



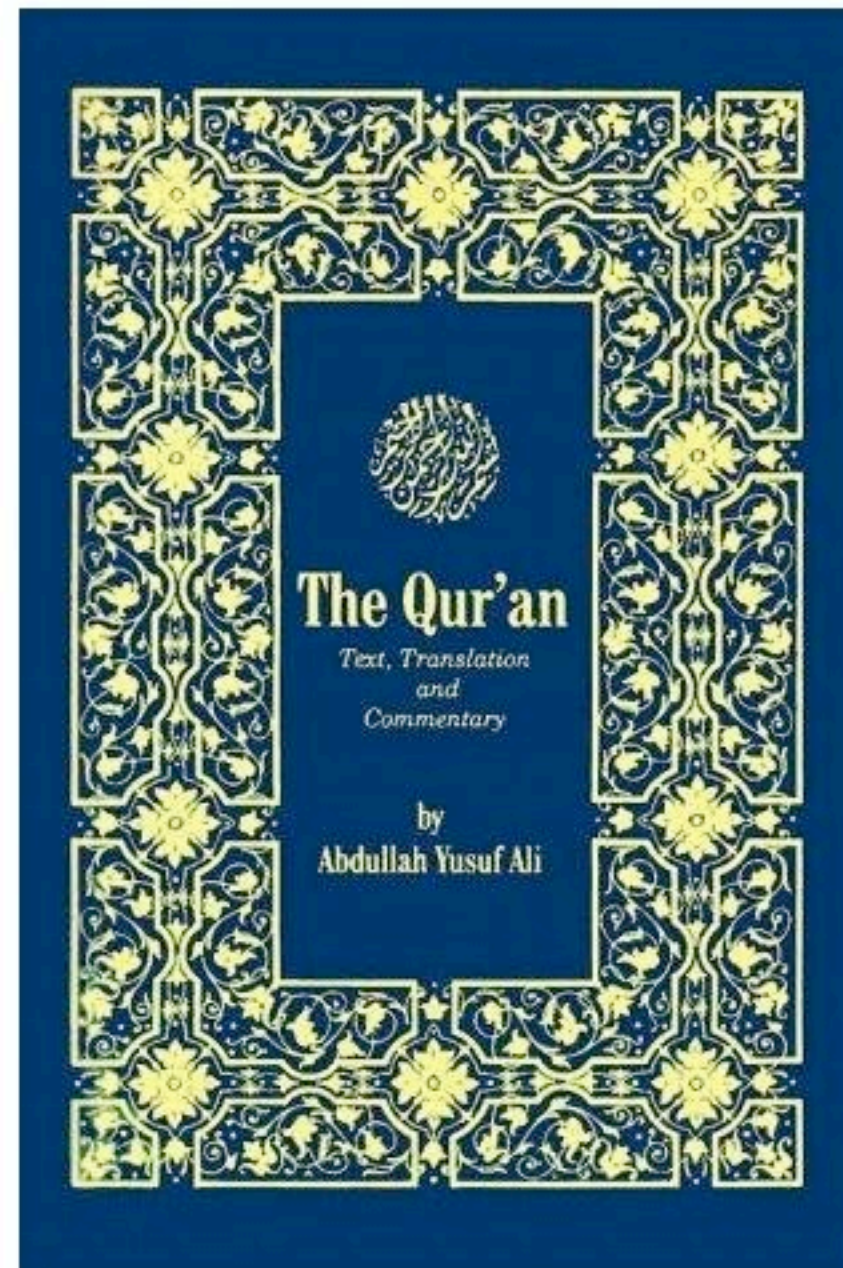
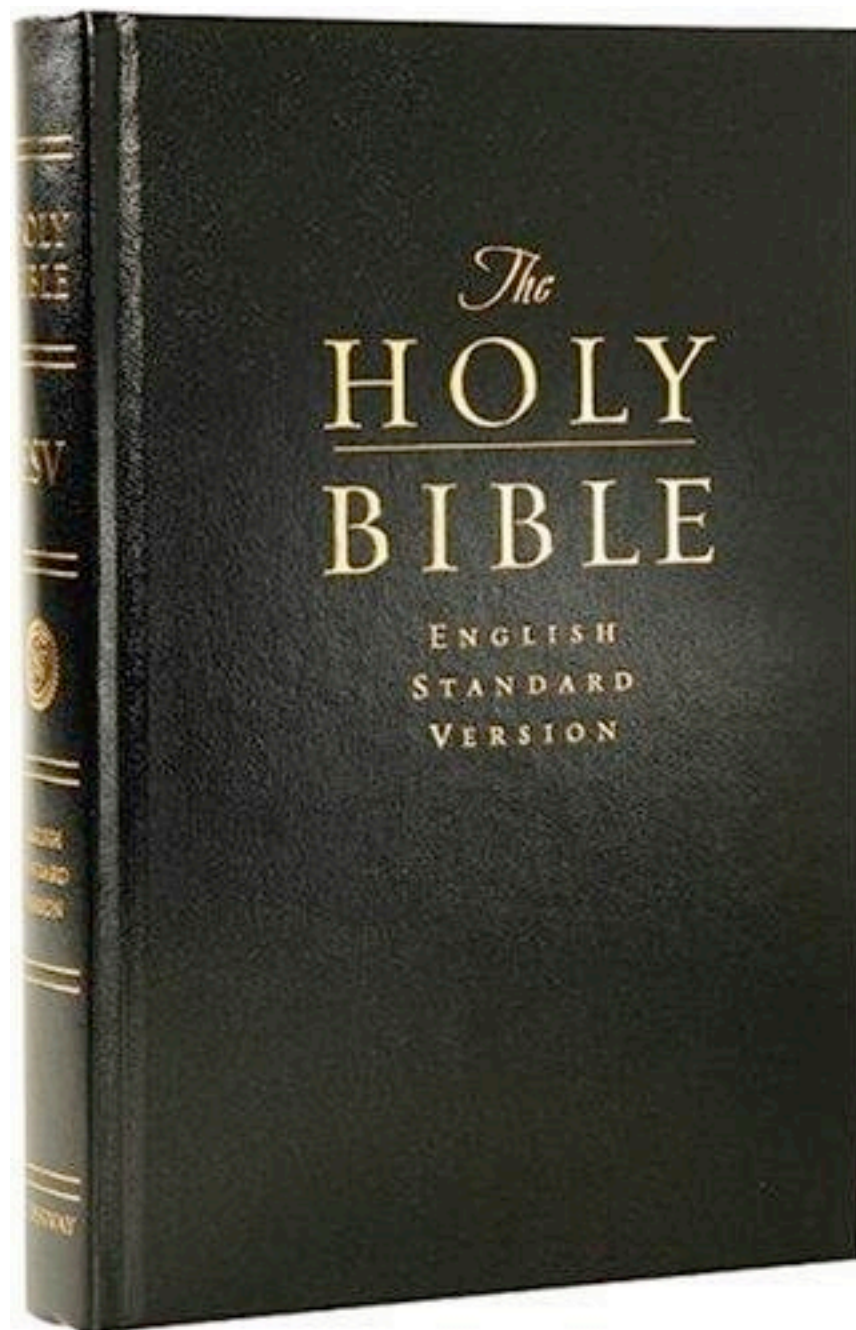
The Crescent & The Cross 2
Violence in the Name of
God

News Headlines

- Cairo
- Mogadishu
- Pakistan
- Western Somalia
- Burkina Faso
- ISIS



1. Violence in the Bible and Christian History
2. Theology of Jihad in Islam





1. Descriptive rather than proscriptive
 - Commands not applicable today
2. Inspiration is filtered through human culture, experience, and sinfulness.
 - Allegory



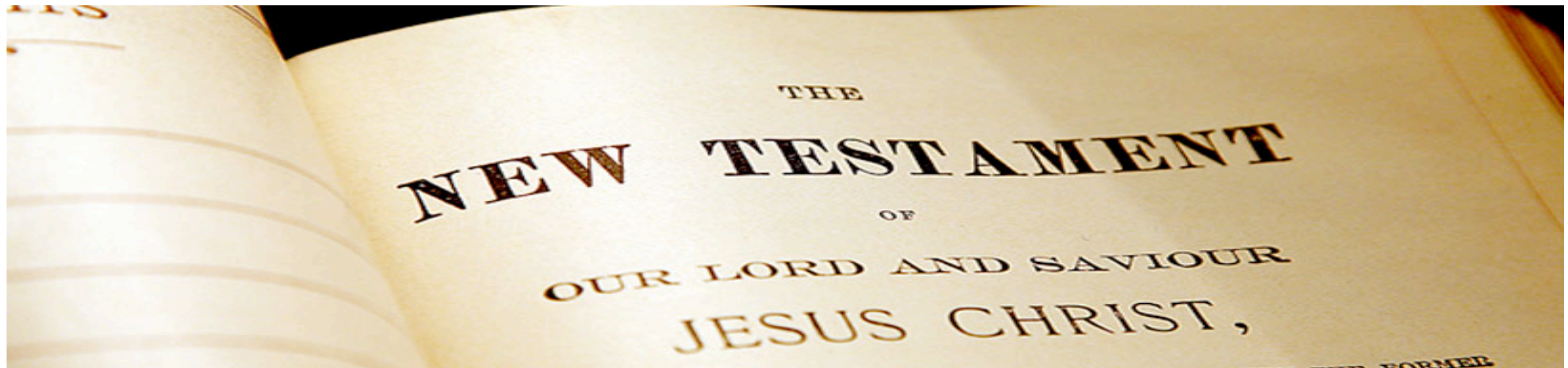
3. Scripture for Christians begins and ends with Christ!

*“Anyone who has seen me
has seen the Father.”
(John 14:9)*



Faith Statement

*“We believe, teach, and accept the canonical Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments... Inspired by God's Spirit **speaking through their authors**, they record and announce God's revelation **centering in Jesus Christ**...*



***1) “...Bring here those enemies of mine, who did not want me to reign over them, and slay them before me.”
(Luke 19:11-27)***

- Jesus is telling a parable.
- Hyperbolic language (Herod?)
- NOT a command he is giving to his disciples.



2) *“Do not think that I came to bring peace on earth. I did not come to bring peace but a sword.” (Matthew 10:34)*

- Following Jesus will mean Persecution.

“And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me.” (Matthew 10:38)

“Put your sword in its place, for all who take the sword will perish by the sword.” (Matthew 26:58)

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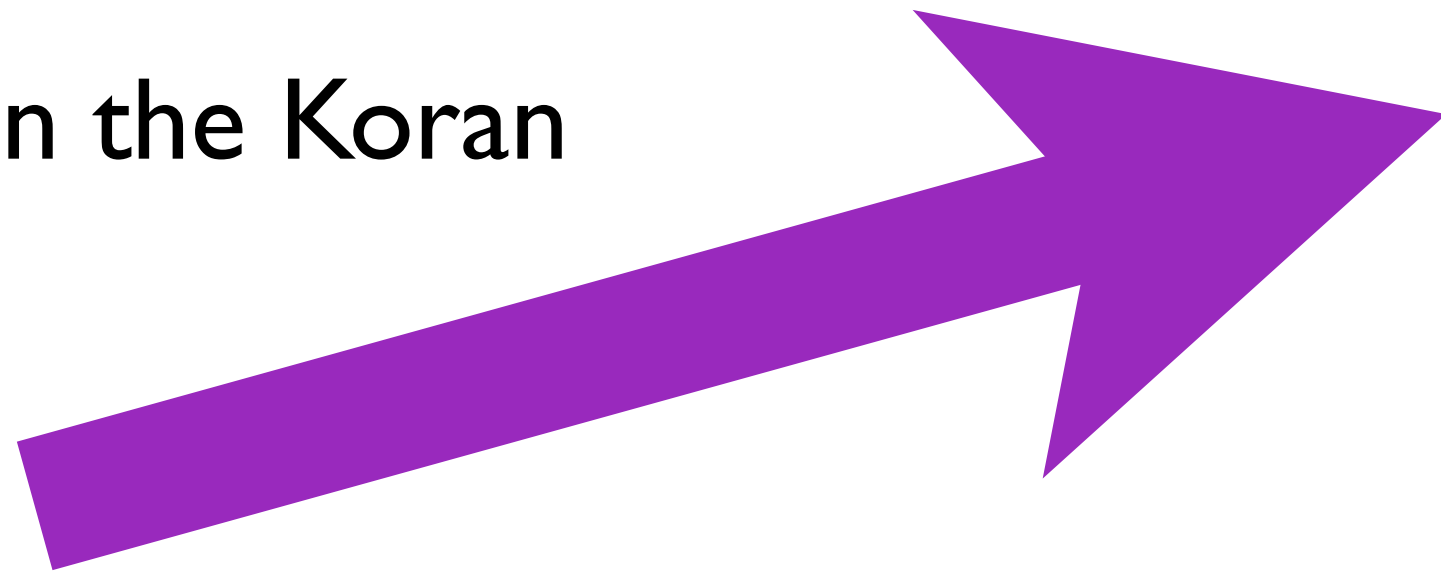


Theology of Jihad

- “Striving in the way of Allah”
- Koran is arranged by Sirrah length not chronological order of “revelation.”
- Koranic Abrogation
- **Early Mecca = Peaceful Islam**
- **Medina = Defensive Warfare**
- **Later Mecca = Offensive Warfare**

Christian Violence / Muslim Violence

- Justified by Scripture?
- Trajectory of Revelation
 - ➡ God in the Bible
 - ➡ Allah in the Koran



Peaceful Muslims and Moderate Islam

- Ahmadi, Bektashi, Sufi
(Allegorical and Mystical)
- Suni and Shia
(Mainstream)
- Wahhabism
(Fundamentalist Literalists)





“You have heard that it was said, ‘Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ But I tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be sons of your Father in heaven.”

(Matt. 5:44)

“Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good”
(Romans 12:21)