

## UNIT 4

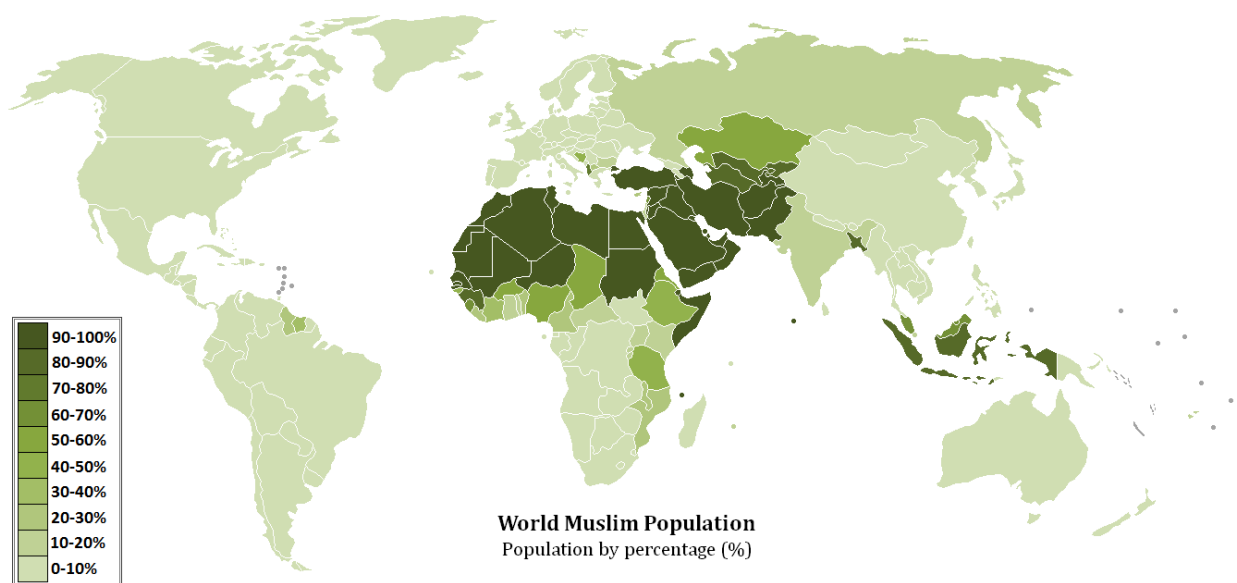
### ISLAM

#### I/ History

- 570 AD –
- 610 –
- 622 –
- 630 –
- 632 –
- 656 –
- 691 –
- 732 –
- 1096-1291 –
- 1492 –

- 1512-1917 –
- 1920's-40's –
- 1948 –
- 1967 –
- 1979 –
- 2001 –

A. Islam today



## B. Muhammad

**II/ Doctrine**

## A. Revelation

i. The *Qur'an* (Koran)

	Chapters/ <i>Surahs</i>	Verses/ <i>Ayahs</i> ( <i>Ayat</i> )
The Old Testament	929	23,145
The New Testament	260	7,957
The Qur'an	114	6,236

- 4:34 “As for those whom ye fear rebellion, admonish them and banish them to beds apart, and scourge them.” (Pickthall)
- 4:34 “As to those on whose part ye fear desertion, admonish them, and leave them alone in the sleeping-places and beat them.” (Shakir)
- 4:34 “As for those from whom you fear disobedience, admonish them and send them to beds apart and beat them.” (Dawood)
- 4:34 “As to those women on whose part yet fear disloyalty and ill-conduct, admonish them first, next refuse to share their beds, and last beat them lightly.” (Abdullah Yasaf Ali)
- 4:34 “And as to those whose part you fear desertion, admonish them, and leave them alone in the beds and chastise them.” (Maulana Ali)
- 4:34 “As for women you feel are averse, talk to them suasively; then leave them alone in bed (without molesting them) and go to bed with them (when they are willing).” (Ahmed Ali)

ii. The *Hadith* and *Sunna*

“If a man goes an inch towards God, God will come a yard towards him. If he goes a yard towards God, God will come a furlong towards him.”

“Gold and silk are lawful to the women...and forbidden to the men.”

“The angels do not enter the house in which there is a dog or pictures.”

“Say Allah’s name and eat with your right hand and eat from near you.”

“If anyone has got an atom of pride in his heart ,he will not enter paradise.”

“Communal prayer is twenty-seven times better than the prayer of a man alone in his house.”

## B. God

“In the name of Allah, Most Gracious, Most Merciful. Praise be to Allah, the Cherisher and Sustainer of the Worlds: Most Gracious, Most Merciful; Master of the Day of Judgment. Thee do we worship, and Thine aid we seek. Show us the straight way. The way of those on whom Thou has bestowed Thy Grace, those whose (portion) is not wrath. And who go not astray.” (*The Fatiha*, Surah 1)

“(He is) the Creator of the heavens and the earth...there is nothing whatever like unto Him, and He is the One that hears and sees.” (42:11)

## C. Jesus

“Those who say: ‘The Lord of Mercy has begotten a son,’ preach a monstrous falsehood, at which the very heavens might crack, the earth break asunder, and the mountains crumble to dust...that they should ascribe a son to the Merciful, when it does not become Him to beget one!” (19:88-91)

“That they said (in boast), ‘We killed Christ Jesus the son of Mary, the Messenger of Allah’: – but they killed him not, nor crucified him. Only a likeness of that was shown to them. And those who differ therein are full of doubts, with no (certain) knowledge. But only conjecture to follow, for of a surety they killed him not.” (4:157)

### *Excursus: The Christian Doctrine of the Trinity*

“O People of the Book, commit no excess in your religion...Say not, ‘Three’: desist: it will be better for: for Allah is One God: glory be to Him.” (Surah 4:171)

1. There is one and only one true and living God.
2. This one God eternally exists in three persons – God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.
3. These three persons are completely equal in attributes, each with the same divine nature.
4. While each person is *fully* and *completely* God, the persons are not identical.

The Father is God

The Son is God

The Holy Spirit is God

Trinitarian passages

Practical Implications of the Trinity

D. Humanity and sin

E. Salvation

- i. Recitation of the *Shahada* (“There is no God but Allah, and Muhammad is the prophet of Allah”)
- ii. Five daily prayers (*Salah*)
- iii. Almsgiving (*Zakah*)
- iv. Fasting (*Sawm*)
- v. Pilgrimage to Mecca (*Hajj*)
- vi. *Jihad*

## F. Other issues

## i. Shari'a Law

"Islam understands law as religion, religion as law... Law, rather than theology, has the prior emphasis in Islam. Broadly, it is obedience to the will of God, rather than fellowship in the knowledge of God's nature, which is paramount. Revelation is for direction of life, rather than disclosure of mystery... Islam is essentially submission rather than communion." –Andrew Rippin, *Muslims: Their Religious Beliefs and Practices*

## ii. Women in Islam

"Although we may believe that the Christian faith provides a better basis for the dignity of women than any other faith, we need to admit that the Christian church has not always had a very good record in its attitudes to women. We may be able to explain this to ourselves by saying that at certain periods Christians cannot have been fully aware of the distinctive Christian teaching, or that they were more influenced by their culture than by the gospel. Our problem often is, however, that Muslims do not generally find it easy to distinguish between Christian teaching and Christian practice." –Colin Chapman, *Cross and Crescent*



## iii. Islamic Terrorism

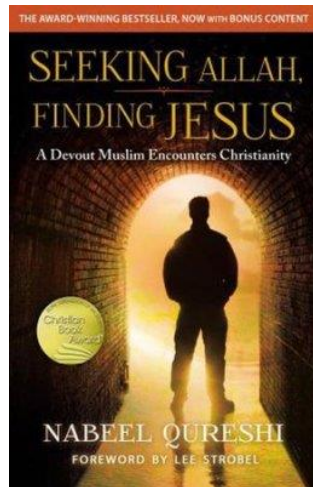
“And fight for the Cause of Allah those who fight you, but do not be aggressive. Surely Allah does not like aggressors... Kill them wherever you find them and drive them out from wherever they drove you out. Sedition is worse than slaughter... Fight them until there is no sedition and the religion becomes that of Allah.” (2:190-193)

“Then, when the Sacred Months are over, kill the idolaters wherever you find them, take them [as captives], besiege them, and lie in wait for them at every point of observation. If they repent afterwards, perform the prayer and pay the alms, then release them.” (9:5)

“Islamism is therefore the angry response of Muslims who are painfully aware of the decline of Islam and the resurgence of the West. We could say that for Muslims, it should not be like this – that the world of Islam (*dar al-Islam*) becomes subject to the non-Muslim world (*dar al-harb*). This might be called ‘the great reversal’: in their minds, ‘*We Muslims* should be ruling over *them*, non-Muslims, not *them* ruling over us!’ The proud giant has been stung, wounded and humiliated, and Islamism is one major response of the awakening giant.” – Colin Chapman, *Cross and Crescent*

### III/ Evangelism

A. *Seeking Allah, Finding Jesus: A Devout Muslim Encounters Christianity*



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IBGK-8fjpHM>

B. Chris Brock, PCA missionary in Toulouse, France

C. Q&A