

Christianity vs Islam

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- Last week we began a study seeking to examine **Christianity – Christ- God – and the 66 books of the Bible** against **Islam – Allah – Muhammad – and the Koran.**
- We began our study with the declaration that we would be doing so respectfully, lovingly, and fairly. Without this nothing is pleasing to God (**1 Corinthians 13:1-3; Philipians 1:15**).

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- We set forth a premise that Christianity and Islam were drastically different from one another.
- While there are a multitude of differences between the two we have set out to examine the four most glaring:

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

2. The Authority of both religions

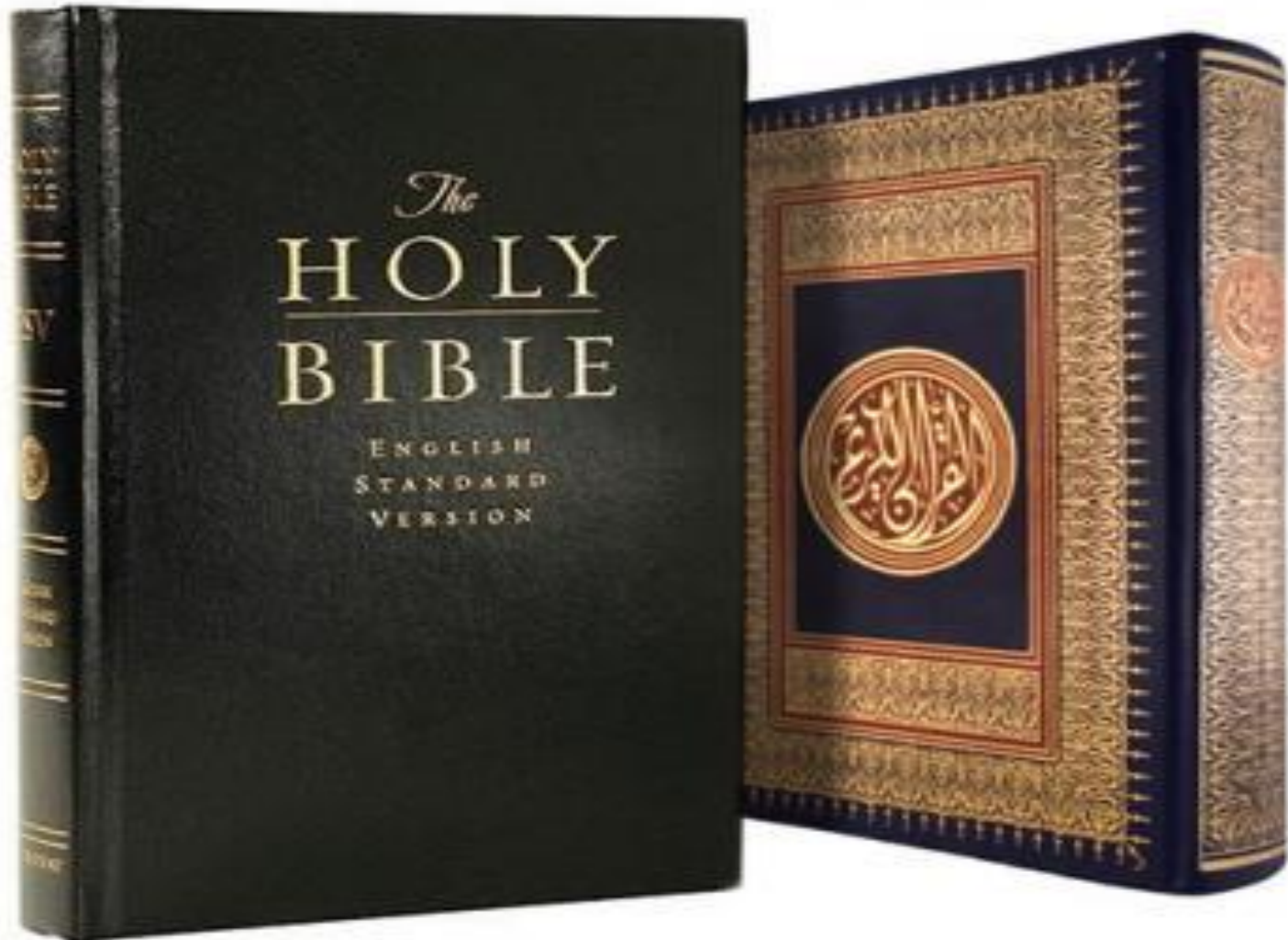
3. The Morality of Both Religions

4. The Person and Work of Jesus Christ

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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.

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What The Numbers Say

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A 2013 study conducted by the Barna Group and the American Bible Society asked people off the top of their head to name the books they thought were Holy.

Only the first answer was recorded:

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- **The Bible (80%)**
- **The Koran (8%)**
- The Torah (4%)
- The Book of Mormon (3%)
- Other (4%)
- None (6%)
- Not Sure (12%)

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- The study suggests these numbers to be an accurate representation of the 2013 U.S. population of 315 Million People.

The Bible at (80%) would demonstrate that **252 million people** would consider the Bible the most Holy book.

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- The very distant second place Koran at (8%) would show that just over **25 million Americans** believe the Koran to be the most Holy Book.
- So, it looks pretty good for the Bible right?
- Maybe Not...

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- What the study conveniently leaves out is the growth of the Koran's numbers over the past several years.
- We know from our lesson from last week that Islam has grown in our country significantly over the past 5 years.
- The estimate is that from 2012-2013 that Koran would have increased from 7%-8%.

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- That is a gain of at least **3.2 Million People in one Year** that now consider the Koran the most Holy Book.
- The Bible has declined from **(86%) 271 Million** to **(80%) 252 Million** since 2011.
- That is **19 Million people, in only 3 years, who are no longer even considering the Bible** or have chosen something else. That is an average loss of **6.3 million Americans** per year.

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- Every year the Bible loses twice as many people as what the Koran gains in just simply being considered the Most Holy Book.
- We are not dealing with converts or activists.
- We are simply dealing with a perception between the Bible and the Koran.

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THIS IS WHY BEING EDUCATED
ON THIS MATTER IS SO IMPORTANT!!!!

An Addition to the Bible?



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

~ The Koran (2:2)

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- Great contrasts exists between the Bible and the Koran which make it impossible for the Bible and the Koran to be harmonized.
- First, true Christianity is a religion of the Bible.
- Second, this religion in stepped in Bible Authority.

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You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me.

~ John 5:39

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- Now these things, brethren, I have figuratively transferred to myself and Apollos for your sakes, that you may **learn in us not to think beyond what is written**, that none of you may be puffed up on behalf of one against the other.

~ 1 Corinthians 4:6

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For this reason I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for you Gentiles— if indeed you have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which was given to me for you, how that by revelation He made known to me the mystery (as I have briefly written already, by which, when you read, you may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ), which in other ages was not made known to the sons of men, **as it has now been revealed by the Spirit** to His holy apostles and prophets:

~ **Ephesians 3:1-5**

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- The Basis for Islam is the Koran (Qur'an) .
- The Koran (Qur'an) is only 4/5 of the length of the New Testament in its entirety.
- It is one large book, divided into 114 chapters or Surah's.

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- Islam claims that it recognizes other revelations from God:
 - Moses
 - Prophets
 - Psalms of David
 - The Gospel of Jesus Christ

However, the Koran supersedes all of these, and according to Muslim's is the only uncorrupted revelation.

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He has ordained for you of religion what He enjoined upon **Noah** and that which We have revealed to you, [O Muhammad], and what We enjoined upon **Abraham and Moses and Jesus** - to establish the religion and not be divided therein.

~ **The Koran (42:13)**

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And when they went forth to [face] Goliath and his soldiers, they said, "Our Lord, pour upon us patience and plant firmly our feet and give us victory over the disbelieving people." So they defeated them by permission of Allah , and David killed Goliath, and Allah gave him the kingship and prophethood and taught him from that which He willed. And if it were not for Allah checking [some] people by means of others, the earth would have been corrupted, but Allah is full of bounty to the worlds.~ **The Koran (2:250-251)**

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Indeed, We have revealed to you, [O Muhammad], as We revealed to Noah and the prophets after him. And we revealed to Abraham, **Ishmael**, Isaac, Jacob, the Descendants, Jesus, Job, Jonah, Aaron, and Solomon, and to David We gave the book [of Psalms].

~ **The Koran (4:163)**

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- Can the Koran be simply another addition or Testament to the Word of God?
- No, Joseph Smith attempted to do the same thing with the Book of Mormon.
- Islam cannot be an addition to the Bible for the following reasons:

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- God clearly revealed in the Old Testament that He planned to establish ONE NEW COVENANT

“Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when I will make **a new covenant** with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah— “not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day *that* I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, though I was a husband to them, says the LORD. (Continued)

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“But this *is* the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. No more shall every man teach his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, ‘Know the LORD,’ for they all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them, says the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more.”

~ **Jeremiah 31:31-34**

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- **Jesus was the fulfillment of this NEW COVENANT**

For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

~ **Matthew 26:28**

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And for this reason He is the Mediator of the new covenant, by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions under the first covenant, that those who are called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance.

~ Hebrews 9:15

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- God reveals in the New Testament that there would never be another covenant.

Beloved, while I was very diligent to write to you concerning our common salvation, I found it necessary to write to you exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints.

~ Jude 3

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- **It is therefore Impossible that the Koran could be from God:**
 1. God always meant for their to be a second covenant, he never hides that fact.
 2. Christ is the Fulfillment of that covenant.
 3. Jude's Epistle tells us that there will be no other covenant.

So Therefore....

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- Muhammad **cannot be a prophet** and must be counted as a **false prophet**.
- The Koran cannot be from God because a third covenant is nowhere even hinted at in the Bible.
- Those who follow the Koran and Muhammad are misguided.

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- With regard to its authority the Koran has plagiarized the Bible, its stories, its key characters (attempting to place Jesus and Muhammad as equals) and attempts to piggyback its Baal god Allah to the one true God found in the Bible.
- The Koran is nothing more than a grand work of Fan Fiction.

What About Christ?



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- **Despite his following, Muhammad never died for the remission of mankind's sins... He died of fever.**

For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit.

~ 1 Peter 3:18

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- **Christ tells us that He is the way to God...**

But I have a greater witness than John's; for the works which the Father has given Me to finish—the very works that I do—bear witness of Me, that the Father has sent Me. And the Father Himself, who sent Me, has testified of Me. You have neither heard His voice at any time, nor seen His form.(Continued)

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But you do not have His word abiding in you, because whom He sent, Him you do not believe. You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me.

~ **John 5:36-39**

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For *there is* one God and one Mediator between God and men, *the* Man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time.

~ **1 Timothy 2:6**

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- Christ warns that false prophets and false Christ's will arise.

*Then if anyone says to you, 'Look, here is the Christ!' or, 'Look, He is there!' do not believe it. **For false christ's and false prophets will rise** and show signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect. But take heed; see, I have told you all things beforehand.*

~ Mark 13:23

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Beware of **false prophets**, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves.

~ **Matthew 7:15**

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- **The fate of false prophets and those who follow them is sealed...**

But He answered and said, “Every plant which My heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone. They are blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind leads the blind, both will fall into a ditch.

~ Matthew 15:13-14

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- **Come to Christ and be set free from false doctrine, worldliness, sin, and death...**

For the wages of sin *is* death, but the gift of God *is* eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

~ Romans 6:23

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Come to Me, all *you* who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

~ **Matthew 11:28-29**

This Morning Christ Invites You..



Will You Come Home?