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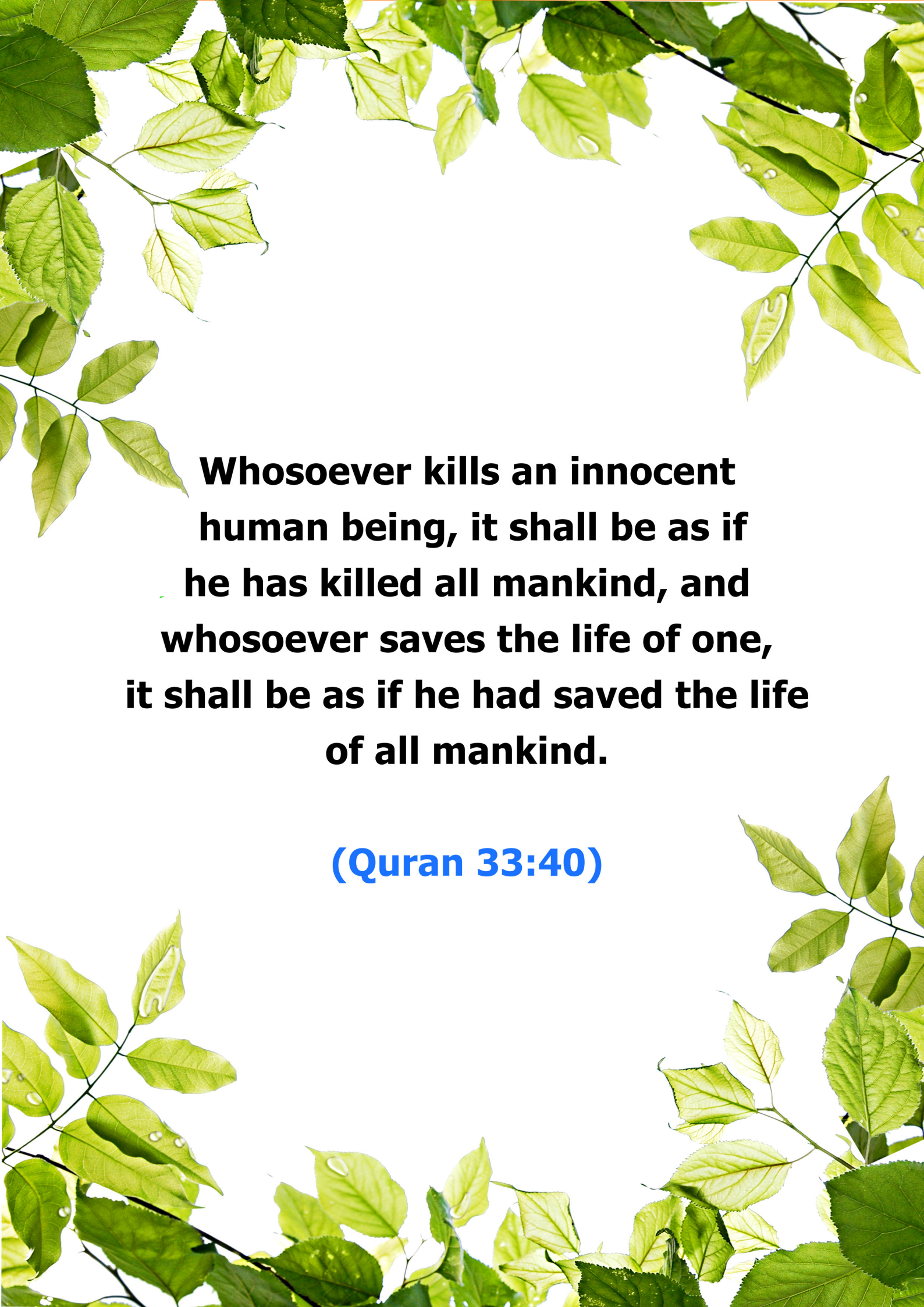
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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

**In the name of Allah, the Most
Beneficent, the Most Merciful**

The image features a white background with green leaves and branches framing the text from the top, bottom, and sides. The leaves are vibrant green and have some small holes, suggesting they might be from a tree like a mulberry. The text is centered and reads:

Whosoever kills an innocent human being, it shall be as if he has killed all mankind, and whosoever saves the life of one, it shall be as if he had saved the life of all mankind.

(Quran 33:40)

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Introduction

Terrorism is not a new phenomenon in human history. Some form of violence has been used through human history by the people who chose to oppose territories, kings, princes and leaders. Terrorism is defined by the use of violence against innocent civilians which results to multiple deaths as well as creating fear, terror and panic in societies. Nearly all terrorist acts are motivated by 2 specific things which are for social/political injustice or the belief that violence will result in change. The 2 major types of terrorism are National Terrorism and International Terrorism. Other minor types include Bio Terrorism, Cyber Terrorism, Eco Terrorism and Nuclear Terrorism.

National Terrorism involves groups whose terrorist activities are aimed at components of the government without foreign involvement. An example of this is the Oklahoma City bombing in 1995 which was conducted by two Americans, Timothy McVeigh and Terry Nichols.

International Terrorism is terrorism practiced in a foreign country by terrorists who are not native to that country. An example of this is the multiple terrorist attacks on English soil by the Irish Republican Army.

In the last 50 years, the religion of Islam has been in the firing line throughout the world's media and has increased since the

horrific events of 9/11. Many books have been written about a religion which has over a billion practising Muslims. Many of these published writings show misinformation which creates the wrong picture of what Islam teaches.

Many people in the western world have a belief that Islam is a religion filled with terror, rage, hate and oppression which is portrayed constantly in the television media. We are living in a world where war and terrorism is a common event especially in the third world countries which is destroying human civilization. Many are still recovering from war and terror and an example of this is the 9/11 attacks in America in 2001. In these times human beings are living in terror, suspicion and fear across the globe. Terrorism has existed in our society throughout civilization and never before has it posed such a high threat and alert to the world.

This book will look at the long history of war and terrorism from the Zealots to the present ISIS group. The book will also explain why there is no room for terrorism in the religion of Islam. This will be made clear by the help of the Holy Quran and sayings of Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him). We will also look at the 9/11 attacks and prove to you it was Infact the government who was responsible for killing its own people.

History of War and Terrorism

Throughout the centuries, different forms of terrorism have been conducted in different parts of the world by various groups and organisations for a variety of reasons. We see through history communist groups, fascist organisations and religious societies carrying out acts of terrorism. Many people have a belief that many terror attacks are operated in America, Infact the continent of Europe has been the centre spot for acts of violence by terrorist groups such as The Red Army Faction, Neo-Nazis, Euskadi Ta Askatasuna and the Irish Republican Army. Almost all the terrorist groups from around the globe have a mission to make their voices heard by spreading fear, terror and violence on innocent, unarmed civilians. Through the decades terrorism changes for example in the last 10 years, mass communication tools such as the world wide web extends the scope and influence of the terrorist activities considerably.

According to the International Oxford Dictionary, 'terrorism' is defined as a unofficial or unauthorized use of violence and intimidation in the pursuit of political aims. In the word lies terror which comes from the Latin word 'terrere' meaning tremble or frighten. This applied to the French suffix 'isme' meaning practising, we get the phrase causing fright or trembling. The Oxford Dictionary tells us that the word 'war' is a state of armed conflict between different countries or different groups within a country.

During the French Revolution which occurred between 1793-1794, the word terrorism, in and of itself was first mentioned. The revolution was also coined as the Reign of Terror. The Jacobins were a group of rebels which used this phrase when portraying their own violent actions. Between 15,000 and 40,000 people were brutally killed over a 12 month period. When we know the definition of terrorism, we soon realise that terrorist attacks go way back in human history. 2000 years ago a Jewish extremist organisation called the Zealots tried to remove the Romans and its followers in the 1st Century.

In the years 1865 to 1877, 3000 Freedman and their Republic Party allies were killed by a American terrorist group the Ku Klux Klan. On December 13, a bomb blast exploded near Clerkenwell Prison killing 12 and injuring 120 people. The group responsible for this attack was the Fenian Society which is a Irish republican organisation.

In the media of the western countries, they is a popular statement made that 'All Terrorists are Muslims'. Let's take a look at historical records on terror attacks. World history tell us that in the 19th Century hardly any terror attacks were done by the Muslims.

In the year 1881, Tsar Alexander II of Russia was assassinated in 1881 by Gnacy Hryneiwhcki who was a Non Muslim. In 1902 the United States president William McKinley Jr was killed by an American anarchist Leon Czolgosz. World War 2 was formed when the Archduke of Austria, Franz Ferdinand and his wife Sophie were assassinated by a group of Serbians who were Non Muslims. In 1925 a bomb blast took place in St Nedelya Church in Bulgaria where 150 people were killed and around 500 were injured. The group responsible were the Bulgarian

Communist Party who were not Muslims. This was the biggest death toll terror attack in Bulgaria. In 1995 the Oklahoma bombing resulted in 166 innocent civilians dead and over 100 were severely injured. The perpetrators of this heinous act was done by Timothy McVeigh and Terry Nichols who were both American Christians. In a length of 8 years from 1941 to 1948, 259 terror attacks were carried out by several groups which include The Haganah and The Irgun who are Jewish paramilitary organizations. The United Liberation Front of Assam in India carried out a colossal 749 terrorist attacks from 1990 to 2006.

In Nepal, Maoists conducted 99 attacks in a span of 7 years. Historical records tell us that the leader of the Nazi Party, Adolf Hitler was responsible for killing 6 million Jewish people and Joseph Stalin nicknamed as Uncle Joe killed 24 million people. These 2 sadistic leaders were Non Muslims.

On September 11th in 2001, 19 militants hijacked 4 airlines and carried out suicide attacks in the United States of America killing around 3000 innocent people. Two of the planes were flown into the towers of the World Trade Centre in New York, a third plane hit the Pentagon in Washington and the fourth plane crashed in a field in Pennsylvania. The U.S government have blamed these attacks on the Osama Bin Lader and the Al-Qaeda Group. The next chapter of this book will go in to detail of the 9/11 attacks and will prove that it was an inside job carried out by the U.S government.

The second most destructive terrorist attack after 9/11 occurred in 2007 when 4 separate suicide bombs exploded in the Yazidi towns of Jazeera and Kahtaniya in Iraq. The most severe car bomb killed 796 civilians and injured over 1500. The suspected perpetrators was the Al-Qaeda group who claim to be Muslims.

According to the FBI Database/Statistical Analysis report, between 1980-2005, 42% of Latinos carried out terrorist attacks on U.S soil. This same report tells us that 6% of Muslim extremists carried out terror attacks. So we see from history that all terrorists are not Muslims. History shows that terrorist incidents are done by Christians, Catholics, Atheists, Jews, Hindus, Latinos and Muslims. According to the same report they were more Jewish acts of terrorism in America than Islamic ones. When was the last time we heard about the threat of Jewish terrorism in the western media? We cannot blame the entire faith of Judaism or Hinduism for the violent actions of those carrying out these heinous crimes under the names of these religions.

From 2010 to 2015 over a thousand terrorist attacks occurred in the EU. According to a Europol publication, less than 2 percent of terror attacks in Europe were religiously motivated in 5 years. In 2013, there was 152 terrorist attacks and 2 of them were religiously motivated. In 2012, they were 219 attacks in European countries and 6 were religiously motivated. In recent years many terror attacks have been carried out by Muslims. In 2016 various Islamic groups and certain individuals carried out 47 terror attacks killing over 1500 innocent people, the latest attack being the Manchester Arena Bombing. Does the religion of Islam allow Muslims to cause violence and terror? We will discuss this matter later in the book. When a Muslim man carries out a terror attack, is it fair to blame 1.5 billion Muslims?

9/11 Misdirection

So many events happened at the same time on September 11 in 2001. Everyone around the world was shocked at the sheer scale and magnitude of the day. What we were told by the U.S Government is that 19 terrorists arrived in the country, hijacked 4 passenger airlines and changed America forever. The lingering questions and lack of official response and investigation just leads to speculation, doubts and independent tests and investigations. Before proving that the U.S Government was responsible for killing its own people and that 9/11 was a misdirection, let's first look at the events that occurred on that Tuesday morning.

At around 8:47am, 5 hijackers crashed American Airlines Flight 11 in to the north tower of the World Trade Center in New York. At 9:03am, United Airlines Flight 175 crashed in to the south tower of the World Trade Center with 5 hijackers on board. Over half an hour later at 9:38am, American Airlines Flight 77 crashed into the western wall of the Pentagon building. The U.S Government tells us that 5 hijackers were on the aircraft. The final incident occurred at 10:03am when United Airlines Flight 93 under the control of 4 hijackers crashed near Shanksville, Pennsylvania southeast of Pittsburgh.

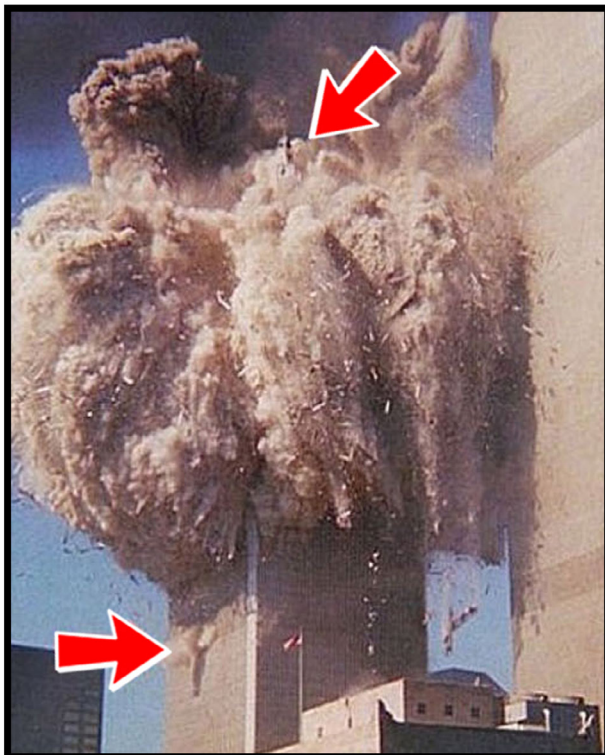
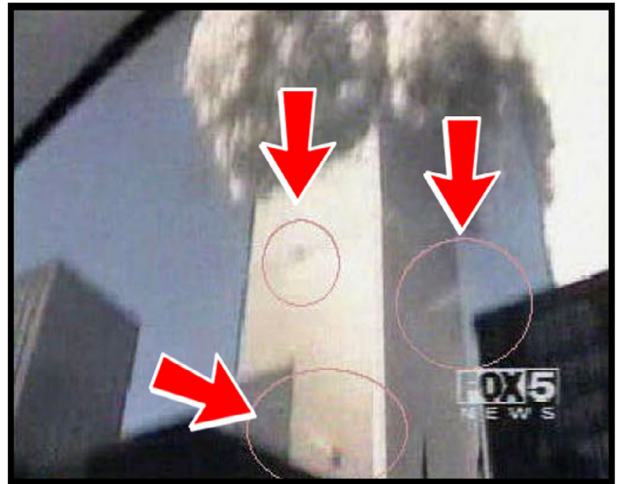
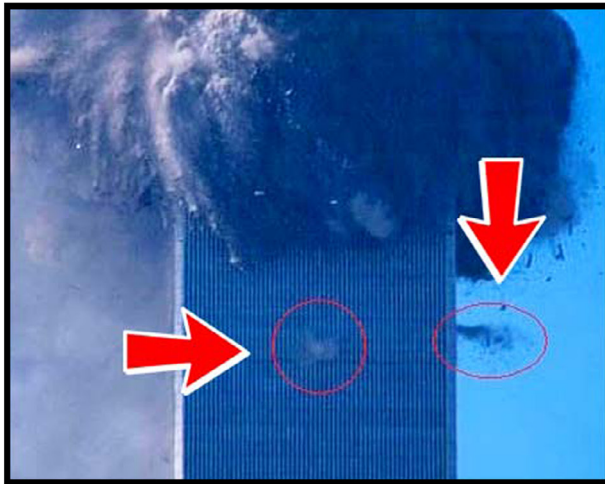
According to many reports, 2996 people were killed and more than 6000 were wounded. 265 passengers from the 4 planes

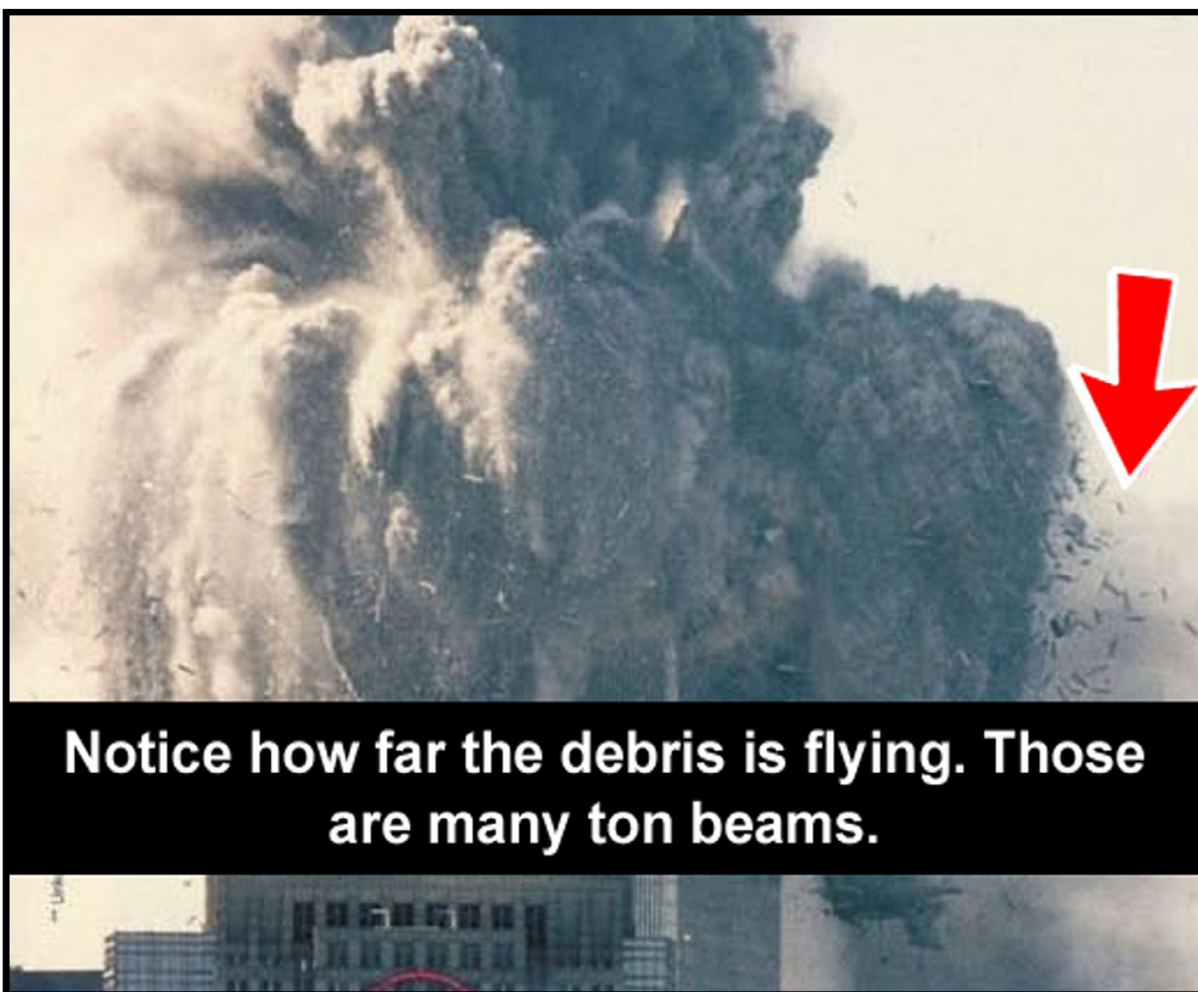
were killed including the 19 terrorists. 344 U.S firefighters and 71 law enforcement officers died in the World Trade Center and on the ground. The September the 11th attack was the most deadliest terror attack on American soil since the Pearl Harbor attack in 1941.

The tragic events of 9/11, they has been a lot of discussions as to how it happened, who is responsible and why. Did you know that 1/3 of American citizens do not believe the official story. 9/11 was indeed a hoax and a complete misdirection that fooled the people. It is no longer a crazy conspiracy theory, it is a fact supported by thousands of other facts.

Point #1 – Explosions

There is a high amount of evidence of the use of explosives particularly controlled demolition charges from both World Trade Center Towers as well as the WTC 7. Since Controlled demolitions take months to prepare, it should be mentioned that in the weeks leading up to September 11, the WTC towers were subjected to late night power down exercises and unusual teams of maintenance workers were seen on floors that were closed for repair. Dozens of firefighters, news reporters and eyewitnesses describe Secondary Explosions in the basement of the WTC towers throughout that morning and when the buildings were collapsing. Many videos from news sources shows 'squibs' blowing jets of compressed gases out of the sides of the towers as the collapse begins. Videos also show windows being blown out of multiple floors and sides as it begins to implode. Photos show massive explosions ejecting material up and out as the towers collapse, giving the indication that high powered explosives were needed to crack the enormous core columns and cause the towers to collapse. Here are some photographs showing evidence of explosives.





Point #2 – External Attachments



Notice the large pod on the right side of the fuselage and the long tube on the left side of the fuselage.



The sun is glinting of the pod. Notice the long tube on the left side of the fuselage.



The external attachments are very visible as the plane tilts just prior to impact.



An actual photo of United Airlines Flight 175. There is nothing on the bottom of the plane that even remotely resembles a pod or tube.

Point #3 – President Bush Admissions

The president of the United States, George W Bush made several interesting admissions or accidental flubs when discussing the events of 9/11. He seemed to get flustered when asked simple and direct questions. These include admissions that he saw the first plane strike the north tower on at least two occasions. The only footage known to exist was from the Naudet Brothers that was not released until the next day. They is also footage where President Bush discusses operatives who planted explosives in the towers to ensure that those above the crash zone could not escape, a chilling revelation.

Point #4 - Jane Standley

Interestingly, BBC News reported that Building 7 had collapsed a full 20 minutes before the event. Reporter Jane Standley spoke about the collapse of the Salomon Brothers Building (WTC7) while it was visible behind her, still standing.

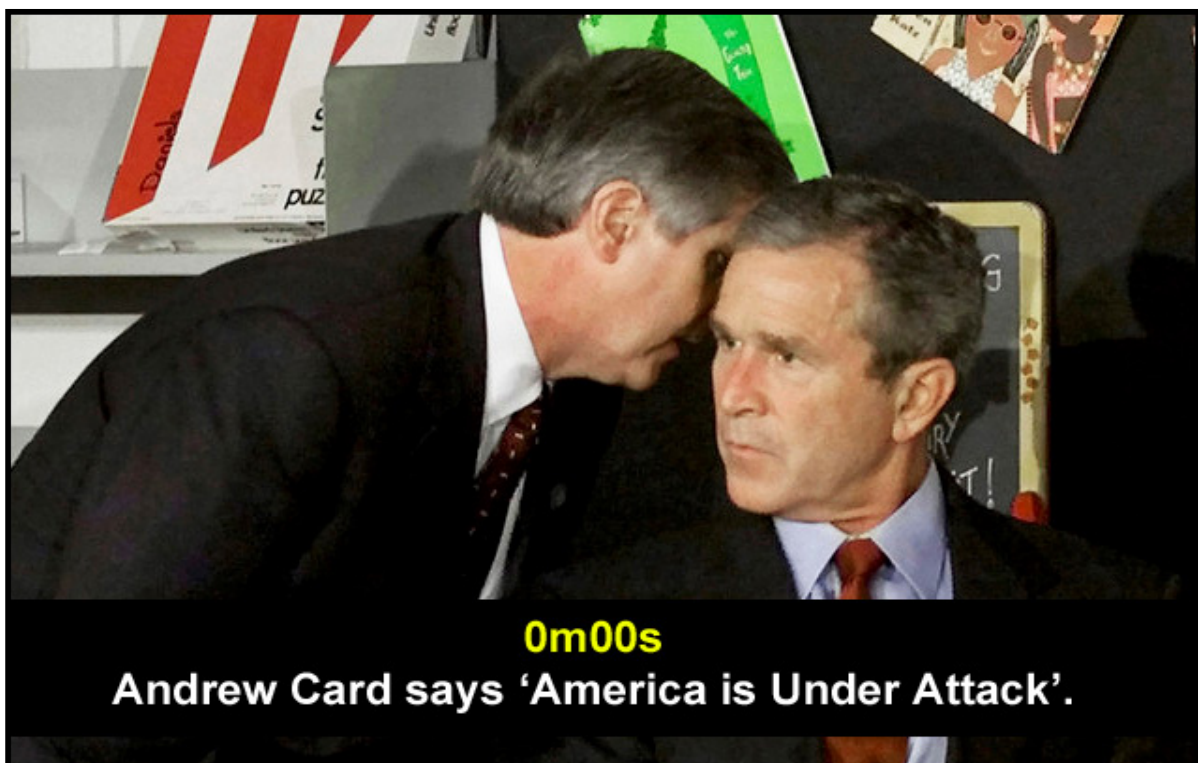


Point #5 - The Classroom

George Bush admitted to seeing the first plane. In a question and answer session after the September 11 attacks he said:

I was in Florida, and my chief of staff, Andy Card - actually I was in a classroom talking about a reading program that works, and I was sitting outside the classroom waiting to go in, and I saw an airplane hit the tower - the TV was obviously on.....

Indeed George Bush was in Florida sitting in a classroom but they was no television in the room. President Bush sits for a full 5 minutes after being told that America is under attack. Why was no attempt made by Secret Service agents to rush the President away to safety for 5 minutes? Why was he allowed to just sit there reading a story book? This was just another odd facet of 9/11. We have all seen videos of various presidents and high officials being whisked away to safety. Did someone know that he was not in danger in Florida? Or was President Bush simply neglected by his protective handlers? Maybe George Bush knew beforehand he was safe in Florida.





3m05s

The Secret Service Standing by.



4m50s

George Bush still sitting.



4m55s

Finally an agent approaches and takes Bush away.

Point #6 - Larry Silverstein

On July 24th 2001, Larry Silverstein who already owned the World Trade Center 7 signs a 3.2 billion dollar 99 year lease on the entire World Trade Center complex 6 weeks before the 9/11 attacks. Including in this lease is a 3.5 billion dollar insurance policy covering acts of terrorism.

Point #7 - The Hijackers

On September 14 2001, the Department of Justice released the names and details of the alleged hijackers. But on 23rd of September, the BBC reported that one of the alleged hijackers Waleed al Sehri was alive and well in Morocco. The FBI director Robert Muller admitted that the identity of the hijackers is in doubt. 9 of the alleged hijackers were reported to be alive after the 9/11 attacks. For example Mohammed Al Shehri was alive in Saudi Arabia. Another Hijacker, Mohammad Atta's father claimed that he received a phone call from his son after 9/11. So did the hijackers parachute out of the planes before impact? On September 20-27, Robert Muller admitted on CNN that they was no legal proof to prove the identity of the hijackers.

Point #8 - Bin Laden Confession Tape

On December 14th 2001, The U.S Government released a video tape which allegedly shows Bin Laden confessing to the attacks of 9/11. The Government claimed to have found this video tape in a house in Afghanistan. They are some issues regarding the video footage. First the video tape is of poor quality and secondly the man in the video looks and acts nothing like Bin Laden. According to the FBI website, Osama is left handed. Yet in the video he is seen writing with his right hand. Also in the video he is wearing a gold ring which is forbidden in Islam. The FBI website doesn't mention that Osama wore a gold ring. Compare this video to a picture of Bin Laden. Do you see the difference?



Point #9 - The Black Boxes

What about the black boxes in the hijacked planes? A commercial plane has 2 different black boxes, a cockpit voice recorder and a flight data recorder. A cockpit voice recorder records sounds from inside the cockpit, engine noise, conversations and other sounds of interest. A flight data recorder can contain 28 different parameters which include altitude, time and speed. These 2 recorders are made from the strongest metals found and the information is recorded on a roll. Any damage that is done on the roll is done on the outside which will not affect the information which is recorded.

The 9/11 commission say that the recorders were not found. The FBI however claimed to have found one of the hijackers passport in the rubble. So the black boxes made from the strongest metal known to man were completely destroyed but a passport made from paper survived. Ted Lapatkiewicz who was the spokesman for National Transportation Safety Board Said:

It's extremely rare that we don't get the recorders back. I don't call another domestic case in which we did not recover the recorders.

Point #10 - The Phone Calls

What about the phone calls from the planes? Firstly the calls are a few sentences long. Flight attendant Betty Ong allegedly made a phone call from American Airlines Flight 11. Only 4 and a half minutes were recorded. Betty Ong claimed that 3 passengers were murdered in front of her. If you listen to the audio, it doesn't seem like the plane was hijacked. Also why was there no screaming in the background?

Furthermore Flight attendant Madeline Sweeney allegedly talked to the ground manager Michael Woodward and described 4 hijackers on the plane. The FBI however said there were 5. She further stated that the hijackers were in Rows 9 and 10 whereas the FAA claim that all were in Row 8.

None of the calls except for Betty Ong's has been released to the public. But that doesn't matter and here's why. None of these phone calls could have taken place. Alexander Dewdney, a computer scientist conducted some research of his own on www.psychic911.net. In an experiment named "Project Achilles" he took a series of cell phones and flew up to 8,000 feet to determine the success rate as the plane got higher. At 4,000 feet he had a 0.400 success rate, At 32,000 feet he had a 0.006 success rate.

Point #11 - The Pentagon

Tons of evidence indicates that American Airlines Flight 77 did not hit the Pentagon and this is backed up by science. Damage to the Pentagon building was not consistent with the size of the hole. If the plane crashed into the Pentagon why were there no marks on the lawn? Furthermore no airplane debris was found (except what was planted on the lawn) nor the remains of the dead passengers.

The Pentagon is the most guarded building on the planet with many CCTV cameras operating. Yet the U.S Government won't release any footage except for a 3 second video which shows no plane hitting the building. All we see is a bright flash. That's the Government's evidence to support its claim that American Airlines Flight 77 struck the Pentagon on September 11. Just minutes after the alleged attack, Jamie McIntyre who is CNN's senior Pentagon Correspondent reported:

From my close up inspection there's no evidence of a plane having crashed anywhere near the Pentagon... The only pieces left were small enough that you could pick up with your hand. They are no large tail sections, wing sections, fuselage – nothing like that anywhere around which would indicate that the entire plane crashed in to the side of the Pentagon.

Point #12 – WTC 7 Building

To this day many people don't realise that a third skyscraper, World Trade Center Building 7 mysteriously collapsed in about 7 seconds along with the 2 twin towers. The WTC7 was reduced to rubble on September 11th even though no plane hit the building. This was not mentioned in the 9/11 Commission Report. Half way through Building 7's collapse, many eyewitnesses suggested that demolition charges were used to bring the structure down. It is a fact that Steel frame high buildings have never totally collapsed from fire or structural damage.

Point #13 – Flight 93

After the alleged crash of United Airlines Flight 93, hardly any of the aircraft looked to be left. It seemed as though the plane completely disappeared. 2 weeks later the FBI made a startling announcement saying that they have recovered 95% of the plane. No bodies or blood was witnessed at the scene.

These are some of the many reasons why we should refuse to accept the official 9/11 story. Many people have questioned who the real perpetrators of this hideous attacks are, an attack that was launched not only on the American people but on all of us around the globe. We have all heard the blame for these acts of aggression on Osama Bin Laden and the Al-Qaeda group. We are urged to accept the American Government's official version of events, without asking any questions, but as intellectual human beings, I feel that it's our duty to consider all evidence and start to really enquire about the discrepancies this version presents, and the omissions the official story contains. Not everyone that questions the Government's version of events is a mad conspiracy nut or is reading too much in to it, most of us just want the plain, simple truth.

The ISIS Virus

The Islamic State also known as ISIS or ISIL are a extremist militant group mainly composed of Sunni Arabs from Syria and Iraq. They began capturing large areas of territory in Syria and then moving across the border into Iraq taking over one of the largest cities, Mosul. ISIS are not a new terrorist group, most of them were former Al-Qaeda members since 2004.

The group are very active on social media, posting videos and image of a graphic nature which include beheadings of soldiers, civilians, western journalists and aid workers. Muslims leaders and authorities around the world have condemned this ideology and actions.

They is a high volume of propaganda material from ISIS on the Internet. This led to people leaving their homes in the Middle East, Europe and the U.S to fight with the Islamic State. The mission of ISIS is for a state to be governed by Sharia Law. ISIS is a spreading virus which is more dangerous and larger in number than the Al Qaeda group which was found in the early 2000's. The Islamic State is rising in Iraq and Syria day by day and has been portrayed by the media as the image of Islam. The Islamic State are deliberately targeting the Muslim youth and their innocence and vulnerability is being preyed upon.

In 2014 ISIS released a statement in which they declared to the world that a caliph has been elected and he would be the leader of the Islamic world. ISIS demanded the 1.5 billion Muslims to follow the caliph. Abu Bakr Al-Baghdadi is the so-called head of ISIS. According to the American privacy activist Edward Snowden and other major sources, Al-Baghdadi is an actor named Elliot Shimon who is a Mossad trained operative. He was born of Jewish parents and is a Mossad agent. He was recruited by the Israeli Mossad group and was trained in warfare against the Muslim world.



All this information was revealed by Edward Snowden and further published by newspapers and various media outlets. This so called leader of ISIS is a fake caliph who is working with the United States Secret Service and Israel to build an organisation which is capable of attracting people to join this terrorist group, which in fact is created by the United States.

John McCain who was the United States Senator said that president Obama has to use air power to destroy ISIS in Syria. He further states that “we cannot give ISIS a base of operations.” We know from records that McCain has been very outspoken against ISIS but this was not the case a few years ago.



In 2013, McCain took a secret trip to Syria to discuss giving arms and support the Syrian rebels. Later in the year ISIS announced the establishment of a caliphate, al-Baghdadi was named its caliph.



McCain is photographed in a secret meeting with al-Baghdadi, the leader of the Islamic State terror group. Is this where ISIS get their funding from? Al-Baghdadi is seen wearing the black shirt on the far left in deep talks with McCain. After 12 months of these images being taken Al-Baghdadi would emerge on the world stage as the leader of ISIS. John McCain has posted these images on his Twitter account even though he has denied the existence of the photographs.



John McCain ✓
@SenJohnMcCain

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Important visit with brave fighters in #Syria who are risking their lives for freedom and need our help

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The Islamic View

What is the Islamic view regarding War and Terrorism? Lets first analyse the ISIS group and see what Islam says. This sadistic group known as ISIS are evidently fanatics which goes against the true teachings of the Quran. Some Muslims even make the mistake of thinking that what ISIS is doing is commanded by the Quran which prompts them to join. The fact is that violence, terror and killing of Non Muslims has no place in Islam.

In the last 10 years, the Muslim world has been at crossroads. Humankind is being blinded to the beauty of Islam by the graphic images and videos of death and destruction of land and civilians. The likes of ISIS have completely hijacked the religion of Islam and the threat of Extremism has shifted the spotlight away from true understanding and has portrayed violence as the only means to salvation.

In the year 2014, ISIS declared a caliph and stated that all Muslims should follow this leader. If we look into the Holy Quran and the Hadiths of the Prophet, the ISIS caliphate is illegitimate. This Hadiths clearly says:

We do not appoint to this position one who asks for it nor anyone who is covetous for the same. (Sahih Muslim)

From this Hadith a person cannot just become a caliph. They need to be a consultation meeting with a number of candidates that are then subjected to an election. A self-declared ruler does not equate to anything. There is no place for the Islamic caliph who flexes his muscles to extend his power as he pleases. If minorities are being tortured, mistreated and forced then there is a severe absence of justice and fair human rights.

With all the crimes committed by ISIS, it is a clear indication that there is no remorse, compassion, fairness or justice in them. Allah mentions in the Quran that we should render back the trusts to those to whom they are due and judge with justice.

Indeed, Allah commands you to render trusts to whom they are due and when you judge between people to judge with justice. Excellent is that which Allah instructs you. Indeed, Allah is ever Hearing and Seeing. (Quran 4:58)

Regarding ISIS it is not clear why the Muslims should pledge obedience to a terrorist organization that has neither religious nor political legitimacy. It is interesting that ISIS avoid the religious justifications for why they are an Islamic state or why al-Baghdadi is the caliph. It clearly shows that ISIS is not a group acting on a religious basis but for their own motives.

So to make it clear, calling themselves a 'State' does not make them a state and same goes for the caliph. There is no obligation to follow such exclamations. There is a great body of Islamic knowledge that has been around for over a thousand years and since the time of the Prophet, it has allowed us Muslims to live by a code. There is no reason whatsoever why we should suddenly stop consulting the teachings of the Quran and the Hadiths. What ISIS are doing it is the opposite of Islam.

On the television media, we have seen countless footage of ISIS destroying the crops and livestock of innocent civilians in Syria. Allah says in the Holy Quran:

When he is empowered, he sets out to do violence in the land, destroying crops and livestock. But God does not love violence. (Quran 2:205)

In the last sermon given on the farewell pilgrimage, the final messenger of Allah, Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) said:

Beware (or Woe unto you)! Listen! Do not revert back to disbelief after I have gone [that is by] some of you killing others.

The Prophet gave a stern warning and this Hadith indicates that some will excommunicate others in order to justify killing them.

Do not shed your own blood nor the blood of other Muslims along with you. Consider the eventual effects of your actions.

ISIS has romanticised the idea of violence and corrupt the notion of the word Jihad. The word Jihad means strive and struggle and not holy war. If you study the actions of this group, the way they conduct themselves and in particular the grotesque nature of the violence they administer, you can see that all manner of rationalised, clear thought has left their brain. They are certain individuals who study Islam from a superficial point of view and create their own concepts and creative interpretations which often stray greatly from authentic Islamic principles. Many of ISIS's characteristics are similar to those identified as 'The Khawarij' in the Authentic Hadiths which means extremists or dissenters by the Prophet.

They are some recorded Hadiths said by the Prophet which refers to the ISIS group.

In the last days of the world there will appear young people with idiotic thoughts and ideas.

They will recite the Quran but it will not go any further than their throats.

The people will be amazed by them and they will be swollen with pride, and they will go out of the religion (discard Islam) as an arrow goes out through the game.

If you see the black flags ... it begins with a fitna ... and the midst of it is delusion, misguidance and error.

We have seen disturbing footage of ISIS killing and torturing the innocent Yazidis and Christians. According to the Holy Quran and Hadiths these people are suppose to be protected. In these 2 Hadiths the Prophet says:

He who unfairly treats a non-Muslim living in a Muslim State, or undermines his rights, or burdens him beyond his capacity, or takes something from him without his consent; I will be his opponent on the Day of Judgment.

Whoever kills a non-Muslim citizen under a Muslim government shall not smell the fragrance of Paradise.

In the Quran, the Christians are often referred to as the People of the Book. In the following verse Almighty Allah tells us that the Christians are the closest to the Muslims. This is mentioned in Surah Al-Maidah.

You will surely find the most intense of the people in animosity toward the believers [to be] the Jews and those who associate others with Allah; and you will find the nearest of them in affection to the believers those who say, “We are Christians.” That is because among them are priests and monks and because they are not arrogant. (Quran 5:82)

So the questions arises that do ISIS actually know the principles of Islam? This group also have stated that the Shia Muslims must be killed because they have committed the act of apostasy. We have to realize that Shia are Muslims and not Kuffar and It doesn't give anybody the right to kill Shia Muslims. Regarding apostasy the Quran clearly mentions that there are those who believe then disbelieve, then believe again, then disbelieve again. This proves that the death penalty for apostasy simply does not exist, because if it did, it would be impossible to believe again after unbelief, as they would have been put to death after the first unbelief.

Indeed, those who have believed then disbelieved, then believed, then disbelieved, and then increased in disbelief - never will Allah forgive them, nor will He guide them to a way. (Quran 4:137)

If you look at the Hadiths, Prophet Muhammad told us not to kill old people, child or woman. Furthermore he stated that we should not kill religious people or those who are sitting in places of worship. He also said:

- **Do not do wrong even if they commit evil.**
- **Do not practice treachery or mutilation.**
- **Do not kill a wounded person or a captive.**
- **No prisoner should be put to the sword.**

Almighty Allah in the Holy Quran addresses the subject of war and peace in great length.

Fight in the way of God against those who fight against you, but begin not hostilities. Lo! God loveth not aggressors. (Quran 2:190)

Take not life, which God hath made sacred, except by way of justice and law: this He has commanded you that you may understand. (Quran 6:151)

O you who have believed, do not consume one another's wealth unjustly but only [in lawful] business by mutual consent. And do not kill yourselves [or one another]. Indeed, God is to you ever Merciful. (Quran 4:29)

If [non-Muslims] withdraw from you and do not war against you and offer you peace, God alloweth you no way to [to war] against them. (Quran 4:90)

We ordained therein for [the Children of Israel]: 'Life for life, eye for eye, nose or nose, ear for ear, tooth for tooth, and wounds equal for equal.' But if any one remits the retaliation by way of charity, it is an act of atonement for himself. (Quran 5:45)

By studying these Hadiths and Quranic verses, we can conclude that what ISIS are doing is actually not what Islam teaches yet they still claim to be following the faith. According to the Quran, war is only permissible for defensive purposes.

When human life or property are threatened fighting is allowed for justice to prevail. Muslims have a responsibility to behave

reasonably, fairly and to treat any captives in this manner. The Quran clearly says that Muslims must feed and shelter the prisoners. Furthermore we must strive to create peace quickly and protect the innocent civilians. Islam also forbids killing of non-combatants and advocates kindness to people of other religious beliefs who live in a Muslim country. Yet most people are unaware of these verses from the Quran. That's why people with little knowledge of the Quran like the group ISIS fall in to failure of thinking that being a extremist is part of Islam.

We people must know that this mindset that threatens the world is in fact Fanaticism and conflicts with Islam. In order for misconceptions of Islam to be eliminated, the western countries need to be shown that there is a huge difference between Islam and Fanaticism. Anybody who seek to express their views through violence need to be told that violence is not the answer. The world must know that Islam is not the cause of terror but rather the essential solution to it.

In recent years many people have stated that suicide bombing is a speciality of the Muslims and is permitted in the Holy Quran. The definition of suicide bombing is when a person sets off an explosion to a location which is detonated and dies in the event whilst killing others. We see many individuals committing these explosions in Afghanistan, Iraq and Syria resulting in killing innocent civilians. Statistics shows that suicide bombers are increasing dramatically in the Middle East and the European countries. Many of these heinous attacks are only done for political reasons and not for religious reasons, but no one should be fooled in to thinking that you will gain the status of a martyr when doing something that is a great evil. The Quran and Hadiths does not mention anything about suicide bombing however Almighty God states in the Quran that suicide in any form is forbidden.

And spend in the way of Allah and do not throw yourselves with your own hands into destruction by refraining. And do good; indeed, Allah loves the doers of good. (Quran 2:195)

O you who have believed, do not consume one another's wealth unjustly but only [in lawful] business by mutual consent. And do not kill yourselves [or one another]. Indeed, God is to you ever Merciful. (Quran 4:29)

Whoever intentionally kills himself, and then certainly he will be punished in the Fire of Hell, wherein he shall dwell forever. (Prophet Muhammad)

The Islamic faith strictly prohibits killing of any innocent human beings regardless of what they believe in. We are warned many times that Muslims who commit horrific killings will be severely punished.

Whosoever kills an innocent human being, it shall be as if he has killed all mankind, and whosoever saves the life of one, it shall be as if he had saved the life of all mankind. (Quran 5:32)

One of the most popular statements made by the critics is that the Islam highly promotes killing, fighting and causing terror to people of different faiths in order to dominate and establish Muslim rule. This idea of fighting other religious people does not exist anywhere in the Holy Quran. Allah warns us about accusing others of being misguided in an attempt to seek worldly gains in the following verses.

O you who believe, if you go forth in the cause of God, you shall investigate carefully And do not say to those who greet

you with peace: “You are not a believer!” You are seeking the vanity of this world; but with God are many riches. That is how you were before, but God favoured you, so investigate carefully. God is expert over what you do. (Quran 4:94)

Let not a people ridicule another people; perhaps they may be better than them; nor let women ridicule [other] women; perhaps they may be better than them. And do not insult one another and do not call each other by [offensive] nicknames. Wretched is the name of disobedience after [one’s] faith. And whoever does not repent - then it is those who are the wrongdoers. (Quran 49:11)

Almighty Allah tells us to fight those who fight you which excludes non combatants and civilians. This is mentioned in several Quranic verses.

Allah does not forbid you from those who do not fight you because of religion and do not expel you from your homes - from being righteous toward them and acting justly toward them. Indeed, Allah loves those who act justly. (Quran 60:8)

O you who have believed, be persistently standing firm for Allah, witnesses in justice, and do not let the hatred of a people prevent you from being just. Be just; that is nearer to righteousness. And fear Allah indeed, Allah is Acquainted with what you do. (Quran 5:8)

The final messenger Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him) also prohibited killing of innocent Non Muslims and repeatedly stated the grave consequences of such action. He warned the Muslim Ummah to not hurt or offend the Non Muslims in Muslim based countries.

The statements in the Quran and Hadiths should make Non Muslims feel secure in Muslim countries and should not be threatened by any means. A true Muslim who follows the teachings of Islam is not the one who terrorises, spreads fear or corruption. In the Prophet's last sermon before he passed away, demanded the Muslims not to hurt others and to remember that Allah will reckon your deeds. In a nutshell war is not a game of the Muslims and neither is it encouraged in Islam. Furthermore the word terrorism is not found anywhere in the Quran or from the Hadiths of the Prophet. Allah tells mankind that we should look for peace rather than conflict.

But (remember that an attempt at) requiting evil may, too, become an evil: hence whoever pardons (his foe) and makes peace, his reward rests with Allah- for, verily He does not love transgressors. (Quran 42:40)

Throughout the Quran Allah has commanded the people not to commit evil and describes those who do as following the footsteps of Satan.

But as for those who break God's contract after it has been agreed and sever what God has commanded to be joined, and cause corruption in the earth, the curse will be upon them. They will have the Evil Abode. (Quran 13:25)

Eat and drink of God's provision and do not go about the earth corrupting it. (Quran 2:60)

Do not corrupt the earth after it has been put right. Call on Him fearfully and eagerly. God's mercy is close to the good-doers. (Quran 7:56)

They are many human beings who state that they are religious people following the will of God but also commit wickedness and corruption. Allah mentions this in the Quran through a story about a gang of 9 men who planned to kill the Prophet.

And there were in the city nine family heads causing corruption in the land and not amending [its affairs]. They said, “Take a mutual oath by Allah that we will kill him by night, he and his family. Then we will say to his executor, ‘We did not witness the destruction of his family, and indeed, we are truthful.’ And they planned a plan, and We planned a plan, while they perceived not. (Quran 27:48-50)

As this incident is mentioned in Surah An-Naml, it tells us that people do things “in the name of God” which is designed to show themselves as religious people when in fact they are not. An example of this can be seen in the ISIS group who claim to be Muslims. A Muslim is someone who follows the commands of God and live by Quranic morality, cooperation and peace which would lead the people to beauty, kindness and prosperity.

... And do good as God has been good to you. And do not seek to cause corruption in the earth. God does not love corrupters. (Quran 28:77)

In these present times, many people from around the world have been victims of barbarity and unjust treatment due to the colour of their skin. In the Quran, Allah tells us the purpose of the diversity of different tribes and people in this world.

O mankind, indeed We have created you from male and female and made you peoples and tribes that you may know one another. Indeed, the most noble of you in the sight of

Allah is the most righteous of you. Indeed, Allah is Knowing and Acquainted. (Quran 49:12)

Islam is a faith which provides freedom of ideas, thought and speech. Forcing people to believe in a religion is completely the opposite of what the Quran teaches and here's the proof.

So remind them! You are only a reminder. You are not in control of them. (Quran 88:21-22)

Jihadeology

In the Western world, the word Jihad has come to be known as something negative. When the September 11 attacks hit the United States in 2001, the phrase Jihad became a trending topic around the world. The word Jihad creates an image in peoples mind of marching religious men with long beards attacking the infidels until they accept Islam. The western countries including the USA claimed that the alleged terrorists of 9/11 were carrying the doctrine of Jihad in the Islamic faith. Since that time the term Jihad has been shown on the television media whenever an Islamic terror attack has been carried out. And therefore many people have the misconception that the word Jihad means Holy War. The Arabic word for Holy War is Harb Muqadasa which is nowhere to be found in the Holy Quran or the Authentic Hadiths.

The term Jihad is an Arabic word which derives from the root word “Jahad” meaning to struggle. It takes various forms and is driven by a variety of motivations: either spiritual, physical or individual struggle. In short Jihad means to strive and struggle in the way of Allah. For example if you convey the message of Islam to people then you are doing Jihad. If a college student is revising for an a exam he is striving and struggling in order to pass the exam. Indeed one type of Jihad in Islam is fighting in self defence in the way of Allah.

The greatest Jihad is to battle your own soul, to fight the evil within yourself. (Prophet Muhammad)

If you look at the history of the Prophet, the first 13 years of his prophethood where he lived in Makkah, they were many Quranic verses which were revealed. In some of the verses the word Jihad was mentioned however at that time the Muslims didn't fight. Only when they migrated to Medina, then the wars took place. An example of a verse which includes the word Jihad is mentioned in Surah Al-Ankabut. When this verse was revealed at the time, no war took place from the Muslims.

And those who strive (do Jihad) for Us - We will surely guide them to Our ways. And indeed, Allah is with the doers of good. (Quran 29:69)

We have to remember that Jihad is not a violent concept, it's not a declaration of war against the Christians or other religions. It is worth remembering that the Holy Quran refers to the Jews and Christians as People of the Book and should be protected.

The best Jihad for women is to do the Hajj (pilgrimage). (Prophet Muhammad)

Each of the 5 pillars of Islam contains some form of Jihad. For example the second pillar of Islam is prayer. Muslims are required to strive and pray 5 times a day at set times. Furthermore The fourth pillar is to fast in the month of Ramadan. Fasting involves abstinence from eating, drinking and marital intercourse. This in itself is a form of Jihad. Other ways in which Muslims engage in Jihad include, learning the Holy Quran by heart, overcoming emotions like anger, taking part in Muslim communities and forgiving someone who has hurt or betrayed them.

Misquoted Verses

Misquoted Verse #1 – Smite at their Necks

There are many critics who say that Islam promotes violence and quote certain verses from the Quran to back up their argument. Let's take a look at these in detail and analyse them one by one. A verse quoted by the critics is from Surah Muhammad.

Therefore, when ye meet the Unbelievers in battle, smite at their necks. (Quran 47:4)

Indeed if you open the Holy Quran you will see this statement. So does this verse prove that Islam commands the Muslims to terrorize the unbelievers? The first thing to point out is that, they do not quote the whole verse which is a common theme by the critics. They only quote a certain portion of the verse to try and prove their argument and ignore the actual context. If you analyse the verse it clearly mentions that Almighty God inspired and encouraged the angels, the verse is saying what God commanded the angels to do. The critics leave this part out because it is enough to debunk their argument.

The verse is talking about a specific battle which occurred in the 7th Century known as the Battle of Badr. During battles in the past, you would aim for the neck to get an immediate blow when

riding on horses and also would target the fingers which would make the enemy not hold their swords and therefore neutralise the enemy. In a nutshell, this verse is referring to the battle which happened during the 7th Century and is not a universal law for other wars. Many critics are guilty of manipulating or distorting verses out of its historical context. Many times the full verse is not quoted and gives a misleading picture of Islam.

Misquoted Verse #2 – Jihad is ordained for you

Jihad is ordained for you (Muslims), though you dislike it. But it is possible that you dislike a thing which is good for you, and like a thing which is bad for you. But God knows, and you know not. (Quran 2:216)

In this translation, the word 'Jihad' is not used in this verse. In fact the verse uses the word 'Qitaal' which refers to physical combat in battle. The Quran tells us that combat is permitted for Muslims in order to defend themselves and their belongings, as well as the human rights of others. Fighting is only allowed for peace and justice to prevail. For the historical context you have to read the next verse to understand.

They ask you about fighting in the sacred month. Tell them that it is a great sin. However, creating an obstacle in the way of God, disbelief in Him and the Sacred Mosque, and driving away the neighbours of the Sacred Mosque is an even greater sin in the sight of God: Disbelief in God is worse than committing murder. (The pagans) still try to fight you to make you give up your religion. The deeds in this life of those of you who give up their religion and who die disbelievers will be made void and in the life hereafter. These people will be the dwellers of Hell wherein they will remain forever. (Quran 2:217)

The Pagans at Mecca caused many hardships to the Prophet and his close companions were persecuted, harassed, afflicted and exiled. Almighty God then permitted the Muslims to take up arms in self defence even though they were not keen on crossing swords with the enemy. This verse makes it absolutely clear that it is legally right to defend one's rights from the forces of oppression and to not transgress limits.

Misquoted Verse #3 – Slay them

The critics tell us that Islam permits you to kill anyone and quote this specific passage from the Holy Quran.

And slay them wherever ye catch them. (Quran 2:191)

This is a classic cut and paste approach by the critics as they move the context from the verse. All we have to do is show the full verse. Below is the complete passage which starts from verse 190 to verse 194.

Fight in the way of Allah those who fight you but do not transgress. Indeed. Allah does not like transgressors. (Quran 2:190)

And kill them wherever you overtake them and expel them from wherever they have expelled you, and fitnah is worse than killing. And do not fight them at al-Masjid al-Haram until they fight you there. But if they fight you, then kill them. Such is the recompense of the disbelievers. (Quran 2:191)

And if they cease, then indeed, Allah is Forgiving and Merciful. (Quran 2:192)

Fight them until there is no [more] fitnah and [until] worship is [acknowledged to be] for Allah . But if they cease, then there is to be no aggression except against the oppressors. (Quran 2:193)

[Fighting in] the sacred month is for [aggression committed in] the sacred month, and for [all] violations is legal retribution. So whoever has assaulted you, then assault him in the same way that he has assaulted you. And fear Allah and know that Allah is with those who fear Him. (Quran 2:194)

These Quranic verses were revealed at the time when the Muslims of Medina were regularly attacked by the Makkans. From Islamic history we know that the Makkans conducted the public crucifixion of Khubaib Bin Adi who was one of the companions of the Prophet. In today's world this would be coined as a terrorist activity. The context of the above verses applies to those who initiated the attack against the Muslim people. The verses also indicates that the Muslims have a duty to protect humanity from persecution and oppression and to establish peace and justice in this world. The Quran clearly prohibits any form of aggression and these verses explain that fighting is only for self defence and Muslims cannot commit heinous crimes on innocent men, women, children, the elderly, other religious people or those who do not wish to engage in fighting.

Misquoted Verse #4 – Kill the disbelievers

The critics call the following passage from the Quran as 'the verse of the sword' which they quote from Surah al Tawbah.

Kill the disbelievers wherever you find them. (Quran 9:5)

Yet again the verse is misquoted similar to the previous verse. First lets provide the full verse in it's context.

But when the forbidden months are past, then fight and slay the Pagans wherever ye find them, an seize them, be-leaguer them, and lie in wait for them in every stratagem (of war); but if they repent, and establish regular prayers and practise regular charity, then open the way for them: for Allah is Oft-forgiving, Most Merciful. (Quran 9:5)

If one amongst the Pagans ask thee for asylum, grant it to him, so that he may hear the word of Allah. and then escort him to where he can be secure. That is because they are men without knowledge. (Quran 9:6)

This Quranic verses were revealed near the end of the revelation period. The story goes that hostilities were stopped for a 3 month period and the Arabs made a pact not to engage in war. To minimize hostilities, God in the Holy Quran ordered Muslims to grant asylum to anyone, even an enemy, who sought refuge. This Asylum would be granted according to the customs of chivalry; the person would be told the message of the Holy Quran but not coerced into accepting that message. Thereafter, they would be escorted to a place of security of his or her religion. This verse was quoted during the battle and refers to those pagans who would continue to fight after the period of peace was agreed. It clearly commands the Muslims to protect those who seek peace and security and are non combatants.

Imagine this scenario, suppose the head chief of the Russian Army told his soldiers that "Wherever you find a Ukraine soldier, kill them." Without giving the context it will seem that the head chief is a sadistic killer. But if you quote him in context, that he

said it during a war, it will sound very logical, as he was trying to encourage the Russian soldiers during the war.

Misquoted Verse #5 – Die or Pay the Money

Some critics have stated that the Muslims are commanded by God to attack the Non Muslims until they pay a certain amount of money and quote us the following verse.

Fight those who believe not in God nor the Last Day, nor hold that forbidden which has been forbidden by God and His Apostle, nor acknowledge the religion of truth, [even if they are] of the People of the Book, until they pay the Jizyah with willing submission, and feel themselves subdued. (Quran 9:29)

This interpretation made by the critics is false and contradicts with the Islamic teachings. These verses stress the necessity of fighting against the People of the Scripture, but under what conditions? A state which is ruled under Islamic law is forbidden to attack the Non Muslims who are not hostile to them, do not oppress or try to convert them by force from their religion or remove them from their lands. If any of these occur, Muslims are allowed by Islamic Law to defend themselves and protect they rights to believe in their religion.

The Muslims are not permitted to attack the Non Muslims who agreed to peace pacts with them or Non Muslims who live under the protection of Islamic law. History tells us that the Persians and the Romans committed the first act of aggression towards Islam and attacked the Muslims. The king of Persia ordered his commander in Yemen to torture and kill the Prophet. Furthermore the Romans created a movement which was instructed

to fight the Prophet. The Muslims confronted them in combat which are known as the battles of Mutah and Tabuk. So the above verse refers to the historical context in which the Prophet fought against other countries. However he did not initiate the conflicts rather he and his people were threatened and under attack by those who wanted to demolish Islam.

As for fighting the Jewish people (People of the Scripture), the Jews made a peace deal with the Muslims after the Prophet was migrated to Medina. Soon after, this peace pact was broken by the Jewish people and joined the Pagans to wage war against the Muslims. They also fought the Muslims during the battle of Ahzab, then Almighty God revealed the verse which is cited above. So its very clear that verse (9:29) was revealed in connection with aggression started against the Muslims Ummah.

Misquoted Verse #6 – Ruthless to the Disbelievers

The Non Muslims think that the following verse instructs the Muslims to be cruel at the disbelievers and quote certain parts from the Quran. Here is an example of that.

Mohammed is Allah's apostle. Those who follow him are ruthless to the unbelievers but merciful to one another. (Quran 48:29)

Let provide a better translation of this verse.

Muhammad is the Messenger of Allah ; and those with him are forceful against the disbelievers, merciful among themselves. You see them bowing and prostrating [in prayer], seeking bounty from Allah and [His] pleasure. Their mark is on their faces from the trace of prostration. That is their

description in the Torah. And their description in the Gospel is as a plant which produces its offshoots and strengthens them so they grow firm and stand upon their stalks, delighting the sowers - so that Allah may enrage by them the disbelievers. Allah has promised those who believe and do righteous deeds among them forgiveness and a great reward. (Quran 48:29)

The Arabic word used in the following verse is 'ashidda' which means strong or firm and not ruthless which is a poor translation. In this verse the disbelievers are referred to those who harassed and attacked the Muslim people. The Muslims were encouraged to stand up for their religion 'Islam' and defend their community and belongings.

Islam teaches that if the Non Muslims have good character with the Muslims then the people of Islam are commanded by God to treat the Non Muslims with highly due respect. The Prophet clearly stated that the Muslims need to have a matter of balance and to be just and fair regarding people of other faiths. If we study the life of Prophet Muhammad we see him interacting with people of other religions and lived with them in peace and harmony.

During the life of the Prophet, there was a synagogue situated in Medina which was also an educational convention. This was known as Bait Al-Midras and Prophet Muhammad protected this synagogue. From his history he also honoured a group of Christians from Yemen when they visited the mosques in Medina city. It is well known that the Prophet held interfaith conversations with them and prayed with the Christians. They would pray in the Christian way and the Muslims were praying according to their Islamic teachings. Today it's very rare we see different

people of faith gathered together and praying to their religious traditions. Another example is that, once the Prophet and his companions were seated somewhere in Medina and a funeral procession passed by. The Prophet witnessed this event and immediately stood up with respect. One of his companions stated that the funeral was that of a Jew and the Prophet instantly replied:

If every human being in this world saw the various ethnicities and cultures with these eyes, the world would flourish in peace and harmony. (Bukhari, Muslim)

Here we see the beloved Prophet showing an example of compassion and respect to the Non Muslims. In this wonderful world we see many differences in everyone's thinking, tastes and likes. The question we should ask is what is the solution to the problems of this world?

The solution lies in tolerance and the life of the Prophet serves us humans as a perfect example of this principle. He constructed and developed his own life in accordance with the pattern of life which he presented to other people in the form of the Holy Quran. The Prophet never harmed a woman, servant or anyone else however he did fight for what was right and that was peace, justice, fairness and human rights.

The Prophet Muhammad said in Bukhari that he who believes in God should honour his guests and should not harm his neighbours. What ISIS are doing today in the world is the exact opposite of what the Prophet taught. The Prophet was very vocal regarding good treatment towards humanity and even would stand on the side of the Non Muslims if they were treated unfairly by the Muslims.

Misquoted Verse #7 – Terror in the Hearts

I will instill terror into the hearts of the unbelievers. Smite ye above their necks and smite all their finger tips off them. (Quran 8:12-13)

This verse is quoted by many Islamic haters to prove the point that Islam is a religion of violence. Firstly the verse is quoted out of historical context. Here is the full verse with a better translation.

Recall that your Lord inspired the angels: “I am with you; so support those who believed. I will throw terror into the hearts of those who disbelieved. You may strike them above the necks, and you may strike even every finger.” This is what they have justly incurred by fighting God and His messenger. For those who fight against God and His messenger, God’s retribution is severe. (Quran 8:12-13)

The historical context of this particular verse was revealed during the Battle of Badr. It was a battle in which the Pagans of Makkah crossed over 200 miles to kill and destroy the Muslim Ummah which were situated in Medina. The Pagan army consisted of around 1000 fighters whilst the Muslims had 300 followers.

For 13 years the Muslims were tortured and persecuted in Makkah. Even though the 300 followers fled from Makkah to Medina for safety, they were once again threatened mentally and physically. Almighty God sent a revelation to the Muslims and informed them that God would allow justice to prevail over oppression. God instructed them to fight the Pagans without any fear. So this verse was for the Muslims during the Battle of Badr and is not a commandment for any other war or battle.

Misquoted Verse #8 – Jews and Christians

This verse has been quoted by the Islamic critics and conclude that the Holy Quran teaches the Muslims to not take the Jewish people or the Christians as your friends.

O ye who believe! take not the Jews and the Christians for your friends: They are but friends to each other. And he amongst you that turns to them is of them. Verily Allah guideth not a people unjust. (Quran 5:51)

In the verse above the Arabic word 'Awliya' is incorrectly translated as friends. The plural is 'Awliya' and its singular is 'wali' and the concept is 'wallaah'. Many people believe that this verse tells the Muslims to keep their distance from the Non Muslims and to avoid any interaction with them. This statement made by the critics is far from the truth as we will discuss further. Firstly consider this verse from the Holy Quran.

Allah was their wali (protector), and in Allah should the faithful (Ever) put their trust. (Quran 3:122)

From this verse, it clearly indicates that a wali is one who in whom trust is placed for protection. The Holy Quran always declares that Almighty God is the protector, wali of righteous. The right translation of the word 'wali' is someone who is very close and intimate as well as guardian, protector, master and lord. Therefore the word Awliya cannot be taken simply for meaning friendship, as it has a more complex meaning. So a more accurate translation of **(Quran 5:51)** would look like this.

O ye who believe! take not the Jews and the Christians for your protectors: They are but protectors to each other. And

he amongst you that turns to them is of them. Verily Allah guideth not a people unjust. (Quran 5:51)

The Holy Quran doesn't state that Non Muslims cannot be friends with the Muslims or vice versa. We see today that many Non Muslims have good friendships with the Muslim community despite the differences of belief. Islam teaches us that we should be friendly and interact with all people of the world. However if certain Muslims do wrong to the Non Muslims, it is the duty of the other Muslims to help the Non Muslims and protect them from injustice and oppression.

So in a nutshell **(Quran 5:51)** does not refer to the friends but protectors and from the historical context, the verse prohibits Muslims from seeking the protection of those who are aggressive and abusive to the Muslim people. Consider this verse from the Holy Quran from Almighty God.

O you who believe! Stand out firmly for Allah as witnesses to fair dealings and let not the hatred of others to you make you swerve to wrong and depart from justice. Be just, that is next to piety. Fear Allah, indeed Allah is well-acquainted with all that you do. (Quran 5:8)

A Final Note

Allah says in the Holy Quran that the Islamic faith is a universal religion which is a mercy to all creatures. This beautiful religion offers a living demonstration of qualities to which all mankind can relate. Compassion, tolerance, love and mercy. Islam is without doubt a religion of peace and security and Allah urges other human beings to seek the road of peace, love and protection. This is proven by the fact that the word Islam is derived from the Arabic word Salema which has many meanings such as peace, submission, obedience and purity. So in the religious sense Islam means peace acquired by submitting your will to Almighty Allah.

Killing a believer is a more serious in the sight of God than the destruction of the entire world. (Prophet Muhammad)

The Arabian society in the 7th Century was a community in which various religious and personal beliefs were present. From historical records, they were Jews, Christians, Polytheists, Zoroastrians and others. When we look in the life of the Prophet, we see him having a high level of tolerance and patience. Several passages in the Holy Quran allows tolerance of religion and freedom.

To you be your religion, to me be mine. I do not worship

what you worship. Nor are you worshippers of what I worship. Nor will I be a worshipper of what you worship. Nor will you be worshippers of what I worship. For you is your religion, and for me is my religion. (Quran 109:1-6)

The Truth is from your Lord; so let him who please believe and let him who please disbelieve. (Quran 18:29)

We have truly shown him the way; he may be thankful or unthankful. (Quran 76:3)

We have seen several videos released by ISIS showing hundreds of Yazidi Iraqis being forced to accept Islam after they were taken hostage. If they didn't convert to Islam, then ISIS would have killed them. Islam is against forcing anyone to accept Islam. Infact the Quran teaches that we should only spread the message of God through good mannered discussion which is something ISIS have failed to do.

Call [O Muhammad!] to the way of your Lord with Wisdom and goodly exhortation, and argue with them in the best manner; surely your Lord best knows those who go astray from His path, and He best knows those who follow the right way. (Quran 16.125)

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Those who believe and do not mix
up their belief with any wrongdoing,
they are the ones who are safe...

(Quran 6:82)