

# Islam, Religion of Peace or Political Ideology of Domination

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## HOST: DAVID WHEATON:

Islam, religion of peace or political ideology of domination. That is a topic we'll discuss today on the Christian Worldview Radio program where the mission is to sharpen the biblical worldview of Christians and to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ. I'm David Wheaton, the host. The Christian Worldview is a nonprofit listener supported radio ministry. Our website is [TheChristianWorldview.org](http://TheChristianWorldview.org), and the rest of our contact information will be given throughout today's program. As always, thank you for your notes of encouragement, financial support, and lifting us up in prayer. Where would you think you were if you were awakened in the early morning to the following Muslim call to prayer?

Would you be in Saudi Arabia, Iran, perhaps Turkey? What you just heard is the actual Muslim call to prayer that is broadcast five times per day from mosques across streets and homes in Minneapolis, Minnesota in the United States of America, a nation that was founded and operated according to distinctly Christian principles. Our founders likely made the assumption that our nation would remain Christian as early immigrants came from Christian European nations. They probably thought future Americans wouldn't be so foolish as to welcome hundreds of thousands of people from an opposing religion, but those with the unbiblical worldview of secular and religious humanism have taken power and adhere to the spirit of Babel that uniting all peoples and religions together will make us good and united. But that will not work with Islam and its mission to dominate the world. Europe has put its very existence at risk by bringing millions of Muslims into its nations and towns and now America has done the same in Minneapolis, Dearborn, Michigan, New York City, and many other places across the country.

Darrell Harrison, the shepherding and teaching pastor at Redeemer Bible Church in Arizona and the co-host of the popular Just Thinking Podcast joins us today to explain how Islam is lesser religion, but rather a political ideology of domination and how Christians should respond. Darrell, welcome back to the Christian Worldview Radio Program. It's so great to have you on the program again. Let's start out as we talk about Islam today and specifically political Islam is what you entitled the three-hour podcast that you did with your co-host, Virgil Walker on the Just Thinking Podcast. What was the impetus for you to do this program on political Islam? Something in the news, something you were reading? What was it?

## GUEST: DARRELL HARRISON:

It was really my observations of what I've seen going on and happening in the United Kingdom, particularly under the leadership of Labour Party Prime Minister Keir Starmer, who, to be quite frank, is doing everything he can to erase the traditional, and by traditional, I hate to say it this way, but it's true, white dominant culture and history of the UK and remake it in the image of Muslims and Middle Eastern Indians under the pretense of immigration and diversity. That's what got my attention on this topic. Now, consequently to what Starmer is doing in the UK in that regard, Muslims in the UK are running for political office in record numbers. In many

instances, they're winning these races due to the orchestrated influx of Muslims from places like Kenya, Somalia, Pakistan, Bangladesh, places like that. So that was the motivation for me and this topic catching my opinion.

Now, as a side note, Keir Starmer, who was a full-blown liberal socialist and a proponent of Palestinian statehood, by the way, was given the name Keir by his parents, that name is spelled K-E-I-R, who themselves were socialists. They named him after the 19th century trade union socialist Keir Hardie. Keir Hardie actually founded the Labour Party in the UK to which Keir Starmer belonged. So the Labour Party is essentially a socialist political party. But again, seeing Muslims gain political power in Western nations and continents like the UK, Canada, Australia, and especially here in the United States is why Virgil and I spent three plus hours addressing this important topic in such detail in our episode.

**HOST: DAVID WHEATON:**

Now you quoted in that podcast, Darrell, and we have it linked at our website, [TheChristianWorldview.org](http://TheChristianWorldview.org). Highly recommend listeners go there and take a deep dive into this. You quoted Dr. Christine Schermacher who said, "Political Islam is synonymous with a sociopolitical ideology supported by a religious justification. The goal of which is to perfectly implement the Quran and the Sharia and thus to establish the archetypal Islamic society." Now I want to just play a short soundbite from your podcast where you said this.

**GUEST: DARRELL HARRISON:**

One of the things we just keep coming back to is the absolutely literally comprehensive, total encompassing vacuum black hole that Islam is. It wants everything. This is what Dr. Schermacher is saying. She says, when it comes to the topic of Islamism or political Islam, one is dealing with nothing less than a conflict with a totalitarian ideology. She says, "It is a totalitarian ideology that uses religious terminology while demanding to put the original form of the Islamic faith comprehensively into practice." Islam is not a religion and it's never been a religion.

**HOST: DAVID WHEATON:**

So the question is, Darrell, let's make the distinction between political Islam rather than just religious Islam. In other words, what you were saying and what Schermacher was saying is that this is really a political, all encompassing totalitarian ideology that uses religion to get there. Explain that more.

**GUEST: DARRELL HARRISON:**

Yes. I thought this description by Dr. Schermacher was the most brilliant, clear, objective definition of political Islam that I've come across. We call it political Islam, David, because that's what Islam is. Islam is a political ideology and worldview that uses political strategies and tactics to accomplish political aims. Everything about Islam is political. It is not a religion.

Perhaps we'll have time to flesh that out a little bit more, but as Dr. Schermacher stated very, very well, political Islam is a sociopolitical ideology supported by a religious justification. So in other words, Islam for centuries now has purported to be a religion in an effort to mask, to camouflage what its true teleology is,

what its true objectives are, what its true aims are, which is the sociopolitical dominance in every area of the globe where it's foot tribes. This is a very merciless, graceless, compassionless ideology that seeks domination and control and political strategies and tactics is the way that Islam seeks to bring those goals to fruition.

**HOST: DAVID WHEATON:**

Very interesting, Darrell Harrison with us today here on the program. We could get into some of the history and advancement of Islam starting in the seventh century with Muhammad. We may get to that eventually, but I want to follow up with a question on what you just said there, because you'll hear quotes like this, that Islam is one of the great world religions, that it's a quote unquote religion of peace. We've heard that even by Americans and presidents and so forth, that Muslims believe in Jesus, that we share history with Muslims going back to Abraham.

Most Muslims are not Jihadists. They're not on a holy war. They're not trying to take over the world. And that there's a very wide spectrum, they'll say, of Muslim beliefs, just like in Christianity of all different kinds of flavors of Christians on the left and the right and everything in between, it's the same thing with Muslims.

Now, I want to play another soundbite from your program where you kind of cut through all those cliches and you said this.

**GUEST: DARRELL HARRISON:**

Political Islam is nothing other than a centuries old satanic scheme founded in the pits of hell itself. It is a scheme designed to undermine and dominate Western Judeo-Christian nations and territories through intimidation, violence, and religious dogmatism. The idea that Islam is, one, a religion is false, and two, that is a religion of peace is equally false.

**HOST: DAVID WHEATON:**

There's a lot of religions in the world, Darrell, and there's a lot of major ones, maybe six or seven major religions, Christianity, Islam, Buddhism, Hinduism, whatever, a few others. How is Islam different from every other major religion?

**GUEST: DARRELL HARRISON:**

Because Islam is political. I really hate to sound simplistic, but that fundamentally, David, is the core distinction between Islam and every other major religion out there. I don't see any evidence that Hinduism is trying to form caliphates in cities around the world. I don't see any evidence that Buddhism seeks to, as many Muslim leaders have said, invade every home in America and then raise the Islamic flag over the White House.

I don't see any evidence of that. Any objective evidence, by objective evidence, I mean any evidence that I can research and point to that objectively demonstrates that any other major religion has those same goals as Islam does through the political processes that they're taking advantage of in the West.

**HOST: DAVID WHEATON:**

Now I can hear the follow-up from potentially someone listening today who doesn't agree with what we've been talking about so far. They would say, "Well, Islam is not the only religion to want to have dominion or domination over the world. Christians want to do the same thing." As a matter of fact, there's elements of the Christian religion, so to speak, the Christian nationalists or the Christian dominionist who see their call to take dominion over the world and then that ushers in the return of Christ. How would you answer that particular rebuttal that Islam is really not much different than a more extreme version of a Christian nationalism or dominionism?

**GUEST: DARRELL HARRISON:**

First of all, let me just clearly say, and I don't want to stutter when I say this. I'm either a Christian dominionist. I'm not a Christian nationalist. I don't subscribe to either of those ideologies or philosophies personally, okay? But when someone were to make that argument or that rebuttal, the problem with that is that Islam wants to do that by force. Islam historically is a worldview of coercion, is a worldview of forced domination, forced acquiescence, forced compliance. Christianity is not that.

Theologically, the God that the Christian serves, that God has dominion already. So that's not even a logical position to take. Muslims, however, their desire, their goal, their aim is literally, as the word Islam means, submit, they literally want to force obsequy on you. So again, with all due respect for someone to make that rebuttal, they haven't studied Islam very much, to be honest with you.

**HOST: DAVID WHEATON:**

Pastor Darrell Harrison's with us today, the co-host of the *Just Thinking* Podcast. They did a recent program on this particular topic of political Islam. We have it linked at our website, [TheChristianWorldview.org](http://TheChristianWorldview.org). I thought one of the interesting aspects of your conversation with Virgil Walker, your co-host on this topic was talking about the foundation. Every worldview has a foundation or a basis. For Christianity, it's the Bible. You talked about the three-part foundation for the ideology of Islam, the Quran, the Hadith, and the Surahs. Could you just briefly describe what those are?

**GUEST: DARRELL HARRISON:**

The Quran is considered by Muslims to be the literal word of their god, whom they refer to as Allah, which according to the Muhammad was revealed to him through the angel Gabriel over a period of 23 years. The Hadith, H-A-D-I-T-H, are reports of the sayings, actions, and approvals of Muhammad, which were remembered by his companions and later compiled by a myriad of Islamic scholars.

The Hadiths are a secondary source to the Quran of guidance explaining and contextualizing the Quran. So while the Quran gives principles, the Hadith shows how Muhammad applied those principles in his daily life. And then lastly, we have the Surahs. The Surahs are chapters of the Quran. Okay? There are 114 Surahs, varying and ranging from just a few verses like Surah Al-Qadr, which is only three verses to hundreds of verses

like Surah Al-Baqarah, which is 286 verses. Each Surah addresses different themes, faith, law, morality, stories of the prophets or guidance for the Muslim community.

Surahs are recited in daily prayers and memorized by Muslims all around the world. So those are the sort of trifecta that undergirds the ideology of Islam.

**HOST: DAVID WHEATON:**

The Christian God in the Bible is one of the be called Yahweh. There's a common assumption that they both go back to Abraham in some way, both religions do. And so therefore, Muslims and Christians actually worship the same God, even though they have slightly different names, Allah versus Yahweh. So the question is, do Christians and Muslims, are they worshiping the same God that we know of as Yahweh? Is Allah similar and just a variation of it? What are your thoughts on that?

**GUEST: DARRELL HARRISON:**

I say this with all grace and humility. No. Christians and Muslims do not worship the same God. And it's amazing to me how often that question comes up. First of all, we don't worship the same God because Allah is not truly God. Allah is merely an idol of man's imagination. One man's imagination in this case, that is Muhammad. Now, I say that in light of Psalm 96:4,5 where David says this, he says, "For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised. He, the Lord, is to be feared above all gods for all the gods of the peoples and Allah is a god of the peoples. It is an invented deity for all the gods of the peoples are idols, but the Lord make the heavens." Again, that's not Psalm 96:4,5. So no, that's reason number one, because Allah is an idol of man's imagination.

Secondly, when you look at the question, David, just on logic alone, if the Christian God is Yahweh and the Islamic god is Allah, who is not a God to begin with, then it stands to reason that Christians and Muslims do not worship the same God. How can we say, how can it even be argued that Christian and Muslims worship the same God when one of those gods is not a God to begin with?

So just on logic alone, you have to eliminate Allah. Conversely, along that same line of thought, how can it be said that Christians and Muslims worship the same God when Islam was founded more than 600 years after the death of Jesus Christ, who is the true God of the Christian? Some other questions I might have on that is where is the incarnation in Islam? Where is that? Where is the doctrine of substitutionary atonement in Islam?

Where is the righteous life of Muhammad wherein he fulfilled all the law perfectly and without sin? Where is that? Where is the doctrine of justification by faith alone in Islam? Wherein the perfect righteousness of Muhammad is applied to sinners? Where is that?

**HOST: DAVID WHEATON:**

How about the Trinity?

**GUEST: DARRELL HARRISON:**

The Trinity, and we mentioned that in the episode as well. We talk about, I think I quote Dr. R C Sproul in the episode who had a brilliant quote on that regard. Fundamentally, the God of the Bible is triune. The god of Islam is not triune. Where's the resurrection of Muhammad from the dead? Where is the ascension of Muhammad into heaven as testified to by hundreds of eyewitnesses? I mean, we could go on and on and on. So if people would just read their Bible, you don't need to read the Quran. You can offer an apologetic against the idea that Christians and Muslims worship the same God simply by reading your Bible.

You don't need the Quran to argue against that, but these are just some very simple logical deductions that Christians can easily come to refute the idea that Christians and Muslims worship the same God because remember, God promised Abraham that the promise will be carried through his son Isaac, not Ishmael. So that should end the discussion right there.

**HOST: DAVID WHEATON:**

How do Muslims, if they think back to where their founder of the religion, Muhammad was in the seventh century, how do they continue to go further back and draw the line to Ishmael? Is that what they do?

**GUEST: DARRELL HARRISON:**

Great question, David. That's exactly what they do. This is where the Muslims' hatred of the Jews derive because when you look at the Quran, there's a lot in the Quran that inverts a lot of what is in the Bible. And this is one of the things that they invert. They argue that Ishmael is Abraham's legitimate son as opposed to what scripture clearly declares. And God reiterates this with Abraham, that no, the promise shall be fulfilled through Isaac, not Ishmael. And the Muslims carry this as a fundamental belief that drives and really vivifies their hatred of Jews because God dared to make the promise through Isaac and not Ishmael. That is fundamental. Everything else flows from that.

**HOST: DAVID WHEATON:**

Our guest today is Darrell Harrison, the co-host of the Just Thinking Podcast. We have him linked at our website. Also, he's the shepherding and teaching pastor at Redeemer Bible Church in Gilbert, Arizona, just in the metro area of Phoenix, Arizona. We're talking about Islam today. I want to dig down a little deeper into Islamic doctrine. Darrell, you talked about the difference in the false god of Allah and the true God of Yahweh. But what about the means of salvation in Islam versus Christianity? Your co-host, Virgil Walker, said this on the podcast about what Islam teaches it's a religion of works. Listen here.

**Audio Sound Bite: Virgil Walker:**

Islam is a religion of works. It teaches that salvation is achieved through submission to Allah and adherence to the five pillars, confession of faith, prayer, fasting, alms giving, and the pilgrimage to Mecca. It is a system where you can earn your standing before God through obedience and performance. Christianity teaches something radically different. Ephesians 2:8-9 says, "For by grace, you have been saved through faith, and this is not of your own doing. It is the gift of God, not the result of works so that no one may boast."

Islam says that you must work your way to God. Christianity says that God came down to us in Christ, died in our place and offers salvation as a free gift by faith alone. These are not mirror theological differences, saints. These are fundamental irrevocable contradictions about the nature of God, the person of Christ, and the way of salvation.

So when culture tells you that all religions are basically the same, that we all worship the same God in different ways, that Islam and Christianity are just two paths to the same mountain. Understand this, that is a lie, another lie from the pit of hell.

**HOST: DAVID WHEATON:**

What does Islam teach about the most important question in life? How can sinful man be reconciled with who they believe is the God, who isn't a God, but Allah, how do we have eternal life is the question for Islam versus what the Bible teaches.

**GUEST: DARRELL HARRISON:**

This may shock some of your listeners to learn, but in Islam, you don't really have eternal life. In Islam, sin is merely looked at as disobedience to God. Reconciliation comes through repentance, what they call Tawbah, that's spelled T-A-W-B-A-H. And eternal life is arbitrarily determined by God's judgments. You may or may not get into heaven when you die, so you never really know.

I mean, you contrast that to what scripture teaches us in 1 John 5:23, for example, where John writes these words. He says, "These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life." Islam teaches it, but you don't know that you will ever have it. So there's a fundamental distinction between Christianity and Islam.

**HOST: DAVID WHEATON:**

Wow. What a great blessing that God gives believers that assurance that we're not working our way to try to please Him and never know whether we're going to make it or not. He's already done the work on our half. I just follow up with one point. I think there actually is one way that Muslims can be assured that they are going to the eternal bliss or whatever they call it, is through martyrdom through jihad. I think by far, right? And it's over 100,000 just in the state, but it's huge in the Minneapolis area. You see it everywhere, not just walking around the streets, but in the hospitals, AIDS and so forth in hospitals and everywhere around the city. There was a war over in Somalia, so someone or people had the idea that it would be okay to take those of a different language, a different culture, and a different religion, and bring them here to Minneapolis to settle them. And you think what a crazy idea that would be, and how much that's going to affect the existence. It's really an existential thing. People use that word. This is an existential thing. Well, that's because it affects your existence.

So it's probably, I'm not sure I haven't researched this, but who brought all the Somali Muslims to Minneapolis? Probably had something to do with two big resettlement agencies that make a lot, a lot of

money for doing so, Catholic charities and Lutheran social services. At the behest to politicians, by the way. And then we settled in other places around Minnesota too, smaller towns.

So this has been a huge cultural change to this state and to this city. And it's happening in other places. You mentioned New York with the Muslim mayor there now, Dearborn, Michigan. But this is certainly one of the central places, no doubt you've heard about the amount of fraud. A billion dollars at least worth of fraud has taken place by mostly Somali Muslims when it comes to a nonprofit for supposedly helping children, welfare, trying to gain the system to claim benefits for having your children have autism.

This has been a huge defrauding of the taxpayer here in Minnesota. Darrell, you can imagine how this group of people now, they are very much catered to. We have a well-known congresswoman, Ilhan Omar, who's Somali Muslim, the mayor of Minneapolis. We almost had a Somali mayor of Minneapolis. He lost to Jacob Frey.

And I'm going to play a soundbite from him in a second. But this is the level of how this has changed the culture here in what was kind of historically Scandinavian, Minnesota, where you had Lutherans and some Catholics and so forth, sort of broadly white Christian culture up here, just as there's more of a Black Somali Muslim culture. And Somalia would be like taking people from here and dropping them into Mogadishu. And so here is our mayor, Jacob Frey, who's Jewish, by the way, speaking to a group of Somalis. And this is not a unique soundbite. This happens frequently where you'd be seeing leaders speaking in Somali to this population of people that now inhabit Minneapolis.

**Audio Sound Bite: Jacob Frey:**

[Jacob Frey , speaking in Somalian language] Minneapolis, to the great people of Minneapolis. And I say that very intentionally because no matter where you are from, Minneapolis should be a place where you are proud to call home, whether you are from Bosaso or Mogadishu, whether you are from Hargeisa or Galkayo, Minneapolis is a place where you come to seek prosperity, where you come to raise your family. And here is what this election means. This election means this is a moment for unity, where the entire Somali community can come together and say, "This is our people. This is our city. We are united behind each other."

**HOST: DAVID WHEATON:**

This is, again, the mayor of Minneapolis, the current mayor, Jacob Frey, speaking in Somali at campaign events and acting like, "Hey, we're just one big happy family here." Even though there's very little integration and assimilation to American culture, how could there be? After all, what we have talked about where Islam comes from, this is a completely different ideology. How could there be? They have to give up everything they believe to be assimilated into our society here.

And so my question is, how has this taken place in this country? Because there was a time earlier in our country's history that they had to fight back against the Muslims back in the early days of American history or



in Europe. Europe was almost taken over by Islam. How did we come to this, Darrell? And you mentioned something in the podcast as well. You give a reason for why they come but don't go back.

**GUEST: DARRELL HARRISON:**

I thought that was a key question to answer because we hear that question Virgil and I hear that question all the time. American citizens in general, because their rationale is, well, we hear how much these Muslims say they hate America. So I'm getting probably one video a day I see of a Somali Muslim in Minneapolis saying how much they hate America. They hate the food, they hate the culture, they hate everything.

So the logical question is, well, if you hate it here, why don't you go back to where you came from or go at least go somewhere else, leave America. It's no different, David, than I see. If you're on a job that you don't like, you're probably going to try to find another job that's more complimentary to what you're looking for in a place of employment, but Muslims don't think that way. And I think a lot of what's driving this is what I call hippie theory.

Hippie theory is the idea that originated in the 1960s. And I said this in the episode that the '60s may be chronologically over, but the '60s are not ideologically over. You have probably third generation hippies who descended from their grandparents in the '60s who were educated in liberal colleges and universities that were flooded with communists, that were flooded with socialists, that were flooded with sociocultural revolutionaries, Maoists who admire people like Che Guevara, Mao Zedong.

So now these people are in positions of political power, administrative power where they can make decisions like this to bring, and it's almost to a person, black skin, brown skinned people into predominantly white areas like you just alluded to. Minnesota was a Scandinavian settlement and now all of a sudden they're trying to unscandinavianize Minnesota by bringing all these black and brown skinned Muslims into places like Minneapolis, into places like Dearborn, Michigan.

So as to flip on its head, the ethnic hegemony that previously existed. So this is all driven by political ideology. So we're really not just talking about political Islam. We're talking about contemporary American progressivism, what I call permissivism that's coordinated, it's orchestrated. It's very well funded to bring these people here. And as I said in the episode, they come here to live separate from America. They do not come here to assimilate. They come here to take advantage of the naivete of liberals and progressives who want to flood them with free benefits that are available only on the backs of taxpayers so they can live in comfort as Somalis in this case. They want to live here as Somalis. To Muslims, national boundaries are irrelevant. They're not important. For all intent and purpose, David, if this keeps up, you will not have Minnesota anymore. It won't be Minnesota.

It'll be Northern Somalia because the Somalis will overpopulate you and as a result of overpopulating the state, their culture will begin to dominate and that's going to transform Minnesota from a state within the United States Union into effectively a foreign nation within the boundaries of the contiguous 48 United States.

This is the goal. And so they can come here, live as Somalians while all the while reaping the benefits of American citizens. And that's not only wrong, that's immoral. That's immoral because they're stealing.

**HOST: DAVID WHEATON:**

Yeah. I think the follow-up question to this is people could be listening today and thinking, well, you hate these people, you consider yourself Christians, you want them to go away. Hey, look, this is a great evangelistic thing. Just think God brought them over here. They can be evangelized. This is a very difficult community to penetrate where they live, as you mentioned. It's very non-assimilated, but there's a balance here for the believer.

And I'm going to ask you how to achieve this balance. I want to be clear that you and I both believe that every Somali Muslim or every Muslim is made in the image of God and their soul is just as valuable as yours and mine, and that the gospel is open to them. They can repent and believe in the gospel and be forgiven and reconciled to God and inherit eternal life, period.

So how do we, as Christians, walk this line and not fall into the ditch on one side of being, these people are worthless and get them out of here, and yet being open and being available to proclaim the gospel enthusiastically to them yet on the other side saying, "Look, we have our own culture and language here in America that's based on our Constitution and the immigrants that came here and we don't want our culture irretrievably changed forever because of the decisions of politicians and resettlement agencies. How do we walk this line of being graceful towards individual Muslims, but resisting the overall push to transform our country?"

How should Christians respond to this existential threat of Muslim immigration into our country? And yet at the same time, treat individual Muslims as fellow image bearers of God who are lost and need to be saved.

**GUEST: DARRELL HARRISON:**

You'll recall, David, in the episode on political Islam, one of the statements I made established a thesis that I was going to argue in that episode for why Christians need to be paying attention to this. I said in the episode that naivete is not a fruit of the spirit. Ignorance is not a fruit of the spirit. Now, I said that in light of Matthew 10:16, where Jesus Himself says, "Behold, I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves, so be shrewd as serpents and innocent as doves."

See, we as Christians, and I hate to say this, we can be really naive. So as it relates to Matthew 10:16, we'll error on the side of being innocent as doves at the total disregard of what Jesus said about being shrewd as serpents. We'll dive into the innocent as doves end of the swimming pool while totally ignoring that Jesus also said we are to be shrewd as serpents.

Now, a primary reason, David, that human beings are so suspect and wary of serpents is because of their shrewdness in stalking their prey. They hide and they even camouflage themselves so as to pounce on

unsuspecting pray that they're after. Now, Christians are not to function like that in the world. We are not to be naive or gullible to the serpentine tactics and strategies of ideas and worldviews like Islam.

To the contrary, we're to be like serpents in this regard. We're to be crafty, intelligent, and aware of our surroundings all while praying for the salvation of Muslims, knowing that Islam blinds Muslims to the truth and holds them in to a works-based construct of salvation that they will never be able to achieve in and of themselves. Listen, I pray for unbelievers regularly, but I make sure at the same time to lock the doors of my house when I go to bed at night.

I don't just naively, under the guise of love and preaching the gospel to them, I don't just naively or ignorantly leave my front door wide open. Jesus did give us as a beans of his common grace. He gave us all common sense. If someone were to break into my house and threaten my wife, I'm probably not going to end that moment preach the gospel to them. I'm probably going to get my handgun and defend myself and my wife.

So again, we have to be as shrewd as serpents. We can be innocent as doves without being ignorant of the very real threat to our freedoms and our liberties that Islam inherently poses. So again, naivete is not a fruit of the spirit. We don't throw away our common sense sacrificing our liberties and freedoms to an ideology that explicitly declares that that's exactly their goal. So again, I don't want to sound harsh, but we have got to stop being naive about stuff like this under the guise of loving your neighbor. That's just absurd.

**HOST: DAVID WHEATON:**

Final question for you, Darrell, and really appreciate your coming on the program today. It is just ludicrous for the Minnesotans. I'm just using that example because I'm from here, but other places around the country, same thing to have been residents, citizens of this state paying into this state and taxes and so forth, property taxes, and then to have the state completely changed. It's not completely changed yet, but you can see where things are going. And it is a existential threat to the culture we've been a part of for our whole lives. And so my final question for you, Darrell, is do you think that Europe, because I think they're further down the road than we are in America.

**GUEST: DARRELL HARRISON:**

Oh, yes. Oh, yes.

**HOST: DAVID WHEATON:**

Do you think Europe and America are going to be able to withstand a takeover from Islam? And the second part of that question is, what is your exhortation for what pastors and churches need to be doing in the midst of this slow but steady wave coming into our country?

**GUEST: DARRELL HARRISON:**

So let me answer that question, David, a lot of the podcast episode diversion are produced in which we examine political Islam as a present day sociocultural reality. And I think it behooves pastors who are, let me

remind them, I'm not being boastful when I say that, but pastors are shepherds. They're shepherds. And you are obligated as a pastor to shepherd your people through increasing and enhancing their acumen of what this threat is.

Fundamentally, Islam is against the church. Islam is against the gospel. Islam is against Jesus Christ. Anything that opposes Jesus Christ is our enemy. So we cannot, again, walk around naively with our heads in the sand. We need pastors to educate themselves just as Virgil and I had to do. It took us six weeks to research and prepare for this episode. Pastors are obligated. It behooves them to help shepherd their people through what political Islam is and not just sweep this under the rug passively and leave it to us to just, "We'll just preach the gospel."

Yeah, just pray for them. Yeah, just do all that when these people want to kill you. " So again, pastors have to roll up their sleeves and get their hands dirty on this one. They need to educate themselves, shepherd your people, educate them on what the distinctions are between the gospel and Islam so that they can intelligently offer an apologetic to Muslims as God gives them opportunities to speak to Muslims, remembering that there is no certainty of salvation in Islam.

These people are lost. They are desperately lost and they don't know it. They don't know it. So that should incur mercy on our part. It should incur humility because again, we were lost at one point as well, but for the grace of God, that is our motivation to reach out to them, share the gospel with them. But we are not to be naive.

We're not to be ignorant as we do that. Islam is the most dangerous ideology the West faces. And I say that unhesitatingly. Islam is the most dangerous threat to the West that I have ever encountered. And pastors and churches, we must be proactive in equipping our people with the apologetic tools that they need to respond to this threat. And it is a threat. We cannot be naive in acknowledging that.

**HOST: DAVID WHEATON:**

Darrell, just so appreciate your final exhortation there to us and how we are to see individual Muslims as opportunities to share the gospel to people who are lost, who are believing in a false God. And at the same time, how we're not to be innocent and naive as people who don't see the onslaught of what this will do to our country if we just have it continue in the way it's going. So we thank you for all the hard work that you and Virgil put into this research of this podcast.

Again, we have it linked at our website, [TheChristianWorldview.org](http://TheChristianWorldview.org), the Just Thinking Podcast on political Islam. Thank you for your commitment to the word of God and the gospel, Darrell, and we just wish all of God's best and grace to you. Thank you again for coming on the program.

**GUEST: DARRELL HARRISON:**

Thank you, David. Thank you so much, brother.

**HOST: DAVID WHEATON:**

If you missed any of today's program or would like to hear it again or share it is archived at our website, [TheChristianWorldview.org](http://TheChristianWorldview.org) or search for it on the main podcast platforms. To be honest, I'm not confident there will be enough pushback against the increasing influence of Islam in our country. For example, many native Minnesotans are fully in favor of the Somali Muslims. What they don't understand is that they will lose their own freedoms as Islam becomes prominent. Just look at Dearborn, Michigan.

Ultimately, it is the Lord who controls the rise and fall of nations, but how sad to see this once great nation based on biblical values succumbing to those who use our freedoms to dominate. So pray for our nation, our people, our leaders, if they can wake up, repent, and return to the principles that made us great. Thank you for joining us today on the Christian Worldview and for your support of this nonprofit radio ministry. Until next time, think biblically, live accordingly, and stand firm.

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