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Does ISIS Represent Islam or Muslims?

ISIS or Islamic State of Iraq & Syria, claims to represent Islam and claims its roots are in the *Quran*, the Muslim holy book and the Prophetic Tradition (Hadith), recorded sayings and doings of the Prophet Muhammad. Fortunately, this is untrue as there are numerous verses in the *Quran* and Hadith that expound justice, tolerance, peace and love for neighbors. Islam, the name of the religion, derives from the word peace in Arabic, Salaam. In this short presentation learn the tenets of Islam, the religious justification ISIS uses to kill Muslims and people of other faith groups, as well as the answer to those justifications from a practicing Muslim's perspective.

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