The Cult of ISLAM

(The Muslim Religion)

Introduction:

Islam is a large religion.

Islam is a quickly growing religion.
(Funded in large part by Arab Oil money)

It is estimated that there are between 3-4 million Muslims in the USA.

Muslims believe that they are the Savior from drug abuse, crime, lack of respect to parents, abortion, alcohol abuse etc.

The origins of Islam:

"Islam" = An ancient Arabic word meaning "manliness" (heroic and brave in battle); later the meaning was altered to mean "submission" (Morey, p. 36-37).

Muslim belief: Islam came down from Heaven.
Historical evidence: Islam stems from pre-Islamic tribal Arabian culture.

Muhammad was born in A.D. 570 in Mecca to Abdullah (Abd-Allah) and Aminah. He was born into the Quraysh tribe, which was in control of the city of Mecca and which acted as the custodian of the Kabah and of the religious worship centered about it (Morey, p. 69).

At age 40 Muhammad claimed that Allah called him to be a "prophet" and an "apostle."

The source of Muhammad's revelations: epileptic seizures or demonic possession?

"Early Muslim tradition records the fact that when Muhammad was about to receive a revelation from Allah, he would often fall down on the ground; his body would begin to jerk; his eyes would roll backward; and he would perspire profusely." (Morey, p. 71).

Muhammad himself, suffering from deep depression, initially worried about the possibility that he was demon-possessed. He attempted suicide, but his wife prevented him (Morey, p. 72).

"Allah" - from the pre-Muhammad Arabic word - *Al* = "the"; *Ilah* = "god." Although ignorant Muslims would deny this, the Arabic moon god was called "Allah" (note: the crescent moon symbol associated with the Muslim mosques and flag).

To appease pagan mobs in Mecca (Sura 53:19), Muhammad wrote the famous "Satanic Verses," which stated that it was perfectly proper to pray to and worship the three daughters of Allah: Al-Lot, Al-Uzza, and Manat (after Muhammad's death, the "Satanic Verses" were not included in the text of the Koran) (Morey, p. 79).

"The cult of the moon god which worshipped Allah was transformed by Muhammad into a monotheistic faith" (Morey, p. 62).

"Muhammad took the Arab culture around him, with all its secular and sacred customs, and made it into the religion of Islam" (Morey, p. 22).

Aspects of the Arabian culture

--The Sabeans - An astral religion which worshipped the Heavenly bodies.

The moon = male deity
The sun = female deity
Together, they produced the stars.
(Sura 41:37)

Religious rites and fastings are regulated by the phases of the moon.

--A Bloody Culture
(vengeance and violence justified)
(Morey, p. 37, 39)

--Tribal Loyalty
(It was wrong to kill a member of your kin-group or allied group; all other cases were justifiable; in many cases, it was a sacred duty)

--The Kabah in Mecca
("Kabah" = Arabic for cube, a square stone temple in Mecca was a focal place for worshipping idols from all over the world. (Morey, p. 40-41)

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In Islamic countries (which do not have freedom of religion), an criticism of the Koran or Muhammad is considered a criminal offense punishable by death by Islamic law.

Islam cannot handle negative criticism of its religion without striking out in militant retaliation (an religious group which must rely on militant retaliation [bloodshed] to sustain itself gives evidence by this response that the don't have confidence in the ability of the truth which they teach to defend itself).

Note also the anti-semitic nature of Islam.

Islam is a violent religion that persecutes and threatens the lives of those who speak out against it or become Christian.

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	Muhammad did not write the final manuscript of the Koran. When Muhammad fell into one of his unpredictable trances, his revelations were

	written (by others usually) on bones, leaves, stones, or whatever was available (much of this was collected after his death) (The Concise Encyclopedia of Islam)
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Heresies & Errors in the KORAN

Creation took 8 days (Sura 41:9,10,12)

One of Noah's sons refused to go into the Ark & drowned (Sura 11:32-48)

Abraham offered up Ishmael (Sura 37:100-112)

Pharaoh's wife adopted Moses (Sura 28:8,9) [Bible says it was his daughter - Exod.2:5)

Noah's Flood took place in the days of Moses (Sura 7:136, cp. 7:59ff)

The virgin Mary gave birth to Jesus under a palm tree (Sura 19:22) [Bible: a stable, Luke 2]

Contradiction: "At first Muhammad told his followers to face Jerusalem in prayer. Then he told them since God was everywhere they could face any say the wanted. Then he changed his mind yet again and directed them to pray toward Mecca (Sura 2:115 & 2:144)" Morey p.146.

"According to the literal Arabic translation of Sura 3:106,107, on Judgment Day, only people with white faces will be saved. People with Black faces will be damned. This is racism in its worse form!...Arab Muslims were enslaving black Africans long before Westerners" (Morey p.155)

Heaven will be full of wine and free sex (Suras 2:25; 4:57; 11:23; 47:15).

The Koran prohibits charging interest on money loaned to people (Suras 2:275ff; 3:130; 4:161; 30:39) No Arab Muslim Banker in the world obeys this!

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(Share your testimony)

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