

Are Muslims and Christians Compatible? (Part 2)

<u>Luke 6:28</u>: (NASB) Bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you.



A few weeks ago, we began looking into Islam to try and understand what its principles are as we witness the effects of radical Muslim extremists on our world today. We examined Islam's peaceful approach to life and some of the similarities to Judaism and Christianity. This morning we will ask: What about Jihad? Who exactly was Mohammed? Who was the promised seed? What about Sharia law? What's the difference between Sunni and Shiite?

What is Jihad?

In dealing with such a difficult question, we will look at the opposite ends of the spectrum regarding answers and definitions, remembering that we as Christians would want to be fairly represented by those who may disagree with us.

Jihad means "physical warfare," Idiot's Guide to Islam

Muslims and Arabists often inform us that Jihad means "spiritual struggle." Is
this true? The word jihad in the Arabic language has its root in the word that
means struggle, endeavor or strife. Unfortunately, those who explain it in
spiritual terms are deliberating deceiving and misleading the public about its
actual meaning based entirely on the Koran...Jihad means only physical
warfare in the cause of Allah.

How do we react to this radical approach to Jihad?

<u>Luke 6:27-31</u>: (NASB) ²⁷But I say to you who hear, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. ²⁹Whoever hits you on the cheek, offer him the other also; and whoever takes away your coat, do not withhold your shirt from him either. ³⁰Give to everyone who asks of you, and whoever takes away what is yours, do not demand it back. ³¹Treat others the same way you want them to treat you.

We choose to stand in a different way because of the strength of our position, not because of weakness.

Another view of Jihad:

(1))What does jihad mean? Fadel Soliman

• ...the misconception, not only among the non-Muslims, but even among the Muslims that any war fought by any Muslim for any reason - whether it be for personal gain, whether it be for fame, or politics - is NOT Jihad! Jihad comes from the root Arabic word which means to struggle. It means to strive against one's own evil inclination. It also means to strive to make the society better. It even means to strive in the battlefield of self-defense. It even means to strive, to fight against oppression and tyranny. Jihad means to strive; it means to struggle.

Are there any similarities between these two opposing views?



Romans 12:1-2: (NASB) ¹Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship. ²And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

)) Jihad in the Koran never spiritual, Idiot's Guide to Islam

 Not once in the Koran can anyone find the word Jihad mentioned by itself and meaning spiritual struggle. All the derivatives of the word represent acts of war and aggression to support the belief in Allah and Mohammed as the messenger of Allah.

Romans 7:21-25: (NASB) ²¹ I find then the principle that evil is present in me, the one who wants to do good. ²²For I joyfully concur with the law of God in the inner man, ²³but I see a different law in the members of my body, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin which is in my members. ²⁴Wretched man that I am! Who will set me free from the body of this death? ²⁵Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, on the one hand I myself with my mind am serving the law of God, but on the other, with my flesh the law of sin.

What is the Christian focus? To struggle for Christ-likeness by using the power of God's grace.

How did Mohammed himself apply Jihad? Much more on this coming up...

What is the difference between Shia and Sunni?

There are about 940 million Sunni Muslims and about 120 million Shiites, with up to 90% of the Shiite minority concentrated in Iraq, Iran and Lebanon.

Doctrinal difference between Sunni and Shiite, meccacentric.com

- As is quite frequent in the history of religions, originally there was a political split...and the Shia do have certain beliefs that are distinct from Sunni Muslims, most conspicuously in their concept of the source of authority in religion.
- Sunni Musilims accept the Koran, the Hadith¹ and other lesser sources as sources of religious authority.
- The Shiites say, "No, we accept the Koran and will accept some of the Hadith as a secondary authority, but we are really more interested in the interpretations of the Law as delivered by the prophet's descendants through his daughter Fatima"...so sometime in the 2nd or 3rd century of Islam we find appearing a theory of infallibility in Imams.

Within Christianity we also have these difficulties: There was an organization put in place to avoid this problem:

Ephesians 4:11-16: (NASB) ¹¹And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers, ¹²for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ; ¹³until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ.

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¹ Hadith: The sayings and deeds of the prophet Muhammad recorded by his followers. They are considered authoritative and perfect.



The purpose of this was to provoke growth and maturity in *all* of the body under Christ and no other head. This doesn't put a kind of Clergy/Laity system that separates one part from another. No one is looked upon as better than another.

¹⁴As a result, we are no longer to be children, tossed here and there by waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, by craftiness in deceitful scheming; ¹⁵but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all aspects into Him who is the head, even Christ, ¹⁶from whom the whole body, being fitted and held together by what every joint supplies, according to the proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love.

There are great divisions between both Christians and Muslims. One of our challenges as we critically look at Islam is to try to understand it better from their perspective.

1)) 12th Imam, meccacentric.com

• The 12th Imam disappeared...he just vanished. According to mainstream Shia belief, he didn't die, he was "occulted" in the hidden realm and he will reappear as the savior of the Muslim world at the end of time. He will be the "Mahdi," the divinely guided savior. Mainstream Shia believe this Imam, who is in the state of occultation, is in mystic communication with the appointed hierarchical leadership of the Shia Muslims.

This infallibility concept does remind us of prophecy, though this prophecy does not apply to Islam:

2 Thessalonians 2:3-7: (NASB) ³Let no one in any way deceive you, for it will not come unless the apostasy comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction, ⁴who opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, displaying himself as being God. ⁵Do you not remember that while I was still with you, I was telling you these things? ⁶And you know what restrains him now, so that in his time he will be revealed. ⁷For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only he who now restrains will do so until he is taken out of the way.

What about Sharia Law and the treatment of women?

Here is an area where we admittedly have a very hard time. Though we don't agree, we can see and understand the different applications of Jihad; we can identify with the issue of sectarian belief and I can respect, but disagree with the believed source of Islam. Here, here is where we simply do not grasp the practical applications that are seemingly accepted by many Muslims.

Honor Killings, Fox News

• Eight years ago, the United Nations was confronted with its own research showing that thousands of Muslim women are murdered in "honor killings" every year. The UN's response? A watered-downed resolution condemning "honor killings." Even then, 22 Muslim countries did NOT vote for the resolution. They include Pakistan, Egypt, Saudi Arabia and Iran among others. Today countries like Syria and Jordan give "slap on the wrist" punishments to men who kill in the name of honor. Muslim leaders say honor killing is NOT condoned by Islam, but still you've seen Muslim men commit these crimes in the name of their faith. Perhaps the first step in stopping these honor killings is to quit honoring them and for every group or regime associated, fairly or



unfairly with the practice, to make clear that honor killings are a despicable oxymoron. Only when that happens will this practice end.

(Source: Dominic Casciani, Home affairs reporter, BBC News) What is Sharia? Sharia law is Islam's legal system. It is derived from both the Koran, as the word of God, the example of the life of the prophet Muhammad, and fatwas - the rulings of Islamic scholars. But Sharia differs in one very important and significant way to the legal traditions of the Western world: it governs, or at least informs, every aspect of the life of a Muslim.

She's Buried Chest High (Poem) (Please refer to the complete poem shown in the Bonus Material.)

Do we stand for that which is right?

<u>2 Timothy 1:7-9</u>: (NASB) ⁷For God has not given us a spirit of timidity, but of power and love and discipline. ⁸Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord or of me His prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel according to the power of God, ⁹who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was granted us in Christ Jesus from all eternity...

Do we stand as Christ showed us to stand?

<u>Matthew 5:38-45:</u> (NASB) ³⁸You have heard that it was said, An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth. ³⁹But I say to you, do not resist an evil person; but whoever slaps you on your right cheek, turn the other to him also... ⁴³You have heard that it was said, You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy. ⁴⁴But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, ⁴⁵so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven; for He causes His sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous.

Do we leave vengeance where it belongs?

Romans 12:17-21: (NASB) ¹⁷Never pay back evil for evil to anyone. Respect what is right in the sight of all men. ¹⁸If possible, so far as it depends on you, be at peace with all men. ¹⁹Never take your own revenge, beloved, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, Vengeance is Mine, I will repay, says the Lord. ²⁰But if your enemy is hungry, feed him, and if he is thirsty, give him a drink; for in so doing you will heap burning coals on his head. ²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

It is our responsibility to love the sinner but not the sin.

So, what about Mohammed?

Who Was Muhammad? Muhammad of Arabia, founder of Islam, was born about A.D. 570 and died in 632. After organizing a community of disciples in Medina, he later chose Mecca as his holy city. By the time of his death, virtually all of Arabia was Islamic. Under the caliphs, militant faith in Allah, and in Muhammad as his prophet, spread quickly into Asia, Africa and even Europe.



Trustworthy caravan manager, *The History Channel*

• Muhammad had become a caravan manager in his native city, leading trading trips in the land as far away as Syria. But he was also aware that the old values of charity and community were breaking down in Mecca. Muhammad was deeply respective of the religion of his ancestors. He was a frequent visitor to the Ka'aba' and attempted to lead a life of fairness and respect for all.

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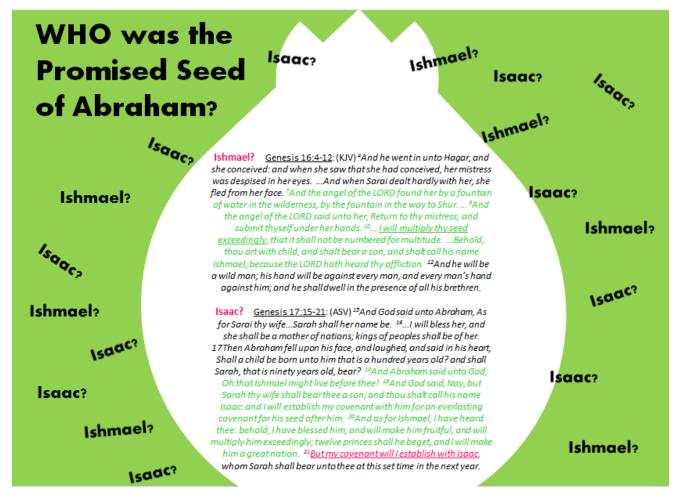
 $^{^2}$ Ka'aba: A cube shaped building in Mecca containing a stone laid there by Abraham and Ishmael. All Muslims face this cube when praying.



• We don't have lots and lots of information about the prophet before he was called to be a prophet, but that information which tradition has passed down indicates someone who on one hand was very good at what he did - caravan manager. His nickname was "al-Amin," meaning "the Trustworthy Person."



A caller suggested: <u>Philippians 2:10</u>: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;



It is breathtaking how accurately prophecies are fulfilled!

First "angelic visit," The History Channel

- In the year 610AD, at the age of 40, the humble business manager and family man took himself to a retreat in a mountain cave. Day and night Mohammed remained in the cave to fast and pray. One night, as flames danced on the darkened cave wall, Mohammed's life changed forever. Suddenly an angel in the form of a man appeared and commanded him to proclaim. Mohammed was terrified and confused and said he had nothing to proclaim. The angel clasped Mohammed in a suffocating embrace. Harder and harder he squeezed until it seemed the last breath of life would be wrung from his body.
- "Proclaim in the name of thy Lord, who created man from a clot of blood. Proclaim that thy Lord is most bountiful."

But do angels have interactions like that with human beings?



A quick comparative look at a couple of angelic visits in the Bible:

Genesis 32:24-28: (NASB) ²⁴Then Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. ²⁵When he saw that he had not prevailed against him, he touched the socket of his thigh; so the socket of Jacob's thigh was dislocated while he wrestled with him. ²⁶Then he said, Let me go, for the dawn is breaking. But he said, I will not let you go unless you bless me. ²⁷So he said to him, What is your name? And he said, Jacob. ²⁸He said, Your name shall no longer be Jacob, but Israel; for you have striven with God and with men and have prevailed.

Second example of an angelic visit in the Bible:

<u>Daniel 9:20-23</u>: (NASB) ²⁰Now while I was speaking and praying, and confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel, and presenting my supplication before the LORD my God in behalf of the holy mountain of my God, ²¹while I was still speaking in prayer, then the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision previously, came to me in my extreme weariness about the time of the evening offering. ²²He gave me instruction and talked with me and said, O Daniel, I have now come forth to give you insight with understanding. ²³At the beginning of your supplications the command was issued, and I have come to tell you, for you are highly esteemed; so give heed to the message and gain understanding of the vision.

Scripturally, angelic visits to God's chosen ones were *very* different than what Mohammed claimed - they are not violent or threatening but informative and focused.

What are some of the differences between Mohammed and Jesus?

)) Jihad - raids and struggle to survive, The History Channel

• Mohammad had spoken about jihad while the Muslims still lived in Mecca. But the new revelations now stressed a different side of jihad. It came at a time when Muslims in Medina were fighting for survival, for most had not been permitted to leave Mecca with any valuables. When Mohammed's followers arrived in Medina, of course they were in a sense exiles from their hometown. They were unemployed with no obvious source of income... so they began to make raids. God had given Muslims the order to struggle, and now God's revelations allowed that struggle to include the right to survive.

Jihad later meant being the aggressor to survive. It unfolded into being less of a personal struggle. This is how Mohammed carried the Koran to the people.

Let's contrast that with how Jesus brought his message to the people:

Matthew 5:3-12: (NASB) ³Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ⁴Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. ⁵Blessed are the gentle, for they shall inherit the earth. ⁶Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. ⁷Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. ⁸Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. ⁹Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. ¹⁰Blessed are those who have been persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ¹¹Blessed are you when people insult you and persecute you, and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward in heaven is great; for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

This is exactly the opposite of the aggression promoted by Mohammed. God provided; they did not need to pillage. Jesus never was the head of state or a political leader in any way. His message wasn't to take over but was preaching the kingdom of heaven. It was an entirely different approach.

The Koran declares: "Fight in the way of Allah those who fight against you, but do not aggress. Allah does not love the aggressors... Fight against them until there is no dissension, and the



religion is for Allah. But if they desist, there shall be no aggression except against the harmdoers." (Surah 2:190, 193) The Muslim is not to be an aggressor, but is justified and commanded to respond with force to the aggressor. However, to appreciate what this means, and under what conditions this course of action is warranted, we must understand what is regarded as "aggression" against a Muslim.

Jihad - attacking and war for Islam, The History Channel

• Following the Koran's approval of defending their community, Mohammed chose a traditional Arab solution - defend yourself by attacking. Mohammed would lead an army to raid the most important Karaish caravan of the year. Mohammed's plan was to intercept the caravan as it approached the wells of Badr, near the Red Sea. But before his forces got to the wells, word of the Muslim army reached Mecca. Karaish leaders were outraged that Mohammed would attempt to capture a caravan. One thousand men marched out of Mecca to meet the Muslim army. Mohammed now knew the Karaish would force him to fight. The night before the battle, the prophet had no idea his men were willing to die in what had now become war. But after listening to stern speeches, his followers vowed to offer their lives for Islam.

(Source: The book, CRUCIFIXION OR CRUCI-FICTION, by Ahmed Deedat:) In the battle for the hearts and minds of mankind, 'cruci-FICTION' is the only card the Christian holds. Free him from his infatuation and you will have freed the Muslim world from missionary aggression and harassment. The mere teaching of Christian doctrine is considered to be an attack on the Muslim world, and demands a response "...until there is no dissension, and the religion is for Allah.

What are some core differences between Islam and Christianity?



Islam: National conquest of the world

VS.

Christianity: Personal conquest of heaven



Three years of war, The History Channel

• For three more years the Karaish army would try and destroy the Muslim community. They would win some battles, but always Mohammed and his followers struggled and survived as their numbers continued to grow. As the Meccan army struggled home after a final unsuccessful battle, their leader was at last forced to admit every man in a sense now knows that Mohammed has not lied. Medina and the Muslim community were finally safe from attack. The prophet was now poised for the final step in the pursuit of his destiny. That step would be his return to the holy city of Mecca.



It is important to realize the culture of war and the provocation of Mohammed in all of this as contrasted to a Christian approach:

Philippians 3:7-11: (NASB) ⁷But whatever things were gain to me, those things I have counted as loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸More than that, I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them but rubbish so that I may gain Christ, ⁹and may be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own derived from the Law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which comes from God on the basis of faith, ¹⁰that I may know him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to his death; ¹¹in order that I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.



Islam: Controls all of life

VS

Christianity: The law of liberty



Only four wives each, The History Channel

• Mohammed's wives were a diverse group. One was a Jew, one was a Bedouin, and one was even his cousin. Most were chosen for various political reasons, but a few, such as his third wife Ayesha, were clearly matters of the heart. Mohammed now told his followers that revelations from God said each man was permitted to take no more that four wives and the husband was required to treat them all as equals. "If you fear you will not be able to maintain justice between your wives, then marry only one..."

(By the way, Mohammed had eleven wives.)

<u>1 Corinthians 8:9-12</u>: (NASB) ⁹But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. ¹⁰For if someone sees you, who have knowledge, dining in an idol's temple, will not his conscience, if he is weak, be strengthened to eat things sacrificed to idols? ¹¹For through your knowledge he who is weak is ruined, the brother for whose sake Christ died. ¹²And so, by sinning against the brethren and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ.

We are to have a spiritual conscience. Although we have liberty to make key choices, we are not to use it to override others if we are going to hurt others and their consciences. We are to contribute mightily to those in the faith around us.



Islam: Letter of the Law

VS.

Christianity: Spirit of the Law

We Christians are told that the *spirit* of the law is more important than the *letter* of the law. We are to do what the law is meant to accomplish for the good of all. The law was meant to bring us to Christ as a template of how to live.



Galatians 3:23-29: (NASB) ²³But before faith came, we were kept in custody under the law, being shut up to the faith which was later to be revealed. ²⁴Therefore the Law has become our tutor to lead us to Christ, so that we may be justified by faith. ²⁵But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor. ²⁶For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. ²⁷For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free man, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's descendants, heirs according to promise.



Islam: Enforcers of God's Justice





)) Victory in Mecca and the Kaba, The History Channel

- Mohammed had achieved extraordinary success. His followers had grown in less than 20 years from a handful to thousands. But he could not complete his mission so long as the holy site of the Ka'aba remained home to idols. In January of the year 630, Mohammed set out for Mecca at the head of an army of ten thousand. As the Muslims approached the holy city, Meccan people made no attempt to resist. It was clear that the old gods of the Karaish were powerless in the face of Islam.
- The prophet had no desire for blood. He issued an amnesty as a symbol of his wish to unite all people as the children of one god. The only victims he sought remained sitting in the Ka'aba.
- The prophet entered the holy structure and proceeded to lead the destruction of all 365 idols as he recited the verse: "The truth has arrived and vanquish falsehood."

Christianity is about the city of your heart, not taking over a physical city.

Are we compatible? Only in the sense that we can both have integrity and be contributors to the society around us. When it comes to matters of religion, however, there is a difference. We should have respect for their belief. We apply all that Jesus taught us about righteousness, loving our neighbors, and loving our enemies all in the same way. If we are persecuted for it, then so be it. That way we give honor to Christ. Remember vengeance belongs to God. If something goes wrong in your life from the hand of another, know that God knows and in His time will take care of it. Don't be fooled by anything else.

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So are Muslims and Christians compatible...? For Jonathan and Rick and Christian Questions... Think about it...!



And now <u>even more</u> to think about... only in the Full Edition of CQ Rewind!

Genesis 25:13-15: (NASB) ¹³ and these are the names of the sons of Ishmael, by their names, in the order of their birth: Nebaioth, the firstborn of Ishmael, and Kedar and Adbeel and Mibsam ¹⁴ and Mishma and Dumah and Massa, ¹⁵ Hadad and Tema, Jetur, Naphish and Kedemah.

(Source: John Gill, Bible Commentator) Regarding the 12 princes of Ishamael: ...and will make him fruitful, and will multiply him exceedingly; as he did, many of the Arabian nations, the Hagarenes, Saracens, and Turks, all springing from him: twelve princes shall he beget; whose names are given, #Ge 25:13-15; and their number there exactly agrees with this prophecy. Melo {s}, the Heathen writer above mentioned, says, that Abraham, of his other wife, the Egyptian servant (that is, Hagar), begat twelve sons, which he mistakes for twelve sons of Ishmael, his son by Hagar; and, adds he, these going into Arabia, divided the country among them, and were the first that reigned over the inhabitants of it; hence down to our times the kings of the Arabians have twelve names like to those. So the Saracens were divided into twelve tribes, of which there were so many "phylarchi," or governors; and the Turks also are divided into the same number of tribes. I will make him a great nation; as the nation of the Turks especially is; and the Turkish Empire is frequently called in Jewish writings "the kingdom of Ishmael," as the Arabic language is called the "Ishmaelitish" language.

(Source: Allaboutpopularissues.org/12th-imam.htm) The 12th Imam: What Is An Imam? What is the 12th Imam? According to Islamic belief, an Imam is an anointed leader or ruler. Especially among the Shia beliefs an Imam is thought (though not required), to be a prayer leader or cleric when the word is capitalized. Sunnis too believe an Imam may be a prophet; Shiites believe not all prophets can be an Imam but an Imam can also be a prophet. An Imam is said to be anointed by Allah and a perfect example of leading mankind in every way.

The Shiite interpretation is that only Allah can appoint an Imam and no man has the power to do so. The 12th Imam is said to be a descendent of the Prophet Muhammad, having divine status as did each of this succession of sons. The 12th Imam is also called the Hidden Imam and the Mahdi (guided one).

The 12th Imam: Who Is The 12th Imam?

Within the Shiite, (which is predominate in Iran), it is prophesied that there is a coming 12th Imam who is the great spiritual savior. This Imam is named Abu al-Qasim Muhammad or also called Muhammad al Mahdi. He is said to have been born the son of the 11th Imam, Hasan Al-Askari and his wife, the granddaughter of an Emperor. There are conflicting statements of her name being either Fatima or Nargis Khatoon.

Most accounts of the story say that al Mahdi went into hiding as a child around the age of 5 years (about 13th Century). It said he has been 'in hiding' in caves ever since but will supernaturally return just before the Day of Judgment.



According to the Hadith the criteria for the Hidden Imam are:

- He will be a descendant of Muhammad and the son of Fatima
- Will have a broad forehead and pointed nose
- Will return just before the end of the world
- His appearance will be preceded by a number of prophetic events during 3 years of horrendous world chaos, tyranny and oppression
- Will escape from Madina to Mekkah, thousands will pledge allegiance to him
- Will rule over the Arabs and the world for 7 years
- Will eradicate all tyranny and oppression bringing harmony and total peace
- Will lead a prayer in Mekkah for which Jesus will be at his side and follow in

Remarkably, the 12th Imam theory plays heavily into the world's current concerns with Iran. The Shiite Muslim President of Iran, Ahmadinejad, is deeply committed to the Islamic Messiah, al Mahdi. There have been many through the years claiming to be the Hidden Imam but Ahmadinejad believes he is yet to come. He claims that he is to personally prepare the world for the coming Mahdi. In order to save the world, it must be in a state of chaos and subjugation. Ahmadinejad claims he was "directed by Allah to pave the way for the glorious appearance of the Mahdi". This apocalyptic directive includes some very scary proclamations.

The 12th Imam: Why Is This Especially Important Now?

While Christians look for Jesus' 2nd coming, the Jews await the Messiah and Muslims await the 12th Imam. However, of the three, Allah's designated Mahdi is the only one who demands a violent path to conquer the world. Mr. Ahmadinejad, and his cabinet, say they have a 'signed contract' with al Mahdi in which they pledge themselves to his work. What does this work involve? In light of concerns over Iran's nuclear capabilities, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad has reportedly stated Israel should be wiped off the map. He spoke to the United Nations in September '05. During that speech he claims to have been in an aura of light and felt a change in the atmosphere during which time no one present could blink their eyes. Iran's PM is also said to have spoken in apocalyptic terms and seems to relish conflict with the West whom he calls the Great Satan. This is while he proclaims he must prepare the world for the coming Mahdi by way of a world totally under Muslim control. He is working hard to bring about the world-wide horrors that must be in place for their al Mahdi to bring peace.

This notion and goal, along with a violent hatred of infidels, America and Israel reminds us of Biblical prophecies of the coming anti-Christ and the pledges of millions to a deceiving False Messiah who will claim to bring peace. Could this 12th Imam Mahdi and his servant Ahmadinejad spark the last days of the coming true Savior?



She's Buried Chest Deep, by "nessrriinn" (as partially quoted during the program)

She's buried chest high, her arms can't stop the stones that fly nor wipe the tears that have already dried, for a crime she so persistently denied.

She's buried chest deep, the moderates asleep, no matter how hard she does weep, worth half a man, her testimony's cheap.

Allah subhana wa ta'ala has come up with such a fair rule, dictators of history couldn't be so cruel, told by Mohammed sallallahu alayhi wasallam, teaching us Allah's divine referendum.

What becomes of those who have a sip of rum? Drink to forget or want to be numb, or those who play the game of chance, poker buddies escaping the religious trance?

Allah's prescribed in his merciful script, their flesh be ripped, their blood be dripped, at the tip of a Muslim's whip.

She's buried chest high, her arms can't stop the stones that fly nor wipe the tears that have already dried, for a crime she so persistently denied.

And this is Allah's eternal reply: 1400 years of backwards law, a tragic flaw of the primitive claw, dare any Muslim ask for more?

The tribe of homosexuals, accursed, as they say, Sharia is clear on how they should pay, the price for their Gay display:
Life - it doesn't matter which way.

Abu Baker got them with a tumbling wall, Ali Muhammad's cousin and son-in-law had people burned for their sexual call, an entire village, children and all.

She's buried chest deep, the moderates asleep, no matter how hard she does weep, worth half a man, her testimony's cheap.



Remember apostates, those who have fled, to speak the words Muslims leave unsaid, killed for the sake of those misled, submit now, or be left dead.

Allah subhanahu wa ta'ala has come up with such a fair rule, the devil himself couldn't be so cruel.

She's buried chest high, half way deep, while the moderates are still, fast asleep, while the world stands silent, her testimony's cheap, stones thrown by religious sheep.

Witches were burned long ago, till the flame of freedom began to glow, and we learned to say the word 'No',

No!

Know that your laws are unjust, not worth of respect, only disgust, beheading those with a knife's thrust, oh, but in Allah we so blindly trust!

She's buried head high in a heap of stones, no more crying, no more moans, all that's left is skin and bones.

Why should anyone ask for more than the true justice of Sharia law?