

“always dexterous”



### Champion of Moderate Supremacism

- [Sheik Ali Gom'a](#) - Current (2011) [Grand Mufti](#) of Egypt, Sunni jurist, Ph.D. Department of Sharia and Law, Al-Azhar U. In Nov 2009 The Royal Islamic Strategic Studies Center in Jordan and Georgetown University's Prince Alwaleed Bin Talal Center for Muslim-Christian Understanding released a book featuring the world's [500 most influential](#) Muslims where Gom'a was #7:

"A group of researchers investigated who are the most visibly influential Muslims out there," said Professor John Esposito, who co-authored of the book. "The issue is not how orthodox they are. The criterion is how influential these people are in their particular area."

- 1) Saudi King Abdullah
- 2) Iran's Grand Ayatollah Ali Khamenei - (Shia)
- 3) Jordans King Abdullah II
- 4) Turkish Premier Erdogan
- 5) Al-Azhar Grand Imam of Al-Azhar U, Sheik Tantawi (Sunni) (died 2010).
- 6) Sheik Qaradawi (Sunni)
- 7) Egyptian Grand Mufti Ali Gom'a (Sunni)

He authored over 50 books. "One of the foremost Islamic scholars in the world. Goma is responsible for the leading institute for Islamic legal research (Daral Ifta al Masriyyah), and the legal arm of the Egyptian Ministry of Justice, which is responsible for passing official religious rulings [some [5,000 fatwas per week](#)]. Before becoming Grand Mufti, Goma was a professor of jurisprudence at Al Azhar University. Member of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy, the highest institute of Islamic law in the Organization of the Islamic Cooperation." The [OIC](#) is a 57 state collective of every

Islamic country in the world plus the Palestinian Territories, representing the entire ummah (or global Muslim community), and is the largest single voting bloc in the United Nations, so his political influence goes beyond Egypt's domestic affairs.

Dinesh D'Souza [says](#) he is a leading example of a moderate, Jay Tolsen of US News [laments](#) "western politicians and commentators have asked the same questions repeatedly: Where are the voices of moderate Islam?" Yet the West - including, more specifically, the U.S. government - has done little to locate or assist such moderates" [as Gom'a]. [New Yorker's](#) Lawrence Wright: "a highly promoted champion of moderate Islam... He is the kind of cleric the West longs for... an advocate for Muslim women." Chicago Tribune's Michael Tackett [says](#) he "always has a dexterous display of rhetorical skills that show a command of politics in addition to religion."

### On Women

- 5/26/06 - Says wife beating is permitted by Islam in Muslim countries, but is forbidden in the West. ([MEMRI TV](#)) ([transcript](#))
- 9/13/07 - Yes to killing adulterers, and a polygamous husband creates beneficial conditions for women: There is no way to paraphrase this interview, it's a good example of deception. ([MEMRI TV](#)) ([transcript](#))

### Apostates Must Be 'Punished'

- 7/24/07: Does not specify a penalty, he's a politician.

"Egypt's top cleric yesterday denied in a statement that he had said a Muslim can give up his faith without punishment. Ali Goma'a, the mufti of Egypt, was quoted as saying in a posting on a Washington Post-Newsweek forum that Muslims are free to change their faith and this is a matter between an individual and God. "What I actually said is that Islam prohibits a Muslim from changing his religion and that apostasy is a crime, which must be punished," Goma'a said. The alleged fatwa coincides with an uproar over the case of 12 Egyptians who converted to Islam from Christianity and now want to re-embrace Christianity."

The MSM manipulated this by reporting the 1st story, then not his clarification, and so he is widely remembered as Moderate™ for his first misunderstood statement. ([Gulf News](#))

### Forbids Displaying Statues

- 4/3/06:

“A fatwa issued by Egypt’s top religious authority, which forbids the display of statues has art-lovers fearing it could be used by Islamic extremists as an excuse to destroy Egypt’s historical heritage. The country’s top Islamic jurist, issued the religious edict, basing the decision on texts in the hadith (sayings of the prophet): ”Sculptors would be tormented most on Judgment Day,” saying the text left no doubt that sculpting was “sinful” and using statues for decorating homes forbidden.” Intellectuals and artists argue that the decree represents a setback for art -- a mainstay of the multi-billion-dollar tourist industry.” ([Cairo AFP](#))

Imagine the Great Sphinx or Pyramids destroyed like the 1500 year old Bamiyan carved Buddhas were in Afghanistan by the Taliban because of a fatwa:



180' Tall Post Taliban 0'

Not Haram

121' Tall

Post Taliban 0'

### Supports Hezbollah

- 7/30/06: During the Hezbollah/Israeli war while they were firing rockets [into civilian areas of Israel from UN outposts and civilian areas](#) in Lebanon to draw fire there in order to kill as many civilians as possible on both sides

"Hizbollah is defending it's country and what it is doing is not terrorism." ([Reuters Cairo](#))

### On The Jews

- 8/7/06 - “the true and hideous face of the blood-suckers who were described” in *Der Talmudjude* (1871), by the antisemitic professor August Rohling.

“The Israeli discourse has turned to false declarations based on illusions, with wishful thinking taking precedence over facts.

These lies have exposed the true and hideous face of the blood-suckers who were described by Filmange in his book *The Treasure Hidden in the Talmudic Laws* [sic], which tells how [the Jews] planned [to prepare] a matzo [unleavened Passover bread]

using human blood. <sup>1</sup> If we follow events, the most important thing, in my opinion, is that the war going on plants hatred in the next generations, as though one of its goals is to perpetuate the conflict for many years to come.

All the Lebanese victims of the [Israeli] crimes were civilians, while those killed on the enemy's [side] were all soldiers. This is reality that speaks for itself, and not [empty] talk [that comes to] justify [actions], and will later be exposed as lies..." ([MEMRI](#)) *Al-Ahram* article

### On Supremacism

~ 9/2011 - From Raymond Ibrahim *Top Muslim Declares All Christians 'Infidels'*:

To what extent was Egypt's [Maspero massacre](#), wherein the military [literally mowed down](#) Christian Copts protesting the ongoing destruction of their churches, a product of anti-Christian sentiment?

A video of Egypt's Grand Mufti, [Sheikh Ali Gomaa](#) (or Gom'a), which began circulating weeks before the massacre, helps elucidate. While holding that Muslims may coexist with Christians (who, as dhimmis, have less rights), Gomaa categorized Christians as kuffar — "[infidels](#)" — a word that connotes "enemies," "evil-doers," and every bad thing to Muslim ears.

After quoting Quran 5:17, "Infidels are those who declare God is the Christ, [Jesus] son of Mary," he expounded by saying any association between a human and God (in Arabic, shirk) is the greatest sin: "Whoever thinks the Christ is God, or the Son of God, not symbolically — for we are all sons of God — but attributively, has rejected the faith which God requires for salvation," thereby becoming an infidel.

Gomaa then offered a hypothetical dialogue between Christians and Muslims to illustrate Islam's proper position:

Christians: You have the wrong idea about us; we don't worship the Christ.

Muslims: Okay, fine; we were under the wrong impression — but, *by the way*: "Infidels are those who declare God is the Christ, son of Mary."

Christians: But these are philosophical matters that we are unable to explain.

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<sup>1</sup> *The Treasure Hidden in the Talmudic Laws* (1899) is a compilation of two books, translated into Arabic by Dr. Yusuf Hana Nasrallah. The first is *Der Talmudjude* (1871), by the antisemitic professor August Rohling, and the other is a history of Syria from 1840, edited by Achille Lorraine. <http://www.asharqalarabi.org.uk/center/kutob-kanz.htm>

Muslims: Okay, fine; God is one—but, *by the way*: "Infidels are those who declare God is the Christ, son of Mary."

As a graduate of and long-time professor at Al Azhar university and Grand Mufti of Egypt..., Ali Gomaa represents mainstream Islam's — not "radical Islam's" or "Islamism's" — position concerning the "other," in this case, Christians.

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The fact is, this Quranic verse is as much a cornerstone of Islam's view of Christianity as the unity of God and Christ is a cornerstone of Christianity, articulated some 1700 years ago in the Nicene Creed. The issue is clear cut for all involved.

Accordingly, how can one fault Gomaa? As Grand Mufti, he is simply being true to Islam's teachings. Indeed, his consistency is more commendable than the equivocations of Western ecumenicalists who, by falling over themselves to assure Muslims that they all essentially believe in the same things, demonstrate, especially to Muslims, that they believe in nothing.

[...]

Either way, here is another reminder of how Quranic verses and terms that Western people brush aside as arcane or irrelevant have a tremendous impact on current events — such as Egypt's Maspero massacre: For the same word Gomaa, the nation's Grand Mufti, used to describe Christians is the same word Muslim soldiers used when they opened fire on and ran over Christian Copts; the same word twenty Muslim soldiers used as they tortured a protesting Christian; and the same word Muslims hurled at Christians during the funeral procession for their loved ones slain at Maspero: Infidel.

After he published that, he took criticism and more deception about the word by al-Azhar. Here is his [rebuttal](#).

- [Grand Mufti of Egypt: "There is no real problem" with religious discrimination, violence](#) - after Maspero massacre.
- 4/7/08 - From [Dr. Sami Alrabaa](#), an ex-Muslim, professor of Sociology, and an Arab / Muslim culture specialist. He taught at Kuwait University, King Saud University, and Michigan State University, now lives in Germany:

"Muslims must kill non-believers wherever they are unless they convert to Islam." ([daily Al Ahram \(April 7, 2008\)](#))