



# ISLAM

## ARABIC TRANSLATION: SUBMISSION

In the spirit of Islamic Awareness Week, the SOURCE presents an itinerary to supplement the educational experience.

"I will cast terror into the hearts of those who disbelieve. Therefore strike off their heads and strike off every fingertip of them." —The Koran, Sura 8:12

Author Salman Rushdie needed to go into hiding after Iran's Ayatollah Khomeini declared a fatwa calling for his death for writing *The Satanic Verses*, which was declared "blasphemous against Islam."

### MONDAY

Slavery was an integral part of Islamic culture. Since the 7<sup>th</sup> century, 14 million African slaves were sold to Muslims compared to 10 or 11 million sold to the entire Western Hemisphere. As recently as 1878, 25,000 slaves were sold annually in Mecca and Medina. (*National Review* 2002).

The seven nations in the world that punish homosexuality with death all have fundamentalist Muslim governments.

### TUESDAY

In Saudi Arabia, women make up 5% of the workforce, the smallest percentage of any nation worldwide. They are not allowed to operate a motor vehicle or go outside without proper covering of their body. (*Country Reports on Human Rights Practices* 2001)

Most historians agree that Muhammed's second wife Aisha was 9 years old when their marriage was consummated.

### WEDNESDAY

"Not equal are those believers who sit and receive no hurt, and those who strive and fight in the cause of Allah with their goods and their persons. Allah hath granted a grade higher to those who strive and fight with their goods and persons than to those who sit. Unto all Hath Allah promised good: But those who strive and fight Hath He distinguished above those who sit by a special reward." —The Koran, Sura 4:95

The Islamist guerrillas in Iraq are not only killing American soldiers fighting for freedom. They are also responsible for the vast majority of civilian casualties.

### THURSDAY

Ibn Al-Ghazzali, the famous Islamic theologian, said, "The most satisfying and final word on the matter is that marriage is a form of slavery. The woman is man's slave and her duty therefore is absolute obedience to the husband in all that he asks of her person."

Mohamed Hadfi, 31, tore out his 23-year-old wife Samira Bari's eyes in their apartment in the southern French city of Nimes in July 2003 following a heated argument about her refusal to have sex with him. (*Herald Sun*)

### FRIDAY

If you are a peaceful Muslim who can explain or justify this astonishingly intolerant and inhuman behavior, we'd really like to hear from you! Please send all letters to [tuftsprimarysource@gmail.com](mailto:tuftsprimarysource@gmail.com).