

Islam in the West (Dr. Jay Smith – 2018)

1) WEST'S 'MULTICULTURAL' AGENDA:

- Western govts. desire for assimilation & integration
- Western govts. seek acceptance of cultural and ethnic differences

But, it is only a 'pseudo Multiculturalism'

- Muslims: 'Islamophobia' is the primary sin of Europe
- Muslims: want separate and parallel communities
- Muslim leadership: seeks Muslim space and influence in:
[Europe's] politics, culture, education, economy & media

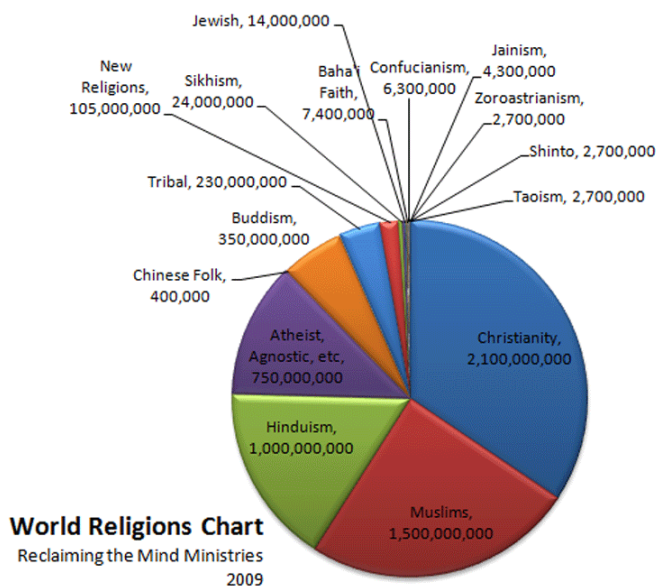
How is this being done?

- Using Democratic tolerance to promote Islam's intolerance
- Imposing laws to stifle criticism ('Incitement' law)
- Claiming territory for themselves (Ibn Izzadeen vs. John Reid)
- Finally, Muslims create enclaves, using 'Shariah' laws (i.e. Shabina Begum's 'Jilbab')

Zaki Badawi: (a late influential London based theologian)

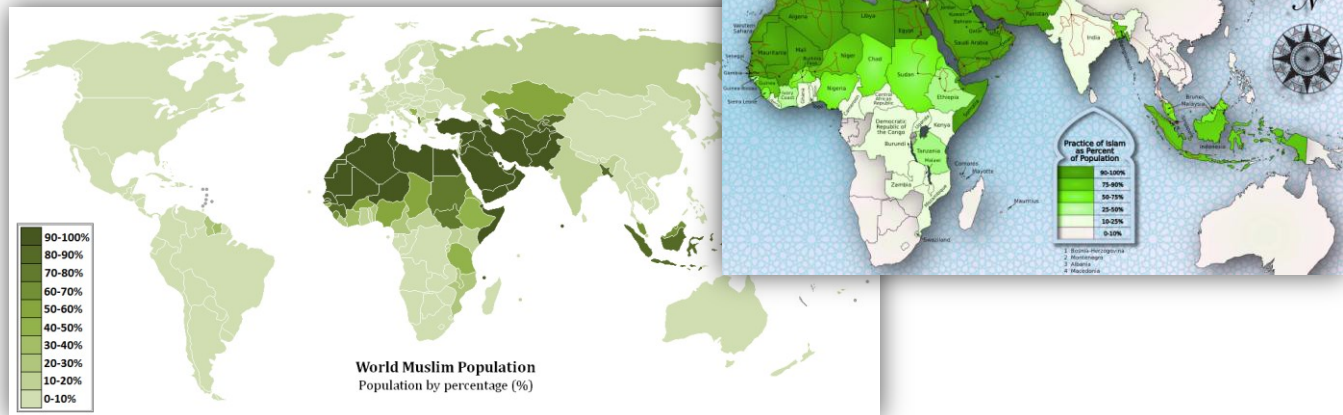
"A proselytising religion cannot stand still. It can either expand or contract. Islam endeavours to expand in Britain...Islam is a universal religion. It aims at bringing its message to all corners of the earth. It hopes that one day the whole of humanity will be one Muslim community, the 'Umma. As we know the history of Islam as a faith is also the history of a state and a community of believers living by Divine law. The Muslims, jurists and theologians, have always expounded Islam as both Government and a faith. This reflects the historical fact that Muslims, from the start, lived under their own law. Muslim theologians naturally produced a theology with this in view – it is a theology of the majority. Being a minority was not seriously considered or even contemplated...Muslim theology offers, upto the present, no systematic formulation of the status of being in a minority." (Badawi, Zaki, Islam in Britain, London, Ta-Ha Publishers, 1981, pp.25-27)

2) THE RISE OF ISLAM IN THE WORLD IN COMPARISON TO OTHER RELIGIONS



Muslim Demographics

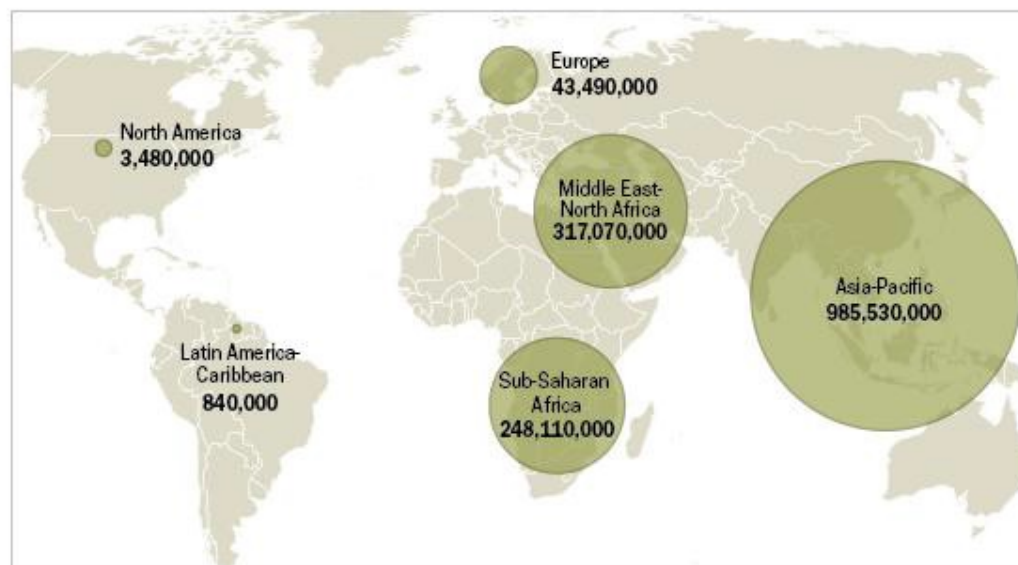
According to these maps, where do the majority of Muslims live?



A more accurate portrayal of Islam's world reach...

Regional Distribution of Muslims

Population by region as of 2010



The Rise of Islam²

World-wide: 1.8 billion
 Indonesia (210 m.)
 Pakistan (190 m.)
 India (180 m.)
 Bangla-Desh (150 m.) = almost 700 m.

2004 poll on Radicalization

Turkey = 31%
 Morocco = 45%
 Jordan = 55%
 Pakistan = 65% (That means 80 million out of 140 million people!)

Asia = 985 m., more than half the Muslim world comes from Asia! Our strategies must reflect this.

² source: "US Image Worsens in Europe Poll," news release credited to AFP [Agence Francaise de Presse] -Washington, *The Korea Times* (Seoul: March 18, 2004), pg.6)



3) ISLAM IN EUROPE

- Western Europe = 13 million
- France: 4.16 million (majority by 2050)
- Germany: 3.2 million or possibly 5 mil.
- U.K. = 1.8 (Govt. sources) – 2.5-3.0 million

(More than communicant members of Anglicans; 'may be' the majority by 2070)

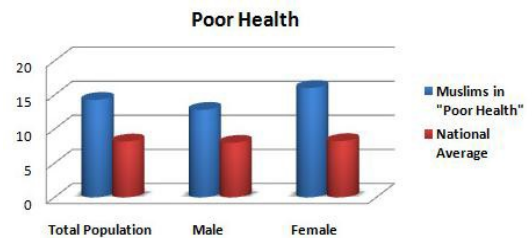
U.K. Ethnic Breakdown:³

70% from the Indian sub-continent:

- Pakistan (Mirpur, Kashmir) = 46%
- Bangla Desh (Sylhet) = 16%,
- Indians (Gujarat) = 8%
- Arab = 11%
- Rest from M.East & Africa

Islam in the UK

- 1/3 (33%) of Muslims are under 16 years (vs. 1/5 [20%] for the nat. ave.)
- Average Muslim age = 28 (vs. 41 for nat. ave.)
- 42% of Muslims live in overcrowded conditions
- 12% live without central heating
- 62% are unemployed
- Lower than any other faith group in Britain.
- Mostly in low-paid sectors of the economy
- The most popular name for a new born is Muhammad⁴
- 9% of all prisoners are Muslim, yet they only make up 2.7% of the population
- Underachieving Muslims



4) DEFINING ISLAM IN THE UK

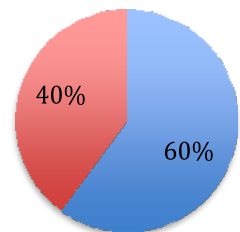
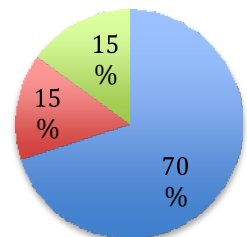
In 2001, how did Muslims define themselves?

- **Radical** – 15% - Follows the scripture and the prophet Muhammad
- **Nominal** – 70% - Follows the traditions and their cultural adaptations
- **Liberal** – 15% - Follows the West, assimilates

By 2002, radicals had risen to 25%

On February 19th, 2006:

- **Over 40%** considered themselves radical...
- **20%** supported Suicide bombers
 - **ALL** wanted Shariah Law⁵



³ Rahman, Motiur, "British Muslims envisage Islamic Britain", *The Muslim Weekly*, 26 November – 2 December 2004

⁴ Ibid.



5) HOME GROWN TERROISTS

Omar Sharif & Asif Hanif
(April 30, 2003)



Mohammad Hamid
(February 2008)

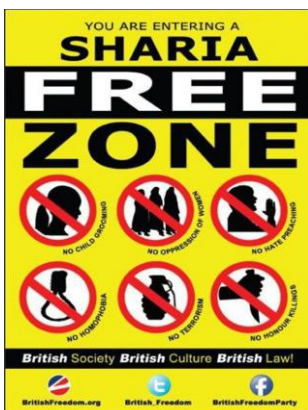
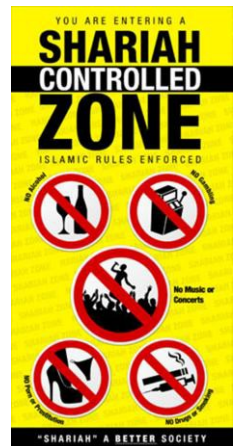


6) THE RISE OF SHARIAH

Al Muharijoun Party



In the past, for the sake of **Multiculturalism**, or fear of being labelled as '**Islamophobic**', British police turned a blind eye to the plight of the vulnerable people within some Muslim communities. In the Midlands, **parallel policing** is done by Muslim communities, and the British police cannot interfere.⁶ **Vigilante justice** is carried out by **Shariah courts**; victims of rape, murder and child abuse go undetected due to community pressure and Shariah courts.⁷ This is what led to the **grooming of girls** by gangs of Muslim men. The situation is now beginning to be re-addressed.



-Many non-Muslims have responded negatively.
-Europeans use imagery to communicate their fears.
-Islam can't be criticised (according to most Muslims), so Europeans respond with humour.

⁵ Peter G. Riddell and Peter Cotterell, *Islam In Conflict*, Leicester, England: IVP, 2003, chapters 10-12, and page 193. Also cf. lecture by Riddell, "Muslim Views on the World" held at the London Institute for Contemporary Christianity, and sponsored by the London Lectures Trust, October 23, 2003) *Sunday Telegraph*, Feb. 19, 2006

⁶ <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2541635/Murders-rapes-going-unreported-no-zones-police-minority-communities-launch-justice-systems.html>

⁷ Hannah Shah: The Imam's Daughter. http://www.newenglishreview.org/Esmerelda_Weatherwax/Hannah_Shah,_The_Imam%27s_Daughter/

Islam's Agenda for the West

7) ISLAMIC STRUCTURES (UK examples)

- **Mosques = 1,200 - 1,400 (240 being built)**

Center of Muslim community life; Where Imams (or Maulvi Sahibs) keep a tight control on communities, & regulate social behavior, using the Qur'an as authority. High attendance during Friday afternoon prayers, and for Islamic festivals (particularly during the month of Rammadan). Usually funded from M. East, and reflects ethnic diversity.

- **Qur'anic schools**

5,000 Qur'anic schools, and 69 regular schools, now recognized & some funded by British govt. (Kilburn Muslim school in Brent is the largest). Also, 72 jama'ats (Muslim societies), 7 mayors, and 4 Members of Parliament, 8 members in the House of Lords.⁸

The emphasis is on Islamic teachings, & focus on studying the world from a Muslim context. If schools are funded by the govt. they must allow non-Muslims. As a result Muslim administrators view them as potential converts to Islam.

- **Political structures:**

"Christianity, which allows pluralism within culture, has forced Christian nations to be tolerant. Ironically, Muslims are benefiting from that tolerance; one which would never be reciprocal to Christians in their countries of origin" (i.e. MCB – Muslim Council of Britain & Muslim Parliament)

8) MUSLIM'S AGENDA:

A. The West is in Decline: (The West seen through Traditional Muslim eyes)

- Culturally** (loss of national identity, creating ghettos i.e. West in opposition to Islam's culture)
- Socially** (breakdown & dysfunction of the family, of society, rise in crime, indiscipline in schools)
- Morally** (Movies, TV, Music, sexual promiscuity, immorality, & have huge influence on the youth)
- Spiritually** (Secularism is now the norm, only 5-7% go to church, much public criticism of religion)
- Economically** (Capitalism's interest/usury, is evil, and brings about inequality, injustice)
- Politically** (Democracy is anathema in Islam, and a threat to political Islam)

B. Christianity is to blame:

- It is based on a corrupted foundation...a corrupted scripture
- It is irrelevant today (only 5-7% even go to church)
- Christians only go to church 1 day a week, for 2 hours
- Christians live no different than non-believers
- Christianity has caused materialism and immorality
- Christians cannot define, let alone defend their faith well
- Many Christians leave Christianity & become Muslims

C. Therefore, Islam must/will dominate because it has/is according to Islam:

- an unsurpassed scripture, modelled by a universal prophet, for all time, all peoples, all places.
- a glorious history (especially the '*Rushidun*' period, from AD 622-660, and the following dynasties)
- Muslims can be credited for many of the West's successes: Algebra, science, chemistry, arts...
- a 24/7 religion (24 hours a day, 7 days a week, stipulating rules for all areas of living)
- the fastest growth of any religion in the World, & will outstrip Christianity by 2020 AD

⁸ "British Muslims", Q-News, July 2001.



D. Current Examples (in the UK):

- Muslims tend to live in tightly concentrated enclaves:
 - Bradford, Burnley
 - London: Tower Hamlets, Hackney, Slough, Paddington, Wembley, etc...
- Little cross marriages, or social contact with non-Muslims
- *Halal* meat demanded at many prisons, schools, & hospitals.
- *Hijab* worn in schools with Muslim representation.
- The 'Qualifications & Curriculum Authority', instructs teachers to keep the Qur'an wrapped and on a high shelf, while the teacher must wash their hands before touching the book.
- The British Govt. has made special arrangements to allow Muslims to have 'Shari'a-compliant mortgages, which entail a two stage process of paying stamp duty twice, conforming to shari'a at no extra financial cost.
- Muslims in influence favour other Muslims (jobs, housing & services)
- Police officers wear traditional head-gear, & no badge (with cross)
- Tower Hamlets: Christian place names are changed (i.e. Islington)
- Govt. funding for moderate Islamic newspapers, radio stations.
- Far more TV programmes on Islam, the majority positive.
- No other faith community is given the same kind of assistance.

9) HOW DO MUSLIMS OPERATE ON CAMPUS?

Islamic activity on campus is increasingly well contextualised to the British scene.

A. Five main areas of Activity:

50% of UK ISOCS now radical! (Islamic University Student Societies)

- Talks and Debates (For Muslim Students). Usually on issues that are *social* (unemployment, economics), *moral* (Western corruption, the family, women), *political* (Bosnia, Israel) or *theological* (scriptures, Jesus, science).
- Proselytising Meetings (For all-comers). Addresses by (Western) Muslim converts, debates with other groups, open meetings on topics similar to those mentioned above.
- Islamic Awareness Weeks. Modelled on CU strategy with bookstalls and literature distribution and proselytising meetings
- Literature. Tracts & books specifically polemical, attacking Christianity, and the Bible.
- Training Days (For Muslim students). Islamic Students are taken on weekends to learn how to dialogue with Christians through books, videos, tapes and training conferences.

B. Primary Agendas: (Using lectures, book tables, debates etc...)

- **Cultural mandate** (Muhammad Abduh, Khurram Murad, Abd al-Mawdudi, Hamza Tzortzis)
- **Scientific Exegesis** (Maurice Bucaille, Dr. Jamal Badawi)
- **Pagan Sources of the Bible** (Abdul Rahman Green)
- **Polemics**: the trinity & Sonship of Jesus, authority of scripture (Shabir Ali, Zakir Naik, Adnan Rahid)

Islam on university and school campuses is becoming increasingly polemical, and therefore we need to be prepared to understand and answer these agendas if we want to be effective witnesses.



Current Problems

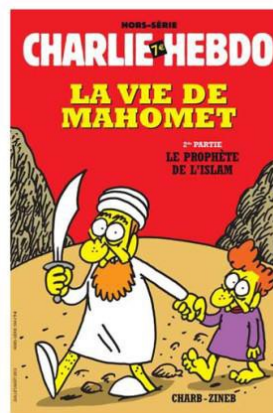
1) ISIS:

- The Attraction of ISIS to young British Muslims (2,000 have now joined)
- Does ISIS represent true Islam or not?



2) CHARLIE HEBDO:

- Comparing offense in Christianity to that of Islam



All ideologies are critiqued and potentially 'offended' in Charlie Hebdo publications

See the mockery of Jesus on the cross: "I'm a celebrity get me out of here" in French, or the offensive portrayal of the Trinity. Whilst it can deeply offend, it does not warrant a death sentence. Such free speech helps the Christian to be better equipped to understand the mindset of the European view of 'god', 'liberty', and 'freedoms' and therefore can speak truth into their lives. The Paris atrocities have forced religion into the public arena; therefore, Christians for the first time in decades can talk openly about their faith

3) BOKO HARAM

- Does this group represent true Islam?
- Where is their scriptural authority?



4) AL SHABAAB



Who Can Deal with Islamic Radicalism?

THE STATE?

- It has the might and 'where-with-all'
- Its function is to protect
- Its function is to police
 - It cannot provide a remedy to Radical Islam, because Radical Islam is theological.

➤ **But THE STATE CANNOT GIVE AN ALTERNATIVE THEOLOGY**

WHO CAN CONFRONT RADICAL MUSLIMS?

➤ A CONFIDENT CHRISTIANITY

- Because Christianity is also theological, it can bring Radical Muslims home to a far better alternative than Muhammad & the Quran; that being: Jesus and the New Testament.

Helpful topics of discussions to have with Muslims...

- In all these topics Christianity far outweighs the counterfeit of Islam...

1. Bible vs. Qur'an
2. Jesus vs. Muhammad
3. 'Yahweh' vs. 'Allah'
4. Kingdom of God vs. 'Khilafah'
5. Women in the Bible vs. Women in the Qur'an
6. Peace in Christianity vs. Violence in Islam
7. Relevancy of Christianity vs. Islam

THE NEED for a CONFIDENT CHRISTIANITY

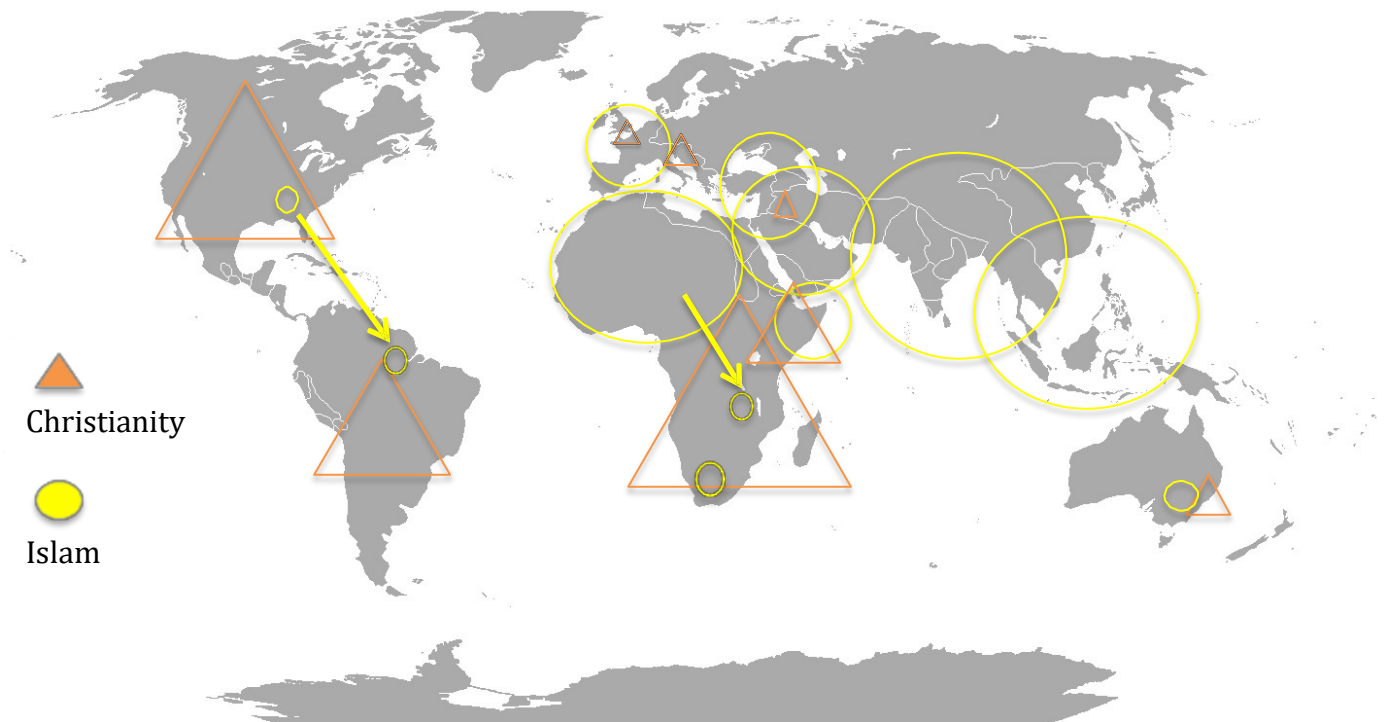
When Christianity is confident, Islam cannot stand against it.

When Christianity weakens, Islam will move forward...

See the difference between Islam and Christianity at PEW - TEMPLETON – Global religious future project, and notice that where Christianity has a stronger presence, Islam has a weaker presence, and where Christianity has a weaker presence, Islam has a stronger presence.⁹

Once Islam gets a foothold, Christianity has two options –

1. ignore its presence and let it grow, or...
2. **engage it, and bring Muslim's home to Christ**



"Declare His Glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!"
Psalm 96:3

⁹http://globalreligiousfutures.org/explorer/custom#/?subtopic=15&chartType=map&data_type=number&year=2010&religious_affiliation=23&countries=Worldwide