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SHARING CHRIST WITH MUSLIMS ACROSS THE WORLD / DR. EMIR CANER

LECTURE 2: THY WORD IS TRUTH!

A Comparison of the Qur'an and the Bible

Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.

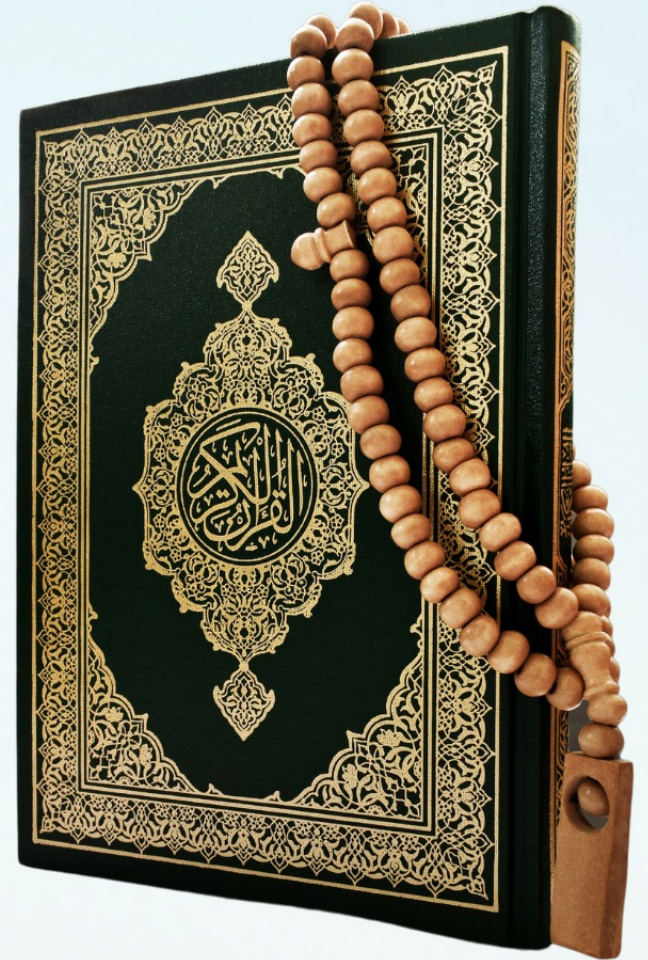
John 17:17



THE QUR'AN: THE DICTATED WORDS OF ALLAH

WHAT IS THE MESSAGE OF THE QUR'AN:

- ف Irreproducible (Surah 2:23)
- ف Superior to Old Revelation (Surah 5:15)
- ف Incorruptible (Surah 15:9)
- ف Preserved (Surah 85:22)
- ف Inspired in Arabic (Surah 16:103)



THE QUR'AN: A MESSAGE FOR THE WORLD

WHAT IS THE MESSAGE OF THE QUR'AN:



1. Complete the Revelation of Allah.



"I am what Abraham my father prayed for and the good news of [my brother] Jesus."

-Muhammad (Ibn Ishaq, The Life of Muhammad)

2. Correct the Worship of Allah.

*Say: I am but a man like yourselves, (but) the inspiration has come to me, that your God is One God: whoever expects to meet his Lord, let him **work righteousness**, and in the worship of his Lord, **admit no on as partner** (Surah 18:110).*

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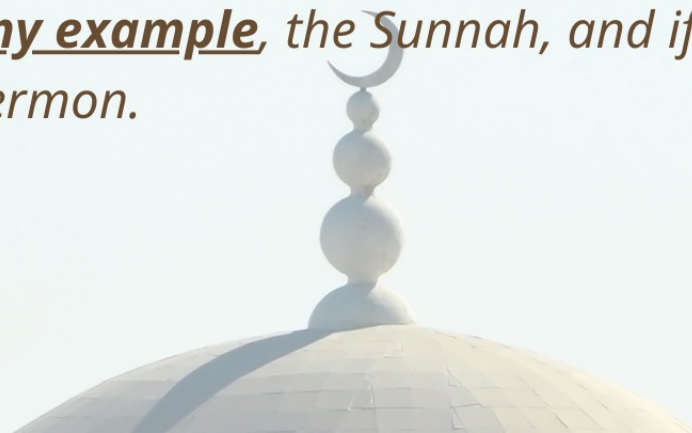


3. Warn of the Punishment of Allah.

O men, I am only for you a warner. Those who believe and do deeds of righteousness theirs shall be forgiveness and generous provision. And those who strive against Our sins to avoid them – they shall be inhabitants of Hell (Surah 22:49-50).

4. Secure the Way of Allah.

*I leave behind me two things, the Qur'an **and my example**, the Sunnah, and if you follow these you will never go astray. -Muhammad's Last Sermon.*




FIVE QUESTIONS ON WHETHER THE QUR'AN CAN BE TRUSTED

ف 1. Why are there no prophecies in the Qur'an?

ف 2. Why did the Uthman order variant copies of the Qur'an be destroyed?

The third caliph (leader), Uthman (AD 644-656), heard of different translations of the Qur'an and ordered one standardized copy to be compiled. Two respected men, Mas'ud (older) and Thabit (younger) opposed each other. **If the Qur'an was always preserved (surah 85:22), why would there be different copies of the Qur'an?**




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3. Why does Islamic history differ on when the Qur'an was complete?

*Umar (second leader of Muhammad) reportedly said, "Let none of you say, "I have learned the whole of the Qur'an...**much of it has disappeared**. Let him rather say, "I have got what has survived." (Ibn Warraq, *Origins of the Koran*).*

4. Why does the oldest manuscript of the Qur'an have variations?



5. How can we trust the god of the Qur'an when the Qur'an argues that its god had previous revelations that are corrupt? (Surah 3:2-3, 78)

LECTURE 5: WHOSOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM

Guidance in Islam v. Salvation in the Bible

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. -John 3:16



GUIDANCE IN ISLAM:

FIRST PRINCIPLES OF ISLAM

ف 1. Humanity did not fall in the Garden, only Adam & Eve were deceived.

They said: Our Lord! We have wronged ourselves.... (Surah 7:20-23).

ف 2. Humanity is born with a good nature and weak nature.

So set thy purpose (O Muhammad) for religion as a man by nature upright – the nature (framed) of Allah, in which He has created man... (Surah 30:30).

ف 3. Each person must bear his own burden.

And no burdened soul can bear another's burden...He who grows (in goodness), grows only for himself, (he cannot by his merit redeem others)... (Surah 35:18).

REQUIREMENTS FOR PARADISE IN ISLAM

ف 1. Three Requirements: Repentance + Faith + Works

Unless he repents, believes, and works righteous deeds, for Allah will change the evils of such persons into good, and Allah is oft-Forgiving, Most Merciful. -Surah 25:70

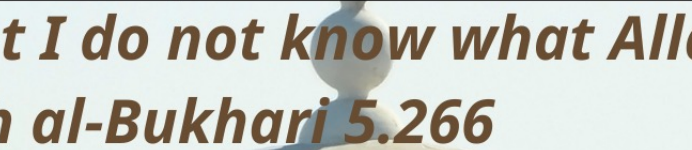
ف 2. Since Works is central to earning Paradise:

- There are no death-bed conversions (Surah 4:18)
- Love of Allah is conditioned upon good works (Surah 2:190).
- Scales of Justice will be used at your eternal trial (Surah 23:101-102)
- Question: How is it just that Allah would forgive sins without any punishment?

JUDGMENT: A DAY OF UNCERTAINTY OR A DAY OF VICTORY

FEAR OF JUDGMENT IN ISLAM	SAME PHRASE	VICTORIOUS JUDGMENT IN CHRIST
16:77	TWINKLING OF AN EYE	1 Corinthians 15:51-52
18:99	SOUND OF A TRUMPET	1 Thessalonians 4:16
56:27-40	BELIEVERS ON THE RIGHT HAND	Matthew 25:34
69:25-28	BOOKS ARE OPENED	1 Corinthians 3:14; Revelation 20:12
21:104	NEW CREATION	Revelation 21:1-8
25:25	ANGELS	Luke 16:22; 1 Thessalonians 4:16
36:55-58	JOY AND PEACE	Matthew 25:21

“By Allah, though I am the Apostle of Allah, yet I do not know what Allah will do to me.” -Muhammad, in Sahih al-Bukhari 5.266



MUHAMMAD'S OWN PRAYER

Allah's Apostle used to keep silent between the Takbir ("Allahu Akbar") and the recitation of Qur'an and that interval of silence used to be a short one. I said to the Prophet, "May my parents be sacrificed for you! What do you say in the pause between Takbir and recitation?"

*The Prophet said, "I say, "O Allah! Set me apart from my sins as **the East and West are set apart from each other** and clean me from sins as **a white garment is cleaned of dirt** (after thorough washing). O Allah! Wash my sins with water, snow and hail." -Bukhari's Hadith 1.711*

