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# Why would American women want to convert to Islam?

**Dear Friend,** According to some reports on the internet last year 100,000 Americans converted to Islam. 4 out of every 5 of these were women.<sup>1</sup> Others have questioned such a number and assume that it may be as little as between 10 to 20 thousand. Even if the number is low, the situation is worthy of serious consideration.

While in the Islamic dominant countries, Muslim women are struggling to somehow be released from the bondage of some of the demeaning Islamic family laws, one wonders, why would women, from the most progressive and highly educated country in the world, America, want to embrace Islam and Islamic *Shari'a*?



#### A Biblical Counselor's point of view

As an American and female Biblical Counselor, Karen grieves over this statistic and shares her perspective on the issue. She can see that women are still very "easily deceived". It happened in the Garden of Eden and continues to this day. Nearer our time in the 20<sup>th</sup> century, the feminist movements were seen as bringing freedom and independence to women. Although it has been successful, it robbed the women from what God has created her for – to nurture & care for a loving family, a print after the trinity of God, a husband, a wife and children. Lies, status, immorality & greed have led to abortion of children.

Many women of the 21st Century in the West have finally realized that their "significance" they are searching for, is not in a career, not in their human understanding of "the Cinderella syndrome" or "The American dream", or "keeping up with the Jones". Their search for significance is mostly due to this "fatherless" society which does not give daughters what they need "a healthy view of a male relationship" compelling them to search for love in all the wrong places. To add to this, our fatherless American men, today, are not the spiritual leaders God has "called" them to be. The American church and new idea of Christianity (divided by denominations with many worldly views rather than a united body) has failed them and they still feel empty inside. Therefore, they are still seeking a different "male relationship" above God, their Creator, whom they question because they don't know "The Word", where the answers are, to whom He is and who they are in Christ.



Our "quick fix" society that has slowly eroded away from it's Biblical foundation, compels them to take what looks like the "easiest way" out, not taking responsibility to look deep into their problems by seeking God's answers in the Word, so they easily get lured by Satan to believe this new kind of man, which comes along as the "mysterious one" that peeks their curiosity. Freedom of speech with no boundaries between males and females, opens the conversation with these men, planted there by the devil's demise to "give them the answers they want", rather than

patiently waiting upon God. Women's vulnerability in all the above ways, opens the door to hear what they want to hear from these tall, dark & handsome, well educated, career driven, family oriented, hospitable, verbally enticing and even zealously spiritually minded men.

These Muslim men, manipulatively, take away the responsibility for a women to work, make a commitment to marriage, encourage large families and respect them sexually (because of their "religious" dedication) all the way up to the marriage, while so many American men are non-committal to marriage, only living together, and expect women to work and take care of family. They disrespect them sexually, verbally, drink and/or do drugs or porn or turn to homosexuality. This whole package, that Muslim men initially offer, answers women's "Cinderella syndrome" heart's desires and breaks down all her emotional barriers, so these women now believe everything these men tell them, including that they worship the same God and same Jesus as Christians do and that their mosque is a church. They see them perform prayers and go regularly to the mosque, so they assume a marriage done there must be legal in the US. Although their culture is different, they believe

it is the "only right way", as their told, and even that the *hijab* (covering) they will eventually wear is to protect them from all past and any future "bad men who lust with their eyes" in the world they have been disappointed and defiled by anyway.

Only a spirit-filled born-again Christian understands that these women's "significance" is only in a personal relationship with Jesus first and how "being unequally yoked" was designed by God to protect them. There are so many



"Christians" who live a "so called" Christian life of works only, believing that their "good works" will get them into heaven and so another "good works" religion is easy to accept when they are obviously not being fulfilled in their false version of Christian life, so in their "human understanding" there has to be another way. Therefore it must be what Muslims convince them of, that the only way is Islam.

In these prophetic times, Satan is such a deceiver, through Islam, as the final way to God. Just as he convinced Eve that if she ate the apple from the tree of life, she will know what God knows. Without a Biblical foundation, women are believing him once again, just because it is the only thing they feel they haven't tried yet in this world of free choices! We might expect this from a non-believer, but not Christians! If more churches were truly descipling new Christians by "living as an example of Jesus" in front of them, instead of "doing church" inside the church or just preaching without walking the walk, they might get it. Then, if more churches were going outside the church to share the gospel, as we have been commanded to do in the "great commission" and focusing only on those 2 things, there would never be so much room for the devil to get into our churches, nor this country, originally founded on Christian principles, which was focused on those two things, originally.

We believe the situation of the church today, is that of the seven churches mentioned in Revelation, especially the message to the church at Laodicea that Jesus warns us of in Rev 3:14-22"...I know all the things you do, that you are neither hot nor cold. I wish you were one or the other! But since you are like lukewarm water, I will spit you out of my mouth...you say I am rich...And you don't realize that you are wretched and miserable and poor and blind and naked...be diligent and turn from your indifference.

#### A convert from Islam's comments . . .

Steven read, listened and watched about 200 video testimonies on the Muslim websites, UTube, and literature used for the propagation of Islam in the United States. Most of these converts to Islam, in their lives before becoming Muslims, were very much dissatisfied with their 'family' lives. Some argued that they were attracted by the family caring values of the Muslims around them. They had become fed up with the American "individualistic society" trends.

Some were upset with the way the media and Godless society was degrading women, treating them as sex symbols. A few converts from the Catholic, Baptist and other traditional church background added that the hypocrisy and

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#### **Our Needs:**

- Continuous Support for the ministry
- Finances for internet videos.
- \$1200 monthly support for 'safe house' project
- Missionary minded "house parents" to disciple newly converted Christians.

double standards of their 'pastors' and their own parents caused them to look somewhere else to satisfy their thirst for the spiritual side of their lives.

Some added that the church did not help them in how to respond to day to day life in the world. They claimed that they did not see much difference between the church and the world with so many denominations and Pastor leadership exhorting themselves above others. A few teachers and professors saw in Islam, an answer to their intellectual curiosities. One professor claimed that she liked the simplicity of the basics of Islam in comparison to Christianity. For her, the Trinity and the death of someone for someone else's fault was incomprehensible. Islam, according to her, gave simple answers.

God is one. He has no son. He has sent guidance to the world through prophets, the last being Muhammad. Believe in Him and his prophet and do good and that is it. God will 'Inshallah' accept you in his paradise – Simple.

Several ladies attacked 'Feminism'. Since the sixties, for 2 decades, universities and colleges were in the grip of it. However, by the 90's many found that feminism too, is a sinking ship. In many universities and colleges, through the back doors, many Muslims bought chairs, so what Christians did not do, they have been doing it. Some of the women, who embraced Islam in colleges and universities, were influenced by Muslim Students Associations. According to them feminism has been debunked as universities and colleges present Islam in a modern way by showing only the "good side".

Two converts argued that the Western woman has been used

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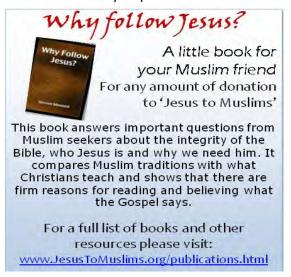
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as a slave. As a wife she works in the office. In the evening she picks up her children, cooks for the family, and serves her husband until the next morning when she goes back to work to be the second bread winner. They were joyful that now as Muslims, they only took care of the house and the children, because the husband is the only bread winner.

One lady mentioned that she liked the family unity in Islam. My family, she said, is not just me, my husband and my 4 children. I have several brother-in-laws and sister-in-laws. We all are one family. We take care of each other and look after each other. I do not have to send my children to a day care center for the whole day. When anyone is in need, the other member of the family is there to support. The same is true about the community.

Three converts, in response to a question on Islamic benevolence, explained that in their need, they approached the church but were shown a cold shoulder. Now, as Muslims they get not only financial support from the *Zaka* funds at the local mosque, but their children's education is also taken care of. One of these women said "A male Muslim lawyer and the Muslim community helped me and now I have a house, my needs are met and my children have been disciplined".



A Biologist professor testified that she felt Islam was more logical because it gave step by step instructions on how to live from the time she wakes up to the time she goes to sleep. Her Catholic church wasn't guiding her enough, so she joined a Methodist church but it failed her. 'We just played church on Sunday' and would leave saying to each other 'see ya next week", so she left there. One of her college professors introduced her to Islam and her new life began.

There was another testimony where an American male soldier who served in the Middle East married his interpreter and now live in the USA. Since Islam does not allow Muslim women to marry non-Muslims, he converted to Islam. There was another testimony of a women waitress who when she finished work, she would meet her American boyfriend who one day hit her and a Muslim man rescued her from this man's anger. The Muslim man took her home and so ... she fell for him, as he

encouraged her that she didn't need to work, so she married him and now exhorts Islam because she doesn't have to work outside the home. She has even bought into the idea that he now has married several wives, as Islam allows it, and she agreed to it, saying "at least I know who he is with, his other 3 wives, and not sleeping around with strange women".

One university student says he can be a Muslim by simply saying a prayer. He doesn't believe in the Trinity, in that Jesus bore his sins and carries his burdens. He believes that on Judgment Day, no one will bear another's burdens, indeed taking Christian Scripture out of context. How can God allow an innocent prophet to die for me? It is not fair. He justifies it literally saying, "A soul that sinneth will die". He thinks a Bible is too complicated to understand (1 Corinthians 2:14).

We also find women marry Muslims because of the Muslim man's position in society, such as a Physician, Professor, Psychologist, & Entrepreneur. Most American women rather rely on what they see in flesh rather than what they don't see, as in faith – the instant gratification is in view. They are not willing to seek God's answer, as they are not spiritually minded.

People worship media, TV, & Hollywood. The media exhorts Islam and Muslims as it is financed by foreign money to propagate Islam for the greater cause; to take over America. We find it amazing that several stations like 'public TV', run by taxpayer's and funds from trusts and charities, present Islam and Muslims in a very good light. This is combined by the community TV networks and several Islamic television networks in the country. The money spent on advertizing paints the positive picture as a Moderate Muslim. It is all part of Islam's ultimate plan to take over, no matter how long it takes, since they can't beat our military, they will do it from within.

The devil's temptation exploits Americans through Muslim's "gift of hospitality", because Christianity has lost touch with society and how to fellowship with people. Muslims win Americans over with fellowship. Unlike Jesus, the church has become "works" oriented and wrapped up in tasks and not "the people". Jesus spent more of His time among the people.

#### Why is Islam spreading so fast in the USA?

- 1. Islamic *Da'wa* (Islamic evangelism). Islam is a "works religion", Muslims believe they will get into paradise by winning non-Muslims to Islam. They marry Christians and Jews to eventually convert them to Islam, although they don't tell them up front, nor do they tell them that they must raise their children as Muslims, even if she remains a Christian or Jew.
- Islam is a community oriented system, especially when Muslims are in a minority in a new country. Leaders convince followers to unite and do good so to entice the non-Muslims around them, to ultimately convert them to Islam.
- Islam is seen as dealing with every aspect of a Muslim's life, religious or political. Thus while Christians may be hesitant to share their views, Muslims feel obligated to share their faith anywhere.
- 4. Muslims are allowed to lie for a greater purpose, the 'domination of the world for Islam' and so they hide the points of weaknesses in Islam.
- 5. Also to be an instrument to fulfill what Muhammad predicted that his community will over populate the world through propagation. Muhammad advised, "Marry beautiful women, especially those women who will bear you lots of children".

Ramadan began on Aug 11th and goes for 29 or 30 days depending on the moon. As Muslims seek in this month God's pleasure, please pray that like Cornelius many will seek for Jesus. Pray for them to discover the depths of sin and God's holiness so they can forever be free of the idea that good works can make them fit to meet God. Pray specifically for Muslim women to be freed from the heavy bondage of Islam. PRAY that these women would encounter Christ.

We are often asked: What is ITL-USA? Well it means "Into the Light" USA. "Into the Light" is not only the name of Steven's autobiography, but ITL was also the name of his original ministry he formed in England to educate Christians and reach Muslims with the gospel. Ultimately it means out of the darkness of Islam and into the light of Jesus!

## Prayer and Praise

Please Pray for:

- The Godly wisdom and discernment in these difficult times that we all are facing.
- That the church as one body will unite and raise to help not only its own but to represent Jesus to the world.
- We praise the Lord for protecting Rifqa Bary from returning to her parents. Please pray for her healing of Cancer and that God will continue to protect her in the US, from the Islamic DEATH THREAT (Apostasy in Islam's Shari'a law).
- We need many more laborers to join our ministry's ongoing needs (SK database entry, website updates & maintenance, event help, internet videos resources)
- More laborers to get equipped & have a heart to reach the harvest of Muslims
- The summer financial gap to be filled
- Calling Prayer Warriors to VVCC Fridays 11:30AM

Because of America's financial set-back effects and other reasons God knows about, our ministry "Jesus to Muslims", has had a "summer gap" in finances, as a result of many FL supporters going away for the summer. This problem coupled with the new Postal regulations have had a financially effects on us. The Post office now sends back all our 3rd class mail that goes to those with their mail on "temporary hold" and charges us .44 each for these returns. These piles are too high for the two of us to handle, besides what it would cost for another, 1st class stamp, to resend it. If we had your summer addresses to send it to and the dates you will be there, we would save .88 each. Since the Post office no longer forwards them to your summer address, many probably didn't get their newsletters and will not until they return to FL to the only address we do have. We have an urgent need for your financial support to recover from this summer decline. Please come out and support us at this Aug 25, 27 & 28 Seminar at Village View Community Church (8585 SE 147th PL, Summerfield, FL 34491), as a "love offering" will support it.