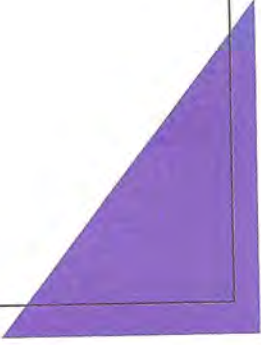


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Christianity Under Attack

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Lesson 3



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Remember from last week?...

- **How did Christianity spread?**
- **What were the main reasons that made Christianity attractive to the people of the Old World?**
- **In your mind, why is it more challenging for Muslims to accept Jesus?**

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Remember from last week?...

- What events led the Christians to adopt the defensive war theology and, 249 years later, launch the Crusades campaign?
- What role did Muslims fake conversion to Catholicism play in the Inquisition and the addendum to the Alhambra Decree?

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Mohammed and the first four Caliphs (successors)



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Islam

- **Founder: Mohammed or Ahmad (Ibn Abd-Allah)**
- **Born In 573 AD – Died June 8th 632 AD**
- **He was of Arab descent. (Yemen!)**
- **There is no direct or unique relationship to Ishmael**
- **He was a religious, social, and political leader and the founder of Islam.**

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Islam

- **Mohammed claims that he is divinely inspired To preach and confirm the monotheistic teachings of Adam, Abraham, Moses, Jesus, and all other prophets.**
- **He claims that all Muslims must believe that he is the Seal of the Prophets.**
- **The Quran, as well as his teachings and practices (The Sunnah), form the basis for Islamic religious belief and rituals.**

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Islam Core Beliefs

- Enslavement to Allah, the slavery of the heart, senses, tongue, and limbs to Allah
- Seeking Allah's pleasure and working hard to Attain Paradise in the hereafter.
- Punishment and suffering in Hell are physical, psychological, and spiritual and vary according to the sins of the condemned person.
- Its excruciating pain and horror described in the Qur'an often parallels the pleasure and delights of Paradise.
- Confinement to Hell is temporary for Muslims but permanent and eternal for others.

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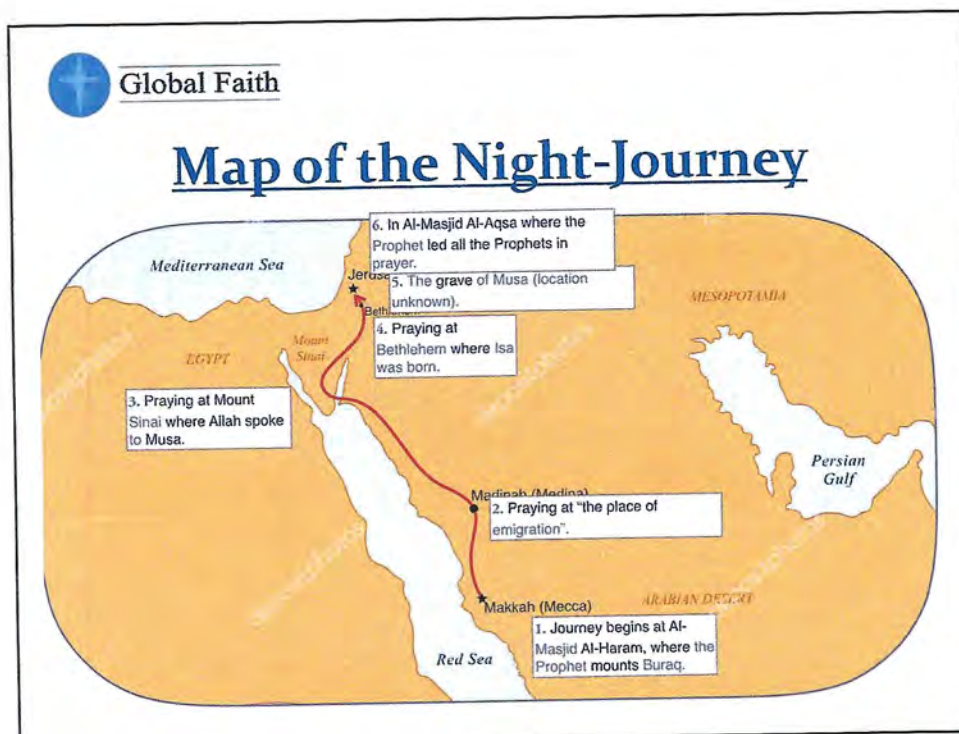
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Isra' and Mi'raj




- The Night- Journey traveled on a Unicorn from Makkah to (Masjid Al-Aqsa) in Jerusalem, where "Mohammed LED" other prophets, including Abraham, Moses, and Isa (Jesus), in prayer.
- Then, Ascension to heaven to meet Allah (Face to Face).
- He was then commissioned as the prophet of Islam, the final message to humankind.
- (NOT A SINGLE WITNESS TO THE EVENTS).

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The Paraclete

- Paraclete means helper, comforter, sustainer, and advocate. Famed, illustrious, or praiseworthy.
- Rendered in Arabic as *Aḥmad* (And other names of Mohammad)
- When Jesus, the son of Mary, said, "O Children of Israel, indeed I am the messenger of Allāh to you confirming what came before me in the Torah and bringing good tidings of a messenger to come after me, whose name is *Aḥmad*." Quran 61:6.

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The Paraclete

- **And I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you forever.**
- **All this I have spoken while still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. John 14:16, 14:26**
- **In Judaism, Hellenistic Jewish writing and rabbinic literature mention The Paraclete numerous times. "paraclete" advocates primarily in the sense of human intercessors**

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Constantine's Conversion to Christianity

- **He saw a Chi Rho and the words "By this sign, conquer." He credited his victory to Jesus.**
- **He organized the Council of Nicea, which affirmed the divinity of Christ and canonized scripture.**
- **Subsequently, unbiblical assertions and beliefs are banished for heresy.**
- **Islamic scholars assert that the biblical references were believed to be about the coming of the prophet Mohammed until Constantine ordered Christian priests to alter the verses to refer to the Holy Spirit.**

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Did Mohammed Perform any Miracles?

- **Mohammad was NOT able to perform any miracles.**
- **Quranic verses highlight many instances when Mohammad failed or refused to fulfill any challenges to validate his prophetic claims.**
- **Quran chapter and verse:
(17:90-93); (74:52); (13:38); (14:11); (40:78);
(10:5-6); (17:59); (29:50-51).**

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Did Mohammed Perform any Miracles?

- **Muslim scholars and rulers wanted to be superior to their subjects throughout the Islamic empire.**
- **So, Years after Muhammad's death, Muslim scholars, embarrassed with their prophet's lack of miracles—especially when debating Christians—decided to attribute a range of superhuman qualities and miracles to Mohammed.**

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Did Mohammed Perform any Miracles?

- Quran – Islamic scholars claim that the revelation of the Quran is Mohammad's most incredible miracle of all times, better than the miracles of other prophets.
- **Scientific miracles:** the Qur'an is miraculous in expressing some scientific facts that were unknown when writing the Qur'an). It has prophetic statements about the nature and structure of the universe, physics, fetal biological growth, biological evolution, geology, mountain structure, and other phenomena later confirmed by scientific research.

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The Quran

- The Quran allegedly was orally revealed by God to the final prophet, Muhammad, through the archangel Gabriel incrementally over a period of some 23 years.
- The Quran is considered the only miracle and the proof of his prophethood.
- The Quran allegedly is not simply divinely inspired but is the literal words of God.
- *Muslims maintain that the gospel of Jesus is the record of God's Word given through Jesus.*

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Did Mohammed Perform any Miracles?

- Mohammad's success *in eliminating his critics and victory against his enemies* was one of his heavenly and most notable miracles.
- The Islamic Conquest-Mohammad's most incredible miracles were his worldly accomplishments, in a short period, in various fields (such as the religious, social, proselytizing, political, military, and literary spheres) and "the transformation of the Arabs from marauding bands of nomads into world conquerors.

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How Did Islam Spread?

The establishment of the Islamic state

- Islam in Mecca before the Night-Journey
- Abraham and the Ebionite Christians
- A slave of Allah cannot be a slave to another human-being
- It was not very appealing and incoherent and had no benefits
- 150 Muslims total, mostly in-laws and family members
- Many slaves that were freed(benefits)
- Only a tiny fraction of the people who came under Arab Muslim control immediately adopted Islam. It wasn't until centuries later, at the end of the eleventh century, that Muslims made up the majority of subjects of the Islamic empires.

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The Islamic State

- It was established on 16 July 622 by Mohammad.
- It started as a new unified polity in Arabia that expanded rapidly under the Rashidun Caliphate (The four guys in the first picture) and then the Umayyad Caliphate,
- It culminated in Muslim rule established on three continents (Asia, Africa, and Europe) over the next century.
- The speed and extent of the conquests were matched only by those of Alexander the Great, and they were more lasting.
- Islam spread from its origin in the Arabian Peninsula to modern Spain in the west and northern India in the east.

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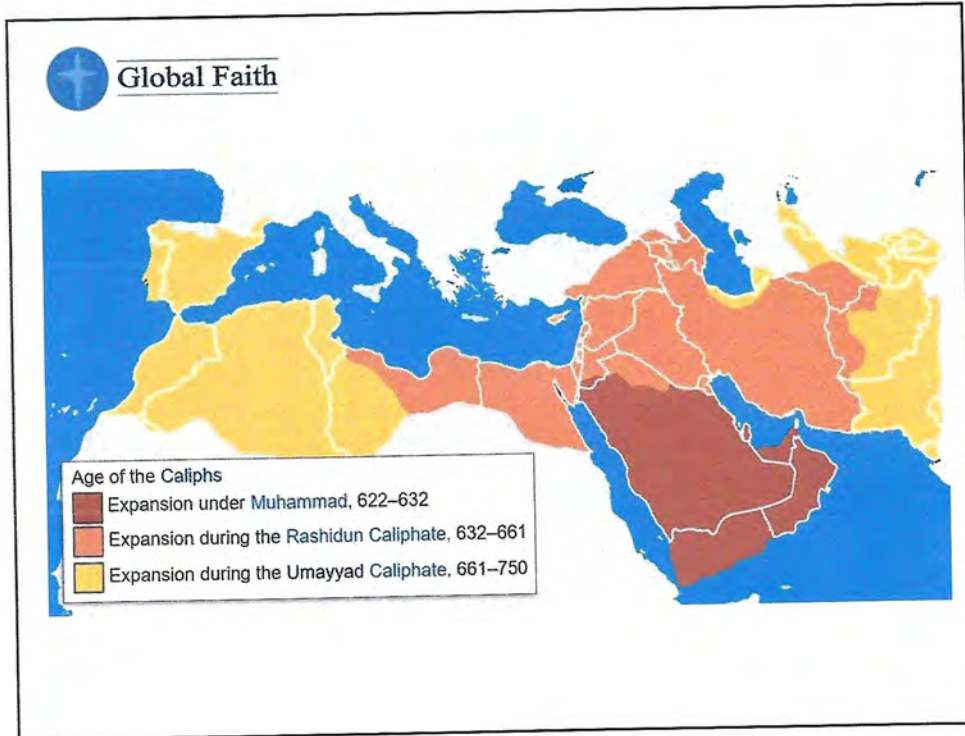


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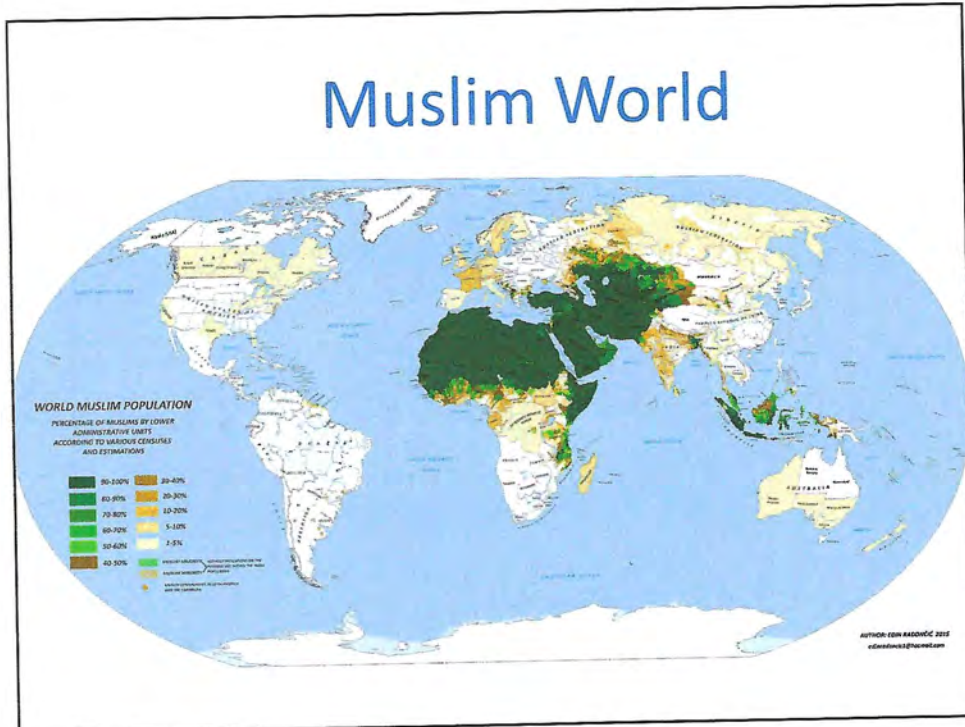
The Islamic State

- Rashidun Caliphate (632-661)
- Umayyad Caliphate (662-750)
 - 674-78 – first siege of Constantinople
 - 717 – Second siege of Constantinople
- Abbasid caliphate (750-1258)
- Ottoman Caliphate (1517-1924)

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Who is attacking the Church?

The Socialist/Communist/Atheist movement

- **Karl Marx** 5 May 1818 – 14 March 1883
- He began life in a God-fearing family Jewish who converted to Christianity).
- But a drastic change at some point in his life led Karl Marx to a deep personal rebellion against God and all Christian values. Eventually he became a **Satan worshiper** who regularly participated in occult practices and habits.
- “Thus Heaven I’ve forfeited, I know it full well,” Karl Marx wrote in 1837, a decade before his Manifesto. “My soul, once true to God, is chosen for Hell.

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Communist Goals

Congressional Record--Appendix, pp. A34-A35 January 10, 1963

21. Gain control of key positions in radio, TV, and motion pictures.

25. Break down cultural standards of morality by promoting pornography and obscenity in books, magazines, motion pictures, radio, and TV.

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- 26. Present homosexuality, degeneracy and promiscuity as "normal, natural, healthy."
- 27. Infiltrate the churches and replace revealed religion with "social" religion. Discredit the Bible and emphasize the need for intellectual maturity which does not need a "religious crutch."

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Who Else is Attacking the Church?

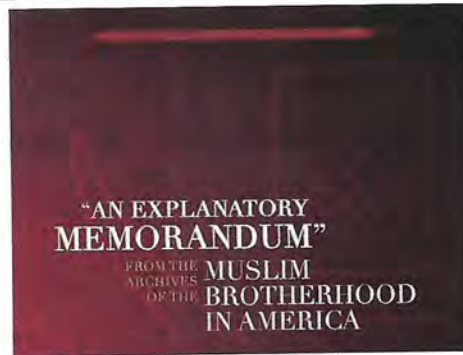
The Muslim Brotherhood in the united states:

- **ISNA** - The Islamic Society of North America.
- **MSA** - The Muslim Students Association.
- **CAIR** - The Council on American-Islamic Relations

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From the Explanatory Memorandum-- the Muslim Brotherhood in America in its own words:

The process of settlement is a 'Civilization-Jihadist Process' with all the word means. The Ikhwan [Muslim Brotherhood] must understand that their work in America is a kind of grand jihad in eliminating and destroying the Western civilization from within and "sabotaging" its miserable house by their hands and the hands of the believers so that it is eliminated and God's religion is made victorious over all other religions."

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6. **Pray fervently and without ceasing**