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Ice Breaker –

As I'm sure you've heard by now, ISIS terrorists launched six simultaneous attacks against innocent civilians in Paris Friday evening (11/13/15). It was the worst attack on French soil since World War II. What are the terrorist's goals? Why would someone give up their life to kill others? To cite the *Daily Telegraph*, their "real project is the extension of the Islamic territory across the globe, and the establishment of a worldwide 'caliphate' founded on Shari'a law."

According to the Shari'a law:

- Theft is punishable by amputation of the right hand.
- Criticizing or denying any part of the Quran is punishable by death.
- Criticizing or denying Muhammad is a prophet is punishable by death.
- Criticizing or denying Allah, the moon god of Islam is punishable by death.
- A Muslim who becomes a non-Muslim is punishable by death.
- A non-Muslim who leads a Muslim away from Islam is punishable by death.
- A non-Muslim man who marries a Muslim woman is punishable by death.
- A man can marry an infant girl and consummate the marriage when she is 9 years old.
- Girls' clitoris should be cut (per Muhammad's words in Book 41, Kitab Al-Adab, Hadith 5251).
- A woman can have 1 husband, but a man can have up to 4 wives; Muhammad can have more.
- A man can unilaterally divorce his wife but a woman needs her husband's consent to divorce.
- A man can beat his wife for insubordination.
- Testimonies of four male witnesses are required to prove rape against a woman.
- A woman who has been raped cannot testify in court against her rapist(s).
- A woman's testimony in court, allowed only in property cases, carries half the weight of a man's.
- A female heir inherits half of what a male heir inherits.
- A woman cannot drive a car, as it leads to fitnah (upheaval).
- A woman cannot speak alone to a man who is not her husband or relative.
- Meat to be eaten must come from animals that have been sacrificed to Allah - i.e., be Halal.
- Muslims should engage in Taqiyya and lie to non-Muslims to advance Islam.

Source: <http://www.billionbibles.org/sharia/sharia-law.html>

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Dialog –

Rick: Hey Donna! Wasn't it terrible what happened in Paris Friday night?

Donna: Yes, it was horrible. So many innocent people were killed for no reason. Why would anyone do such a thing?

Rick: Radical Islamic terrorists are trying to start a holy war.

Donna: Why?

Rick: They want to take over the world and impose Islam on the rest of us.

Donna: What is Islam?

Rick: Quoted from <http://www.gotquestions.org/Islam.html>

Islam is a religious system begun in the seventh century by Muhammad. Muslims follow the teachings of the Qur'an and strive to keep the Five Pillars.

In the seventh century, Muhammad claimed the angel Gabriel visited him. During these angelic visitations, which continued for about 23 years until Muhammad's death, the angel purportedly revealed to Muhammad the words of Allah (the Arabic word for "God" used by Muslims). These dictated revelations compose the Qur'an, Islam's holy book. Islam means "submission," deriving from a root word that means "peace." The word Muslim means "one who submits to Allah."

Muslims summarize their doctrine in six articles of faith:

1. Belief in one Allah: Muslims believe Allah is one, eternal, creator, and sovereign.
2. Belief in the angels.
3. Belief in the prophets: The prophets include the biblical prophets but end with Muhammad as Allah's final prophet.
4. Belief in the revelations of Allah: Muslims accept certain portions of the Bible, such as the Torah and the Gospels. They believe the Qur'an is the preexistent, perfect word of Allah.
5. Belief in the last day of judgment and the hereafter: Everyone will be resurrected for judgment into either paradise or hell.
6. Belief in predestination: Muslims believe Allah has decreed everything that will happen. Muslims testify to Allah's sovereignty with their frequent phrase, inshallah, meaning, "if God wills."

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The Five Pillars of Islam

These five tenets compose the framework of obedience for Muslims:

1. The testimony of faith (shahada): “la ilaha illa allah. Muhammad rasul Allah.” This means, “There is no deity but Allah. Muhammad is the messenger of Allah.” A person can convert to Islam by stating this creed. The shahada shows that a Muslim believes in Allah alone as deity and believes that Muhammad reveals Allah.
2. Prayer (salat): Five ritual prayers must be performed every day.
3. Giving (zakat): This almsgiving is a certain percentage given once a year.
4. Fasting (sawm): Muslims fast during Ramadan in the ninth month of the Islamic calendar. They must not eat or drink from dawn until sunset.
5. Pilgrimage (hajj): If physically and financially possible, a Muslim must make the pilgrimage to Mecca in Saudi Arabia at least once. The hajj is performed in the twelfth month of the Islamic calendar.

A Muslim's entrance into paradise hinges on obedience to these Five Pillars. Still, Allah may reject them. Even Muhammad was not sure whether Allah would admit him to paradise (Surah 46:9; Hadith 5.266).

Compared to Christianity, Islam has some similarities but significant differences. Like Christianity, Islam is monotheistic. However, Muslims reject the Trinity—that God has revealed Himself as one in three Persons: the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Muslims claim that Jesus was one of the most important prophets—not God's Son. Islam asserts that Jesus, though born of a virgin, was created like Adam. Muslims do not believe Jesus died on the cross. They do not understand why Allah would allow His prophet Isa (the Islamic word for "Jesus") to die a torturous death. Yet the Bible shows how the death of the perfect Son of God was essential to pay for the sins of believers (Isaiah 53:5-6; John 3:16; 14:6; 1 Peter 2:24).

Islam teaches that the Qur'an is the final authority and the last revelation of Allah. The Bible, however, was completed in the first century with the Book of Revelation. The Bible warns against anyone adding to or subtracting from God's Word (Deuteronomy 4:2; Proverbs 30:6; Galatians 1:6-12; Revelation 22:18). The Qur'an, as a claimed addition to God's Word, directly disobeys God's command.

Muslims believe that paradise can be earned through keeping the Five Pillars. The Bible, in contrast, reveals that sinful man can never measure up to the holy God (Romans 3:23; 6:23). Only by God's grace may sinners be saved through repentant faith in Jesus (Acts 20:21; Ephesians 2:8-9).

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Because of these essential differences and contradictions, Islam and Christianity cannot both be true. The Bible and Qur'an cannot both be God's Word. The truth has eternal consequences.

Donna: How do we know whether Christianity is true or Islam is true?

Rick: We must decide that for ourselves. God gives us free will to choose.

- Jesus addresses this issue in John 14:6: "Jesus answered, 'I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'" So Jesus is saying He's the only way to heaven. Muslims hold that Jesus is a prophet, but ignore this verse to their peril.
- 1 John 4:1-3 says, "Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world. By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God; and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God; this is the spirit of the antichrist, of which you have heard that it is coming, and now it is already in the world."

Donna: If Muhammad wasn't sure whether he would get into heaven, and Muslims can't be sure if they'll get into heaven, how can we be sure?

Rick: In the Bible, God promises that we can live with Him in heaven for all eternity if we do certain things:

- **Sinner.** First, you must acknowledge that you're a sinner. You have to admit before God that you've done things contrary to His will, as outlined in the Bible. Psalm 51:4 says, "Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are right in your verdict and justified when you judge."
- **Repent.** Next, you have to repent. You have to agree with God that what you've done is wrong and that you are willing to turn away from them. Luke 13:3 says, "I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish."
- **Believe.** After that, you must believe that Jesus is the Son of God and that he died on the cross to pay the penalty for our sins. John 6:28-29 says, "...they asked him, 'What must we do to do the works God requires?'" Jesus answered, "The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent."
- **Receive.** Romans 10:9-13 says, If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. As Scripture says, "Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame." For there is no difference between

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Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, for, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

Donna: So, what should we do in light of these recent attacks against western civilization?

Rick: Pray.

- **God’s will.** Pray that God’s will be done. Thousands of refugees are hearing the gospel in refugee camps for the first time. They see the contrast between God’s love expressed by Christians, with the violence enacted by radical jihadists.
- **Enemies.** Pray for our enemies. Matthew 5:43-45 says, ““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 children of your Father in heaven.”
- **Justice.** Pray for justice. Deuteronomy 32:35 says, “It is mine to avenge; I will repay. In due time their foot will slip; their day of disaster is near and their doom rushes upon them.”
- **Government.** Pray for our government. Romans 13:4 says, “For the one in authority is God’s servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for rulers do not bear the sword for no reason. They are God’s servants, agents of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer.”
- **Endurance.** Pray for endurance by Christians and Christian missionaries living in Muslim countries. Revelation 13:10 says, ““If anyone is to go into captivity, into captivity they will go. If anyone is to be killed with the sword, with the sword they will be killed.” This calls for patient endurance and faithfulness on the part of God’s people.”
- **Ask God how you can help!**