

Christianity vs Islam

The Issue of Morality II



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- 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.**
 - 5. The value of women and men to be equal.**

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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 (CONTINUED)

4. The Person and Work of Jesus Christ

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- Today we continue our study of Christianity vs Islam with regard to the Issue of Morality between both religions.
- Last week we examined the Issue of Morality as it relates to both Christianity and Islam's view of women.
- This week we look to examine how Islam and Christianity view violence and the treatment of non-believers.

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- **Once again we state that 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.

What the Koran Says About Violence



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- It is not unfair, untrue, or mean spirited to say that the Koran knows nothing of:
 - **God the Father**
 - **Brotherhood**
 - **A Spiritual Family**
 - **The Church**

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- As stated in our Introductory Study, Muhammad and his attempt to spread Islam in his early years at Mecca were unsuccessful.
- During the Mecca years Muhammad's writings in the Koran were relatively peaceful **(with exception to the treatment of women)**
- While living in Mecca, Muhammad did not advocate the spreading of Islam through violence

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Concerning the Conversion of Jews to Islam note the nonviolent sentiments:

Because of that, We decreed upon the Children of Israel that whoever kills a soul unless for a soul or for corruption done in the land - it is as if he had slain mankind entirely. And whoever saves one - it is as if he had saved mankind entirely.

~ The Koran (Surah 5:32)

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- After being rejected by Jews and Christians as a false prophet Muhammad became very angry and moved to Medina.
- It was in Medina, after accumulating wealth and power, that Muhammad's writings in the Koran became militant.
- It was in these years that Muhammad declared that non-believers were to be executed. This is a clear contradiction within the Koran.

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- Furthermore, Muhammad states that Allah has called Muslims to war, and that they must openly conquer and occupy the lands of unbelievers.

The Quran contains at least 109 verses that call Muslims to war with nonbelievers for the sake of Islamic rule. Some are quite graphic, with commands to chop off heads and fingers and kill infidels wherever they may be hiding. Muslims who do not join the fight are called 'hypocrites' and warned that Allah will send them to Hell if they do not join the slaughter.

~ Glen Roberts (thereligionofpeace.com)

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**Take Note of a few of these
verses that advocate violence
and war against non-believers
in the name of Allah...**

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Fight in the way of Allah those who fight you but do not transgress. Indeed, Allah does not like transgressors. And kill them wherever you overtake them and expel them from wherever they have expelled you, and fitnah (disbelief and imposition) is worse than killing. And do not fight them at al-Masjid al-Haram until they fight you there. But if they fight you, then kill them. Such is the recompense of the disbelievers. (continued)

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And if they cease, then indeed, Allah is Forgiving and Merciful. Fight them until there is no [more] fitnah and [until] worship is [acknowledged to be] for Allah . But if they cease, then there is to be no aggression except against the oppressors.

~ The Koran (Surah 2:190-193)

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So when you meet those who disbelieve [in battle], strike [their] necks until, when you have inflicted slaughter upon them, then secure your captives bonds, and either [confer] favor afterwards or ransom [them] until the war lays down its burdens. That [is the command]. And if Allah had willed, He could have taken vengeance upon them [Himself], but [He ordered armed struggle] to test some of you by means of others. And those who are killed in the cause of Allah - never will He waste their deeds.

~ The Koran (Surah 47:4)

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- **Muhammad says that war is good for him**
(implying that not fighting is bad) **(Surah 2:216-217)**
- **Slay Idolaters wherever you find them!**
[Conveniently forgetting that Allah was also an idol] **(Surah 9:1-5)**
- **Fight against those who have been given the Scriptures (Koran) and do not believe (Jews and Christians)** **(Surah 9:29)**

What the Bible Says About Violence



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... And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

~ Philippians 4:7

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- Once again we see a sharp contrast between the Bible and the Koran, specially God the Father and Jesus Christ as opposed to Allah and Muhammad.
- Jesus never picked up a sword to fight, nor did he ever order anyone to do so...
- In fact he denounced Peter trying to do so in the Garden of Gethsemane at the Betrayal and Arrest of Christ.

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*And suddenly, one of those who were with Jesus (John's account tells us this was Peter) stretched out his hand and drew his sword, struck the servant of the high priest, and cut off his ear. But Jesus said to him, "Put your sword in its place, **for all who take the sword will perish by the sword.** Or do you think that I cannot now pray to My Father, and He will provide Me with more than twelve legions of angels? ~ **Matthew 26:51-53 (John 18:10)***

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- When Pilate asked Jesus about being a king and of His intentions he replied:

*Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, **My servants would fight**, so that I should not be delivered to the Jews; but now My kingdom is not from here.” ~ John 18:36*

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- What Christ says and then by example lives is the polar opposite of what the Koran says:

So whoever has assaulted you, then assault him in the same way that he has assaulted you. [An allusion to and misinterpretation of the law of corporal punishment governing the Jews of “Eye for an Eye” – Exodus 21:24]

~ The Koran (Surah 2:194)

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- As it relates to mistreatment, Jesus teaches forbearance:

But I tell you not to resist an evil person.

*But whoever slaps you on your right cheek,
turn the other to him also.*

~ Matthew 5:39

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- Instead of hating and attacking our enemies Jesus tells us to do the opposite:

*You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy' "But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you, **that you may be sons of your Father in heaven**; for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.*

~ Matthew 5:43-45

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- It is impossible to Hate and be saved, there is no room in the Church for hate...

But he who hates his brother is in darkness and walks in darkness, and does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes.

~ 1 John 2:11

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He who hates Me hates My Father also.

~ John 15:23

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- The only thing Christ ever commended Christians for hating were ungodly deeds:

But this you have, that you hate the deeds of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate.

~ Revelation 2:6

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- **There is no hate in God The Father like we see in Allah because God The Father demonstrated His ultimate love toward mankind like the world will never see in any other religion:**

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

~ John 3:16

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- The Contrast is beyond night and day!!! The Koran says to kill and conquer while the Bible says to love, bless, and forbear.
- Christianity is the only one true religion of peace that exists upon this earth.
- Its peace is found in the nail scarred hands of Jesus Christ, and the blood that was spilled to pay for the sins of the world.

**When A Religion Evokes This From Its
Followers As “Righteous”**



...then something is gravely wrong!

Answering Islam's Arguments



The Holy Quran

In the name of Allah, Most Gracious, Most Merciful.

1. A.L.M.

2. This is the Book; in it is guidance sure, without doubt, to those who fear Allah;
3. Who believe in the Unseen, are steadfast in prayer, and spend out of what We have provided for them;
4. And who believe in the Revelation sent to thee, and sent before thy time, and (in their hearts) have the assurance of the Hereafter
5. They are on (true) guidance, from their Lord, and it is these who will prosper.

Sura: Al-Baqara

Argument #1 - Islam IS in fact a religion of peace and people just take it completely out of context. Muslim's, including Muhammad, fought out of self defense.

- There is truth to the fact that Muhammad called for Muslim's to defend themselves from oppression and persecution.

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- However, Muhammad viewed oppression as any one person believing something other than Islam and trying to coexist at the same time.
- The simple truth is that it is historically and textually (Koran) inaccurate to argue that Muhammad only advocated violence for self defense.

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- Muhammad waged war and claimed territory and lands in the name of Islam.
- You don't go on a military offensive of conquering and genocide and claim it is for self defense.
- Some Muslims turn a blind eye to this...

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“The spread of Islam occurred in waves. In less than a century after the establishment of the first Islamic society in Medina by the prophet, Arab armies had conquered a land stretching from the Indus River to France and brought with them Islam, which contrary to Western conceptions, was not, however, forced on the people by the sword.

~ Muslim Scholar Seyeed Nasr

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- So, Muslim armies through the use of violence and military force conquered various nations and lands, forced them to submit to Muslim rulership....and did not require them to become Muslims?
- That is historically inaccurate and what is commonly argued about violence in the Koran.

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Argument #2 - Christianity has a long history of violent oppression too and cannot deny the Crusades or the Spanish Inquisition took place in the name of Christ.

It is true that one cannot deny the Crusades or Spanish Inquisition were military campaigns that forced those who were conquered to submit to Christianity.

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- However, as we have clearly showed from the New Testament, true Christianity is a religion of peace.
- Whether people accept the message of the gospel or not there is never any authorization from the New Testament to force Christianity on someone (**Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:15-16; Luke 24:47-48**)

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- Therefore, the Crusades, Spanish Inquisition and all other violence committed in the name of Jesus Christ and Christianity are completely contrary to the teachings of the New Testament.
- Those who perpetuated these activities did so without any authority from Jesus Christ.

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- These actions are sinful and wrong.
- They reflect only the erroneous attitudes of the people who pursued them.
- This is not true Christianity.

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Argument #3 – How can you condemn Islam, Muhammad, and Allah for violence when God condoned the slaughtering of whole cities in the Old Testament?

It is absolutely true that in the Old Testament, particularly with reference to the Book of Joshua, that God enjoined armed conflict upon the Israelites.

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- The Canaanite civilizations occupied Palestine prior to Israel's occupation (Deuteronomy 9:4)
- These nations were wicked (Genesis 15:16).
- These nations had reached a place of such evil and immoral living that they were beyond reaching, a call which only God may make (Leviticus 18:24-25).

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- This situation was very similar to the way God acted in destroying the earth by water in Noah's day (**Genesis 6:5-6**).
- These people could have coexisted with the Israelites but their evil would be a danger to the nation from which Christ would come.

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While the extermination of an entire population may seem excessively cruel when viewed as an isolated incident, other factors shed light on that situation. Consider the following:

- The destruction of Canaan's heathen tribes was justified in view of their utter abandonment of moral restraint. The ancient evidence indicates that they practiced child-sacrifice, religious prostitution, sodomy, etc. A people can reach a state of such deep depravity that the justice of God demands punishment.

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- **Their destruction was not a heartless act. God had been patient with them for more than five hundred years; finally, their time for judgment came (Genesis 15:16).**
- **This type of punishment was implemented on a rather limited only in Palestine when absolutely needed. This was due to the fact that God had chosen Canaan as the place where was to dwell in view of the coming Messiah. It was an example of moral surgery for the benefit of all mankind.**

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Finally, it is still true that these Old Testament narratives illustrate the fact that innocent people (e.g., infants) frequently have to suffer the consequences of evil acts which others generate, due to the kind of world in which we live.

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- The key is in understanding that the nation of Israel was both a religious and civil entity.
- Christianity is a spiritually international religion, intended for all people everywhere without regard to ethnicity or nationality.

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- God has assigned civil government (United States, Great Britain etc.), not the church or the individual, of regulating social behavior and laws (**Romans 13:1-7; Titus 3:1; 1 Peter 2:13-14**).
- **Therefore, according to the Will of God, it is the responsibility of civil government to punish offenders of the law, not Christians.**

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- This was not the case with the Israelites who were a religious and civil-governed nation.
- They went to war as a civil government, **not as a religiously oppressive conquest.**
- Today every responsibility enjoined upon governments (**an avenger to *execute* wrath on him who practices evil ~ Romans 13:4**) is forbidden to the individual Christian.

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- True Christianity, the only religion pleasing to God, is promoted through peace and non retaliation.
- Islam seeks to oppress, and convert by force through the authority of Allah all who do not believe. Further proof of its human origin.

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- This morning you will find no person during the invitation holding a weapon to use if someone does not convert to Christianity.
- Forced acceptance through fear is not true conversion or true love for that matter.

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- Jesus was never forced to die for our sins, he did it freely out of love. This is the way he wants you to obey, freely and of your own free will because you love him...
- Because you love him for the sacrifice he lovingly and willingly made for you at Cavalry.

Will You Freely Come to Christ...



And receive eternal peace and comfort?