

Chapter 1 : Eight things to know about Islam in Germany - The Local

Islam is a fast-growing religion, especially in the Western world. Christians increasingly need to be aware of Islam and, most importantly, how to engage its adherents with the gospel of Jesus Christ. Here are 10 things I learned about Islam during my 20 years as a missionary in a Muslim-majority.

Allah Islam Islam is a very beautiful and massive religion. Unfortunately it also very misunderstood and people have many misconceptions about it. There is much, much to say about Islam but I have briefly put together the main facts about it and I hope it will help you get a better understanding of Islam and its true beauty. What is Islam and what does it mean? Islam is not only a religion but also a complete way of life. Contrary to popular belief Islam does not literally mean peace. Islam is derived from the Arabic root "Salema": In the religious sense, Islam means submission to the will of God and obedience to His law. What are the followers of Islam called? A person who follows Islam is called a Muslim, sometimes the term Muslimah is used to describe a Muslim women and this means "one who surrenders to God. Who and what do they believe in? Islam is a monotheistic religion so they believe in one God; Allah. Allah is an Arabic word that describes God. This word elah can be made plural gods , as in "aleha" and it can be male or female just as the word in English can be "goddess. Click on the link below to find the meaning and explanations of these attributes. What are the main articles of faith? God has no father nor mother, no sons nor daughters. He has not fathered anyone nor was He fathered. None equal to Him. He is God of all mankind, not of a special tribe or race. God is High and Supreme but He is very near to the pious thoughtful believers; He answers their prayers and helps them. He loves the people who love Him and forgives their sins. He is their source peace, happiness, knowledge and success. God creates in man the mind to understand, the soul and conscience to be good and righteous, the feelings and sentiments to be kind and humane. If we try to count His favours upon us, we cannot, because they are countless. In return for all the great favours and mercy, God does not need anything from us, because he is Needless and Independent. God asks us to know Him, to love Him and to enforce His Law for our own benefit and our own good. A Muslim believes in all the Messengers and Prophets of God without any discrimination. All messengers were mortals, human beings, endowed with Divine revelations and appointed by God to teach mankind. The Holy Quran mentions the names of 25 messengers and prophets and states that there are others. Their message is the same and it is Islam and it came from One and the Same Source; God, and it is to submit to His will and to obey his law, ie, to become a Muslim. A Muslim believes in all scriptures and revelations of God, as they were complete and in their original versions. Revelations were given to guide the people to the right path of God. Today, the books before the Quran do not exist in their original form. They are lost or corrupted or concealed. Weakness in the early period of Judaism and Christianity are partly responsible. Today the Quran is the only authentic and complete book of God. No scholar has questioned the fact that the Quran today is the same as it was more than years ago. Muslims till today memorize the Quran word by word as a whole or in part. God who revealed the Quran is protecting it from being lost, corrupted, or concealed. A Muslim believes in the angels of God. They are purely spiritual and splendid beings created by God. They require no food or drink or sleep. They have no physical desires nor material needs. Angels spend their time in the service of God. Each charged with a certain duty. Angels cannot be seen by the naked eyes. Knowledge and truth are not entirely confined to sensory knowledge or sensory perception alone. A Muslim believes in the day of Judgement. This world as we know it will come to an end and the dead will rise to stand for their final and fair trial. Everything we do, say, make, intend and think are accounted for and kept in accurate records. They are brought up on the day of Judgement. People with bad records will be fairly punished and cast into Hell. If some good deeds are seen not to get full appreciation and credit in this life, they will receive full compensation and be widely acknowledged on the Day of Judgement. If some people who commit sins, neglect God and indulge in immoral activities seem superficially successful and prosperous in this life, absolute justice will be done to them on the Day of Judgement. The time of the Day of Judgement is only known to God and God alone. A Muslim believes in "Qadaa" and "Qadar". God is not indifferent to this world nor is He neutral to it. God is Wise, Just and Loving and whatever He does must

have a good motive, although we may fail sometimes to understand it fully. We should have strong faith in God and accept whatever He does because our knowledge is limited and our thinking is based on individual consideration, whereas His knowledge is limitless and He plans on a universal basis. Man should think, plan, and make sound choices, but if things do not happen the way he wants, he should not lose faith and surrender himself to mental strains or shattering worries. A Muslim believes that the purpose of life is to worship God. Worshipping God does not mean we spend our entire lives in constant seclusion and absolute meditation. To worship God is to live life according to His commands, not to run away from it. To worship God is to know Him, to love Him, to obey His commands, to enforce His laws in every aspect of life, to serve His cause by doing right and shunning evil and to be just to Him, to ourselves and to our fellow human beings. A Muslim believes that man enjoys an especially high ranking status in the hierarchy of all known creatures. Man occupies this distinguished position because he alone is gifted with rational faculties and spiritual aspirations as well as powers of action. Man is not a condemned race from birth to death, but a dignified being potentially capable of good and noble achievements. A Muslim believes that every person is born "Muslim". Every person is endowed by God with spiritual potential and intellectual inclination that can make him a good Muslim. A Muslim believes that every person is born free from sin. When the person reaches the age of maturity and if he is sane, he becomes accountable for all his deeds and intentions. Man is free from sin until he commits sin. There is no inherited sin, no original sin. Adam committed the first sin, he prayed to God for pardon, and God granted Adam pardon. A Muslim believes that man must work out his salvation through the guidance of God. No one can act on behalf of another or intercede between him and God. In order, to obtain salvation a person must combine faith and action, belief and practice. Faith without doing good deeds is as insufficient as doing good deeds without faith. A Muslim believes that God does not hold any person responsible until he has shown him the Right Way. If people do not know and have no way of knowing about Islam, they will not be responsible for failing to be Muslim. Every Muslim must preach Islam words and in action. A Muslim believes that faith is not complete when it is followed blindly or accepted unquestioningly. Man must build his faith on well-grounded convictions beyond any reasonable doubt and above uncertainty. Islam insured freedom to believe and forbids compulsion in religion. The Quran was revealed in Arabic and it is still in its original and complete Arabic version until today. It is memorized by millions. A Muslim believes that the Quran is the word of God revealed to prophet Muhammad peace and blessings be upon him through the Angel Gabriel peace be upon him. A Muslim believes in a clear distinction between the Quran and the Traditions of the Prophet Muhammad. Whereas the Quran is the word of God, the Traditions of Prophet Muhammad his teachings, sayings, and actions are the practical interpretations of the Quran. Both the Quran and the Traditions of the Prophet Muhammad are the primary sources of knowledge in Islam. What are the 5 Pillars of Islam? Islam is built on five pillars. These acts are obligatory on every Muslim adult. Some are done daily, monthly, annually, while one is only required once in a lifetime. Witnessing-Shahadah To do this one must simply state publicly "Ashadu alla ilaha illa Allah, wa ashadu anna Muhammed ar-rasool Allah". The witnessing of the Oneness of Allah is the rejection of any form of deity other than Allah, and the witnessing that Muhammad is His Messenger is the acceptance of him being chosen by Allah to convey His message of Islam to all humanity and to deliver it from the darkness of ignorance into the light of belief in, and knowledge of, the Creator. Prayer-Salat In prayer, every muscle and bone of the body joins the soul and the mind in the worship and glory of Allah swt. Offering of prayers is obligatory upon every Muslim who is sane, mature and in the case of women free from menstruation and confinement due to child birth.

Chapter 2 : What is Islam? 5 Beliefs & Facts You Need to Understand

*What You Need to Know about Islam and Muslims [George W. Braswell] on calendrierdelascience.com *FREE* shipping on qualifying offers. Geared toward both the student and the interested general reader, What You Need to Know About Islam and Muslims is an all-you-need-to-know-and-more book about the Islam.*

What you need to know about how dangerous Islam is and why there will never be peace in the Middle east as long as Muslims exist. Here are 10, "Top ten Lists"? Top facts about Islam that Christians must learn: Islam, as a religious system, is entirely of Satanic origin. The Devil is behind every aspect of it. It is a "monotheistic" form of the ancient moon worship that Abraham left in Iraq BC, but which his descendents through Ishmael have continued. When Muslims circle the Kabah en mass, the Devil is the true object of their worship. The Bible teaches that the Devil and demons use religions like Islam in order to be worshipped by man as God. Although Islam is a monotheistic religion, it is really a pagan religion reformed and repackaged into monotheism. Islam is paganism in monotheistic wrapping paper. Muhammad chose one god, from among hundreds of pagan gods, to be his one monotheistic god. Islam is the religion where Allah to die for him. Jesus said love your enemies. Muhammad said murder your enemies with a bloody sword. When Jesus was mocked, ridiculed and tortured, he turned the other cheek, and endured it in silence. When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead he entrusted himself to him who judges justly" 1 Peter 2: When Muhammad was so much as questioned, he ordered their immediate murder. Love, sacrifice, humility, and compassion for others, which includes longsuffering. What are the highest values in Islam? The highest is fighting for Allah especially if you die in the process. As far as an ordinary Muslim is concerned, his highest value is doubtless going to Paradise and enjoying all the sensual delights promised to him. Although virtues are of importance in Islam, you never hear that love or patience, longsuffering or goodness, or faithfulness or truthfulness are of the highest value. Prayer and good works in keeping the Five Pillars are most important. Prayer and good works are very important in Christianity also, but they are a means to an end, not the end in itself. It is without doubt to be martyred in a physical battle for Allah in extending his sovereignty or the rule of his law on the Earth. God tells us what His purpose is for us, and that ought to be our highest goal. Now Jesus is "in the express image of the Father" Hebrews 1: It ought to be our highest goal in this life and in the life to come. This meteorite is the reference point by which they count the 7 revolutions. It is the "zero" marker. This shows the true origin of the Hajj to be pagan. Obviously a real meteorite fell sometime before Muhammad was born and the pagan Arabs began worshipping it. A similar pagan worship of a meteorite is found in Ephesus when Apostle Paul visited it: As Muhammad grew up, he was influenced by Christians monotheists who condemned the polytheism at the Kabah. Muhammad was converted to the concept of monotheism through the influence and teachings of Christians. Being a proud "nationalistic cultural Arab", bent on preserving his traditions, Muhammad, decided to "reform" his native pagan religion, rather than adopt a completely different religion like Christianity. This god was already considered the top god among other gods at the Kabah. Rather than converting all the Arab people to the monotheism of Christianity, Muhammad merely banished the other pagan gods and chose the one remaining to be the one and only god Islam was born in AD, a full years later than Christianity! In AD, Muslims wiped out the eastern church in a bloody slaughter, leaving the Bishop of Rome to become the dominant, although apostate force of Christianity for the next years. When Muhammad was trying to convert one of his fellow pagan Arabs to monotheism, the conversation probably went something like this: And lets never refer to Allah again as "Hubal" or call him the moon god, because Allah, being our new monotheistic supreme god, created the moon. But not as friends. Because they will burst in to conquer, and they will conquer by populating it with their children. Victory will come to us from the wombs of our women. We predict the Eiffel Tower will be converted to a mosque within 50 year and fly the Crescent moon god symbol atop. It is an attempt to copy aspects of both Judaism and Christianity, while at the same time cutting the real meaning and heart out of each and substituting a reasonable deception and fraud. Islam provides no Savior, no grace, no salvation from sin, no lasting forgiveness, no real love and no intimate fellowship with God. There is no mention of the spiritual heavenly

joy of experiencing the eternal presence of God and His glory. A Muslim can never have a close personal relationship with God or "know" God as his Heavenly Father in this life or in the life to come. No one comes to the Father except through me" John It is too bad that Muhammad did not know this statement of Jesus. Their Perfect Model Muhammad was a robber, a murderer, a fornicator, a pedophile, a wife beater, a truce breaker, a liar, and one who had his enemies assassinated. We not only reflect the character of our heroes, we will reflect the character of our god, and Allah cannot be trusted completely. He is distant, capricious and changeable; he is not a loving father but a demanding taskmaster; he is cold without unconditional love; he hates the sinner and the corrupt, and predestines everything with seeming legalistic arbitrariness countenancing violence and the killing of all those who will not submit to him. Western Imams knowingly lie to the media when they say Islam means peace. Islam is not primarily a religion but a political control system for economic and territorial domination. It is fascism exactly like Hitler or Stalin that seeks to take over the world. A Muslim proverb says: Muhammad grafted to annual pagan pilgrimage Hajj into Islam in order to create a "no fighting between warring tribes" time, in order to facilitate commerce and trade. The modern "Orthodox" church eastern, Byzantine was almost entirely destroyed. Today the Roman Catholic church is 10 times larger than the Orthodox, as a testimony to this slaughter they endured at the hands of the Muslims. Had this slaughter not occurred, the Orthodox church would be 10 times larger than the Roman Catholic today. The remnants of moon worship can be seen in Islam in the fact that the crescent moon is atop every mosque and that the 28 day sacred month of Ramadan, annual pilgrimage of Hajj starts and finishes with the crescent shaped phase of the moon. The croissant was invented in Vienna in the 16th century, being inspired by the crescent moon symbol of Islam. Islamic countries fly flags that still use the crescent moon with the stars in the middle are remnants of moon worship. Before Muhammad came along, the crescent moon represented Allah and the stars represented his daughters. Islamic ritual, including the Hajj, the stand, the throw and the run were all practiced by the pagans long before Muhammad adopted them into Islam. Muhammad took these pagan practices and declared them to be the correct way to worship a monotheistic Allah. In this way, the pagans could keep their old pagan practices and apply them to one god rather than hundreds. It made conversion to Islam very easy for the Arabs since Islam felt the same as their paganism. Islam is the restoral of moon worship Abraham gave up when he left the Ur of Chaldees. Abraham left moon worship of Iraq for the one true God. His son Ishmael was cast out and went to Arabia where he continued to worship the moon God. The crescent moon atop every mosque is the symbol that Ishmael went back to the very moon worship that his father Abraham abandoned. Muslims cannot be trusted to keep political truces because Muhammad never did. Muhammad set the pattern of truce breaking employed by Muslims today. Yasser Arafat actually cited the fact that Muhammad broke the truce of Hudaibiyyah, as a precedent for breaking the Oslo accords. Those two terrorist groups lob rockets and send suicide bombers into Israel for months; then, every once in a while, Israel deploys its military and flattens Hamas and Hezbollah, who then call for a "hudna". The UN intervenes, saving Hamas and Hezbollah to fight another day. Whereas Muhammad only allowed his followers to have 4 wives, Muhammad had 22 wives, the youngest was six years old. Muslim men can have sex with as many of their own slave girls as they can buy. Muhammad permitted his soldiers to have three day temporary marriages called a "muta" so they could have "legal sex" while away from their real wives at home. Today Ayatollahs grant marriages for specific periods of time hours, days, months, years , like leasing a car or an apartment. This is how a man made religion comes up with a "solution" to fornication and adultery. Proof that Islam was invented by Muhammad, is proven by the fact that the Koran indicates that the Christian trinity is made up of the Father, Son and Mary Jesus Mother. This heretical doctrine was indeed taught by the Collyridians and Ebonites who had fled to Arabia. Muhammad learned Christian doctrine through these heretics and incorrectly assumed it was representative of Christianity in general. This indicates that there was not yet a complete recognized cannon. The best that was available was "fragmentary scripts. Zaid declared that it would be a difficult task. There were three methods of recording Zaid searched out - palm leaf stalks, thin white stones and also from the men who knew it by heart. One verse was found only in the possession of one man. The only reason the modern versions of the Koran have only small variations between the various versions, is because a formal edict was issued in AD that outlawed, under pain of execution, the possession of

any Koran version other than the one chosen by Caliph Uthman. Basically, Caliph Uthman chose a version of the Koran that we was familiar with. Historically, it was not even the best choice, but the most convenient choice. Contrary to Muslim claims, there are no ancient copies of the Koran dating before AD in museums. The Arabs were polytheists and pagans until AD.

Chapter 3 : What You Need to Know about the Bible and Islam - Bible Study

Christians need to become more aware of Ramadan as well as the other practices and tenets of this fast-growing global religion. As an aid in that effort, here are nine things you should know about Islam.

Muslim and Arab are two different things. Arab is an ethnic group and as such Arabs can be Christian, Jewish, atheist, Muslim or any other religion. Islam is a religion. With the difference between ethnicity and religion now clarified, here are the five things about Islam you should know. Women and men are equal in Islam: It is true that inequalities exist in many Muslim societies but it is also true that gender inequalities exist in many non-Muslim societies as well. Gender inequalities emanate from cultural practices, not the religion of Islam. In the Quran, men and women enjoy the same rights spiritually, but also socially and politically. Several Islamic countries have also had female heads of state, including Pakistan, Indonesia, Bangladesh and Turkey. Islam shares many religious figures and historical events with Judaism and Christianity. Muslims greatly respect Jesus. He is considered a prophet in Islam. Muslims fast for 30 days every year for Ramadan , which is one of the five pillars of Islam. Ramadan this year is happening during most of the month of July. Muslims fast to experience what it feels like to be poor and hungry, and to focus on their own inner spiritual journey. Fasting is a great teacher of compassion. Islam is a religion with a deep commitment to social justice. In addition to the practice of Ramadan enabling Muslims to experience hunger as a poor and hungry person might, another of the five pillars of Islam is to help the poor through a donation of zakat. Put simply, Muslims must give 2.5%. Violence and suicide missions are un-Islamic. At its core, Islam is a religion of peace, a message reiterated many times throughout the Quran. The Quran calls its way "the paths of peace" 5: Additionally, there has been a fatwa or religious decree speaking directly against terrorism and suicide bombings, stating they are unjust, evil and have no place in Islam. People who perpetuate violence in the name of Islam are no more true to their faith than Christians who blow up abortion clinics. With so much misunderstanding in the world about Islam, I hope these simple facts serve to redress some common misconceptions.

Chapter 4 : Tell Me About Islam For Non-Muslims

What you need to know about how dangerous Islam is and why there will never be peace in the Middle east as long as Muslims exist. Even the Islamic sword (scimitar) is shaped like a crescent moon in honor of their pagan history. Virgin Mary with elephant dung falling on her praised by the New York.

Islam is based on the koran and the sunna: Everything that is written in this trilogy is islam. If something is not written in this trilogy, then it is simply not islam. A muslim is a person who follows and practices the beliefs of Islam. So, a muslim mu s-l-m is a person who submits to islam. Although this may seem obvious, a lot of liberal people get those two terms mixed up: Many muslims are innocent misguided believers. Not every muslim is a bad person, simply because most " especially in the West " do not follow the teachings of islam, or not yet anyway. Not every person does what he is expected to do. You may, if you will, compare this in some way with drugs: Like drugs and nazism most people were sucked into it. Also not every Christian is a good person, the mafia for instance was catholic. And likewise certainly not every muslim is a bad person. God has given each person a free will. However, we must acknowledge that EVERY muslim does support a theocracy the sharia when supporting islam, and follows a cult leader Mohammed who wants to kill all non-muslims, and has also sworn to follow his doctrine the shahada. Therefore there is reason for concern, even with your well meaning moderate muslim neighbour. It is safe to say that the religion that adheres to a person has a significant impact on the way a person acts lives and thinks. The difference is that the Bible does NOT command to kill and the islamic doctrine clearly does. They just live their lives much like anybody else. So, for the record: Islam is bad but it does not mean that all muslims are bad. Criticizing a religion should not be confused with hate towards its adherents. Islam itself is indefensible if you care about human rights. However, almost all muslims in the West do not yet live according to islam, or only to a minimal extent. This gradually changes if islam grows. As history taught us this process of islamization can take decades or centuries but it is inevitable once a point of no return has been reached. Therefore this is what should be prevented. The problem is not intrinsically with all muslims, it is with islam, and it is with muslims that are influenced heavily by islam. They know they are not allowed to integrate, they must dominate. And they have the core text of islam to back them up, so it is not hard to convince other muslims to do the same. That is why at this time in the West " unlike in muslim dominated areas and countries " we still see so many moderate and passive muslims. Most muslims in the West are influenced by the Western culture and by the many non-muslims surrounding them. This of course will change gradually but permanently when the land becomes more islamic and the number of muslims in the country grows. As we have seen " without exception " in the many countries already conquered by islam. There are currently around 1. That number is expected to grow to 2. Not every Nazi in the third reich was quite as evil as Himmler or Goebbels. Just as there were many good and peaceful Germans during WW2, and also many good people living in the former USSR, there are also many millions of decent muslims. This is what ALL muslims believe. There is no God but Allah. Mohammed is his messenger. This means that ALL muslims believe in whatever Mohammed has said or Allah through Mohammed , and agree with whatever Mohammed has said. And consequently believe in and agree with whatever Mohammed has done. No matter what it is. After all it is the word of Allah, their god. Eventhough most of the passive and moderate muslims in the West have NO CLUE what this means or what this includes, they still have committed to the words of Mohammed. So knowing this, to understand islam all you need to do is find out what Mohammed said and did which is what is written down in the islamic trilogy: Now, in the West we make no distinctions: Including people we know like your friendly muslim neighbor, muslim colleague, muslims on tv etc. Looking through a collectivist lens we think that that particular random muslim we see is representing islam. Of course it is not. There are " like there are with any religion " basicly 3 different kinds of muslims: They are only muslims in the statistics and are mostly muslim by birth without a choice. They do not follow and practice the beliefs of islam or act like it in any way: Or maybe some do like to celibrate ramadan and eid like an atheist celibrates Christmas but otherwise know nothing about islam. They are totally clueless about what islam is. Passive muslims are ONLY possible

in free non-islamic countries, the more islamic a country gets, the less they will be tolerated. So, if they were honest, they would leave their religion. Protecting muslims from anti-muslim bigotry and violence. Understanding islam in under 60 seconds. Partially practicing muslims moderate muslims There are also many partially practicing muslims, or moderate muslims, in the west. There is however no theological basis for their views: And that is why it never lasts when islam grows! Moderate muslims are mostly peaceful and decent people, but: A moderate muslim is NOT following all the teachings of islam Our popular perception in the West is shaped by our Judeo-Christian centric western culture. This might be your neighbour or colleague at work and they are often referred to by liberals and politicians to show how peaceful islam is. But in reality these are of course really not representative muslims at all, because a muslim is a person who follows and practices the beliefs of islam. Three questions for moderate muslims. Once a society is dominated by muslims religious leaders will take over and establish the sharia, and moderate muslims will be out of the picture and totally irrelevant, or worse! impossible. Any moderate muslim should seriously ask himself: Also a certain percentage of moderate muslims are not fully knowledgeable about their faith yet or not fully practicing their faith yet. It has been demonstrated that the more devout islamic a muslim becomes and the more he learns about the islamic ideology, the more dedicated and committed he becomes to the teaching of the koran, the hadith, and demands of historical islam. Practicing muslims devout muslims Most muslims in the world today however are practicing muslims, or devout muslims. There are many more islamic terrorist groups that spread terror in the world in the name of islam. Just to give you an idea, here are some of the other "less famous" jihadi groups: This list is not complete, there are more. No matter what politicians want you to believe: A message for any muslim reading this: But, if the Bible is not corrupted the koran is also a lie because it contradicts both the Old and the New Testament. Islam is a false religion. THAT is why so many muslims are killed by other more devout muslims. All the information is out there! if you are willing to see it.

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Inside the Sehlik mosque in Berlin. Emma Anderson 12 May Here are more facts you might not know about Islam in the country. First Muslims in Germany date back to the s The very first Muslims to come to Germany, as far as recorded history goes, arrived as prisoners of war from the Siege of Vienna by the Ottoman Empire in But many were either baptized or eventually returned to their homelands, according to the German Islam Conference DIK. Between and , more Muslim prisoners of war ended up in Germany during the Russo-Turkish War. Tartar and Bosnian Muslims also joined Prussian forces in Later, when Prussia and the Ottoman Empire had a more cosy relationship, a number of Muslims began to live in Germany regularly. In , for example, the Prussian court in Berlin established an Ottoman diplomatic position. In when the third envoy died, Prussian King Frederick William III created a burial site for him, and with it the first Islamic cemetery in Germany, which still stands today along Columbiadamm in Berlin. The number of practitioners of Islam in Germany remained relatively negligible after that until the s, when a guest worker programme with Turkey brought in large numbers of labourers. The Turkish population in Germany now makes up the largest ethnic minority in the country at around 3 million people with Turkish roots. Around 5 percent of the population is Muslim The most recent government figures released last year showed that between 4. This was an increase of about 1. The government attributed the growth to the large number of immigrants who came to the country last year, including the record number of nearly , refugees, many coming from predominantly Muslim countries. The survey showed that respondents generally thought Muslims made up as much as 21 percent of the population - roughly quadruple the actual size. Experts predict that this population could grow by about another percentage point in the next four years. Germany ranks fifth in EU for relative Muslim population size While Germany has the largest population of Muslims in the European Union in total, its community of Islam followers is not the biggest per capita. One in four Therefore Germany ranks fifth in the EU for the size of its Muslim community relative to the rest of its population, behind France 7. This also places Germany slightly above Austria 5. And when looking at the entire continent of Europe, Russia has the overall largest Muslim population at 14 million people, or 10 percent of its total population, according to Pew. The newspaper - published in various languages - was distributed to frontline areas, within German prison camps, as well as in places under French, English or Russian reign where Muslims lived. Even the first mosque constructed in Germany was a part of this strategy, allowing prisoners to practice their religion, and then to teach them about the holy war in order to convince them to fight alongside Germany against the Allies. But Islamic practitioners are not organized in the same structured way as Jews or Christians in Germany, meaning they do not quite fit these criteria. Islam in Germany is very diverse, with separate practices broken down across Sunni groups as the most predominant, as well as Alevi, Shiite, Ahmadi, Sufi, Ibadi, and more. A study by the DIK in found that only 20 percent of Muslims belong to religious organizations or congregations. What is crucial is whether a Muslim organization fulfills the constitutional requirements. In , he obtained German citizenship. North Rhine-Westphalia has generally had the largest Muslim population Before Germany saw a record number of refugees arrive over the past two years, many from Muslim-majority countries, about one in three Muslims in Germany lived in the most populous state of North Rhine-Westphalia. Because of the way Islam is organized and classified in Germany as explained in number 5 , there is no centralized way of counting the number of Muslims, so estimates rely on surveys. German intelligence agencies have had their eye on radical Islamists since at least s Both the Central Council of Muslims in Germany and the DIK use their websites to denounce violence, terror and extremism in the name of Islam. The DIK also actively works with the German government to prevent radicalization. A spokeswoman for domestic intelligence agency BfV told The Local that they have had their eye on possible Islamist extremists since at least the s, but she said their focus on possible terror groups drastically changed after the September 11th attacks in the US. In , after growing concerns about the rise of radical preachers inside the country - like German convert and suspected terrorist

group supporter Sven Lau - the BfV spokeswoman said the intelligence agency also started writing official reports and keeping tallies on the estimated number of Salafists.

Chapter 6 : islam for dummies

When I googled the phrase "what you need to know about American Muslims" earlier today, I expected a wealth of reliable, accurate resources to come up. Instead, the top results included websites, blog posts, and books all written by people claiming to be "experts" on Islam.

The proper way to thank Allah 9. With regards to fasting I have prepared an easy to follow guide. Allah willing the exact date will be announced on the website when it is known. Here is the our Ramadan Guide www.muslimconverts.com. After reading from the website if you still have questions on Ramadan then please email contact muslimconverts. In Ramadan we will also have Ramadan pages, where you can read a new page every day of Ramadan. After you have accomplished all this then please read the various sections of the website. Bad marriages have sometimes ended in driving a New Muslim away from Islam. The Muslims Ummah nation has a wide spectrum of people. Some are good and some are bad. To help converts get find the right person to marry we have started a matrimonial service <http://www.muslimconverts.com>. Muslims are passionate about Islam and so they should be. It is very easy to offend some one by saying the wrong thing when one has little knowledge. You may not yet know the complete ruling on an issue and may say the wrong thing. There are things that one can say which can take a person out of Islam. If you say such things in front of other Muslims they may start getting very angry and declare you as a non-Muslim which may greatly upset you and even drive you away from Islam. So please do not think you know everything about a topic in Islam just because you have read a book or two on Islam. B Do not let Muslims push you into doing things or taking positions of authority which you are not qualified for or not capable of due to your limited knowledge of Islam and the Muslim world. Just say I am learning and when I have learnt sufficiently I will get back to you on this matter. Any information one gives out about Islam must be correct. In the west we are often brain washed to hypothesizing about things we do not know the answers to. This we must avoid when talking about Islam. Because we are talking about the religion of Allah and no one has the right to say anything about it which Allah has not approved. Islam requires a person to say the truth. Rather than taking a guess or saying what pleases the public. C Do not start setting up web sites or groups. You can end up leading other Muslims astray. However do tell other non Muslims about Islam. Just because some one is also a convert to Islam do not assume he or she will be a guiding beacon of light for you. In fact some are in the dark about Islamic rulings on many issues themselves and can mislead you. If you have any difficulties do make sure you email and we will try to help you as much as possible. Finally welcome to Islam and we are glad to have you as our Brother if you are male or as our Sister if you are female AbuUbaida.

Chapter 7 : 5 Things You Need To Know About Sharia Law | HuffPost

Everything you need to know about Islam About Teaching of Islam First and foremost, the main goal of the Teaching of Islam website is not to convert you, but to share information related to Islam and its teaching, about the Oneness of Allah (SWT), about the Prophets of Islam and to serve as a resource for your interest in learning about Islam.

HuffPost Religion put together this brief explainer for Gingrich and for others who think discriminating against an entire religious tradition will make America great again. Sharia is primarily about a personal relationship with God. Sharia is an Arabic word that means a path to be followed, commonly a path that leads to water. This image of a road leading to the sustenance needed for life is a powerful one. Asking a Muslim to stop believing in Sharia is like asking her to stop practicing her religion. It is a blatant attack on religious liberty. Life, learning, family, property, and honor. From these main goals come laws about things like marriage, eating, worship, financial transactions, and many other essential aspects of living in a community. Sharia is not all about punishment. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword. Want to deport "all people who believe the Bible" now? Those nations that oppress in the name of Shariah are as justified in their claims, as the slave owners who claimed their right to slavery was based on the Bible. Because nothing trumps the U. No national Muslim organization has ever called for Sharia to supercede American courts. Many claim the initiative was a response to an imagined threat that was more about promoting anti-Muslim sentiment than about preserving American law. Not only are these anti-Sharia campaigns unconstitutional, they also often end up hurting Muslims. According to Abed Awad, a specialist in Islamic law, banning Sharia law makes it difficult for Muslims to provide cultural context in cases that have to do with divorce and marriage. Soleimani, a case that was decided in Kansas, where a ban against foreign law being used in state courts was adopted by state lawmakers in But the jury chose not to factor that contract into its decision about the case, and the woman ended up getting a substantially lower sum. Many of the Founding Fathers were wary of Catholicism. During the 19th century, the number of Catholics in the United States tripled because of immigration. This influx led to the rise of anti-Catholic, nativist sentiment, which manifested itself in violent ways, with the burning of convents and churches.

Chapter 8 : The Religion of Islam

Dealing with Muslims is a frustrating and bewildering process. We get a great many e-mails from Muslims throughout the world, and what is interesting about them is that they are as varied and contradictory as any human enterprise can be.

Vu , Christian Post Reporter Nov 29, 2: Emir Caner, who is now dean of The College at Southwestern in Fort Worth, Texas, spoke to a crowd of evangelical Christians at McLean Bible Church recently during an apologetics conference attended by some 1, people. The first point he emphasized was that Allah and Jehovah are not the same God. Caner said that if one did not believe in Jesus as the living God then it is impossible to say they are the same God. Caner clarified that although Jesus is acknowledged in the Koran, Islam has a low views of Jesus. Jesus is portrayed as only human, not as the savior. Also, Jesus according to Islam never died on the cross but was replaced by someone before he was crucified. He is not the redeemer. He is not Savior. He is not Lord. He is a messenger, a prophet “ virgin-born, mind you. He explained that in Islam, even though a person strives to do good and please Allah, there is no guarantee. Also Muslims are attracted by the unconditional love and intimacy with God offered in Christianity. Jihad, or holy war, is prescribed in the Koran and Hadith 3. There are specific protocols in Islam e. Islam does not believe in religious freedom 5. Islam has a lower view of woman than Christianity 6. Islam has a low view of Jesus 7. Islam has a low view of the Bible 8. Islam is the most work-based religion in the world 9. Islam is divided among denominations Many Muslims are coming to faith in Christ.

Chapter 9 : What every non-Muslim needs to know about Islam!

What you need to know With Islam so much in the news these days, more and more questions are being asked about the sacred text of Islam: the Qur'an. It seems that pastors, politicians and even presidents suddenly have something to say about the Qur'an and Islam.

Madany One of the most discussed topics in the closing years of the twentieth-century was the soaring population of the world. At the dawn of the New Millennium, our planet is now the home of more than six billion people. An equally important phenomenon has been the migration to the Western countries of a great number of people from what used to be known as the missions fields of Asia and Africa. This fact demands our attention since some of our neighbors are followers of one of the major world religions. Lately, Muslims have become quite visible in our metropolitan areas due to a great influx of immigrants from S. Asia and the Middle East. Furthermore, they have gained quite a few converts, especially among African Americans. While there is no dearth of literature in English on Islam, most of such works are written by secular authors who naturally have no interest in missions to Muslims. This is why the appearance of this latest book of George W. In , he published a similar work, *Islam: Its Prophet, Peoples, Politics and Power*. In the fourteen chapters of his book, Dr. Braswell treats the following topics: *The Muslims Are Coming!* So it is no exaggeration to say that the scope of this book is encyclopedic. In this age of globalization, Muslims and other followers of world religions, have become our new neighbors. We have a golden opportunity to meet Muslims and share with them the authentic Good News. But it is not an easy task, for unlike the followers of other religions, Muslims have come to reside among us accompanied by a religious and cultural baggage that is thoroughly antithetical to the Christian faith and life. I totally agree with Braswell when he writes: What does the future hold for relations between Christianity and Islam? That is uncertain, but one thing is clear: Christianity has a mandate to go into all the world and preach the gospel, a gospel of salvation and reconciliation in Jesus Christ. Islam has a mandate to practice jihad and to bring the non-Muslim world under the rule of Allah and the injunctions of the Quran. The Quran speaks harshly of apostasy; an apostate will face the wrath of God in the hereafter. Many traditions say of those who change their religion from Islam, "Let them be killed. Any convert from Islam to Christianity has also faced even greater risk. Thus, freedom of religion has not been a positive matter within Islam. Some Muslim nations prohibit missionary activity, restrict the religious freedom of minority religions, and place great obstacles in church building and growth. The overarching worldview of Islam is that of Islam against the world. The world must be converted to Islam, or brought under its domination. As Islam grows and multiplies in non-Muslim populations, it faces issues of separation of religion and state and religious liberty for all peoples. They fall under two categories: On page 10, the author in referring to the controversies among Christian churches in the days of Muhammad sixth and seventh centuries, wrote: There were disputes over the doctrine of the Trinity and the nature of Jesus Christ. These disputes were later to influence Muhammad and his understanding of Christianity. However, these theological controversies beginning with Nicea in AD, and culminating at Chalcedon in AD, were not disputes between Rome and Constantinople. The controversies centered around the natures and wills of Jesus Christ. The final rupture between Eastern Orthodoxy and Roman Catholicism did not take place until AD, four centuries after the rise of Islam! On page 46, the author deals again with the divisions among Christians at the time of the rise of Islam. But he describes these controversies as having occurred between Rome and Constantinople. The real tragedy of Eastern Christianity is that the Orthodox party used the arm of the state to persecute the Monophysites in Egypt and the Nestorians in Mesopotamia. It was the followers of these non-Chalcedonian persecuted churches, that mistakenly welcomed the Arab-Muslim armies imagining that they were their liberators. Later on, they discovered to their dismay that the Muslim conquerors had imposed on them the harsh rules of the so-called "Protected" or "Dhimmi" status. A similar confusion between Rome and Constantinople is found on page 95, in the fourth paragraph. The Arabic version "of the confession shahada of Muslims" is rendered: Without it a negative particle, the confession is meaningless. Usually, this brief Islamic credo is prefaced by the Arabic words: The complete Muslim confession states: The latter spelling may be due

to Dr. On page 97, there is a great confusion regarding the exact identity of the Muslim rulers who persecuted Western Christian pilgrims coming to Jerusalem, thus paving the way for the Crusades in . The following episode is related by the author. The Ottomans conquered Constantinople in , thus bringing to an end the Byzantine Empire. It was not until that they began the conquest of the Middle East, and getting control over Jerusalem. These suggested corrections are not meant at all to detract from the great value of this work. Any serious student of Islam will be greatly enriched by owning this book.