam, because he made a movie entitled *Submission* about the maltreatment of Moslem women. His killer slit his throat and nearly decapitated him and implanted two daggers in his torso pinning a five-paged note to his chest. A *fatwa* was issued for *Submission's* writer, Ayaan Hirsi Ali, a Somali-born, ex-Moslem and Dutch politician and author of *Infidel*, a book about her life story of growing up in Islamic Somalia. Ali went into hiding for several weeks and is now under the protection of bodyguards.

Jihad against the Jews

Most Moslems know about Muhammad's political and theological domination of the Jews of Arabia. The Jewish tribes went from being honored by Muhammad to being enslaved, exiled and executed. While preaching in Mecca, Muhammad referred to Jews and Christians as "people of the book." Muhammad accepted all of the Jewish prophets of the Torah, including Adam, Moses, and even John the Baptist and Jesus. They adopted the kosher diet and avoidance of pork. Muhammad initially had his Moslems bowing towards Jerusalem for their daily prayers. The Moslems even observed the Jewish holiday of Yom Kippur as a day of fasting known as Ashura. Later Muhammad mandated his Moslems to face Mecca when they prayed and the holy month of Ramadan replaced Ashura. Muhammad became virulently anti-Jewish when the wealthy and prosperous Jews of Medina rejected him as a Prophet and refused to convert to Islam.



In 624 AD., Muhammad exiled the Jewish tribe of Banu Qaynuqa. Originally Muhammad wanted to kill them, but one of the Medina tribal leaders begged him to spare their lives so he expelled them from the Arabian Peninsula. Muhammad divided up their wealth, goods, tools, weapons among his warriors. He kept a one-fifth of the spoils for himself. In 625, Muhammad expelled the Jewish tribe of Banu Nadir after they surrendered all of their property and possessions. Once again, Muhammad divided the wealth among his companions, but kept one-fifth for himself. Later, the Moslems battled the Banu Nadir in 629, at the Battle of Khaybar. The Moslems killed all of the men of Banu Nadir and divided the women among themselves. Muhammad ordered the tribe's treasurer to be tortured until he revealed where he hid part of the tribe's wealth. Afterwards, he was beheaded. Muhammad took a beautiful, recently widowed Jewess (her husband was killed in battle by the Moslems) and daughter of the slain Jewish tribal chieftain as one of his many wives.¹⁴ In the historical Moslem tradition, female war captives were raped on the battlefields and sold as sex slaves and imprisoned in harems.

Muhammad was behind the massacre of another Jewish tribe, the Banu Qurayza. After the Battle of Trench, in 627 AD, Muhammad accused the tribe of befriending his enemies in

Mecca. After the successful besiegment of their city that lasted several weeks, Muhammad approved the beheading of some 600-900 individuals who surrendered unconditionally. The spoils of battle, including the enslaved women and children of the tribe, were divided up among Muhammad's followers, and once again, Muhammad took one-fifth. As part of his share of the booty, Muhammad took one of the Jewish women as a concubine. The Hadiths reveal that Muhammad told his Moslems to “*Kill any Jew who falls into your power.*”¹⁵

Jihad against the Christians

In the beginning of Muhammad's ministry, he favorably looked at Christians as brothers to Moslems. After Muhammad crushed both the Arab polytheists and the Jews, he turned his attention to making the Christians submit to Islam. His last *jihad* was against the Christians in Syria. Very few people know that that the first military clash between Moslems and Christians occurred at the Battle of Mut'ah in 629 AD. This battle was instigated by the Moslems after they were dispatched by the prophet Muhammad. The Moslems attacked the Christian Byzantines first.

After Muhammad's death, Islam attacked and destroyed Christianity in Egypt, North Africa, Syria, and Turkey. Two-thirds of what is now marked as Islamic countries was once Christian territory under the protection of the Byzantines. During the first century of Islam alone over 3,200 churches were destroyed or converted into mosques. During the Moslem invasion of Syria in 634 AD., thousands of Christians were massacred. Between 635 and 643 when the Moslems conquered Mesopotamia, many churches and monasteries were looted, and its ministers and Christians were slain. When the Moslems invaded Egypt in 640 and 641, and conquered the towns of Behnesa, Fayum, Nikiu and Aboit, the Coptic Christians did not even resist, but yet they were slaughtered in their homes, churches, and on the streets. When the Moslems invaded Cyprus, they looted and pillaged homes and churches and decimated much of the population. When the Moslem surged across North Africa, and captured Tripoli in 643, they forced all the Jews and Christians to turn over their wives, daughters, and children as slaves. They burned Carthage to the ground and slaughtered most of its inhabitants.¹⁶ Very few Christians know that Islam destroyed the Seven Churches of Asia mentioned in Paul's letters (it's important to point out that “churches” here refer to the Christian communities and not actual buildings). The New Testament mentions all of the following Christian communities, Alexandria, Jerusalem, Caesarea, Damascus, Antioch, Tarsus, Edessa, Ephesus, Corinth, and Rhodes; all destroyed and sacked by the *Jihadis*.

Turkey's largest city, Istanbul is actually Constantinople, the capital of the Christian Empire of the Byzantines. On May 29, 1453, the Sultan Mehmed II, “the Conqueror” captured Constantinople after a 53-day siege and he made it the capital of his Ottoman Empire. *Jihadis* went through the city raping boys, girls, men, and women. The beautiful cathedral of St. Sophia, considered to be the epitome of Byzantine architecture was sacked and pillaged and turned into a mosque.

As late as of 1922, Moslem Turks burned the ancient and historical city of Smyrna to the ground and killed over 150,000 Greek and Armenian Christians in five days of butchery. From 1915-23, some 2.5 million Greek and Armenian Christians died at



the hands of Turkish Moslems. At the beginning of the 20th century, Turkey had almost 4.5 million Christian inhabitants. Today, Turkey has less than 100,000.¹⁷

Turkey still denies that the Ottoman Turks killed over 1.5 million Christian Armenians between 1915-to-1917, in spite of the thousands of eyewitnesses and survivors, including the American Ambassador to Turkey, who was determined to bring this atrocity to the attention of the world. This is the current controversy about the Armenian Genocide. Bat Ye'or, a Jewish scholar of the topic of dhimmitude, wrote that "*The genocide of the Armenians was a jihad.*"¹⁸

Over a 1,400 year period *jihad* destroyed half of Christianity. According to Islam the destiny of all Christians is to convert to Islam or become "*dhimmis*" (semi-slaves who are heavily taxed). The *dhimmi* status was created by one of the early caliphs (the equivalent of a pope-king) to pay the pensions of retired Moslem warriors. Thus as Islamic territories expanded so did the need to create a larger tax basis to pay for older *Jihadis* who could no longer fight in holy wars.

Jihad against the Hindus

Will Durant, author of the epical history series, *The Story of Civilizations* wrote "*...the Islamic conquest of India is probably the bloodiest story in history. It is a discouraging tale, for its evident moral is that civilization is a precious good, whose delicate complex order and freedom can at any moment be overthrown by barbarians invading from without and multiplying from within.*"¹⁹



Moslem armies invaded India in 712 AD. They smashed and demolished temples, plundered palaces, slaughtered millions of Indian men and enslaved the women and children. The ancient cities of Baranasai Mathura, Uggain, Maheshwar, Jwalamukhi and Dwarka were sacked, the population massacred, and not one temple left standing.²⁰ The mountain range near India is known as the *Hindu Kush*. It means "*Killer of Hindus*" in Hindi, referring to the countless men, women and children who died of exposure while being marched across the Afghan Mountains by Moslem slave-traders to the slave markets of Central Asia. Millions of Hindus died in an Islamic attempt of ethnic cleansing. The long standing bitter, feud between India and Pakistan can be traced back to the Moslem atrocities committed against the Indian people. The French writer Francois Gautier researched and wrote a book about the Moslem rule in India's history. He stated, "*Let it be said right away: the massacres perpetrated by Moslems in India are unparalleled in history, bigger than the holocaust of the Jews by the Nazis; or the massacre of the Armenians by the Turks; more extensive even than the slaughter of the South American native populations by the invading Spanish and Portuguese.*"²¹

According to Durant, the Hindus suffered from a nine-hundred-year genocide at the hands of their Arab-Moslem oppressors. Koenard Elst, estimated that 80 million Hindus were

slain in the *jihadi* war of extermination against the Hindu unbelievers.²² Centuries of *jihad* is why modern day India is only half the size of ancient India. After Hindu craftsmen built the Taj Mahal, the Moslem ruler, had their right hands cut off so that they could not build anything as beautiful for anyone else. The infamous Hindu rite of *sutee*, wherein widows throw themselves on the funeral pyre of their husbands, originated from Hindu wives' preference for being burned alive to rape and slavery at the hands of the Moslem conquerors.²³

After Muhammad's death, his successor Abu Bakr, the second caliph, declared *jihad* on the Arab Tribesmen who left Islam. He forced them by the sword to return to Islam. Umar, the third caliph, declared *jihad* on the world of the unbelievers. *Jihad* destroyed a Christian Middle East and a Christian North Africa. *Jihad* destroyed the Zoroastrians of Persia. Zoroastrianism was totally eliminated from Persia. Half of the Hindu civilization was annihilated with 80 million Hindus slaughtered by the *jihadists*. Islam is largely responsible for the destruction of Christianity in the Middle East, Egypt, Turkey and North Africa. Half of Christianity was lost. In the last 1,400 years approximately 60 million Christians have died as a result of *jihad*.²⁴ This number includes the one million Christians in Africa martyred in the 20th century. The first Western Buddhists were the descendants of Greek soldiers of the army of Alexander the Great. They settled in what is now Afghanistan. *Jihad* destroyed all of Buddhism along the silk route. Approximately 10 million Buddhists died.²⁵ In Africa over 120 million Christians and animists have died over the last 1,400 years of *jihad* and slave-trading.

All in all, Moslems have killed approximately 270 million people over the last 14 centuries all for the glory of Islam.²⁶ These facts and figures are not discussed by most political and religious leaders for fear of criticizing a world religion. If one wants to understand what drives and motivates a terrorist or a *Jihadi*, all one has to do is look at Muhammad's life and Islam's political and military history.



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