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# Christianity Under Attack

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Lesson 2



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## Remember from last week?...

- Who is the head of the church?
- Only Christianity, Islam and Buddhism encourages proselytization and try to gain new followers?

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## Proselytization

- Proselytization Vs Evangelism
- Religious Vs Political
- Missionary Vs Militancy

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## Buddhism

- **Siddhartha Gautama(The Buddha)**
- **South Asia (Nepal) 500 years before Jesus.**
- **Missionary based and totally condemn violence.**
- **It Spread through the silk road and Along with other trade and migration.**
- **The Muslim conquest of Transoxiana. After the Battle of Talas of 751, followed by Muslim full control; of the silk road Buddhism went into serious decline.**
- **The persecution of the Rohingya by the Myanmar government (violent Buddhists).**

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## Christianity

- The spread of Christianity in Asia, Africa, Europe and the Roman Empire was through the missionary efforts of the apostles and persecuted believers.
- The spread of the Christian Gospel began to influence pagan Rome from polytheism to monotheism.
- Much of Paul's writing addresses the paganism of the Greco-Roman world.

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## Why and how Christianity spread?

- Christianity replaced paganism chiefly because it improved the lives of its adherents in various ways.
- The church leaders addressed human needs better than their rivals.
- The promise of salvation and eternal life for everyone was an attractive alternative to Roman religions

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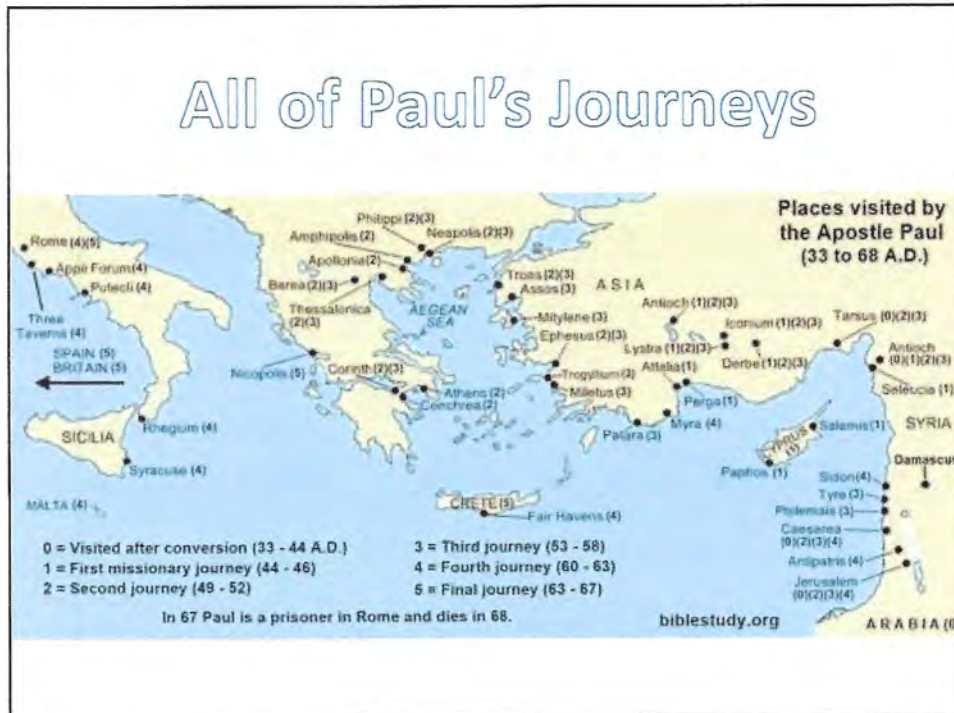


## Why and how Christianity spread?

- Stories of **miracles and healings** purportedly showed that the one Christian God was more powerful than the many Roman gods.
- Christianity began as a **grassroots movement** providing hope of a better future in the next life for the lower classes.
- Christianity **took worshipers away from other religions** since converts were expected to give up the worship of other gods, unusual in antiquity where worship of many gods was common.
- In the Roman world, converting one person often meant converting **the whole household**—if the head of the household was converted, he decided the religion of his wife and children.

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## All of Paul's Journeys



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## The Apostolic Age (30-100 A.D.)

- Primary Source of New Testament
- Ministry of Paul
- Ebionites
- Antioch
- Gnosticism

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## Christianity on the Rise

- 301 A.D. Armenia – Christianity first state religion in the world
- 313 – Edict of Milan -
  - tolerance of Christianity
- 380 – Edict of Thessalonica
  - Rome declared Christianity State Religion
- 385 – Capital punishment for heretics

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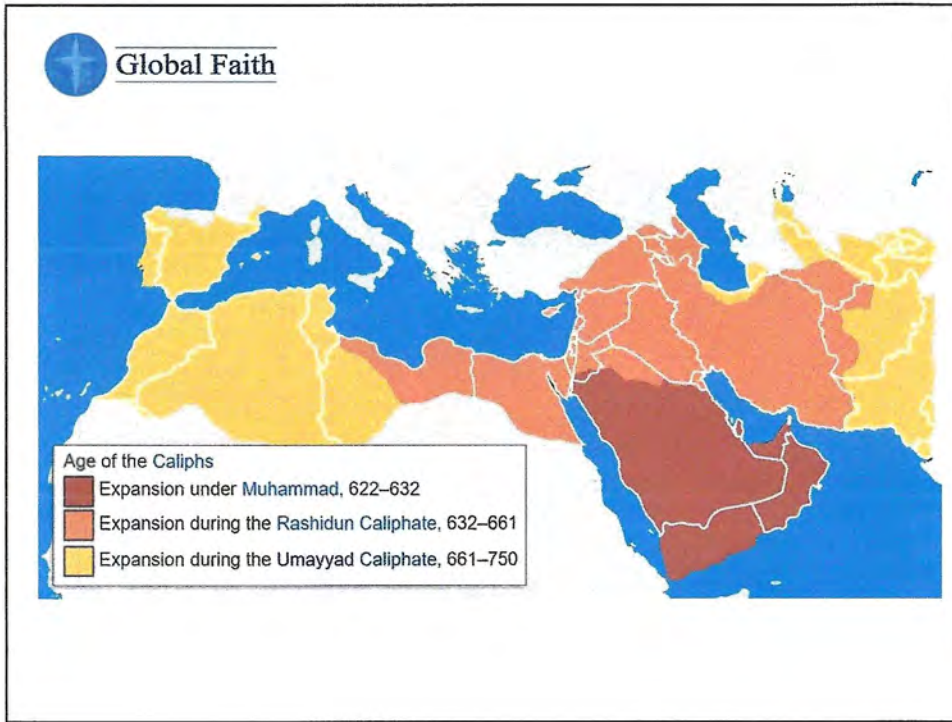


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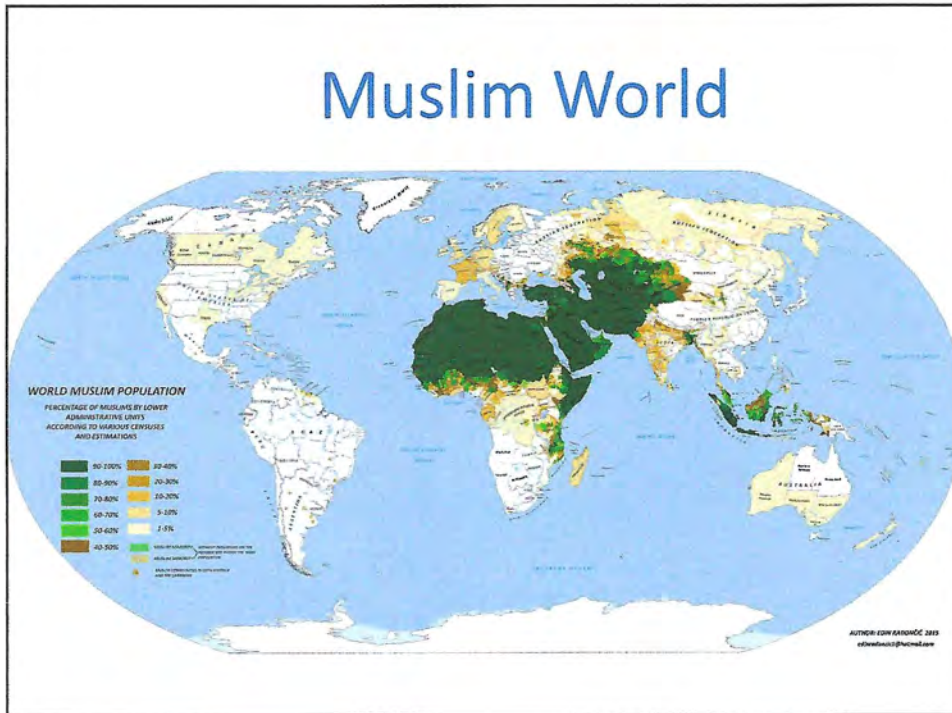
## Islam

- 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?

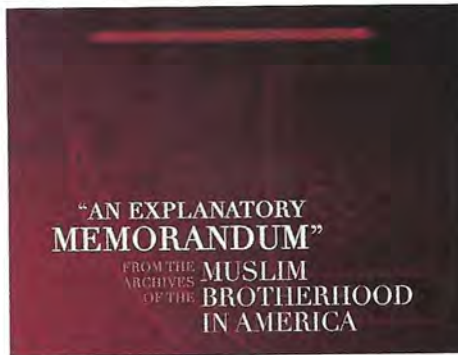
### The Muslim Brotherhood in the united states:

- **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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