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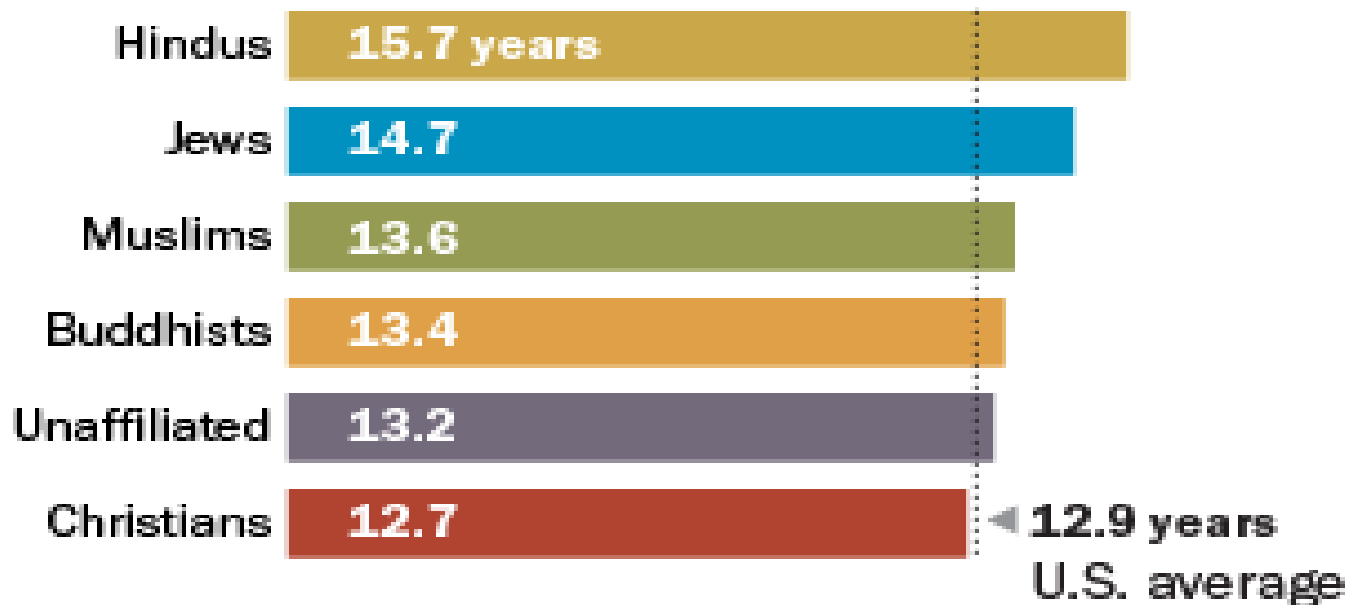
# **ISLAM EXPOSED : FACTS AND MYTHS**

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## In the U.S., Hindus have the most years of schooling

*Average years of formal schooling, by religion*



Note: Adults ages 25 years and older as of 2010 (or latest year available).

Source: Pew Research Center analysis. See Methodology for more details.

\*"Religion and Education Around the World"

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# Largest Muslim gender gap in average years of schooling is in the Middle East-North Africa region

*Average years of formal schooling for Muslim men and women, by region*

		Men	Women	Women trail men by...	Women lead men by...
Middle East-North Africa	Muslims	6.9 yrs.	4.9 yrs.	2.0 yrs	
	Non-Muslims	10.4	9.9	0.5	
Asia-Pacific	Muslims	6.6	5.1	1.5	
	Non-Muslims	8.0	6.5	1.5	
Sub-Saharan Africa	Muslims	3.3	1.9	1.4	
	Non-Muslims	6.7	4.9	1.8	
Europe	Muslims	9.9	9.2	0.7	
	Non-Muslims	11.2	10.8	0.4	
North America	Muslims	13.7	13.3	0.4	
	Non-Muslims	12.9	12.9		0.0
Global average	Muslims	6.4	4.9	1.5	
	Non-Muslims	8.7	7.7	1.0	

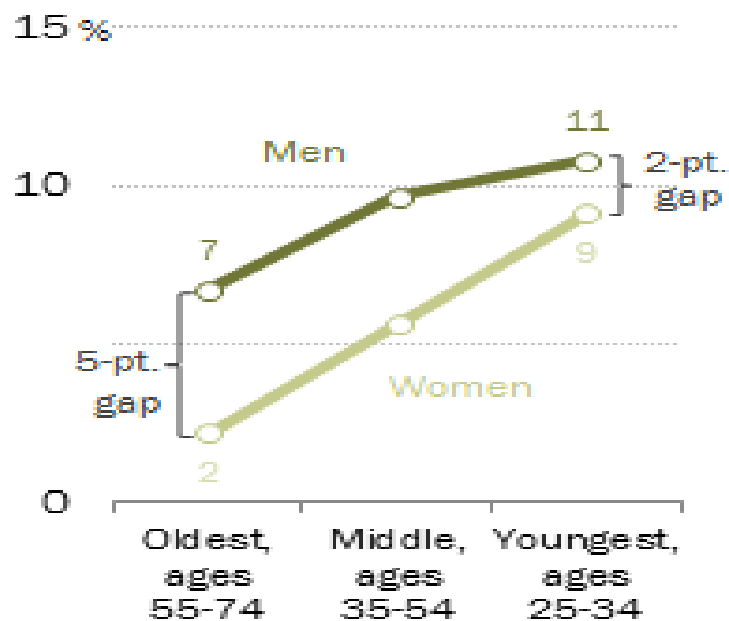
Note: Based on adults ages 25 and older as of 2010 (or latest year available). Values in difference column are calculated based on unrounded numbers. The Latin America-Caribbean region is not shown due to lack of sufficient data on Muslims.

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## Muslim women are closing gender gap in higher education

*% of Muslim men and women with post-secondary degrees, across three generations*



Note: The oldest, middle and youngest cohorts were born 1936-1955, 1956-1975 and 1976-1985, respectively, and were ages 55-74, 35-54 and 25-34 as of 2010. Gaps are calculated based on unrounded numbers.

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## Muslims gained about three years of schooling, on average, across recent generations

*Average years of schooling across three generations*



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# WOMEN GRADUATES IN SCIENCE

- Bahrain 74%
- Qatar 71%
- Kyrgyzstan 64%
- Brunei Darussalam 49%
- Lebanon 47%
- Turkey 44%
- Bangladesh 24%
- **Compared with...**
- U.SA 43%
- Japan 25%

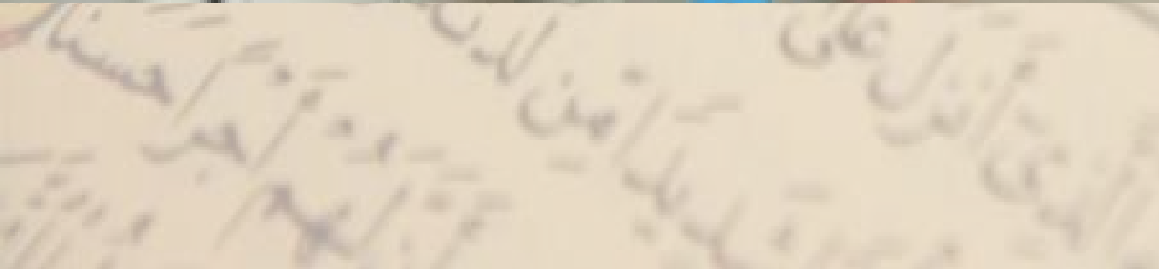
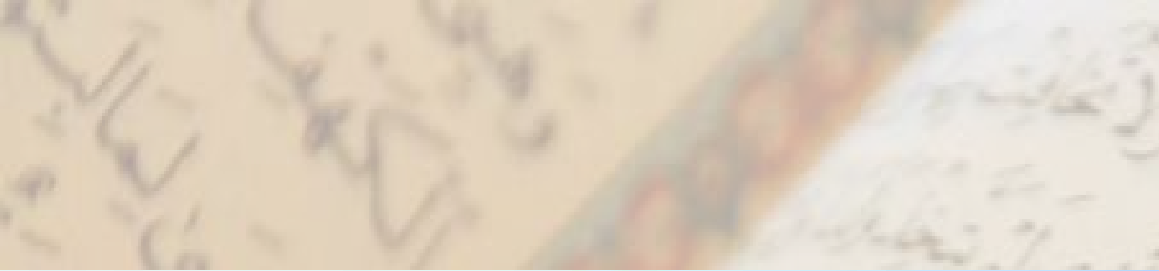
## Women Graduates in Engineering

Eritrea	4%
Morocco	25%

## Compared with...

U.S.	19%
Japan	13%

(Statistics from the “Global Education Digest” report released from UNESCO Institute for Statistics 2005)



# REVIEW

- ALLAH
- KABAH
- QIBLAH
- ISLAM
- IMAM
- SALAH



# ESSENTIAL BELIEFS IN ISLAM

- ONENESS OF GOD
- ANGELS
- PROPHETS AND MESSENGERS
- SCRIPTURES
- DAY OF JUDGEMENT & ULTIMATE DESTINY
- BELIEF IN THE DIVINE DECREE (Fate/Destiny)



# FIVE PILLARS OF ISLAM

- **DECLARATION OF FAITH**
- **5 DAILY PRAYERS**
  - Allahu Akbar means God is Great
  - **WHO OWNS IT? PEACEFUL MUSLIMS OR TERRORISTS?**
  - Belongs to those who live in the way that celebrates the greatness of god by obeying His commandments and serving His creation to live in peace
- **CHARITY**
- **FASTING**
  - 9<sup>th</sup> month in Lunar calendar
- **PILGRIMAGE**
- **2 RELIGIOUS FESTIVALS**
  - Eid al-Fitr & Eid al Adha

# NO COMPULSION IN ISLAM

***“Let there be no compulsion in religion.”*** Quran, 2:256

- Quran teaches “No single religion can monopolize salvation and endorses ecumenism.”
- Muslims are not to criticize others' beliefs or engage in conflicts about matters of religion.

*“And do not dispute with the People of the Scripture except in best manners, save for those who commit injustice among them, and say, “We believe in that which has been revealed to us and revealed to you. And our God and your God is one; and we are Muslims [in submission] to Him.”* Quran, 29: 46

# HUMAN RIGHTS IN ISLAM

Islam protects universal fundamental rights:

- Faith
- Life
- Mind
- Wealth
- Lineage
- These are rights **Given by God**
- Everything considered harmful either to the body, mind, soul or society is prohibited

# THE PROPHET MUHAMMAD

- (570 CE ) Makkah
- Orphan
- Al-Ameen (most trustworthy)
- Married Khatijah when 25
- First revelation (610 CE) 40 years of age
- Makkans tortured and killed Muslims and applied sanctions
- Makkans attempted assassination to the prophet
- Fled to Madinah (622 CE)
- Died 632CE
- Quran describes him as “The best example to follow,” “Mercy to the worlds,” and “On a sublime morality.”

# THE PROPHET MUHAMMAD

- WHAT DID INFLUENTIAL NON-MUSLIMS SAY ABOUT PROPHET MUHAMMAD
- Edward Gibbon
- Sir George Bernard Shaw
- Ghandi

# THE PROPHET MUHAMMAD

- The celebrated English historian, **Edward Gibbon**, wrote the following in his magnum opus on the Roman empire:
- “The good sense of Muhammad despised the pomp of royalty. The Apostle of God submitted to the menial offices of the family; he kindled the fire; swept the floor; milked the ewes; and mended with his own hands his shoes and garments.

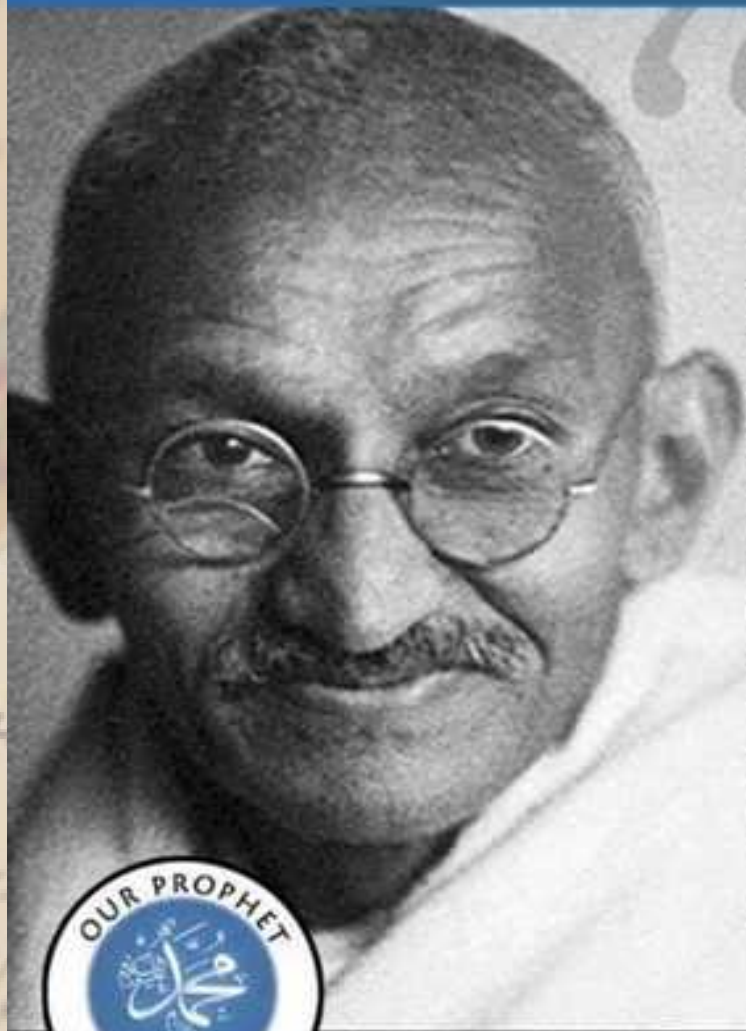
# THE PROPHET MUHAMMAD

- “I have always held the religion of Muhammad in high estimation because of its wonderful vitality. It is the only religion which appears to me to possess that assimilating capacity to the changing phase of existence which can make itself appeal to every age. I have studied him – the wonderful man and in my opinion far from being an anti-Christ, he must be called the Savior of Humanity.”
- “I believe that if a man like him were to assume the dictatorship of the modern world he would succeed in solving its problems in a way that would bring it the much needed peace and happiness: I have prophesied about the faith of Muhammad that it would be acceptable to the Europe of tomorrow as it is beginning to be acceptable to the Europe of today.”
- **Sir George Bernard Shaw** in ‘The Genuine Islam,’ Vol. 1, No. 8, 1936.

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# NON-MUSLIM VIEWS ABOUT MUHAMMAD

PEACE BE UPON HIM



I wanted to know the best of the life of one who holds today an undisputed sway over the hearts of millions of mankind.... I became more than ever convinced that it was not the sword that won a place for Islam in those days in the scheme of life. It was the rigid simplicity, the utter self-effacement of the Prophet the scrupulous regard for pledges, his intense devotion to his friends and followers, his intrepidity, his fearlessness, his absolute trust in God and in his own mission. These and not the sword carried everything before them and surmounted every obstacle. When I closed the second volume (of the Prophet's biography), I was sorry there was not more for me to read of that great life.

**Mahatma Gandhi**





# ACCOMPLISHMENTS JUST OVER 20 YEARS

- He preached a religion, founded a state, built a nation, laid down a moral code, initiated numerous social and political reforms, established a powerful and dynamic society to practice and represent his teachings and completely revolutionized the worlds of human thought and behavior for all times to come.

# ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Brought law and order and decency to a people known for their lawlessness, ignorance, and immorality.
- He was humble, forgiving, and demonstrated the highest degree of truthfulness. He practiced what he preached. He was, and still is, loved and adored by millions.
- He brought respect, dignity, and legal status to women.

# PRIMARY SOURCES IN ISLAM

- The Qur'an (lit. a "reading" or "recitation")
  - Unchanged word of God
- "Ahadith" (lit. "news"; "report"; or "narration")
  - Sayings and actions of the prophet

# QURAN

- The revelation occurred piecemeal, over a period of twenty-three years,
- Memorized by a large number of people in the community of the Prophet
- Written down by the companions
- Collected into a book format in 633 CE by Abu Bakr

# QURAN

- Surely We have revealed the Reminder (Qur'an) and We will most certainly guard it (from corruption). ( Q. 15:9)
- And if you are in doubt concerning that which We reveal unto Our slave (Muhammad) then produce a Surah (chapter) of the like thereof, and call your witnesses besides Allah if you are truthful. "... and if you can not — for surely you cannot..." (Q.2:23-24)
- "...had it (the Qur'an) been from any other than God, they would have found therein much discrepancies" (Q.4:82);

# QURAN

- Qur'an lays out the relationship between God and people, and relationship between people.
- Guidelines for just society, proper human conduct equitable economic principles.
- Qur'an, is a living document, which continues to influence men, bring them wisdom, guidance, and draw them closer to the one true God.
- Qur'an is a literary masterpiece of eloquent Arabic

# WHO WROTE THE QURAN?

- Muhammad: unlettered and uneducated
- Makkans said no one could produce such a scripture, offered Muhammad kingship & riches just to stop reciting it-he refused
- Information offered in the Quran was not available during the time of revelation
- **Similarities are there because the source is the same**

# NON-MUSLIMS ABOUT QURAN

- Maurice Bucaille, *The Qur'an and Modern Science*, 19812, p. 18:
- “A totally objective examination of it [the Qur'an] in the light of modern knowledge, leads us to recognize the agreement between the two, as has been already noted on repeated occasions, It makes us deem it quite unthinkable for a man of Mohammed's time to have been the author of such statements on account of the state of knowledge in his day. Such considerations are part of what gives the Qur'anic Revelation its unique place, and forces the impartial scientist to admit his inability to provide an explanation which call solely upon materialistic reasoning.”



# WONDERS OF THE QURAN

- – Worker bees being female (Qur'an 16:68)
- “Have We not made the earth as a resting place (for you), and the mountains as (its) stakes?” (Qur'an 78:6-7)
- – The expanding universe (Qur'an 51:47)
- – The Qur'anic description of the development of the human embryo Qur'an (23:12-14)

# MEANING OF JIHAD

- Means: To strive, to struggle, to strain, to exert, to endeavor, to persevere and to defend
- DOES NOT MEAN HOLY WAR OR FORCE CONVERTING
  - **Holy war** : Crusaders waged a “holy war” against the Muslim “infidels” in the holy land.
  - **TERRORISM CAN NOT BE JIHAD**
  - **SUICIDE IS PROHIBITED IN ISLAM**

# TYPES OF JIHAD

Greater Jihad: Inner jihad is against one's ego, bad habits, negative qualities to better ones character

- Controlling lower desires, anger, jealousy, hatred, and revenge
- Unveiling the true inner spirit of compassion, mercy , love , selflessness and kindness for all humanity
- To be kind, merciful and respectful to parents is Jihad and a **duty** of the highest form

# OUTER JIHAD = LESSER JIHAD

- Outer jihad can only be against oppressors
- ONLY IF ATTACK FIRST
- ONLY BETWEEN OFFICIAL ARMIES
- War can only be defensive: To protect one's country, religion or family
- Only allowed if there is a threat to life, or driven out of their homes, oppression against practicing religion
- Or, helping allied people who may not be Muslim

# CONDUCT OF WAR IN ISLAM

- A war cannot be waged on another nation to **force** them to accept Islam , because Allah clearly commands in the Quran " there is no compulsion in religion"
- Only if they attack first and only if there is no other solution to restore peace
- The war should be confined to the battle field :  
Army against army
- No harm to innocent civilians or environment

# CONDUCT OF WAR IN ISLAM

- Torture of prisoners is forbidden. .
- If oppressors flee, do not pursue them, let them return home.
- Arrogance is totally forbidden and usurping the rights of the defeated nation by making life difficult for them is not allowed.

# RIGHTS OF COMBANTANTS

- No torture with fire
- Protection of the wounded
- Safety of war prisoners (can not slay them)
- Prohibition of killing of someone who is tied or in captivity
- No looting or plunder "*Do not destroy the villages and towns, do not spoil the cultivated fields and gardens, and do not slaughter the cattle.*"
- Sanctity of property (can not take anything from general public of a conquered country)
- Sanctity of a dead person (no mutilation of bodies)
- Return of the fallen enemy soldiers to their families
- Prohibition of breach of treaties
- Must properly declare war

# DID ISLAM SPREAD WITH SWORD

- Islam spread not by the Muslim rulers but by the Muslim spiritual masters and missionaries (Dr. Khuswant Singh, in A History of the Sikhs)
- Muslims ruled Spain for 700 years
- Muslims ruled Palestine for 1300 years, Jews and Christians were free to worship and live. All religious sites were preserved and protected
- Constution of Madinah: Minorities were protected
- INDIA: 800 Years- Muslims were not majority.
- Malaysia or Indonesia was never conquered.
- Ottomans ruled Christian lands for 800 years
- Saladin reconquered Jerusalem and granted rights to the Christians and Jews. Honored crusader army and gave them food. King Richard fell ill and Saladin sent him fruits and aid.



# PEACE IS THE NORM IN ISLAM

- Muslims should incline to peace whenever possible. Muslims believe peace is an outcome of justice and understanding, not subservience or oppression.
- If aggressor calls for peace, Muslims must accept it and stop fighting. – **continuation of the war to extract sadistic revenge is totally forbidden.**
- ***“If they (the enemy) propose peace, accept it and trust in God. God is All-hearing and All-knowing.”***

## QUR'ANIC CONDEMNATION OF VIOLENCE

- *“Whoever kills a soul, it is as if he has slain all humanity, and if anyone saved a life, it would be as if he saved the life of all mankind.”*  
Qur'an (5:32)
- *“God does not forbid you to deal kindly and justly with those who have not fought against you about the religion or expelled you from your homes. God does not love the unjust people.”* Qur'an (60:8)
- *“Return an evil deed with a good deed, so that the one who was your enemy may become your close friend”* (Qur'an 41:34)

# PROPHET MUHAMMAD SAID:

- *“A perfect Muslim is one from whose tongue and hands mankind is safe, and a true emigrant is one who flees from what God has forbidden”*
- *“Faith is a restraint against all violence, let no Muslim commit violence”*
- *“Kindness is a mark of faith, and whoever has not kindness has not faith”*
- *“The one who wrongs a covenanter or impairs his right or overworks him or forcibly takes something from him, I will be his prosecutor on the Day of Judgment.” [Sunan Abi Dawud 170/3 no. 3052].*