



Radical Muslims versus Radical Christians

Dear Friend of Jesus to Muslims! When I teach seminars on a Biblical approach to Islam, often someone will comment that as there are radical Muslims, there are radical Christians, too, who have been terrorizing others, and therefore, we should not label all Muslims.

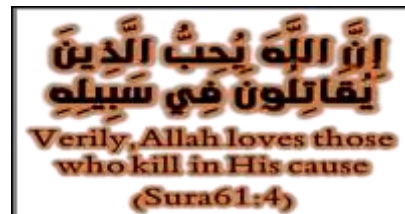
Like many words and terms, “fundamentalist” and “radicals” are often taken out of context by the modern media. If it is true that there are Christians who are terrorizing others, then they are not really following the teachings of Jesus, but are merely calling themselves Christians. Often, we are told that as there are ‘wishy washy’ Christians, there are ‘wishy washy’ Muslims and as there are moderate Muslims, there are moderate Christians. Such terms are not Biblical nor Qur’anic, it is impossible to believe in moderation and practice in moderation. One is fully in or fully out. Let me explain.



Key Observation: Ideology and the Ideal

“Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you”
(Luke 6:27-28)

As one coming out of Islam, I have extensively studied, and continue to study, both faiths. I have found some staggering facts. In the Qur’an, believers in Muhammad are told to fulfill their duties and responsibilities they owe to Allah. For this purpose, when they go back to the Qur’an and examine what Muhammad said and did, they become remarkably “fundamentalist” and “radical,” which lead to terrorism. This also leads



to exclusivism in loving and dealing with **only** Muslims of their same school of thought. They become bold not only in sharing their beliefs with others, but they do not hesitate in using “all means” to eliminate what they perceive to be blasphemy. This often includes killing the blasphemer or apostate and non-Muslims.

On the other hand, I see that believers in Jesus are called to live **in** the world, but not to be **of** it. How? They go back again and again to Jesus! They learn from him and his apostles. The Bible shows them how to fulfill the purpose God gave them while living in this broken world. God’s Holy Spirit, which Jesus promised, guides them in how to live for God and how to endure persecution.

These believers, like Muslim friends, remarkably become “fundamentalist” and “radical,” but in an entirely different way! They become loving, forbearing in their dealings and forgiving because of God’s forgiveness and love. At the same time, they are bold enough, in the face of all opposition, to tell the truth in love about Jesus being the only assurance of salvation. They do not threaten the lives of other people, but rather serve and love people for God’s glory. Some may point to Crusades in their objection. Let’s be reminded that while the Crusades was unbiblical, invasion of non-Muslims and killing is Qur’anic for Muslims.

While Islamic teaching exalts the brotherly love between Muslims only, ‘almuslim akhwal muslim’ – a Muslim is a brother to a Muslim, Jesus teaches: ‘If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? And if you greet only your brothers, what are you doing



more than others? Do not even pagans do that? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect' (Matthew 5:44-48).

The Qur'anic teaching states that Allah loves those who kill for him, (Sura 61:4) one will not find such a passage in the teaching of Jesus, who commands his followers to, "Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you" (Luke 6:27-28).

[For more on this, read Steven Masood's book: *Jesus or Muhammad? A Question of Assurance*]

Prayer and praise points:

- ❖ Praise the Lord for opening doors in Maine, Karen's birthplace, and in New Hampshire at churches, schools and one on one appointment! Pray for the seeds we planted to grow! Pray for all Karen's relatives to see the light of the Gospel through our testimony there. We praise God for connecting us with new Christian relatives!
- ❖ Praise the Lord for sustaining us, protecting us, and providing our every need on our two-month trip to the Northeast. We did 37 speaking appointments, which included 21 different churches and 4 Christian schools. Three of these appointments were Seminars from 2-6 hours each. It was certainly a vigorous schedule. We are glad to be home for rest inside of catching up with emails, newsletter & satellite programs.
- ❖ The traffic on the internet has grown by 10% to almost 300 emails a day via our websites and other links. Please pray that we will faithfully respond to true seekers. We thank God for helping us to overcome all the technical problems and difficulties in recording and editing of media material and on the Internet. Please pray with us for God to send those He has called to volunteer and work with us to carry on the ministry.
- ❖ We pray for God to lead us to those we will train to take over our ministry when we leave this earth. Please pray for our continued strength and health.
- ❖ Please pray for protection for our ministry's media equipment and our websites. Please pray for protection as we travel in our van, which now has over 243,000 miles on it!
- ❖ Pray for Christian friend's protection as we train and mentor them to share the Gospel with Muslims. This is clearly a spiritual battle we are in and the enemy does not like us.
- ❖ We praise God for the awareness growing about the truth of Islam and the very real need for outreach to Muslims. Consider only 8 % of churches stand with this calling to reach Muslims.
- ❖ We thank God for our supporters, both individuals and church fellowships that enable us to continue to do the work we do, all for God's glory. Please pray for more appointments and financial support.

Jesus to Muslims: Financial Aspects

Jesus to Muslims relies solely on God through the generosity of our donors to: reach Muslims with the Gospel, expand our outreach, hold seminars to equip Christians, giving resources, as well as research and publish material for truth seekers.

Funds in total received:

August 2018: \$ 11,380

September 2018: \$10, 817

Monthly Need is \$15,000. Please pray with us that the Lord will provide an extra \$425 a month for the next 3 1/2 years, to pay off our zero percent loan for the studio as well as our monthly need. PRAISE GOD FOR \$200 A MONTH OF THAT \$425 PAYMENT! If you are mailing your gift, please use the envelope provided. For online giving, please go to: www.JesusToMuslims.org and click on "Support". Donations are tax deductible.

Other Activities:

We have now recorded and edited 20 programs and offered them for broadcast to the South Asian division of Christian Broadcast Network. We intend to offer them to other Christian networks too, hoping some will come forward and broadcast them free of charge to bring souls to Christ.

We have also started another program on the Internet in Urdu to respond to objections raised in Muslim video presentations about Biblical doctrines. The program is called *Qindil* – the lamp, similar to the word 'candle'. The program varies between 10 to 20 minutes long.

We continue to respond to queries, questions, and objections from Muslims. In addition, we travel to hold seminars and discussions to equip the body of Christ in their outreach to Muslims. We continue to help Muslim background believers in their spiritual journey with Christ through counselling and other means.