What is Shari'a Law?

In the elections a few weeks ago, Oklahomans overwhelmingly voted for State Question 755 that would forbid Shari'a law or other international law to be considered when the courts hand down decisions. However, a lawsuit has been brought against this in Oklahoma courts to challenge the law's constitutionality. Many Americans may be unaware of how Shari'a law can affect a society, so I've written this article to help answer the following questions:

What exactly is Shari'a Law? Should we Americans be concerned about this? Is it a 'freedom of religion' issue or a political one? What can we, as voting citizens, do about it?

What is Shari'a Law?

Shari'a Law is an Ideological system of Islamic laws written in accordance to four sources.

a) **Qur'an:** The book of direct quotes from Allah allegedly dictated by angel Gabriel to Muhammad.

b) Hadith (oral writings): The collections of sayings and deeds of Muhammad

c) Al-Qiyas (analogy): The legal decision drawn by Islamic Jurists based on precedent cases.

d) *Ijma'* (consensus): The interpretations of Islamic laws handed down by the consensus of reputed Muslim scholars in a certain country.

A state under Shari'a Law becomes an Islamic State that is radically different from a national state. It intentionally discriminates between Muslims & Non-Muslims. No Non-Muslim is allowed to hold any political, social, or business position over a Muslim. All policy & administration of such a state rests with the Muslim only.

10 Tenets of Shari'a Law That Would Affect You & Me

The following citations are offered as illustrative examples of the basis for some practices under *Shari'a Law* that we would be subject to if it was used in any cases of law in the U.S.

- Witness Testimony: <u>No non-Muslim may testify in Shari'a Law</u>. Shari'a does not recognize the right to a trial by jury, depositions (discovery) or legal representation.
 If we witnessed any Muslim commit a crime, our testimony could be inadmissible in the courtroom. No selection of 12 of our peers would hear the case and rule. No lawyer is available for our defense.
- II. Acceptable "Murders" under Shari'a –It is not lawful to shed the blood of a Muslim except for one of three sins:

A. Apostasy, the Sin of Treason: is a person renouncing Islam, and leaving the community. The established ruling of Shari'a is that apostates are to be killed wherever they may be found.

"Whoever changed his Islamic religion, then kill him." (Bukhari Hadith, Volume 9, #17)

"Leaving Islam is the ugliest form of unbelief (kufr) and the worst.....When a person who has reached puberty and is sane voluntarily apostasizes from Islam, he deserves to be killed...There is no indemnity for killing an apostate..." ('Umdat al-Salik, Reliance of the Traveler, Chapter 08.0-08.4) Ex-Muslim Believers in Jesus in our churches would be at risk to be killed in the US and the executer of the death would receive no penalty or jail time for this murder under Shari'a Law.

B. Adultery ('*Zina'* in Arabic): the **Sin of unlawful intercourse** is a capital crime under Shari'a, punishable by lashing and stoning to death.

"The woman and the man guilty of adultery or fornication, flog each of them with a hundred stripes; let not compassion move you in their case, in a matter prescribed by Allah, if ye believe in Allah and the Last Day: and let a party of the Believers witness the punishment." (Quran 24:2)

C. 'Honor' Killing (aka Muslim family executions) Sin of non-submission: A Muslim parent faces no legal penalty under Islamic law for killing his child or grandchild: "...not subject to retaliation" is "a father or mother (or their fathers or mothers) for killing their offspring, or offspring's offspring." ('Umdat al-Salik, 01.1-2) Please see list in "A Legacy of Bitterness or Love" – 35 incidents in America!

III. Discrimination Rules & Law about Women: Shari'a explicitly relegates women to a status inferior to men. Women are considered less in intelligence & more unstable than men and must be dominated:

A. Testimony of a (Muslim) woman before a judge is worth half that of a man: "And get two witnesses, not of your own men, and if there are not two men, then a man and two women, such as ye choose for witnesses." (Quran 2:282)

B. Women are to receive just one-half the inheritance of a male: "Allah thus directs you as regards your children's inheritance: to the male, a portion equal to that of two females...." (Quran 4:11)

IV. Shari'a Law Discriminates against Women in Marriage:

A. Muslim men are permitted to marry up to four wives and to keep slaves/concubines in any number.

Marry women of your choice, two, or three, or four; but if ye fear that ye shall not be able to deal justly with them, then only one, or <u>a captive</u> that your right hands possess..." (Quran 4:3)

B. Muslim women may marry only one Muslim man and are forbidden from marrying a Non-Muslim:

"And give not (your daughters) in marriage to Al-Mushrikun [non-Muslims] till they believe in Allah alone and verily a believing slave is better than a (free) Mushrik, even though he pleases you...." (Quran 2:221)

C. Muslim men are given permission by Allah to beat their wives in the Quran.

"As to those women on whose part ye fear disloyalty and ill conduct, admonish them first, next refuse to share their beds, and last, beat them." (Q 4:34)

D. Underage Marriage/Pedophilia: Islamic doctrine permits the marriage of pre-adolesent girls. There is no minimum age for a marriage contract and consummation may take place when the girl is age eight or nine.

"Aisha narrated: that the Prophet married her when she was six years old and he consummated his marriage when she was nine years old, and then she remained with him for nine years (i.e., till his death)." (Sahih al-Bukhari hadith, vol. 7, Book 62, Number 64; see also Numbers 65 and 88)

E. Muslim men are given permission by Allah to commit marital rape, as they please: "Your wives are as a tilth unto you, so approach your tilth when or how ye will...." (Quran 2: 223)

F. Claim of Rape Needs (4) Eyewitnesses. The burden of avoiding illicit sexual encounters falls entirely on the Muslim woman. A woman, unable to produce 4 witnesses, is admitting to illicit sex, & if married, adultery, which then brings punishment. The following Quranic passage, while explicitly applying to men, are cited by Shari'a judges in adjudicating rape cases:

"Why did they not bring four witnesses to prove it? When they have not brought the witnesses, such men, in the sight of Allah, stand forth themselves as liars!" (Quran 24:13)

- V. Divorce in Islam. Only a man can divorce his wife by saying, "I divorce you" three times. A wife is only allowed to divorce, if the husband converts to another religion. Custody of the children always goes to the man, except in case of apostasy or death.
- VI. Hudud Punishments (Dismemberment or Death by Stoning/Crucifixion): "a fixed penalty prescribed as a right of Allah. "Because *hudud* penalties belong to Allah, Islamic law does not permit them to be waived or commuted."

"On that account, We ordained for the Children of Israel that if any one slew a [Muslim] person unless it be for murder or for spreading mischief in the land—it would be as if he slew the whole people....The punishment of those who wage war against Allah and his apostle, and strive with might and main for mischief through the land is execution, or crucifixion, or the cutting off of hands and feet from opposite sides, or exile from the land..." (Quran 32-33)

"Shari'a stipulates these punishments and methods of execution such as amputation, crucifixion, flogging, and stoning, for offenses as adultery, homosexuality, killing without right, theft, and 'spreading mischief in the land' because these were mandated by the Qur'an or Sunnah." (*Islamic Hudood Laws in Pakistan*, Edn 1996, 5.)

Muslims are encouraged to witness these punishments to deter rebellion against Allah!

VII. No Democracy in Islam: Any system of man-made law is considered illicit under Islamic law. For Muslims, Allah already has provided the only law permitted, Shari'a Law. Islam and democracy can never co-exist in harmony.

"And if any fail to judge by the light of what Allah has revealed, they are no better than unbelievers." (Quran 5:47)

VIII. Islamic Supremacism: Belief that Islam is superior to every other culture, faith, government, and society and that it is ordained by Allah to conquer and dominate them:

Be "merciful to one another, but ruthless to the unbelievers" (Quran 48:29) Non-Muslims are "the most vile of created beings" (Quran 98:6) "And whoever desires a religion other than Islam, it shall not be accepted from him, and in the hereafter he shall be one of the losers." (Quran 3:85)

IX. Hatred of Jews & Christians: Anti-Semitism is intrinsic to Shari'a and is based on the genocidal behavior of Mohammed himself in wiping out the entire Jewish population of the Arabian Peninsula due to their rejection of him as Prophet by his lineage. Muslims are told by Allah not to be friends with Jews or Christians!

"O you who believe! Do not take the Jews and the Christians for friends; for they are friends but of each other; and whoever amongst you takes them for a friend, then surely he is one of them; surely Allah does not guide the unjust people." (Quran 5:51)

X. Jihad is warfare to spread Islam, commanded by Muhammad in Islam & Part of Shari'a. Lying & deceit are acceptable means to spread Islam and further the cause of Shari'a.

"Fight and kill the disbelievers wherever you find them, and seize them, beleaguer them and lie in wait for them in every stratagem of war..." (Quran 9:5)

"So fight them until there is no more fitna and all submit to the religion of Allah alone." (Quran 8:39)

Should We as American Christian be Concerned About This?

I believe this is an overwhelming yes! Shari'a rejects the Judeo-Christian foundation of our American society, culture, freedom laws, republic governance, the U.S. Constitution, and degrades women and children. We must STOP it from entering our court system. We must be educated and ACT!

Is this a 'Freedom of Religion' Issue or a Political Issue?

Shari'a is not a religion, but being sold to the public as "freedom of religion." It is a discriminating political ideology, promotes hatred against Jews & Christians, and it allows for no other religion other than Islam.

Our American Christian Response

Allah through Islam ignites hatred and calls men to arms to conquer and dominate until all submit to Islam. Jesus, from the bible, calls us to "love our enemies," "do good to those who use and persecute us." We must reach out to Muslims who live among us and share the love and freedom of Jesus. Please study more about Islam and fight with the "Sword of the Spirit in Prayer" to win the next court date, concerning State Question 755. Contact other state senators & house members, plus the attorney general, to defend this attack.

For more information go to web: "American Laws for American Courts". <u>www.davidyerushalmi.com/CLE-Course-on-Draft-Uniform-Act--American-Laws-for-American-Courts-b25-p0.html</u>. This is legislation our state can pass to help prevent foreign laws to enter our court systems.

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