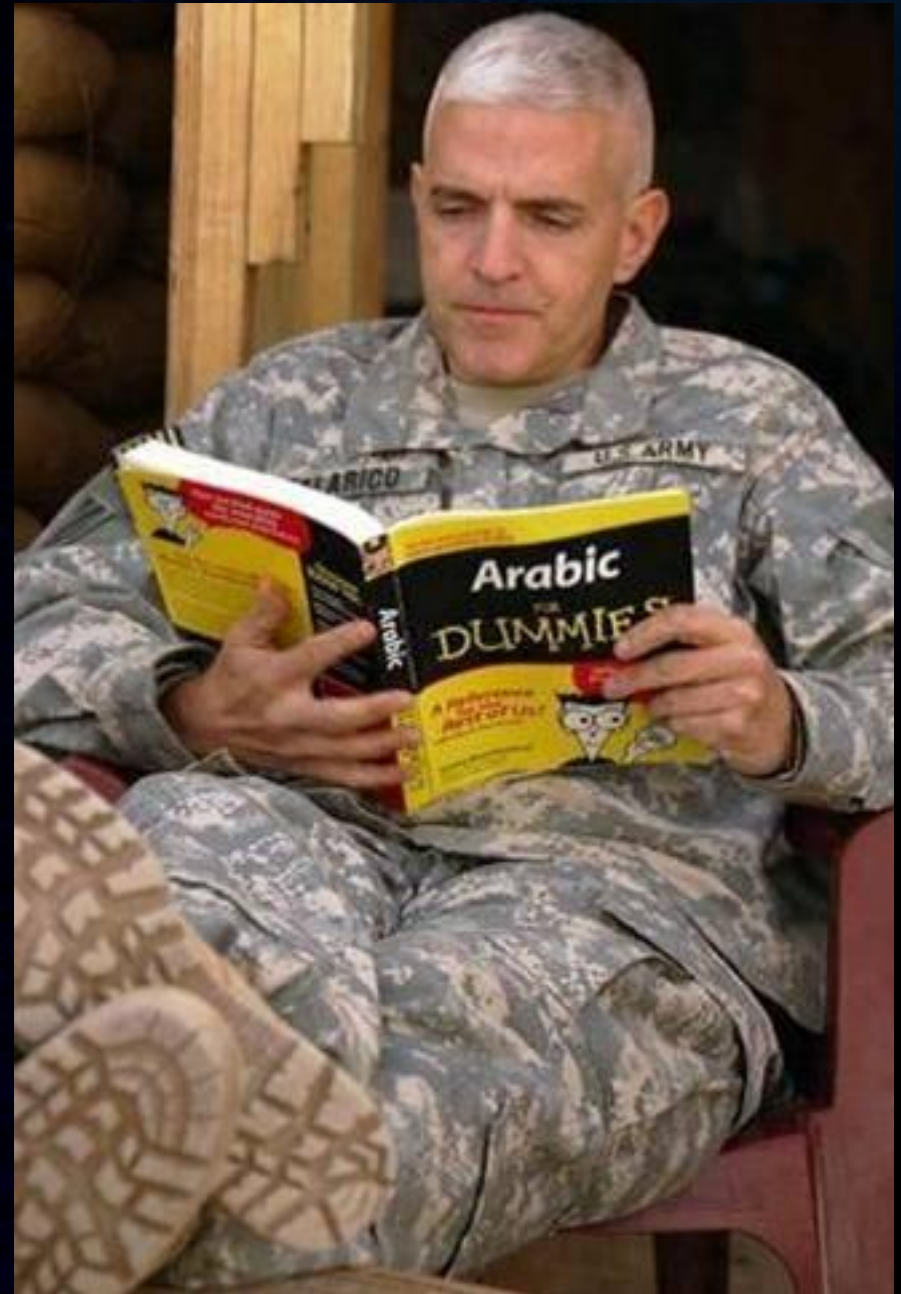


# Radical Islamist Tattoos

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The purpose of this presentation is to familiarize law enforcement personnel with radical Islamist tattoos. I had dozens of middle east linguists attempt to translate the attached tattoo examples and unfortunately had multiple interpretations for many of them. As you would suspect, the true meaning of each tattoo rests entirely with the wearer alone.

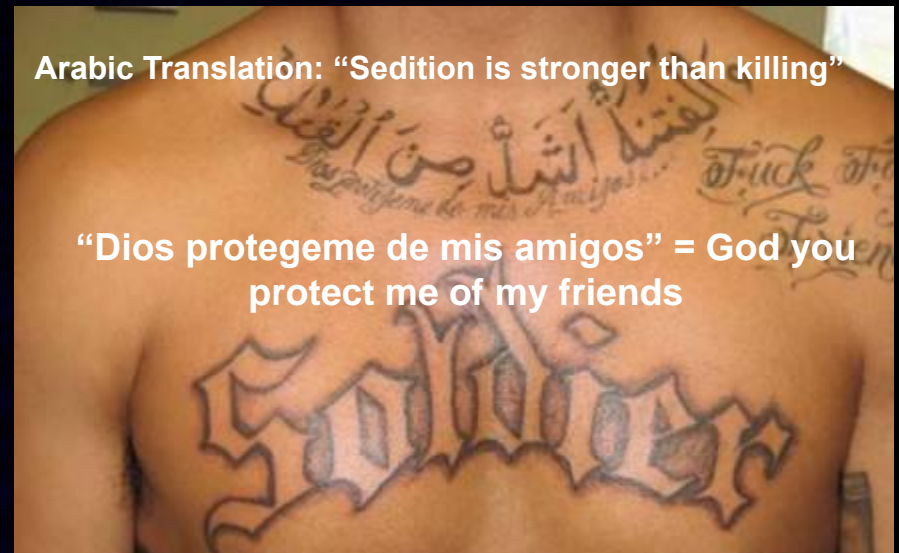
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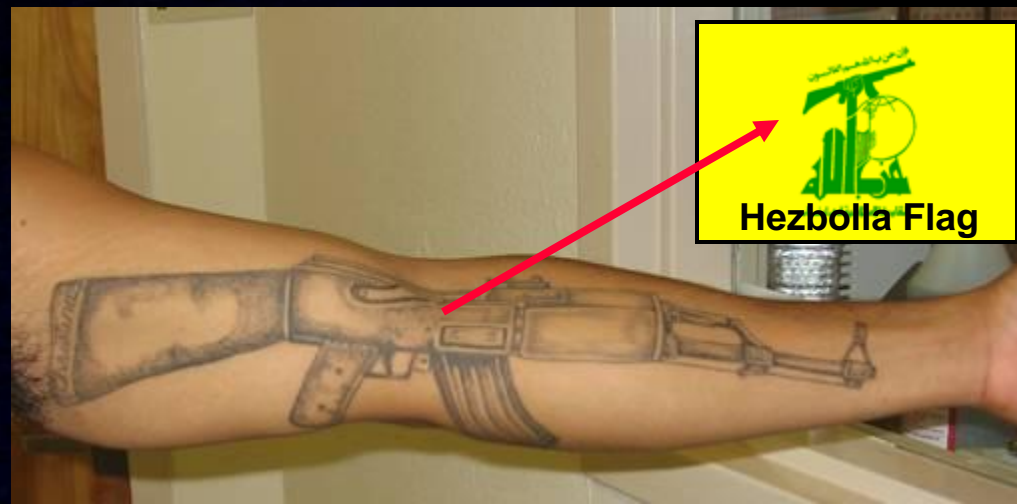
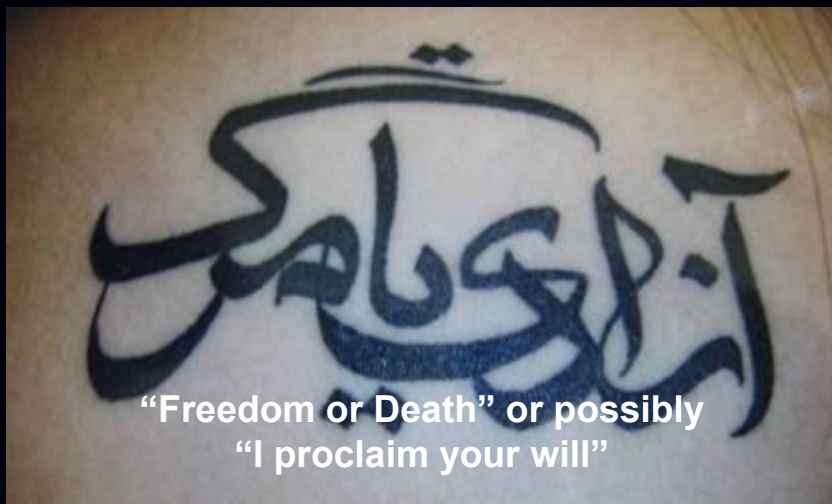
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- □ Jama'at al-Mutaraabiteen (JAM) "Society of Connectors"
- □ Ansar El Muhammad (AEM) "Army (Helpers) of the Prophet"
- □ Jam'iyat ul-Islam Is-Saheeh (JIS) "Assembly of Authentic Islam"
- □ Jama'at ul-Fuqra (JUF/MOA) (Muslims Of America)
- □ Tajdeed ul-Islam (TUI) "The Rejuvenation of Submission"
- □ As-Sabiqun (SBQ) "The Vanguard"
- □ Black Guerrilla Family (BGF) (Black Muslim Prison Gang)
- Islamist Sympathizers and Lone Wolves
- El Rukins (5% Nation or Nation of Gods and Earth)
  - Chicago based street gang made up of Black Muslims.

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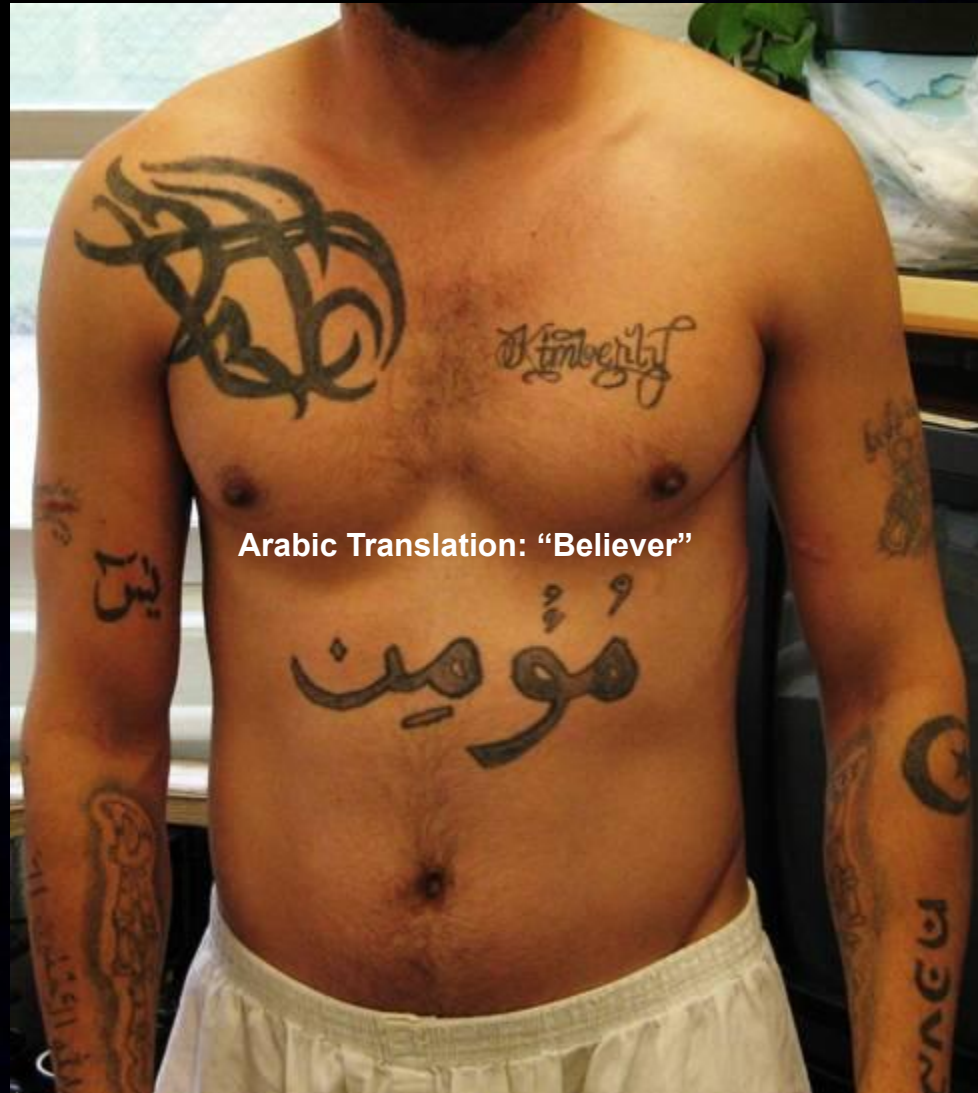


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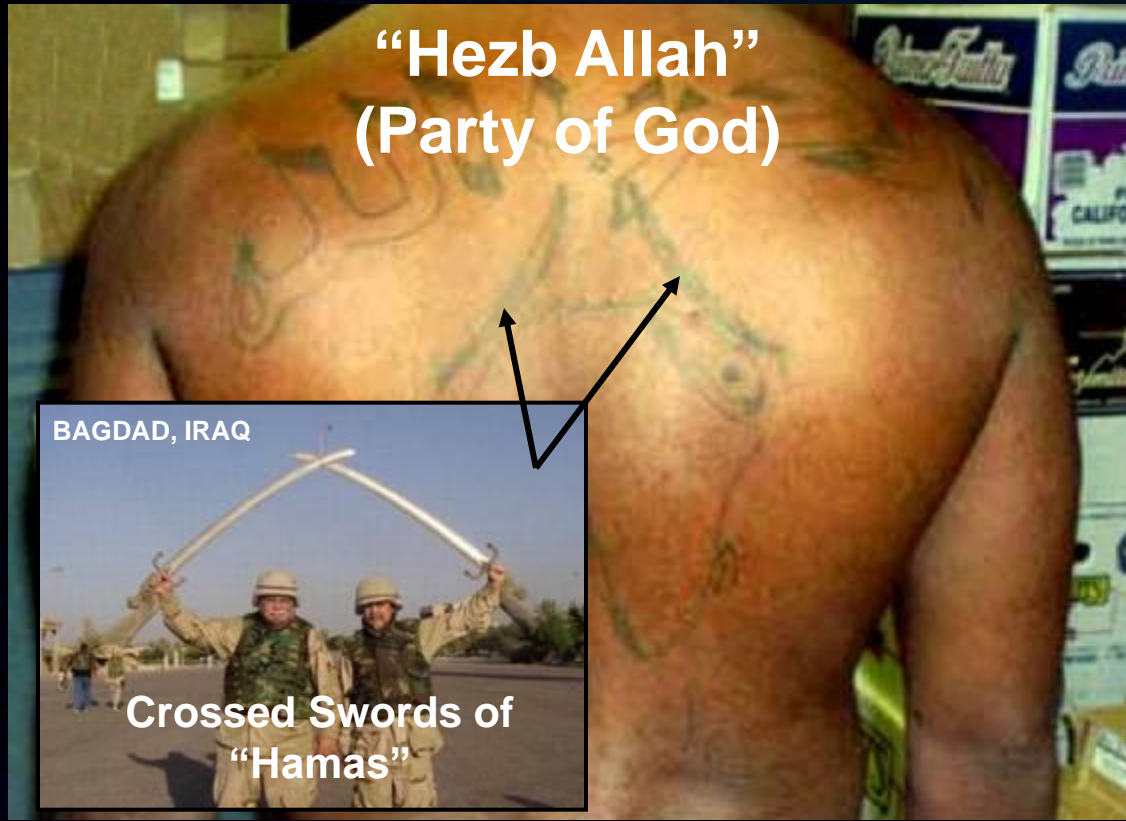




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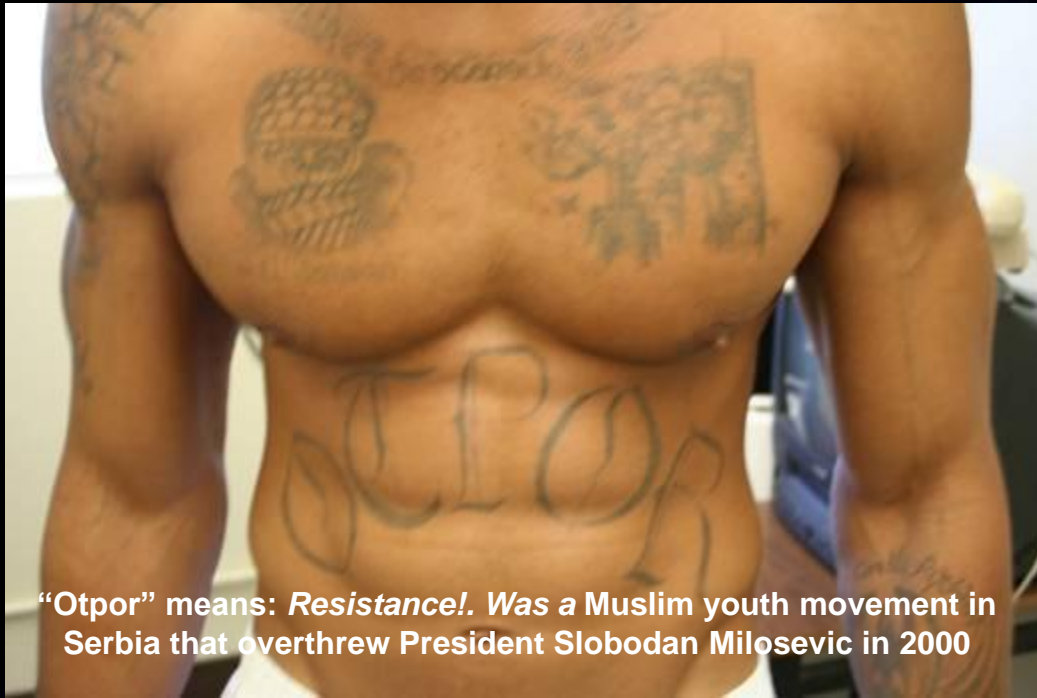


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“Otpor” means: *Resistance!*. Was a Muslim youth movement in Serbia that overthrew President Slobodan Milosevic in 2000



World Trade Center – NYC: 9-11  
Terrorist Strike SEPT 2001



“Nulli-Secudus” = is Latin for  
“Second to none”



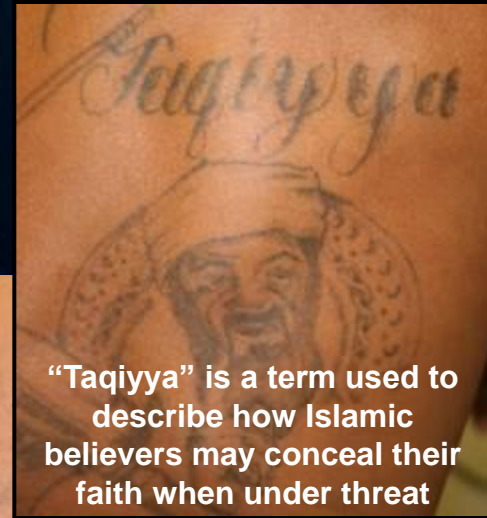
“facilis descensus averno” is Latin for “the road to evil is easy”



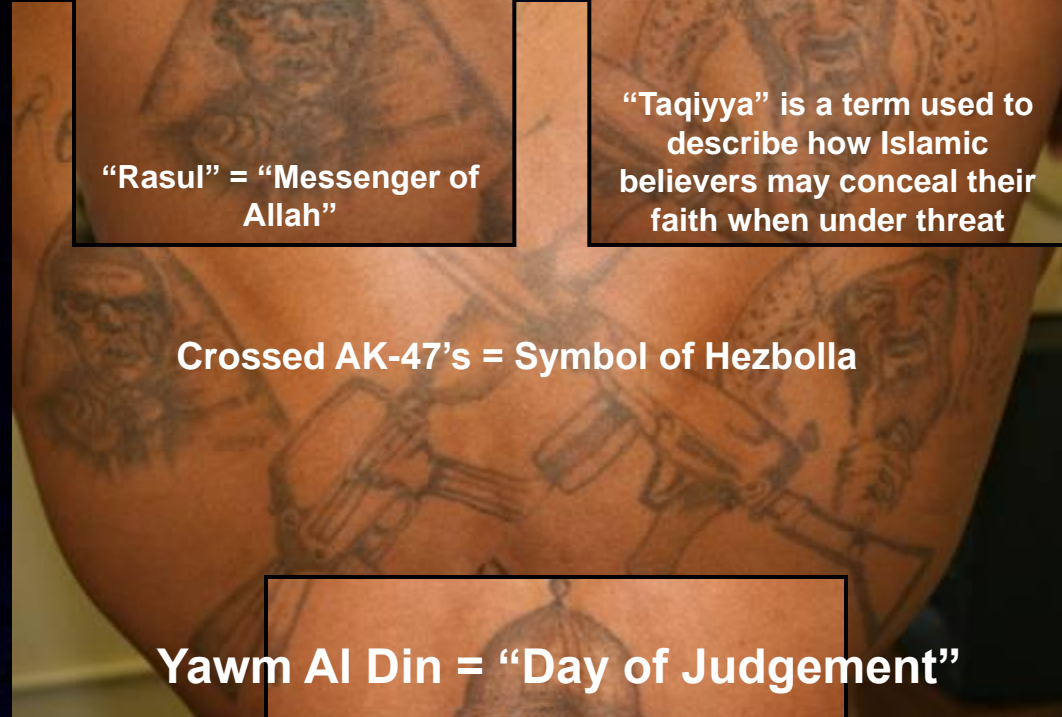
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“Rasul” = “Messenger of Allah”

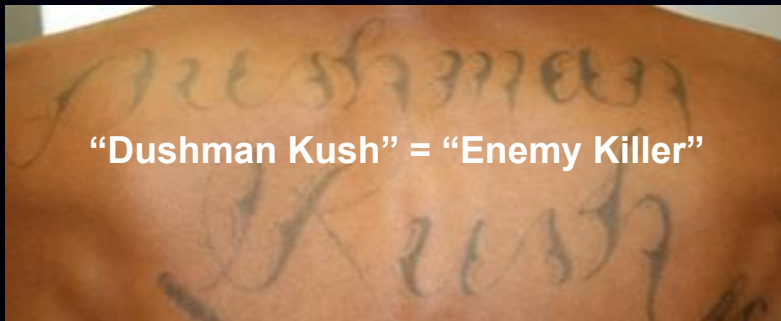


“Taqiyya” is a term used to describe how Islamic believers may conceal their faith when under threat

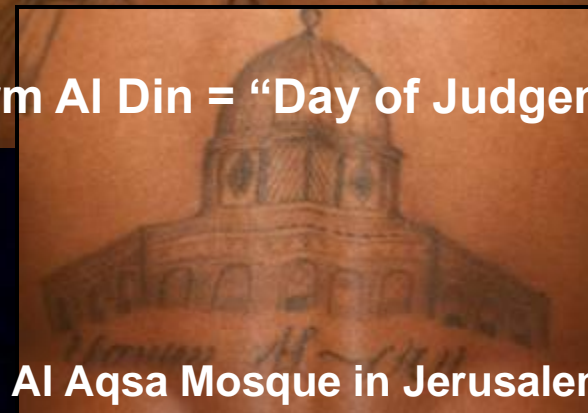


Crossed AK-47's = Symbol of Hezbollah

Yawm Al Din = “Day of Judgement”

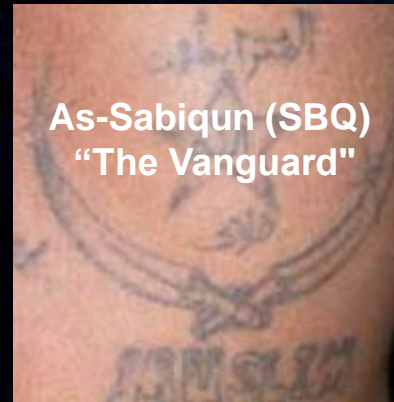
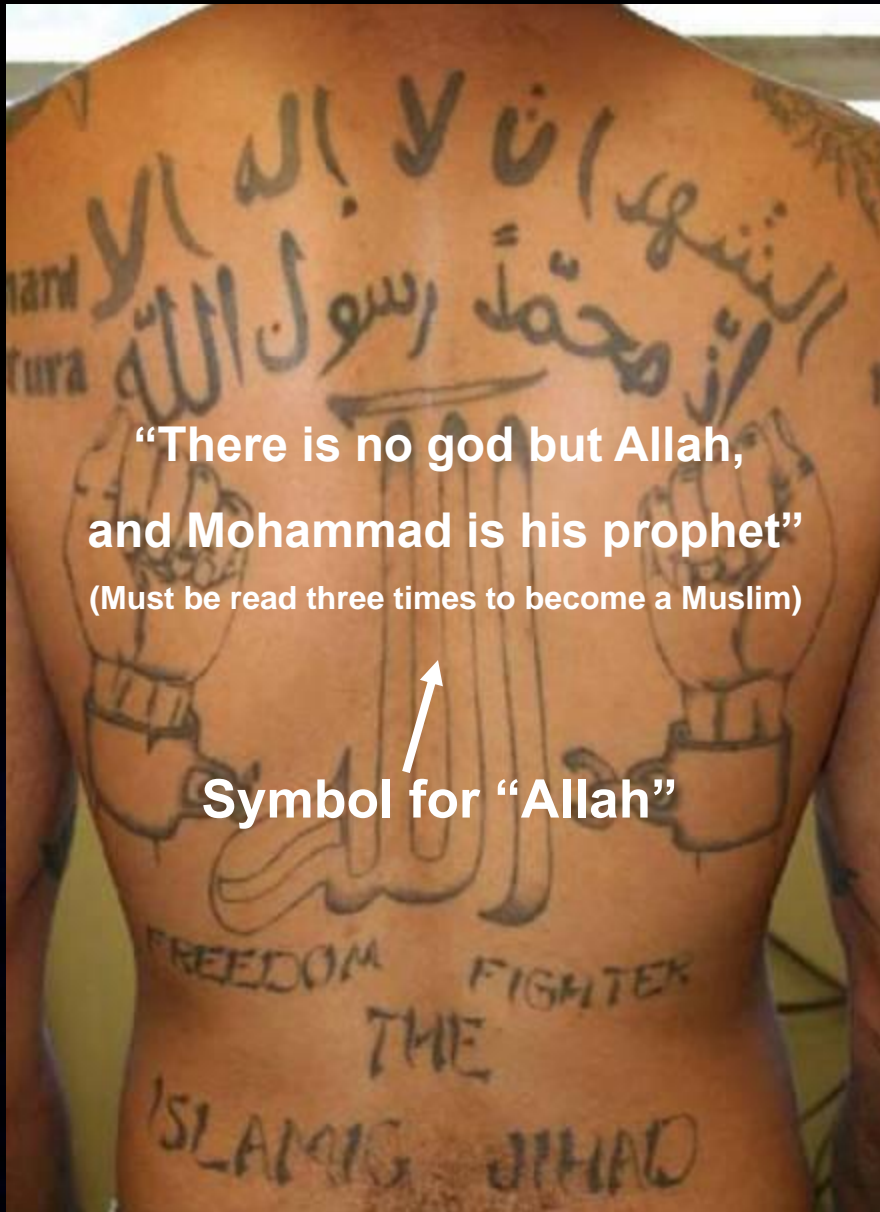


“Dushman Kush” = “Enemy Killer”



Al Aqsa Mosque in Jerusalem

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# *Terrorist Tattoos?*

In September 2006, a inmate of Palestine decent was screened thru the Los Angeles County Jail who had some unknown tattoos, some of which were marked "SOA". It was later learned that "SOA" stood for "Soldiers of Allah"



# Tattoo leads to Terror Supporter?

By Josh Meyer, LA Times Staff Writer May 26, 2005

In May 2005, a LASD Deputy booked a clothing store owner on charges of selling counterfeit high-fashion merchandise, his attention was drawn to a large tattoo on the man's arm.

After a little research, It turned out to be a symbol associated with the “Fedayeen” which were soldiers loyal to Saddam Hussein and a organization that the U.S. government has designated as a terrorist group.







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