

## MUHAMMAD'S BEST FRIEND AND FATHER-IN-LAW CARRIED OUT THE SAME RULE AFTER MUHAMMAD'S DEATH

When Allah's Apostle died and Abu Bakr became the caliph some Arabs renegade (reverted to disbelief) (Abu Bakr decided to declare war against them), 'Umar, said to Abu Bakr, "How can you fight with these people although Allah's Apostle said, 'I have been ordered (by Allah) to fight the people till they say: "None has the right to be worshipped but Allah, and whoever said it then he will save his life and property from me except on trespassing the law (rights and conditions for which he will be punished justly), and his accounts will be with Allah.' " Abu Bakr said, "By Allah! I will fight those who differentiate between the prayer and the Zakat as Zakat is the compulsory right to be taken from the property (according to Allah's orders). By Allah! If they refuse to pay me even a she-kid which they used to pay at the time of Allah's Apostle . I would fight with them for withholding it" Then 'Umar said, "By Allah, it was nothing, but Allah opened Abu Bakr's chest towards the decision (to fight) and I came to know that his decision was right." **alBukhari 2:483; 9:388**

## MUHAMMAD'S SON-IN-LAW AGREED

Ali, the fourth Caliph, said: "Allah has commanded war against those who desert Islam."  
**Salim Ibn-Ghaisse** *Asrar Aal Muhammad* ('The Mysteries of Muhammad's descendants) translated by B. Alef in 1980 (Iran – Ghom, 1400 Hijri-Ghamari), 88

## MODERN ISLAM AND APOSTASY

"Islam is a one-way door, you can enter through it but you cannot leave." **Abul 'Ala Mawdudi, founder of the Pakistani Muslim Brotherhood *Jamat-i-Islami***  
From *Jihad in Islam* (India, 1970), cited in Mark Gabriel *Islam and Terrorism* (Lake Mary, FL: Charisma Books, 2002), 82

"None of the 58 nations which then made up the UN voted against [the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in 1945]. Only Saudi Arabia abstained, having lobbied unsuccessfully other Muslim nations, such as the newly formed Pakistan, to eliminate the reference to the freedom to change one's religion."

**John W. Wilson** *Christianity Alongside Islam* (Melbourne: Acorn Press, 2010), 201

The *Islamic Information and Support Centre of Australia* (IISCA) website outlines its position: "Apostasy is defined as a Muslim making a statement or performing an action that takes him out of the fold of Islam. The punishment prescribed for it in the Sunnah is execution."

<http://www.islamconveyed.com/pages/index.php?section=SomeIslamicSystems&subSection=CrimeandPunishmentinIslam&id=41> accessed 10<sup>th</sup> June, 2010

**Islamic scholars on apostasy:** "The vast majority of Muslim scholars writing on the issue of apostasy today follow the pre-modern position ... [that] apostasy is prohibited and no Muslim is allowed to convert to another religion or commit any of the offences which would make them an apostate. Apostasy, for these scholars, is punishable by death." This view is "largely unanimous." **Abdullah Saeed & Hassan Saeed** *Freedom of Religion, Apostasy and Islam* (London: Ashgate Publishing, 2004), 88,91

## APOSTASY POSITION REVERSED

Miroslav Volf notes that the one Muslim authority, Sheikh Ali Gomaa, the Grand Mufti of Egypt who once allowed apostasy from Islam without punishment (p.232) later reversed his view (p.307 n.27). **Allah – A Christian Response** (New York: HarperCollins, 2011)

**Apostasy  
in Islam  
What it  
teaches about  
those who  
want to leave**

**as recorded  
in the Qur'an  
& Hadith  
(traditions)  
of Islam**

## Islam has much to say about apostasy according to the Hadith

### THE QUR'AN THREATENS THOSE WHO LEAVE ISLAM

**They have gone astray:** "But if any of you after this, disbelieved, he has indeed gone astray from the Straight Path." (Q.5:12)

**Allah will not forgive them:** "Those who believe then reject faith then believe (again) and (again reject faith and go on increasing in unbelief) Allah will not forgive them nor guide them on the way." (Q.4:137)

**They will not be able to return:** "But those who reject faith after they accepted it and then go on adding to their defiance of faith never will their repentance be accepted; for they are those who have (of set purpose) gone astray." (Q.3:90)

**Allah will be angry with them:** "Anyone who after accepting faith in Allah utters unbelief except under compulsion his heart remaining firm in faith but such as open their breast to unbelief on them is Wrath from Allah and theirs will be a dreadful Penalty." (Q.16:106)

**They will go to hell:** "And if any of you turn back from their faith and die in unbelief their works will bear no fruit in this life and in the Hereafter; they will be Companions of the Fire and will abide therein." (Q.2:217)

**Kill them:** "They only wish that you should reject faith as they do and thus be on the same footing (as they): but do not take friends from their ranks until they flee in the way of Allah (from what is forbidden). **But if they turn renegades seize them and slay them wherever you find them and (in any case) take no friends or helpers from their ranks.**" (Q.4:89)

### APOSTASY WAS ONE OF THE THREE REASONS FOR CAPITAL PUNISHMENT

Allah's Apostle said, "The blood of a Muslim who confesses that none has the right to be worshipped but Allah and that I am His Apostle, cannot be shed except in three cases: In Qisas [retaliation] for murder, a married person who commits illegal sexual intercourse and *the one who reverts from Islam (apostate) and leaves the Muslims.*" **alBukhari 9:17**

### MUHAMMAD ORDERED THAT APOSTATES BE KILLED

Ali, Muhammad's son-in-law, burnt alive some people who had left Islam. This news reached Ibn 'Abbas (Muhammad's cousin), who said, "Had I been in his place I would not have burnt them, as the Prophet said, 'Don't punish (anybody) with Allah's Punishment.' No doubt, I would have killed them, for the Prophet said, '**If somebody (a Muslim) discards his religion, kill him.**'" **alBukhari 4:260**

Ibn 'Abbas (Allah be pleased with him) reported that Allah's Messenger (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said, "**Kill him who changes his religion (of Islam).**" **Ibn Majah 2535**

### MUHAMMAD CARRIED THIS OUT

Some people of the tribe of 'Ukl and 'Uraina arrived at Medina to meet the Prophet and embraced Islam and said, "O Allah's Prophet! We are the owners of milch livestock (i.e. bedouins) and not farmers (i.e. countrymen)." They found the climate of Medina unsuitable for them. So

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Allah's Apostle ordered that they should be provided with some milch camels and a shepherd and ordered them to go out of Medina and to drink the camels' milk and urine (as medicine). So they set out and when they reached Al-Harra, they reverted to Heathenism after embracing Islam, and killed the shepherd of the Prophet and drove away the camels. When this news reached the Prophet, he sent some people in pursuit of them. (So they were caught and brought back to the Prophet). The Prophet gave his orders in their concern. So their eyes were branded with pieces of iron and their hands and legs were cut off and they were left away in Harra till they died in that state of theirs. **alBukhari 5:505; 7:623; 8:794, 797; 9:37**

### MUHAMMAD'S EMISSARY INSISTED THAT THIS RULE BE OBEYED

Muhammad sent Mu'adh bin Jabal to Yemen. "Behold! There was a man tied with his hands behind his neck. Mu'adh said to Abu Musa, "O 'Abdullah bin Qais! What is this?" Abu Musa replied. "This man has reverted to Heathenism after embracing Islam." Mu'adh said, "I will not dismount till he is killed." Abu Musa replied, "He has been brought for this purpose, so come down." Mu'adh said, "I will not dismount till he is killed." So Abu Musa ordered that he be killed, and he was killed." **alBukhari 5:630**