

Answering Did Islam Spread by the Sword?



The Quran Says No.

The following verses from the Quran forbid imposing the religion on people.

Quran [2:256](#) [There is no compulsion in religion].

Quran [50:45](#) [Can't force them to believe].

Quran [10:99](#) [Your Lord could have made all people on earth believe. Who are you (Mohamed) to compel them against the will of God].



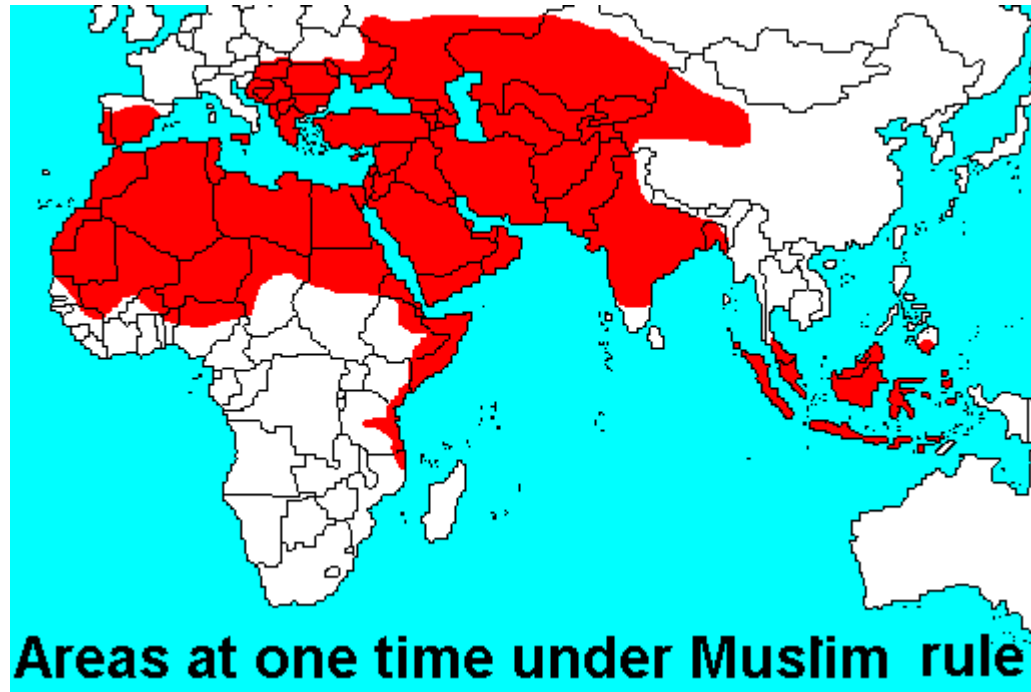
Islamic Law (Sharia) Says

Any declarations, consent, marriage, divorce, contractual agreement, decision, testimony imposed by force is invalid.



The Job of the Sword

The sword opens a land and doesn't open a heart. In other words, the sword has been used to expand the empire not to expand the religion.



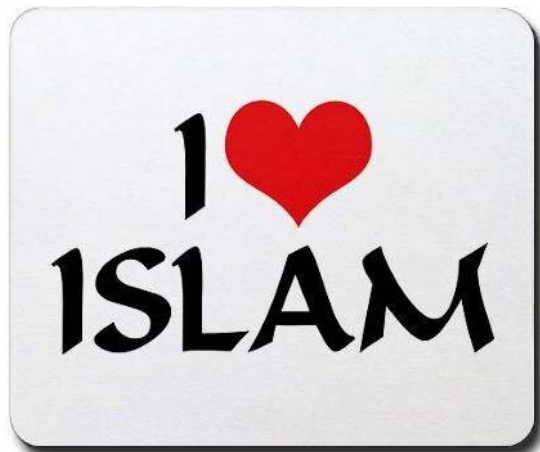
Force cannot be Used to Compel Religion

Using force to compel religion produces nothing but hypocrisy. The one who is under the threat of the sword will not love or practice Islam nor will teach it to his/her children.



Must Love Islam

The person who loves and practice Islam, as well as teach Islam to his children, is not the one under the threat of the sword.



No Inquisition

Unlike the history of Christianity that has 400 years of [inquisition](#); the history of Islam doesn't have any form of inquisition.



The Example of Indonesia

The largest population of Muslims in the entire world is [Indonesia](#). Islam came to it without any military interaction. It was because Muslim merchants came in the country to do business.



Difference between Invasion and Occupation

The difference between occupation and liberation is that occupation makes the invaded country worse than it was while liberation makes it better than it was. Muslims made the invaded countries better than it was, even better than their own home land. An example of this fact is Spain. [Click here](#) to see how Muslims made Spain better than the homeland they came from.



Difference between Invasion and Occupation (Continue)

- The British occupied Egypt for 80 years and did not make Cairo better than London.
- The French occupied Algeria for 140 years and they did not make Algeria better than Paris.
- George Bush invaded Iraq and did not make it better than Washington D.C. He made it much worse than it was at the time of Saddam.

Muslims Protected and Respected Worship Places for Other Faiths



Very old churches in Egypt has been protected by the Islamic States

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Church of Nativity in Bethlehem where Jesus was born still exist and respected to date in Palestine.



Crying Wall for Jews still exist and has been respected by the Islamic State in Palestine.

Islam has been Protecting Minorities

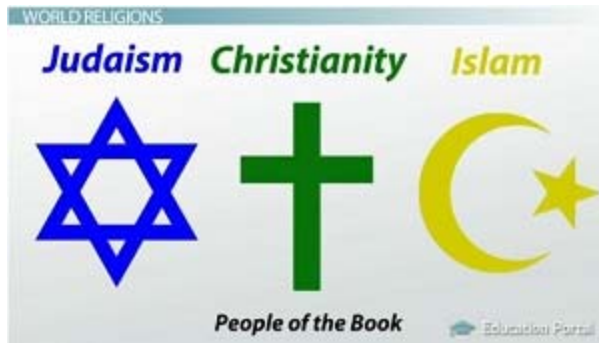


Muslim states had many Minorities that have been Living Safely for Hundreds of Years and their Places of Worship have been Protected by the Islamic state.



Justice for All

Islamic Law (Sharia) Protects Minorities



People of the Book

The Islamic Law (Sharia) has a well established law that protects the rights of people of other faith that live in a Muslim state. The Christians and the Jews are called the [people of the book](#) in the Islamic Law. In addition, Other non Muslims are called [the people of Dhima](#) in the Islamic Law.

Islam Allows Muslim Men to Marry from the People of the Book



Islam allows a Muslim man to have a wife who is Christian or Jewish [Quran 5:5](#). This is the highest level of tolerance when the most beloved person to your heart and the mother of your children is from a different religion.



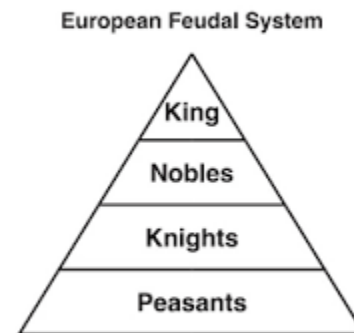
Islam allows Muslims to have Relationships with Non Muslims
Who are not Fighting against the Religion of Islam

Quran [60:8 & 9](#). It basically says that God doesn't mind if you have non Muslim Friends and loved ones but he doesn't want you to have relationships with enemies of the Religion.



Why did People in Conquered Land Embrace Islam

The reason people entered Islam after the Muslims used the sword to open the land was because they saw the difference between the old government and the new government. They have seen what Islam brought them and they liked it.



Islam



**EQUAL PEOPLE
EQUAL RIGHTS
EQUAL LOVE**



What Happens to the Muslims who Denounce Islam Publicly.



- Islam has a policy that says if you don't harm the religion, the religion will not harm you.
- At the time of the Prophet, enemies of Islam used to embrace Islam in the morning and then denounce it in the evening announcing publicly that Islam is a bad religion. It was a tactic to drive people away from Islam. The Quran mentions this fact [Quran 3:72](#).
- To stop people from doing this, the Prophet order that the ones who embrace Islam and then denounce it publicly be given three days chance to correct themselves publicly or get killed.
- If people denounce Islam privately, nothing happens to them.
- During the three days all what the person has to do is to declare publicly that he was wrong and then he/she will let go. It is an easy way out.
- This rule applies only in Muslim countries.