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THE HOLIDAYS OF ISLAM

A Guide for Non-Muslims

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INTRODUCTION: A WAKE-UP CALL TO NON-MUSLIM PARENTS ¹

Should we include Islamic holidays in our school calendars?

Why wouldn't we want to do this? It sounds reasonable, fair-minded and logical, right? **Wrong! And for many, very compelling reasons!** The purpose of this Guide ² is to explain, particularly to non-Muslim parents, what these reasons are, and why agreeing to these requests flies in the face of everything that we, as a nation founded on Judeo-

"The goal of Islam is to rule the entire world and submit all of mankind to the faith of Islam. Any nation or power that gets in the way of that goal, Islam will fight and destroy."

Abul Maududi

"We don't want to democratize Islam, we want to Islamize democracy!"

Imam Abdul Malik of Brooklyn, NY, 2009

"The Ikhwan (Muslim Brotherhood) must understand that their work in America is a kind of grand jihad in eliminating and destroying the Western civilization from within and sabotaging its miserable house by their hands and the hands of the believers so that it is eliminated and Allah's religion is made victorious over all other religions."

The Muslim Brotherhood's Manifesto, uncovered in an FBI raid in Virginia in 2004

Christian principles, hold dear. There is, in regard to this issue, **a dire need for moral clarity**, and this Guide aims to provide this.

Stealth Jihad. ^{3,4} The drive to have Islamic holidays on the school calendar is very much part of a much larger **stealth agenda** being implemented by Muslims across the globe in a bid to bring to fruition the *scripturally-mandated* imperative to Islamize the entire world. ⁵ This stealth agenda ("Creeping Sharia") is being implemented under our noses while the vast majority of Americans have either not noticed it or have dismissed it as inconsequential. Remember the fabled phenomenon of the slowly-boiling frog? ⁶ **We are that frog!** Each demand made by Islamic organizations does not, on its own, seem very threatening. However, collectively, they will be devastating and take the country to the point of no return.

How do we know that the take-down of the West is Islam's agenda? **Because the Muslims repeatedly tell**

us so! (See text box for three of countless examples).

¹ Consult the files under *PARENT ALERT!* in *Stealth II* under the *Discover* tab in www.SneakyIslam.com

² This Guide is the third in our trio of original Guides, links to which are on the home page of www.SneakyIslam.com. All of the concepts relating to Islam presented in this Islamic Holidays Guide are discussed more fully in *Interfaith Dialogue with Muslims. A Guide in Due Diligence for Non-Muslims*.

³ Jihad: Let us be quite clear what the term *Jihad* means. While Muslims and apologists for Islam claim that Jihad is, in its essence, an "inner struggle," the facts do not support this curious contention. Islam has been at war with the world, using violence and stealth, since its inception 1400 years ago - *that is the real Jihad*.

⁴ Spencer, R.: *Stealth Jihad. How Radical Islam is Subverting America Without Guns or Bombs*. Washington, DC: Regnery Publishing Co, 2008.

⁵ <http://drrichwier.com/2014/04/28/attempting-to-rewrite-the-history-of-september-11th/>

⁶ http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Boiling_frog

The Islamization drive has already been alarmingly successful in both Europe and the United States, despite the tireless efforts of courageous individuals and Counter-Jihad movements to expose it and oppose it. The reasons for the success achieved thus far by the Jihadists are clear:

- Profound ignorance of Islam in the West at large
- The deceptive manner in which Islam is presented to non-Muslims ⁷
- The urge among most Europeans and Americans to be fair-minded to foreigners and immigrants regardless of their background
- Political correctness, Multiculturalism, and the Myth of Compromise ⁸
- The abandonment by the now Leftist-dominated West of the morals and values (Bible-based) that gave the West its freedom and economic security. This poisonous *moral relativism* has left a vacuum that Islam has been all-too-ready to fill. ⁹

The relentless indoctrination of our children into the ways and beliefs of Islam.

Stealth Jihad permeates all walks of life and all institutions in America - government at the federal, state and local levels, the news media - print, electronic, and televisual, Hollywood, and our educational institutions - schools at all levels, colleges and universities. *US postage stamps have been issued that honor Muslim holidays!* ¹⁰

Our schools are being Islamized in numerous ways. Many of these are listed in a brilliant paper by *American Thinker* columnist Carol Brown, and many reflect the authoritarian system called **Common Core** ¹¹ that is being foisted on American schools. ¹² Among the ways listed are the blatant pro-Islamic bias toward Islam in school textbooks, and the involvement of non-Muslim children in Islamic rituals. Included at the end of Brown's list - last but not least - is the **addition of Muslim holidays to our school calendars**. Our Guide explains why this seemingly benign act amounts to a dangerous *white-washing of Islam* and why it runs completely counter to our traditional Western values.

The inclusion of Islamic Holidays in school calendars is happening right now.

CAIR and other Islamist, Muslim Brotherhood front groups have started an "Islamize the School Calendar" campaign in Maryland, one of the most liberal states in America.

⁷ Muslims employ many tactics in their (to date very successful) quest to fool non-Muslims into believing that Islam is a peaceful, beautiful religion. These tactics include speaking as if Islam's Doctrine of Abrogation (the supersession of "peaceful" verses in the earlier, Meccan, portions of the Koran by the aggressive or violent verses found in the later, Medinan, portion) does not exist, employing Islam's Doctrines of Deception (*taqiyya* and others), and quoting Koranic verses out of context.

⁸ http://www.americanthinker.com/articles/2015/01/multiculturalism_and_the_myth_of_compromise_.html

⁹ For a very readable account of how the Left opposes traditional Western values, we highly recommend Dennis Prager's book *Still the Best Hope*.

¹⁰ <http://www.truthorfiction.com/rumors/e/eid.htm#.VMOoPy5rOSo>

¹¹ https://www.youtube.com/v/jKl_GEF_AKY#t=1102&hd=1&autoplay=1

¹² http://www.americanthinker.com/articles/2014/12/allah_in_our_schools.html

Thus far, they have tried to force Montgomery, Fredrick and Howard counties to change their school calendars. In Montgomery, this demand has resulted in Christian and Jewish holiday names being erased from the calendar.¹³ This is the “camel’s nose under the tent” scenario. Once a few school boards accept this, these demands will begin to proliferate like wildfire. Make no mistake: Islamizing the calendar is a BIG step on the road toward institutionalizing Islam in America.

The situation is serious. Already, multiple public school districts across the US close school on one or both of the *Eids* (key Islamic festivals). School districts that we know have already done so are those in:

- Burlington, Vermont
- Cambridge, Massachusetts
- Dearborn, Michigan
- Paterson, New Jersey
- Skokie, Illinois
- Trenton, New Jersey
- New York City¹⁴

One of the major organizations behind the push for recognition of Islamic Holidays in school calendars is the **EQUALITY FOR EID COALITION**.¹⁵ The *Eid* dates, which dictate the calendar days for school closings demanded by Muslims, are determined by The **Fiqh Council of North America (FCNA)**. The FCNA is a Muslim Brotherhood front organization and was named as an unindicted co-conspirator at the Holy Land Foundation terror-funding trial in 2007. ***Should American schools be forced to comply with rulings handed down by a terror-supporting body?***

On the surface, however, many people might say that these Muslim requests (more accurately, "demands") seem reasonable enough, but as we, the authors of this Guide, looked deeper, we were horrified to discover not only what the holidays represented but what their celebration in schools might mean for parents and their children. *Read on!*

¹³ <http://www.thenewamerican.com/culture/education/item/19509-school-district-removes-religious-holidays-from-school-calendars>

¹⁴ <http://pjmedia.com/tatler/2015/03/04/nyc-public-schools-to-get-muslim-holidays-off/>

¹⁵ <http://www.equality4eid.com/>

THE BASICS: ISLAM, SHORT AND (NOT SO) SWEET

The truth about Islam: You be the judge. The information on Islam that we present here is what we consider to be the bare minimum needed for a clear understanding of the significance of each Islamic holiday. ***None of this information reflects our personal opinions or biases.*** Every single piece of information about Islam is readily verifiable from Islamic/Muslim sources, consisting both of the Islamic scriptures and Sharia law as well as the writings or transcribed speeches of persons considered authorities on Islam and highly respected in the Muslim world.¹⁶

In short, what you need to know as background to this Guide are the answers to the following three questions:

- a) What is Islam, a religion, a political ideology, or both?
- b) Exactly what kind of a man was Muhammad,¹⁷ a praiseworthy saint, or a depraved sinner?
- c) What, exactly, does the Koran teach?

Here, in brief, are the answers:

(a) Islam is **not a "religion" in the generally accepted sense of the word. It is a supremacist, totalitarian, political ideology embedded in a "religion."** The greatest mistake that we in the West make is accepting and treating Islam as just another religion. Like Nazism or Communism before it, Islam has the transparently clear aim of bringing the entire world under its sway.

Alexis de Tocqueville wrote over a century ago, "I studied **the Quran** a great deal. I came away from that study with the conviction that by and large there have been few religions in the world as deadly to men as that of Muhammad."

¹⁶ Our understanding of the Islamic scriptures comes from the elite scholars of the Islamic theologic world; for example, the interpretations of the Koranic verses quoted by Robert Spencer in his complete commentary on the Koran, *Bloggling the Qur'an* (currently being updated in PJ Media), are those of mainstream commentators such as the revered (by Muslims) Ibn Kathir.

¹⁷ Note that the spelling of Muslims/Moslems, Koran/Qur'an, Sharia/Shariah/Shari'ah, Muhammad/Mohammed etc. may vary according to the material consulted.

(b) **It's all about Muhammad, whom Islam considers "the "perfect man," but who was *anything but!*** We are not exaggerating when we say that **the portrayal of Muhammad, Prophet of Islam, as the perfect man must surely rank as one of the greatest feats of deception in all of human history.** The Islamic scriptures, themselves, chronicle in exquisite detail that (for instance) Muhammad wedded a six-year-old girl, maintained a household of multiple wives, broke a solemnly sworn treaty (*Hudaibiyah*), beheaded nearly 900 members of a Jewish tribe (the *Banu Qurayzah*),¹⁸ had those who offended him eliminated, and commanded perpetual battle against unbelievers. Wikiislam has a list of no fewer than 43 sets of killings ordered or supported by Muhammad.¹⁹ In fact, as we point out in our "interfaith dialogue" Guide, Muhammad broke every single one of The Ten Commandments!

Muhammad's "example" is the "book of instructions" for how observant Muslims should conduct their lives. Muhammad's words and deeds are recorded in

Speaking at Kanal D TV's Arena program, Turkish PM Erdogan commented on the term "moderate Islam", often used in the West to describe AKP and said, "These descriptions are very ugly, it is offensive and an insult to our religion. **There is no moderate or immoderate Islam. Islam is Islam and that's it.**"

Source: Milliyet, Turkey, August 21, 2007

vivid detail in the voluminous collections of *Hadiths* (anecdotes and sayings of Muhammad) and in the *Sira* (biographies of Muhammad). These two bodies of work,²⁰ together with the Koran, form the Islamic Trilogy and constitute the complete Islamic scriptures. These are the basis of **Sharia law** and serve as the strict guidelines according to which Muslims are supposed to conduct their lives. *For a perfect illustration of what these guidelines are, look no further than the actions of the Islamic State (ISIS).*²¹ Many individuals (including those in high places) are saying (and this, we might add, without blushing), "ISIS is a group of extremists who have perverted Islam's true message." To this we reply: **"There is only one Islam**, based on the afore-mentioned Islamic scriptures. They are considered holy by all Islamic sects. No Mosques are known that do not hold them sacred or which preach against them. If you believe such branches of Islam exist, we challenge

you to name them." ²²

¹⁸ http://wikiislam.net/wiki/The_Genocide_of_Banu_Qurayza

¹⁹ http://wikiislam.net/wiki/List_of_Killings_Ordered_or_Supported_by_Muhammad

²⁰ The Hadiths and Sira are collectively called the Sunna (literally, example.) This is the source of the name "Sunni" that the majority of Muslims carry.

²¹ http://www.americanthinker.com/articles/2014/10/isis_emisem_islam.html

²² Although there is no "moderate" form of Islam, there are certainly plenty of "moderate Muslims." We prefer to call them "secular Muslims," because using the adjective "moderate" seems to imply that a moderate form of Islam exists. Islam is Islam - you either practice it (are orthodox), or you do not. Listen to what Brigitte Gabriel, founder of the counter-Jihad movement *ACT! for America*, has to say about "moderate" Muslims ("the peaceful majority"): <https://www.youtube.com/v/gq1BC95-VnQ&hd=1&autoplay=1>

In sum: Muhammad initiated the more than 1400 years of the Islamic Jihad, estimated to be responsible for the deaths of more than a quarter billion people.²³ ***As such, no festival honoring Muhammad in any way whatsoever should occupy a place in any kind of calendar in the United States.***

Members of Muhammad's family are also revered by Muslims. The propagation of Muhammad's message and the relentless expansion of his domain were furthered by family members, such as his son-in-law Ali, and his grandson Husayn, a hero in Islam's formative wars of aggression (and for whom America's 44th president, Barack Hussein Obama, is named). **Both Husayn and Ali, whom we refer to as *Pioneer Jihadists*, are commemorated in Islamic holidays** (See further on). Events relating to Ali are at the root of the tragic *Sunni-Shia rift* within the Islamic world that is still causing bloodshed on a massive scale after many centuries.²⁴

(c) **The Koran (Qur'an) is one long tirade against Infidels** (*kufars*, unbelievers), for whom the worst punishments imaginable are decreed by Allah, the Islamic deity. Both Christians and Jews (among others) are railed against throughout its text, **64% of which has been found to be devoted to infidels!**²⁵ The Koran is laced throughout with the most vile Jew-hatred, **even more than in Hitler's *Mein Kampf!***²⁶ In Italy, Islam is *not recognized as an official religion!* Steps have been taken in Russia, India, and the Netherlands to have the Koran **banned as "hate Speech!"**^{27,28,29} All of this allows one to confidently conclude that **There is No Golden Rule in Islam**; this fact undeniably sets it apart from all other "religions." The well-known dictum "we all believe in the same god" should be exposed for the *load of baloney* it really is.

The Koran denies the authenticity of the Judeo-Christian Scriptures and, in fact, trashes the Bible. A feature of the Koran that is reflected in at least two of the Islamic holidays is the way in which both the Jewish and Christian scriptures (the Bible) are distorted beyond belief in a twisted, Alice-in-Wonderland-type portrayal of Biblical figures and events that will make you reel in disbelief. For example, it states categorically that Abraham, Moses, Jesus and others were all Muslims; they were handed what was, in essence, *the Koran*, by Allah. Followers of these "prophets of Islam" (Jews and Christians) are accused of **having corrupted the Koran** to produce what the Koran considers the "false" Jewish and Christian scriptures that we have

²³ <http://www.politicalislam.com/tears/pages/tears-of-jihad/>

²⁴ <http://frontpagemag.com/2013/robert-spencer/sunni-shiite-jihad-in-iraq/>

²⁵ http://www.cspipublishing.com/statistical/pdf/Statistical_Islam.pdf

²⁶ <http://www.politicalislam.com/blog/its-all-in-the-interpretation/>

²⁷ <http://www.theguardian.com/books/booksblog/2013/oct/08/russian-court-bans-quran-translation>

²⁸ http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Calcutta_Quran_Petition

²⁹ <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/1559877/Ban-Koran-like-Mein-Kampf-says-Dutch-MP.html>

today. Needless to say, there is not a shred of evidence for this. The question must be asked: *Why should we feel obliged to condone a narrative that makes a mockery of our Bible's own by according holidays that honor the Koran any recognition in our school calendars whatsoever?*

In sum: The Koran, considering the strife and bloodshed it launched some 1400 years ago and is still perpetuating, is arguably *the most dangerous book ever written*. Any holiday honoring the Koran has no place in Western culture, let alone on our school calendars!

The "Abrahamic Faiths" Fallacy.^{30,31} The Abrahamic Fallacy is the belief that Abraham is a figure of unity for Islam, Christianity and Judaism. In reality ***Abraham is an intensely divisive figure*** between Jews, Christians and Muslims. Consider the following mainstream Islamic beliefs:

- **The religion of Abraham was Islam.** It is in the Koran that the expression "the religion of Abraham" is to be found. "Say: Allah speaketh truth. So **follow the religion of Abraham**, the upright. He was not of the idolaters." (Sura 3:95)
- From the Koran's perspective, **Abraham (called *Ibrahim* in the Koran) was the prototypical Muslim.** He is used by Muhammad in the Koran as a stick to beat over the heads of Christians and Jews. This arises for example in the context of Muhammad's disputes with the Jews of Medina (Sura: 4:44-57, 156-162). Muhammad is in effect saying, "You quote the name Abraham to me, but **Abraham was a Muslim**, one of a long line of prophets. If you accept Abraham, you must accept me."
- ***Islam is the true Judaism and the true Christianity. Not only Abraham, but Moses and Jesus were Muslim prophets*** according to the Koran. So Islam is the true heritage of Jews and Christians. Jews and Christians who convert to Islam are actually reverting to the faith of the patriarchs, returning to the one true religion.
- According to the Koran, **Abraham and his son Ishmael built the Kaaba in Mecca** and established it as a place of worship for Allah (Sura 2:125).
- **Abraham is the one who gave the name *Muslims* to Allah's followers!** (Sura 22:78)
- **Abraham, just like Muhammad, had a "book" from God** like that of Moses (*i.e.* like the Torah): "You prefer the life of this world, but the hereafter is better and more enduring. And this is in the Books of the earliest (revelations) — the Books of Abraham and Moses." (Sura 87:16-19)

³⁰ http://www.newenglishreview.org/Mark_Durie/The_Abrahamic_Fallacy/

³¹ The videos featured under the Discover tab (Stealth III) on *SneakyIslam.com* are very informative about Abraham in relation to Islam.

In sum: The Ibrahim of the Koran is not the Abraham of the Bible and is a supremely divisive figure. Any holiday honoring the Islamic Abraham is anathema to our Judeo-Christian culture and has no place on our school calendars.

A word of warning: Be careful what you read and whom you listen to. Not all sources are worthy of your trust:

Trustworthy sources	Sources not deserving of your trust
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Islamic Trilogy (Koran, Hadiths, Sira) • Reliance of the Traveller (Sunni Sharia law manual) • Writings of theologians and writers revered in the Islamic world (Maududi, Qutb, Qaradawi, etc.) • Writings of ex-Muslims (Ayaan Hirsi Ali, Ibn Warraq, Nonie Darwish, Raymond Ibrahim, etc.) • Writings by those on CAIR's list of "<i>Islamophobes</i>" (Robert Spencer, Pamela Geller, Daniel Pipes, etc.) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Writings by Imams, priests, and rabbis pursuing an "interfaith dialogue" agenda • Academic apologists for Islam (Karen Armstrong, John Esposito, Juan Cole,³² etc.) • The "progressive," politically correct news media • The Council for American-Islamic relations (CAIR)³³ and other Muslim Brotherhood fronts (among others, ISNA, ICNA, MAS, MSA, IIIT, FCNA) • Politicians who proclaim Islam a "religion of peace" (No political party in the US is exempt from holding this nonsensical viewpoint)

³² This article contains vivid examples of how apologists for Islam are forced to contort the truth in order to make their case: <http://pjmedia.com/lifestyle/2015/02/28/how-the-western-intelligentsia-denies-islams-history-of-war-and-crime/>

³³ <http://www.investigativeproject.org/4352/great-idea-ibrahim-hooper>

ISLAMIC HOLIDAYS: A PRACTICAL CLASSIFICATION

For practical purposes, we classify the holidays of Islam into "**listed**" and "**unlisted**" ones:

Those holidays that are listed in American diaries and appointment books, and for which Muslims are most likely to demand recognition and "accommodation," we call "**listed**" holidays. They are, in chronological sequence,

- **The First of Muharram and Ashura**
- **Ramadan and Eid al-Fitr** ³⁴
- **Eid al-Adha** ³⁵

The second group consists of those we call "**unlisted.**" We discuss a dozen of these in our Guide. There are more Islamic "holidays" and festivals (other than those included in this Guide) for those who wish to research the subject more deeply.

To further put the holidays of Islam into perspective, here are the 12 **months of the Islamic calendar**, with the holidays we discuss in this Guide in bold lettering. Four of the months (1,7, 11 and 12) are considered "sacred," and *fighting is forbidden* during these months. This prohibition clearly *excludes* fighting non-Muslims (infidels, kufars). Were this not the case, infidels would be given a "free pass" for fully one-third of the year; at no time during the 1400-year history of Islam has such a moratorium, to the best of our knowledge, ever been recorded.

1. [Muharram](#) (meaning "forbidden"), so called because battle and all kind of fighting is forbidden (haram) during this month. Muharram includes the **First of Muharram** and the **Day of Ashura**.
2. [Safar](#) (meaning "void"), supposedly named thus because pagan Arab houses were empty this time of year while their occupants gathered food. **Arba'een**.
3. [Rabī' I](#) (meaning "the first spring".) **Mawlid an-Nabi (Birthday of Muhammad)**
4. [Rabī' II](#) (meaning "the second (or last) spring".)
5. [Jumādā I](#) (meaning "the first month of parched land".)
6. [Jumādā II](#) (meaning "the second (or last) month of parched land".)
7. [Rajab](#) (meaning "respect", "honor"). This is another sacred month in which fighting is forbidden. **Birthday of Ali ibn Abi Talib**, and **Laylat Al-Isra wa Al-Miraj**.
8. [Sha'bān](#) (meaning "scattered"). Marked the time of year when Arab tribes dispersed to find water. **Laylat al-Bara'at; Birthday of Muhammad al-Mahdi**.

³⁴ Eid means "festival" or "holiday" in Arabic.

³⁵ Ibid

9. [Ramadān](#) (meaning "burning"). Ramadan is the most venerated month of the Islamic calendar. **Laylat al-Qadr, Quds Day, Chaand Raat** and **Eid al-Fitr**.
10. [Shawwāl](#) (meaning "raised"). She-camels normally would be in calf at this time of year.
11. [Dhū al-Qa'da](#) (meaning "the one of truce"). Dhu al-Qa'da is another month during which war is banned.
12. [Dhū al-Hijja](#) (meaning "the one of pilgrimage"). The month in which the annual Muslim pilgrimage to Mecca (**the Hajj**) occurs and during which war is also banned. **Day of Arafah, Eid al-Adha, Eid al-Ghadeer**.

The "listed" holidays for 2015 (Gregorian calendar), all beginning at sundown, are, chronologically:

Ramadan - June 17

Eid al-Fitr - July 17

Eid al-Adha - September 23

First of Muharram - October 14

Ashura - October 23

The year 2015 overlaps with years 1436 and 1437 in the Hijri calendar of Islam.³⁶

THE ISLAMIC HOLIDAYS EXPLAINED

If one consults Islamic websites to see what they have to say about the meaning of each Islamic holiday, one will find much written that emphasizes spirituality, the performance of good deeds, and the like. There are doubtless many Muslims who, unaware of or blind to the aspects we write about in this Guide, practice these holidays with these values and ethics uppermost in their minds. The information on the different holidays presented here, however, highlights ***the reasons why these***

³⁶ The term *Hijra* refers to Muhammad's flight from Mecca in 622 to relocate himself and his 150 followers to Medina, 150 miles north of Mecca. The year 622 is the beginning of the Islamic calendar and the end of Islam as purely a religion, and the beginning of Islam as a national movement. *Jihad* became the arm of Islam used to force Sharia law on all others from that year forward. *Hijra* also refers to the Islamic doctrine of immigration. *Hijra* works in concert with violent jihad to overwhelm a society until Islam becomes the single dominant force.

holidays have no place in our Judeo-Christian culture, let alone on our school calendars.

The "listed" holidays are discussed first, following which the "unlisted" holidays are dealt with. Both sets of holidays are described here in the sequence in which they occur in the Islamic year.

The "listed" holidays of Islam

1. The First of Muharram

The month of Muharram ushers in the Islamic year. Muharram is known as the month of remembrance and is believed to be the most sacred month. Muslims are not allowed to fight one another during Muharram, but **fighting infidels is hardly off-limits - it is, in fact, a sacred religious duty.** The holidays of Muharram, (as does the first holiday of the second month - Arba'een) commemorate and honor one of Muhammad's grandsons, Husayn ibn Ali. Husayn was the son of Ali, Muhammad's son-in-law,³⁷ a figure commemorated in other festivals, as we shall later see. **Husayn, like Ali, played an important role in the conquests of the Islamic Jihad.**

Significant Islamic historical events that happened during the month include the **Battle of Karbala** (currently in Iraq) in the year 680 CE, which enabled Husayn ibn Ali and his army to enter the city on the first day of the month, but which led to the death of Husayn and his clan (Ahl al-Bayt) on the **10th day of the month.**

Thus, what should place The First of Muharram beyond the pale for Americans is that it signals the start of a month honoring a Pioneer Jihadist.

2. Ashura

The **Day of Ashura** falls on the tenth day of Muharram. Here we have **another festival in remembrance of Husayn ibn Ali, the Pioneer Jihadist.**

What is interesting about this holiday is that it has *different meanings for Sunnis as opposed to Shias*. **Sunni Muslims**, in the main, observe the holiday by acknowledging the great sacrifice made by Hussein ibn Ali and regard it as a tragic event. It is commemorated by **Shi'a Muslims** as a day of mourning for the martyrdom (by beheading!) of Husayn at the Battle of Karbala. Shia Muslims commemorate these events by mourning, holding public processions, striking the chest and in the case of some Shi'a sects, practicing self-flagellation with the intent of drawing blood.³⁸ This is to show solidarity with Husayn and his family by mourning Husayn's death and

³⁷ Ali married Muhammad's daughter, Fatima.

³⁸ Some Shias who engage in this practice use swords to draw blood, while others use a chain with blades. Horrific images depicting this practice can be found online. In all fairness, however, it should be mentioned that in some areas, such as in the Shi'a suburb of Beirut, Shi'a communities organize blood donation drives with organizations like the Red Cross or the Red Crescent on Ashura as a replacement for self-flagellation rituals.

showing regret that they were not present at the battle to fight and save Husayn and his family.

What is even more unusual - and even bizarre, considering the Jew-hatred pervading the Koran - is that Ashura is celebrated, by a *minority of Sunni Muslims*, (who refer to it as The Day of Atonement) as the day on which the Israelites were freed from the Pharaoh of Egypt.³⁹

The Sunni and Shi'a schism is highlighted by the difference in observance by Sunni and Shi'a Muslims. In countries that have significant populations of both sects, ***there is often violence during the holiday.***⁴⁰

So, Ashura honors a *Pioneer Jihadist* and is often characterized by blood-letting and fratricidal strife. Is this a holiday we want to place on our school calendars?

3. Ramadan

Ramadam is the Islamic holy month celebrating **Angel Gabriel's first appearance to Muhammad**. If this had been a mere social visit, no harm would have been done. However, Gabriel's purpose, according to Islam, was to (eventually) begin **reciting the Koran to Muhammad**. At many mosques during Ramadan, about one thirtieth of the Koran is recited each night in prayers known as *tarawih*. In this way, by the end of the month the complete book will have been recited.

Ramadan is the month throughout which Muslims "fast" during daylight hours. The term "fast" is included here in quotation marks because many Muslims **spend more money on food** during the month in which they "fast" than any other month of the year, because they feast on more sumptuous fare than normal before sunrise and after sunset.

From Arab News: "Religious scholars, through their sermons, have advised Muslims in the Kingdom not to waste food during the holy month of Ramadan, **when food is prepared in large quantities** and the leftovers go waste. Abdulrahman Bakri, an Islamic scholar, said: **"During Ramadan, there is always a major increase in food wastage** not only in the Kingdom but also other countries across the Gulf. At iftar parties or **banquets during Ramadan**, the leftover food usually goes waste and wealthy hosts have no qualms about throwing them away."

Because of the day-time fasting practiced by devout Muslims during Ramadan, there tends to be a **loss of productivity at businesses** and other establishments that employ Muslims during this month.

Once one discovers what the Koran contains and what its message has done to the world, it becomes clear that Ramadan - that celebrates it - is something darkly different from the benign, festive celebration that Muslims proclaim it to be. ***Westerners and Americans have no business giving a holiday honoring the Koran any positive recognition, least of all in our schools!***

³⁹ According to Sunni Muslim tradition, Ibn Abbas narrates that Muhammad came to Medina and saw the Jews fasting on the tenth day of Muharram. He asked, "What is this?" They said, "This is a good day, this is the day when Allah saved the Children of Israel from their enemy and Musa (Moses) fasted on this day." He said, "We are closer to Musa than you." So he fasted on the day and told the people to fast.

⁴⁰ <http://muslimvoices.org/ashura-holiday-divides-sunni-shia-muslims/>

Aside from the "elephant in the room" - ***the celebration of the Koran during Ramadan*** - there are other negative aspects to this holy month. First, as we pointed out in our Guide on "interfaith dialogue," **Ramadan is the month of Jihad**. And, as a reflection of the intolerance that Islam represents, non-Muslims in Muslim-dominated areas or nations are **forced to "show respect"** for Islamic holy ways and are threatened with beatings or death if they, too, do not "celebrate" Ramadan by not eating or drinking in public during the month. Some of the more trivial negatives of this holiday are mentioned in the text box on the previous page.

Ramadan (like the Hajj - see further on) has **Pagan Roots**.^{41,42} The ritual of Ramadan, in which Muhammad's followers engage, was first developed by pagan Arabian moon worshipers long before Muhammad was born. *So: Ramadan was first a pagan ritual, then it became a part of Islam, and now we are expected to make it a part of American culture by glorifying it to our children? Does this make sense?*

Ramadan is one of the Five Pillars of Islam. The Five Pillars (***which are taught at schools as part of Common Core***) are *not moral principles but rituals*. In fact, according to noted Islamic scholar al-Mashriqi, ***the Five Pillar are all aspects of military exercise!***⁴³

4. Eid al-Fitr

This holiday marks the **end of Ramadan**. For this reason, our objections to its inclusion in the school calendar are essentially the **same as those pertaining to Ramadan, the Month of Jihad that also honors the Koran**.

5. Eid al-Adha (Feast of Sacrifice)

Here we have the first of the Holidays based on Islam's version of Abraham, a version that represents - to borrow an expression used in the Islamic scriptures - a corruption of the Hebrew Bible!

The *three-day* Feast of Eid al-Adha commemorates the end of the pilgrimage to Mecca, the Hajj, and Abraham's willingness to sacrifice his son - *Ishmael in the*

⁴¹ http://www.falseprophetmuhammad.com/origin_of_ramadan.htm

⁴² <http://religionresearchinstitute.org/ramadan/roots.htm>

⁴³ al-Mashriqi explains: The confession of faith (*Shahadah*) actually means that the true Muslim has to forsake all worldly gains in the interest of military revival, prayer (*Salat*) (to be performed in uniform and in a regimented way) is a kind of military drill, the *Hajj* is something like a grand counsel of Muslim soldiers where plans against enemies can be formulated, the fast (*Sawm*) is a preparation for the deprivation of siege warfare, and the giving of alms (*Zakat*) is a means of raising funds for Muslim rearmament. (Boston, A.G.: Sharia versus Freedom. The Legacy of Islamic Totalitarianism. Amherst, NY: Prometheus Books, 2012, pp. 241-242.)

Muslim version. In thinking of Abraham, most Americans think of the biblical figure. In Genesis 22:15-18, Abraham is rewarded for his faith and told he will become a blessing to the nations: "By your descendants shall all the nations of the earth bless themselves, because you have obeyed my voice."

But the Muslims read the Koran, in which Allah says that Abraham was "an excellent example" for the believers only when he told his pagan family that "there has arisen, between us and you, **enmity and hatred for ever, unless ye believe in Allah and Him alone**" (60:4). The same verse says that Abraham is not an excellent example, however, when he tells his pagan father, "I will pray for forgiveness for you."

Thus the Koran, in its picture of Abraham - the man proponents of "interfaith dialogue" invoke as the quintessential symbol of the common elements of the three faiths - held up hatred as exemplary, while belittling the virtue of forgiveness. **This reinforces a worldview that takes for granted the legitimacy of everlasting enmity between Muslims and non-Muslims** - while ostensibly attempting to build bridges between Muslims and non-Muslims.⁴⁴

Muslims today recall the deliverance of Ishmael by killing and eating a sheep or goat. Yet (as explained in Jon Levenson's book, *Inheriting Abraham*.) this custom has no cultic significance whatever. It is performed by family members, not a cleric and not in the mosque. A fatwa quoted on Islamonline.com and numerous other Islamic sites explains: *Sacrifice is not a pillar of Islam.*⁴⁵

Pillar or not, this symbolic **bloodletting** is taken very seriously throughout the Muslim world. If one consults the Internet, pictures of this practice can be found, the floors of the slaughter venues covered in blood - not a pretty sight! As they say, "A picture is worth a thousand words...."

⁴⁴ Spencer, R.: *The Complete Infidel's Guide to the Koran*. Washington, DC: Regnery Publishing Co, 2009, pp. 70-71.

⁴⁵ <http://tabletmag.com/jewish-arts-and-culture/books/122502/our-abraham-not-theirs>

The "unlisted" holidays of Islam

1. Arba'een

Arba'een - One for the Guinness Book of Records. Arba'een is consistently *among the largest peaceful gatherings in history*. The city of Karbala in Iraq is the center of the proceedings to which many pilgrims travel miles on foot to reach. The distance between Basra and Karbala is a long journey even by car, but it is traveled annually on foot by Iraqi pilgrims, which takes them two weeks, or approximately one month to come from other countries like Iran. The crowds become so massive that they cause a blockade for hundreds of miles. In 2008, approximately nine million religious observers converged on Karbala to commemorate Arba'een. However, in 2009, the number of people visiting Karbala on Arba'een significantly increased. According to BBC News and Press TV, over ten million people had reached Karbala one or two days before Arba'een. The number of pilgrims was expected to rise to 18 million during the next two days; Arba'een reached 20 million in 2013!

Arba'een (meaning "forty" in Arabic) is a Shia Muslim religious observance that occurs forty days after the Day of Ashura. It commemorates the martyrdom of Husayn ibn Ali, the grandson of Muhammad, and falls on the 20th day of the month of Safar. Forty days is the usual length of the time of mourning in many Islamic cultures, so **this holiday marks the end of the mourning period for Husayn ibn Ali, a Pioneer Jihadist.**

2. Mawlid an-Nabi (Birthday of Muhammad)

This holiday is a celebration of the **birthday of Muhammad**. The day falls on the 12th day of Rabiul Awal of the Islamic lunar calendar. Every year, Muslims around the world celebrate the day with large street processions, distributing food and charity (to fellow Muslims only), and talks and sermons about the life of

the prophet. **A holiday celebrating Muhammad, creator of the bloody Jihad of over a thousand years, has no place on our school calendars.**

3. Birthday of Ali ibn Abi Talib

Ali ibn Abi Talib was both the cousin and son-in-law of Muhammad, ruling over the Islamic Caliphate from 656 to 661. A son of Abu Talib, Ali was also the first male⁴⁶ to accept Muhammad's message and the first to convert to Islam (at the age of 12), dedicating his life to the cause. In 661, Ali was attacked one morning while praying in the Great Masjid (Mosque) of Al-Kufah, and died two days later.

Sunnis consider Ali simply the fourth and final of the Rashidun (rightly guided Caliphs), **while Shias regard Ali and his descendants the rightful successors to Muhammad**. They split with the Sunni over the issue of succession shortly thereafter, and this rift endures to today.

Here, once again, we have a holiday honoring a Pioneer Jihadist. This has no place on our school calendars.

4. Laylat Al-Isra wa Al-Miraj (Night Journey and Ascension)

This holiday is celebrated on the 27th day of Rajab, the seventh month of the Islamic Calendar. The Isra and Mi'raj are the two parts of a Night Journey that, according to Islamic tradition, Muhammad took during a single night around the year 621. It has been described as both a physical and a spiritual journey. A brief sketch of the story is in sura 17 Al-Isra of the Koran and other details come from the Hadith, which are supplemental writings about the life of Muhammad.

⁴⁶ Khadija, Muhammad's first wife, was the first female (and the first person) to convert to Islam.

In this supposed journey, Muhammad travels on the steed Buraq⁴⁷ to "the farthest mosque" (which is undefined in the original Koranic text) where he leads other prophets in prayer. He then presumably ascends to heaven where he speaks to God, who gives Muhammad instructions to take back to the faithful regarding the details of prayer.

The Al-Aqsa Mosque in Jerusalem marks the place from which Muhammad is believed (by Muslims) to have ascended to heaven and is therefore, considered (by Muslims), to be the third-holiest place on earth. **The problem with this belief is that the al-Aqsa Mosque was not built until well after the Koran was supposedly "received" by Muhammad.** In 715, the Umayyads built a mosque on the Temple Mount in Jerusalem, and called it "the Furthest Mosque" (al-Masjid al-Aqsa). With this, the Umayyads not only **POST HOC INSERTED JERUSALEM INTO THE KORAN BUT RETROACTIVELY GAVE IT A PROMINENT ROLE IN MUHAMMAD'S LIFE.** The logic behind this is obvious: if Islamic followers could be sold on the idea that Al-Aqsa Mosque in Jerusalem was actually the "furthest mosque", then Muhammad's Night Journey and his subsequent ascension to heaven (mi'raj) also took place on the Temple Mount.⁴⁸

The importance of this unsupported, fabricated and after-the-fact conclusion cannot be overstated as many of the issues we see today can be traced back to this fallacy. In fact, so complete is the identification of the Night Journey with Jerusalem that it is now found in many publications of the Koran, and especially so in translations. Some of those translations state in a footnote that the "furthest mosque" "**must**" refer to Jerusalem. Others take the (blasphemous?) step of inserting Jerusalem right into the text after "furthest mosque!"

If the Koran in translation now has Jerusalem in its text, it cannot be surprising to find that those who rely on those translations believe that Jerusalem "is actually mentioned in the Qur'an"; and this is precisely what a consortium of American Muslim institutions claimed in 2000. According to Ahmad 'Abd ar-Rahman, secretary-general of the PA "cabinet": "**Jerusalem (in the Quran) is above tampering, it is inviolable, and nobody can tamper with it since it is a Qur'anic text.**"⁴⁹

This disingenuous effort by Muslims to once again make "the story fit the narrative" to achieve a desired outcome (the claim to Jerusalem) is just another example of Islamic *Tayiqqa* in practice as described in detail in one of our newest publications, *Interfaith Dialogue with Muslims. A Guide in Due Diligence for Non-Muslims*, found at www.SneakyIslam.com.

⁴⁷ "Then he [Gabriel] brought the Buraq, handsome-faced and bridled, a tall, white beast, bigger than the donkey but smaller than the mule. He could place his hooves at the farthest boundary of his gaze. He had long ears. Whenever he faced a mountain his hind legs would extend, and whenever he went downhill his front legs would extend. He had two wings on his thighs which lent strength to his legs." (Muhammad al-Alawi al-Maliki, *al-Anwar al Bahiyya min Isra wa l-Mi'raj Khayr al-Bariyyah*)

⁴⁸ <http://www.danielpipes.org/281/if-i-forget-thee-does-jerusalem-really-matter-to-islam>

⁴⁹ <http://www.danielpipes.org/84/the-muslim-claim-to-jerusalem>

Thus, what this night - considered the holiest in Islam - celebrates is a mythical concoction that has led to **the denial of the legitimacy of Jerusalem as the ancient capital of the Jewish people. No place for this festival, either, on our school calendar.**

5. Laylat al-Bara'at – Night of Salvation

Laylat al-Bara'at is considered the second-holiest night on the Islamic Calendar. The name means Barat Night where Barat can be translated as acquittal/absolution. It is said that on this night the Doors of Mercy and Forgiveness are opened wide. A caveat: Muslims believe that Allah answers all prayers on this night and possibly **forgives all sins, except those of a mushrik (idolator - which would include Jews, Christians, and apostates) or a mushahin (a Muslim who hates another Muslim.)**⁵⁰ **Why would we even begin to consider placing such a holiday on an American school calendar? In Afghanistan, Pakistan, Iran, or Saudi Arabia maybe, but certainly not in America!**

6. Birthday of Muhammad al-Mahdi

Muhammad ibn Hasan al-Mahdi, a 9th-century prophetic figure, is believed by Twelver Shia Muslims to be the Mahdi, the twelfth and final Imam of the Twelve Imams, who will reappear with Isa (Jesus Christ) at the end of times in order to fulfill their mission of killing all the infidels and raising the flag of Islam in all four corners of the world.

Aside from Shiite works, almost nothing is known about the life of this Imam. Some even cast doubt on his actual existence. This nebulousness notwithstanding, Iran's ruling Shiite theocratic leaders firmly believe in the prophecies regarding the coming reappearance of this Mahdi, or "Hidden Imam."^{51,52} The problem is that they believe that **apocalyptic scenarios are necessary before this savior of Islam returns; this belief includes a prophecy that Muslims must slay all Jews before he returns.**

In their own words: Reza Kahlili, a former CIA operative in Iran's Revolutionary Guards, reported in 2012 on the apocalyptic statements from Iran's Supreme Leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, who dictates Iran's nuclear policy. Khamenei's statements, which were carried by Iranian state media, proclaimed that "The issue of Imam Mahdi is of utmost importance, and his reappearance has been clearly stated in our holy religion of Islam. We must study and remind ourselves of the end of times and Imam Mahdi's era... We must prepare the environment for the coming so that the great leader will come." Kahlili also translated Iranian news reports suggesting that Iran's newly elected president, Hassan Rouhani (the so-called "moderate"), shares Khamenei's views.

Doom awaits Christianity when Jesus/Isa returns. Islamic tradition is very specific about the fate that awaits Christians at the end-times. When Isa/Jesus returns in the last days, he will fight for the cause of Islam. *He will break the cross*, kill pigs, and abolish the poll-tax (*jizya*). Allah will destroy all religions except Islam. What do these sayings mean? **The cross is a symbol of Christianity. Breaking crosses means abolishing Christianity.** Pigs are associated with Christians. Killing them is another way of speaking of the destruction of Christianity. Under Islamic law the poll-tax buys the protection of the lives and property of conquered 'People of the Book'. The abolition of the poll-tax

⁵⁰ <http://nabikeghulam.blogspot.com/2010/07/shabey-baraat-layla-nisf-shaaban.html>

⁵¹ <http://www.melaniephillips.com/how-ignorant-britain-sneers-and-sniggers-at-the-threat-from-iran>

⁵² <http://www.breitbart.com/national-security/2014/09/22/a-nuclear-iran-could-be-more-dangerous-than-isis/>

means jihad is restarted against Christians (and Jews) living under Islam, who should convert to Islam, or else be killed or enslaved.⁵³

Iran has a worldview that is markedly different from the one that guides Western decision-making. Unlike nuclear-armed Western secular democracies, a nuclear Islamic supremacist regime in Iran is much more likely to use the devastating weapons, and its leadership has clearly stated that they will do so, in order to "wipe Israel off the map." This could trigger a holocaust that sees millions of innocent people – Israelis and Iranians alike – wiped out overnight. It is cold comfort that the Iranian Revolutionary Guards are firmly in the grip of 'Twelver' fanaticism.

This Islamic holiday, then, celebrates a mythical figure firmly linked to an apocalyptic scenario representing a clear and present danger to America, the West, and - foremost - America's staunch ally, Israel. Enough said.

7. Laylat al-Qadr

Most Muslims believe that Laylat al-Qadr was **the night when the first verses of the Koran were revealed** to Muhammad from Allah.⁵⁴ They believe that revelation of the Koran occurred in two phases, with the first phase being the revelation in its entirety on Laylat al-Qadr to the angel Gabriel (Jibril in Arabic) in the lowest heaven, and then the subsequent verse-by-verse revelation to Muhammad by Gabriel, across 23 years.

Muslims observe this occasion with study, devotional readings, and prayer. **Reciting the Koran is an integral part of its observance; this, alone, should place this holiday off-limits to non-Muslims.**

8. Chaand Raat is the name given to the time of celebration (observed mainly in Pakistan and India) when families and friends gather in open areas at the end of the last day of **Ramadan** to spot the new moon, which signals the arrival of the Islamic month of Shawwal and the day of **Eid al-Fitr**, another of the "listed" holidays on the Islamic calendar previously discussed. **Our objections to this holiday are the same as those for Ramadan and Eid al-Fitr.**

9. Quds Day

Quds Day (Jerusalem Day, Quds is the city's Arabic name), officially called **International Quds Day** in Iran, is an annual event held on the last Friday of Ramadan that was initiated by the Islamic Republic of Iran in 1979 to express solidarity with **the Palestinian people and oppose Zionism and Israel's existence, as well as Israel's control of Jerusalem.** In Iran, the government sponsors and organizes the day's rallies. Quds Day is also held in several countries in the Arab and Muslim world with protests against the alleged Israeli occupation of East Jerusalem. **This is another example of a holiday expressing the denial of the legitimacy of Jerusalem as the ancient capital of the Jewish people.** No further explanation is needed as to why recognition of this holiday by Americans is inappropriate.

⁵³ http://www.answering-islam.org/authors/durie/islamic_jesus.html

⁵⁴ While many commentators believe the date of this night is the 27th day of Ramadan, there are differing opinions. The day will most likely fall in the last 10 days of Ramadan, and is likely to be on an odd-numbered day, depending on the interpretation of the Koran and Muhammad's sayings.

10. The Hajj

The Hajj is the **pilgrimage to Mecca**, which a Muslim is obligated to make at least once in his or her lifetime if able to do so. Demands are made by Muslims for special accommodations in the workplace that are disruptive and entail taking time off from work to pray *or go on the Hajj* (This aspect is dealt with fully in our companion Guide, *Workplace Accommodations for Muslims in America: An Employer's Survival Guide*, downloadable for free at www.SneakyIslam.com).

The Hajj is another of the Five Pillars of Islam and, like Ramadan, is firmly grounded in Arabian **pagan roots**. Muhammad's followers and the Arabian pagans performed the Hajj shoulder to shoulder right up until the year before Muhammad's last Hajj, at which time Muhammad kicked the pagans out of the ritual that they had developed and practiced in Mecca before Muhammad was even born.⁵⁵

Pagan roots aside, what is more damning is the patent **falsity of the Islamic claim that the rituals of the Hajj are derived from the life and deeds of the biblical patriarch, Abraham**, whom the Koran states was a Muslim. Craig Winn, in his encyclopedic work, *Muhammad: Prophet of Doom*, exposes this deception in exquisite detail backed up by countless citations from Islamic scriptural and other sources.⁵⁶ **Once again we are dealing with a holiday that represents Islamic corruption of the Hebrew Bible. Not fit for American consumption.**

11. Day of Arafah

The Day of Arafah is the Islamic holiday celebrating the day **on which the verse of the Koran which explained that the religion had been perfected was revealed**.⁵⁷ The Day falls on the 9th day of Dhul Hijja of the lunar Islamic Calendar. This happens to be approximately 70 days after the end of the month of Ramadan. It falls on the second day of the Hajj pilgrimage and the day after is the first day of the 3-day major Islamic Holiday of Eid al-Adha. At dawn of this day, Muslim pilgrims make their way to a hillside and plain called Mount Arafat and the Plain of Arafah. It was from this site that Muhammad gave his famous Farewell Sermon in his final year of life. **Another example of a holiday glorifying the Koran!**

12. Eid al-Ghadeer

Eid al-Ghadeer, observed by Shia Muslims on the 18th of Dhu al-Hijjah in the Islamic calendar, is a **celebration of the appointment of Ali ibn Abi Talib by Muhammad as his successor**. (The significance of this **Pioneer Jihadist, Ali**, has been previously described in this Guide.)

⁵⁵ Sahih Bukhari Volume 2, Book 26, Number 689: 'No pagan is allowed to perform Hajj after this year...'

⁵⁶ Craig Winn: Muhammad: Prophet of Doom. Islam's Terrorist Dogma In Muhammad's Own Words. Cricketsong Books, 2004, p. 205. This book is also downloadable from the Internet.

⁵⁷ <https://yassarnalquran.wordpress.com/2011/11/04/excellence-of-the-day-of-arafah/>

CONCLUSIONS: HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

What do the holidays of Islam celebrate or commemorate? Let us summarize this for you ("listed" holidays are in bold):

HOLIDAY	SIGNIFICANCE
Mawlid an-Nabi (Birthday of Muhammad)	Glorification of Muhammad, initiator of the Islamic Jihad
The First of Muharram, Ashura , Arba'een, Birthday of Ali ibn Abi Talib, Eid al-Ghadeer	Glorification of Pioneer Jihadists, members of Muhammad's family who furthered the Jihad
Birthday of Muhammad al-Mahdi	Glorification of a mythical, apocalyptic Muslim figure representing a belief threatening the West
Ramadan , Laylat al-Qadr, Chaand Raat, Eid al-Fitr , Day of Arafah	Glorification of the Koran, a root cause of the Jihad
Laylat al-Isra wa al-Miraj, Quds Day	The deligitimization of Jewish Jerusalem, a reflection of Islamic Jew-hatred
The Hajj, Eid al-Adha	Genuine Biblical corruption: Falsification of Abraham and his true significance as a Biblical patriarch
Laylat al-Bara'at	A holiday with a seemingly positive message, but which excludes non-Muslims from its benefits

Knowing what you now do regarding Islam, do you truly believe that any of these holidays are worthy of our respect and recognition? Are they in keeping with traditional Judeo-Christian, Western and American morals and values? The honest answer, clearly, should be **no!**

Islam is a one-way street. Do Muslims deserve to have these holidays recognized by non-Muslims in any way whatsoever? Islam brooks no reciprocity. It is there to dominate, not to compromise. Muslims insist on building, and are allowed to build, their mosques in Western countries, yet churches and even bibles are banned in Muslim countries enforcing Sharia law, a prime example being Saudi Arabia. Muslims live as citizens of Israel, integrated into almost every sector of Israeli civil life, yet the Palestinians demand that the state they are pushing for be *Judenrein* (Jew-free). **Islam forbids Muslims from wishing anyone "Merry Christmas"** - not surprising considering what the Koran has to say about Christians. If one does, they say that he or she will become an apostate from Islam, since **Islam forbids Muslims to give good wishes to Christians on the occasion of their feasts**. And if he is an apostate from Islam, then according to Muhammad's command and Islamic law, he can lawfully be killed.

And Brunei bans Christmas!⁵⁸ Yet Muslims demand that their holidays be put on our school calendars! We call this *chutzpah* of the most blatant kind!

For an example of how Americans feel about this issue, here are just two of the many comments (slightly edited) written in response to an article about Islamic holidays on American school calendars in *BareNakedIslam*:⁵⁹

"No need for Muslim kids to miss class. Muslims families must go back to THEIR countries. Problem solved.

Hindus, Sikhs and Buddhists don't demand that schools are closed for them. Furthermore Hindus, Sikhs and Buddhists don't go around attacking people, threatening innocents with death, beheading people, rioting, burning 1,000 cars every New Year's Eve, gang raping, forcing people to convert, capturing females for sex slaves and blowing people up.

Everyone (except Muslims) loves Hindus, Sikhs and Buddhists!"

OR

"If that's how it's to be then I think it's time to close schools also for the Wiccan Holidays of Samhain and Beltane. (AKA Halloween and May Day.) Wicca is ALSO a legally recognized, minority religion. What about their children? Don't they count?..... That's why you can't close public schools for religious holidays! The state cannot show favoritism. Public schools in America have closed for winter break and spring break since ever there were public schools. Don't like it? Establish a private school. Public schools have to be fair to ALL minorities....."

There is no need to feel guilty or apologetic about taking a stand against these Muslim demands! As alluded to in the above comments, there have been no demands that we are aware of from Hindus, Sikhs, Buddhists or Wikkans for inclusion of their many festivals in our school calendars. In countering Muslim demands for inclusion of their holidays in American school calendars, you are simply re-enforcing the Judeo-Christian tradition on which our great Republic was founded, *and which desperately needs re-enforcing.*

⁵⁸ <http://www.jihadwatch.org/2014/12/indonesia-muslim-grou-warns-president-not-to-say-merry-christmas>

⁵⁹ <http://www.barenakedislam.com/2015/01/24/designated-terrorist-group-cair-spokesbitch-still-whining-about-maryland-school-districts-refusal-to-close-schools-for-two-muslim-holidays/>

Recommendations:

Share the information in this Guide, at every opportunity, with family, friends, and acquaintances. Make it known to the press, radio stations, and television studios in your area (and further afield, if you can). Give a copy of this Guide to school administrators, school board members, teachers, members of parent-teacher associations, and any others who are considering acceding to Muslim demands for recognition of Islamic holidays. Stand up and voice your concerns at school board and even city council meetings. With this Guide in hand, protest the imposition of *Common Core* at every level and on every possible occasion! ***Make your voice heard in defense of our Western values and freedoms!***

America may not be at war with Islam,^{60,61} but ***Islam is certainly at war with America.***⁶² Would you have supported the inclusion of Nazi festivals in the American calendar during World War II? *The Birthday of the Fuhrer?*⁶³ Would that have been any different from us, today, celebrating the Birthday of Muhammad or any other holiday glorifying and honoring Islam? You be the judge!

Muslims are working around the clock to silence free speech and impose Islam's ways on Western society.⁶⁴ Exercise your own right to free speech while you still can by letting your voice be heard in opposition to the inclusion of Islamic festivals in our American school calendars. Persuade school board members to *vote NO!* ***You now possess, through this Guide, the necessary knowledge to do so with conviction!***

Finally, a word of caution: If you follow our advice, you will likely be labeled an "Islamophobe."^{65,66,67} This designation will place you in the company of some of the most illustrious scholars of Islam of our time. So, *wear this as a badge of honor!*

⁶⁰ <http://www.jihadwatch.org/2009/06/platitudes-and-naivete-obamas-cairo-speech>

⁶¹ http://www.americanthinker.com/articles/2014/12/what_is_americas_survival_plan_.html

⁶² <http://www.breitbart.com/national-security/2014/11/18/islam-at-war-west/>

⁶³ http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Holidays_in_Nazi_Germany

⁶⁴ <http://www.jihadwatch.org/2015/01/the-organized-islamic-campaign-to-silence-criticism-of-islam>

⁶⁵ <http://www.jpost.com/Opinion/Columnists/Terra-incognita-IslamophobicIslamophilia-An-intellectual-inquisition-348580>

⁶⁶ <http://www.atheistrepublic.com/blog/james-lawrence/islamophobia-can-it-be-considered-type-racism>

⁶⁷ Read "Exposing the Islamophobia scam" under the *Learn* tab on the *SneakyIslam* web site.