

Christianity vs Islam

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- Thus far in our study of Christianity vs Islam we have examined both the Bible and the Koran as well as examined the evidence which shows:
 - 1. Allah to be a manmade god (another form of Baal)**
 - 2. Muhammad cannot be a prophet.**
 - 3. The Koran cannot be from God.**
 - 4. The Bible is superior to the Koran.**

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In our Study we set forth that the Christianity can be proven to be superior to Islam upon the examination of four basic but glaring points:

1. The Key Character and Deities in both Religions.
(COMPLETED)

2. The Authority of both religions (COMPLETED)

3. The Morality of Both Religions

4. The Person and Work of Jesus Christ

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- Today we begin a study and comparison of the Morality found in both religions. This will be looked at in two ways:

1. Both religions view of women.

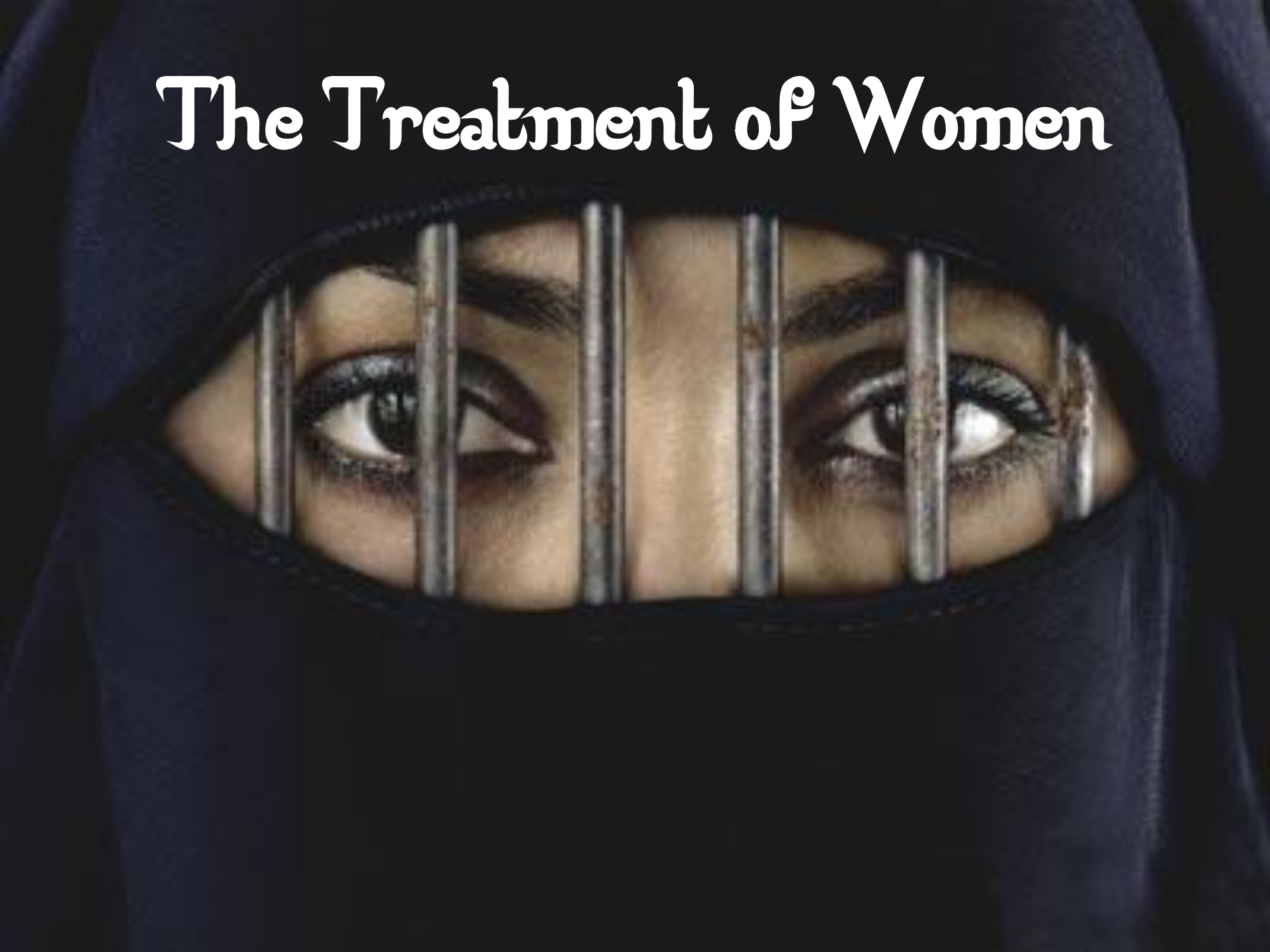
2. Both religions view of violence and treatment of non-believers.

At the conclusion of our study today it will be clear that the moral code between the Bible and the Koran is worlds apart.

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- **The goal of engaging in this study is to:**
 1. Lovingly show that Islam cannot logically be the one true religion upon which our souls depend.
 2. Christianity is the one true religion and superior to **ALL** other religions.

The Treatment of Women



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- The Koran exists upon the basic principles that it is an uncorrupted revelation from God.
- It claims that what it says cannot be doubted:

“This is the book about which there is no doubt, a guidance for those conscious of Allah.”

~ The Koran (Surah 2:2)

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- The Koran also claims that it is sufficient for guidance:

“Indeed, this Qur'an guides to that which is most suitable and gives good tidings to the believers who do righteous deeds that they will have a great reward.”

~ The Koran (Surah17:9)

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- Being that it claims it is without question, and sufficient for spiritual guidance it sets forth the basic premise for its views of men and women:
“Men have authority over women because Allah has made the one superior to the other, and because they spend their wealth to maintain them. Good women are obedient. They guard their unseen parts because Allah has guarded them. (continued)

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As for those from whom you fear disobedience, admonish them, forsake them in beds apart, and beat them. Then if they obey you, take no further action against them. Surely Allah is high, supreme.

~ The Koran (Surah 4:34)

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Women shall with justice have rights similar to those exercised against them [not defined and extremely subjective], although men have a status above women.

~ The Koran (Surah 2:228b)

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*Women are your fields: go, then, into your fields
whence (however) you please.*

~ The Koran (Surah 2:223)

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- This must be contrasted with Bible which contradicts the statements found in the Koran:

There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, **there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.**
And if you *are* Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise. ~ Galatians 3:28

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- The Bible does say that women are physically weaker than men, but **NEVER** inferior.

*Husbands, likewise, dwell with them with understanding, giving honor to the wife, as to the weaker vessel, and as **being heirs together of the grace of life**, that your prayers may not be hindered.*

~ 1 Peter 3:7

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- Wherever true Christianity had gone women have been honored.
- Wherever Islam reigns they are oppressed, degraded and abused.
- Consider the following

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- When Women or Wives are disobedient the Koran says to:
 - Forsake them in bed
 - Beat them
 - Stop beating them and take them back after they obey

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- Compare this to what the Bible says:
 - Forsake them in bed (**1 Corinthians 7:3**)
 - Beat them (**Ephesians 5:25-28**)
 - Stop beating them and take them back after they obey (**Luke 6:31**)

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- **Polygamy** is the practice or custom of having more than one wife or husband at the same time.
- Muhammad stated that Allah allowed for men to marry multiple wives – up to four:

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- And if you fear that you will not deal justly with the orphan girls, **then marry those that please you of other women, two or three or four.** But if you fear that you will not be just, then marry only one or those your right hand possesses. That is more suitable that you may not incline to injustice.

~ **The Koran (Surah 4:3)**

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- Muhammad was exempt from the limitation of four:
 - O Prophet, indeed We have made lawful to you your wives to whom you have given their due compensation and those your right hand possesses from what Allah has returned to you [of captives] and the daughters of your paternal uncles and the daughters of your paternal aunts and the daughters of your (continued)*

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maternal uncles and the daughters of your maternal aunts who emigrated with you and a believing woman if she gives herself to the Prophet and if the Prophet wishes to marry her, *this is only for you, excluding the other believers.*

~ The Koran (Surah 33:50)

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- This bears a remarkable resemblance to what Mormon Joseph Smith wrote to his wife Emma Smith admonishing her to be receptive to his polygamy (**Doctrines and Covenants 132:51-56**)
- One should fully expect that uninspired men would employ the same tactics in the name of their religions to meet their fleshly desires.
- **Christ NEVER did that!**

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- The entire 66th Surah is a threat to Muhammad's disobedient wives that for standing up to him they could be divorced, replaced, and would go to Hell.
- Muhammad sites Noah and Lot's wives as examples of women who were disobedient and went to Hell.

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- **We can discredit the Koran on a moral basis of its treatment of women and polygamy on the basis of four things:**
 1. Although it states a four wife maximum the Koran in essence only means four at one time.
 - A man may divorce his wife for any reason at any time and remarry any woman (except Muhammad's ex-wives).

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- This is what is called a loophole and thus the four wife rule is meaningless when a man can simply divorce and remarry an unlimited number of times in his life.
- This “law” in essence allows the women of Islam to be traded like baseball cards.

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2. Jesus states in no uncertain terms that a person may only divorce and marry another if sexual immorality has been committed (Matthew 5:32; Matthew 19:9)

Even in the Old Testament we see that “God hates divorce” **(Malachi 2:16)**

The Bible clearly contradicts the Koran in this!

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3. **Why does the Koran state a four wife maximum and not some other number?**
 - Once again we can attribute this to Muhammad's plagiarism
 - By the sixth century a group of tribal Jews migrated to Arabia, cutting themselves off from mainstream Judaism.

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- This group would have likely come into contact Muhammad, and the evidence shows that they did.
- According to their Talmud (**Arbah Turim, Ev. Hazaer 1**) Muhammad based his law for marriage in Islam (excluding himself).
- Note Muhammad's clear plagiarism once again.

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“A man may marry many wives if he can provide for them. Nevertheless the wisemen have given good advice that a man should not marry more than four wives.”

~ (Arbah Turim, Ev. Hazaer 1)

Muhammad had stolen Allah’s identity from another false god, stolen characters and stories from the Bible, and now he was stealing laws from tribal Jews. This is the Koran!

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4. The Polygamy experienced here on earth in Islam is said to be extended into Heaven.

Gardens of perpetual residence; they will enter them with whoever were righteous among their fathers, their spouses and their descendants. And the angels will enter upon them from every gate...

~ The Koran (Surah 3:23)

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Our Lord, You have encompassed all things in mercy and knowledge, so forgive those who have repented and followed Your way and protect them from the punishment of Hellfire. Our Lord, and admit them to gardens of perpetual residence which You have promised them and whoever was righteous among their fathers, their spouses and their offspring.

~ The Koran (Surah 40:7-8)

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- The Bible again contradicts the Koran:

Jesus answered and said to them, “You are mistaken, not knowing the Scriptures nor the power of God. “For in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels of God in heaven.”

~ **Matthew 22:30**

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- Death releases us from marriage and permits us to marry another:

So then **if**, while *her husband* lives, she marries another man, she will be called an adulteress; but **if her husband** dies, she is free from that law, so that she is no adulteress, though she has married another man.

~ Romans 7:3

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- Ironically Muhammad allowed widows to remarry under Islam laws, however, his widows were expressly forbidden by him before his death to remarry.
- Receiving this law in another revelation from Allah.

Answering Arguments From Islam



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Argument #1 – God permitted polygamy in the Old Testament, so how can you say it's wrong today?

- Yes it is true that Polygamy was permitted under the Law, however, it was never commanded.
- By the time of Christ polygamy amongst the Jews was almost unheard of.

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- Abraham, Jacob, David, and Solomon all had multiple wives.
- However, even in the Old Testament we see warnings against Kings “multiplying wives” (**Deuteronomy 17:17**).
- Even though polygamy is not condemned in the Old Testament, God **NEVER AUTHORIZED** the mistreatment of a husband to his wife as Muhammad has done.

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- We are not bound under the Law of Moses but under the New Testament (**Colossians 2:14**).
- Marriage under the new covenant is monogamous (**Matthew 19:9; Romans 7:3; 1 Timothy 3:2**). Therefore the structure of marriage has changed, and Islam has no authority to revert it.
- The New Testament equates the Church (singular) as being the bride of Christ, not brides.

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Argument #2 – So what if Muhammad copied Jews, or the Bible, or the Babylonians deities... Both Jude and Paul do the same thing!

- This is an argument that looks at Paul's quotation of the *Phaenomena of Aratus*. Paul did this to demonstrate from the mouth of someone that the people of Athens knew well, that they were steeped in Idolatry (**Acts 17:28**).

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- The argument from **Jude 14-15** is that he is quoting from an apocryphal book, the **Book of Enoch**, generally viewed as uninspired.
- The Apocrypha are a list of books written between the 400 years of silence between the Old and New Testaments, they are typically agreed to be uninspired works.
- It cannot be proven that Jude quoted from that work, and even if he did it does not negate the inspiration of Jude who quoted it (as did Paul).

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- Furthermore, while not inspired the Apocrypha contains some historical events and traditions that are quite accurate.
- Jude and Paul never stole or plagiarized any of their quotations, they served only to supplement inspired points, not attempting to make them as Muhammad does in the Koran.

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- **Argument #3 - Christianity is oppressive to women too!**
 - This argument typically refers to Paul's statement from about women not having authority over men and the husband being the head of the wife (**1 Timothy 2:11-12; Ephesians 5:23**).
 - This is not a sexist statement of oppression but of the roles that go back to creation.

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- Women may not teach from the pulpit or have authority over men in the worship setting but the Bible teaches that they are to be actively involved in the Church.
- As members they are to help it grow in love (Ephesians 5:16)
- **Women in the church are said to have ministries** of hospitality, helping the needs of Saints, those in trouble, good deeds (1 Timothy 5:9-10).

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- **Dorcas** (Tabitha) helped the poor (Acts 9:36).
- **Lydia** helped Paul and his companions (Acts 16:15)
- **Women are exhorted to teach** younger women (Titus 2:3-4).
- Timothy was praised for being **taught by his mother and grandmother** (2 Timothy 1:5)
- **Priscilla** was essential along with her husband in studying with Apollos (Acts 18:18-28).

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- The role and ministry of women are part of the essential fabric of the church.
- They are to be praised, respected and honored, and their value as servants of Christ is without equal and beyond compare.
- Christianity praises, and empowers women to work for God, where Islam oppresses them, beats them, neglects them and keeps them submissive.

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- Salvation, the value of the soul, and the work that is done for the cause of Christ is just as equal and vital for women as it is for men.

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The Salvation of Christ is for All



It can be yours too, if you come to Him