

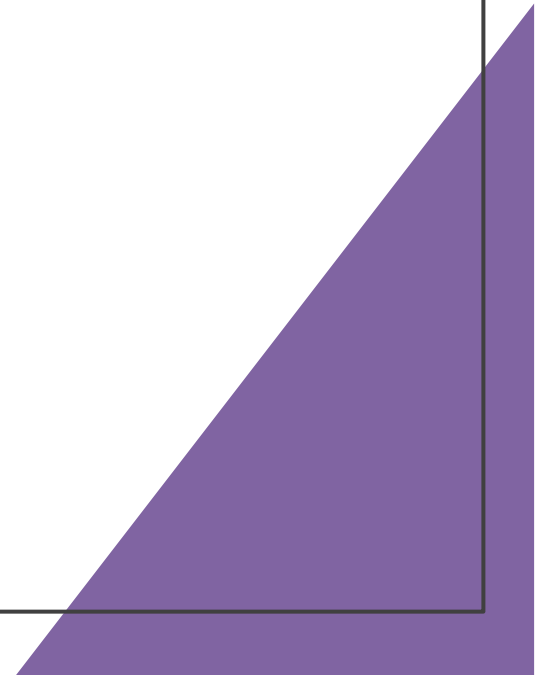


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Christianity Under Attack

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Lesson 1





Who is the Head of the Church? The scripture is very clear...

Ephesians 1:22-23

²² And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.



Jesus, Head of the Church

- The word "*church*" has its roots in the Greek "*Kyriake*", which means "what belongs to the Lord."
- The Church "lives from him, in him, and for him; he lives with her and in her"
- Jesus is Head of the Church because of his primary role in our creation and our redemption. Jesus founded the Church. He brought forth the Church and gave it life through his death and resurrection.



Why “they” target the Church and attack Christianity?

They believe this fact and we should too:

Religions and belief systems in our environment (as well as any other cultures) have an influence on our identity, regardless of whether we consider ourselves religious or spiritual or not.



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As mental structures

- **Christianity influences the way we perceive the world around us and the values we accept or reject.**
- **Attitudes towards vice and virtue in diverse fields.**
- **The teachings of Jesus, such as the Parable of the Good Samaritan, is the most important source of modern notions of "human rights" and the welfare commonly provided by governments in the West.**



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Social Structures:

Christianity provides a supporting network and a sense of belonging.

- ❖ Welfare, founding hospitals, economics, work ethic, natural law (which would later influence the creation of international law), politics, architecture, literature, personal hygiene, and family life.
- ❖ Babies, marriage, divorce, weddings Prolife And sexuality.



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Politics and government:

Christianity in the USA and since its inception has become the basis of power structures and has become intertwined with it.



Statistics on religion or belief adherents worldwide:

- **1.3 billion consider themselves secular, non-religious, or agnostic.**
- **2.4 billion are Christians. (1.4 billion Catholic and 1.0 billion protestant).**
- **1.7 billion are Muslims. (90% of the world's Muslims are Sunni and 10% are Shia).**
- **Only 14 million are Jews (Judaism).**



Statistics on religion or belief adherents worldwide:

Dharmic religions or Indic religions and Chinese religions (Emphasis on social structures)

- Hinduism - 900 million.
- Chinese religions - 394 million.
- Buddhism - 376 million.
- Sikhism - 23 million.
- Zoroastrianism(Iran and Persia) - 2.6 million.



Proselytization (Evangelization)

It simply means to convert or attempt to convert (someone) from one religion, belief, or opinion to another.

- **Illegal in most of Muslim countries (If legal it is on paper only to avoid human rights violations and punishments)**
- **Some countries such as Morocco prohibit it except for Islam.**
- **Some restrict it in various other different ways.**
- **The three main religions classified as missionary religions are Buddhism, Christianity, and Islam, while the non-missionary religions include Judaism, Zoroastrianism, and Hinduism.**



Islam vs Christianity (political vs religious)

- 77% of new converts to Islam are from Christianity.
- Approximately 12.5 million more people converted to Islam than people converted to Christianity in the last 10 years.
- 30,000 converting to Islam annually in the United States.
- 5,000 British people convert to Islam every year, with most of them being women.
- Limitations and regulations on proselytism are considered an infringement on freedom of religion and freedom of speech.



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My Search for Truth





From Islam to Christianity
~A Journey for the Truth

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THE
APOSTATE



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St. Paul's Monastery, Egypt





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Apostasy in Islam

Allah's Apostle said, "The blood of a Muslim who confesses that none has the right to be worshipped but Allah and that I am His Apostle, cannot be shed except in three cases: In Qisas for murder, a married person who commits illegal sexual intercourse and the one who reverts from Islam (apostate) and leaves the Muslims."

—*Sahih al-Bukhari, 9:83:17*

Allah's Apostle said: "The blood of a Muslim man who testifies that there is no god but Allah and that Muhammad is Allah's Apostle should not lawfully be shed except only for one of three reasons: a man who committed fornication after marriage, in which case he should be stoned; one who goes forth to fight Allah and His Apostle, in which case he should be killed or crucified or exiled from the land; or one who commits murder for which he is killed."

—*Sunan Abu Dawood, 38:4339*



Other ways to punish Apostacy

- **The penal code, while not addressing blasphemy by name, states that “disdaining and disrespecting” any of the “heavenly religions” is punishable by six months’ to five years imprisonment.**
- **Using religion with the aim of inciting strife or contempt of the “heavenly religions” or their sects or harming national unity carries penalties ranging from six months to five years imprisonment.**
- **“violating the family principles of Egyptian Society” with a minimum imprisonment of six months.**



My Pilgrimage to The United States of America

- Simply to be able to buy a Bible.
- To get baptized as a Christian.
- To take advantage of short period in a free society to learn about my new adopted faith in Jesus and how to lead a Christian life.

America of today is not the same safe-haven it was years ago.

Christianity is under attack



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