

### IS ISLAM SOCIABLE? Part 2

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Last week's Cordova Connection addressed some of the history and factions of the Islamic religion, and its inability to be sociable with the other six billion inhabitants of the world. This week, we will focus on some of Islam's traditional beliefs and attitudes toward the world's social institutions.

Not only is Islam a hateful religion even to its own adherents, it has no regard for the family unit. The family is the oldest institution the world knows, and God performed the first wedding ceremony on day six of creation (Gen. 2:21-25). One would think a religion that claims such loyalty to its god would teach that families should be treated with love and respect.

Notice some of the traditional attitudes regarding marriage found in the Qur'an. A Muslim may marry up to four wives, he may have an unlimited number of concubines, he may marry a woman temporarily, and non-submissive wives may be beaten, to name a few (Noebel, David A. *Understanding the Times*. Manitou Springs, CO: Summit Press, 2006. 255). The Hadith, the recorded sayings and deeds of Muhammad, is seen as a crucial source of knowledge for the Muslim. While no claim of inerrant inspiration is given, Suhaib Hasan stated, "The Sunnah is the second source of Islamic jurisprudence, the first being the Quran. Both sources are indispensable; one cannot practice Islam without consulting both of them" (Miller, Dave. *The Quran Unveiled*. Montgomery, AL: Apologetics Press, Inc., 2005. 51). One feature of the Hadith pertains to polygamy and describes the multiple marriages of Muhammad and the treatment his wives received (Miller, Dave. *The Quran Unveiled*. Montgomery, AL: Apologetics Press, Inc., 2005. 53). It is recorded that he had as many as thirteen wives, married A'ishah when she was only nine years old, and later married the wife of his son Zaid (Caner, Ergun Mehmet, and Emir Fethi Caner. *Unveiling Islam*. Grand Rapids, MI: Kregel Publications, 2009. 56).

Muhammad's view of women is legendary: "According to Hadith 3.826; 2.541, Muhammad said that women are genetically and legally inferior. He reiterated the point when speaking to a group of women, 'I have not seen anyone more deficient in intelligence and religion than you'" (Caner, Ergun Mehmet, and Emir Fethi Caner. *Unveiling Islam*. Grand Rapids, MI: Kregel Publications, 2009. 134). Muhammad also proclaimed that the majority of the inhabitants of hell were women, and the resulting effect was women being regarded as both harmful to men and a bad omen (Ibid.). In opposition to those teachings, the Bible regards women with dignity and honor (Pro. 31:10-31).

What about society in general? Is Islam sociable to the peoples of the world? It becomes very clear, very quickly, that Islam is a religion of hate and murder, and that it is not sociable to those in the world! "On February 23, 1998, five Islamic caliphates signed a fatwa declaring war against the United States. Representing five radical factions, these men united to call the Muslim world to common cause against the perceived enemy of Islam." The murder of three thousand innocent people in the World Trade Center and Pentagon attacks proved that Islam is a cowardice institution which cloaks itself in the cover of religion and is not capable of being sociable to others in the world. Within their holy book are the instructions regarding the "infidel" with their unsocial behavior described, "And whosoever seeks a faith other than Islam (-complete submission to the will of God,) it will never be accepted from him" (Sura 3:85). Concerning the infidel, the Qur'an says, "Kill them wherever you find them, and do not take any one of them as a friend or as a helper" (Sura 4:89). Muhammad was especially interested in the potential conversion of any Muslim to the Christian or Jewish faith, saying, "Whoever changes his Islamic religion, kill him" (Hadith 9:57).

The true follower of Islam can never live peaceably in a republic or democratic society because both are based upon debate and discussion. Christians do not view the political arena as a way to achieve the kingdom of God on earth, because they look toward a heavenly home. Paul clearly stated, "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places" (Eph. 6:12). Because Christians do not seek an earthly home, they do not engage in

religious warfare physically. Jesus made it very clear that His “kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence” (Jn. 18:36).

To informed society, it becomes clear that Islam is not sociable in any aspect of the Muslim life. Just a few weeks ago, a Muslim in Chattanooga, TN, murdered four unarmed United States Marines at the Naval Operational Support Center and Marine Corps Reserve Center. Fortunately for the rest of society, the coward was justly shot and killed by local policemen, sparing any more innocents from being harmed because of his twisted and hateful religion!

It is clear that Islam is a religion of hate and prejudice; however, it is still the duty of all Christians to spread the Gospel throughout the world. The world includes Muslim nations, where many Christians remain faithful to the God of the Bible, and have thrown off the yoke of Islam, in favor of God’s love and grace.