

# The Roots of Islamic Terrorism

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# Countries I have visited

**Antigua**

**Austria**

**Bahamas**

**Belgium**

**Burma**

**Canada**

**China**

**Costa Rica**

**Czech Republic**

**Denmark**

**France**

**Holland**

**Hong Kong**

**Indonesia**

**Ireland**

**Italy**

**Japan**

**Luxemburg**

**Macau**

**Malaysia**

**Malta**

**New Zealand**

**Norway**

**Philippines**

**Singapore**

**South Africa**

**South Korea**

**Spain**

**Switzerland**

**Taiwan**

**Thailand**

**Tunisia**

**Turkey**

**UAE**

**UK**

**USA**

**Vietnam**

**Gibraltar**

# Terrorist Groups

- The UK Government has designated 84 entities as terrorist groups. Note: There are 50 groups listed by the UK but not the United Nations; and 8 listed by the United Nations but not the UK
- Roughly two-thirds are Islamic, as opposed to secular or non-Islamic religion
- The breakdown:
  - Islamic = 51
  - Irish Republican = 7
  - British Loyalist = 6
  - Far Right = 7
  - Far Left = 4
  - Others = 5

# Top 10 Terrorist Groups

- The most deadly are:
  - Al Qaida
  - ISIS
  - Taliban
  - Boko Haram
  - Hizballah Military Wing
  - Al Shabaab
  - Lashkar e Tayyaba
  - Tehrik-e Taliban Pakistan
  - Hamas
  - Irish Republican Army

# Al Qaida

- Claim to fame: responsible for “9/11”
- Sunni Islamic terrorist group formed by Osama Bin Laden in 1988
- Training camps in Afghanistan, Pakistan, Iraq, Sudan
- Objective: to restore Islamic rule in Arab countries
- Believes in the existence of a Jewish-Christian conspiracy to destroy Islam

# ISIS

- Sunni Muslim jihadist group based in Iraq
- self-proclaimed caliphate, it claims religious authority over all Muslims across the world
- aspires to bring Muslim-inhabited regions under its political control beginning with Iraq, Syria and then other territories including Jordan, Israel, Palestine, Lebanon, Cyprus and part of southern Turkey
- Successor to Al-Qaeda in Iraq (AQI)

# Taliban

- Interestingly, Taliban is not a UK proscribed entity.
- The Taliban was founded by Mullah Mohammed Omar, the man who continues to be the group's spiritual leader since its inception in 1994
- The September 11, 2001 attacks on the twin towers of the World Trade Center in New York was carried out by the Taliban (although planned by Al Qaida)

# Boko Haram

- Has close ties with Al Qaida
- Literally means “Western education is sin”
- Intolerant Sharia Muslim group



# Hizballah

- Shi'a Muslim militant group and political party based in Lebanon
- Supported by Iran and Syria
- A central goal is the elimination of the State of Israel
- Manifesto specifically states that the movement is based on the Holy Qur'an

# What are the recurring themes?

- Overthrow of existing government
  - Establishment of Islamic rule
  - Elimination of Israel
  - Fatwa against USA
  - Opposition to Christians
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- NOTE: absence of "democracy", "human rights", "free speech"

# Abraham had Two Wives

## Sarah

- Chaldean
- Beautiful
- Loyal
- Devoted
- Obedient
- Love-match

## Hagar

- Egyptian
- Ex-slave girl
- Disrespectful
- Mocking
- Marriage of convenience

Genesis 16:3



# Abraham's Two Wives

# Abraham had Two Sons

## Ishmael

- Hagar's son
- First-born (14yrs+)
- Banished
- Dispossessed

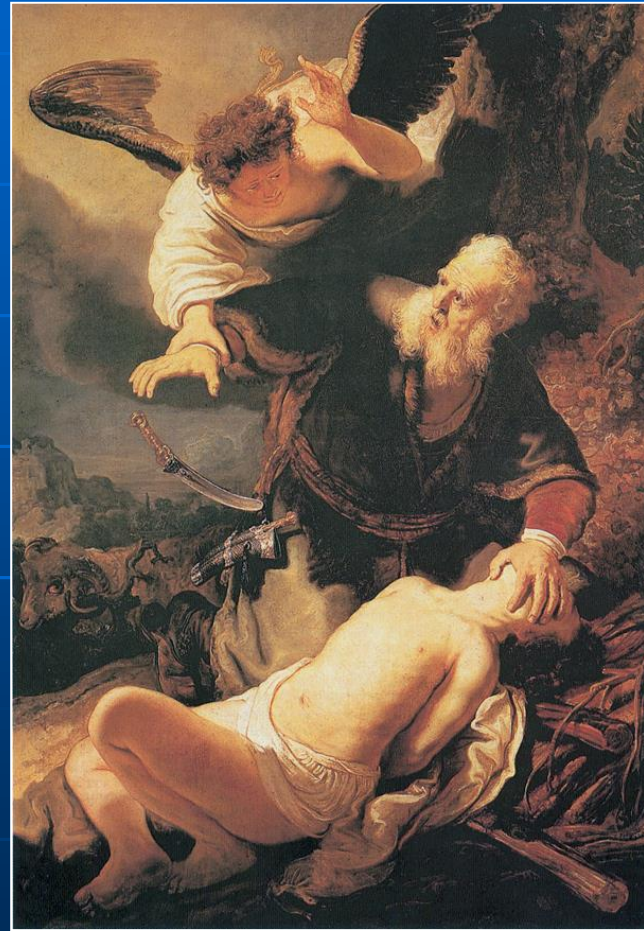
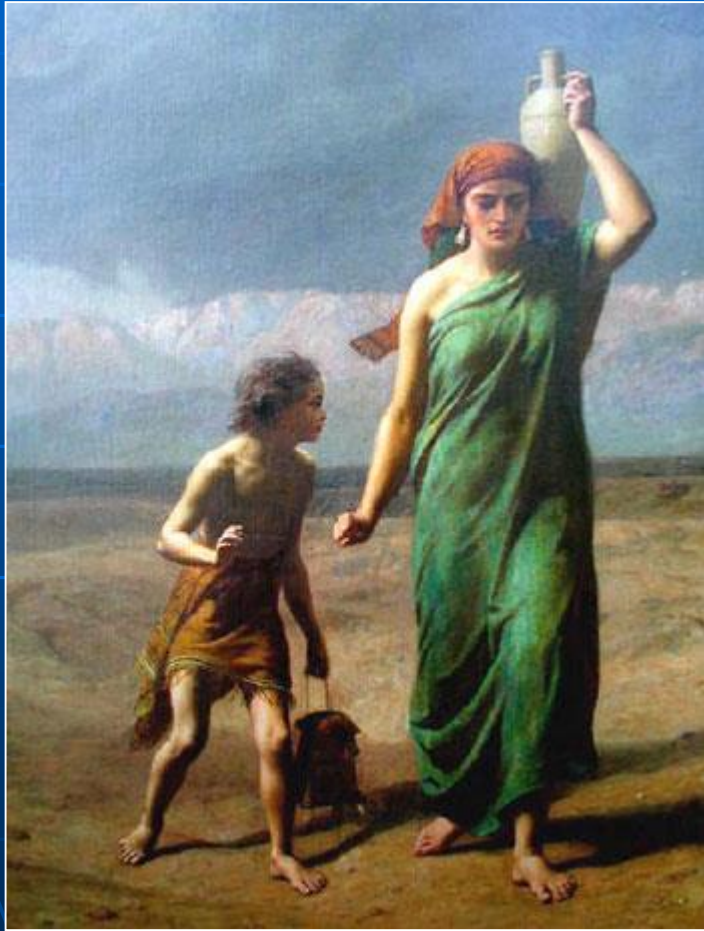
## Isaac

- Sarah's son
- Younger son
- Loved
- Inherited God's promises to Abraham (current land of Israel)

Genesis 21: 10-14

Surah 14:37

# Abraham's Two Sons



# Abraham's Tomb



*“If a man have two wives, the one beloved, and the other hated, and they have borne him children, both the beloved and the hated; and if the first-born son be hers that was hated; then it shall be, in the day that he causeth his sons to inherit that which he hath, that he may not make the son of the beloved the first-born before the son of the hated, who is the first-born: but he shall acknowledge the first-born, the son of the hated, by giving him a double portion of all that he hath; for he is the beginning of his strength; the right of the first-born is his.”*

- Deuteronomy 21:15-17



# Arabs and Jews

- The Arab nations are the descendents of Ishmael

- The Jews are the descendents of Isaac

# The Middle East



# Europe

## Political Map of Europe



# Islamic Monotheism

- Islam is the religion of the Arab nations
- Islamic Monotheism is defined as the religion of Abraham

*“Abraham was neither a Jew nor a Christian, but he was a true Muslim Hanifa.”*

■ Surah 3:67

# The Qur'an

- The Qur'an is the sacred text of Islam
- It is a confirmation of the revelation which came before, the Torah and the Gospel
  - Surah 10:37
- It is guidance for those who:
  - Are pious believers of Islamic Monotheism and fear Allah much and love Allah much
  - Believe in the unseen and performs prayers
  - Believe in the Qur'an, the Torah, the Gospel and the Hereafter
  - Surah 2:2-4

# The Qur'an

- The Qur'an urges mankind to believe in
  - Allah
  - Muhammad
  - The Torah
  - The Gospel
  - Jesus, son of Mary, and "follow him that you may be guided"

■ Surah 7:158

# The Qur'an

## ■ Jews and Christians

- Wish to lead the Muslims astray
- Disbelieve in the *Ayat* of Allah
- Mix truth with falsehood and conceal the truth
- Will never be pleased with Muhammad
- Want to extinguish Allah's light with their mouths

■ Surah 3:69-71; 2:120; 9:32

# The Qur'an

- Muslims believe in Allah and the teachings of:
  - Abraham
  - Ishmael
  - Isaac
  - Jacob and the 12 tribes of Israel
  - Moses
  - Jesus
  - Other prophets

making no distinction between one another among them

- Surah 3:84



# *Jihad*

- And fight in the way of Allah those who fight you, but transgress not the limits
- And kill them wherever you find them, and turn them out from where they turned you out
- But if they cease, Allah is Oft-Forgiving, Most Merciful
- And fight them until there is no more *Fitnah* (disbelief and worshipping of others along with Allah)

■ Surah 2: 190-193

# Christians

*“For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ’s, then you are Abraham’s seed, and heirs according to the promise.”*

Galatians 3:26-29

# The Promise

*“Now Jehovah said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father’s house, unto the land that I will show thee: and I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and be thou a blessing; and I will bless them that bless thee, and him that curseth thee will I curse: and in thee shall all the families of the earth be blessed.”*

Genesis 12:1-3

# Family Affair?

God's  
Covenant with  
Abraham

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graph TD; A[God's Covenant with Abraham] --- B[Descendants of Israel (Jacob)]; A --- C[In Christ, heirs of Abraham]; A --- D[True followers of Abraham's Religion];
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Descendants  
of  
Israel (Jacob)

In Christ,  
heirs of  
Abraham

True followers  
of Abraham's  
Religion

# Palestinians

- Inhabitants of the land of the Philistines
- Beneficiaries of the covenant Abraham made with Abimelech
- *"And it came to pass at that time that Abimelech and Phichol, the commander of his army, spoke to Abraham, saying, "God is with you in all that you do. Now therefore, swear to me by God that you will not deal falsely with me, with my offspring, or with my posterity; but that according to the kindness that I have done to you, you will do to me and to the land in which you have dwelt."*  
*And Abraham said, "I will swear."*  
*Thus they made a covenant at Beersheba. So Abimelech rose with Phichol, the commander of his army, and they returned to the land of the Philistines."*
- Genesis 21:22-24,32

# The other Promise

*“And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, Jehovah appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be thou perfect. And I will make my covenant between me and thee, and will multiply thee exceedingly. And Abram fell on his face: and God talked with him, saying, As for me, behold, my covenant is with thee, and thou shalt be the father of a multitude of nations. Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram, but thy name shall be Abraham; for the father of a multitude of nations have I made thee. And I will make thee exceeding fruitful, and I will make nations of thee, and kings shall come out of thee. And I will establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee and to thy seed after thee. And I will give unto thee, and to thy seed after thee, the land of thy sojournings, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God.”*

Genesis 17:1-8

# Islamic Terrorism

- All terrorism is based on ideology
- Islamic terrorism is based on Islamic ideology
  - Not territorial
  - Not political
  - Not economic
  - Not based on ethnicity
- Option A: Islam requires terrorists to act the way they do (their claim).
- Option B: Terrorists are spreading Islam independently of Islam (Western leaders' claim).

# Governments' Response to Terrorism

- Anti-terrorist laws were strengthened after 11<sup>th</sup> September 2001
- In addition to increasing police powers, governments have increased obligations on financial institutions to detect and report suspicious activity



# “War on Terror”

- Islamic terrorist organisations aim to intimidate or influence governments into meeting their demands
- Terrorists have active and passive supporters
- Governments seek to target both the perpetrators and their supporters
- The war is on terrorism, not Islam

# There's just one problem:

- Whereas Arab leaders, both religious and national, legitimate and terrorist, advocate the forceful expulsion of Jews and persecution of Christians,
- Western world leaders insist that Islam is a religion of peace, and that Islam and the support of terrorism are not linked.

# All three Abrahamic religions are proselytic

- *"All nations whom thou hast made shall come and worship before thee, O Lord; And they shall glorify thy name. For thou art great, and doest wondrous things: Thou art God alone."* Psalm 86: 9-10
- *"Go ye therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I commanded you: and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."* Matthew 28: 19-20
- *"He has sent his messenger with the guidance and true religion, and will make it dominate all religions."* Surah 61:9

# Only the Qur'an advocates violence to get converts

*"So, when you meet (in fight – Jihad in Allah's Cause) those who disbelieve, smite (their) necks till when you have killed and wounded many of them, then bind a bond firmly (on them, i.e. take them as captives). Thereafter (is the time) for generosity, or ransom, until the war lays down its burden. Thus [you are ordered by Allah to continue in carrying out Jihad against the disbelievers till they embrace Islam and are saved from the punishment in the Hell-fire or at least come under your protection], but if it had been Allah's Will, He Himself could certainly have punished them (without you)."*

Surah 47:4

# All 3 Abrahamic religions reject the knowledge of Good and Evil

- *"And Jehovah God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die."* Genesis 2: 16-17
- *"And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: for God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as God, knowing good and evil."* Genesis 3: 4-5 (also see Surah 7:22)

# Islamic Terrorists do not negotiate

- Parties to negotiations need to find common ground
- Western leaders reference the universal good
- “Good” is not relevant to Islamists
- Islamists operate on the perceived word of Allah

# This is not a human problem

- This is a religious problem
- Western leaders are like fish out of water in matters of religion

# There is no human solution

- Short of God issuing an edict to stop the fighting, it will not stop
- Expect interesting developments!

# Question Time

