

enemies') hearts up to a month's journey away". Clearly, there was no geographic limit on his scope: **"I have been sent to all mankind"**. We are left with the question of duration: How long will Islamic Jihad and its attendant terrorism last?

Abu Dawud Book 14, Number 2526: Narrated Anas ibn Malik: The Prophet (peace_be_upon_him) said: Three things are the roots of faith: to refrain from (killing) a person who utters, "There is no god but Allah" and not to declare him unbeliever whatever sin he commits, and not to excommunicate him from Islam for his any action; **and jihad will be performed continuously since the day Allah sent me as a prophet until the day the last member of my community will fight with the Dajjal (Antichrist).** The tyranny of any tyrant and the justice of any just (ruler) will not invalidate it. One must have faith in Divine decree.

Sahih Bukhari Volume 4, Book 52, Number 177: Narrated Abu Huraira: Allah's Apostle said, **"The Hour will not be established until you fight with the Jews, and the stone behind which a Jew will be hiding will say. "O Muslim! There is a Jew hiding behind me, so kill him."**

Jihad runs from 610 to Judgement Day, and killing the last Jew is a prerequisite for Judgement Day! Allah commanded Muslims to fight disbelievers until only Allah is worshiped and there is no more resistance or they are subdued, submit and pay extortion. Conquered Jewish & Christian settlements were used to exemplify the use of terrorism. Muhammad bragged about the success of his terrorism.

How are these principles applied? Sheik Abdullah Azam: Caravan: [Emphasis added.]

Ibn Al-Humam said 79, "As for the one who is not able to go out for fighting, he must go out to swell/increase the ranks for this will help **terrorise** the enemy. "

Defense of Muslim Lands: [Emphasis added.]

Offensive Jihad (where the enemy is attacked in his

own territory). Where the Kuffar are not gathering to fight the Muslims. The fighting becomes Fard Kifaya with the minimum requirement of appointing believers to guard borders, and the sending of an army at least once a year to terrorise the enemies of Allah. **It is a duty of the Imam to assemble and send out an army unit into the land of war once or twice every year.** Moreover, it is the responsibility of the Muslim population to assist him, and if he does not send an army he is in sin.- And the Ulama have mentioned that this type of jihad is for maintaining the payment of Jizya. The scholars of the principles of religion have also said: " Jihad is Daw'ah with a force, and is obligatory to perform with all available capabilities, **until there remains only Muslims or people who submit to Islam."**

Hassan al-Bannah in Jihad: [Emphasis added.] 'Against them make ready your strength to the utmost of your power, including steeds of war, **to strike terror into** (the hearts of) the enemies of Allah and your enemies.' (Surat-al-Anfaal (8), ayah 60)

Al-Qaeda Manual: [Emphasis added.] The young came to prepare themselves for Jihad [holy war] , commanded by the majestic Allah's order in the holy Koran. [Koranic verse:]"Against them make ready your strength to the utmost of your power,including steeds of war,**to strike terror into** (the hearts of)the enemies of Allah and your enemies,and others besides whom ye may not know,but whom Allah doth know."

Muslims are engaging in terrorism because they believe that it is a tactic divinely sanctified for use in a Jihad commanded by Allah & exemplified by Muhammad, not because of social or economic conditions!! Islamic scripture is the root of Islamic terrorism.

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The Roots of Islamic Terrorism

Does poverty cause Islamic terrorism? If so, then why are Christians and Animists in impoverished non-Islamic areas of Africa not engaging in terrorism? Why are the impoverished Hindus in India not engaging in widespread terrorism?

Does repression cause Islamic terrorism? If so, then why aren't the repressed masses in China engaging in widespread terrorism?

Is Islamic terrorism a function of illiteracy and ignorance? Why then are the terrorist organizations founded and governed by men with university degrees? Why are students of law and medicine well represented among the ranks of suicide bombers?

Perhaps we need to look elsewhere for the roots of Islamic terrorism. What single characteristic unites HAMAS, Islamic Jihad, Al-Qaeda, FATA, and the myriad of lesser known groups? Could it be Islam? Could there be a doctrinal source for Islamic terrorism?

To answer that question, I searched the Noble Qur'an for one word: terror. The search returned five relevant ayat, which are reproduced below, with bold font and color added for emphasis. [In the on line version, the ayah numbers are hyperlinked to a parallel translation at U.S.C.'s Muslim Student Association. for easy verification.]

3:151. We shall **cast terror** into the hearts of those who disbelieve, because they joined others in worship with Allâh, for which He had sent no authority; their abode will be the Fire and how evil is the abode of the Zâlimûn (polytheists and wrongdoers).

8:12. (Remember) when your Lord inspired the angels, "Verily, I am with you, so keep firm those who have believed. I will **cast terror** into the hearts of those who have disbelieved, so **strike them over the necks, and smite over all their fingers and toes**."

33:26. And those of the people of the Scripture who backed them (the disbelievers) Allâh brought them down from their forts and **cast terror** into their hearts, (so that) a group (of them) **you killed**, and a group (of them) **you made captives**.

33:27. And **He caused you to inherit their lands, and their houses, and their riches, and a land which you had not trodden** (before). And Allâh is Able to do all things.

59:2. He it is Who drove out the disbelievers among the people of the Scripture (i.e. the Jews of the tribe of Banî An-Nadîr) from their homes at the first gathering. You did not think that they would get out. And they thought that their fortresses would defend them from Allâh! But Allâh's

(Torment) reached them from a place whereof they expected it not, and He **cast terror** into their hearts, so that they destroyed their own dwellings with their own hands and the hands of the believers. **Then take admonition, O you with eyes** (to see).

In those ayat, the pronouns he and we have a common antecedent: Allah, who will and did **cast terror** into the hearts of those who disbelieve and who commanded Muhammad to **strike them over the necks, and smite over all their fingers and toes**. The end result was that groups of disbelievers were killed or captivated and dispossessed. Are those ayat metaphorical & allegorical or are they clear commandments? Are they limited to the 7th. century Hijaz, or are they generally applicable?

8:39. And **fight them until there is no more Fitnah** (disbelief and polytheism: i.e. worshipping others besides Allâh) **and the religion (worship) will all be for Allâh Alone [in the whole of the world]**. But if they cease (worshipping others besides Allâh), then certainly, Allâh is All-Seer of what they do.

8:39: And **fight them on until there is no more tumult or oppression**, and there prevail justice **and faith in God altogether and everywhere**; but if they cease, verily God doth see all that they do.

3:7. It is He Who has sent down to you (Muhammad) the Book (this Qur'ân). In it are **Verses** that are **entirely clear**, they are the foundations of the Book [and those are the Verses of Al-Ahkâm (**commandments**, etc.), Al-Farâ'id (obligatory duties) and Al-Hudud (legal laws for the punishment of thieves, adulterers, etc.)]; and others not entirely clear. So as for those in whose hearts there is a deviation (from the truth) they follow that which is not entirely clear thereof, seeking Al-Fitnah (polytheism and trials, etc.), and seeking for its hidden meanings, but none knows its hidden meanings save Allâh. And those who are firmly grounded in knowledge say: "We believe in it; the whole of it (clear and unclear Verses) are from our Lord." And none receive admonition except men of understanding. (Tafsir At-Tabarî).

In 8:39, Allah commands Muslims to fight disbelievers until there is no more resistance ("disbelief and polytheism", "**no more tumult or oppression** ") and only Allah is worshiped. In their translator's notes, Hilali & Khan make the condition a global test: "[**in the whole of the world**]". Yusuf Ali uses a slightly different expression: "**and faith in God altogether and everywhere**". Clearly, in both cases, there is no chronological nor geographic limit. 8:39 is a globally applicable fight until loop.

In 3:7, Allah tells Muhammad that the Qur'an contains

"**Verses** that are **entirely clear**"; : "the foundations of the Book": "**commandments**". Clearly, "**fight them**" & "**strike them over the necks**" are both imperative and clear.

Full comprehension of the Qur'an can not be achieved without reference to Muhammad's Sunnah. Only Muhammad was qualified to interpret his recitations. The Hadith contain some relevant references to terror. [Emphasis added. In the on line version, the ahadith numbers are hyperlinked to Hadith collections at U.S.C.'s Muslim Student Association. for easy verification.]

Sahih Bukhari Volume 4, Book 52, Number 220: Narrated Abu Huraira: Allah's Apostle said, "I have been sent with the shortest expressions bearing the widest meanings, and **I have been made victorious with terror (cast in the hearts of the enemy)**, and while I was sleeping, the keys of the treasures of the world were brought to me and put in my hand." Abu Huraira added: Allah's Apostle has left the world and now you, people, are bringing out those treasures (i.e. the Prophet did not benefit by them).

Sahih Muslim Book 004, Number 1062: Abu Huraira reported that the Messenger of Allah (may peace be upon him) said: I have been given superiority over the other prophets in six respects: I have been given words which are concise but comprehensive in meaning; **I have been helped by terror (in the hearts of enemies)**: spoils have been made lawful to me: the earth has been made for me clean and a place of worship; **I have been sent to all mankind** and the line of prophets is closed with me.

Sunni Path Bukhari: CH7 #328. It is related that Jabir ibn 'Abdullah said, "The Prophet, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, said, 'I have been given five things which no one before me was given: **I have been helped to victory by terror flooding (my enemies') hearts up to a month's journey away**; for me, the whole earth has been made a mosque and made pure (for purification by tayammum) - wherever a man of my community finds himself when the time of prayer comes, he can pray; taking booty has been made lawful for me when it was not lawful for anyone before me; I have been given the right of intercession; and whereas every other Prophet was sent only to his people, **I have been sent to all mankind**.'"

Clearly, Muhammad was **bragging** about his practice of terrorism: "**I have been made victorious with terror**", "**I have been helped by terror**", "**I have been helped to victory by terror flooding (my**