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*Nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered,
and nothing secret that will not become known.*

(Luke 12:2-3)

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TALK ABOUT MACHIAVELLIAN!

Despite heavy opposition and persecution, from the day of Pentecost Christianity continued to grow rapidly and had spread from Jerusalem to all parts of the known world by the end of the first century.

Neither the dungeons, the stakes, the racks, or the mouths of the hungry lions, could quench the zeal of the Early Church. Just the opposite, it only made their evangelistic enthusiasm burn more fervently, attracting more and more people from all walks of life. Something had to be done. Satan knew the only way he could damage Christianity was to create a counterfeit! This false church would have to be so corrupt, and guilty of such heinous crimes to turn many away from the Gospel in disgust.

The plan began to materialize with the ascent to power of Emperor Constantine. This man made an alliance with the Early Church in Rome and accepted Christianity as the official state religion. Constantine declared himself a Christian, but continued to be *Pontifex Maximus*, the chief high priest of the pagan state religion.

The Church excused this for a number of reasons. Probably the most obvious was because Constantine allowed Christians to practice their faith openly and to build churches after centuries of persecution. He also allowed bishops to take a role in government, among many other advantages.

But as usual, compromise has serious consequences. Within a short period of time this apostasy worsened to an unimaginable dimension. Not only did the Church at Rome begin to embrace many of Rome's pagan religious ceremonies and beliefs, it also became Roman in its organization.

All sorts of people rose to power within that Hierarchy – sorcerers, cultural Christians, members of the Jewish establishment, master politicians, and other. Although such a group would otherwise have little in common, their lust for power and money quickly united them.

To conceal their true identity, this mingled multitude became experts in the use of Christian terminology and at putting on an “*outward appearance of godliness.*”

Was this “true identity” to be made manifest in Islam? Before we delve into the evidence, for the benefit of the reader not familiar with the traditional account of the birth of Islam, we will dedicate the next chapter.

ISLAM'S CLASSICAL ACCOUNT

According to Islamic tradition the founder of Islam was Muhammad, born in Mecca, present-day Saudi Arabia in 570 A.D. His mother named him Muhammad, meaning *praised*, and after her death six years later, the child was brought up by various members of the family. When Muhammad was twenty-six years of age, he married a wealthy widow named Khadija who bore him sons and daughters.

In Muhammad's day, Mecca was a place of religious pilgrimage to the many different gods, both male and female, which the Arabian people worshipped at that time.

Supposedly, Muhammad became very angry by this situation, being convinced that there was only one true God. When he was about forty years of age, he claimed to have received the first of many visions that came to him through mystical experiences.

The first revelation came to Muhammad while he was meditating in a cave outside Mecca, known as *Lailat ul Qadr*, meaning *night of power*. God's messenger *Jibrail*, the archangel Gabriel, appeared to him and told him that he was to be a prophet and commanded him to *recite*, and began to reveal God's words to him. Consequently, Muhammad found himself speaking the "words of God" and began to memorize them.

From that moment on, until his death in 632, it is believed in Islamic teaching that God occasionally revealed messages to Muhammad which he committed to memory and then declared them to the public.

Islam teaches that Muhammad was illiterate, so the revelations he claimed to have received from God throughout his life were incorporated later by his followers into the Qur'an, the Arabic word for *recitation*.

History of the Qur'an

The classical account of Islam says that when Muhammad died, his leadership passed to four of his close companions – Abù Bakr, Umar, Utmàn and Alì.

Allegedly, Abù bakr, who ruled from 632 to 634, produced the first copy of the Qur'an and he gave the task to Muhammad's secretary. After the death of Abù Bakr, Umar took over and he is the one to expand the borders, moving right across North Africa and over towards the Sassanid Persians. He is killed in 646 and the third Caliph, Utmàn, begins to reign.

Utmàn is in control from 646 to 656 and during this time he makes nine other copies of the Qur'an from that one copy and sends them to nine different provinces. After his death in 646, Alì, the son-in-law of Muhammad, takes over as the fourth Caliph. He only lasts six years and is killed in battle.

Muhammad Above All, Even Jesus

According to Islamic teaching, Muhammad never claimed divinity but was only a human being chosen by God to live an exemplary life, and to introduce to the world the purest and most perfect religion of Islam.

Every previous prophet of God was sent to a particular people, but Muhammad was sent to all human beings of the world until Doomsday.

This position of exclusive eminence of the prophet is enshrined in Islam's basic confession of their faith, the *Shadada*, the *First Pillar of Islam* which says, "I bear witness that there is no god but Allah, and Muhammad is the messenger of Allah."

However, the *Ahàdith*, a collection of sacred Islamic traditions, actually depicts Muhammad as pre-existent and the purpose of all creation. The popular doctrine of *Nuri-Muhammad*, or *light of Muhammad*, is reflected in many traditional Islamic books which teach that God first created the light of Muhammad and from that light proceeded to make the rest of creation.

In Pakistan Muhammad is venerated to an astonishing degree through the mass media, school books, and cultural presentations.

From Mecca to Medina to Heaven

Muslims believe that opposition in Mecca forced Muhammad and his followers to flee to the city of Medina in A.D. 620. This flight, the *Hijrah*, is a major event in Islamic history and marks the start of the Islamic calendar.

In A.D. 631 Muhammad returned to Mecca where he died the following year. According to tradition, he left the mortal world after a magical trip to Jerusalem, known as the *Mir'aj*, *Night Journey*.

Jibra'il, the angel Gabriel, woke him from his sleep one night and led him to a magical horse-like creature called the *Buraq*. It is said Muhammad climbed to the back of the Buraq and was brought to the City of Jerusalem where he ascended into Heaven.

A Kingdom Divided

After Muhammad's death, the Islamic community became bitterly divided over the question of who would be his successor. Until this very day that division has existed in the two Islamic sects known as *Shi'ite* and *Sunni* Muslims.

As stated, Islam teaches that when Muhammad died, his leadership passed to four of his close companions. These leaders were known as Caliphs. Sunni Muslims recognize these first four Caliphs, Abù Bakr, Umar, Utmàn and Alì, as the prophet's rightful successors because they followed his example closely.

However, the Shi'ite Muslims reject the idea of a Caliphate as something illegitimate and argue that the Muslim leadership belonged to Ali alone, because he was Muhammad's son-in-law and a member of his own family.

They identify Ali and eleven of his successors as the spiritual leaders of the Muslim faith. These leaders are referred to as the *Twelve-Imams*. However, another group of the Shi'ite Muslims, the *Seven-Imams*, do not recognize the last five Imams in this lineage.

The Shi'ites also believe that these leaders have authority on par with the Qur'an, and that the Twelfth Imam went into concealment hundreds of years ago, and continues to live there until he returns as the *Mahdi*, the Muslim messiah, in the last days.

In most Islamic countries, the majority of Muslims are Sunni, with the exception of the people of Iran and the substantial Shi'ite populations in Iraq, Azerbaijan and Yemen, as well as some of the Gulf States.

Practices of the Islamic Faith

The Sunni Muslims mandate five acts of worship which are known as the *Five Pillars of Islam*. As their name suggests, they define and support the entire religion.

Shi'ite worship comprises eight ritual practices, but they overlap and encompass the same five pillars practiced by the Sunni. These five pillars are to recite the *Shahadah*, to pray five times each day while bowing towards Mecca, to fast during Ramadan, to pay the *Zakat*, a portion of their income, which is then used to help the poor and needy of the community, and to make the Pilgrimage to Mecca, in Saudi Arabia every year.

Contrary to Popular Belief

Now, one would assume that everything we have said above about Muhammad's life, the origins of Islam, the composition of the Qur'an, Mecca, Medina, and all the other great stories about him, were written by people who lived in Muhammad's day, or perhaps a few decades later, but this is not the case at all!

FACED WITH THE UNEXPECTED

In the first half of the seventh century, armies of the most insignificant people swept out of the Arabian Desert and conquered half the world, making it one of the richest and most influential empires in history. In the space of just ten years, they had crushed the Byzantine Roman Empire and the Sassanian Persian Empire and took over their lands.

Muslims to this day believe that this great Arab Conquest was all about Islam and the visions given to the prophet Muhammad in the cave that we explained earlier.

However, many historians, while admitting the Arab Conquest of the seventh and eight centuries are indeed a historical fact, deeply question whether these Arabs were actually Muslims at all!

This is because when they start exploring into the origins of Islam, contrary to what they expected, in the seventh-century historical records, a new religion called Islam is nowhere to be found and Muhammad's name is never mentioned!

Consider how strange this is. When the Greeks, the Romans and the Byzantine Christians conquered the Middle East, they left behind all kinds of evidence – writings, inscriptions, coins, monuments, and so forth – but with the Arab Conquest there is absolute silence as to who they were and in what they believed.

The earliest biographies historians have of Muhammad's life were written in the ninth century, nearly two hundred years after his lifetime!!

Moreover, they come from just one or two people who did not even live in that part of the world but hundreds of miles away! This historical research seriously damages Islam's credibility. Even Muslim historians and theologians are forced to admit this. However, there are reports of some of them using physical abuse and violent threats towards those who in love try to underline it. As a result, most university professors refrain from including these discoveries in their programmes.

Putting the Pieces Together

The conclusion some of these bewildered scholars have drawn from their research is that it was probably not Islam that gave birth to the Arab Empire, but the Arab Empire that gave birth to Islam! And this is not just speculation, they found writings of some contemporary Christian and secular sources to support it.

These confirm that when the Arabs took over Jerusalem, they did so by peaceful negotiation and allowed business and worship to continue as usual.

But, again, these sources do not say what the Arabs believed, only that there was some confusion about it. However, some suspected that behind the Arab Invasion was a Jewish conspiracy, because they were not interested in the Christian holy places, but began praying on the ruins of the old Jewish Temple.

They also permitted a number of Jewish families to return to the Holy City and reside there after they had been banned for centuries by the Roman Byzantines. The Arabs also allowed the Jews to come back to the Temple Mount and pray there. So where was Western Rome in all this?

Seizing the Opportunity

To put things in perspective, before the Arab Conquest the Office of the Papacy was firmly established and the Roman Catholic Church was recognized as the single and most important entity in Western Society.

However, the Eastern Roman Empire had survived the Barbarian attacks and so continued to control many of the original territories conquered by Rome in previous centuries, Jerusalem being one of them.

When the Roman Empire became Christian, they began to build magnificent Churches and Cathedrals over places where Jesus had walked and ministered, including the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, built over the alleged site of Jesus' crucifixion.

This transformed Jerusalem into the world centre of Christian Pilgrimage, as thousands of Christians flocked to the Holy Land to visit these holy places. Are we to doubt the Vatican wanted to get their hand on such revenue?

The perfect opportunity came during the Byzantine – Sasanian Wars of the seventh century. These were the two dominant powers in the Middle East at that time, and by the time war between them ended, both empires were militarily, politically and economically exhausted.

They were also faced with civil war and discontent among their minority populations, making them extremely vulnerable to attack.

It is true that the Great Schism between the Roman Catholic Church in the West and the Eastern Orthodox Church in the East had not yet happened, but the two had already begun to drift apart at this point and the Popes never tolerate rivals.

That being the case, the Eastern Church had to be brought into subjection by force. But what about Islam? When and why did they create it?

Moving to Phase Two

To the when and why of the birth of Islam, historians and scholars have come up with a variety of theories. Ironically, perhaps the explanation which fits better with the contemporary evidence and the historical events that followed, could be summed up in Dan Brown's fiction novel, *The Da Vinci Code*. The only place Brown gets the facts wrong is in attributing to Christianity and Christ what belongs to Islam and Mohammad!

Brown claims the Bible was compiled and edited by men who possessed a political agenda to promote the divinity of Jesus Christ and use His influence to solidify their own power base.

The novel also claims that the Roman Emperor Constantine upgraded Jesus Christ to a deity at the Council of Nicaea in 325 A.D., and that prior to that period nobody believed Him to be divine.

The Roman Catholic Church is held responsible for keeping these facts about Christianity hidden for centuries, and that this is the greatest cover up and conspiracy of the last two thousand years. Brown's book further claims that rumours of this conspiracy have been echoed for centuries through the media, music, art and literature. Interesting, don't you think?

STRIKING SIMILARITIES

There are many incredible similarities in the teachings and symbols of Roman Catholicism and those of Islam that are not coincidental. Below is a few of the most obvious.

Rome propagates pilgrimages to Lourdes, Fatima and other Maria sites. Similarly, millions of Muslims make the pilgrimage to Mecca where they worship at the shrine of Muhammed.

Mary the mother of Jesus is worshipped by Roman Catholics on the same level as Jesus. In the Qur'an Jesus is downgraded and Mary upgraded. She is actually mentioned more in the Qur'an than in the New Testament, a whole chapter is dedicated to her.

In Catholicism, Mary the mother of Jesus is always depicted as coming out of a cave in her visitations, typical of many ancient deities. Loyola, the founder of the Jesuit Order, received his so-called revelations in a cave and so did the prophet Muhammad, according to Muslim tradition.

In Islam, the "all seeing eye" is used almost everywhere, similar to the Roman Catholic Church and Freemasonry. They say it means protection. In reality, it is a symbol for Satan. It also appears on the U.S Dollar. The same with the hexagram, the so-called Star of David, it appears often in all these three religions.

The Islamic dress for women is identical to that of Catholic Nuns. Islam has a priesthood only for men and they pray with the rosary beads as do Catholics. Catholicism teaches that man can purchase his salvation by good deeds and so does Islam.

It has a shrine with the arm of John the Baptist and Catholics pray before it. The oldest Mosque in Damascus contains a shrine said to contain the head of John the Baptist and Muslims pray before it. Praying to the dead is a pagan ritual.

It also uses the symbol of the sickle moon and the star, especially with reference to the monstrance. The symbol of Islam is also the sickle moon and the star and these two symbols appear very much in Freemasonry also.

What do they stand for? Regarding the half-moon, archaeological discoveries reveal that it represented the moon-god for the ancient pagan religions. Although the exact etymology of the name *Allah* is difficult to define, many scholars insist it was the personal name for the moon-god, and that he was chief of the gods in the ancient Ka'aba in Mecca.

The *Encyclopedia of Religion* actually says that the name Allah is a pre-Islamic name corresponding to the name *Bel* or *Baal*.

However, Muslim theologians teach that Allah is just simply the Arabic word for God. But if this is true, then why do Muslims hesitate to use the word for God in other languages? In each language, it is insisted that the name Allah be used.

It is interesting that in most Islamic countries Roman Catholic Cathedrals and Islamic Mosques are built next to each other. And if you look at the symbolism on the outside of the Cathedrals and the Mosques, the moon and the star are always present.

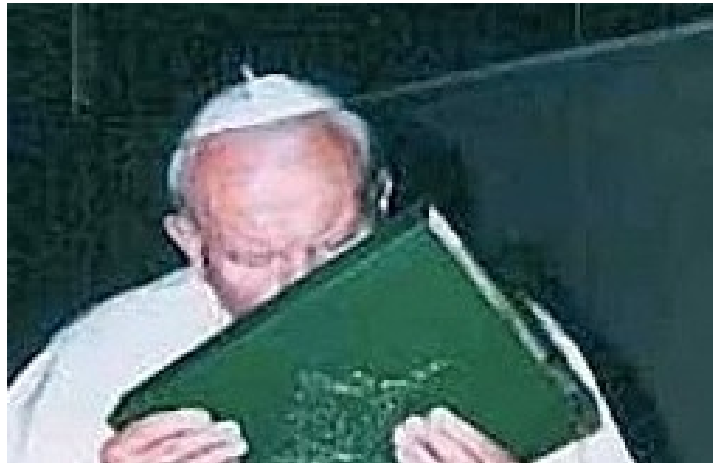
With reference to what the Encyclopedia of Religion says about the name Allah, it is interesting that a Muslim Mosque was built right inside the famous Luxor Temple. This is an ancient pagan site where homosexual rituals were carried out.

And a Roman Catholic Church resides right beside the Temple of Baal in Lebanon. This is a strange choice for any “holy edifice,” especially considering both these religions condemn all types of homosexual practices.

And what did Baal worship consist of? The name Baal means *lord* or *master*. He is often portrayed as the god of fertility, storms, lightning, thunder and rain. He was appeased and worshipped in horrible ways, such as child sacrifice by fire and sexual rites including homosexual acts with young male prostitutes and orgies. The prophet Elijah was confronted with Baal worshippers in the Bible.

The evidence we have studied so far strongly supports the idea that the Vatican created Islam. But perhaps the material contained in the next chapter is more convincing than all these historical truths combined.

A PICTURE SPEAKS A THOUSAND WORDS



The Pope kisses the Qur'an! Is there anything in the Bible, or even in Roman Catholic theology, that justifies such a thing? There is in Freemasonry! In Albert Pike's book, *Morals and Dogmas*, we read:

The Bible is an indispensable part of the furniture of a Christian Lodge, only because it is the sacred book of the Christian religion. The Hebrew Pentateuch in a Hebrew Lodge, and the Koran in a Mohammedan one, belong on the Altar; and one of these, and the Square and Compass, properly understood, are the Great Lights by which a Mason must walk and work.

Notice the words, "One of these," meaning that only one of these three books is the true guide for any Mason. But to which of these three books is he referring?

A former 33 Degree Mason gives us the answer. He explains that in addition to the 33 Degree, there is one other called the *Shrine* (A.A.O.N.M.S., *Ancient Arabic Order, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine*), and that this is the highest and last level one can reach in Freemasonry.

For clarification, there are 32 Scottish Rite Degrees and one honorary 33 Degree conferred for service to Freemasonry. Only Masons of this level may join the Shrine.

But what has this to do with Islam? The Shrine is in the name of Allah, and the only book on the altar by which Masons must be guided is the Qur'an! The Hebrew Pentateuch and the Christian Bible are gone! Here is the Oath:

In wilful violation whereof may I incur the fearful penalty of having my eyeballs pierced to the centre with a three edged blade, my feet flayed and I be forced to walk the hot sands upon the sterile shores of the Red Sea until the flaming Sun shall strike me with a livid plague, and may Allah, the god of Arab, Moslem and Mohammedan, the god of our fathers, support me to the entire fulfilment of the same.

Note it says Allah is the "god of our fathers." Can a Christian make such an oath? If you might still have doubts, consider this. Pope John Paul II was beatified by his successor Pope Benedict XVI at a huge ceremony in St Peter's Square in Rome. Beatification is the final step before canonization, or sainthood, and it ennoble the deceased as "blessed" or worthy of veneration.

Most beatifications are decided decades after the person dies, and is at the discretion of the Pope. However, with Pope Paul things were fast-tracked.

This decision by Pope Benedict drew much criticism from prominent Catholics around the world and from thousands of sexually abused victims by clergy during the twenty-six-year reign of Karol Wojtyla. It was considered the worst crisis in modern Catholic history.

In addition to cases of sexual abuse, lawsuits by victims, and numerous prosecutions, much of the scandal focused around members of the Catholic Hierarchy who did not report abuse allegations to the civil authorities. Instead, they reassigned those accused to other locations where they continued to have contact with minors. How could someone who responded to all this with denial and inertia be exalted as a saint, was the public outcry.

But how could he act any different? In the Third Degree of Masonry, each Mason swears to keep secret, if asked, the crimes committed by a fellow-Mason. Murder and treason are the only exceptions. The Oath reads:

Furthermore, that I will keep the secrets of a Master Mason as my own, when given to me in charge as such, murder and treason excepted.

And what can we say about the current Pope Francis, who says the Bible and the Qur'an are the same thing, that Muslims, Christians, Hindus, Buddhists etc., are all children of God, that Christians should not try to convert people of other faiths, and that those who say Jesus is the only way to God are fundamentalists?

Moving Towards the Final Synthesis

Dear reader, as can be seen, to the outside world and to their sincere and faithful followers, Roman Catholicism is Christian, but the Inner Circle is Satanism. The same thing with Islam, because it is a daughter religion.

Radical Islam is just a tool in the hands of Rome to terrify people into accepting any necessary steps to obtain world peace. Thesis, antithesis, resulting in the synthesis has been going on for a long time and will continue until the Second Advent of Jesus Christ.

Some will argue that this rivalry between Jews and Muslims can be traced back to the conflict between Isaac and Ishmael in the Book of Genesis and so it is spiritual in nature. But there is no Biblical evidence to support this idea.

Further, there are some historians who say the Arabs are not descended from Ishmael at all. But whether they are, or not, is not important. This hatred and hostility was planned by Rome!