

# **CASE STUDIES IN PLAGIARISM**

## **Study #3**

**“The 'Rapture' Apocalypse Prediction”**

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### Side-by-Side Comparison of Two Recent Articles on “The ‘Rapture’ Apocalypse Prediction”

#### Flase [sic] Prophets Fake Faith: False Predictions & Lies

Author: Yusuf Estes

June 11, 2011

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**SOURCES (Accessed July 26, 2013):**

Mr. Yusuf Estes' article: <http://www.islamnewsroom.com/news-we-need/1578>

The BBC's article: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-us-canada-13468131>

## INITIAL ASSESSMENT AND FOLLOW-UP

The initial assumption made in this case was that it seemed Mr. Yusuf Estes copied the content of the article from the BBC's article, only adding a brief introduction. This assumption was made for the following reasons:

- 1) The BBC's article (dated May 21, 2011) was published before that of Mr. Yusuf Estes (dated June 11, 2011).
- 2) The additional introduction of Mr. Yusuf Estes' article does not match the tone of the remainder, which is typical in acts of plagiarism.
- 3) The British spelling of some words (publicise, organise, materialise); Yusuf Estes is American.
- 4) Mr. Yusuf Estes' history of plagiarism. (See our previous case studies.)

**07-26-2013:** BBC was contacted by email, provided with a link to Mr. Yusuf Estes' article.

**12-19-2013:** Case study published for the benefit of those interested in plagiarism studies in general, and to warn against the specific violations of academic integrity perpetrated by Yusuf Estes as well. A series of case studies of the plagiarism of Yusuf Estes is made available at [www.YusufEstesQuran.com](http://www.YusufEstesQuran.com), as well as other reports of incidents of academic dishonesty.

## Screenshot (A) of Mr. Yusuf Estes' Article

Taken July 26, 2013 from the "IslamNewsRoom" Website

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Saturday, 11 June 2011 00:00 | Author: Yusuf Estes |   

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Harold Camping says he will spend Saturday at home in California

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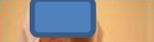
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