

The KORAN

The Koran is considered to be a record of Mohammed's spiritual pilgrimage. Reared by the Meccan tribe of Koreish (Quraysh), Mohammed (C 570-632) launched his prophetic career with an assault upon idolatry. Having thus enraged his kinsmen, wealthy custodians of the Kaaba pantheon, he at last fled (622) to Medina. With its harrowing experiences, the earlier Meccan period is reflected in the curt, provocative, and iconoclastic sermons which form the body of the suras (chapters) occurring towards the close of the authorized text. In Medina, the prophet became a worldly-wise, militant, and princely character, and the Koranic material produced in this latter period is patterned accordingly: For here he became at first the leader of a powerful party, and gradually became the autocratic ruler of Arabia. The revelations given in Medina frequently take notice of contemporary historical events; still in many cases it is exceedingly difficult to make out any strict chronological sequence.

Mohammed emphasized how God had punished those who rejected the message of his predecessors, the Prophets of the Old and New Testaments. But deviations from the biblical narratives are very marked, and can in most cases be traced to the legendary anecdotes of the Jewish Haggada and the Apocryphal Gospels. There is no evidence that Mohammed was able to read, and his dependence on oral communications may explain some of his misconceptions; *e.g.*, the confusion of Haman, the minister of Ahasuerus, with the minister of Pharaoh (40:38), and the identification of Miriam, the sister of Moses, with Mary (Miryam), the mother of Jesus (19:29). There is evidence that he was influenced somewhat by members of the Nestorian Church. Even in the rare passages where direct resemblance to the text of the Old Testament can be traced (*cf.* 21:105 with Ps. 37:29; 1:5 with Ps. 27:11) or the New (*cf.* 7:48 with Luke 16:24; 46:19 with Luke 16:25), there is nothing more than might readily have been picked up in conversation with any Jew or Christian. His account of Alexander, introduced as "the two-horned one" (18:82), is derived from the *Romance of Alexander*, which was current among the Nestorian Christians of the 7th century in a Syriac version. Besides Jewish and Christian histories, there are a few references to early Arabian prophets, such as Salih (7:71) and Hud (7:63; 11:52).

Another difficulty presented by the Koran is the fact that Mohammed sometimes revoked whole verses and declared them to be "abrogated" (2:100, "Whatever verse We abrogate or cause to be forgotten, We bring a better or its like"; see also 16:103, 104). Thus the Koran contains different directions as to the treatment which idolators are to receive at the hands of believers. The number of abrogated verses has been variously estimated by commentators at from 5 to 500.

At the head of 29 of the chapters stand certain initial letters (*e.g.*, ALM, HM, etc.), for which various interpretations have been offered; *e.g.* that they are abbreviations for the names of God, for the signature of owners of manuscripts, etc.

When Mohammed died, separate pieces of the Koran appear to have been already written down by individuals, but many portions had also been committed to memory. The first complete written version is attributed to Zayd ibn Thabit, who had been Mohammed's secretary, and was instructed in the reign of Abu Bakr to collect the scattered portions into one volume. The copy passed into the possession of Umar, and at his death to his daughter Hafsa, one of the widows of the Prophet. When in the reign of Uthman quarrels arose in the army as to the true form of the revealed text, Zayd was again appointed by the caliph, together with three members of the tribe of the Quraysh, to prepare an authoritative version. Copies of this were sent to the chief cities of the empire, and all earlier codices, except that of Hafsa, were ordered to be burned. This

recension of Uthman thus became the only standard text for the whole Moslem world up to the present day.

Additionally, the Koran and Mohammedanism in particular, have been beset by differences of interpretation and application not unlike the differences that have plagued Christianity (*e.g.*, the Shiites, Sunnites, etc.) that even today create political differences and rivalries throughout the Islamic world.

Despite the above, and what follows, the Koran is billed more or less in the following manner: “The Qur’an is a complete and original compilation of the Final Revelation from God to mankind through the last Prophet of Islam, Muhammad...The Qur’an is essentially three qualities that make it universal. Firstly, in its original Arabic form, it is a masterpiece of immense literary value – fusing the style of presentation with the substance being presented in a blend of unique proportions. Secondly, though its message is a continuation of that contained in the earlier Revelations made to Abraham, David, Moses and Jesus, yet this message has a sense of fulfillment and originality that attracts towards it Jews, Christians and Muslims alike. Finally, it has a wealth of information – both worldly wisdom and intellectual conceptions – which provides the code of life for mankind generally and Muslims in particular. Indeed, the Qur’an’s miracle lies in its ability to offer at least something to non-believers and everything to believers”. (From: “The Qur’an”; Tahrike Tarsile Qur’an, Inc.)

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The Koran “...is even more boring than the Bible. The Book is a veritable miasma of imprecise allusions, vague generalizations, and constant repetitions. It is a good antidote for insomnia and would be a prime candidate for those with masochistic tendencies. The constant use of pronouns (*e.g.*, we, us, and they) with indeterminate antecedents, for instance, is not worthy of any writing claiming to be “God’s Word.” Indeed, the constant use of “us” and “we” when referring to God, himself, could easily lead one to believe that Muslims are trinitarians. The Book has fewer contradictions than the Bible, but that arises more out of a propensity for less specificity, more generalities and symbolism, fewer topics, less prophecy and more repetition than any adherence to consistency.”

“In his voluminous translation and commentary entitled, The Holy Quran, Muslim A. Yusuf Ali concedes that, “the same things are repeated over and over again in the Quran” (p. xxx). Because Ali is acutely aware of the fact that the Koran is much more chaotic and dissonant than Muslims would like to admit or others to know, he also concedes that, “a stranger to the Quran, on his first approach to it, is baffled when he does not find the enunciation of its theme or its division into chapters and sections or separate treatment of different topics and separate instructions for different aspects of life arranged in a serial order. On the contrary, there is something with which he has not been familiar before and which does not conform to his conception of a book” (p. xxi). Yes, there is. And that something is a tremendous amount of disorganization and metaphysical meanderings. Ali’s confession goes even further when he states that, “The same subject is repeated in different ways and one topic follows the other without any apparent connection. Sometimes a new topic crops up in the middle of another without any apparent reason. The speaker and the addressee, and the direction of the address change without any notice. There is no sign of chapters and divisions anywhere. That is why the unwary reader is baffled and puzzled when he finds all these things contrary to his pre-conceived conception of a book. He begins to feel that the Quran is a book without any order or inter-connection between its verses or continuity of its subject, or that it deals with miscellaneous

topics in an incoherent manner” (p. xxi & xxii). Of course, all of the above is pure rationalization, reminiscent of that employed by biblical apologists. The real reason objective readers feel that the Quran is a book without any order or systematic connection is that it is, and that’s a pretty good reason.”

This “analysis will be confined to the Koran” and “will only focus on that which is of interest or concern primarily to those of a free thought persuasion”.

“For purposes of categorization and easy future reference, topics will be addressed in alphabetical order. While the Bible is divided into book, chapter and verse, the Koran is divided into Sura and Ayat. There are 114 Suras and thousands of Ayats. If one saw 3:67 he would know he was dealing with Sura 3, Ayat 67 or the 67th Ayat of the 3rd Sura. The Suras have considerably less Ayats as one moves through the book.”

Those items that are bracketed { }, are from one GK who sent an article to the Minnesota Daily Newspaper, in which he stated...”Islam is presented as a just, fair, and humanitarian religion. Opinions aside, one need only scan the Koran to reveal its cruel, punitive, undemocratic, puritanical, anti-intellectual, intolerant, and arbitrary nature. It is surely one of the world’s most oppressive religions. Examples can be taken directly from the Koran (The A. Yusuf Ali version which I will use) itself...” (BE Issue #109)

ABRAHAM “Abraham was not a Jew nor yet a Christian.....” [3:67]

ADULTERY “The woman and the man guilty of adultery or fornication, - - flog each of them with a hundred stripes; let not compassion move you in their case, in a matter prescribed by God, ...Let no man guilty of adultery or fornication marry any but a woman similarly guilty, or an Unbeliever...” [24:2-4] {One hundred lashes are to be given for adultery or fornication [24:2]}

ARABS “The Arabs of the desert are the worst in unbelief and hypocrisy, and most fitted to be in ignorance of the command which God hath sent down to His Apostle...” 9:97]

CHRISTIANS “From those, too, who call themselves Christians, we did take a Covenant, But they forgot a good part of the Message that was sent them..... And soon will God show them what it is they have done.” [5:14]

“Strongest among men in enmity to the Believers (i.e. Muslims—Ed.) wilt thou find the Jews and Pagans; and nearest among them in love to the Believers wilt thou find those who say, ‘We are Christians’.” [5:82]

COMMERCE {A ‘revelation’ from Allah permits Mohammed to keep one-fifth of all spoils from towns or caravans that are raided [8:41]}

DAY “Verily a Day in the sight of thy Lord is like a thousand years of your reckoning.” [22:47]

“..in the end will (all affairs) go up to Him, on a Day, the space whereof will be (as) a thousand years of your reckoning.” [32:5]

DEBATE “Invite (all) to the Way of thy Lord with wisdom and beautiful preaching; and argue with them in ways that are best and most gracious for thy Lord knowest best.....” [16:125], *see also* [18:56].

DIVORCE “A divorce is only permissible twice.....” [2:229]

“If a wife fears cruelty or desertion on her husband’s part, there is no blame on them if they arrange an amicable settlement between themselves; and such settlement is best...” [4:128]

“O ye who believe! When ye marry believing women, and then divorce them...so give them a present, and set them free in a handsome manner.” [33:49] One is set free from bondage!

“O Prophet. When ye do divorce women, divorce them at their prescribed periods...and turn them not out of their houses, nor shall they (themselves) leave, except in case they are guilty of some open lewdness....” [65:1]

EXCLUSIVISM “And they (i.e.; Jews and Christians—Ed.) say: ‘None shall enter Paradise unless he be a Jew or a Christian.’ Those are their (vain) desires. Say: ‘Produce your proof if ye are truthful.’ Nay,—whoever submits his whole self to God and is a doer of good, --he will get his reward with his Lord... The Jews say: ‘Christians have naught (to stand) upon’; and the Christians say: ‘The Jews have naught (to stand) upon.’ Yet they (profess to) study the (same) Book.... But God will judge between them in the quarrel on the Day of Judgment.” [2:111-113]

What common book do the Jews and Christians study; the New Testament?

“Never will the Jews or the Christians be satisfied with thee unless thou follow their form of religion. Say: ‘The Guidance of God, --that is the (only) Guidance.’ Were thou to follow their desires after the knowledge which hath reached thee, then wouldest thou find neither Protector nor Helper against God.” [2:120]

“And they say: Be Jews or Christians, then ye will be rightly guided. Say: Nay, but (we follow) the religion on Abraham the upright, and he was not of the idolaters.” [2:135]

Abraham, however, holds a position of great importance in Judaism. This implies that Judaism and Christianity are attached to idolatry.

“This day have I perfected your religion...and have chosen for you Islam as your religion.” [5:3]

“Both the Jews and the Christians say: ‘We are sons of God, and His beloved.’ Say: ‘Why then doth He punish you for your sins?’” [5:18].

Who has been punished more? In the Muslim areas of the world today, they are among those most steeped in agony, ignorance, superstition and deprivation; they are plagued by high birthrates and lack of social participation by women.

“Take not the Jews and Christians for your friends and protectors: They are but friends and protectors to each other.” [5:51]

And how many times in history have Christians persecuted Jews?

“To those who reject our Signs and treat them with arrogance, no opening will there be of the gates of heaven, nor will they enter the Garden, until the camel pass through the eye of the needle.” [7:40]

There is no salvation outside of Islam!

FAVORITISM “God has bestowed His gifts of sustenance more freely on some of you than on others...” [16:71]

FIGHTING {Fighting is prescribed and good for men. [2:216]}

“They ask thee concerning fighting in the prohibited Month. Say: ‘Fighting therein is a grave (offence).’” [2:217]

“Those who believe, fight in the cause of God, and those who reject Faith fight in the cause of Evil.” [4:76]

“The punishment of those who wage war against God and His Apostle and strive with might and main for mischief through the land is: execution, or crucifixion, or the cutting off of hands and feet from opposite sides....and a heavy punishment is theirs in the Hereafter.” [5:33]

{Crucifixion is required for anyone making war against Allah and his messengers. [5:36]}

Even the New Testament isn't this intolerant!

“Those who believe, and adopt exile, and fight for the Faith...for them is the forgiveness of sins and a provision most generous.” [8:74]

“...then fight and slay the Pagans wherever ye find them and seize them, beleaguer them, and lie in wait for them in every strategem (of war)....” [9:5]

“Fight those who believe not in God {who disbelieve in Allah} nor the Last Day...nor acknowledge the Religion of Truth...” [9:29]

“...fight the Pagans...” [9:36]

“...wherever they are found, they shall be seized and slain (without mercy).” [33:61]

See also: 4:74, 4:95, 8:15-17, 8:38-39, 8:59-60, 9:111 and 9:123.

HEAVEN “...those who obey God and His Apostle will be admitted to Gardens with rivers flowing beneath, to abide therein (for ever) and that will be the Supreme achievement.” [4:13]

“We shall soon admit to Gardens, with rivers flowing beneath—their eternal home.” [4:57]

“Who will inherit Paradise: they will dwell therein (for ever).” [23:11]

“For those who believe and do righteous deeds, will be Gardens, beneath which Rivers flow: That is the great Salvation...” [85:11]

See also: 4:77, 124; 5:12, 85, 119; 6:32, 7:42, 44; 9:38, 72, 89, 100; 10:9, 26; 11:23, 108; 12:57, 109; 13:22-23; 14:23; 15:45; 16:30-32, 41; 18:2-3; 20:76; 22:9, 23; 23:11; 25:75; 35:33; 40:8; 47:12; 54:54; 66:8 and 98:8.

HELL “But those who reject Faith and belie Our signs,—They shall be Companions of Hell-fire.” [5:86]

“The Fire be your dwelling-place: You will dwell therein for ever.” [6:128]

“The Companions of the Fire will call to the Companions of the Garden...” [7:50]

“Taste the Penalty of the blazing Fire.” [8:50]

“...for those who oppose God and His Apostle, is the Fire of Hell?” [9:63]

“...and caused their people to descend to the House of Perdition?—Into Hell? they will burn therein....” [14:28-29]

See also: 4:14, 37, 115, 121, 145; 6:27; 7:18, 36, 47; 8:14; 9:17, 35, 49, 68, 81, 109, 113; 10:27; 11:16, 17, 106-107, 113, 119; 13:5, and 55 additional citations.

HEREAFTER “But best is the Home in the Hereafter.” [6:32]

“This life of the present is nothing but (temporary) convenience: it is the Hereafter that is the Home that will last.” [40:39]

See also: 6:135 and 29:64.

JESUS “That they said (in boast), ‘We killed Christ Jesus the son of Mary, the Apostle of God’; But they killed him not, nor crucified him, but so it was made to appear to them...for of a surety they killed him not.” [4:157]

“Christ Jesus the son of Mary was (no more than) an apostle of God, and His Word, which he bestowed on Mary...” [4:171]

{The belief that Jesus is the Son of God is blasphemous. Anyone believing that will go to Hell. [5:76]}

“And behold! I (God—Ed.) did restrain the Children of Israel from (violence to) thee (Jesus—Ed.) when thou didst show them the Clear Signs, and the unbelievers among them said: ‘This is nothing but evident magic’.” [5:110]

But God did not protect Jesus from those who crucified him!

“But she pointed to the babe. They said: ‘How can we talk to one who is a child in the cradle?’ He said: ‘I am indeed a servant of God: He hath given men revelation and made me a prophet... Such (was) Jesus the son of Mary: (it is) a statement of truth...’ [19:29-30]

“When (Jesus) the son of Mary is quoted as an example, behold! the folk laugh out,...he is nothing but a slave on whom We bestowed favor...” (The Glorious Quran by Marmaduke Pickthall) [43:57, 59]

“We sent after them Jesus the son of Mary, and bestowed on him the Gospel...” [57:27]

“And remember, Jesus, the son of Mary, said, ‘O Children of Israel! I am the apostle of God (sent) to you, confirming the Law (which came) before me, and giving Glad Tidings of an Apostle to come after me, whose name shall be Ahmad.’” [61:6]

See also: 2:253; 23:50 and 33:7.

Where did Jesus say he would be followed by one named Ahmad?

JEWES “But God hath cursed them for their Unbelief; and but few of them will believe.” [4:46]

“To the Jews We prohibited such things as We have mentioned to thee before...” [16:118]

“These (Israelites) are but a small band... So we expelled them from gardens, springs, treasures, and every kind of honourable position...” [26:55, 58-59]

“Say: O ye that stand on Judaism! If ye think that ye are friends to God, to the exclusion of (other) men, then express your desire for Death, if ye are truthful.” [62:6]

JUDGMENT DAY “He will gather you together against the Day of Judgment, about which there is no doubt.” [4:87]

“That He will gather you together for the Day of Judgment, there is no doubt whatever.: [6:12]

“On the Day of Judgment we shall bring out for him a scroll, which he will see spread open.” [17:13]

“...there can be no doubt the Hour of Judgment.” [18:21]

“Those who believe (in the Quran), those who follow the Jewish (scriptures), and the Sabians, Christians, Magians, and Polytheists,--God will judge between them on the Day of Judgment...” [22:17]

“He will gather you together for the Day of Judgment about which there is no doubt...” [45:26]

See also: 4:109; 10:60; 14:41, 44; 15:35; 16:25, 27; 16:124; 17:34, 36, 58, 61; 18:105; 38:53, 78 and 70:26.

KORAN or QURAN “It is He Who sent down to thee (step by step), in truth, the Book, confirming what went before it; and He sent down the Law (of Moses) and the Gospel (of Jesus) before this, as a guide to mankind...” [3:3]

“He is Who has sent down to thee the Book: in it are verses basic or fundamental (of established meaning); they are the foundation of the Book: others are allegorical... We believe in the Book; the whole of it is from our Lord: and none will grasp the Message except men of understanding.” [3:7]

“Do they not consider the Quran (with care)? Had it been from other than God, they would surely have found therein much discrepancy.” [4:82]

“Those who believe (in the Quran), those who follow the Jewish (scriptures), and the Sabians and the Christians,-- any who believe in God and the Last Day, and work righteousness,--on them shall be no fear, nor shall they grieve.” [5:69]

“This Quran hath been revealed to me by inspiration.” [6:19]

“Those who believe in the Hereafter believe in this (Book).” [6:92]

“Shall I seek for judge other than God?—When He it is who hath sent unto you the Book, explained in detail. They know full well, to whom We have given the Book, that it hath been sent down from thy Lord in truth.” [6:114]

“This Quran is not such as can be produced by other than God; on the contrary it is a confirmation of (revelations) that went before it, and a fuller explanation of the Book...” [10:37]

“in the life of the Present and in the Hereafter: no change can there be in the Words of God.” [10:64]

“They said: ‘O Shu’aib! Much of what thou sayest we do not understand!’” [11:91]

“If there were a Quran with which mountains were moved, or the earth were cloven asunder, or the dead were made to speak, (this would be the one).” [13:31]

“Say, the Holy Spirit has brought the revelation from thy God in Truth, in order to strengthen those who believe, and as a Guide and Glad Tidings to Muslims.” [16:102]

“We sent down the (Quran) in Truth, and in Truth has it descended...” [17:105]

“Praise be to God, who hath sent to His Servant the Book, and hath allowed therein to Crookedness. (He hath made it) straight (and clear)...” [18:1-2]

“So have We made the (Quran) easy in thine own tongue...” [19:97]

“We have not sent down the Quran to thee to be (an occasion) for they distress, but only as an admonition to those who fear (God), --A revelation from Him Who created the earth and the heavens on high.” [20:2-4]

“That the (Quran) is the Truth from thy Lord, and that they may believe therein...” [22:54]

“...talking nonsense about the (Quran), like one telling fables by night. Do they not ponder over the Word (of God)...” [23:67-68]

“The (Quran) was sent down by Him Who knows the Mystery (that is) in the heavens...” [25:6]

“Truly my people took this Quran for just foolish nonsense.” [25:30]

“Verily this is a Revelation from the Lord of the Worlds: with it came down the Spirit of Faith and Truth...” [26:192-193]

“As to thee, the Quran is bestowed upon thee from the presence of One Who is Wise and All-knowing.” [27:6]

“These are Verses of the Book that makes (things) clear.” [28:2]

“We believe in the Revelation which has come down to us....And thus (it is) that We have sent down the Book to thee.” [29:46-47]

Here, and in many other places, God is We, but in 27:6, as well also in many other places, God is One. Is Allah a singular or plural god?

“(This is) the revelation of the Book in which there is no doubt,--from the Lord of the Worlds.” [32:2]

“By the Quran, full of Wisdom... It is a Revelation sent down by (Him), the Exalted in Might...” [36:2, 5]

“The revelation of this Book is from God, the Exalted in Power, full of Wisdom.” [39:1]

“God has revealed (from time to time) the most beautiful Message in the form of a Book, consistent with itself, (Yet) repeating (its teaching in various aspects....” [39:23]

To say that the Koran is repetitious is quite an understatement!

“The revelation of this Book is from God, exalted in Power, full of Knowledge.” [40:2]

Both Christians and Muslims claim to have the Word of God. Are there two Words of God? If not, which is lying? If there are two, which should we follow?

“...And indeed it is a Book of exalted power. No falsehood can approach it from before or behind it. It is sent down by one Full of Wisdom, worthy of all Praise.... Had We sent this as a Quran (in a language) other than Arabic, they would have said: ‘Why are not its verses explained in detail? What! (a Book) not in Arabic and (a Messenger) an Arab?’” [41:41-42]

“I believe in the Book which God has sent down.” [42:15]

“It is God Who has sent down the Book in truth...” [42:17]

“By the Book that makes things clear.” (43:2)

“We have made this (Quran) easy, in thy tongue, in order that they may give heed.” [44:58]

“The revelation of the Book is from God the Exalted in Power...” [45:2; 46:2]

“those who believe and work deeds of righteousness, and believe in the (Revelation) sent down to Muhammad...” [47:2]

“Only those are Believers who have believed in God and His Apostle...” [49:15]

“And We have indeed made the Quran easy to understand and remember...” [54:17, 22, 32, 40]

“(God) most gracious! It is He Who taught the Quran.” [55:1-2]

“...read ye, therefore, of the Quran as much as may be easy for you...” [73:20]

See also: 2:177, 212; 4:136; 6:155; 7:2-3; 10:90; 11:1, 14; 14:1,27; 15:2; 17:9-10; 20:113; 21:106; 22:9; 25:52; 27:1-2; 31-2, 20; 34:6, 31; 37:170; 38:1; 39:18; 39:28; 39:41; 41:2-4; 42:7, 52; 43:43-44; 46:30; 56:77-80; 61:8-10; 64:10; 69:50-51 and 76:23.

MARRIAGE “Do not marry unbelieving women (idolaters), until they believe.” [2:221]

{Wives are the property of their husbands. [2:223]}

{Men are a degree above women. [2:228]}

“...Marry women of your choice, two, three, or four...” [4:3]

{Women can be beaten by their husbands. [4:34]}

MARTYRS “Those who have left their homes, or been driven out therefrom or suffered harm in My Cause, or fought or been slain—verily, I will blot out from them their iniquities, and admit them into Gardens with rivers flowing beneath...” [3:195]

MUHAMMAD “Muhammad is no more than an Apostle: many were the Apostles that passed away before him.” [3:144]

“Those who annoy God and His Apostle--God has cursed them in this world and in the Hereafter, and has prepared for them a humiliating Punishment.” [33:57]

“Muhammad is the Apostle of God...” [48:29]

NOAH’S SON “So the Ark floated...and Noah called out to his son, who had separated himself (from the rest)... The son replied: ‘I will betake myself to some mountain; it will save from the water’... and the son was among those overwhelmed in the Flood.” [11:42-43]

Where is this in Genesis?

PREDESTINATION “To every People is a term appointed: when their term is reached, not an hour can they delay, nor (an hour) can they advance (it in anticipation).” [7:34; 10:49]

{All things are predestined. [9:51]}

PUNISHMENT {The only penalty for murder is to make compensation to the victims relatives. [2:178]}

{homosexuals must be punished unless they repent and mend their ways. [4:16]}

“As to the thief, male or female, cut off his or her hands...” [5:38]

{Both hands of thieves are to be amputated. [5:41]}

“If Allah took mankind to task by that which they deserve, he would not leave a living creature on the surface of the earth...” [35:45]

“I will instill terror into the hearts of the Unbelievers: smite ye above their necks and smite all their finger-tips off them.” [8:12]

RESURRECTION “As to the dead, God will raise them up; then will they be turned unto Him.” [6:36]

“From the (earth) did We create you, and into it shall We return you, and from it shall We bring you out once again.” [20:55]

“And verily the Hour will come: There can be no doubt about it, or about (the fact) that God will raise up all who are in the graves.” [22:7]

“It is He Who gave you life, will cause you to die, and will again give you Life...” [22:66]

“One Day will God raise them all up (for judgment)...” [58:18]

See also: 2:174; 15:36; 23:16, 100; 26:87; 30:8, 56; 37:144; 38:79; 43:11; 53:47; 58:6; 71:18 and 80:21-22.

SABBATH “Those amongst you who transgressed in the matter of the Sabbath.” [2:65]

SALVATION “Those who believe (in the Quran), and those who follow the Jewish (scriptures), and the Christians and the Sabians,--Any who believe in God and the Last Day, and work righteousness, shall have their reward with their Lord...” [2:62]

“Then those whose balance (of good deeds) is heavy,--they will attain salvation. But those whose balance is light, will be those who have lost their souls; in Hell will they abide. The Fire will burn their faces....” [23:102-104]

“But those who believe and work deeds of righteousness--to them shall We give a Home in Heaven....” [29:58]

“And those who work righteousness will spread their couch (or repose) for themselves (in heaven).” [30:44]

Salvation is by works rather than belief.

SATAN “To the Evil One, though they were ordered to reject him. But Satan’s wish is to lead them astray....” [4:60]

“The footsteps of Satan: for he is to you an avowed enemy.” [6:142]

“When thou dost read the Quran, seek God’s protection from Satan the Rejected One.” [16:98]

“For Satan doth sow dissensions among them: for Satan is to man an avowed enemy.” [17:53]

“But Satan promises them nothing but deceit.” [17:64]

“O my Father! Serve not Satan: for Satan is a rebel against (God)...” [19:44]

“Verily Satan is an enemy to you: So treat him as an enemy. He only invites his adherents, that they may become Companions of the Blazing Fire.” [35:6]

SCIENCE “Your guardian-Lord is God, Who created the heavens and the earth in six Days...” [7:54]

“He it is Who created the heavens and the earth in six Days...” [11:7]

“We made from water every living thing.” [21:30]

“The flimsiest of houses is the Spider’s house.” [29:41]

Spider silk is stronger than steel of the same size!

“And God did create you from dust; then from a sperm-drop...” [35:11; 40:67]

“Doth no man see that it is We Who created him from sperm?” [35:77]

“We created the heavens and the earth and all between them in Six Days...” [50:38]

SEXISM “And women shall have rights similar to the rights against them, according to what is equitable; But men have a degree (of advantage) over them.” [2:228]

“God directs you as regards your children’s (inheritance): To the male, a portion equal to that of two females...” [4:11]

{Women are to be immured for the rest of their lives for ‘lewdness.’ [4:15]}

“Men are in charge of women, because Allah hath made the one of them to excel the other, and because they spend of their property (for the support of women). So good women are the obedient As for those from whom ye fear rebellion, admonish them and banish them to beds apart, and scourge (beat--Ed.) them. Then if they obey you, seek not a way against them.” in The Glorious Koran by Marmaduke Pickthall [4:34]

“...if there are brothers and sisters, (they share), the male having twice the share of the female.” [4:176]

{ Women are required to wear the veil. [24:31]}

{ Men may use captive women for their sexual amusement. [33:50]}

SINNERS “But never will prosper those who sin.” [10:17]

“And thou wilt see the Sinners that day bound together in fetters....their garments of liquid pitch, and their faces covered with Fire.” [14:49-50]

“The Sinners will be in the Punishment of Hell, to dwell therein (for aye): Nowise will the (punishment) be lightened for them....” [43:74-75]

“And the wicked--they will be in the Fire, which they enter on the Day of Judgment...” [82:14-15]

See also: 55:43 and 59:17

SLAVERY { Women can be bought and sold. [4:25]}

“...if one kills a Believer, it is ordained that he should free a believing slave...” [4:92]

“Who abstain from sex, except with those joined to them in the marriage bond, or (the captives) whom their right hands possess...” [23:5-6]

“Marry those among you who are single, or the virtuous ones among your slaves, male or female...” [24:32]

“And if any of your slaves ask for a deed in writing (to enable them to earn their freedom for a certain sum), give them such a deed....” [24:33]

See also 58:3

TRINITY “...to set up partners with God is to devise a sin most heinous indeed.” [4:48]

“God forgiveth not (the sin of) joining other gods with Him.” [4:116]

“Say not ‘Trinity’: desist: It will be better for you: for God is one God...” [4:171]

“In blasphemy indeed are those that say that God is Christ the son of Mary.” [5:17]

“They do blaspheme who say: ‘God is Christ the son of Mary’... Whoever joins other gods with God,--God will forbid him the Garden, and the Fire will be his abode....They do blaspheme who say God is one of three in a Trinity: for there is no god except One God. If they desist not from their word (of blasphemy), verily a grievous penalty will befall the blasphemers among them.... Christ the son of Mary was no more than an Apostle.” [5:72-75]

“And behold! God will say: ‘O Jesus the son of Mary! Didst thou say unto men, Worship me and my mother as gods in derogation of God? He (Jesus--Ed.) will say: ‘Glory to Thee! Never could I say what I had no right (to say).’ [5:116]

“And be not thou of the company of those who join gods with God.” [6:14]

“How can He have a son when He hath no consort?” [6:101]

“There is no god but He: turn aside from those who join gods with God.” [6:106]

“...the Christians call Christ the son of God. That is a saying from their mouth; (In this) they but imitate what the Unbelievers of old used to say. God’s curse be on them: how they are deluded away from the Truth!... And (they take as their Lord) Christ the son of Mary; Yet they were commanded to worship but One God: There is no god but He.” [9:30-31]

“What do they follow who worship as His ‘partners’ other than God? They follow

nothing but fancy, and they do nothing but lie.” [10:66]

“Praise be to God, who begets no son, and has no partner in (His) dominion...” [17:111]

“Further, that He may warn those (also) who say, ‘God hath begotten a son’. No knowledge have they of such a thing, nor had their fathers. It is a grievous thing that issues from their mouths as a saying. What they say is nothing but falsehood.” [18:4-5]

“It is not befitting to (the majesty of) God that he should beget a son.” [19:35]

“They say: (God) has begotten a son! Indeed ye have put forth a thing most monstrous! At it the skies are ready to burst, the earth to split asunder,...for it is not consonant with the majesty of (God)...that He should beget a son.” [19:88-92]

“Is it not that they say, from their own invention, ‘God has begotten children’? But they are liars!” [27:151-152; 37:151]

“He is God, the One and Only,...And there is none like unto Him.” [112:1, 4]

See also: 6:100, 163; 10:68-69; 16:2, 22, 51; 20:14, 98; 21:98, 108; 23:91-92; 25:2; 28:70, 88; 38:65; 39:4, 6; 40:3, 62, 64-65; 47:19; 50:24-26 and 73:9.

Muslims repeatedly assert their allegiance to monotheism and promise damnation for those who believe in a Trinity. Yet, “we”, “us” and “our”, are repeatedly used in the Koran with respect to God: 2:50, 57, 59, 60; 5:44, 46, 48; 7:138; 10:23-24, 73; 11:69; 19:21; 19:38, 40 and 51:47.

UNBELIEVERS “As to those who reject faith, I will punish them with terrible agony in this world and the Hereafter, nor will they have anyone to help.” [3:56]

“They but wish that ye should reject Faith, as they do, and thus be on the same footing as they.... But if they turn renegades, seize them and slay them wherever ye find them...” [4:89]

“Seize them and slay them wherever ye get them...” [4:91]

“For the Unbelievers are unto you open enemies... The unbelievers wish..to assault you in a single rush....” [4:101]

“For God will collect the Hypocrites and those who defy Faith--all in Hell...” [4:140]

“We have prepared for those among them who reject Faith a grievous punishment.” [4:161]

“Those who reject Faith and do wrong,--God will not forgive them nor guide them to any way--except the way of Hell, to dwell therein for ever.” [4:168-169]

“Those who reject faith and deny Our Signs will be Companions of Hell-fire.” [5:10]

{Fight and slay the pagans wherever you find them. [9:5]}

{Pagans are unclean. [9:28]}

{Fight those who disbelieve in Allah. [9:29]}

{Those who won't accept Islam are to be killed. [47:4]}

See also: 4:93, 137, 144, 151; 5:5; 6:70, 116, 150; 7:51; 8:36, 37; 9:73, 74, 95; 10:4, 8; 13:35; 14:2; 17:8; 19:37; 21 ;98; 33:8, 64-65; 38:27; 39:71; 57:15, 19; 64:7; 66:9 and 84:21-24.

VIRGIN BIRTH “She said: ‘Oh my Lord! How shall I have a son when no man hath touched me? He said:...When He hath decreed a Plan, He but saith to it, ‘Be,’ and it is!” [3:47]

“She said: ‘How shall I have a son, seeing that no man has touched me, and I am not unchaste?’ [19:20]

ZODIAC “It is We Who have set out the zodiacal Signs in the heavens...” [15:16]

How can this be if Muslims contend the Koran to be scientifically precise?