

Shari'ah and Jihad 01/30/13 by Elliott Rodgers

P 93 – Graphic: Five pillars and three beliefs

Qur'an – previous notes

Shari'ah law – strict interpretation of laws based on Qur'an

1. Based on ideas like Hammurabi's Code, Roman law
 - a. Eye for eye (ancient)
 - b. Literal punishment –
 - i. If you steal, cut off your hand
 - c. Abominable behaviors – death
 1. Stone to death a homosexual
 2. Cut off the head of adulterers
 - d. Equal applies to all
2. Women must be modest, head covering
 - a. Not allowed to drive (Saudi Arabia)
 - b. Cannot have a job
 - c. Sign a contract (not much different than USA until early 1900s)
3. Interpreted differently in different countries
 - a. Saudi Arabia strict
 - b. Iran – women can drive, divorce, be educated
 - c. Former colonies – Egypt, India, Libya: adopted European law with some Islamic law
 - d. Modern Islamic countries that pushed to modernize – Turkey – modern code

Jihad

1. Misused in America by people who are prejudiced.
2. Definition(s) –
 - a. Internal struggle to strive to be with God as dictated in the Qur'an
 - i. Living within the must do, should do, neutral, should not do, and must never do categories of actions
 - ii. Takes a lifetime
 - iii. Requires that you admit your mistakes to God – humbled
 - b. Outer Jihad
 - i. When you see injustice in the world, especially directed towards Muslims, a Muslim must take action, and fight the injustice
 - ii. Protest, sue in court, speak out, give money to the cause
 - iii. Freedom fighter – protect Muslims from outer forces
 - d. Non-Islamic prejudiced definition
 - i. Change through violence