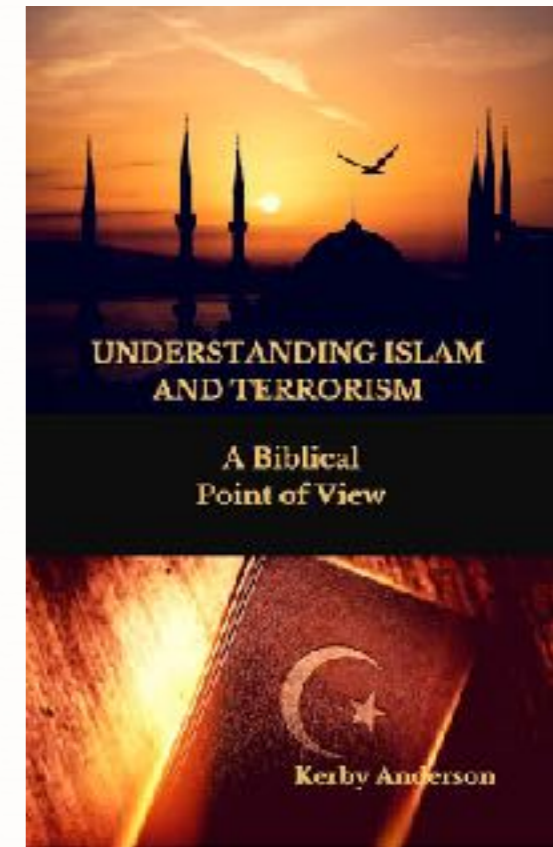
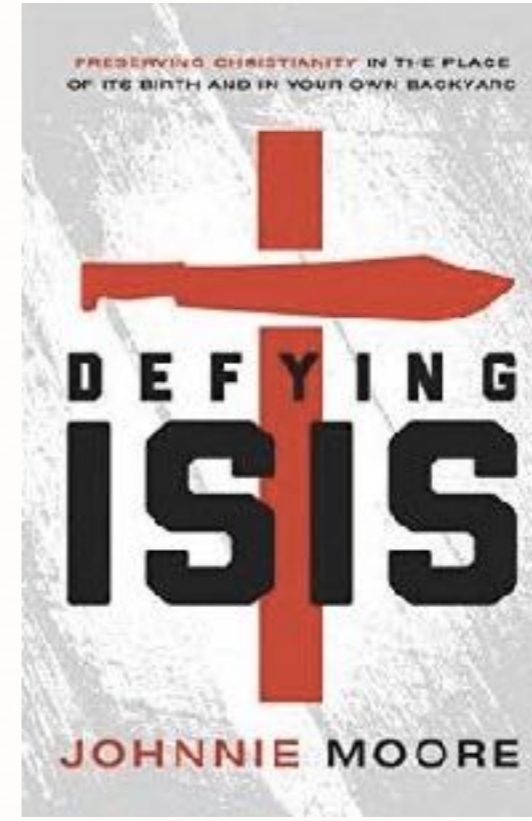
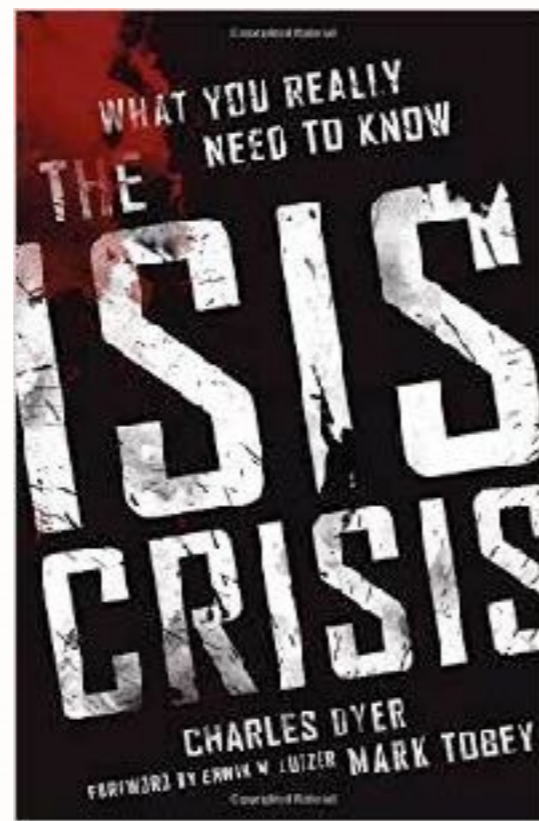
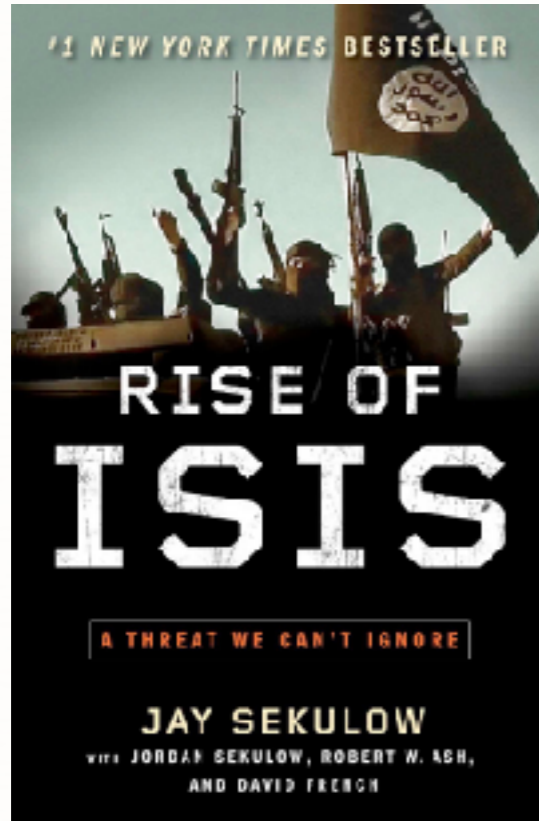
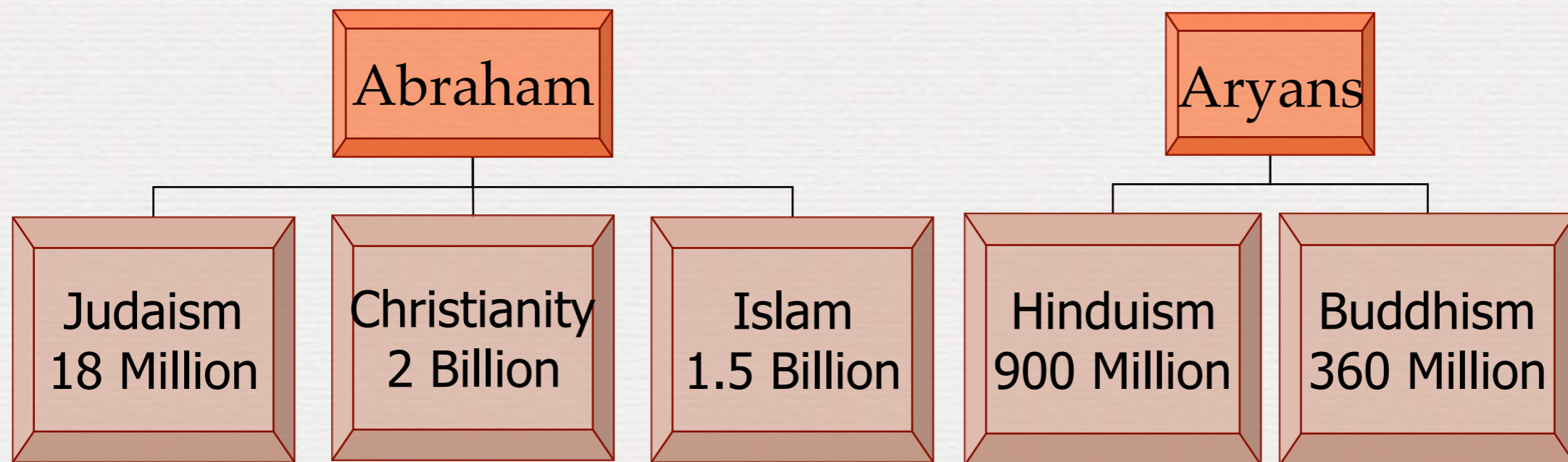


**ISLAM, TERRORISM,
AND
PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS**

INTRODUCTION



WORLD RELIGIONS



DEMOGRAPHICS

Worldwide - 1.5 billion Muslims (~ 25%)

- Middle East: 380 million
- North Africa: 115 million
- Indonesia, Pakistan, and Bangladesh: 550 million

HISTORY OF ISLAM

MUHAMMAD

- Born into a powerful Arab tribe in Mecca 570 A.D.
- Raised by his grandfather and later an uncle.
- At age 25, married a wealthy widow Khadija 15 years his senior.
- At age 40, Muhammad receives his calling from the angel Gabriel.

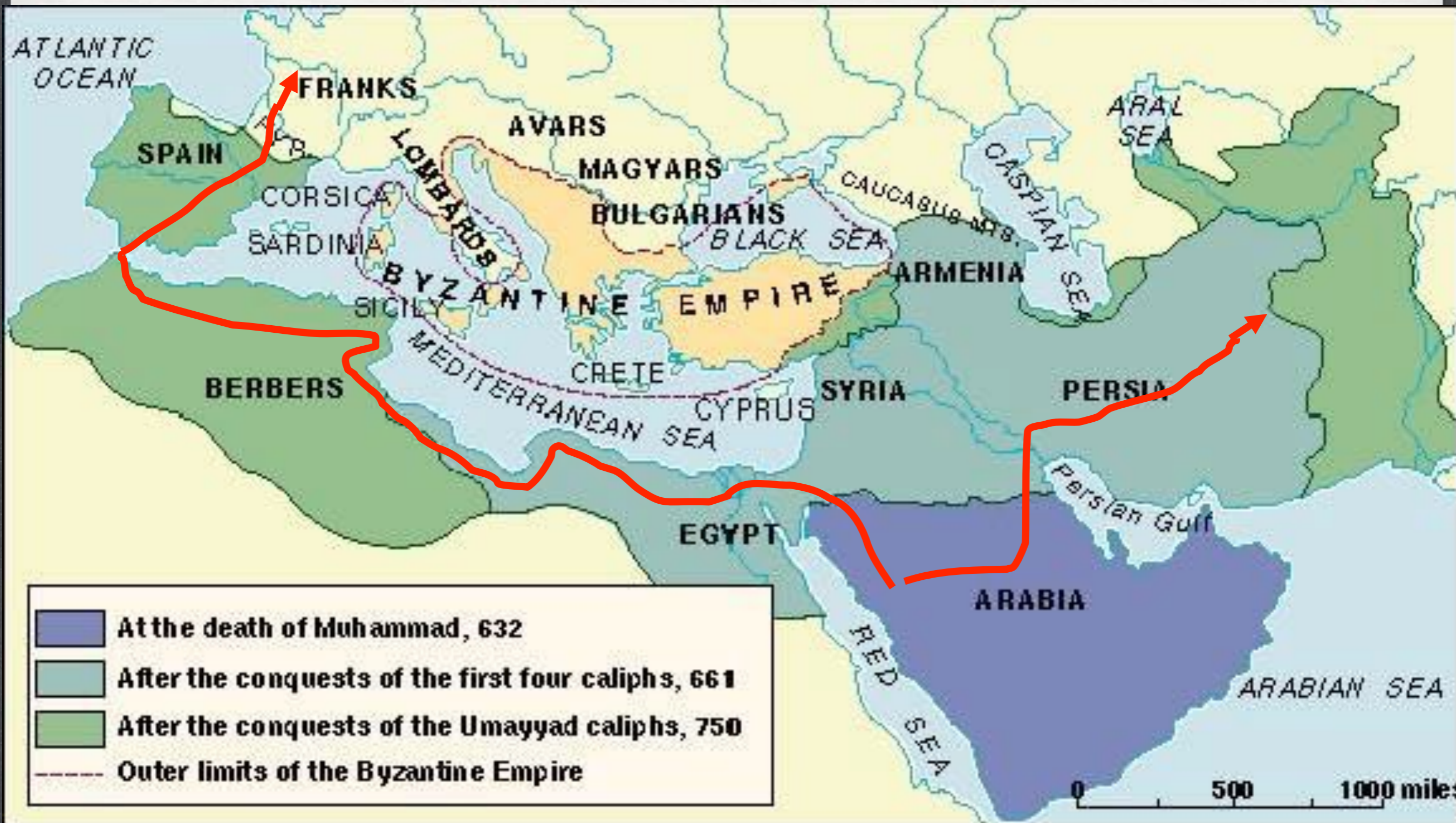


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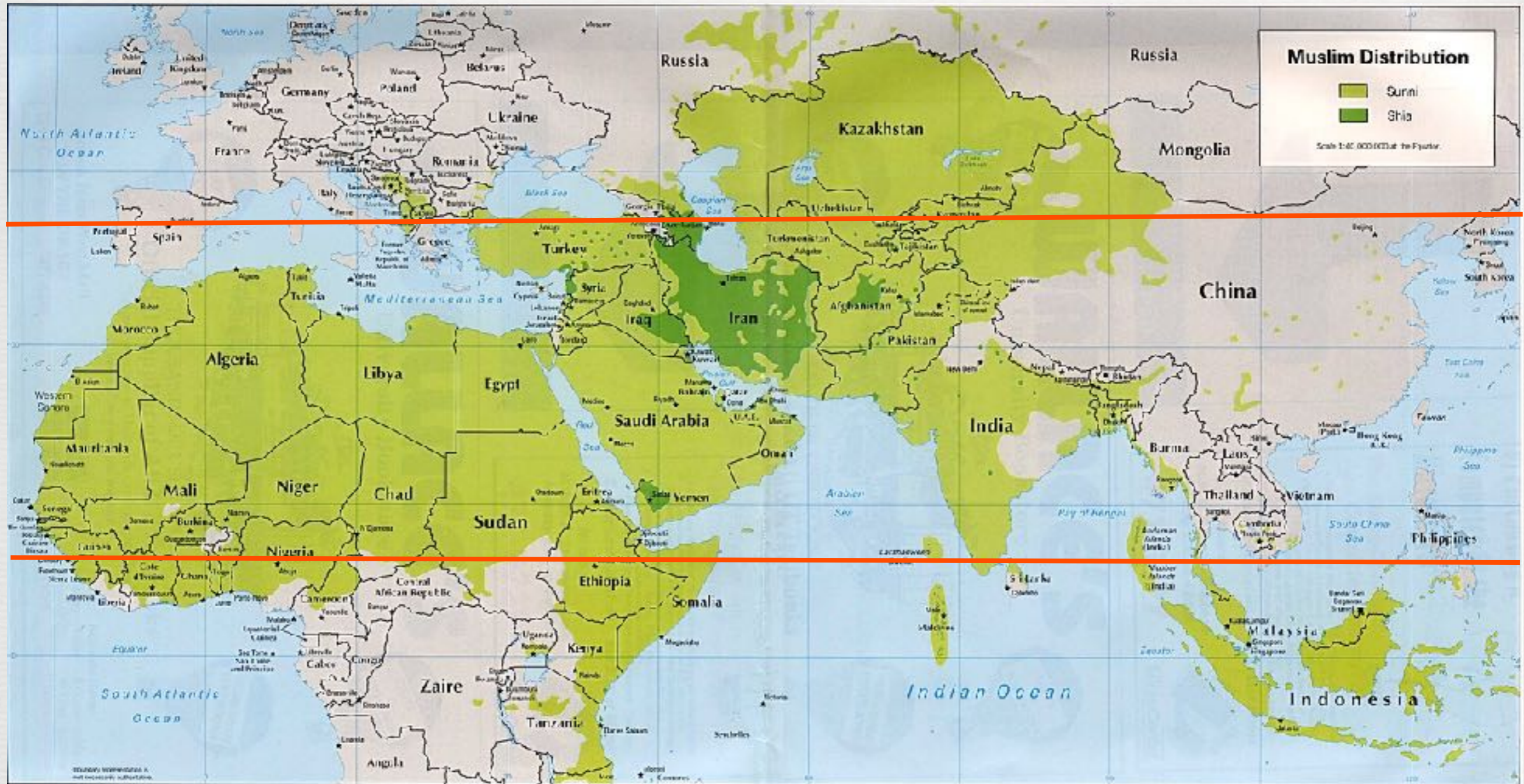
- Revelations recorded & became the Qur'an ("recitation").
- After being rejected for his preaching in Mecca, fled to Medina in 622.
- Flight known as Hijra ("migration").
- Led 10,000 men in taking Mecca.
- Died in 632.



SPREAD of ISLAM



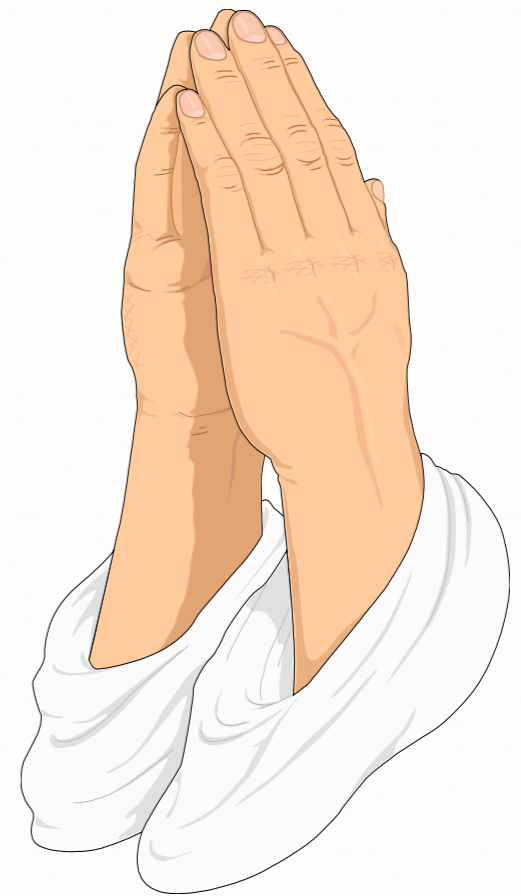
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THEOLOGY OF ISLAM

FIVE PILLARS OF ISLAM

- Shahada - repetition of the creed: “There is no God but Allah, and Muhammed is His prophet.”
- Salat - prayers
- Zakat - almsgiving
- Sawm - fast of Ramadan
- Hajj - “pilgrimage” to Mecca



PILGRIMAGE



SIXTH PILLAR OF ISLAM?

- Jihad – the word means “struggle.”
- Often used in the sense of personal striving in the path of God.



SIXTH PILLAR OF ISLAM?

“The more common interpretation, and that of the overwhelming majority of the classical jurists and commentators, presents jihad as armed struggle for Islam against infidels and apostates.”

Bernard Lewis, professor of
Near Eastern Studies, Princeton

SCRIPTURES OF ISLAM

- Qur'an ("recitation") - recorded revelation given to Muhammed.
- Hadith ("report") - traditional sayings of Muhammed.



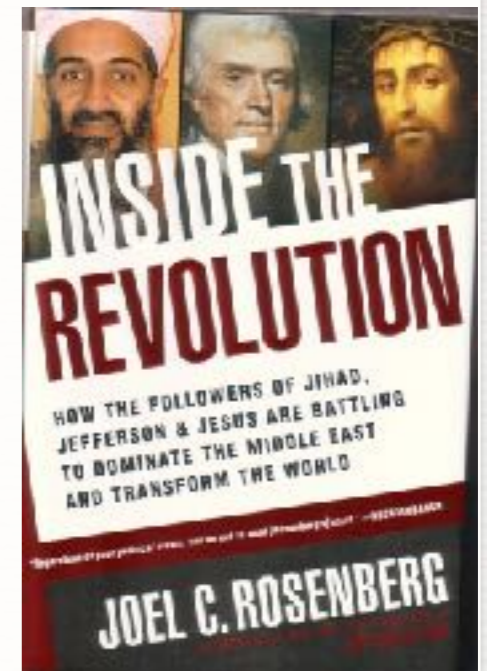
ISLAMIC THEOLOGY

CHARACTER OF GOD

Allah	Yahweh
Unitarian Monotheism	Trinitarian Monotheism
Master/Slave Relationship	Father/Son or Daughter Relationship
Allah determines all	Sovereign and Free will
Author of good and evil	Always good

WITNESSING

- Seminary conducted survey of 600 former Muslims who had become Christians.
- Most significant factor in their conversion was the emphasis on the love of God.
- A second factor was eternal security.
- Key verse: Ephesians 2:8-9.
- More Muslims are becoming Christians.



JESUS AND ISLAM

- Show them Jesus in the Qur'an.
 - Jesus was born of a virgin, is the Messiah, has power over death, and knows the way to heaven (Sura 3:42-55).
 - Jesus was sinless (Sura 19:19).
 - Mohammed did not know what would happen to his followers (Sura 46:9).

BIBLE AND ISLAM

- Show them they can read the Bible.
 - Ask those who read the Scriptures that came before you (Sura 10:94).
 - One must read Old and New Testament - known as "Before Books" (Sura 4:136).
 - They are to observe the Torah and the Gospels (Sura 5:65-66).

SUNNI VS. SHIITE

Suni	Shi'ite
80% of population	Less than 15% of population
Elect successor	Successor was Ali, who was related to Muhammed
Emphasize written traditions (Sunnah, Hadith)	Emphasize authority of the Imam
Separation of civil and religious authorities	Religious authorities control political power

HISTORY OF SPLIT

- There was a dispute among Muslims over the question of succession?
- Most of Muhammad's followers wanted the community of Muslims to determine who would succeed him.
- A smaller group thought Ali (married to Muhammad's daughter) should be the next leader.

HISTORY OF SPLIT

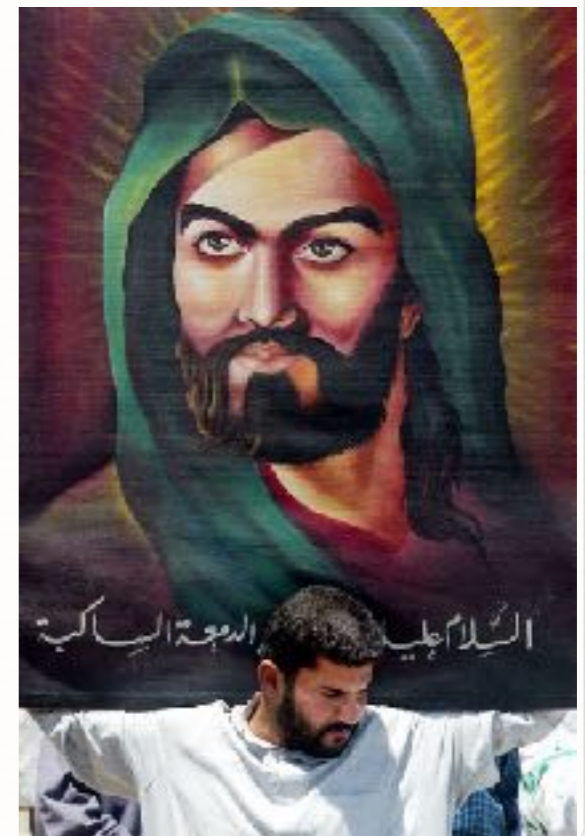
- The Sunnis prevailed and chose a successor to be the first caliph. Eventually, Ali was chosen as the fourth caliph, but not before violent conflict broke out.
- Two of the earliest caliphs were murdered. War erupted when Ali became caliph, and he too was killed in fighting in A.D. 661 near the town of Kufa (present-day Iraq).

HISTORY OF SPLIT

- War split the community of Muslims into two branches that would never reunite.
- The war continued with Hussein (Ali's son) leading the Shiites. His family and companions fought against a very large Arab army of the caliph and were all massacred.
- Hussein was decapitated and his head carried in tribute.

HISTORY OF SPLIT

- The symbolism of Hussein's death holds much spiritual power for Shiites.
- This is a picture of Imam Hussein held by a Shiite Muslim during a protest.



12TH IMAM

- In the 10th century, the 12th Shiite Imam went into hiding. They believe the Mahdi will come back at the end of time when there is a global conflict.
- Those who believe in the 12th Imam are known as Twelver Shiites. They are the majority of the Shiites in the world today.



ISIS HISTORY

BACKGROUND

- ISIS was once known as al-Qaeda in Iraq. ISIS is more brutal than al-Qaeda (disagreed over tactics).
- ISIS is the richest terrorist group.
- It has more firepower than any other jihadist organization.
- They now control territory as large as an entire nation-state.



ISIS

- The ISIS troops have slaughtered Jews, Christians, Yazidis, Alawites, and even Shiite Muslims.
- ISIS fighters mark the homes of Christians with an Arabic symbol that has come to mean Nazarene - a pejorative Middle Eastern term for Christians.

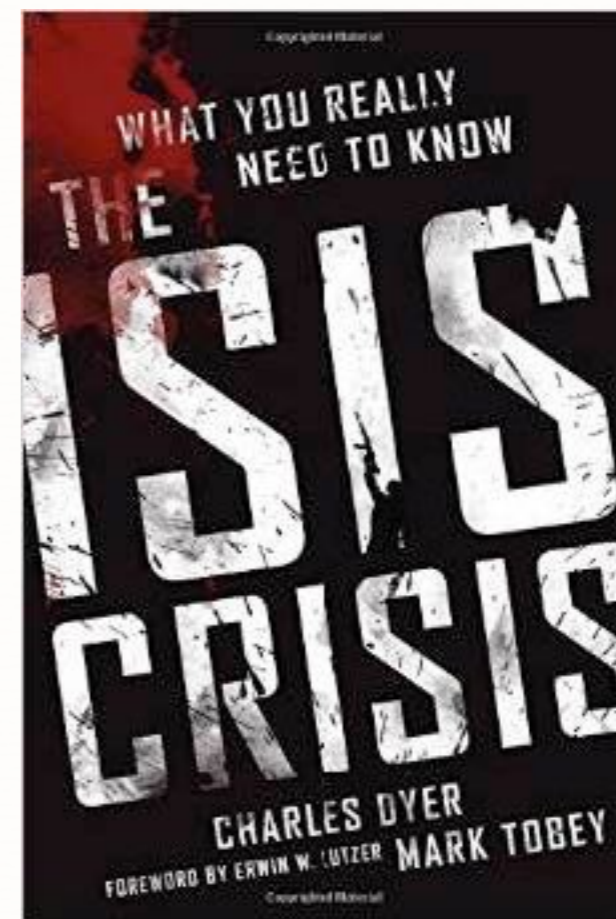


ISIS

- Their actions: They have sold women as sex slaves. They have beheaded men, women, and children. They have captured and burned alive captives.
- Their influence: They are more brutal than al-Qaeda. They control more land than many countries in the Middle East.
- They control more firepower than any jihadist organization in history and are the “world’s richest terrorist group” - hundreds of millions of dollars.

ISIS HISTORY

- In the *ISIS Crisis*, the authors connect five dots.
 - Dot One: The Mujahideen
 - Dot Two: The Taliban
 - Dot Three: al Qaeda
 - Dot Four: al Qaeda in Iraq
 - Dot Five: ISIS



ISIS HISTORY

- Dot One - Mujahideen fought against Russia and were supported by the United States. One of the leaders was Osama bin Laden.
- Dot Two - Taliban filled the vacuum created when Soviet domination ended. They were *students* of a radical form of Islam taught in Pakistan.
- Mohammed Omar seized power and allowed Osama bin Laden back into the country to build al Qaeda.

ISIS HISTORY

- Dot Three - al Qaeda (*the base*) carried out various attacks (Saudi Arabia, Kenya, Tanzania) and 9/11.
- Dot Four - al Qaeda became a franchise operation. The leader in Iraq was Abu Musab al-Zarqawi.
- Dot Five - ISIS filled the power vacuum when al-Zarqawi was killed. Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi became the head of the Islamic State of Iraq. This was happening during the so-called “Arab Spring.”

ISIS THEOLOGY

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- Islam divides the world into two spheres: the house of Islam (*dar-al-Islam*) and the house of war (*dar-al-harb*).
- The house of Islam are nations under the control of Muslims where Sharia law is enforced.
- The house of war includes nations not under Muslim control and do not submit to Sharia.



ISIS THEOLOGY

- Under a jihadist interpretation of Islam, there will be a constant conflict between the house of Islam and the house of war until the house of war is transformed into the house of Islam.
- The conflict will not end until all land is conquered for Allah, and a global Islamic state, known as the Caliphate, is established.
- Sharia law will be enforced by the supreme leader, known as the caliph.

ISLAMIC THEOLOGY

	Sunni	Shiite
Successor	Abu Bakr	Ali Abi Talib
Criterion	Qualified	Descendant
Proponents	Al-Qaeda, ISIS	Iranian Groups
Leaders	Imams	Ayatollahs
Authority	Wise, but fallible	Infallible
Followers	80%	15%

ABU BAKR AL- BAGHDADI



ISIS THEOLOGY

- July 4, 2014 - Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi was proclaimed at the Mosque in Mosul as the “Caliph Ibrahim” and leader of the Islamic State.
- “Fear Allah as he should be feared and do not die except as Muslims. . . . Go forth, O *mujahidin* in the path of Allah. Terrify the enemies of Allah and seek death.... for the *dunyā* will come to an end, and the hereafter will last forever.”

ISIS ACTIONS

ISIS CALL TO ACTION

- Sheik Abu Muhammad al-Adnani (ISIS spokesman) called on Muslims living in Western countries to find an infidel and “smash his head with a rock, poison him” or even “destroy his crops.”
- These are allusions to statements by Muhammed in the Qur’an to Muslims living in infidel countries.



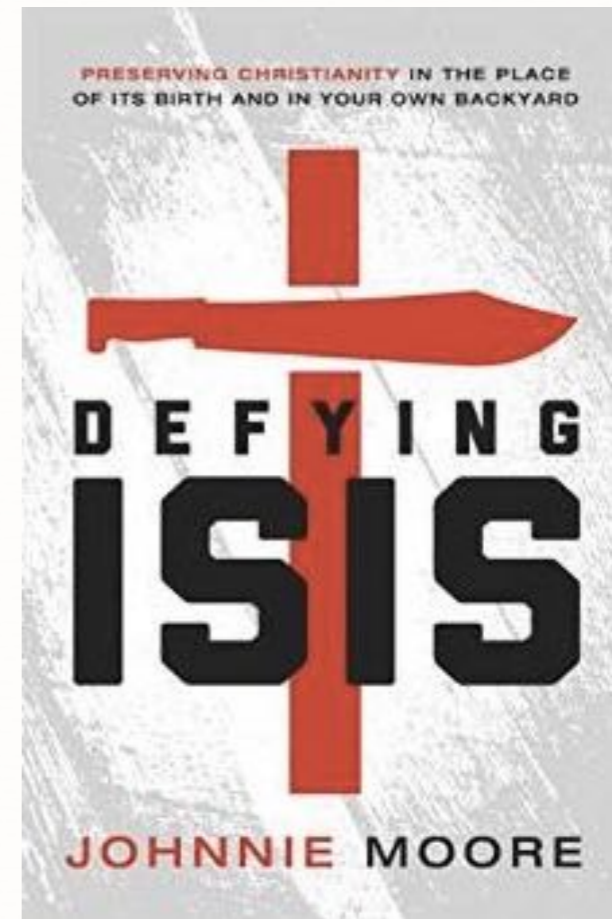
ISIS GOALS

- ISIS is not content with spreading jihad in Iraq and Syria, but has set its sights on larger targets.
- For example, ISIS has threatened to destroy the Kaaba in the Grand Mosque in Mecca.
- “We will kill those who worship stones in Mecca and destroy the Kaaba.”



ISIS IN AMERICA?

- The subtitle of his book is ISIS in your own backyard.
- His warnings might have been easy to shrug off a few weeks ago.
- The attack in Garland, Texas was a reminder of the influence of ISIS.
- ISIS took credit for the attack.



ISIS IN AMERICA?

- FBI Director James Comey told the National Association of Attorneys General that ISIS is a “chaotic spider web” that avidly uses social media to radicalize people across the United States.
- “We have investigations of people in various stages of radicalizing in all 50 states.”
- “This is in all 50 states and in ways that are very hard to see.”



THREE WAYS TO ATTACK

- “City Wolves” - James Comey talks about a network of supporters and sympathizers in every state. He calls these homegrown jihadists “city wolves.”
- Returnees - Department of Homeland Security Jeh Johnson admitted that 40 of the estimated 180 those traveled overseas to fight ISIS have already returned.
- Open Border - former CIA officer Brian Fairchild expressed concerns about smuggling biological or chemical weapons.

ISIS ATTACKS

- ISIS has been using very sophisticated technology and social media to recruit others to their cause.
- No longer does a potential jihadist have to travel to another country (Afghanistan, Syria, Sudan) to be trained. It can happen in our country.
- James Comey - "ISIS is focusing on the uniformed military and law enforcement" - "It's like the devil sitting on their shoulders, saying "Kill, kill, kill."

ISIS HANDBOOK

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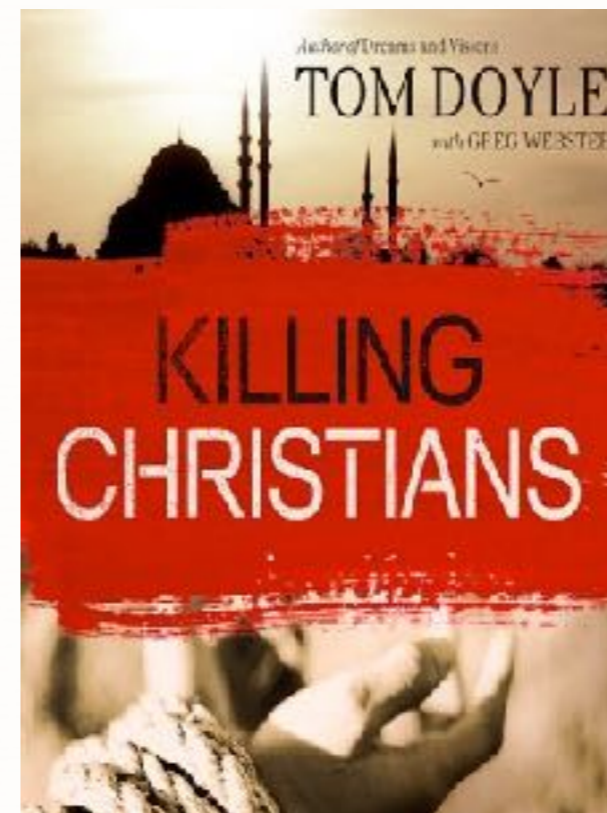
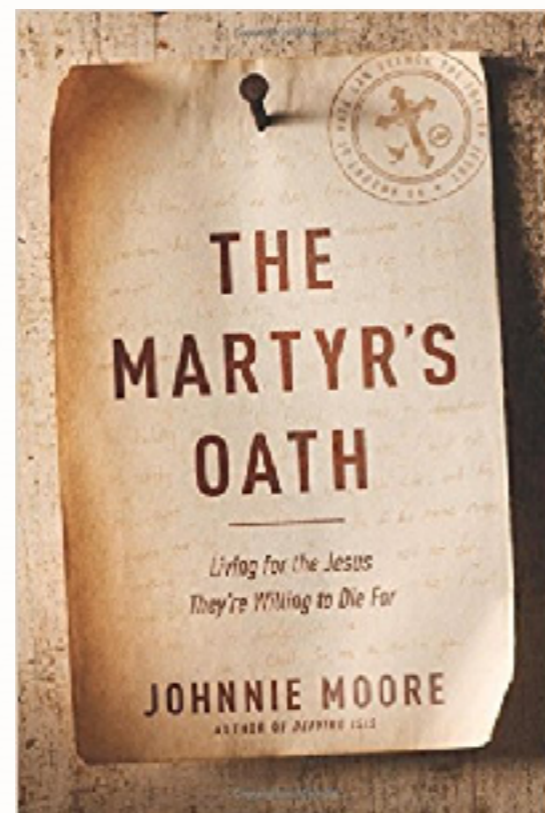
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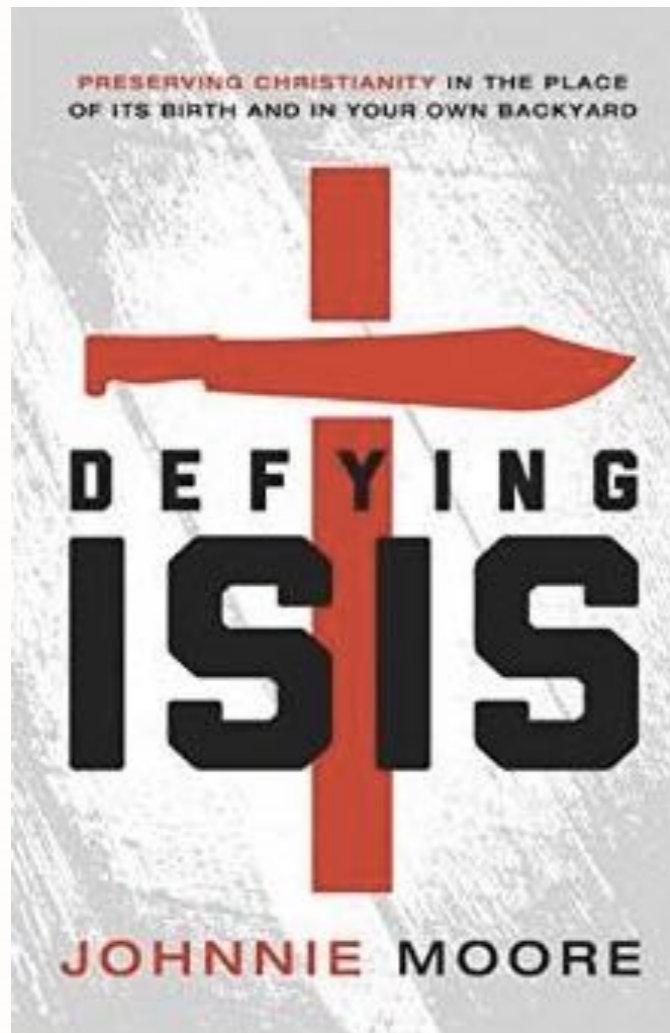
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WHAT ISIS IS DOING



- Burn Their Churches and Kill Their Pastors
- Slaughter Them or Make Their Children Soldiers
- Enslave Their Wives and Abuse Their Daughters
- The Crosses of Ankawa

REFUGEE TENTS



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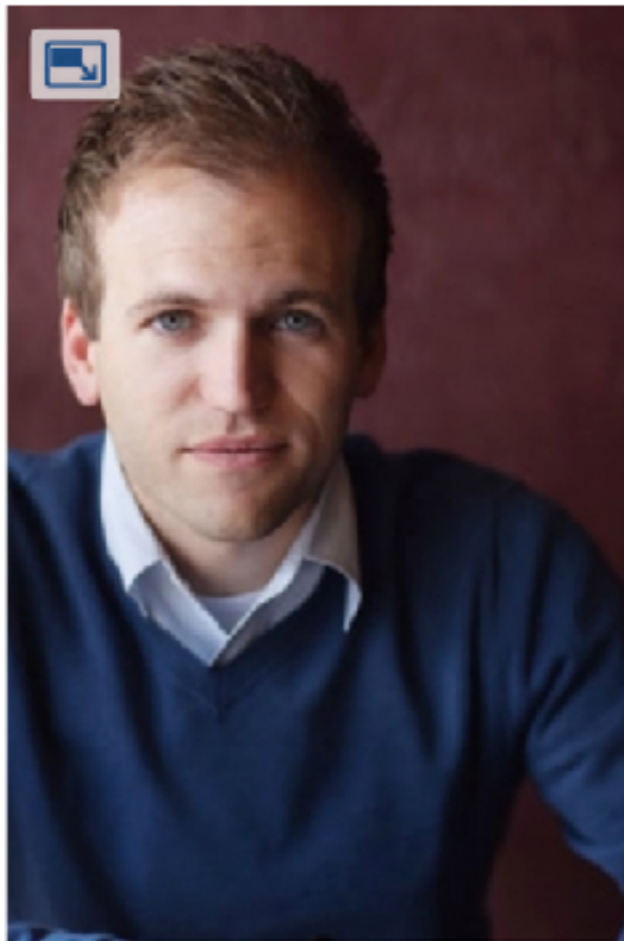
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It seems that every day is met with a new atrocity stemming from the Islamic State. We've lost track of the executions, the crimes against women and children are incalculable and unconscionable, and it seems that every drop of innocent blood feeds a thirst for more.

Their particular taste for Christian blood is most alarming to many of us who've watched from afar at their unrelenting advance on ancient Christian communities that have –until now- thrived in Iraq and Syria for nearly two thousand years.

ISIS has displaced tens-of-thousands and burned their churches, targeted their pastors, sold their children as slaves, and murdered countless among them. One particular account I've documented in my book *Defying ISIS* describes how the terror group arrived in one Christian town along the Nineveh Plain waving daggers and swords as they screamed, "shall we start beheading women and children or start with the old and the disabled? ... we will behead all of you unless you convert."

Christianity was born in the east, not the west, and we are witnessing a once-in-a-thousand-year attempt at destroying it in the place of its birth; so, how should we as Christians in the west respond to the threat of ISIS

OUR RESPONSE

- Pray - 2 Thessalonians 3:2 - tells us to pray “that we may be delivered from wicked and evil men.”
- Give - The Cradle Fund, or to those helping martyrs: Samaritan’s Purse, Open Doors, Voice of the Martyrs
- Podcasts and interviews: www.pointofview.net

OTHER RESOURCES

