

Behead those who...

Most westerners are nice people. They look for the good in others, not the bad.

We would rather not look at the bad bits, that's just not nice. Nice people don't look at the bad bits; they just focus on the good bits.

Westerners read things like:

"There shall be no compulsion in religion." (The Quran, Sura 2:256)

And they think, "Islam can't be that bad. I've met some nice Muslims and this seems to line up with my experience. Surely Islam is a peace loving religion."

But what if they had seen Muslims carrying signs which said, "Behead those who insult Islam" and then read verses like Sura 5:33?

"Indeed, the penalty for those who wage war against Allah and His Messenger and strive upon earth [to cause] corruption is none but that they be killed or crucified or that their hands and feet be cut off from opposite sides or that they be exiled from the land. That is for them a disgrace in this world; and for them in the Hereafter is a great punishment." (The Quran, Sura 5:33)¹

Is Islam good, or is it bad? Should we look at the good stuff or the bad stuff? How can we discover the truth about Islam?

Well, we'll have to look at the good, the bad, and the ugly. Why the good? We must be fair. Why the bad? If we don't we might be conned. Why the ugly? If we don't see the ugly we will ignore the cries of the victims of Sharia. www.honordiaries.com/

Talk to Muslims. Ask them questions. Is the Sharia good? How should apostates be treated? Should those who criticize Islam be punished?² If so, what should happen to them? Read books written by Muslims for Muslims. (People often dress up their religion when they are trying to sell it to outsiders.) Look at the Quran, the Hadith and the Sira.

If you are going to get to the bottom of this you will have to get both sides of the story. Listen to what Muslims and non-Muslims have to say about Islam.³
www.worldtruthsummit.com/

Look at the good, the bad, and the ugly.

www.youtube.com/watch?v=sMrv_bjbPqA

www.youtube.com/watch?v=UU3i9wPeAy0

<http://markdurie.blogspot.com.au/2013/03/sheikh-al-bouti-dies-by-means-he.html>



¹ A note on the verse above. How does one define "waging war"? If someone tries to warn others about the injustices of Sharia, are they waging war on Islam? When all is said and done, it is the radical Muslims who define "waging war." God help you if they declare you an enemy of Allah. (Fortunately our government is there to protect us.
www.youtube.com/watch?v=Elfp11jaB98&t=31m5s <http://youtu.be/r2ra7wD39dY> <http://youtu.be/i7FiOREdK28>)

² This man has to live in a safe house because he's critical of Islam. <http://worldtruthsummit.com/eric-allen-bell.html>
Others have to hide their identity. www.youtube.com/watch?v=g1p9MWZIYI

³ www.jihadwatch.org/2013/05/prominent-american-muslim-umar-lee-leaves-islam-we-were-lied-to.html
<http://markdurie.blogspot.com.au/2013/06/salafis-and-muslim-brotherhood-what-is.html>

Sharia vs. an eye for an eye

A Frenchman, Alain Wagner, had this to say about Sharia:

"We are not against beliefs. We are not against religion. We are defending human rights and freedom and free speech. And Sharia is destroying freedom of speech; it is destroying human rights. So if we want to continue to live under the rule of human rights and have free speech and enjoy freedom, we have to reject Sharia."
(<http://worldtruthsummit.com/alain-wagner.html>)

The Sharia is built upon a careful study of Islamic texts. www.youtube.com/watch?v=DPH1kQ-96b8

What is Sharia? Or more specifically, what is Sharia when enforced by the state or the ummah?⁴ Sharia is a legalized form of discrimination. Under the Sharia, if someone steals from a Muslim their hand will be cut off, but if a Muslim steals from a non-Muslim their hand will not be cut off.⁵

Pretending this problem does not exist, will not make it go away. See *Surrender* by Bruce Bawer, *The Third Choice* by Mark Durie and <http://citizenwarrior.com/2013/06/the-bare-bones-message.html>

Why do some peace loving western Muslims become supporters of Sharia?

Imagine for a moment that you are a Pakistani Muslim who migrated to a western nation. In Pakistan you weren't particularly religious; you just minded your own business. But now you are in a new country. Everything is foreign. There are only so many jobs you can do so you decide to get a job as a taxi driver. Imagine the shock you feel when you see a drunken brawl on a Saturday night involving men and women. (In Islam alcohol is forbidden.) After witnessing something like that it is only natural that you feel like you can't integrate and that you need to associate with people who hold your beliefs. It may even trigger the thought, "Sharia is the answer." Such an event may encourage you to become more serious about your religion.

To understand the importance of this we must grasp that there are two kinds of Muslims who are serious about Islam.

Many serious Muslim's start off as Meccan Muslims (following Mohammed's example in Mecca), but change to Medinan Muslims (a much more violent chapter in Mohammed's life). A Muslim may be a radical, but be living to the outside world as a Meccan Muslim; or a Muslim may be genuinely peaceful, yet after observing Mohammed's example and how he changed his life in changing circumstances, become a supporter of violent Jihad and Sharia law. That is what happened to some of the men involved in the 9/11 attacks on the World Trade Centre. Fortunately, most Muslims are better people than their prophet.⁶

Is your son or daughter thinking of converting to Islam?

If your son or daughter said to you, "I'm thinking of converting to Islam," What would you say?

I would say, "You are free to do so; but before you do I'd like you to promise me that you'll read *Sahih Bukhari*, *Sahih Muslim* and *The Life of Mohammed* by Ibn Ishaq. If after doing this you still believe that Mohammed was the best of all men, you are free to follow his example for the rest of your life."⁷

www.sahih-bukhari.com/ www.hadithcollection.com/sahihmuslim.html

www.answering-islam.org/Silas/indexintro.htm

There is only one way to find out if some men are lying.

www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZxBLJP0t03w

⁴ See YouTube "Enforcing Sharia in London." (Because of this kind of thing, some non-Muslims have had to resort to legal action <http://worldtruthsummit.com/gavin-boby.html> Can't we all just get along? One wonders. <http://jesus-wept.net/tensions.htm>)

⁵ Today many radical Muslims are pushing for Sharia (Islamic law) throughout the world. Some use violence in an attempt to bring about this change, but the vast majority of radical Muslims are trying to bring this about through politics. www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vg-xDxKVwQk/ In the West, most who choose the political path dare not argue in public or parliament for individual laws such as the cutting off of hands and feet, as this is counterproductive. It does not cause the public to view Islam in a positive light. Since their goal is to spread Islam (while not restricting the radical elements within the Islamic community), it is better to put a positive spin on things and try to make all criticism of Islam illegal. In the long run these people will prove to be more harmful to society than the most violent of jihadists. What the Islamic community really needs is genuine reformers.

Real reformers do not label those who make valid criticisms about Islam's human rights record and Islamic doctrines 'Islamophobic.' They do not excuse or deny inhumanities committed in the name of their belief or ideology; they highlight them. Watch out for pretend reformers, those who use the same vocabulary but a different dictionary. (E.g. Many proclaim that the sharia forbids the killing of innocent people. But what do they mean when they use the word "innocent"? Who is innocent according to sharia legal manuals? <http://gatesofvienna.net/2012/10/prescribed-by-sharia-part-1-honor-killing/>) The devil is in the detail. www.citizenwarrior.com/2013/06/muslim-charities-jihad-and-non-muslims.html

⁶ See the interview with Mark Durie on <http://worldtruthsummit.com/mark-durie.html> and *Factual Persuasion* by Bill Warner.

⁷ This is the advice Mark Durie gives in a lecture entitled "Understanding Islam". We would hope that Muslim fathers would be equally fair. If a young Muslim woman was thinking of becoming a Christian it would be admirable if her father said, "It is your choice. But before making that decision I'd like you to read the entire Bible, from beginning to end." Personally I wonder if any of the God's presented by today's religious institutions are just and fair. "If anything be against justice...it is cruelty." Is eternal torment just? www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q7qZ_bCDDIM