

Things I've learned about Islam while living in an Islamic country
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Religious Lies

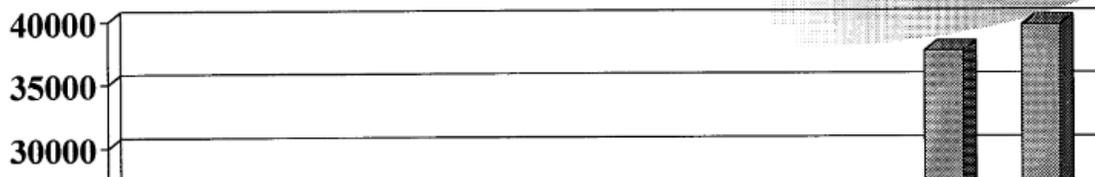
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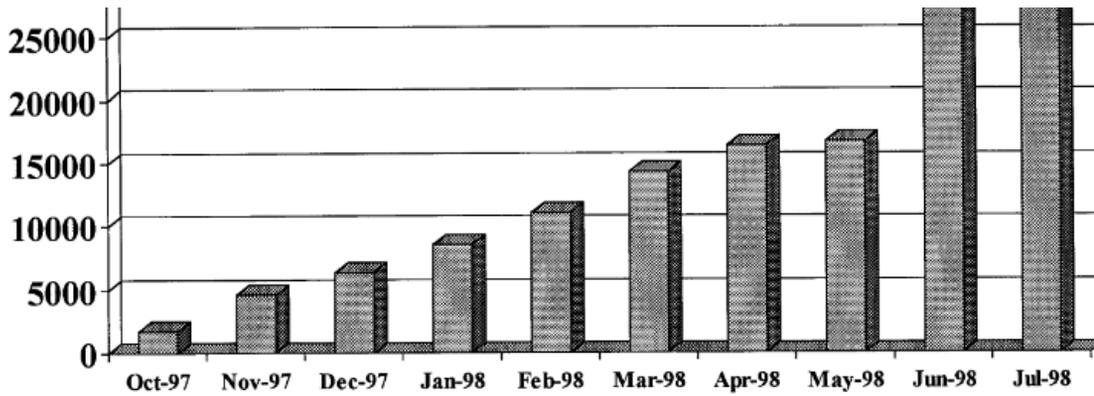


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Oddly, I once had a \$8,000,000 contract to put all houses of worship in North American on the web, and I did get about 1/3 of the 300,000 up and editing in 1997, within 18 months. Alas, the group that took over my funding agent went from 'right wing' Christian to 'evangelical.' And the system imploded when we were forced to require an "affirmation of faith" of every church. 113,000+ churches stopped weekly editing within a few weeks, leaving about 13,000. They changed the name to something I cannot remember and the whole enterprise collapsed in babble.

Houses of Worship Count of Churches with Edited Pages





About half way to the 113,000 Editing Houses of Worship Achieved in 18 months.

I was interested because houses of worship outnumber schools (elementary, high, college, university) three to one. That is about 300,000 houses of worship to about 100,000 schools in North America. I am a Christian (sort of Methodist, sort of Presbyterian), but I was doing this for the weekly bulletins of local events. Not for any particularly religious purpose. I was sad they did not see the value of places to worship places for interesting community things to do, like worship and free dinners.

It all began when the funder said to eliminate all Mosques. the one Hindu Temple in the USA, then came the synagogues. Then came the Unitarians (not Christian either...) until the head of the Church of Christ called me, complaining 40% of the those churches were co-denomenational with the Unitarian Church, and we had deleted a few thousand Christian Churches.

The new head of my funders was shocked and amazed and had us put them all back, but not the pure Unitarians. He was also insistent that Catholics were not Christian, and lord only knows how the Mormons were not all in Hell already.

I, and my company, quit. It was all we could do. They had the money. They were from New York City and extorted us.

So much for a mission of local community support for all Houses of Worship.

In going through that roller coaster I met religious people of all stripes. We would always be seen praying in a restaurant — typically there were five or so of us meeting on plans in different cities around the USA. And people would come up to us to tell us how great it was to see us praying before our meal. I was happy to pray for the blessing of a meal but that is another story.

I used to say that in any given restaurant, anywhere, about 10% of the people sitting in the restaurant would gladly kill you if they thought you were not Christian, and they could get away with it. I suspect the same is true in Islam.

The walls of different opinions about truth and lies is inevitable, and inescapable, among humans, and can be dangerous.

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In that world of religion, there was a Press Company in the Midwest, a famous one, that just looked at people killing other people anywhere in the world, and sought the religious reason, then wrote about it, to be the research used by the retail press worldwide. The head of that outfit said to me, “when people die in numbers not of natural causes, you just have to look for the religious reason, and you always find it.” Maybe he was exaggerating, but only a little, I think.

There are walls blocking dialogue between religious communities. Same is true for the “parareligious communities” like cults, Scientology, and such. These are not dissimilar to walls blocking dialogue between companies that are competitors.

This leads to what I have called “paths of deceit.” The lack of dialogue on suspect lies creates the walls that we build.

<p>Paths of Deceit</p> <p>The Internet Court of Lies</p> <p>medium.com</p>	
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I am not suggesting that we should not have the walls of assertions that one group thinks are lies and the other thinks are truths.

Indeed, different creeds legitimately believe different truths that are true as the sun to them.

We should, however, have an Internet Court of Lies that shines the light of socially acceptable perceived lies and unacceptable perceived lies so that we understand the truth and lies associated with the various religions, with the various competing companies, and as George Washington noted, different countries, and he warned, different political parties.

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