ISLAM & The MIDDLE EAST
In the Presentation I will not be discussing

- Islam in Indonesia,
- Western China,
- UK
- Or Western Sydney

What I will be talking about is the Origin, Philosophy and the Main Sects of ISLAM
MIDDLE EAST
The Home of Religions

The Middle East is home of several strong religious communities, reflecting a long history and centuries of development, and conflicts.
The Life of Mohammad

Mohammad was born in Makkah in Saudi Arabia to a merchant family. His parents died when he was young and he ended up living with his uncle “the father of Ali Bin Abi Taleb” who was a merchant. Mohammad worked for his uncle as a caravan manager.

According to the Shia faith, at the night of delivering the Prophecy, Ali gave his bed to his cousin Mohammad to spend the night.

When the Angel Gabriel arrived he gave the prophecy to Mohammad instead of Ali by coincidence.

In Their Prayers Shi’as repeat the words TAH-AL-AMIN while looking over their shoulders meaning the Keeper got Lost.
• At 25 Muhammad married a wealthy 40 yrs old widow named Khadija.
• Khadija’s Cousin “Waraqah Bin Nawfal” was an Ebionite Archbishop of Makah, who became Mohammad’s Tutor in Philosophy and Religion.
• Ebionites are monotheists who rejected the doctrine of Trinity, and the Catholic/Orthodox version of the Virgin Birth, and the Crucifixion.
• A disputed book states that the first four chapters of the Quran (Koran) were given to Mohammad by Waraqah.
• The difference in writing genre between the first 4 chapters and the rest of the book is distinct.
• Mohammad did not get multiple wives and did not veer away from CHRISTIANITY until after the death of his wife Khadijah.
The Foundation of Islamic Faith

- **SHAHADAT**
  - EL-TAWHID

  The obligation of every Muslim to declare that there is no GOD other than the GOD & that MOH’D is the Prophet of GOD
ISLAM is a TOTAL LIFE STYLE and not just a RELIGION

- ISLAM is the foundation of State Laws in Islamic Countries
- Rejection of the doctrine of Trinity
- Rejection of the Crucifixion.
- The Power of AL-JIHAD
- The Transit “The Beaming of Moh’d to the moon, Damascus then back to Mecca over night”.
- AL-ZAKAT To pay taxes to the Clergy
- The Acknowledgment of the people of the BOOK.
Sunnat Allah Wa Rassuloh

The Khalifa is the successor of the Prophet Mohammad the Guardian of God’s Laws and his beloved PROPHET

Currently the King of Saudi Arabia is the Supreme Power of ISLAM

The KING is Head of Islam similar of the British Queen

The Highest Clergy is the MUFTI of MECCA

The Highest ACADEMIC Clergy is the MUFTI of Al-Azhar Mosque in CAIRO
Sunni

- Sunni’s are the supporters of “El-Sahaba” meaning Friends of the Prophet Mohammad.

- The Sunnah (DECREE) of Muhammad includes his specific words, habits, practices, and silent approvals.

- Sharia is the written law - in the Quran

- The ISLAMIC Brotherhood are SUNNI’s
• According to the Shi’is, Sunnis got the Khalafa (the Arabic Monarchy) by deception at 2 Historical EVENTS

• First when Mohammad said at his Death bed that the closest to him will be the Khalifa (Successor). However, instead of having his Cousin and Son in Law ALI as the new Khalifa, the post was given to his Friend ABU BAKR who was sitting beside his death bed.

• Second time when the leader of the Ammawi Tribe Mouaawiyah took the Khalafa from ALI by Treachery
• According to the book when Waraqah died Mohammad started versing the rest of the Quran.

• The Muslim observance of Ramadan is to commemorate the recording of the holy text.

• Mohammad and his prophecy were rejected by the elders of Makah and he was forced to migrate to Yasrib which later was called Madina

• Mohammad got his vengeance and he conquered Makah back
Shi'a or Shi'i‘te

• "Shi'a" is the short form of the historic phrase شيعة علي Shīiatu Alī meaning "followers of Ali", "faction", or "party" of Mohammad's cousin and son-in-law Ali, whom the Shi'a believe to be Muhammad's successor.
TWELVERS

• is the largest branch of Shī‘ī (Shi'a) Islam. Adherents of Twelver Shī‘ism are commonly referred to as Twelvers, which is derived from their belief in twelve divinely ordained leaders
Alawism

- Is the religion of the political elite of Syria

- Alawism has all traces of being an independent religious system, but has received official confirmation of belonging to Islam.

- Alawism faith differs strongly from Sunni and Shiʿa
Many of the tenets of the ALAWI faith are secret and known only to a select few Alawi.

According to a major disputed reference, Alawis have integrated doctrines from other religions (syncretism), in particular from Ismaili and Christianity.

Alawites are reported to celebrate certain Christian festivals, "in their own way", including Christmas, Easter, and Palm Sunday, which make use of bread and wine.
• In 1974 Alawi’s leadership declared officially that they are Muslims to avoid Islamic prejudice, and they were officially accepted.

• As an outcome they declared that the reference to them as Ansari or Nousairi is a western misinterpretation. Simply because that can mean Nazarenes (4th Century Jewish Christians), and that won’t go well with the Sunni Majority.
• The Historical Alliance of Alawi’s and Christians could be attributed either the cultural background or just alliance of the minorities.

• Alawi’s are similar to the Druze sect in their belief in reincarnation.

• The disputed book reveals that Sinners are reborn as Christians to clean their sins and then they are Born as Alawis
Alawis have the same Y-DNA as the rest of the Fertile Crescent, and have no similarities to Semitics “Arabs or Jews”.

In 1920, about 30% of the population were Christians, today they are less than 10%. Emigration and lower birth rate than among Muslims is the background for this.

According to Islamic Strategists some of Europe will face the same FATE in 50 years time
The theology of Druze religion is called *hikma* and its main theme is that *God* incarnated himself in the *Fatimid* caliph Al-Hakim (Al-Hakim Bi-Amr Ellah), who they claim disappeared in 1021. While most Muslims believe he died in 1021, the Druze disagree and believe that al-Hakim is awaiting to return to the world in order to bring a new golden age to true believers.

The Book of Wisdom states that al_Hakim is Abraham who was reincarnated as Moses – Jesus – & then Al-Hakim Bi-Amr-Ellah.
Druze are very Hospitable people, However the main slogan in Lebanon and Syria is “Have Dinner at a Druze house but sleep at the CHRISTIAN House” simply so you can stay alive.

Similar to the Alawi faith the wisdom is only known to select few who meets at a secret congregation called (El_khalwa) where the OKKALs (the Wise) meet. The rest of the population is called “El-Juhhal” meaning (the Ignorant)
GOVERNANCE

- **Sykes–Picot Agreement** determined that Christians are allied to the largest Islamic minority in forming government for their protection and government stability.

- Sunni’s in Iraq – BAATH Party
- Alawi’s in Syria – BAATH party
- **In Lebanon** the presidency is held by a Christian in order to maintain peace between Sunni’s and Shi’as

- The BAATH Party was created by a Christian thinker (Michel Aflaq).
Middle East Religions and Ethnicities

• Egypt 70% Sunni (presidency) 30% Coptic

• In Year 640 AD Amr Ibn El-AAS conquered Egypt with 12000 soldiers and through the years the original population of the most ancient culture was assimilated to become “Arabised” (Arabic Speaking from non-Arabic Gene).

• The Egyptian Islamic population is made up of Coptics, Greeks and Mesopotamians. (Y-DNA link)
Turkey

79% Sunni (presidency)

19% Shi'a

• In Year 1516 AD Sultan Selim a Seljuk descendant of Jengiz Khan conquered the Middle East at the Battle of Marj Dabiq North of Aleppo with 20000 soldiers and advanced artillery. They renamed Armenia to become Turkey and through the years the original population of old Armenia the ancient rich culture was assimilated to become Turks.

• 99% of the population of Turkey came from South East Europe – Greeks and Armenians.

• Original Turks of Mongolian Origin are almost non-existent.
Libya

- 99% Sunni
- 1% Shi'a
- The original Berbers were assimilated and Arabised

Afghanistan

- 85% Sunni
- 15% Shi'a
- Originally Indo-Europeans, Similar to Turkey they were not Arabised but they were converted to Islam
Jordan  92% Sunni (Arab King, Arabised Population)  
6% Christian

• Arabic leadership and language,

• Majority of the population have similar Y-DNA to the rest of the Fertile Crescent (Israel, Lebanon, Jordan, Syria, and Iraq) and other neighbouring countries

• Arabic DNA is a hardly existent
IRAQ

• IRAQ is another Arabised Country
• Sunni 35% (Presidency) Shi'a 62% Other 3%

• DNA matching, links the Iraqi population to that of Iran, Syria, Palestine, Georgia, and Armenia, whereas it substantially differs from that observed in Arabia.\(^\text{[28]}\)
• Iraqi Arabs, Assyrians, and Kurds.\(^\text{[28]}\) have similar DNA
Lebanon
Current Population 4 Million

- 41% Christians hold the (presidency)
- 54% Muslims
  - Sunnis hold the (Prime Ministership)
  - Shi’a occupy the (Chair of Parliament)
- 5% Druze

There are 15 million Christians from Lebanese origin in other countries, mainly Brazil and Argentina.
Lebanon

- Maronites, Greek Orthodox, Armenian Apostolic, Melkite Greek Catholics, Assyrian Church of the East, Syriac Orthodox, Chaldean Catholic, Syrian Catholics
- Despite keeping their original identity at their churches they have been categorised by the Arab union as Arabs
Iran  
95% Shi'a (Presidency)  
5% Sunni and other

• Islam wasn’t able to Arabise Persia (today's Iran) due to its size and strong Persian Culture, as well as a revolt against the Sunni Arab Khalifa (King) as Iran was the safe Haven for the Twelve Imam’s who are supposedly the legitimate HEIRS of Mohammad.
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Syrian Christian Population: 8.5%
Alliances

• Shi'a have always been supportive of Alawi’s.
• Hozballah is funded by Iran. (both are Shi’a)

• Sunni Terrorists such as the Palestinian movement, Taliban and Pakistanis are funded by Sunni Governments and Monarchies
INFIDELS

- Christians and Jews are classified as Polytheists and not the original people of the BOOK.
- According to Islam "serving human lords" is intolerable and is a practice Islam "has come to annihilate." (p. 60) Christians and Jews are guilty of it since, they give priests and rabbis "the authority to make laws" and "it is clear that obedience to laws and judgments is a sort of worship. Because of this, these religions are actually polytheist, not monotheist."

- (However this reference totally ignores the power of Imams in issuing FATWAS)
FATWA

• A Fatwa (Arabic: ﻓﺗوى) is a legal pronouncement in Islam, issued by a religious law specialist on a specific issue.

• The Law Specialist could be any local Mosque IMAM.
Islamic Religion Defenders Would Tell you
Islam is harmless
I Leave that to you decide

• Many Dutch politicians have had a fatwa issued against them, possibly the best-known internationally is Geert Wilders. In 2008 Wilders received 285 death threats, with a further 264 aimed at all Dutch politicians. There were a total of 145 protection orders for Wilders in 2006; in 2005 there were 110.[5] An Australian imam named Feiz Muhammad has issued a fatwa calling for the Dutch politician’s beheading, as of 2010
Example of Fatwa of extermination

- In an audio file published on the Kurdish website Renesans.nu during September 2008, Mullah Krekar allegedly threatened to kill Mariwan Halabjaee, the Iraqi Kurdish author of ”Sex, Sharia and Women in the History of Islam”. "I swear that we will not live if you live. Either you go before us, or we go before you," said Krekar.[16] Krekar compared Halabjaee with Salman Rushdie and Ayaan Hirsi Ali.[17]

- Norway, February 2012, Krekar confirmed in the Oslo District Court that he had issued a twenty page fatwa against Halabjaee.[18] The fatwa was sent to several hundred Islamic scholars around the world. While Krekar said he thought he might be able to "guarantee the safety" of Halabjaee, Krekar confirmed that his fatwa "implies" that it is "permissible" to kill Halabjaee in Oslo or anywhere else.[19] Krekar compared Halabjaee to Theo van Gogh, the film director who was killed by an Islamist in the Netherlands in 2004.[20]

His pronouncements—that the earth was flat, that photography of a living thing was immoral, that women who studied with men were no better than prostitutes—embarrassed the more liberal princes".[16]

However he was criticized by hardline Salafists and Jihadists for supporting the decision to permit U.S. troops to be stationed in Saudi Arabia in 1991.[17]
Summary and Conclusions

• Islam is not just Religion; it is an encompassing and total Way of Life

• It is characterised by its diversity and complexity

• It influences many spheres of world life, and this influence is increasing
In order to constructively engage with Islam, a knowledge of its basic tenants and creeds is essential.
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