

Islamic Doctrine versus the U.S. Constitution: Handling Evasive Responses

...Ibn 'Abbas who said: "Allah's Messenger, Allah bless him and give him peace, said: 'Avoid reporting anything from me other than what you know, for whoever lies about me shall be in hell fire; and whoever lies about the Qur'an shall enter hell fire.'"

Al-Wahidi's Asbab al-Nuzul, p. 2

Important Note: This brochure is meant to be used in conjunction with the information in the following four brochures:

1. *Islamic Doctrine versus the U.S. Constitution: Questions for Muslim Public Officials and Political Candidates.*
2. *Islam and American Values: Cruel and Unusual Punishment*
3. *Islam and American Values: Freedom of Religion and Speech*
4. *Islam and American Values: Slavery*

These brochures can be printed out and/or downloaded at IslamSeries.org.

What do you do if a Muslim public official/candidate gives an evasive response to one of your questions? Here are some scenarios:

If the Muslim public official says that he does not believe your information, you can respond by stating:

Muhammad said that anyone who told a lie about him would go to Hell. The Koran commentaries and stories about Muhammad I am relying on have been written by Muslim scholars who have been considered authoritative and have been relied on by other Muslim scholars for centuries. Would these authoritative Muslim scholars really want to go to Hell just so they could tell a lie about Muhammad?

******Source Information:**

Works of the following scholars were used in this brochures series and are among "the traditional Sunni Islamic Canon":

1. Commentaries by Jalalayn, ibn Kathir, and al-Wahidi's *Asbab al Nuzul*;
2. The *hadith* collections of al-Bukhari, Muslim, an-Nasa'i, at-Tirmidhi, Abu Dawud (al-Sijistani), and ibn Majah; and ibn Hanbal's *Musnad*;
3. The traditional biographical and historical works of *Sira* by ibn Ishaq, al-Waqidi, and al-Tabari, and the *Muwatta'* of Imam Malik.

The Muslim 500 – The World's 500 Most Influential Muslims 2019, The Royal Islamic Strategic Studies Centre (Amman, Jordan), p. 34, <http://themuslim500.com/>.

Then ask your question again.

If the Muslim public official says that you are basing your question on a bad translation of the Koran or teaching/example of Muhammad, this allows you to respond:

The majority of the sources I am relying on are the writings of authoritative Muslim scholars which have been translated into English by other Muslim scholars and published by Muslim publishing houses. The Koran translation is published by Darussalam publishers in Saudi Arabia and the authoritative biography of Muhammad is printed by Mas Printers in Pakistan. Are you going on record now as stating that Darussalam and Mas Printers are misrepresenting what your prophet Muhammad taught and/or what Allah commanded in the Koran?

Be ready to ask your question again.

If the Muslim public official responds by claiming not to follow or believe in a particular teaching of Islam, this allows you to respond:

Since you don't follow/believe in what the Koran/your prophet Muhammad teaches about the legitimacy of [...], then it will be easy for you to go on record now as stating that the man-made laws in our U. S. Constitution prohibiting [...] are true laws and are to be followed instead of

this 7th Century command of Allah/teaching of Muhammad.

***Here is a follow-up question that if appropriate can be asked by you if there is time or by one of your friends later:

You stated that our man-made laws regarding [...] should be followed instead of the teachings/example of Muhammad (command of Allah in the Koran). Are you thereby stating that Muslims in the United States should follow the man-made laws of the United States if there is a conflict between those man-made laws and the teachings/examples of Muhammad (commands of Allah in the Koran)?

If the Muslim public official responds with a general statement that Islam commands them to follow the laws of the land in which they reside, this allows you to respond:

So you are saying that Islam commands you to follow the man-made laws of the United States. Does this mean that when there is a conflict between the man-made laws of the United States and the commands of Allah and/or the teachings and example of your prophet Muhammad, our man-made laws will come first and you will choose to follow them?

For more detailed information that you can refer to when asking these questions, I encourage you to download a free PDF copy of my book: *Islamic Doctrine versus the U.S. Constitution: The Dilemma for Muslim Public Officials*.

<https://www.centerforsecuritypolicy.org/2019/12/03/csp-press-releases-primer-on-islamic-doctrine-versus-the-u-s-constitution/>

It's more than just about having three Muslims in Congress. I think symbolically it has great value, but I won't rest until 2020 we have five more members of Congress; 2022 and 24, we have ten more Muslims in Congress. In 2030 we may have about 30, 35 Muslims in Congress. Then we're talking about Madame Chair Rashida. We're talking about Madame Chair Ilhan. Hell, we could be saying Speaker of the House Ilhan, Speaker of the House Rashida, Senator Rashida, Governor Ilhan, President Fatima, Vice President Aziza, Inshah' Allah... Each and every one of us has a directive to represent Islam, in all of our imperfections, but to represent Islam and let the world know that Muslims are here to stay, and Muslims are a part of America. And we will, we will have a Muslim caucus that is sizable, that is formidable, and that is there for you.

U.S. Congressman Andre Carson (a Muslim convert) – Indiana 7th District CAIR [Council on American-Islamic Relations] *Community Congressional Reception*, January 10, 2019

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