

*How long, O LORD, will I call for help,
And Thou wilt not hear?
I cry out to Thee, "Violence!"
Yet Thou dost not save.*

*Why dost Thou make me see iniquity,
And cause me to look on wickedness?
Yes, destruction and violence are before me;
Strife exists and contention arises.*

*Therefore, the law is ignored
And justice is never upheld.
For the wicked surround the righteous;
Therefore, justice comes out perverted.*

Habakkuk 1:2-4

The Heart of Satan – Dominion

This spiritual war is borne in heart of the satanic motive that drives the Devil's thirst for dominion. We'll start with the prophet Isaiah's discourse on Lucifer's fall where God exposes Lucifer's hidden motive to bring all creation in subjection to himself.

"How you have fallen from heaven, O star of the morning, son of the dawn! You have been cut down to the earth, You who have weakened the nations! "But you said in your heart, 'I will ascend to heaven; I will raise my throne above the stars of God, And I will sit on the mount of assembly In the recesses of the north. 'I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High.' Isaiah 14:12-14

What is it concerning the *Most High* that Satan aspires? I'd encourage the reader to look up the passages listed below,¹ particularly those in the shaded section that reference God. The designation Most High—the word

¹ From *Brown-Driver-Briggs* Hendrickson Publishers (The standard biblical Hebrew and English dictionary)
Elyown: Most
Original Word: עָלְיוֹן
Part of Speech: Adjective
Transliteration: elyown
Phonetic Spelling: (el-yone')
Short Definition: Most

I. 22 עָלְיוֹן adjective **1 high**; — masculine singular ע' [Deuteronomy 26:19](#); [Deuteronomy 28:1](#); [1 Kings 9:8](#) (? reading הַעֲלִיּוֹת הַזֵּה as מ⁵ Benz) = 2 Chronicles 7:21, of י' [Psalm 97:9](#). 2 upper Bethhoron, ע' [Joshua 16:5](#) [1 Kings 15:35](#); 2Chronicles 23:20 5t., + [Genesis 40:17](#) (uppermost basket); feminine singular הַעֲלִיּוֹת the upper

Elyown is an adjective meaning most, or high(est). Its context is normally in reference to God the Creator as the Sovereign One. Isaiah 14:14 exposes Lucifer’s ambition, the highest place in creation and none other than God’s sovereignty – His supreme rule. Lucifer clearly aspires the supreme rule that belongs to God alone. Unless one understands the import of Lucifer’s ambition to be like the Most High, he’ll never quite understand the continuing struggle in history for the subjugation of mankind.

After Lucifer’s rebellion in eternity past, he was banished from his ministry at the throne of God (Ezekiel 28:16). Lucifer lost his position as the zenith of God’s created angelic host, the angelic prime minister, and the anointed guardian Cherub (28:12-16). In Isaiah 14:13-14 he makes the declaration that he would get it all back... plus, the throne. One may ask... “How could the devil have such an arrogant aspiration as to rule all creation as the “Most High God;” he must have known he was merely a creature?” History is replete with examples of the blinding power of a heart filled with arrogance that craves absolute power—Hitler, Stalin, Pol Pot, Kim Jung Un... It’s this blind ambition of the rebel Satan that drives him to distort, foil and overthrow the plan and purposes of God and to establish himself as Elyown – the Most High.

When God removed Lucifer from his lofty position of eternity past (Ezek. 28:16-18), He subsequently placed Adam in the position of viceroy over the earth in the Garden (Gen. 1:26-28; Psalm 8). The mighty Lucifer of eternity past was replaced as ruler by a man. Adam, made from dirt, limited to time and space and tied to earth’s surface by gravity was vastly inferior to Lucifer as a creature. However, God, in the Garden of Eden, had established a Theocracy—a Kingdom—with God as the Most High and Man serving as a type of Viceroy or Prime minister.

It was this rule and authority, that Satan coveted in the garden under the guise of the Serpent; and Adam relinquished his God-given authority to Satan when he ate from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. After man’s fall, the authority over the earth was established by Satan; and as man began to multiply, the war for dominion over mankind advanced—exponentially. Two thousand years passed, along with two major judgments (the Flood and Babel) of God stymying Satan’s quest for sovereignty. In Genesis twelve, God promised Abram that He would father a nation. The descendants of Abraham, the nation Israel, would be God’s chosen vessel of salvation and blessing to the nations (Gen. 12:1-3). A thousand years after Abraham... God promised David that one of his descendants (the seed of the woman and the seed of Abraham) would be the eternal King of God’s chosen people (II Sam. 7:10-16; Psalm 89). This chosen nation would become the ruling dynasty of the world under the promised Son of David. Per the prophets, the coming Messiah—the Son of

pool [2 Kings 18:17](#) = [Isaiah 36:2](#); [Isaiah 7:3](#); *the highest* side-chamber (צֶלַע) [Ezekiel 41:7](#); feminine plural הַעֲלִיּוֹנוֹת [Ezekiel 42:5](#) *the upper chambers* (לְשִׁכּוֹת). **3 of Davidic king exalted above monarchs** [Psalm 89:28](#) (compare [Deuteronomy 28:1](#), above). II. עֲלִיּוֹן **noun masculine Highest, Most High** (probably = foregoing); — **1 name of God** [Numbers 24:16](#); [Deuteronomy 32:8](#); [Psalm 18:13](#) = [2 Samuel 22:14](#); [Psalm 9:2](#); [Psalm 21:7](#); [Psalm 46:4](#); [Psalm 50:14](#); [Psalm 73:11](#); [Psalm 77:10](#); [Psalm 78:17](#); [Psalm 83:18](#); [Psalm 87:5](#); [Psalm 91:1](#); [Psalm 91:9](#); [Psalm 92:1](#); [Psalm 107:11](#); [Isaiah 14:14](#); [Lamentations 3:35,38](#); with other divine names: אל עליון [Genesis 14:18,19,20,22](#) (see Di) [Psalm 78:35](#); יהוה עליון [Psalm 7:17](#); [Psalm 47:4](#); אלהים עליון [Psalm 57:2](#); [Psalm 78:56](#). **5 Of rulers, either monarchs or angel-princes**, אלהים = עֲלִיּוֹן [Psalm 82:6](#). [עֲלִיּוֹן] **adjective id.** (Biblical Hebrew *id.*); — plural of God, קְדֹשֵׁי עֲלִיּוֹנִין (double plural, Buhl, as sometimes Biblical Hebrew, Ges^s 124q Köⁱⁱ. 1. 438 f) [Daniel 7:18,22,25,27](#).

David—Jesus Christ would not only die for the sins of the world bringing eternal redemption (at His first advent), but at His second advent He would become the King [of the world].

The chosen nation Israel, situated in the promised land would become the epicenter of that [Messianic] rule.² The promised King and His kingdom would be God’s counter to Satan’s quest for sovereignty in God’s creation. Thus, in Satan’s quest for dominion, his focal point of opposition becomes the chosen people of God. Cast in the light of God’s choice of Israel as His chosen vessel of redemption and dominion in the world, we should not be surprised that anti-Semitism has flourished in the world from the outset of the Abrahamic Covenant in Genesis 12:1-3.

But we are not ignorant of his devices (II Cor. 2:11). Even the most casual observer must admit that Satan’s use of the term Elyown in his last “I will” of Isaiah 14:14 reveals his ambition to overthrow the government—or the kingdom plan of God. We know Satan wants to subjugate the world, but just how does he gain dominion and what’s his primary modus operandi?

Jesus reveals the Devil’s character while speaking to the Pharisees, He says, *“You are of your father the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth because there is no truth in him. Whenever he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own nature, for he is a liar and the father of lies”* (John 8:44). Satan has an international agenda of deceiving the nations (1 Jn. 5:19; Rev. 12:9; 20:3); and it’s through his deception he seizes control/dominion.

Satan is a murderer and a liar; this is his nature. *Evil* is Satan’s epistemology, which is a simply a distortion of truth. The Lie—all lies—come from the Father of Lies. A lie believed, brings one under the authority/dominion of the Liar. Since evil is the distortion of truth, it makes perfect sense that Satan’s goal would be to engender deception in every realm of authority on earth. Thus, lies are promulgated into every category of human existence—lies to be believed and as a result, authority to be exercised—by the Liar. This blinding influence of Satan holds his domain in subjection to him. When the distortion of the truth (lie) is believed Satan’s dominion increases; conversely, when a lie is replaced by the truth, the individual is freed from that dominion (John 8:31-36). Paul says, *“...the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelieving...”* (II Cor. 4:4). Of course, Satan’s greatest work of deception is both his non-existence, along with his ability to counterfeit, making lies look truthful. Paul says in 2 Corinthians 11:14, *“And no wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light.”* John says, *“the whole world lies in the power of the evil one”* (I Jn. 5:19). We can conclude that Satan’s deception throughout all history is aimed at the control of the nations (Rev. 12:9). Of course, the believer’s only defense to the lie is the truth; for this reason, the writer of Hebrews says that the believers must study the Word of God in order to have their *“...senses trained to discern between good and evil”* (Hebrews 5:14).

Islam a tool of Satan?

² Cf., Ps. 2; 72; 78:68-72; 89; 110; 132:11-18; Isa. 2:2-5; 4:1-6; 9:6-7; 11:1-16; 16:4b-5; 19:16-25; 24:20-23; 25; 26; 27:6, 12-13; 30:23-26; 33:17-24; 35:1-10; 40:1-11; 43:1-21; 51:1-16; 54:1-10; 55:1-5; 59:16-21; 60; 61; 66:7-21; Jer. 3:15-18; 12:14-16; 23:1-8; 24:4-7; 30:1-24; 31; 32; 33; 34:22-31; 50:4-7, 19; Ezek. 11:17-21; 20:33-44; 28:24-26; 34:11-31; 36:7-38; 37:1-14, 21-28; 39:25-29; Chs. 40-48; Dan. 7:13-14, 27; Hos. 1:10-11; 2:14-24; 3:4-5; 6:2; 11:8-9; Joel 2:18-32; 3:1-2, 16-20; Amos 9:11-15; Mic. 4:1-8; 5:2-5a; 7:14-20; Hab. 2:14; Zeph. 2:6-7; 3:9-20; Zech. 8:1-8, 13, 20-23; 9:10-17; 10:1-12; 12:8-10; 14:8-21; Mal. 4:1-3

So, here we are in 2020, the stability of the entire world lies in the balance and very few will connect the dots to a satanic plot to rule the nations through lies believed. These lies would be packaged in variegated forms from humanism in a university philosophy course to “sexual orientation” teaching in a third-grade homeroom... or from an autocrat ruling in North Korea to a left-wing mayor fighting for a sanctuary city. This paper will focus on perhaps the most insidious and overarching vehicle or medium to surface in mankind’s ugly history. Satan’s agenda to rule the world through Islam (Rev. 20:3). I’ll integrate the epic satanic agenda of world-domination with information primarily sourced from the landmark book, *Global Jihad: The Future in the Face of Militant Islam* by Patrick Sookhdeo.³

So, a few questions to help us step back and develop a panorama of the spiritual war as it connect with the current geopolitical realm: If Satan would possess ultimate and complete control over that nations with what mechanism would seek to use for that purpose? And gauging history and the current state of affairs in the world, what vehicle would lend itself most effectively to garner a comprehensive subjugation of the world? Does Islam fit the bill? I believe so. Many have been saying for years that Islam presents an existential threat to the entire world. Many identified the Islamic terrorism doctrine in 2001 the day after 911 when Muslim clerics specifically stated the reason for 911 was because of the U.S (the great Satan) and its relationship with Israel (the little Satan). But the deception must ride tandem with rise of power. So, in perfect step, the progressive movement in America refuses to identify the enemy (that is in the physical realm – Islam) in a war that could change western civilization forever! Even still there is today, a fervent push from the United Nations to the reporter on the streets to present Islam as a religion of peace.

When national and international leaders refuse to identify an existential threat such as radical Islam as evil, we know they’ve been deceived. They can’t, or rather they refuse, to see the camouflaged Satan under the cloak of Islam, a satanic death cult. Is it really that evil? Is Islam being misrepresented by Islamophobes?

What is the true nature of Islam?

Islamic doctrine and practice is taken from the teaching and example of Muhammad in the Koran (Allah’s revelation to the Prophet Muhammad) and the Hadith (the accounts of what Muhammad said and did, allegedly reported by his closest companions).

Sookhdeo, outlines the practical theology of Islam – Muhammad’s prophetic evolution.

“During [Muhammad’s] early years of prophethood in Mecca (610-622), Muhammad focused on prayer and meditation. His approach to Jews, Christians and other non-Muslims was peaceful, cooperative and non-violent. After opposition and persecution forced him to flee to Medina in 622, he became the spiritual, political and military leader of an Islamic state. While in Medina he believed that God gave him permission to fight those who were persecuting the Muslims.

As Muhammad gained power, especially after his migration (*hijra*) from Mecca to Medina, he became much more aggressive in his pronouncements and actions against his opponents, whether pagans, Jews, Christians or Muslim “hypocrites”. He turned against his Jewish allies, massacring many, enslaving

³ Patrick Sookhdeo, *Global Jihad: The Future in the Face of Militant Islam* (McLean VA. Isaac Publishing, 2007).

others and expelling them from their lands. He raided trade caravans to punish his Meccan enemies and to gain loot for himself and his supporters and developed the *ghazwa* (*intertribal raids of a lawless, tribal society*) into the *jihad*. He also instigated the assassination of individuals who had criticized him. It is recorded that Muhammad himself participated personally in at least 27 campaigns while organizing 59 others led by commanders appointed by him.

Because of Muhammad's change of attitude when he moved from Mecca to Medina, the Qur'an is a contradictory mixture of the peaceable and the bellicose.... According the rule of abrogation (*naskh*), it is the harsher and more violent Medinan passages that apply today because they are later, while the earlier conciliatory passage dating from Muhammad's days in Mecca are not applicable."⁴

Islamist clerics consistently declare the radicalized Islamist to be the truest form of Islam⁵ because the radical Islamist most accurately reflects Muhammad's personal example along with Koranic doctrine (Cf. Q 2:62, 190-191, 193, 216; 4:95; 8:39, 59-60; 9:5, 29; Surah 3:157; 4:95; 5:33, 35; 8:12-17, 39, 57, 74; 9:29; 12:9-14; 16:110; 47:4, 35; 48:29; 59:2; 61:10-12). The problem is, most of the world, including much of the Muslim world, says that the true Islam has been "hijacked" by the radicals. This, according to the Islamic authorities is simply not true; the truest nature of Islam is the radicalized elements! Predominant mainstream commentary declares the radical Islamist as a perversion of a peaceable and loving religion. But this flies in the face of Muhammad's life and the truest pattern of practical Islamic theology. Is there a satanic motive to deceive the nations by hiding the truth about the matter? I believe there is, for the simple reason the barbarism of Islam would never exist in the modern world apart from a camouflaging of its true nature.

Is it a fair statement to say that if moderate Muslims represent true Islam (remembering most Islamic experts soundly reject the notion) then nominal Christianity best reflects true (or biblical) Christianity? Wouldn't experts on Christian theology and practice reject the notion that nominal Christians accurately reflect Christianity or Jesus? Of course, simply because moderate or *nominal* suggests a person who does not fully commit to the Scriptures or practice of Jesus Christ. Even most nominal Christians would cede the fact that they do not best reflect the Christian faith—most could not explicate even the fundamentals of the faith! Moderate Islam is decried by Muslims as apostate Islam; and fundamental ignorance of Christian or Muslim doctrine is always denounced by orthodoxy.

But the existential import of Islamic doctrine really centers on their end-time theology (eschatology). And Just as most Muslims may not understand the real implications of their doctrine, most Christians do not fully understand the eschatological implications of the prophesied Kingdom of Jesus Christ.⁶ Most Christians are woefully ignorant of the prophetic structure of the Scriptures and don't have a clue as to the specifics of the

⁴ Sookhdeo, p. 61-63.

⁵ Cf. *Does moderate Islam exist?* By Tawfik Hamid The Jerusalem Post 09/14/2014. Tawfik Hamid is an Islamic thinker and reformer, and a one-time Islamic extremist from Egypt. He was a member of the terrorist organization JI with Dr. Ayman al-Zawahiri, who later became the second-in-command of al-Qaida. He is currently a senior fellow and chairman of the study of Islamic radicalism at the Potomac Institute for Policy Studies. www.tawfikhamid.com

⁶ Cf. <http://www.faithevfree.com/why-we-are-premillennial/>

eschatological teaching of the Scripture, or of the end of the age and the beginning of the messianic kingdom (Zech. 14; Mt. 24; Rev. 19-20). So why would we remain convinced that a nominal Muslim accurately reflects “true” Islam? They don’t.

But again, the real answer to this question according to many who understand Islam, is that the radical Islamist IS THE TRUEST MANIFESTATION OF ISLAM and is consistent in word and deed to the Koran’s later teaching of violence along with the Hadith’s most plain teaching regarding what Muhammad said and did. But if moderate Islam isn’t considered the genuine article by the “true” Muslim, then why wouldn’t imams across the world condemn the notion when it’s propagated on TV? Is there an Islamic “cover-up?”⁷ Of course there is... a satanic conspiracy who is the “prince of the power of the air” (Ephesians 2:2).

Taqiyya and the Law of Abrogation

I recognize this represents a very controversial view, but I am also considering two of Islam’s underpinning doctrines called “taqiyya” and “the law of abrogation”. Taqiyya allows for deception that is not viewed as immoral if it protects a Muslim in war or persecution or even pretending friendship or “*whenever there is a conflict between faith and expediency*”.^{8,9} The Islamic “law of abrogation” says that an interpretation of Islam [in this case, as a peaceful religion] based on earlier Koranic statements is trumped by latter statements [of violence and hatred toward the unfaithful]. Subsequently, the Muslim cleric who openly states Islam to be a peaceful religion that does not advocate violence toward non-Muslims can be speaking to a western audience out of one side of his mouth while advocating Sharia Law out of the other (Arabic) side of his mouth and do it with perfect integrity under Taqiyya and the law of abrogation. Western civilization will probably never comprehend Taqiyya. Therefore, the above view will always be held in contempt by the mainstream in western civilization but especially non-Muslim left-wing advocates of Islam. I would encourage the reader to do his own research on this issue. I would also encourage the reader to search Islamic websites of local Mosques looking for open condemnations of current atrocities done in the name of Islam, you will find very few. Why wouldn’t real Muslims condemn violence if Islam is truly a peaceful religion? Certainly, Christian church websites would openly condemn murderous violence carried out in the name of “true” Christianity.

Saying this, I find it difficult to reconcile my own view with my personal experience of meeting and knowing Muslims who do not exhibit the characteristics of someone who would remotely be involved in terrorism of any sort. In my very limited personal experience, I’m simply amazed at how friendly Muslims are! I’m conflicted. Because we cannot change or deny what the Koran teaches regarding the ultimate violent spread of Islam in the Islamic eschatological paradigm of a world-wide Caliphate and Sharia Law ultimately being implemented world-

⁷ View Hussein Aboubakr, “Where Are the Moderate Muslims?” <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y9Enx4XxO1E>

⁸ Sookhdeo, p. 196

⁹ Regarding the Islamic concept of taqiyya, a friend of mine, who spent 5 years in the state penitentiary, exclaimed that Taqiyya is the law of the gangs to a “T.” This makes perfect sense because Satan is the ultimate thug and as the Father of lies, you’d be able to consistently see his codes or ideology in all his enterprises; whether it’s a Fascist regime run by Kim Jong-un in North Korea, Nazism, the KKK or the Clinton Foundation – lying, as the means to an end, is justified.

wide. We cannot erase how the Koran and Hadith justify violence toward infidels.¹⁰ And we refuse to redact the example of Mohamad in real history.¹¹

So how does a nice, peace-loving “moderate” Muslim exist with or reconcile such a disparity in doctrine? Are they faking it? Do they really believe all non-Muslims will ultimately submit or die? Are they just very patient about how it all comes to pass? Are the kind and personable “western” Muslims we know just riding the comfortable train of western civilization and democracy, enjoying the food and service, while simply waiting for their stop to get off and blow the train up? Or, are they lying about what Islam truly is because revealing that truth would bring reproach? Or, are they lying about the true nature of Islam because they know it will buy more time as they await the coming of their Mahdi and the ultimate subjection of the world to Allah through the Mahdi and Sharia Law? Or, are all Muslims “in” on the truth of Islam, but not letting on publicly? But, again honestly, I find it hard to bring myself to believe moderates believe such a thing! Or is it possible that, a moderate Muslim does not fully know his own religion (like a nominal Christian not knowing his own Christian doctrine)? Is it possible he may be confusing or even amalgamating a spiritualized and nostalgic version of his religion with his culture?

Don’t confuse Arabic culture with Islam

The Arabic and middle eastern culture is deeply imbedded in a history long before Mohamad. This amazing culture with a pungent ethos of love, family and hospitality has an admirable affection for mankind and friendliness. The norm of Arabic social intercourse is cordiality or geniality far beyond most anything western civilization experiences. However, this beautiful culture predates Islam by two millennia and does not stem from Islam nor the teaching and example of Mohamad. If anything, any niceties attributed to Islam stem inherently from its culture. The culture has largely contributed to the character of the Arabic person. Assuredly we would recognize the differences between the demeanor of a Jamaican and German? So, a westerner *could* walk away from a relationship with a middle-eastern Muslim believing “Islam is such a peaceful religion, because Abdullah is such a peace-loving man!” Taking them at face-value, they are peace-loving—that’s their culture, it’s as deep as the ocean. Abdullah, being a moderate Muslim may believe in a very watered down or sanitized version of Islam that’s been integrated into his truly beautiful culture. Why? He’s not become “radicalized.” But does Abdullah embody the true religion of Islam? According to the experts, NO.¹²

Five stages of developing Jihad

¹⁰ Cf. Koran, Q 2:62; 190-191, 193, 216; 4:95; 8:39, 59-60; 9:5 “sword verse”, 29; Surah 2:216-217; 3:157; 4:95; 5:33,35; 8:12-14, 15-17, 39, 57, 74; 9:5, 29; 12:9-14; 16:110; 47:4, 35; 48:16, 29; 59:2; 61:10-12, 110

¹¹ Historians have bent over backwards trying to redact Islamic history. Read Rodney Stark, *God’s Battalions: The Case For the Crusades* (New York, NY. HarperCollins Publishers, 2009) See Introduction.

¹² If there are any reservations re: this paper’s conclusion, that a non-radicalized Muslim is not a true Muslim, I would encourage the reader to study the very-well-documented book *Global Jihad, The Future in the Face of Militant Islam* by Patrick Sookhdeo, (McLean VA. Isaac Publishing, 2007 ISBN 09787141-2-1). This textbook on Islamic Jihad’s global threat has over 100 pages of references and notes citing many of Islam’s most formidable imams, clerics, sheikhs and politicians along with a 49-page bibliography! *Global Jihad* is “aimed primarily at decision-makers in politics, security, intelligence and the military, but will be of interest to any reader who seeks to understand Islamic violence in the world today.” (Jacket) and promises all the information the layperson needs to fully understand what our world is facing in the rise of Islamic terrorism.

An explanation for the “moderate Muslim” that seems, at face-value, to integrate in western culture is they actually do believe the fundamentals of Islam, but are exercising patience until the time when their “strength [of Islam in the community they live] will increase.” They may be believing there will be an opportune time Islam will be in a position to exact Jihad and instigate Sharia. Sookhdeo outlines five stages of developing Jihad¹³ that would be implemented depending on the “strength” of Muslim control in any given society. These stages follow Muhammad’s experience in his personal experience from non-violent to full-blown Jihad.

1. Non-Confrontation: Verbal argument, not force, was used to protect the faith while the Islamic community was small and weak in Mecca. Patience and passive suffering were recommended in the face of persecution.... (Q 16:125-128)
2. Defensive Fighting: after Muhammad first arrived in Medina fighting became lawful, but only against attackers, and there were restrictions against fighting non-combatants.... (Q 2:190)
3. Initiation Attacks Allowed: in the second Medina state, as the strength of the community grew, it was permitted to take the offensive against polytheists, but with restrictions as to times and places.... (Q 2:191).
4. Unconditional Command to Fight all Unbelievers everywhere and at any time: Finally, the command for indiscriminate *jihad* against all unbelievers at all times and places was given, which has been accepted ever since as valid ever since until the Day of Judgment. “When the sacred months are past, kill the idolaters (*mushrikun*) wherever you find them, and seize them, besiege them, and lie in wait for them in every place of ambush...” (Q 9:5). This, the “Sword Verse”, is calculated to have abrogated no fewer than 124 less aggressive Qur’anic passages. The reference to the sacred months is usually interpreted as meaning that after this specific sacred month, Muslims need not respect sacred months any more, but can fight whenever is it convenient.
5. Permission to attack Jews and Christians. A special verse was given to permit attacking Jews and Christians: “Fight those who do not believe in God or the Last Day, and who do not forbid what has been forbidden by God and his Messenger, nor acknowledge the religion of truth from among the People of the Book, until they pay the poll tax (*jizya*) out of hand, having been brought low” (Q 9:29).

Sookhdeo continues,

“While unconditional *jihad* against all non-Muslims in *Dar al-Harb* (House of War) is accepted as applicable today and until the end of time, many Muslim scholars see all the stages Muhammad went through as possible models for various Muslim communities at various times in their development, according to their relative weakness or strength. In times of great weakness Muslims are to suffer patiently, waiting for the time when their strength will increase, or to emigrate to another area under Muslim control where they can gather their strength for the victorious return and reconquest. As their power grows, they can defend themselves against aggression, and as their power is further

¹³ Sookhdeo, pp. 99-101.

consolidated, they can go on the aggressive *jihad* against all non-Muslim neighbors to expand the area under Islamic dominion *Dar al-Islam* (House of Islam).¹⁴

At the core of Islamic epistemology is a staying power in the long-term hope of Islamic eschatology.

The “peaceful” western Muslim would then be waiting patiently as the society in which he lives is increasingly influenced by Islam; and at the suitable time, he will unite with the global Jihad movement adopting the suitable stage of Jihad into his calling as a Muslim. So yes, according to many Muslim scholars the Muslim, in chameleon-like fashion, will engage the movement as peaceable or violent as the influence or “strength” of the Jihadic movement develops. Understanding these stages is important whether one is a western military strategist trying to determine when and where to strike next, or a border control agent ascertaining the level of danger from Arabs traveling from certain countries. But for our purposes as Christians, it’s important to know who we are reaching out to and where their mentality or receptivity may be to the Gospel.

Our desire as Christians is to engage the Muslim no matter where they may be on the *peaceful-to-Jihad* continuum.

I suggest three possible mind-sets of the Muslim residing in a western society:

1) a cultural Muslim or even a fundamentalist Muslim who is truly questioning his/her faith and in their heart does not adhere to the fundamentals of Islam. He/she would outwardly identify as a Muslim, but inwardly could be very open to the gospel of Jesus Christ. He/she would most-likely fear reprisal of openly confessing Jesus as their Savior from the Muslim family and community (even in a western and democratic society). There would then need to be sensitivities to their level of fear of openly confessing their interest in or faith in Christ. Our western mind would most-likely not understand the power of influence the family has over a Muslim [even if the family lives 2000 miles away]. We would then seek opportunities to share the gospel freely, but with discretion, understanding their ties to family could inhibit an open confession.

2) a truly “moderate” Muslim mainly influenced by culture and simply ignorant of the Islamic eschatology. Applying the same sensitivities above, believing this person may be very interested in the Gospel, and with fewer inhibitions.

3) a classic or fundamental Muslim who knowingly speaks out of two sides of his mouth, one Arabic, advocating Jihad and one western advocating peace. This Muslim would be applying the Islamic law of abrogation along with *Taqiyya*. This Muslim would be patiently waiting for the influence of Islam to rise in their host-country. He plans on integrating suitably to the appropriate stage of Jihad. You really don’t know what you’re getting here. The Christian believer should persist in sharing the gospel of grace with a heart of love. There may be open and honest conversation, or not. But no one knows what is in the heart of a man and even the classic Muslim may see the violence of Islam as not compatible with what his heart says the true God is.

Note: A definitive Muslim would not consider (1 and 2) as truly Muslim. Also, from a western view, Muslim 1 and 2 would have the appearance of integration into western society (but they do not actually reflect

¹⁴ Sookhdeo, p. 100-101

classical Islam). 1 and 2 will likely be influenced by both the true Muslim... or the Christian gospel. Muslim 3 could also appear (to the western mind) to integrate with a democratic society but in truth, his actions are only outward; he would become “radicalized” in a more Muslim-controlled society.

Perhaps the carnage in the wake of militant Islam such as ISIS is waking up slumbering Muslims (1 and 2) on the train? Perhaps they are asking if the true God really wants them to murder innocents in His name? What an opportunity for evangelism among Muslims by Christians who would show the grace and mercy of the Lord Jesus Christ!

A final word about taqiyya by Sookhdeo

“The *taqiyya* practice of deceiving enemies appears to be behind the activities of many contemporary Islamists who expend much energy to convince non-Muslims that Islam is and has always been peaceful and tolerant. Presumably the aim is that non-Muslims should be off their guard, and unprepared for the final onslaught to be launched when the *umma* (the global Muslim community) has grown strong enough.”¹⁵

This kind of deception is setting the world up for an ambush—a take-over and implementation of Sharia.¹⁶ This camouflaging lie is possibly the satanic ace-in-the-hole to subdue all the nations in his attempt to be like the Most High! Is it any surprise that the Father of lies, who seeks to deceive the nations would use a doctrine of lying to bring the whole world into subjection to himself?!

Ethics consistent with Christianity contrasted with Islam and diametrically opposed – Evangelism or Jihad

Should we compare the biblical commission of preaching the gospel and evangelizing the world against what the Quran teaches regarding the conversion of unbelievers and the spread of the message of Islam, we’d see the contrast of all contrasts. A committed, or radical Christian is simply one who believes and takes literal all that Jesus said and did and seeks to emulate that belief and action; as does the committed or radical Muslim in regard to Mohamad. A radical Christian would [then] be expected to follow Jesus’ example as He taught and lived a self-sacrificing life even in the face of adversity, persecution and death; as would a radical Muslim in regard to Mohamad. However, Jesus taught that we are to love our enemies (Mt. 5:44), turn the other cheek (5:39), and love one another (Jn. 13:34-35). No Christian principle ever changes or is abrogated and no *end* justifies an alteration of the *means* in the Christian life. And, perhaps, most important to our discussion, and diametrically opposed to Islamic doctrine, the scriptures teach that a person cannot be forced to believe, but that the gospel—the good news that Christ died for our sins and was raised again—is to be freely offered to be believed or rejected (Acts 16:30-31; Rom. 1:16; I Cor. 15:1-3). The Scripture is clear that Jesus says that He is the only way to eternal life, but to enter into eternal life man is simply exhorted to *believe* in Jesus—the Gospel. The radical Islamist who’s committed to his eschatology clearly believes that *Islam is the answer* for the world and, *jihad is Allah’s way*. Jihad, the forceable takeover of the world one inch at a time and for as long as it takes. The Christian believes that we are to evangelize the world one soul at a time by first living the Christ-filled life

¹⁵ Sookhdeo, p.201

¹⁶ It’s incumbent for politicians and policy makers to not be taken in by the propaganda and to understand this existential threat to Western civilization. However, for Christians, whether we live in a non-Muslim culture or a culture highly affected by Sharia, our commission to share the gospel does not change with the seasons of receptivity (II Tim. 4:2).

before the unbelieving world and sharing with the Gospel of Jesus who LOVES them and died for them! The Muslim doctrine of evangelism is to bring the infidel into submission through whatever means necessary (or appropriate to the cultural situation at the time).

Sookhdeo, after a lengthy discussion on the Qur'anic justification of the practices of Jihad including: spoils, booty and prisoners of war, destruction of property, espionage, hostage-taking and kidnapping, pirating, slavery, beheading and throat-slitting, torture, weapons of mass destruction, terrorizing the enemy etc., summarizes,

“Contemporary Islamic terrorists are well aware of these Qur'anic principles and are using brutal methods of mass killings of civilians, kidnappings and beheadings in their fight against the West and against Muslim regimes they define as apostates. The terror instilled in the states and populations targeted by their *jihad* is seen as a scriptural and effective tool for breaking their will. It fits in well with the Qur'anic *jihad* doctrine of terrorizing your enemies.”¹⁷

One simply needs to turn on the news any given day to see what the radical Muslim believes about how to spread the religion and his relation to the infidel. He's faithfully following what his leader Muhammad said and did. It's difficult to believe that in the light of the atrocities of the Islamic State (IS), the world still refuses to acknowledge that we're fighting a spiritual battle against evil led by purely satanically inspired epistemology. Sookhdeo, quoting Isma'il Raji al-Faruqi, a renowned Palestinian-American Islamic scholar, defines “the Islamic state as universal and all pervasive, aiming at controlling the whole earth in terms of territory and all human beings in terms of population. Even outer space should be under its control:”¹⁸

‘Islam asserts that territory of the Islamic state is the whole earth or, better, the whole cosmos since the possibility of space travel [is] not too remote. Part of the earth may be under direct rule of the Islamic state and the rest may yet have to be included; the Islamic state exists and functions regardless. Indeed, its territory is ever expansive. So is its citizenry, for its aim is to include all humankind. If the Islamic state is at any time restricted to a few of the world's population, it does not matter as long as it wills to comprehend humanity.’”¹⁹

Satan wants complete sovereignty—so does Islam and at all cost

If Islam was not so categorically bent on world-wide dominion, we may come to different conclusions regarding its evil nature. But the core of Satan's motive being his quest for absolute dominion of God's creation—or sovereignty integrates perfectly with his genius in developing a system or, organism or BEAST of Islam to accomplish this one ambition. It follows that the satanic intention to use Islam as a tool to establish a world-wide kingdom, must be passed off to the “free-world” as a religion of peace. Scripture says, Satan masquerades as an *angel of light*.

¹⁷ Sookhdeo, p.187

¹⁸ Sookhdeo, p.91

¹⁹ Isma'il Raji al-Faruqi, *Islam* (Brentwood, Maryland: International Graphics, 1984), p. 60

“And no wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. Therefore, it is not surprising if *his servants also disguise themselves as servants of righteousness*; whose end shall be according to their deeds.” (II Cor. 10:13-14) ital. mine

Aren't most religions, religions of peace? Satan, being the “deceiver of the nations” (Rev. 20:3) will keep the free world under this deception only to buy more time and influence. The most monstrous overtures of evil accomplished in the name of Islam have surfaced and plague the airways; and still most people (and worse-yet, politicians) believe that true Islam is peaceful and able to be integrated into non-Islamic society—it's simply not true.

The Left would have us believe true Islam has been hijacked by the Islamists²⁰. What's their solution to the Islamic extremists and the radical Islamist's ambition to recruit and establish the “caliphate?” The best answer the leaders have is that our problems with Islam are solved by offering more positive world-view options online. Or legislating against the “hate-speech” of Islamophobes. Or, perhaps by educating the public of how Islam is a peaceful religion. Only in the west. Present these milk-toast solutions to the Christians in Northern Iraq and the Jews of Israel! To understand the absurdity of that logic we have to return to the nature of evil and its intent for complete dominion. More on this later.

Ronald Reagan called the USSR “The Evil Empire” just before he brought the regime to its knees. Reagan was possibly one of the last of the real leaders of the free world who understood that to defeat an enemy, you must properly identify him! Perhaps political correctness has so changed the trajectory of what's right and wrong that the ship is too big and too far off-course to rite?

Perhaps the rise of evil, personified in Islam, is leading to the beginning of World War III? Armageddon? Is it unavoidable? Is this the beginning of the end as far as western civilization is concerned? Jordan's King Abdullah II said, “The West is engaged in a Third World War against Islamic terrorism” Joel Rosenberg says that the real threat facing the free world is apocalyptic Islam.

Islamic Extremists Are Trying to Hasten the Coming of the Mahdi by Joel C. Rosenberg, National Review, September 11, 2015

To misunderstand the nature and threat of evil is to risk being blindsided by it. Fourteen years ago — on September 11, 2001 — America was blindsided by the forces of radical Islam. Pre-9/11, American leaders rightly understood that the vast majority of the world's Muslims were generally peace-loving people who posed no threat to our homeland. But they failed to adequately comprehend, much less counter, the theology, political ideology, and operational strategy of men like Osama bin Laden.

The results were devastating. The attacks against the World Trade Center, against the Pentagon, and over Shanksville, Pa., killed nearly 3,000 Americans, along with individuals from 93 other nations, in the most devastating sneak attack since we were blindsided by the Imperial Japanese at Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. Today, President Obama and members of his administration still refuse to use the term “radical Islam,” even as Jordan's King Abdullah II, a direct descendant of the Prophet Muhammad,

²⁰ View President Obama's address in Muslim Mosque re: peaceful Islam.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LRRVdVqAjdW>

candidly admits that the West is engaged in a “third world war” against Islamic terrorism. Abdullah adds that, at its core, “this is a Muslim problem. We need to take ownership of this. We need to stand up and say what is right and what is wrong.” The king is right. The threat of radical Islam to the U.S. and our allies is serious and ongoing. That said, there is a dramatic shift underway in the Muslim world. The most serious threat we face in the Middle East and North Africa is no longer radical Islam but apocalyptic Islam. We face not just one but two regional regimes whose rulers are driven not merely by violent political ideology, or by extremist theology, but by apocalyptic, genocidal eschatology, or End Times theology. The first is the Islamic Republic of Iran. The second is the Islamic State, or ISIS. The leaders of the former are Shia. The latter are Sunni. Both believe that we are living in the End of Days as predicted in their ancient prophecies. Both believe that any moment now their messiah, the Mahdi, will be revealed on Earth as he establishes his global Islamic kingdom and impose sharia law. Both believe that Jesus will return not as the Savior or Son of God but as a lieutenant to the Mahdi, and that he will force non-Muslims to convert or die. What’s more, both believe that the Mahdi will come only when the world is engulfed in chaos and carnage. They openly vow not simply to attack but to annihilate the United States and Israel. Iran and ISIS are both eager to hasten the coming of the Mahdi. Both believe that the Day of Judgment is coming soon, when they will be either rewarded for their actions or condemned to hell for eternity. And both are receiving relatively minimal international opposition. Consequently, both believe that Allah is on their side, that the wind is at their back, and that victory is both assured and imminent. Some in the West first became aware of the apocalyptic beliefs inside Iran through the speeches of then-president Mahmoud Ahmadinejad. But Iran’s Supreme Leader, the Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, has long held similar beliefs and openly expresses them. “The

coming of Imam Zaman [another name for the Mahdi] is the definite promise by Allah,” he declared in 2014. “The caravan of humanity from the Day of Creation has been moving . . . to the time of The Coming of Imam Mahdi. The awaiting for The Coming is a hopeful and powerful wait, providing the biggest opening for the Islamic society.” But he adds that the “battle” to establish the Mahdi’s kingdom “will only end when the [Islamic] society can get rid of the oppressors’ front, with America at the head of it.” As recently as July 18, 2015 — just four days after President Obama hailed his nuclear deal with Iran as a great achievement for world peace and security — Khamenei publicly reaffirmed Iran’s long-standing policy of destroying the U.S. and Israel. “The slogans of the Iranian nation on Al-Quds [Jerusalem] Day show what its position is,” he said in a speech. “The slogans ‘Death to Israel’ and ‘Death to America’ have resounded throughout the country, and are not limited to Tehran and the other large cities. The entire country is under the umbrella of this great movement.” “Even after this deal, our policy towards the arrogant U.S. will not change,” he added. Even Iranian president Hassan Rouhani, widely hailed in the West as a “moderate,” has urged Iranians to act on that policy. “Saying ‘Death to America’ is easy,” he said when running for office in 2013. “We need to express ‘death to America’ with action.” Consider, too, the words of the various leaders of ISIS. “We perform jihad here [in Iraq] while our eyes are upon al-Quds,” declared Abu Musab Zarqawi, the leader of al-Qaeda in Iraq, the al-Qaeda division that morphed into ISIS. “We fight here, while our goal is Rome with good expectations concerning Allah that He makes us the keys for the prophetic good tidings and godly decrees.” “The Mahdi will come any day,” Abu Ayyub al-Masri, the ISIS leader after Zarqawi’s death, constantly told his people, recruiting new followers with the promise of being glorious fighters in history’s Final Hour. “Our last message is to the Americans,” Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, another ISIS

leader, declared in an audio recording on January 21, 2014. “Soon we will be in direct confrontation, and the sons of Islam have prepared for such a day.” In the near term, ISIS is more dangerous because it is on a jihadist rampage now. In the longer term, Iran’s leaders are more dangerous. By summer of 2014, Baghdadi, a fervent apostle of Sunni apocalyptic eschatology, had officially declared the caliphate, laying the groundwork for the Mahdi’s return. “Rush, O Muslims, to your state,” he said in July 2014. “This is my advice to you. If you hold to it you will conquer Rome and own the world, if Allah wills.” From his reading of Sunni End Times prophecies, Baghdadi saw Rome not only as the historic center of Christendom but as a symbol of the apostate Western powers, led by the United States, which would soon be vanquished by Muslim forces. “We will conquer your Rome, break your crosses, and enslave your women,” vowed an official ISIS spokesman in Dabiq, the magazine of the Islamic State, named after the Syrian town where Sunnis believe one of history’s final battles will occur. While Iranian and ISIS leaders share similar eschatological beliefs, they are by no means the same. Indeed, each considers the other “infidel.” They are warring against one another in Iraq and Syria. They are also pursuing very different strategies. The leaders of ISIS are focused on developing the territorial, financial, and administrative infrastructure required to build the caliphate. The leaders of Iran are focused on developing the scientific, technological, and financial capacities they need to build a nuclear bomb. The leaders of ISIS believe in committing genocide now, and for them simple swords and AK-47s suffice. The leaders of Iran are preparing to commit genocide later and so are investing enormous sums of time and money on their nuclear program. In the near term, ISIS is more dangerous because it is on a jihadist rampage now — robbing,

killing, destroying, enslaving, raping, torturing, and beheading Christians, Muslims and others. In the longer term, Iran’s leaders are more dangerous. Owing to the numerous loopholes in the recent nuclear deal, they will be able to bide their time and, at a time of their choosing, build a nuclear arsenal capable of killing millions of people in a matter of minutes. Iranian and ISIS leaders are not alone in their fascination with End Times matters. Such interest runs deep through the Muslim world. According to a 2012 report by the Pew Research Center, “in most countries in the Middle East and North Africa, South Asia and Southeast Asia, most Muslims believe they will live to see the return of the Mahdi.” In Egypt, 40 percent of Muslims believe expect to see the Mahdi in their lifetime. In Jordan, it’s 41 percent; among Palestinians, 46 percent; in Iraq, a stunning 72 percent. A large number of Muslims also believe that Jesus will return to Earth in the final battle for Jerusalem. According to Pew, 29 percent of Muslims in Jordan believe this; in Egypt, 39 percent; among Palestinians, 46 percent; in Iraq, 64 percent. Not all Muslims who hold these views also believe in launching genocidal attacks against the West. However, it does mean that the pool from which those who do pursue apocalyptic Islam can recruit is large and growing. While the threat of radical Islam remains high and serious, the greater threat to the United States, Israel, and our Arab allies is now posed by the forces of apocalyptic Islam, those who seek not simply to attack us but to annihilate us in order to hasten the coming of their messiah. Do U.S. policymakers and the presidential candidates understand the nature of this threat? If they do, they should explain how they would counter it before it’s too late. — Joel C. Rosenberg is the best-selling author of novels, including *The Twelfth Imam* (Tyndale, 2013) and *The Third Target* (2015), and of non-fiction books about Iran, ISIS, and other Mideast issues

The following is an excerpt from an article by former Republican Senator from Missouri, Jim Talent commenting on the attacks in Paris. National Review, November 15, 2015 Paris and the Spread of Radical Islamic Terrorism

And they conclude that their ideology is right, that we are weak, decadent, and ripe for slaughter, that we have forgotten Churchill's admonition that "in war, it is sometimes necessary to take into account the enemy." They are going to keep attacking until they fear us, and they are not going to fear us until

we show that we are willing to do what must be done to defeat them. Friday night in Paris was terrible, but it can get much worse. Read more at: [http://www.nationalreview.com/corner/427100/pa-
ris-and-spread-radical-islamic-terrorism](http://www.nationalreview.com/corner/427100/pa-ris-and-spread-radical-islamic-terrorism)

Because IS is recruiting via the internet and targeting moderate Muslims and the disenfranchised, as stated above, many are advocating a virtual war of ideology. Surprisingly, this ranks among the most popular approaches in the war on terrorism. I submit that the war of ideology has already been lost because political correctness will not tolerate real words of truth directed at real evil. Evil will only be conquered by truth (believed) and if most of the world rejects the truth that Islam is a spiritually-birthered religion out of the heart of Satan himself in his quest for world-wide dominion, the world will never come over to the side of truth when it refuses to call evil by its own name!

Why would I say dogmatically the ideological war would be at best—feeble? Because, evil is never won over by a more positive idea or even by truth. [*Save, the gospel of Jesus Christ which is the power of God unto salvation to the Jew first and then to the Gentile (Rom. 1:16)*]. Evil is at war with truth!

The ROOT of evil and its distortion of truth is that evil will never acquiesce to appeasing positive options that offer no power, no dominion!

We must remember the satanic source of evil; and we must remember its motive for absolute Sovereignty. We must never lose sight of evil's thirst for dominion; when we do, we've lost sight of the enemy through his greatest advantage of deceit and camouflage. The evil that is consuming the autocrats of Islam must be eradicated by force, as Jim Talent says above. This sort of talk will never get any traction as long as political correctness continues to become the rule and even the law of the land (and mark it down, the ethos of political correctness is fast becoming law before our eyes) – dare we speak against it! Conservative politicians are villainized for using real words to describe real evil. Unfortunately, even they themselves allow the media to dictate and umpire the terms of the debate.

Evil must be confronted with the Truth

We must conclude there's a false narrative promoted across the airways as it relates to Quranic Islam and its violent nature. Under normal circumstances, the reporter and political commentator's supposed goal is to report on the "truth" about a matter; however, on this issue the mainstream is promoting a false narrative that true Islam is a peaceful religion. If the truth about any specific incident contradicts this narrative, the story is ignored or the facts or context of the story is distorted so the bad guy is the guy naming the bad guy the bad

guy.²¹ Refreshingly, we are seeing in Donald Trump push-back against fake news of Islam. He's certainly put himself in the cross-hairs of the real radical—Satan.

The days of Ronald Reagan's plain straight-forward speech and action in the face of evil are waning; and so are the days of freedom and safety in the world. We will see if Donald Trump and men like Him can hold the line of truth against the continual barrage of lies. Certainly, we would love to see the tide turn against the lie. But Trump won't last forever and battle against him and his agenda rages. If Trump's agenda takes hold, the free-world may be given more time. How much time is really related to the infrastructure of truth this nation.

The educational system of the United States saw its birth largely out of a Judeo-Christian ethic and ethos. However, since the late 1950's the US public school system and the university system is seemingly irreversibly engrossed in a left-wing epistemology and of late, promoting the aforementioned false narrative regarding Islam—and every other form of evil under the sun. Unfortunately, the student body tends to fall much further left than the mainstream populace.²² The leftist university-trained populace will be the prevailing leadership of tomorrow (Europe and the US). Before the Lord returns, this world seems doomed to the lie? Those are strong words.²³

The war of ideas—truth vs. lie—has erupted in a way the modern world has never seen. If the liar has his way western civilization will be seen teetering on the brink of international anarchy. And global bedlam is what Muslim eschatology (Shia and Sunni) thirsts for, making the world ripe for the Mahdi or the 12th Imam to establish a world-wide caliphate under Sharia Law.

A human solution?

What is the REAL solution to the growing Jihadic movement and Islamic terrorism? As long as the leadership of this country refuses to identify this scourge of evil, there will never be a resolve to deal squarely with it. So, we conclude, on the current politically-correct trajectory, that the United States of America is not the answer. The USA will no longer preserve freedom in a world where evil no longer exists—or where those who call real evil “evil” are deemed evil! Woe to that nation. “Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; Who substitute darkness for light and light for darkness;” (Isa. 5:20). Political-correctness legislated, will eventually ban free speech, legitimize evil and completely undermine the righteous infrastructure of this nation, bringing us under God's judgment.²⁴ This is part of Satan's conglomerate agenda to deceive the nations.

²¹ *PragerU Live: Raymond Ibrahim (2/17/17)* https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AuTydxew-8M&feature=em-subsub_digest

²² Note the support of Bernie Sanders among university students and the dismay and reaction to Trump's presidency. This trend will continue in the universities; and the leaders produced in the current university system will continue to tack left.

²³ That is until the Truth appears. Jesus Christ is the Truth (Jn. 14:6) and He will appear in the sky and all the nations will mourn because He will come in judgment (Psalm 2; 110; Isa. 2; 11; Rev. 19:11-16).

²⁴ From the Bible's standpoint, the actual nail in a nation's coffin is antisemitism. US foreign-policy toward Israel during the Obama administration, became increasingly anti-Semitic, forming alliances with Israel's sworn enemies and snubbing Israel at practically every turn. Another left-leaning administration would undoubtedly take us down the same course. Scripture is clear that God will curse those who curse Israel (Gen. 12:3). History has borne this hard lesson. Our great nation has enjoyed blessing, prosperity and freedom from satanic oppression because of its Judeo-Christian morality and heritage and its pro-Israel foreign policy over nearly the last 100 years. However, an ever increasing erosion of the Judeo-Christian moral safety-net and worse, a developing anti-Semitic policy would bring us under the direct curse of God.

There seems to be little human hope of stopping this phenomenon of the Islamic agenda of unilaterally subjugating the world. In the current geopolitical world, the US, is the standard-bearer of the free world. But policy-makers are too often more interested in the mainstream opinion than the truth of the nature and intent of Islam. As of yet, the US refuses to fight against the evil of Islamic Jihadism; if the trajectory of this course is perpetuated, the free world will careen toward an Islamic Caliphate. The Crusaders saved western civilization from the Islamization of the world.²⁵ But those were times when society was much less secularized and most saw evil as a spiritual problem and goodness as the solution to that problem. Men were called into knighthood. Heroes were real heroes willing to die for what was right while wealthy kings and nobility often risked everything because they knew the reality and agenda of real evil.... They understood inaction meant enslavement; they would risk all to save the free world. Not today. The free western world has been emasculated into a self-saving, self-serving myopathy where evil propagates unchecked as long as the economy is good! Europe is crumbling and the US is next. The satanic agenda to rule the nations is walking on a red carpet rolled out by political correctness and a satanically rewritten morality that calls good evil and evil good.

Besides the United States of America, the only remaining obstacle Satan faces in becoming the ruler of all nations is the nation-state of Israel. The Islamic doctrine says the Jewish state of Israel must be subjugated or completely destroyed. Will Israel stand or succumb to a satanic agenda of “peace, peace when there is not peace” (Jer. 6:14; 8:11)?²⁶ Scripture foretells, that ultimately even Israel will be coaxed (by the satanically-indwelt Antichrist arising out of a ten-nation confederation (Dan. 7-9)) into signing a peace agreement promising their security in exchange for their laying down of their defenses (Dan. 9:27). Three and one-half years into that treaty, the *false-peace-broker*-Anti-Christ will set an image of himself in the [then rebuilt] temple in Jerusalem as god to be worshipped (This phenomenon is called the “abomination of desolation” Dan. 9:27; Mt. 24:15; II Thes. 2:3-4). What Scripture calls the Abomination of Desolation is in perfect coordination with Satan’s ambition to be like the Most High! Just as the Devil presumed to tempt Jesus to bow in worship of Him in exchange for world-wide dominion (Lk. 4:5-8), in the end he will require all mankind, including all Jews, to worship his image or die (Rev. 13:15; 20:4). Could the biblical Antichrist be the Mahdi, the Islamic Savior of Quranic eschatology?²⁷ Satan wants to be worshiped as God. Those who will not receive his mark 666 (for he must also control the economy as well as the religious system) will be hunted down and martyred (Rev. 13:11-18; 20:4). Ultimately, Jerusalem will be surrounded by the enemy nations (Zech. 14:2), and as they descend on Israel, all treaties and appeasements will long be forgotten by the one who rules the nations, the Father of lies. By the end of the Tribulation period, the world of nations will descend on the nation-state of Israel with the satanic goal of complete annihilation. All perfectly integrates with Islamic thought and eschatology.

What could the future hold that we wouldn’t have imagined even 10 years ago?

²⁵ *The Real History of the Crusades*, Thomas F. Madden, MAY 6, 2005 <http://www.christianitytoday.com/ct/2005/mayweb-only/52.0.html>

²⁶ Israel was duped many times by false prophets who would convince their kings that there would be peace when God had decided destruction on the nation. This deception was a common ploy of Satan through the false prophet to declare peace and convince the masses that peace was around the corner when really destruction was imminent (cf. Jeremiah 5-8; 25:3-7; 26:5; 35:15).

²⁷ Cf. Joel Richardson, *The Islamic Antichrist* (Washington, DC. WND Books WorldNetDaily.com, Inc., 2015)

The book of Daniel says that the Antichrist arises out of a revived Roman Empire (Europe, extending into the Middle East through Turkey and encompassing North Africa). Europe has now been flooded by Muslims. Islamic communities have never integrated and will only strengthen the European Islamic community to levels never thought possible in such a short time. The United States loses its resolve to stand with Israel. What could happen if the US assumed a feckless and anti-Semitic foreign policy? Whatever form of radicalized Islam at the time would put on a full-court press for a Caliphate. Be assured, if ISIS, for some reason is eradicated, another Islamic group will rise in its place. Iran could have a functional nuclear bomb, and there's no telling how that heavy hand could be played. Sleeper cells and lone wolves could be inextricably woven into western civilization and massive amounts of terrorist attacks in Europe and the US are an easily imagined scenario.

Sounds very grim, but one must admit the reality abides. Western Civilization is being changed forever.... There seems to be no solution in sight. The world, swollen with liberalism and political correctness insanity is becoming ripe for a solution, a treaty, any promise of peace from any who seems to be able to deliver. The west has proven that to sit down at the table is preferable over "boots on the ground"; and there may soon be a time when the west sits down at the table with the devil himself (who indwells what the Bible calls the Beast or the Antichrist (Dan. 7:8; Mt. 24:15; Rev. 13)).

Is it beyond the scope of imagination that a Muslim could arise in a world paralyzed by political correctness and Islamic terrorism and unite all Islam, Shia and Sunni in one force to establish world-wide Caliphate? Uniting Shia and Sunni seems to be an unbelievable hurdle, but if Satan gave a man his supernatural power, authority and influence (Revelation 13:1-8; 16:13-14) anything is possible. [The reader must never lose sight of the fact that Lucifer in eternity past convinced one third of the angelic realm to swear allegiance to him over the Most High God!] And could Europe fall into such disarray because of terrorist activity, that it acquiesces to Sharia Law²⁸ under threat of complete annihilation? Could pressure mount so great over Israel (with the Judeo-Christian influence effectively gone), that the nation is left with the only option to sign a peace accord or be obliterated? And sign they will (Daniel 9:27a). You might ask, "Why wouldn't a united Islamic Caliphate overwhelm an Israel without western allies? Because, Satan expressed his ambition to be like the Most High, and to rule on the holy mountain of God—which is Jerusalem's temple mount. Satan has plans to allow the temple to be built (by the Jews) only to occupy it himself and bring the final chapter of history to a close, whilst the Jews, God's chosen people, worship him on holy mountain of God (Daniel 9:27b; Matthew 24:15; 2 Thessalonians 2:3-8; Revelation 13:14-15)!

Maybe the devil doesn't really want the Jews wiped into the sea (just yet)? Maybe he wants their worship more than their annihilation? Remember Israel in the wilderness of Mt. Sinai worshipping the Golden Calf under Aaron's tutelage (Ex. 32)? While all Satan's Muslim and anti-Semitic minions vie for Israel's extinction, he really vies for their worship. He will require it (Rev. 13:12). Then he will have complete dominion!

So possibly, for the first time in two millennia, we can look at current events and see a viable scenario leading right into the tribulation period.

²⁸ Sharia law allows for non-Muslims to live in a Muslim controlled area as long as they pay the Jizya tax. So, a Caliphate does allow for non-Muslims to exist. But the governance is Sharia.

Jesus Christ, the ONLY solution:

The present evil of the Islamic death cult will never be appeased or assuaged—ever. If this movement does not turn to Jesus Christ in repentance and faith, it must be judged as evil and killed. The only One who has the fortitude and power to accomplish either is Jesus Christ Himself (their salvation by the cross or their destruction at His 2nd coming). Scripture says Jesus will come again, and remove the authority of the devil and establish His Kingdom on earth for one thousand years (Dan. 7:8-27; Zech. 14:3-7; Mt. 24:29-25:46; Rev. 11:15; 20:1-6). Maranatha! Come Lord Jesus (Rev. 22:20)!

“The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord, and of His Christ; and he will reign forever and ever” (Rev. 11:15b).

The Church’s duty until He comes?

Mark it down, the tide of evil is rising; which means the truths that Christians live by will be met by mounting antagonism and ultimate persecution and martyrdom. Political correctness will continue to gain ground in the western civilization, and the silencing agenda will prevail over free speech. It will become increasingly harder for a Christian in the west to stand openly for the truth of God’s word in any epistemological category. If the silencing agenda won’t work, marginalization and persecution always follow. If persecution does not work, imprisonment and martyrdom follow.

So, what’s the modus operandi for the church in the last days? The answer is very simple... our marching orders haven’t changed in 2000 years:

- 1) Teach the Word of God; so that we can have our senses trained to discern good from evil (Heb. 5:14).
- 2) Proclaim His death, burial and resurrection for our sins (the Gospel) so that unbelievers can be saved.
- 3) Do not be ashamed of the Gospel (Romans 1:16). As the rise of Islamic influence increases with the rising tide of evil, the Christian must continue to boldly share the gospel with Muslims knowing they will respond to grace. The last thing the believer needs to do is withdraw—we’re told to “Go, therefore into the world...” We must engage... “conducting ourselves with wisdom toward outsiders making the most of the opportunities God gives us; letting our speech always be with grace, seasoned as it were, with salt, so that we may know how we should respond to each person (Colossians 4:5-6 Paraphrased).
- 4) Maintain our blessed hope, until He comes (Titus 2:13; I Cor. 11:26).

The church must be on the alert, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong (I Cor. 16:13); she must be faithful unto death (Rev. 2:10). We should pray that we do not enter into temptation (Mt. 26:41). Finally, the church must be about raising strong Christian young people—real strong. They’ll be the ones who will have to stand against the rising tide of evil.

Appendix

Principles of good and evil

- Evil is Satan's distortion of God's truth [termed good as opposed to evil].
- In Satan's quest for dominion he obtains authority through his lies believed.
- When a man believes a lie, he places himself under the authority of the lie (or the liar).
- When a man believes the truth, he places himself under the authority of the truth and is freed from the dominion of the Liar.
- While a man can control whether or not he believes the truth, if he believes and acts on the lie, he cannot control the consequences therein or the power of the ruler over him.
- The Universe is God's own creation and the laws that govern the universe, both physical and spiritual, are immutable.
- Satan is a creature and therefore cannot create. He cannot create truth or come up with new truth (there's no such thing as *new truth*). Satan can add absolutely nothing to God's creation as a creature.
- Therefore, the only way Satan can be different, divergent or rebellious against God's truth is to distort that truth in some way. This is *evil* – Satan's epistemology – His tool (distorted truth – or the lie).
- Evil is simply that, a distortion of God's truth. When this evil is believed (by either the believer or non-believer) Satan gains his dominion (rule) in his quest of being like Elyown.
- Those who believe his lies become enslaved (Jn. 8:32) and subjects to his kingdom; remember, the saved and unsaved alike are subject to the lie and the snare of the devil (II Tim. 2:25-26).
- Jn. 8:31 "If you abide in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine; and you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."
- Jn. 14:6 "...I am the truth."
- It is through the truth that a man enters into Eternal Life (Gospel believed = Salvation for the believing sinner. The Word of God believed = Sanctification/freedom/life for the believer).
- Even the unregenerate is freed from evil's bondage when he believes and operates by divinely established principles/order/truth. E.g. the unregenerate can live his life by the principles and truths and wisdom purported in the book of proverbs and be set free from the tyranny of evil that the fool lives in.
- Again, it's through the truth that man is freed from slavery/bondage/the authority of the evil one.
- Satan wants to establish his authority on planet earth garnering allegiance among the fallen casualty, man.
- Every lie believed and acted upon is tantamount to a small beachhead of Satan's dominion on earth.
- It is through the Truth (Jesus Christ and the Gospel), that we are delivered over from the kingdom/dominion/rulership of darkness and Satan, over to the kingdom/dominion rulership/Lordship of God's dear Son.
- It is through the Truth/Jesus, that we enter into Life, the Eternal life.
- Jn. 17:3 "And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent."
- Sin is that which is committed as an act of the will in obedience to the lie and the Liar/slave-master Satan.
- Jesus died on the cross for sin (the thoughts, words and deeds of disobedience).
- Jesus did not die on the cross for *evil* (the epistemology of Satan).
- Works of righteousness are those things which are done as an act of the will in obedience to the truth.

- Works of righteousness are always done in faith.
- Jesus, the redeemer, brings the believer into life through the truth.
- There is an immediate and positional “life eternal” (Jn. 3:16).
- There is an immediate and positional transfer from the domain of darkness/Satan into light/Jesus when the unregenerate believes in Christ and it saved (Col. 1:13).
- There is also the progressive transfer from the dominion of evil and darkness/slavery into the freedom and light of the kingdom of Jesus Christ.
- Thus, the truth will set you free positionally in salvation and experientially in the faith-life (Spirit-filled life).
- Salvation¹ → positional and eternal deliverance from the lake of fire is received at the moment of faith in Christ.
- Salvation² → experiential and temporal deliverance from Satan’s dominion and death is entered into over-time by faith through perhaps 1000’s of decisions to believe truth and reject lies.
- When a believer submits to the epistemological rehabilitation through the constant intake and application (obedience to) of the Word of Truth (Rom. 12:2) he is progressively sanctified and set free from the dominion of this present darkness and made to stand firm in the Lord (Eph. 6:10-17).
- Thus, the believer must spend his life trading the lies for the truth.
- In every category of theology, there are any number of counterfeit (evil) lies paralleling the (good) truth:
- The Bible – Bibliology, God – Theology Proper, Trinity – Trinitarianism, Angels – Angelology, Man – Anthropology, Sin – Hamartiology, Salvation – Soteriology, Christ – Christology, Holy Spirit – Pneumatology, Church – Ecclesiology, Israel – Israelology, The biblical covenants – Covenantology, The doctrine of the kingdom program of God – Kingdomology, Prophecy – Eschatology.

In every category of life, there are any number of counterfeit (evil) lies paralleling the (good) truth:

- Human sexuality
- Reproduction ~ procreation
- Relationships
- Family
- Marriage
- Government ~ politics
- Ethnicity
- Ecology
- Economics
- Work ethic
- God/Religion/Worship
- Spirituality ~ Spiritism/Occult
- Origins
- Science
- Health and fitness
- Athletics
- Entertainment

- Etc.
- Virtually every aspect of life has a satanic counterpart whereby the enemy seeks dominion through belief (faith) in the lie.
- It's imperative we teach our children early and thoroughly the fundamentals truths about:
 - The essence/invisible attributes of God
 - The Person of Christ
 - The origin and fall of Lucifer
 - The fall of man
 - Salvation by Grace
 - The Plan of God
 - The fundamental categories of Theology
 - True spirituality, walk of faith in the truth
 - Absolute biblical truth as God's only design for faith and epistemology
 - The security of the Believer in Salvation
 - The significance of the Believer in the Plan of God

Principles of good and evil continued

- Evil can only be truly identified and exposed with Truth
- Evil can only effectively be engaged with the Truth
- The believer who does not have a regular diet of the Word of God will have a difficult time discerning between the difference between Good and evil (Hebrews 5:14).
- To the untrained believer, Satan can distort the truth (evil) and pass it off to the believer as good. This is how Satan gains dominion over the born-again believer.
- The believer must have a consistent and continual diet of the Word of God (II Tim. 3:16-17)
- Remember, Jesus is the Truth and will identify, expose and engage all the evil in the world at His 2nd coming
- A believer not armed with truth is left to his own conscience, devices and emotional response; he's bankrupt. He's devoid of the fundamental categories of truth being virtually helpless against the lie.
- Evil is never weakened or countered by appeasement
- One can never color evil or add truth to evil in order to make it truthful
- One can never make a good deal with a liar
- No matter what category of life, **evil** never rests, it **only lusts complete dominion**
- Evil will never share its throne because it comes from the one who wants to be like the MOST HIGH
- Just as radical Islam does not integrate, evil does not integrate with good
- No policy of evil or any distortion of truth integrates with good or with the Kingdom of God
- Evil will have to be eradicated
- Jesus, the Christ, will be the One who eradicates evil
- Until then, the believer must have his senses trained to discern good from evil and use his God-given volitional responsibility to fear God and shun evil
- The Most High God wins the day

Conclusion

As the tide of evil rises and things get darker and darker and as the pressure mounts to compromise biblical truth and righteous living, the believer must understand that light is light wherever it is found. In a place where light is rare, that light becomes more potent; “.... walk as children of light”.

Paul says in Romans 16:19b-20a, “but I want you to be wise in what is good, and innocent in what is evil. And the God of **peace** will soon **crush Satan** under your feet.” Before there is peace, evil will be eradicated—by Jesus at His coming. The Israelites were commanded to clear the land of the wickedness of the Canaanites. The born-again believer is commanded to know and obey the truth and reject evil. Until Jesus returns to finally and completely “crush” the work of the adversary, the tide of evil will rise and the truth-seeking child of God have to live and swim against the force of the tide. His/her life of holiness promises hardship (Acts 14:22; Jn. 16:33; I Thes. 3:3; II Tim. 3:12; I Pet. 2:20-21; Rev. 1:9). He must: be wise in what is good and innocent in what is evil (19b); avoid every appearance of evil (I Thes. 5:22); have his senses trained to discern good from evil (Heb. 5:14); and, like Job, fear God and turn away from evil (Job 1:1,8; 2:3). When evil is not confronted with the truth and is allowed dominion, there’s no liberty in the soul, the marriage, the family, the business, the school-system, the church, the city, the nation, the world will be held under Satan’s bondage. Jesus alone is the Truth—May you be filled with His Word and His Spirit.

“...and you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.” Jn. 8:32