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# Learn An Accurate Understanding of The Nakba and the Beliefs of the Majority of the Palestinian Victims

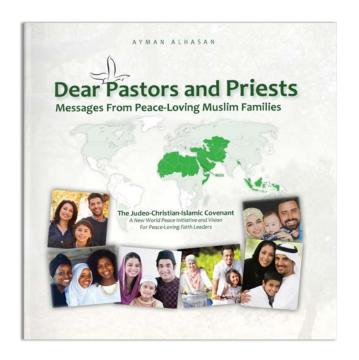
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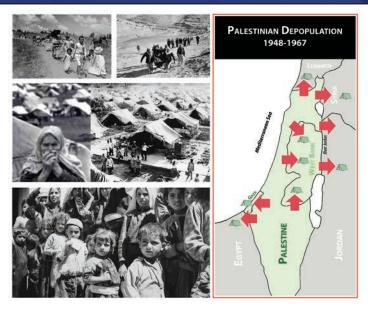


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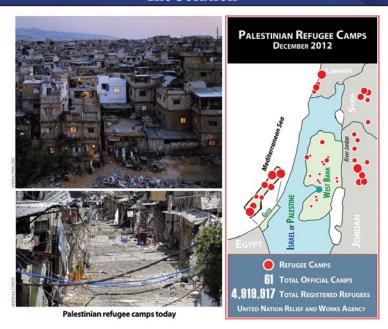
#### The Nakba



The core of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict lies in a European colonial-era initiative to find a homeland for Jews in Palestine. A British-led plan gained momentum in the previous century after the Holocaust, leading to the forced displacement of more than 700,000 indigenous Palestinians from their homes and farms to refugee camps in 1948. Subsequently, the incoming Jewish immigrants established and declared the independence of the state of Israel. Palestinians commemorate these events as the Nakba, or 'Catastrophe.' Today, more than 75 years later, many of those refugees or their descendants are still in camps that are within a short driving distance from their homes because Israel passed laws that block their return. Moreover, the United States blocked or vetoed ALL United Nations resolutions that would have granted the Palestinians the "Right of Return." Even worse, the US has and continues to push peace initiatives that overlook Palestinian repatriation and obliges the refugees to recognize the state of Israel in return for peaceful coexistence. From the Palestinian perspective, these U.S.-supported treaties are seen as a continuation of a colonial mindset and attempts to legitimize the outcomes of what they regard as war crimes. This is reminiscent of the US Congress passing legislation to forcefully relocate the Native Indian Americans leading to the Trail of Tears.

Note that Palestinian Arabs are Semites, therefore, the military occupation of Palestine and US and Western policies in support of the occupation are all 'anti-Semitic' in nature. However, this appears to be inconsequential because the term 'antisemitism' is widely seen now as a Zionist strategy to leverage a good cause to scare off, silence, and counteract Westerners who oppose the policies or military occupation of Palestine. Please note that Zionism is the political movement that advocates for the establishment of a Jewish state in Palestine. The movement originated in Europe and subsequently gained significant momentum in the USA following World War II.

#### The Solution



Unless the root cause of the Palestinian-Israeli conflict is addressed, desperate Palestinian conditions and worldwide Muslim support for refugee repatriation will persist, fueling resistance and potentially fostering new militant groups in the years ahead. This cycle of violence, especially with a large number of victims, particularly children, exacerbates despair in the region and fuels Muslim radicalism and terrorism across both Islamic and Western worlds.

The resolution to the Israeli occupation of Palestine could be straightforward, drawing parallels from the South African reconciliation process. Facilitating a slow, gradual, and orderly return of Palestinians to their lands can lead to peaceful demographic change that preserves the rights of Israelis and Palestinians, removes political and trade barriers with all neighboring countries, and boosts the economy. Governance could then be shared among elected representatives from the Christian, Muslim, and Jewish communities.

The repatriation of Palestinians will rendering all other issues, including the debate over a one- or two-state solution, secondary and open to negotiation. This approach is expected to gain support among Palestinians because principles of general pardon and reconciliation, after justice is reinstated, are ingrained in the beliefs and history of the majority of Sunni Muslims. Bear in mind that the prevailing belief among mainstream Muslims is that they are religiously obligated to protect Christian and Jewish populations living within Muslim communities, without even having these groups participate in military defense efforts. More about the faith of the majority of Palestinian victims and an introduction to Jewish, Christian, and Muslim relations according to Islamic teachings are included in the second half of this publication.

#### Dehumanizing Palestinians and the Muslim-Christian Divide



Israeli Demolition of Palestinian Homes

More than 12,000 Palestinian Children Killed in Gaza

Israeli Detention of Palestinian Children

For decades, Palestinians have consistently appealed to the international community, urging investigations into the Israeli Defense Forces (IDF) for human rights violations. These allegations include the deliberate targeting of children by snipers, withholding or returning the bodies of deceased Palestinian prisoners with organs missing, the demolition of tens of thousands of homes, the detention



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of thousands of children, indefinite imprisonment without trial, attacks on schools and hospitals, and frequent midnight raids on Palestinian homes. Yet, these pleas for scrutiny are often overlooked by Western governments and mainstream media. Even pastors, who are entrusted with the moral imperative to discern right from wrong, good from evil, continue to overwhelmingly overlook the 75 years-long large-scale humanitarian crisis facing the Palestinians. Their silence inadvertently conveys consent and unspoken messages that the Palestinian suffering is unworthy of attention, undermining the belief that all people are made in the image of God and deserving of His inclusive love. Consequently, their peace-loving and free-spirited congregations remain oblivious to the suffering while they continue to support the military occupation through their donations. The shared graphic images of victims, their cries of despair, and pleas for assistance deepen the trust gap between Muslims worldwide and the West. Whereas many mainstream Muslims perceive Westerners as lacking compassion and displaying a sense of superiority, Westerners often associate Muslims with violence or extremism.

## HAMAS, Gaza, and the USA



Hamas is a Palestinian resistance organization with two different arms: Political and Militant. The public political arm of Hamas repeatedly wins elections mainly because its rival, the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), is widely believed to be corrupt, unfairly distribute humanitarian aid, and collaborate with Israel. Despite being democratically elected, the political arm of Hamas is designated a terrorist organization by the USA and most Western countries, largely due to strong opposition from Zionists. In contrast, most Muslim nations regard political Hamas as a legitimate popular liberation organization, citing the UN's stance that all nations have the right to use military force to fight for their freedom against military occupation.

Over the past 75 years, various Palestinian organizations have utilized a mix of political and military strategies to secure the release of Palestinian prisoners. Israel holds approximately 5,000 security prisoners, including 300 in administrative detention without trial, and an average of 500 children. Furthermore, the bodies of around 300 prisoners who died in custody have not been returned to their families. On October 7, 2023, a coalition of militant resistance groups penetrated the heavily fortified borders of Gaza, entering occupied Palestinian territory and kidnapping Israeli settlers and soldiers to exchange them for Palestinian detainees. In response, the United States

soldiers to exchange them for Palestinian detainees. provided support, funding, and devastating firepower, contributing to the heaviest bombardment on record of the world's most densely populated region, home to over 2 million Palestinians. The Israeli military has also blocked access to food, water, electricity, and medical supplies, creating conditions of genocide. Deaths from violence or due to starvation or lack of medical care, has been broadcast and shared globally, primarily by individuals through social media.



In the U.S., providing humanitarian aid to Palestinian orphans can be a serious offense. In one case, the US government used testimony from an anonymous Israeli 'security expert' to prove that a US-based charity indirectly supported Palestinian resistance. The founders and officers of the Holy Land for Relief and Development are currently serving sentences ranging from fifteen to sixty-five years.

# **Conditions Today**



Israel constructed a separation wall in the West Bank to limit Palestinian access to residential areas and roads used by Israeli settlers. This wall has created conditions reminiscent of South African apartheid. Palestinians are required to pass through checkpoints to cross the wall. Beyond the daily challenges, some patients have died while the ambulance carrying them awaited permission to cross.



Palestinians have developed a culture of resistance perseverance to counter the prolonged military occupation. The Israeli military now detains children caught throwing stones at them, to scare the children and their families into submission.

## Culture



In Palestine, the traditional female dress has a distinct design in each region and you can guess the town or village a woman is from based on her dress.



The Keffiyeh is the traditional headgear for men but has evolved into a global symbol of resistance for both men and women. The middle picture features Rachel Corrie, a young American peace activist who perished when she stood in front of a bulldozer while attempting to block the Israeli demolition of Palestinian homes. She is an American heroine in the eyes of Palestinians but hardly recognized in the USA.



"Dabkeh" is the Palestinian folk dance

# Palestine Before Nakba





Jaffa, late 1930s







Movie Theater

Radio Station

Airport



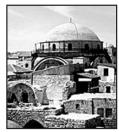




Hospital

Newspaper

School Testing







Synagogue

Cafe in Acre

Market

# Palestinians Before Nakba





Wedding (colorized)

Basketball







Popular radio singer

Line up for Bedouin Folk Dance

Traditional Meal





Multifaith

1948 Government







Women Union

Orange Grove

Water sourcing



# **A Question of Conscience**

Does the Palestinian Nakba (Catastrophe) Echo the Same Moral Foundation and Consciousness That Was Responsible for the Trail of Tears and the African Slave Trade?

## \$140 Billion

Total US Tax Dollars in Support of the Military Occupation of Palestine

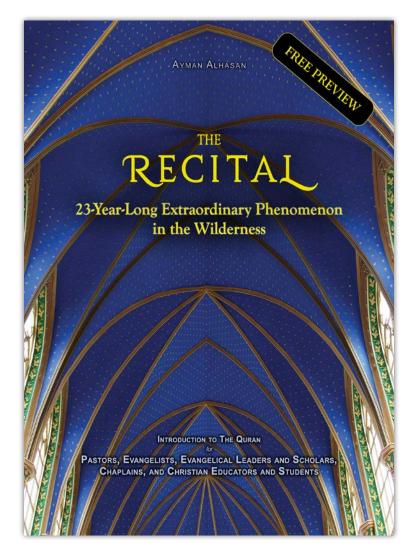
4.9 million	Total registered refugees as of 2012
1.4 million	Refugees living in camps as of January 2010
56,502	Houses demolished since 1967
39,617	Killed since September 2000
14,835	Children killed as of year 2024
100,508	Injured since September 2000
9,000	Taken prisoners as of May 2011
6,279	Currently imprisoned - Feb 2024
300	Children/kids taken into custody in 2024 alone

(Source: ifamericansknew.org)



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#### CHAPTER 1 EXTRAORDINARY PHENOMENON

#### **Introduction and Book Summary**

Roughly six centuries following the birth of Jesus, an extraordinary event took place in the wilderness about 750 miles south of Jerusalem. This event unfolded in the tribal town of Mecca over the course of twenty-three years, was observed by an uncounted number of individuals, and inspired the fastest growing religion. Various accounts, encompassing works of literature, poems, narratives, and oral traditions, convey that Muhammad, the son of Abdullah and a member of the Hashim clan, who was unlettered, would repeatedly experience a unique physical condition. Without any forewarning, Muhammad would gently lower his head, as though bearing an immense weight, begin to perspire, and his complexion would assume a bluish tint. Subsequently, he would lose consciousness, gracefully, without falling to the ground. There are numerous detailed witness accounts of this condition:

- It starts when he hears 'an approaching jingling sound'
- If he was sitting and this condition starts, he 'lowers his head' and when it ends, 'he raises his head' again.
- Face color turns blue and/or reddish
- Sweat drops the size of pearls
- Faint sound of bee buzz
- A companion who was sitting next to Muhammad felt as if his thigh bone would break when Muhammad's leg pressed heavily against his, pinning it to the ground during a revelation incident.
- A camel settled down and laid its head on the ground when Muhammad experienced a revelation as he was riding it.

The duration Muhammad remained unconscious in every incident varied. When he begins to regain consciousness, the extraordinary phenomenon begins. Muhammad wakes up uttering verses in his native classic Arabic language but in a new mystical recitation form that is "different, incomparable and inimitable."

The verses are linguistically powerful and eloquently articulated. Moreover, they had "rhymes, rhythms, patterns, accentuation, or other linguistic characteristics and techniques that shift and change to support or emphasize messages in a melodious tone." The verses Muhammad spoke added new literary and recital genres to classic Arabic that are considered, throughout history, a marvel of classic Arabic literature as elaborated in chapter 2.

The vocabulary in the recitations uttered by Muhammad incorporate various Arabic dialects, names of unknown objects, hundreds of new or obscure terms, words or names of foreign origins, and ambiguous codes or acronyms. Some verses address natural phenomena from an unfamiliar perspective, use common words in obscure context, or emit an air of mystery. Throughout history, Muslim scholars and linguists have unraveled many of the secrets of the Quran but never to the extent as Western scholars did in the last few decades. Researchers in the US and Europe contributed to explaining many of the astronomical, medical, and natural references mentioned in the Quran. Examples of the standing, unlocked, and challenging mysteries are provided in Chapter 3.

The new recitals, linguistic characteristics, and mysteries, however, are not the most extraordinary aspect of this phenomenon. The verses Muhammad uttered were attention-arresting primarily because they frequently take the first person in a direct God-to-human address as follows:

- 1. O people, I have created you ...
- 2. O my servants ...
- 3. Pray to Me, and I will answer ...
- 4. Worship/Serve Me ...
- 5. I am God, Lord of all worlds ...
- 6. Believe in Me ...

This phenomenon occurred probably hundreds of times in the presence of Muhammad's family, companions, or strangers in the last part of his life. The number of verses uttered after every incident varied, some were few and others many. In about two years after his death, all the recitations Muhammad uttered were collected and scripted in a single manuscript entitled: "AlQuran" and commonly referred to "The Quran". In the Islamic faith, reciting the Quran is a distinct and highly appreciated ritual similar to other acts of worship and is typically performed either privately or publicly before a group.

According to the Quran, this revelation is a continuation of God's earlier revelations, messages, and commandments given to past prophets starting with Adam and ending with Jesus. As such, the Quran confirms and repeats many beliefs, events, and prophecies mentioned in the Torah and New Testament, clarifies, corrects or elaborates on other verses, and completely denies and voids others stating that they are mere human innovations as elaborated in chapter 1.

The primary themes of the Quran are enlightenment and guidance. The author introduces Himself, His attributes, and provides logical explanations for

numerous questions concerning the purpose behind the creation of humankind, life, Earth, and the universe. The Quran also outlines what is expected of humans on Earth and what they should anticipate in the afterlife. In this chapter, we will draw parallels with the development of intelligent human-like androids to enable the reader to view the challenges of this industry from a maker's perspective. This perspective will offer answers to challenging questions within Abrahamic faiths, particularly the paramount importance of monotheism, or the belief in One God. The analogies also offer rational reasons why atheists or agnostics, despite noble intentions and significant humanitarian contributions, are seen as having strayed from their fundamental purpose, failing the test of life. Finally, this chapter offers a comprehensive summary of the divine guidelines given to humanity, which are designed to help them through life's trials, successfully pass the test of life, and secure their well-being in the afterlife as found in Chapter 4.

The Quran considers Christians and Jews who adhere to divine scriptures as believers and addresses them with love and care, recognizing them as men and women of faith and as a fulfillment of God's 'Great Nations' prophecy to Abraham. Muslims believe that Islam is a continuation and renewal of Judaism and Christianity and gives special regard to Christians, considering them closest in affection to Muslims. Furthermore, Christians and Jews enjoy a privileged status in Islam, with every Muslim being obligated to respect and defend them if they reside in Muslim countries, even if it means risking Muslim lives. In general, the Muslim perspective of Christians is comparable to the Christian view of Jews. Many Christians might be surprised to know that Muslim scholars, upon reading the New Testament, perceive the nature of God as being consistent with the teachings of the Quran, the Torah, and previous revelations. The variation in how Christian and Muslim scholars interpret the same Bible verses is more technical than theological. The Muslim side observes the following distinct scripture interpretation control rule: Implied interpretations that clash with explicit, direct, and reiterated scriptural texts are deemed invalid'. It may also come as a surprise to some that Muslims share many broad End Times prophecies with mainstream Christians and believe that Jesus is alive in heaven and will return "in the flesh". Moreover, Muslims believe that those who survive the anti-Christ test and persevere will join Jesus when he confronts evil. Like mainstream Christians and Jews, mainstream Muslims believe that End Times prophecies should serve as a source of inspiration and motivation for believers to lead virtuous and pious lives. Mainstream Muslims disagree with Zionist Christians and evangelical leaders, however, regarding the objectives, applications, and implications of these prophecies. From the Muslim standpoint, the End Times are believed to be a part of God's grand plan to test all of humanity: Will the faithful adhere to divine commands or transgress them when they possess knowledge of the future, thereby suggesting that 'the end justifies the means.' As a result, Muslims strongly reject the notion that the awaited return of Jesus and the anticipated kingdom of heaven, which are both also anticipated by Muslims, can be used to justify more than 75 years of displacement, suffering, anguish, and the violation

of millions of Palestinian children and their families. More about Christians and Jews in the Quran, scripture interpretation controls, End Time, and the return of Jesus are provided in chapter 5.

Muslims hold the belief that the Quran has been meticulously preserved and recorded, capturing precisely the words spoken by Muhammad. Over the course of 23 years and as Muhammad received revelations, he guided hundreds, perhaps even thousands, of his companions to memorize sections or the entirety of the Quran. He fostered a meticulous Quran recitation culture in which it was socially acceptable, even expected, for individuals to publicly interject and correct any recitation errors made by others. Roughly two decades post Muhammad's demise, his companions compiled and recorded the matching recitations from about six distinguished companion reciters who had withstood the rigorous public vetting of the meticulous recitation culture. These collected works were subsequently examined, reviewed, and received unanimous endorsement from eyewitnesses who had directly heard Muhammad's recitations. A more in-depth exploration of the documentation of the Quran, along with analogies to illustrate the dialect/accent challenge, is provided in Chapter 6.

Finally, Chapter 7 has the author's personal appeal to Peace- and God-loving American pastors to help their congregations empathize with Palestinian children and show unconditional and indiscriminate compassion to other weak and helpless victims of the on-going pursuit of End-Times prophecies. The Palestinian cause and children and this appeal have inspired 'The Recital'.

Basic Quran statistics compared to the popular King James translation of the Bible:

	Quran	King James Bible
Number of books	1	66
Total chapters (Surahs)	114	1,189
Total verses	6,236	31,102
Total Words	77,430	788,258

By way of comparison, the Arabic Quran at 77,430 words is a little bit shorter than the New Testament (the four Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John), which total about 83,883 words in the English KJV.

## What Did Muhammad Experience?

There is historical consensus that Muhammad experienced a condition that appeared similar to epilepsy and that he spoke a marvel of classic Arabic literature immediately after regaining consciousness. The exact nature of what he experienced is disputed, however:

According to Muhammad, this condition occurred when verses of the Quran

Christians Believe Today The Bible	Muslims Believe Today The Quran
Inspired by God	Revealed by God
The term "Word of God" is a general reference to divine messages found in the scriptures	The term "Word of God" refers to the verbatim word of God
Authored by a large number of individuals, some are unknown	Uttered by a single individual: Muhammad son of Abdullah son of Hashim
Various sections were written in different languages depending on the author	The Quran is in Classic Arabic
Various sections or chapters were written at different times and locations starting in the first century AD	First rough manuscript made of sorted but unbinded sections was compiled two years after Muhammad's death. First complete bonded codex was written about 20 years thereafter
Human authors, were moved by the Holy Spirit in choosing thoughts and words to convey God's deeds, plans, commands, and laws and the life of Jesus	God's words were dictated, word for word, by the Angel Gabriel to Muhammad
The Bible was put together by a process called "canonization" by which certain writings are selected, officially recognized by the church as authoritative and sacred, and added together to form a collection of authoritative scriptures	The Quran was collected into one book by documenting the matching or consistent recitation of popular reciters that survived public scrutiny. Afterwards, the documented recitations were reviewed and approved by eyewitnesses and Muhammad's trusted companions.
Translated Bibles, whether English, German, Spanish, or other languages, are also "word of God" because Jesus called a Greek translation of the Hebrew Old Testament the "word of God"	Translations of the Quran are articulated by humans and might have many errors (Muslims are usually confused when Christians use the term "word of God" to refer to the English Bible because God did not speak to Jesus in English)

were revealed to him by angel Gabriel. He stated that God's words were dictated to him word-for-word and he was ordered by the angel to memorize and recite them verbatim to the people.

Pagans at the time believed Muhammad was either insane, a sorcerer, or a gifted poet and was either lying or imagining things about angels.

After about a hundred and fifty years, the Greek chronicler Theophanes (born 758 CE) suggested that Muhammad suffered from epilepsy better diagnosed today as temporal lobe epilepsy.

Most Christian leaders believe the entire story of revelation is made up and suggest that Muhammad is the author, was pretending inspiration, and got his

information from Christians and Jews. Others have believed that the Quran was inspired by Satan to lead people away from Jesus. Other skeptics believe Muhammad was not being deliberately deceptive. They say he sincerely believed his revelations, but in fact his ecstatic states of mind are best explained by natural, not supernatural, causes.

From the perspective of Muslims, the physical state of revelation, be it natural or related to epilepsy, holds no significance and gets minimal attention by mainstream Muslims. The words spoken by Muhammad is what constitutes an extraordinary phenomenon, and these are widely accessible for examination. Moreover, Muslims highlight certain unique physical aspects of Muhammad's state of revelation:

- 1. Muhammad felt physical pressure on his body during revelation, and his companions also felt and witnessed this pressure.
- 2. Muhammad gracefully lost and regained consciousness. In many cases he remained siting with head lowered and in other cases he laid down during the revelation condition. There are no reports of shivering or loss of balance.
- 3. Muhammad regained consciousness fully aware and in many instances was lip-speaking verses of the Quran in a rush.

Another important point, from Muslim perspective, is Muhammad's natural reaction to events around him. The way he reacted to several incidents in his life enforce Muslim's belief in his prophethood:

- 1. When Muhammad received the first revelation, he was terrified and in a state of shock, believing himself to be suffering from an illness. He secluded himself at home and sought help. It was a Christian monk who first suggested that he might be the prophesied messenger of God. In other words, it took some time for Muhammad to grasp what had occurred. Had he been pretending, he probably would have begun by announcing his claim of prophethood, and the people's response would have been initially a reaction to that claim.
- 2. When Muhammad's only son, Ibrahim, passed away, Muhammad was deeply grief-stricken, shedding tears more than ever before. His companions were deeply moved by his sorrow. At that same night, a lunar eclipse took place. Rumors began to spread, suggesting that even the moon was mourning Ibrahim's passing. However, upon hearing this rumor, Muhammad stated as he continued to grief, 'The sun and the moon do not eclipse due to the death or birth of anyone. When you witness an eclipse, pray and call upon God.' Someone seeking to deceive might have taken credit for this celestial event to enhance their own legitimacy.

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My name is Ayman Alhasan. I am a father, an author, a US citizen, and the son of Palestinian parents. Having lived in various parts of the world, I now reside in North Dallas and consider myself a citizen of the world. I am searching for young, courageous, God-loving Christian, Muslim, and Jewish peacemakers to kickstart www.Handshake4Peace.com and transform it into an effective, multi-faith, global grassroots peacebuilding platform.

Since the website will essentially provide intermediary peacemaking services, I anticipate that most of our meetings will be conducted via Zoom. In the first virtual meeting, I will introduce myself, present the vision of JCIC, review the purpose of Handshake4Peace, and lead a brainstorming session to help formulate a plan of action for the launch and activation of the website.

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