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## FIVE QUESTIONS TO ASK A MUSLIM

### Why does the Qur'an contradict the Bible?

Both claim to be divine revelation from the same God. Does God contradict himself?

The Bible says Jesus was crucified; the Qur'an says he was not.

The Bible says Satan was cast out of heaven setting himself up to be like God; the Qur'an says it was for refusing to bow to Adam.

The Bible says Jesus was God in flesh; the Qur'an says he was merely a prophet.

Dozens of such contradictions abound. Muslims will argue that such contradictions are a result of the corruption of the Bible. Since they make such a claim, the burden of proof is on them to produce evidence for the claim. When did the Bible get corrupted and by whom? When and how did it happen?

The problem for the Muslim is that such proof is entirely missing. There is no evidence of corruption. Even during the time of Muhammad, there is no evidence that he thought the Bible to be corrupt and changed.

In light of earlier questions, one must question the validity of the Qur'an as God's revealed word. If it contains historical and scientific blunders, can it be trusted? On the other hand, the Bible has been shown to be accurate in both science and history. Many colleges use it as a historical textbook!

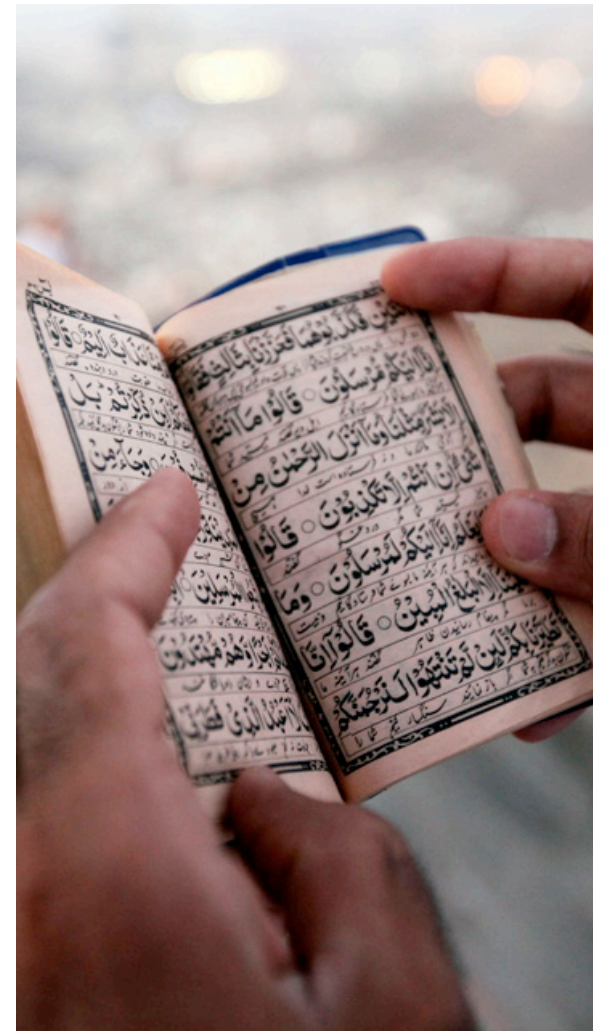
### What are you basing your hope upon?

Muslims must make a choice, and the choice they make will affect them for all eternity. Either the Bible is the Word of God or the Qur'an is; both cannot be. Muhammad was either a prophet as the Qur'an claims, or he was not. The evidence points to the latter. Jesus was either who he claimed to be in the Bible, or he was simply another prophet as the Qur'an asserts. Either the Bible has been corrupted and changed or it has not.

There is no evidence of Biblical corruption. Muhammad does not bear the hallmarks of a prophet. The Qur'an is full of errors that an all knowing God would not have made. The Bible has been found to be accurate every time it has been tested.

If the Bible is true, as the evidence strongly suggests, then Jesus is who he claimed to be: The Way, The Truth, and The Life, sent as the sacrifice for our sin and the example of God's love for us. "Greater love has no man than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends." – John 15:13

Are Muslims placing their prospect of a pleasant eternity on the hope that the Qur'an and Muhammad are true? A shaky hope indeed. Place hope in a sure foundation: The Bible and Jesus Christ our Savior.





### Is the Qur'an the Word of God?

If the Qur'an is God's word as Islam claims, we would expect it to be without error, especially regarding history and science. After all, if God created history and science, surely he would be accurate in these areas. What do we find in the Qur'an?

#### History

Mary, Jesus' mother, is confused with Miriam sister of Moses and Aaron, an error of about 1,700 years (Sura 19:27-28)

Pharaoh's sorcerers ordered crucified, a form of punishment that did not exist for another 1,000 years or more (Sura 7:124)

Israel had Kings prior to Moses (Sura 5:20) History shows the first king of Israel to be Saul, 500 years later.

Pharaoh commands Haman to build the Tower of Babel, an error totaling 1,700 years! (Sura 28:38)

#### Science

Mountains prevent earthquakes (Sura 16:15; 21:31; 31:10)

Semen is generated somewhere between the rib cage and backbone (Sura 86:5-7)

The sun sets into a muddy pool (Sura 18:86)

Embryos develop first as a blood clot, then bones, flesh, and finally skin (Sura 23:13-14)

### Is the Qur'an of today the same one given to Muhammad?

Even if Muslims believe the Qur'an to be the word of God, is there ample evidence that the Qur'an of today is the same given to Muhammad by the angel Gabriel? No!

His closest companions all collected their own version of the Qur'an as they heard Muhammad recite it. Scholars of textual criticism now admit that no fewer than 15 different 'versions' of the Qur'an existed during Muhammad's lifetime. Today's Qur'an contains 114 chapters (Sura).

The text compiled by Ubayy ibn Ka'b contained two extra Suras, totaling 116. His text became the standard in Syria.

The text compiled by Abdullah ibn Mas'ud only contained 111 Suras; did not include Suras 1, 113, and 114 of today's version. His was the standard in Kufa, Iraq.

Both men named above were identified by Muhammad himself as experts on the Qur'an.

The hadith (collected traditions of Islam) record both large sections of the Qur'an, as well as complete chapters, missing. (Bukhari 8:82:16; Muslim 5:2286)

Manuscripts of an ancient Qur'an discovered in 1972 in San'a, Yemen reveal significant differences from the Qur'an used today.

Arthur Jeffrey's History for the Text of the Qur'an documents thousands of changes.

### How do you know Muhammad was a prophet?

#### He did not know God's personal name:

In Exodus 3:15 God tells Moses his personal name "...the LORD, the God of your fathers ... this is my personal name." LORD is literally YHWH. Every prophet begins his proclamation with "Thus says the LORD." Muhammad never uses God's personal name YHWH. Why does a prophet of God not know God's personal name?

#### No miracles to accompany his message

When asked by the Jews of Medina to produce a miracle as proof of prophethood, Muhammad disavowed the ability (Sura 17:90-93). Accounts of miracles in later writings are merely legends, such as splitting of the moon into halves.

#### Not of the Prophetic Line

Prophets are of the lineage of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob (Israel), never through Ishmael. Even the Qur'an admits this (Sura 29:27, 49:16). Muhammad was not born of the prophetic line.

#### Verifiable fulfillment of predictions

Deuteronomy 18:22 says a true prophet's predictions must come to pass. Muhammad never made any predictions of future events that can be tested and verified. He never prophesied about the future.