

“Did Muslims really force others to convert to Islam? Is there any evidence for consistent forcible conversion throughout Islamic history? In fact, there is no such evidence anywhere in the history of Islam.” – Dr. Sharif Mohammed, islamweb.com

“If Islam was spread by the sword, it was the sword of intellect and convincing arguments. It is this sword that conquers the hearts and minds of people. The Quran says in this connection: ‘Invite to the way of your Lord with wisdom and good instruction, and argue with them in a way that is best.’” (Quran 16:125) – AlJumuah Magazine, islamreligion.com

“Any Muslim knows the importance of pure intention and sincerity in all that we do in Islam. Without sincerity, there is no Islam; simple as that. How is that the answer to your question? Simple. Can you force anyone to be sincere? Of course not. If there is force involved, then it is not sincerity is it? If there is sincerity, then it is not by any force.” – islamnewsroom.com

“The Qur’an forbids forcing anyone into this way of life. Despite popular stereotypes of fanatic Muslims with the Qur’an in one hand and a sword in the other, Islam does not teach this type of conversion method.” – Yahiya Emerick, The Complete Idiot’s Guide To Understanding Islam

“Lying is not always bad, to be sure; there are times when telling a lie is more profitable and better for the general welfare, and for the settlement of conciliation among people, than telling the truth. To this effect, the Prophet says: ‘He is not a false person who (through lies) settles conciliation among people, supports good or says what is good.’” Muslim scholar Afif A. Tabbarah, in his book, The Spirit of Islam, page 247



Islam

Spread By The Sword?

How Islam Gained 1.6 Billion Followers



**Islam's ultimate goal:
*The subjugation of a region
to the rule of Allah.***

**From unbelief to sincere quoting of the
Shahadah and thus salvation? Great!**

If not:

***“Fight those who believe not in Allah . . . Until they
pay the Jizya (tax) with willing submission, and feel
themselves subdued.” (sura 9:29)***

The Two “Great Commissions”



Christianity:

A belief system, spread by the persuasion of the gospel preached.

**“Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved”
(Mark 16:15-16).**

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you” (Mat. 28:19-20).

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Islam:

***Both belief and geopolitical system, to
make sharia law the law of the land.***

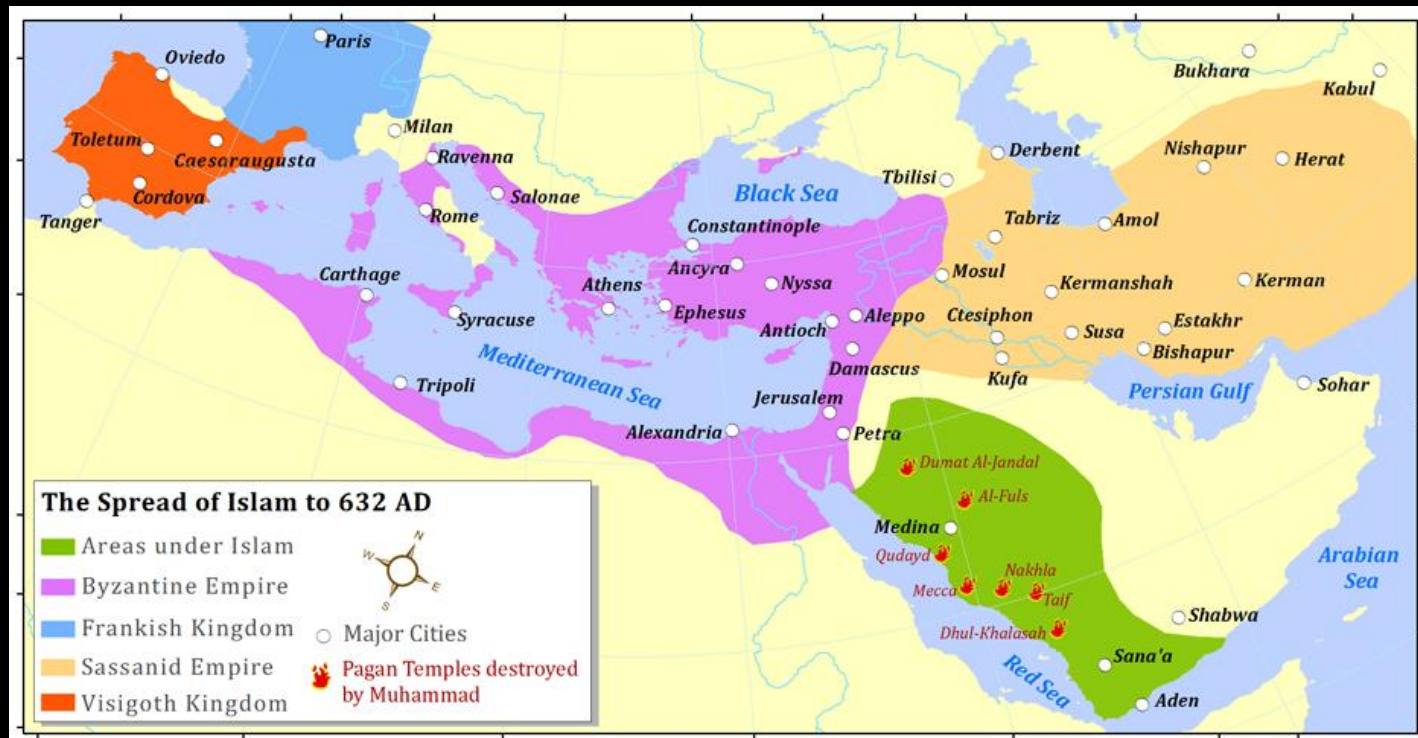
“O you who believe! Fight those of the unbelievers who are near to you and let them find in you hardness.” (Sura 9:123)

“So when the sacred months have passed away, then slay the idolaters wherever you find them, and take them captive and besiege them and lie in wait for them in every ambush, then if they repent and keep up prayer and pay the poor-rate, leave their way free to them.” Sura 9:5

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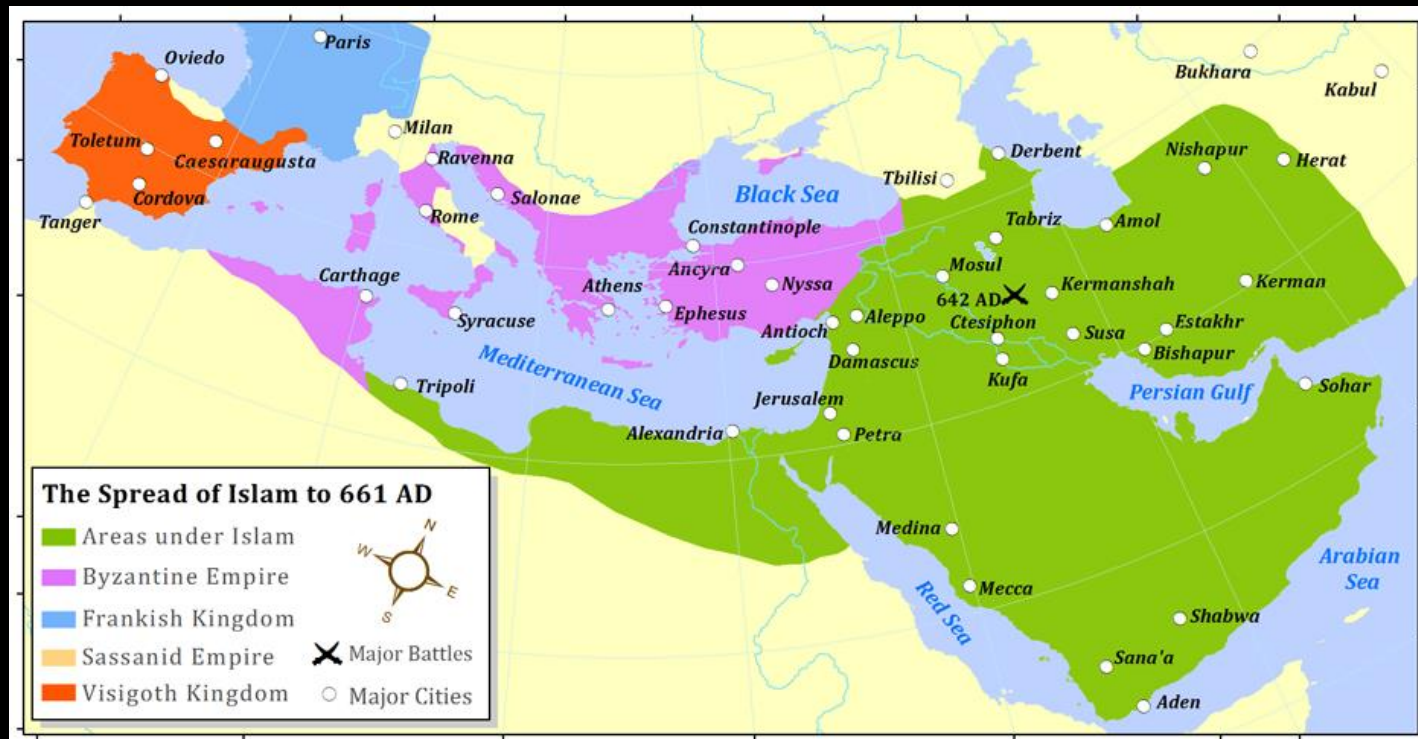
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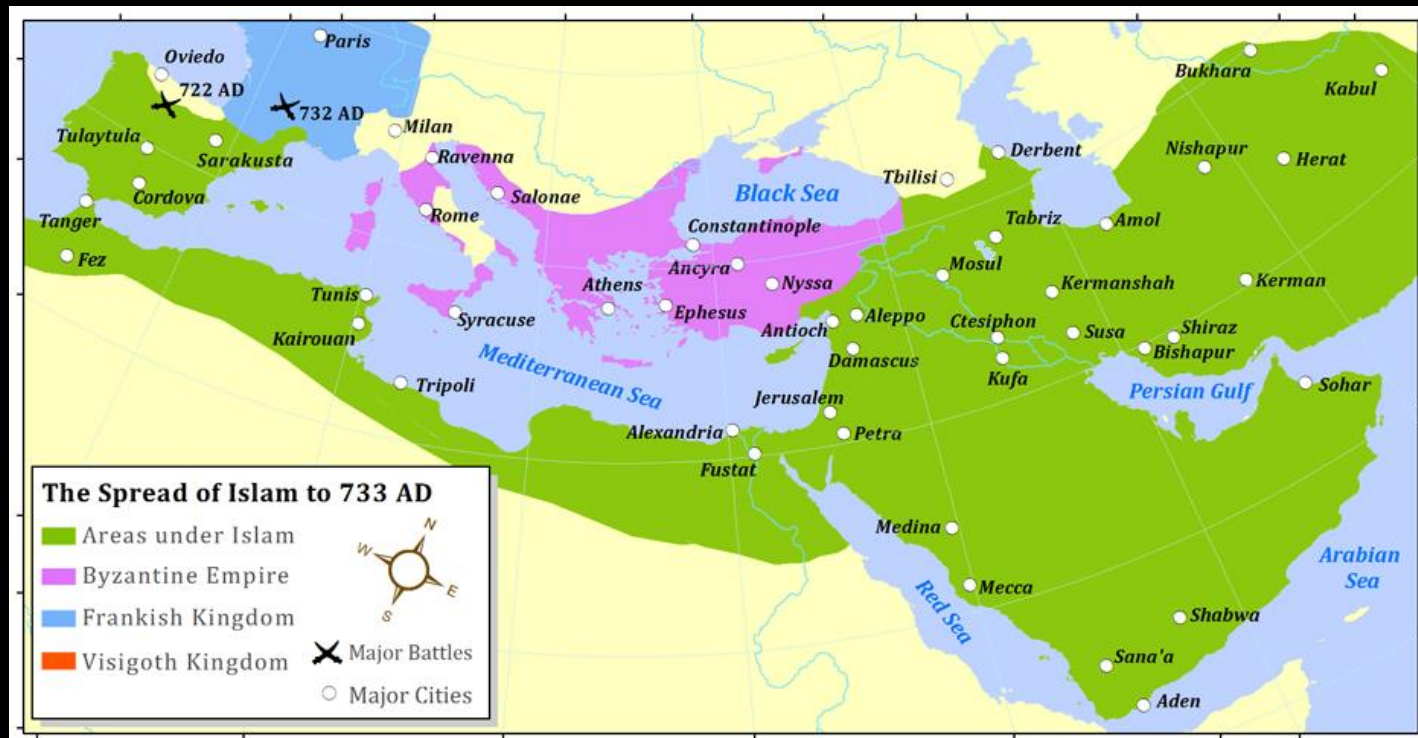
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- 1. Some true, unforced conversions.*
- 2. Peaceable takeovers by social change
– empowering the lower classes,
fomenting revolution against cruel
and oppressive despots.*
- 3. Conquest by jihad (holy war).*

What Fueled Muslim Eagerness For Jihad



Belief that jihad was not optional.

“Fighting is prescribed for you, and ye dislike it. But it is possible that ye dislike a thing which is good for you, and that ye love a thing which is bad for you. But Allah knoweth, and ye know not.” (sura 2:216)

What Fueled Muslim Eagerness For Jihad



**Belief that Islam is superior, Muslims
should humiliate unbelievers.**

*“Fight them on until there is nor more tumult or oppression,
and there prevail justice and Faith in Allah altogether and
everywhere.” (sura 8:39)*

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“How can [the Muslim] possibly [accept humiliation and inferiority] when he knows that his nation was created to stand at the center of leadership, at the center of hegemony and rule, at the center of ability and sacrifice? How can [he] possibly [accept humiliation and inferiority] when he knows that the [divine] rule is that the entire earth must be subject to the religion of Allah - not to the East, not to the West - to no ideology and to no path except for the path of Allah?”

Al-Qaida spokesman Suleiman Abu Gheith (June, 2002)

What Fueled Muslim Eagerness For Jihad



Belief that most noble death , with greatest reward in heaven, is martyrdom by jihad.

“Let those fight in the cause of God who sell the life of this world for the hereafter, to him who fighteth in the cause of God – whether he is slain or gets victory – soon shall We give him a reward of great (value).” (sura 4:74)

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“Think not of those who are slain in Allah's way as dead. Nay, they live, finding their sustenance in the presence of their Lord; They rejoice in the bounty provided by Allah: And with regard to those left behind, who have not yet joined them (in their bliss), the (Martyrs) glory in the fact that on them is no fear, nor have they (cause to) grieve.”

(sura 3:169-170)

Islam's Later History



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Islam Spread By The Sword?



Absolutely!

**Convert or else – slavery, extra taxes,
second-class citizenship.**

“Fight those who believe not in Allah nor the Last Day, nor hold that forbidden which hath been forbidden by Allah and His Messenger, nor acknowledge the religion of Truth (even if they are) of the People of the Book, until they pay the Jizya (tax) and feel themselves subdued.” (sura 9:29)

Jesus' Kingdom vs. Muhammad's Kingdom



Muhammad's

Physical.

**Physical armies,
Physical weapons.**

**Physical sword
is commanded.**

**Faithful armies can be
defeated, faithful kingdom
can suffer great loss.**

Jesus'

Spiritual (Jn. 18:33-37).

**Spiritual armies and
weapons (Eph. 6:11-17).**

**Leave vengeance to Lord is
commanded (Rom. 12:17 ff.).**

**Faithful armies and faithful
kingdom never defeated
(Rom. 8:31-39).**