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# Christianity Under Attack

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Lesson 9

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# Attack on Christianity

## The Aggressors and Instigators:

1. Liberal Christian organizations
2. Christian Socialist organizations
3. Christian Communist organizations
4. Christian Atheist organizations
5. Humanistic Judaism
6. Reform Judaism
7. The political elites

**THEN, The Muslim Brotherhood**

## Their Target :

1. *The True Evangelical Christian Church.*
2. *The Bible-believing church*
3. *The Judeo-Christian values.*
4. *The Morality and Christianity of the United States*

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## Jesus is “The Word”

### The Word Became Flesh John 1:1-5

1. *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.*
2. *He was in the beginning with God.*
3. *All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being.*
4. *In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind.*
5. *The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.*

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## Islam is “The Common Word”

Allah in the scripture is ordering Mohammed:

Say (O Muhammad): 'O people of the scripture! Come to The common word (ISLAM) to you and us that we worship none but Allah, associate nothing in worship with Him (Jesus), and that none of us shall take others as Lords (Jesus) beside Allah.' Then, if they turn away, say: 'Bear witness that we are Muslims' Quran 3:64

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## The Common Word letter was meant as a threatening message

- Prophet Mohammed, in his interfaith efforts and dialogue, sent several **threatening letters** to kings and rulers to invite them to Islam before sending his invading troops.
- The prophet sent this letter to Heraclius, the emperor of the Byzantine Empire as well.
- Heraclius was considered the head of the Trinity believing Christians of his time

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## The original Common word letter

### The letter script:

From: Mohammad,

To: Heraclius, the ruler of Byzantine.

First, Peace be upon him who follows the right path (Islam).

Furthermore, I invite you to Islam, and if you become a Muslim, you will be safe.

And, then Mohammed quoted this verse from the Quran:

Say (O Muhammad): 'O people of the scripture! Come to the common word to you and us that we worship none but Allah, associate nothing in worship with Him, and that none of us shall take others as Lords beside Allah.' Then, if they turn away, say: 'Bear witness that we are Muslims' Quran 3:64

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## The original letter

- A copy is kept in the Istanbul Museum in Turkey.
- The Medina Museum in Saudi Arabia keeps the original copies of these letters.



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## The Recent Common word letter

"A Common Word between Us and You" is an open letter from Muslim to Christian leaders from October 13, 2007.

- It claims that Christians have been systematically and globally attacking Muslims.
- The letter is Calling for that to stop and a new era of peace between Muslims and Christians and Jews.
- They claim the letter is an effort to find common ground and understanding between Islam, Judaism and Christianity.
- They Quoted the same exact verse that Mohamed used in his threatening letter to Heraclius.

"Say: 'O People of the Scripture! Come to a common word between you and us: that we worship none but God.'"

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## *The Islamic Society of North America (ISNA)*

A COMMON WORD كلمة مشتركة

ACW Document | In The News | Responses | New Fraks | العربية

### The ACW Letter




#### A Common Word between Us and You (Summary and Abridgement)

In the Name of God, the Compassionate, the Merciful

Muslims and Christians together make up well over half of the world's population. Without peace and justice between these two religious communities, there can be no meaningful peace in the world. The future of the world depends on peace between Muslims and Christians.

The basis for this peace and understanding already exists. It is part of the very foundational principles of both faiths: love of the One God, and love of the neighbour. These principles are found over and over again in the sacred texts of Islam and Christianity. The Unity of God, the necessity of love for Him, and the necessity of love of the neighbour is thus the common ground between Islam and Christianity. The following are only a few examples:

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## The Recent Common word letter

**Rules for Radicals provides thirteen principles to successfully uniting people into an active organization with the power to effect change on various issues.**

**Rules number four and five:**

- "Make the enemy live up to its own book of rules."
- "Ridicule is man's most potent weapon. There is no defense. It is almost impossible to counter-attack ridicule. Also, it infuriates the opposition, which then reacts to your advantage."

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## The Recent Common Word letter

### The claim that Christians have to chose:

Either they live up to the Biblical commandment to love God and one's neighbor **only**, or

- They become associated with hatred and oppression for so many people.
- And become condemned and labeled Christian Nationalist, and that Doesn't Just Threaten Our Nation - It Threatens Christianity.

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## The Recent Common Word letter

- **Jesus and Christianity are all about LOVE, as was echoed in the 100 million dollar "He Gets Us" Superbowl campaign.**
- *This is the first and greatest commandment. / And the second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets." (Matthew 22:34-40)*
- The commandment to love God is thus the *First and Greatest Commandment* of the Bible. Indeed, it is to be found in several other places throughout the Bible, including Deuteronomy 4:29, 10:12, 11:13 (also part of the *Shema*), 13:3, 26:16, 30:2, 30:6, 30:10; Joshua 22:5; Mark 12:32-33 and Luke 10:27-28.

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## The Recent Common Word letter

**“As Muslims, we say to Christians that we are not against them and that Islam is not against them—so long as they do not wage war against Muslims on account of their religion, oppress them, and drive them out of their homes”**

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## The Shoulder-to-Shoulder Organization

- **A multifaith coalition founded on the notion that anti-Muslim discrimination is not just a “Muslim issue” but a problem that impacts us all.**
- **Connect religious communities and people of faith in the United States.**
- **To equip and mobilize to address hatred, discrimination, and violence.**
- **Build a more inclusive and pluralistic nation where people of all faiths and cultural backgrounds are treated respectfully, fairly, and with dignity.**

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# The Shoulder-to-Shoulder Organization

- The common word is the unifying factor and the memorandum of understanding.
- The common word is the Manual of Religious Instruction and the pseudo-catechism.

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## The Islamic Society of North America (ISNA)

**Community and Congregational Network**

The Shoulder to Shoulder Community and Congregational Network is composed of faith-based and multi-faith community organizations and religious congregations throughout the United States who are committed to working in solidarity with their Muslim neighbors, advancing our American ideals of religious freedom and pluralism and countering anti-Muslim

**Robbi Esther Lederman**  
 (Campaign Co-Chair) Robbi Esther Lederman is the chair for Reform Judaism's director of congregational innovation efforts for the Annual Conference of American Rabbis. She has been on the experience of women in the rabbinate. She is a board member for Truth.

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**Dr. Mohamed Elsanousi**  
 (Co-Founder) Dr. Mohamed Elsanousi is the Director of the Secretariat of the Network for Religious and Traditional Engagement, a global network created by three Islamic Mediation Centers. He is a member of the Council of Cultural Organizations of Islamic Cooperation, Religious for Peace, PACO, Dialogue Center and more.

**Rev. Richard L. Killmer**  
 (Co-Founder) Rev. Richard Killmer is a Presbyterian minister and the founding Executive Director of the National Religious Campaign Against Torture. An organization representing more than 100 religious and spiritual leaders of 20 countries of Americans of faith committed to ending U.S. sponsored torture forever.

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## Shoulder to Shoulder

- American Baptist Churches USA
- Baptist Joint Committee for Religious Liberty
- Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
- Christian Methodist Episcopal Church
- Christian Reformed Church in North America
- Church of the Brethren
- Church World Service
- Conference Of National Black Churches
- Cooperative Baptist Fellowship
- The Episcopal Church

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## Shoulder to Shoulder

- Unitarian Universalist Association
- United Church of Christ
- The United Methodist Church - Council of Bishops
- The United Methodist Church - General Board of Church and Society
- United States Conference of Catholic Bishops
- Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism
- Sisters of Mercy
- Sojourners (Trinity Evangelical Divinity School)
- T'ruah: The Rabbinic Call for Human Rights

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## Shoulder to Shoulder

- Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
- Faith in Public Life
- The Foundation for Ethnic Understanding Friends
- Committee on National Legislation
- Jewish Council for Public Affairs
- Jewish Theological Seminary
- National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA
- National Religious Campaign Against Torture
- New Evangelical Partnership for the Common Good
- Peace Catalyst International

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## Shoulder to Shoulder

- Presbyterian Church (USA)
  - Progressive National Baptist Convention
  - Reconstructing Judaism
  - Reconstructionist Rabbinical Association
  - Reformed Church in America (RCA)
- “We bear a sacred responsibility to honor America’s varied faith traditions and to promote a culture of mutual respect and the assurance of religious freedom for all.”**
- We, the undersigned, recommit ourselves to addressing hate and discrimination in our communities, congregations, and organizations through and beyond the Shoulder to Shoulder Campaign.**

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## *Proteus Fund* (May 1994)



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### H.R.350 - Domestic Terrorism Prevention Act of 2022 117th Congress (2021-2022)

“In the military and in Congress, we take an oath to defend our nation against all enemies, foreign and domestic,” said Rep Don Bacon (NE-02). “Just as U.S. operations overseas have helped drive significant decreases in international terrorism over the last five years, we’ve seen domestic terrorism in the United States grow dramatically over the same time period. We must acknowledge that America is not immune to this growing threat, and we must counter it with the same resolve with which we have battled international terrorism and Islamic extremism. This is important bipartisan legislation and I thank Representative Schneider for his leadership.”

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**H.R.350 - Domestic Terrorism Prevention Act of 2022**  
**117th Congress (2021-2022)**

Authorize dedicated domestic terrorism offices within the Department of Homeland Security, the Department of Justice, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation to analyze and monitor domestic terrorist activity and require the Federal Government to take steps to prevent domestic terrorism; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on Homeland Security, and Armed Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

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**Sources would be :**

**THE SOUTHERN POVERTY LAW CENTER**

**Council on American-Islamic Relations**

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**What Can You Do to Help?**

1. **Knowledge is power. Truth is freedom.**
2. **Speak truth to all of those around you**
3. **Ministry at home and to your family is a duty.**
4. **Subscribe to our newsletter**
5. **We need your Help (Monthly, Yearly, or a One time)**
6. **Pray fervently and without ceasing**

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