

Bush: All religions pray to 'same God'

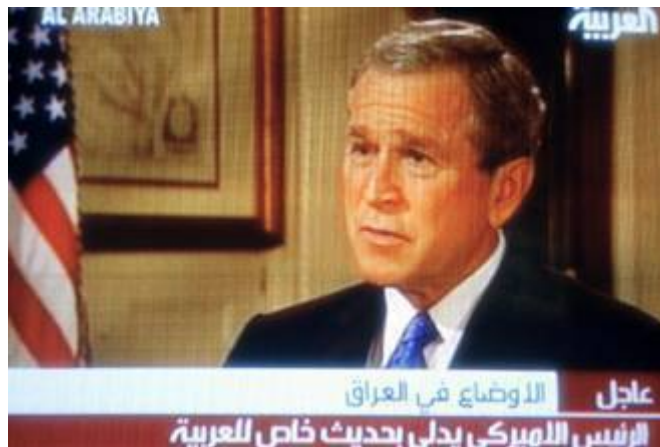
'That's what I believe. I believe Islam is a great religion that preaches peace'

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Notes from Pastor Kevin Lea in brackets and following this article.

President George Bush has repeated his belief all religions, "whether they be Muslim, Christian, or any other religion, prays to the same God" - an assertion that caused outrage among evangelical leaders when he said it in November 2003.



Bush made the statement Friday in an interview with Al Arabiya reporter Elie Nakouzi. Al Arabiya is Al Jazeera's top competitor in the Mideast.

As the president and Nakouzi walked from the Oval Office to the Map Room in the White House residence, Nazouki asked, "But I want to tell you - and I hope this doesn't bother you at all - that in the Islamic world they think that President Bush is an enemy of Islam - that he wants to destroy their religion, what they believe in. Is that in any way true, Mr. President?"

"No, it's not," said Bush. "I've heard that, and it just shows [sic] to show a couple of things: One, that the radicals have done a good job of propagandizing. In other words, they've spread the word that this really isn't peaceful people versus radical people or terrorists, this is really about the America not liking Islam.

"Well, first of all, I believe in an Almighty God [*true Christians believe in THE Almighty God*], and I believe that all the world, whether they be Muslim, Christian, or any other religion, prays to the same God.

[as compared to the clear teaching of scripture - Exod 20:2 "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. 3 "You shall have no other gods before Me. (NKJ)

Isa 44:8 Do not fear, nor be afraid; have I not told you from that time, and declared it? You are My witnesses. Is there a God besides Me? Indeed there is no other Rock; I know not one.' " (NKJ)]

That's what I believe. I believe that Islam is a great religion that preaches peace.

[Those who have read the Koran agree with this statement. Islam does preach peace, but Islamic peace is defined as the time when all the Earth's inhabitants are Muslims or dead. That is when the war will be over and Islam will have ushered in "peace." Since we are not yet all converted to Islam, Islam is not a religion of peace but a religion of the sword. Anyone who knows the basic history of Islam's spread knows this simple fact.]

And I believe people who murder the innocent to achieve political objectives aren't religious people, whether they be a Christian who does that - we had a person blow up our - blow up a federal building in Oklahoma City who professed to be a Christian, but that's not a Christian act to kill innocent people.

[As documented in [Timothy McVeigh: A CHRISTIAN TERRORIST?](#), Timothy McVeigh never professed to be a Christian, and in fact his attorney said that if the entire truth were known, there were others with Middle-Eastern connections who assisted McVeigh in his murder.

Instead of being a "Christian" terrorist, is it possible that Timothy Mc Veigh was in fact just another Muslim warrior, and why would the President tell the entire world that Timothy McVeigh was a Christian when there is zero support that it is the truth?]

"And I just simply don't subscribe to the idea that murdering innocent men, women and children - particularly Muslim men, women and children in the Middle East - is an act of somebody who

is a religious person.

Friday's statement echoes one made by Bush in November 2003 during a joint press conference with then-Prime Minister Tony Blair. A reporter noted Bush had frequently expressed the view that freedom is a gift from "the Almighty," but questioned whether Bush believes "Muslims worship the same Almighty" as the president and other Christians do.

"I do say that freedom is the Almighty's gift to every person. I also condition it by saying freedom is not America's gift to the world," Bush replied. "It's much greater than that, of course. And I believe we worship the same god," reported the London Telegraph.

[In my article ["Do We All Worship the Same God?"](#) written in 2003, I conjectured that President Bush's statements have a lot more to do with his desire to help establish a global religion and global government than it is a reflection of his ignorance of world religions and historical facts.]

Reaction from U.S. evangelical leaders was swift and strong.

Richard Land, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, the nation's largest Protestant denomination, was quoted in the Baptist Press as saying the president "is simply mistaken."

According to a Washington Post account, Land said in an interview: "We should always remember that he is commander in chief, not theologian in chief. The Bible is clear on this: The one and true god is Jehovah, and his only begotten son is Jesus Christ."

The Rev. Ted Haggard, then-president of the National Association of Evangelicals, also contradicted the president in a press statement. "The Christian God encourages freedom, love, forgiveness, prosperity and health," said Haggard. "The Muslim god appears to value the opposite. The personalities of each god are evident in the cultures, civilizations and dispositions of the peoples that serve them. Muhammad's central message was submission; Jesus' central message was love. They seem to be very different personalities."

In November 2006, Haggard was forced to resign from NAE following allegations of drug use and sex with a homosexual prostitute.

Gary Bauer, former presidential candidate and president of American Values, said Bush's comment was "not helpful to the president. Since everybody agrees he's not a theologian, he would be much better advised to punt when he gets that kind of question."

In Friday's interview with Al Arabiya, Bush emphasized his outreach to Muslims. "We are having an Iftaar dinner tonight – I say, 'we' – it's my wife and I," Bush told Nakouzi. "This is the seventh one in the seven years I've been the president. It gives me a chance to say 'Ramadan Mubarak.' The reason I do this is I want people to understand about my country. In other words, I hope this message gets out of America. I want people to understand that one of the great freedoms in America is the right for people to worship any way they see fit. If you're a Muslim, an agnostic, a Christian, a Jew, a Hindu, you're equally American.

"And the value – the most valuable thing I think about America is that – particularly if you're a religious person – you can be free to worship, and it's your choice to make. It's not the state's choice, and you shouldn't be intimidated after you've made your choice. And that's a right that I jealously guard.

"Secondly, I want American citizens to see me hosting an Iftaar dinner."

"That's a strong message for the Americans," said Nakouzi.

Last year, WND reported criticism of Bush from Wafa Sultan, a native of Syria, who said the president was empowering terrorist leaders whose ultimate aim is for Islamic law to govern the world by proclaiming Islam a "religion of peace."

"I believe he undermines our credibility by saying that," said Sultan. "We came from Islam, and we know what kind of religion Islam is."

Note from Pastor Kevin Lea:

I have included two other articles (below) with this handout/posting which I hope will assist the reader to discern that our President is not telling us the truth when he says that all religions pray to the same God. Although President Bush professes to be a Christian, these statements and others over the years as well as his actions of bowing to idols, etc. (as documented in ["State's Hughes Presides At Hindu 'Festival Of Lights'"](#)) seem to indicate that George Bush does

not believe in the Biblical Jesus.

It is also becoming common knowledge that our President is working behind the scenes with the heads of Mexico and Canada to create a North American Union, thus plotting to destroy the sovereignty of America in order to help put together another piece of the New World Order puzzle.

The scriptures are very clear that the Antichrist will come on the scene to rule over a final world empire consisting (globally) of Ten States (see Daniel and Revelation MP3 studies under sermon archives). Will the European Union be one of them and is President Bush being deceived into creating a second one (the Americas Union), then the African Union, etc. until there are Ten as the Bible predicts? It sure seems so, and if he is, not only is he spouting off the lies of Satan (all religions pray to the same god), but he is also preparing the way for the Antichrist.

In light of these things, I believe it is time for Christian to wake up to the fact that not everyone who says that at one time they “asked Jesus into their heart” is in fact a believer in the one and only true God.

1 Jn 4:1 Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world. 2 By this you know the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God [including Jesus' claim that He is THE way, THE truth and THE life], 3 and every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh [and Buddah, Mohammed, etc. are also ways to God] is not of God. And this is the spirit of the Antichrist, which you have heard was coming, and is now already in the world. (NKJ)

Bush Hosts Traditional Ramadan Dinner at White House

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President Bush welcomed Muslim leaders to the White House Thursday evening for an Iftaar dinner breaking the fast during the holy month of Ramadan. VOA White House Correspondent Scott Stearns has the story.

President Bush speaks at Ramadan Iftaar dinner at White House, 4 Oct. 2007. The special guests at this year's Iftaar dinner were American Muslim

women who have contributed to the nation's science, education, arts, and culture.

Mr. Bush said Ramadan is a time of charity and service to those less fortunate and a time to celebrate Islam's learned and vibrant culture which he says he enriched civilization for centuries. "Ramadan is also a good time for Americans of all faiths to reflect on the values we hold in common including love of family, gratitude to the Almighty, devotion to community, and a commitment to religious liberty," he said.

Today, the president said, the world is at war with violent extremists who seek to stop the advance of freedom in Muslim societies around the world. "They attack holy sites, destroy mosques and minarets, and kill innocent men, women and children including Muslims who do not share their radical views. They believe that by spreading chaos and violence they can frustrate the desire of Muslims to live in freedom and peace. We say to them, 'You do not represent Muslims. You do not represent Islam. And you will not succeed,'" he said.

Mr. Bush says America is standing with mainstream citizens across the Middle East including Iraqis who voted for a democratic future and Lebanese who are reclaiming their freedom and independence.

This was the seventh Iftaar dinner the president and Mrs. Bush hosted at the White House for American Muslim leaders and ambassadors and representatives from Muslim nations.

U.S. Navy Lieutenant Commander Abuhena Saifulislam offered the evening's prayer. "On this day and days to come, by all our differences, by all our aspiration, by fear by sorrow and joy in life and death, teach us and lead us nearer to you. Almighty God, thank you for the fellowship, and please bless the food that we are about to share. We all ask this in your Almighty name and recognize you as our provider and sustainer. Amen," he said.

Saifulisam quoted the Prophet Mohammad as saying that whoever in the month of Ramadan invites a person to break their fast, that person receives the same reward as the person who is fasting. So, "Mr. President", he said, "we have got you covered, man."

**Again! 10 Christians slaughtered
over alleged Muhammad cartoon
61 injured, 9 churches burned, hundreds displaced after
rumored 'insult' to Islam**

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Rampaging Muslims have killed 10 Christians, injured 61 others, destroyed nine churches and displaced more than 500 people in northern Nigeria, according to eyewitnesses – all because Muslim high school students claimed a Christian student had drawn a cartoon of Islam's prophet, Muhammad, on the wall of the school's mosque.



Remains of burned Baptist church (Courtesy Compass Direct)

The rampage occurred Sept. 28 in the town of Tudun Wada Dankadai, in Nigeria's northern state of Kano.

According to [Compass Direct News](#), which specializes in reporting on Christian persecution worldwide, there are 1,500 students at the high school, called Government College-Tudun Wada Dankadai, of which only 14 are Christians, and only seven of those actually live on campus. The Christian students at the school insist no one ever saw the alleged cartoon, and furthermore that no one in the tiny minority group of Christians would have dared such a feat, especially during Ramadan.

"How can we take such a risk when we know that we are a minority and cannot stand [against] them?" Christian student Shehu Bawa told Compass. "This is a lie created to have a reason to attack us."

Eighteen-year-old student Iliya Adamu told Compass he was getting ready to go to class when a group of Muslim students stormed into his dorm and began to beat him.

"I was surprised that they were beating me without telling what I did," Adamu said. "I asked to know what was happening, and they

a cartoon of Muhammad. In spite of my denying the act, they kept beating me."

Seeing the Muslim mob beating a Christian classmate named Sule La'azaru, Adamu ran to the principal's office for refuge, soon to be joined by the remaining Christian students there, according to the report.

Despite the attempts by the Muslim teachers to stop the rampage, Muslim students began throwing stones at the Christian students through the window of the principal's office, wounding student Ayuba Wada in the head.

"I was inside the office of our principal, with the others, when suddenly the Muslim students began throwing stones at us," Wada told Compass. "It was through this way that my head was broken. I was bleeding, and no help came as the situation became more riotous."

Eventually, the rampaging Muslim students broke into the principal's office, but the principal's arrival saved Wada's life, while the other Christians holed up there managed to escape the mob.

One of the Christian students, Shehu Bawa, told Compass his arrival on campus that morning was punctuated by shouts of "Allahu Akbar" (Allah is Great) "all over the school." In fact, he said, "The Muslim students were now attacking every Christian student on sight. Four of us ran into the office of the vice principal, but when it was finally broken into by the Muslim students, we ran out and escaped."

What about the alleged cartoon of Muhammad, rumors of which instigated the attacks?

"We suspect that either one of the Muslim students in the school did this to create an excuse for us to be attacked, or that a Muslim fanatic from the town might have done this to spark off a fight among Muslims and Christians," said Bawa. "How could we have done this when Muslim students are always around the mosque day and night because of the Ramadan?"

The rampage spreads far and wide

After attacking the few Christian students in their school, the rampaging Muslim students poured into the streets of Tudun Wada, joined now by other Muslims. For the next four hours, reports Compass, the growing mob burned down Christian churches, vandalized Christian property and murdered innocents.

Among the churches burned were: St. Mary's Catholic Church; St. George's Anglican Church; Evangelical Church of West Africa; Assemblies of God Church; First Baptist Church; a Pentecostal church called the Mountain of Fire and Miracles Church; an African independent church, the Cherubim and Seraphim Church; and two other Pentecostal churches, The Chosen Bible Church and Deeper Life Bible Church.



Children of murdered Christian (Courtesy Compass Direct)

The 10 Christians murdered included: Augustine Odoh and his younger brother Cosmos Odoh, both members of St. Mary's Catholic Church. Another Catholic, Joseph Eze, was also killed. When Compass filed its initial report, the corpses of the three Catholics were lying at the City Hospital in Kano city. Seven other Christians murdered were buried in a common grave Wednesday, but government workers did not allow relatives or church leaders to identify the corpses.

The dozens of injured are being treated at the Assumpta Clinic, Nomansland in Sabon Gari area of Kano city.

According to Musa Ahmadu Haruna, the priest of St. George's Anglican Church, Tudun Wada Dankadai, whose church was burned, no Christian student in the school could have drawn an image of Muhammad.

"None of these students is capable of drawing a cartoon on a mosque," he told Compass Direct. "That is a frame-up to find a reason to attack us."

Another pastor, Rabiou Danbawa of the Evangelical Church of West Africa, said that upon hearing of the waves of attacks on Christians, he moved toward the town's center to see for himself what was transpiring.

"I stood as they set fire on our churches one by one," he told Compass Direct. "There was nothing I could do," he said, adding, "I did not know the fate of my wife and my children." When he went to the local police station for help, Danbawa found the police turning away Christians who had run there to escape the attack. "We were told to leave, as our safety could not be guaranteed," he said, in tears, according to Compass Direct. "Women and children all scampered to the bush, only to be attacked by the Muslims who had already hid themselves in the bush awaiting their Christian prey."

It wasn't until several days later that Danbawa found his wife and children safe.

According to reports from Compass, Danbawa and his family are now refugees in Dogon Kawo village, along with other Christian victims. None have food or shelter, he said.

Even Christian policemen were not immune, with about 30 officers and their families being attacked and their homes looted and set on fire.

Last week's massacre comes in response to a call in July by the Sultan of Sokoto, Abubakar III, to Muslims in northern Nigeria to rise against Christianity. Kano's state government has led the way in northern Nigeria for the implementation of sharia Islamic law.

Mark Lipdo, director of the Stefanos Foundation, which ministers to persecuted Christians in Nigeria, told Compass he's shocked that the Nigerian government has done nothing to help the injured and displaced.

"It is surprising that an overwhelming thing like this that has displaced thousands of Christians is not known to the Nigerian government," he said, noting that the government initially downplayed the mass rampage. "The government must act to check such unprovoked attacks against Christians."

And Haruna of St. George's Anglican Church said, "We are living

under persecution in Kano state, and yet, we are being told that we are under a democratic government. Do Muslims really want us to co-exist together as a nation? I doubt so."

As [WND reported in May](#), Christians in Nigeria, who make up about half the population, fears the imposition of Islamic law throughout that nation.

Indeed, [as WND has reported, Muslim rioters in Nigeria in 2006 were incensed over cartoons of Muhammad published in Denmark, and more than 130 Christians in the Nigerian cities of Maiduguri and Onitsha were slaughtered.](#)

The reports documented six children burned to ashes in front of their father, according to Voice of the Martyrs.

[WND also has reported](#) nearly 1,000 homes of Christians and many churches have been destroyed in these regions.

"If you go around villages, you will see people missing one hand or one foot," explained Rev. Obiora Ike. "Do you think that's the result of an illness? That is the result of sharia law."

More than 10,000 Christians have been martyred in the region since the Islamic law was imposed in the region in 1999, and [Voice of the Martyrs](#) has helped surviving family members through its Families of Martyrs Fund with Care Packs, Village Outreach packs and words of encouragement to believers who stand for their faith "amidst volatile, uncertain conditions."

Final note from pastor Kevin Lea: How come when we hear of suicide bomber attacks, trains blowing up, planes flying into buildings, threat of nuclear, biological or chemical terrorist attack, etc. the first thought that comes into our mind is "Islamic Terrorism" rather than "There go those Christians again?" Could it be that Muslims and Christians do not worship nor pray to the same God? How can a god of hatred and death (Allah) be the same God as the God of love and life (YAHWEH and Jesus)? They can't, and our President is very greatly mistaken. So please join with me and pray that He will open his eyes to the truth before someone following the religion of peace shortens his life.

