



Islam: Religion or Imperialistic Geopolitical System?

Let us contemplate...

Imagine you were born in a Muslim country and all that you knew, all that you loved, and all that you believed WAS your Muslim world(view). What chance would you have to know the One True God of the Bible and to go to heaven?

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Imagine you were born in a moderate Muslim country and all that you knew was that world. And you moved to the “Christian” United States of America. You dressed the only way you have dressed all your life. How do you think they would (should) treat you?

Let us contemplate...

Imagine you were born in a fundamentalist Muslim country and all that you knew was that world. And you moved to the “Christian” United States of America. You were taught all your life you are to hate these people and they are your enemies and must be converted or die. How do you think they would (should) treat you?

Jesus said...

³⁴ A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. ³⁵ By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”

John 13:34-35

Let us contemplate...

³⁶ “Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?”
³⁷ And He said to him, “‘YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND.’ ³⁸ This is the great and foremost commandment.
³⁹ The second is like it, ‘YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.’

Matt. 22:36-40

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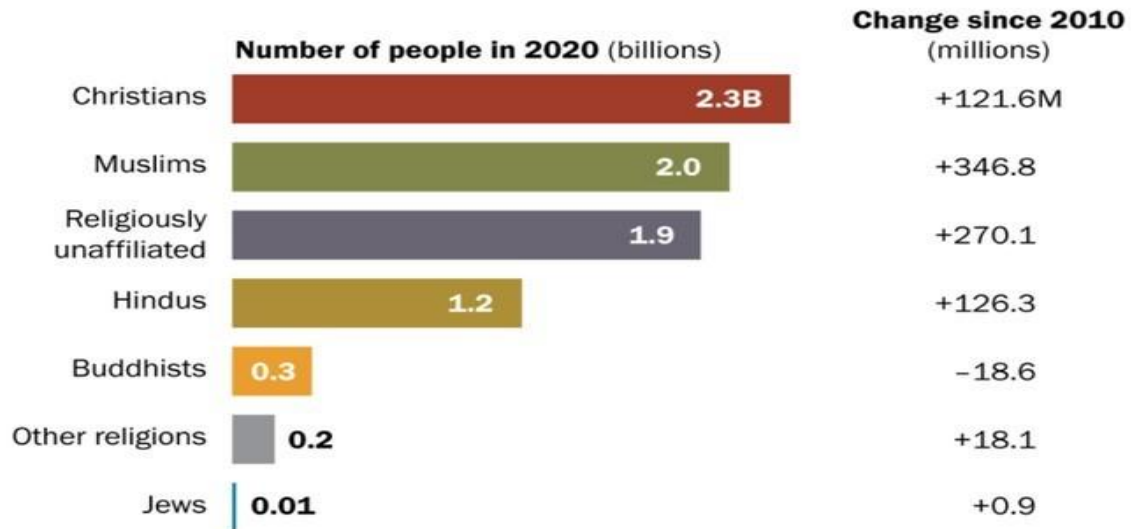
⁴³ “You have heard that it was said, ‘You SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR and hate your enemy.’ ⁴⁴ But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.

Matt. 5:43-44

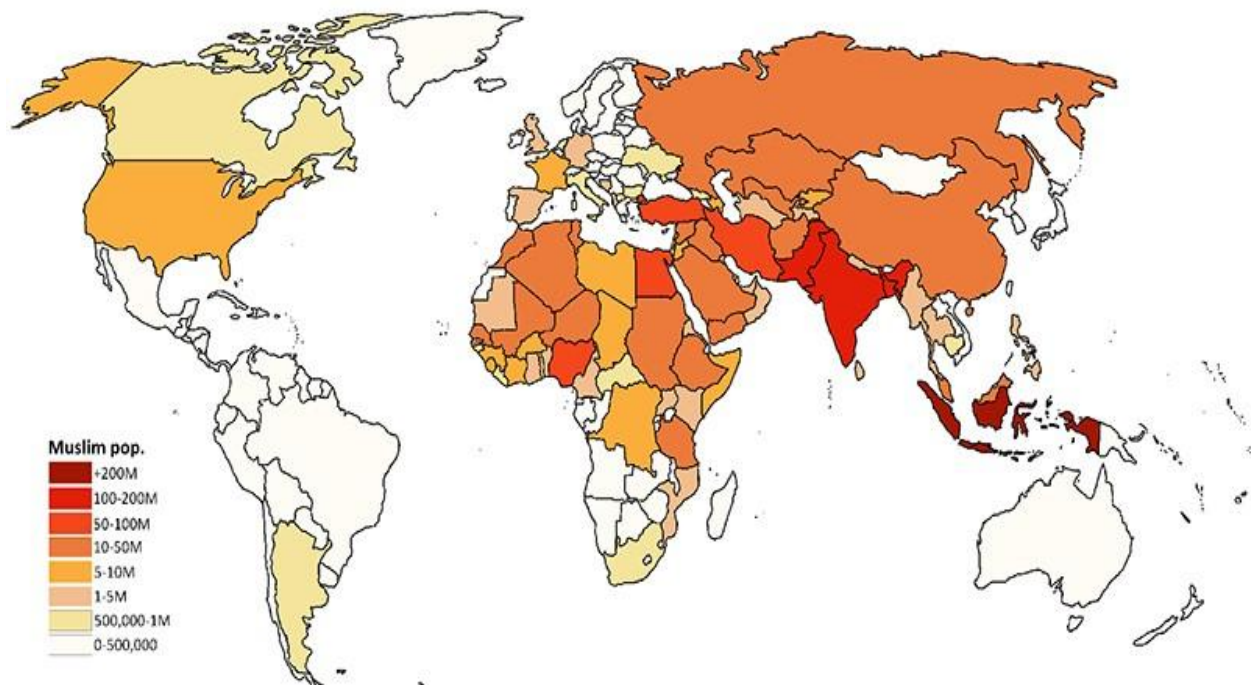
Questions?

1. **How many Muslims are there?**
2. **Where do they live?**
3. **Where did Islam originate?**
4. **How did it grow?**
5. **What does Islam teach?**
6. **Is it “just” a religion?**
7. **What is Islam’s “mission” or “goal”?**
8. **How do we love them and reach them for Christ?**

Christians are the world's largest religious group



Source: Pew Research Center estimates based on more than 2,700 censuses and surveys.
 "How the Global Religious Landscape Changed From 2010 to 2020"



Islam in the world, and in the United States

- ✓ Islam is the second largest religion in the world, with approximately 2 billion adherents. The majority of whom are spread between northern Africa, western Asia, and Indonesia. Indonesia is the largest Muslim country (Southeast Asia) with 242 million Muslims.
- ✓ Islam is the fastest growing religion today in the United States. There are 4.5 million Muslims presently, and the population of Muslims has grown since the attack of 9/11 from 1 million to 4.5. million.

How is Islam
growing so
fast in the
U.S.?

3 Factors:

- High fertility rates among young Muslim families.
- Sustained immigration from Muslim Majority countries
- A steady rate of conversion

The People of Islam

Where did Islam come from?



Hagar & Ishmael: Genesis 16

⁹ Then the angel of the LORD said to her, “Return to your mistress, and submit yourself to her authority.”

¹⁰ Moreover, the angel of the LORD said to her, “I will greatly multiply your descendants so that they will be too many to count.” ¹¹ ... “Behold, you are with child, And you will bear a son; And you shall call his name Ishmael, Because the LORD has given heed to your affliction. ¹² “He will be a wild donkey of a man, His hand *will be* against everyone, And everyone’s hand *will be* against him; And he will live to the east of all his brothers.”

God blessed Ishmael: Genesis 17

²⁰ As for Ishmael, I have heard you; behold, I will bless him, and will make him fruitful and will multiply him exceedingly. He shall become the father of twelve princes, and I will make him a great nation [Arabia] (Gen. 17:20)

Genesis 25:13-17

¹³ and these are the names of the sons of Ishmael, by their names, in the order of their birth: ... ¹⁶ These are the sons of Ishmael and these are their names, by their villages, and by their camps; twelve princes according to their tribes. ... ¹⁸ They settled from Havilah to Shur which is east of Egypt as one goes toward Assyria; he settled in defiance of all his relatives.

Islam's Authoritative Books

- The *Qu'ran*, in Arabic.
- The *Hadith* (Muhammad's words and deeds)
- The biblical *Law of Moses*, the *Psalms*, and the *Gospel of Jesus* (the *Injil*); but considers them as "corrupt".