

# Gathering of Eagles

## *Hiding the Truth of Islam*

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Throughout Al Qaeda's training manual, passages from the Koran and incidents in the life of Mohammad are presented as evidence that the group's violent acts are in accordance with the teachings of the Koran and the Prophet's example. The killing of innocent civilians, they say, is a means of serving God just as surely as is their recitation of prescribed prayers. The whole civilized world should be outraged. But the truth of the matter is far too many voices of true authority in Islam were silent, if not approving, on September 11th. And few are the clerics in the Muslim world willing to say outright that suicide bombers are banned by the Koran, and there are few, even among Arab intellectuals and clerics, who are willing to offer a sustained and comprehensive rebuttal of the theology of bin Laden and his followers. The West, in other words, has very good reason not to count on the Muslim world to restrain the monster that has arisen from its depths. And the reason is the terrorists are reviving a basic Islamic doctrine, jihad, to murderously attack the West and the rest of the civilized world. The terrorists are not "extremists." They are the true Muslims they claim to be because they adhere strictly to the letter of the Koran, and the moderates of the Muslim world increasingly admire them for this. Most of the following verses are found in the second half, or Median period, of the Koran. In a strange practice of Koranic interpretation, they "abrogate," or nullify, more gentle verses found in the first, or Meccan, half of the Koran. Collected in "Leaving Islam", by Ibn Warraq, page 405.

A) Verses that show intolerance of and incite violence against non-Muslims and other religions: SURA or verse:

3.28 Let believers not make friends with infidels in preference to the faithful. He that does this has nothing to hope for from God. 3.85 He that chooses a religion other than Islam... in the world to come he will be one of the lost. 3.118 Believers, do not make friends with anyone but your own people. 4.101 The unbelievers are your inveterate enemies. 5.51 O you who believe! Take not the Jews and Christians for friends, they are friends one to another. He among you who takes them for friends is one of them. 5.72 Unbelievers are those who say "God is the Messiah, the son of Mary"..Unbelievers are those who say: "God is

one of three.” 8.14 The scourge of the Fire awaits the unbelievers. 8.39 Make war on them until idolatry shall cease and God’s religion shall reign supreme. 8.67 It is not for any Prophet to have captives until he has made slaughter in the land. 9.5 Slay the idolaters wherever you find them...lie in ambush everywhere for them. 22.9 Garments of fire have been prepared for the unbelievers. Scalding water shall be poured upon their heads, melting their skins and that which is in their bellies. They shall be lashed with rods of iron. 47.4 When you meet the unbelievers in battle strike off their heads. 98.6 The unbelievers among the People of the Book, Christian and Jews, and the pagans shall burn forever in the fire of Hell. They are the vilest of creatures.

#### B) Anti-Jewish sentiment in the Koran:

2.61 Wretchedness and baseness were stamped on the Jews and they were visited with wrath from Allah. 5.82 Indeed you will surely find that the most vehement of men in enmity to those who believe are the Jews and the polytheists. 5.60 God has cursed the Jews, transforming them into apes and swine and those who serve the devil. 9.29 Fight against such of those have been given the Scriptures, Jews and Christians, as believe not in Allah nor the last Day. 9.34 Many of the rabbis and the monks devour the wealth of mankind and wantonly debar men from the way of Allah.

#### C) Cruelty, sadism, and unusual punishments in the Koran.

5.33 Those who make war against Allah and his Apostle shall be put to death or have their hands and feet cut off on alternate sides. 5.38 As for the thief, both male and female, cut off their hands as a punishment for what they have earned, an exemplary punishment from Allah. 24.2 The adulterer and adulteress shall each be given a hundred lashes. Let no pity for them cause you to disobey God. 40.70 Those who have denied the Book and the message...with chains and shackles round their necks they shall be dragged through scalding water and burnt in the fires of Hell.

#### D) Hostility to women in the Koran

2:223 Women are your fields, go, then into your fields from whichever side you please. 2:228 Women shall have rights similar to those exercised against them, although men have a status above women. 4:11 A male shall inherit twice as much as a female. 4:24 Forbidden to you are married women, except those whom you own as slaves. 4:34 Men are in charge of women, because Allah has made one of them to excel the other. As for those from whom you fear rebellion, admonish them and banish them to beds apart, and beat them.

33:59 Prophet, enjoin your wives, your daughters and the wives of true believers to draw their veils close around them. E) Jihad in the Koran

2:216 Fighting is obligatory for you, much as you may dislike it. 4:74 Whoever fights on God's path, whether he is killed or triumphs, we will give him a handsome reward. 8:12 I will instill terror into the hearts of the Infidels, strike off the heads then, and strike off from them every fingertip. 9:39 If you do not fight, He will punish you severely, and put others in your place. 9:5 Kill those who join other gods with God (the Trinity, polytheism) wherever you may find them. 9:111 Allah has purchased of their faithful lives and worldly goods and in return has promised them the Garden. They will fight for his cause, kill and be killed. 9:123 Believers! Make war on the infidels who dwell around you, let them find harshness in you.

Many view Islam as a religion that threatens all humanity. Sam Harris argues this in his best selling new book, "The End of Faith."

"It is widely claimed by 'moderates' that Islam is a 'religion of peace.' You need only to read the Koran to see that this is untrue. The basic thrust of Islam is undeniable: convert, subjugate, or kill unbelievers; kill apostates, and conquer the world. There is no substitute for confronting the Koran itself. On almost every page, the Koran instructs Muslims to despise non-believers. We are at war with Islam. It may not serve our immediate foreign policy objectives for our political leaders to openly acknowledge this fact, but it is unambiguously the truth. It is not true that we are at war with an otherwise 'peaceful religion' that has been 'hijacked' by extremists. We are at war with precisely the vision of life that is prescribed to all Muslims in the Koran."

The idea that Islam is "peaceful" is the most dangerous idea in America today.  
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