

# **THE ATTRACTION OF ISLAM**

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## **1) Islam's Social Laws**

- **Comprehensive guide to life**
- **Brought about disciplined living**
- **Women felt protected, enobled**
- **Islam the only religion powerful enough to stand up to the depravity in society**
  - Prisoners converting
  - Drug dealers controlled
  - Islamic schools an alternative

## **2) The Unity of God (*Tawhid*)**

- **No mystery, easy to explain**
- **No intercessor**
- **Problem with the trinity**
  - Jesus at God's right hand implies 2 gods
  - Why did he not go back to his original form?
- **God's (Jesus') humanity diluted God's power, and transcendence**
  - Assumed God is dependent on humanity
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## **3) Brotherhood (taught and practiced)**

- **Only Christianity had a problem with racism, and slavery**
- **Equality, tolerance and broadmindedness, only found in Islam**
- **Hajj proved the equality for all races**
- **Christianity for whites, Islam for blacks**

## **4) The Morality of Islam**

- **Less immorality in Islam than in Christianity, especially in the black community**
- **Only Islam can control immorality**
- **Stricter laws brought about better morality**
- **Examples in Africa support this fact**
- **Morality needed universal parameters, which only Islam provided**

### **5) The Qur'an's beauty and applicability**

- **Almost mystical beauty to the Qur'an**
- **It was the seal of the revelations, protecting and correcting that which came earlier (Sura 3:3-4a)**
- **It was unchanged, and found everywhere**
- **It was treated with respect, unlike the Bible**
- **It was sonorous, and pleasant to listen to (i.e. Sura 24:35-38, and Sura 2:3-18)**

### **6) The Simplicity of Islamic teaching**

- **Deen (pillars) & Iman (beliefs) are easy to understand and follow**
- **No mysteries**
- **Even a child could understand it**
- **No trappings, no liturgy**
- **Mosques were simple and attractive**
- **No singing**
- **Women kept behind men**

### **7) The Testimony of Other Muslims**

- **Roommates, or fellow students**
- **The example of an Imam, or teacher**
- **Their honesty and trustworthiness**
- **The example of Muhammad**

### **8) Islam's Rationality**

- No Trinity
- No belief in the Incarnation
- No belief in personal sin
- No need for Redemption
- No water baptism
- No catechisms
- No complicated traditions
- Evolution in Religion, with Islam the last

## **9) The Practices of Islam**

- Polygamy
- Prayer
- Hijab, or Jilbab

## **10) Its Superiority to all other Religions**

- Final revelation
- Fastest growing religion
- Christianity prepared for the hereafter, while Islam prepared for both, then and now.
- Islam had programs for all spheres of life: political, social, economical, and moral, all founded on religious principles
- Responsible for enlightenment, & modern technology
- Scientific Exegesis proves its authority

## **11) The Theology found in the Qur'an**

- Sin is understandable and based on justice
- Paradise was something to yearn for
- It is comprehensive (24/7)
- It is practical as it includes all areas of life
- It's a theology of peace

## **12) Islam's Spirituality**

- **Purified against corrupting influence**
- **Placed Allah where he belonged, high and transcendent**
- **Absolute dependence of man on him.**