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Jesus in the Quran

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Preliminary Deposition

As a preliminary deposition it should be understood that this project examines the content of the Quran and the New Testament. In doing so it should also be understood as being of the utmost importance that all citations from these writings should be read and understood in context. The hope of the author is that these selected passages have indeed been represented contextually so as to eliminate as much bias as possible. The ultimate goal is to shed light and make unmistakably clear a glaring case for the identification of truth. This project was undertaken not to disprove Islam but rather to examine the contents of the book which the religion is based on. Instructions from the Ouran were followed to conduct an examination that compared and judged its contents with the scriptures which came before it, because they are all said to contain guidance, light, and the same truth. A comparison of the two is an absolute necessity if the contents of either one is to be taken seriously or viewed as authoritative.

After a comparison of the Quran with the New Testament on the person and sayings of Jesus, and addressing the possibility of corruption of either canon of scriptures, this project will examine the existence of historical anachronisms in the Quran. The position of women in Islam and an underscore of their treatment as prescribed by the Quran will be reviewed as well. This book will examine the land issue so that the reader can correctly determine who the land of the Middle East belongs to. And in conclusion, evidence will be produced from the Quran and the New Testament to prove by their own definitions what the truth of the Gospel is.

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Chapter Two Islam in the Quran



n the late 1980's I met a woman who told me of a religion I was unfamiliar with which is the Baha'i World Faith. She told me they believe that their prophet, the Bahaulla, was a continuation of God's prophetic messengers, unlike Islam which believes Mohammed was the last of God's messengers. She told me she believed that all of the Holy writings of the major world religions came from the same divine source. After a few months of contemplating on her beliefs I decided to compare the writings of three religions which I knew were monotheistic, in order to see if it was possible for them to have a common source. After some deliberation the investigation migrated to more of a comparison of the Christian New Testament with that of the Quran. This project is dedicated to sharing the research and information which was found to be true.

Just as Christianity is a monotheistic religion based on the New Testament, Islam is a monotheistic religion based on the writings of the Quran. Within Christianity and Islam there are different factions from conservative to liberal. This comes as the result of conflicting interpretations of passages found in the writings of each religion.

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Understanding the Quran and select passages from it is essential for understanding Islam. Being familiar with the contents of the Quran will also assist in understanding the actions of people who identify with, or do things in the name of Islam. The writings of the Quran are said to have come from visions and revelations given to the prophet Mohammed starting approximately 609CE. After his death in 632 they were put into writing in a single canon approximately 650CE. Conversely, the New Testament is a compilation of the writings of eight people most of who claimed to be eyewitnesses to the events they described. Their writings were considered Holy Scripture by the Christian church before 100CE but were not canonized into a single book until the early forth century.

Many passages in the Quran talk about and advocate violent behavior. Examining these writings in their historical context will help non-Muslims to understand the continual call to violent behavior by modern day Muslim Jihadists. History tells us that Mohammed attracted a large following of disciples but ran into conflict with the Meccans. This conflict propelled him into a roll as a military leader. Many of the texts of the Quran which contain directions to engage in violence originated from an effort to motivate soldiers to do battle. However, modern day Jihadists have taken these calls to violence out of their historical context and use them to justify the forcing of their religious practices on people who don't want anything to do with them. Violence is justified by them as a tool to accomplish certain objectives.

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It's not a question if the morals taught in the Quran are of the highest standard, the problem exists with the modern day Jihadist's attempts to force by violence this moral standard on others.

Many Muslims are quick to point out that not all Muslims are Jihadists or terrorist. This may be true but the fact still remains that all Jihadists and most of the terrorists today are Muslims. These people identify themselves with Islam. A list of their acts of terrorism on a global scale over the last three or four decades is far too lengthy to display here. The list shows an increasing pattern of attacks that have been performed in the name of Islam. These people's desire to be morally pure and to be right with their God is a righteous motive but they miss the picture as a whole if the claims of all scriptures are considered collectively and correctly.

The Quran regards the Hebrew scriptures-TaNaKh, the Christian Gospel-New Testament, and the Quran to be divinely inspired and all from the same origin, Allah.¹ Therefore, these Jihadists should recognize that in the Christian writings the power of forgiveness far exceeds the power of violence. Jesus taught that instead of responding to opposition with violence and retaliation, or an eye for an eye, it was better to "Turn the other cheek" (Matthew 5:38,39). The Quran also says that forgiveness is better than retaliation and violence.²

¹ Quran 5:43-48, 19:30, 61:6

² Quran 3:133,134, 5:45, 42:40,43

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It's true that not all Muslims are terrorists therefore, one of the objectives of this book is to not judge Islam based solely on the behavior of Jihadists. The ultimate intent of this book is to compare the information found in the Quran with that of the New Testament. Research was undertaken to compare what is said about Jesus of Nazareth in the Quran, to what is recorded in the Gospel accounts of the Christian New Testament. A comparison of these texts was taken from both sources to see if they are in agreement. The research concluded that there are factual, logical, and mathematical certainties that can be drawn by making comparisons between these two sources. Very specific contradictory records were found during the examination of these documents. The Quran calls both writings prophetic or divine revelation from the mouth of Allah, so why aren't the stories identical? In fact, some of the stories are in complete disagreement with one another. So how is that possible?

Because of this paradox an examination of historical records must be undertaken to determine if the writings being compared could have been corrupted, or changed by malicious heretics at some time in history. After a preliminary review of the textual contradictions between the Quran and the New Testament a chapter will be dedicated to addressing the possibility that this paradoxical conflict exists due to a conspiracy as Islam contends. Was there a malicious breach executed on the scriptures which came before the Quran in which the stories and facts were changed 180 degrees? Is there any historical proof to support this theory or do the facts tell a different story?