

Christianity vs Islam

The Issue of Authority II



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- Thus far in our study of **Christianity vs Islam** we have introduced Allah, Muhammad, and the Koran with Contrast to God the Father, Jesus Christ, and the Bible.
- We have shown Allah to be another form of the moon god Baal. We have shown from a Biblical standpoint that it is impossible for Muhammad to be a prophet.

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- We have demonstrated that the Bible is the only authoritative book we need as it relates to our souls (**Jude 3**).
- However, it is simply not enough to state this as the case, or to even show from Bible that this is the case. We must prove that the Bible is superior to the Koran and the only authoritative revelation from God.

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1. The Key Character and Deities in both Religions.

(COMPLETED)

2. The Authority of both religions **(CONTINUED)**

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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- This morning we will continue our study on the Issue of Authority between the Bible and the Koran by showing that the Bible possesses key features and elements that show it to be:
 - 1. Impossible to have originated from man.**
 - 2. Superior to all other man made creeds or doctrine.**

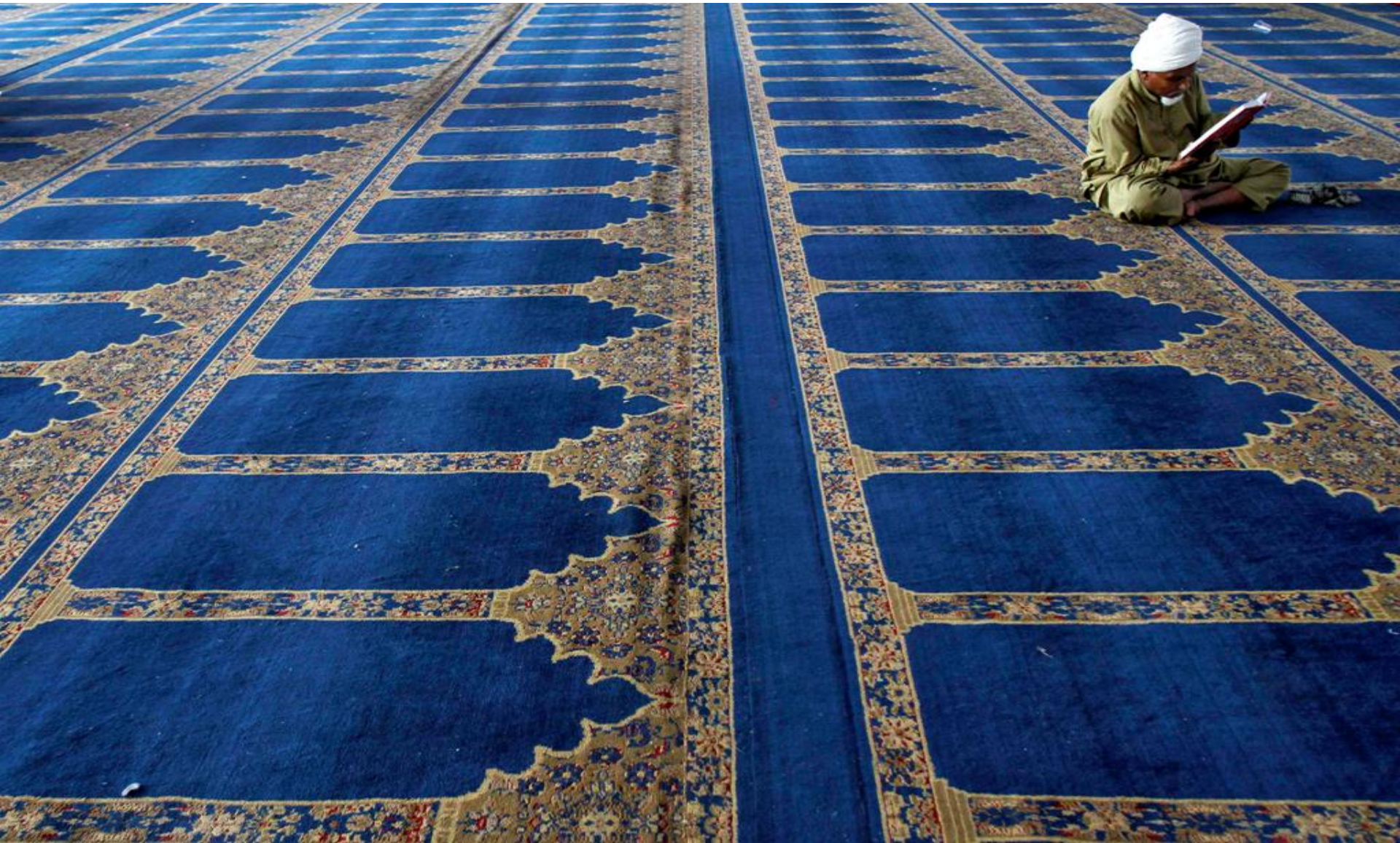
Inspiration



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- It is not unreasonable to believe that God as our Creator would want to communicate and interact with His creation.
- It is also not unreasonable to expect that the communication or revelation from God would contain some statement of inspiration – This would leave no doubt that Koran or the Bible was inspired by God.

Inspiration in the Koran



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*Indeed, your Lord is Allah, who created the heavens and earth in six days and then established Himself above the Throne. He covers the night with the day, [another night] chasing it rapidly; and He created the sun, the moon, and the stars, subjected by His command. Unquestionably, His is the creation and the command; blessed is Allah, Lord of the worlds. ~ **The Koran (7:54)***

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- As it relates to the inspiration of the Koran:
 1. The Koran makes no argument for inspiration; nor does it lend itself for an argument to be made.
 2. It never sets forth any theory of inspiration.
 3. Among the Islam world a great debate rages as to whether the Koran is inspired in letter, word or thought.

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- **The Koran, instead takes concepts and stories from the Bible and tries to weave them into its conception of Allah (every other religion to some degree does this – Flood, Virgin Birth, Sacrifice for sins etc.)**
- **The Koran contains no original thought or concept that would lend itself to being from God.**
- **The language of its only author Muhammad is unlike anything found in the Bible, which Muhammad claims he is amending through Allah.**

Inspiration in the Bible



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- The Bible is bursting with statements that proclaim its inspiration.
- In fact the Bible is composed of over 40 inspired authors making up its 66 books, spanning thousands of years and is unified in purpose and theme.
- **No other book in the world can truthfully make or substantiate that claim!!!!!!**

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- **These authors proclaim God's inspiration of the Bible!!!**

The Spirit of the LORD spoke by me, And His word *was* on my tongue.

~ **2 Samuel 23:2**

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The words of Jeremiah the son of Hilkiah, of the priests who *were* in Anathoth in the land of Benjamin, o whom the word of the LORD came in the days of Josiah the son of Amon, king of Judah, in the thirteenth year of his reign. It came also in the days of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, until the end of the eleventh year of Zedekiah the son of Josiah, king of Judah, until the carrying away of Jerusalem captive in the fifth month. Then the word of the LORD came to me, saying:

~ Jeremiah 1:1-4

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The word of the LORD that came to Joel the son of Pethuel.

~ **Joel 1:1**

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Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill. For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled.

~ **Matthew 5:17-18**

An Examination of the Evidence



- **We owe this to ourselves and everyone we study with because Faith is based on evidence:**

*Now faith is the substance of things hoped for,
the evidence of things not seen.*

~ Hebrews 11:1

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- As It relates to evidence proving its inspiration the Bible is supported by both **INTERNAL** and **EXTERNAL** evidence.
- **Internal Evidence** – Things recorded within the Bible that prove it to be beyond mere human invention.
- **External Evidence** – Scientific, archaeological, or even cultural evidence that verify the claims or statements made within the Bible to be beyond human creation.

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- Unlike the Bible the Koran contains no internal or external evidence for its inspiration.
- There is no evidence from the Old Testament, New Testament, Science, or Archaeology that Confirms its authority.
- The Bible however, does...

External



EVIDENCE

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In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. ~ Genesis 1:1

- Beginning (**Time**)
- God (**Force**)
- Created(**Action**)
- Heavens (**Space**)
- Earth (**Matter**)

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Then He brought him outside and said, “Look now toward heaven, and count the stars if you are able to number them.” And He said to him, “So shall your descendants be.”

~ Genesis 15:5

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- This shows that before the invention of telescopes.
- Before the understanding that the world was only one planet in a universe/galaxy of innumerable stars, solar systems, and planets.
- God asks Abraham to do the impossible and number the stars. Implying that there were too many to count.

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- He who is eight days old among you shall be circumcised, every male child in your generations, he who is born in your house or bought with money from any foreigner who is not your descendant.

~ **Genesis 17:12**

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- Vitamin K, needed for blood coagulation, is not present in a newborn baby until they are 8 days old.
- If the males were circumcised prior to day 8 they would have no way to stop bleeding, and at best fight infections.
- How did Moses know to do this thousands of years before modern medicine discovered this?

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The birds of the air, And the fish of the sea
That pass through the paths of the seas.

~ Psalm 8:8

The fountains of the deep and **the** windows of
heaven were also stopped, and **the** rain from
heaven was restrained. ~ Genesis 8:2

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- It was not discovered until the 1980's that there are in fact paths in the sea.
- Furthermore it was not discovered until this year 2014 there are actually fountains in the deep... an ocean of water was discovered to exist within the mantle of the earth...
- How did Moses know these things were there long before the technology existed to prove their existence?

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*It is **He who sits above the circle of the earth,**
And its inhabitants *are* like grasshoppers,
Who stretches out the heavens like a curtain,
And spreads them out like a tent to dwell in.*

~ Isaiah 40:22

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- The Earth was not proven to be spherical until Magellan circumnavigated the globe in the 1500's!
- How then, did Isaiah know the earth was round 2,000 years before Magellan sailed the globe, and 2,600 years before the first satellite ever blasted into space?

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- There are far more examples than just these!!!
- Every single one of these statements in the Bible transcends human discovery!
- How could the authors of the Bible know these things unless the Creator told them?

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- The Koran, which Muhammad claims is from God, does not contain one single recorded statement like this that proves it beyond mere human invention.
- There is no statement even close to what we read of in Job Chapters 38-39.

Internal Evidence



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- The Koran does not contain one single fulfillment of prophecy, however the Bible is saturated with it.

*And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel.” ~ **Genesis 3:15***

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- Christ died upon the cross, the bruise to his heel had been placed, Satan's small victory had been won.
- When Christ defeated death and rose three days later the head of Satan was bruised, and death had been defeated forever (**Matthew 28:6; 1 Corinthians 15:55**)

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Thus says the LORD to His anointed,
To Cyrus, whose right hand I have held—
To subdue nations before him
And loose the armor of kings,
To open before him the double doors,
So that the gates will not be shut:

~ Isaiah 45:1

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Now in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah might be fulfilled, the LORD stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, so that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and also *put it* in writing

~ **Ezra 1:1**

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- This is no lucky guess...
- Isaiah names the king, the people, and the situation by name with exact details.
- This is not like guessing who is going to go to the Super Bowl this year.
- Instead it would be like predicting who would go to the Super Bowl 100 years from now.

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- Naming with perfect accuracy the teams present, the coaches, players, the city, the stadium name, the weather conditions, and the score.
- The Bible fulfills prophecy in this manner and there are many more examples than just these.

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- A Book can only transcend time and culture if it is for all people everywhere, all who will ever exist.
- This book can only exist if it is inspired by God.
- The Koran, however, was only written for the Arabic people, specifically of the Korish tribe, in Arabic language.

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- Muhammad even proudly proclaims this to be the case.

*This is a revelation from the Entirely Merciful,
The Especially Merciful – A Book whose verses
have been detailed, an Arabic Koran, for a
people who know.*

~ The Koran (41:2-3)

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And We did not send any messenger except [speaking] in the language of his people to state clearly for them, and Allah sends astray [thereby] whom He wills and guides whom He wills. And He is the Exalted in Might, the Wise.

~ The Koran (14:4)

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It is He who has sent among the unlettered a Messenger from themselves reciting to them His verses and purifying them and teaching them the Book and wisdom - although they were before in clear error –

~ The Koran (62:2)

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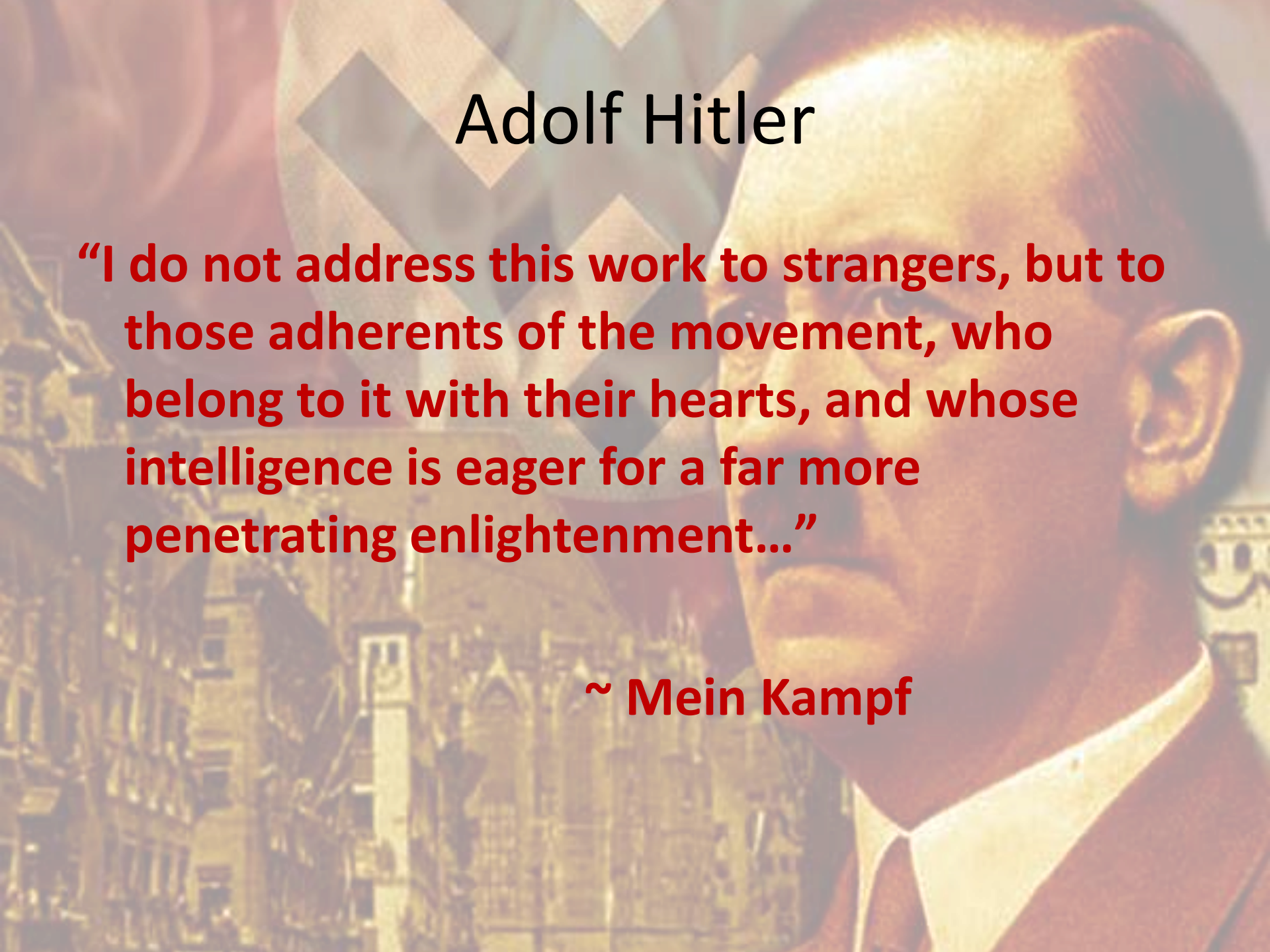
- The sentiment of Muhammad in the Koran is not that of a universal God of love and peace wishing to redeem all of mankind.
- The Koran is a book for the Arabic people, specifically of the Korish tribe... this was not originally meant to be a religion to share...
- There is another book and another author that eerily echoes the sentiments found within the Koran...

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“I do not address this work to strangers, but to those adherents of the movement, who belong to it with their hearts, and whose intelligence is eager for a far more penetrating enlightenment...”

This mans work was written for a specific group of people as well, and he sought to militantly kill all who did not fit his perverted view of reality...





Adolf Hitler

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~ Mein Kampf

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- Manmade creeds, doctrines, and religions all look eerily similar to one another when viewed under the microscope of the Word of God.
- Islam's authority is in Muhammad who wields Allah as a personal weapon.
- God never did, nor did Jesus Christ.

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- **Christ wanted brotherhood, not division...**

A new commandment I give to you, that you **love one another**; as I have loved you, that you also **love one another**.

~ **John 13:34, 15:12**

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- The Bible as the only true revelation and authority from God tells us what we must do to **be saved:**
- **Hear** (Romans 10:17)
- **Believe – Have Faith –** (Hebrews 11:6)
- **Repent** (Luke 13:3; Acts 17:30)
- **Confess Christ as Lord and Savior** (Romans 10:9-10)
- **Be Baptized for remission of sins** (Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Acts 22:16).

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- **Salvation is not just for Jews, or any singular group of people, it is for everyone!**

For this *is* good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

~ 1 Timothy 2:3-4

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And Follow The Light?