

I History Of Islam

- Thomas Newton: They “live in a state of continual war with the rest of the world...they have been such enemies of mankind, it is no wonder that mankind have been enemies to them again” (*Dissertations on the Prophecies*, 1831, p.23)
- Herodotus: Persians could not conquer the Arabians (III. 88)
- Romans (Pompey; Trajan)

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II Mohammed

“Muslims believe in a chain of prophets starting with Adam, including Noah, Abra-ham, Ishmael, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, Job, Moses, Aaron, David, Solomon, Elias, Jonah, John the Baptist, and Jesus... God’s final message to man, a reconfirmation of the eternal message and a summing up of all that has gone before was revealed to the Prophet Muhammad through Gabriel”

Born: Mecca, Arabia, c. AD 570

Meager living: attendant on
caravans; watching sheep and goats

Disreputable occupation to Arabs

He later gloried in it, appealing to
example of Moses and David

Mohammed's career / health

- Never learned to read or write
- Began career as prophet and reformer in 610, at age forty
- Severe headaches, feverish convulsions
- Attributed epileptic fits to overpowering presence of God

Mohammed's family

Age 25, married rich widow (age 40)

After her death, many slave concubines and 14+ wives

Caused him much trouble / scandal

Ayesha age 9 (6); he was 53

"The prophet loved three things, women, perfumes and food...."

Mohammedism – Islam

Persecution forced flight to Medina,
622

Died in 632, the accepted prophet
and ruler throughout Arabia

Mohammedism (founder)

Islam (chief virtue: *submission*)

Among his last words: “*The Lord
destroy the Jews and Christians!*”

Mohammed and the sword

“The sword is the key of heaven and hell; a drop of blood shed in the cause of Allah, a night spent in arms, is of more avail than two months of fasting or prayer: who-soever falls in battle, his sins are forgiven, and at the day of judgment his limbs shall be supplied by the wings of angels and cherubim”

–*Mohammed*

Mohammed and Gabriel

In 610, at age 40, call of Gabriel

Mohammed dictated the Koran “from inspiration” to disciples and clerks

In the Koran, several times he expressly disclaims the power of miracles

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III The Koran

Koran (*the reading; the book*)

114 Surahs, 6,225 verses

No room for the Koran

1. Jn.16:13, Lord's *promise*

2. Ac.20:27, Paul's *preaching*

3. 2 Jn.9, John's *prohibition*

No need for the Koran

1. Mk.16:15-16, what can it add?
2. Col.2:10, complete in Christ
3. 2 Tim.3:16-17, Scriptures

About a year after Mohammed's death...

...at the direction of Abu-Bakr, his father-in-law, and immediate successor, and Zayd, the chief amanuensis, collected the scattered fragments of the Koran "from palm leaves, and tablets of white stone, and from the breasts of men," w/o any regard to chronological order or continuity of subjects

The Koran and Textual Criticism

- As **different readings** of copies occasioned **serious disputes**, Zayd and others tried to secure the purity of the text
- All previous copies were called in and ***burned***

The Koran and Scriptures

Earlier Surahs speak often and highly of the Scriptures, calling them "*the Book of God*," "*the Word of God*," "*the Gospel*"

Describes Jews and Christians as "*the people of the Book...*"

Comparing NT and Koran

Jesus wrote
nothing

Mohammed wrote
nothing

Promised H. S. to
guide disciples

No such promise

Apostles taught
publicly and
privately

Taught publicly
and privately

Different copies
arose

Different copies
arose

NT

Koran

Compare. Collate.
Collect.

Compare. Collate.
Collect.

Burn the rest

Originals not in
existence now

Original Koran not
in existence now

Our copy
authentic? Yes

Koran authentic? ?

The Koran Contradicts Itself

“Then when the Sacred Months ... have passed, then kill the *Mush-rijun* (*idolaters, polytheists, etc.*, rd) wherever you find them, and capture them and besiege them, and lie in wait for them in each and every ambush. But if they repent and perform *As-Salat* (*prayers, 5x a day*, rd) and give *Zakat* (*charity*, rd) *then leave their way free...*” (9:5)

But: No Compulsion

“There is no compulsion in religion. Verily, the Right Path has become distinct from the wrong path. Whoever disbelieves in *Taghut* (idolatry, rd) and believes in Allah, then he has grasped the most trustworthy handhold that will never break...” (2:256)

Jews and Christians have reward

“Verily! Those who believe and those who are Jews and Christians, and Sabians, whoever believes in Allah and the Last Day and does righteous good deeds shall have their reward with their Lord, on them shall be no fear, nor shall they grieve” (2:62)

But: Abrogated!

“This Verse...mentioned in the *Qur'an* should not be misinterpreted by the reader...that the provision of this Verse was abrogated by the Verse 3:85: “And whosoever seeks a religion other than Islam, it will never be accepted of him, and in the Hereafter, he will be one of the losers.” (i.e. after the coming of Prophet Muhammad on the earth, no other religion except Islam, will be accepted from anyone)” (2:62 ftnt.; 3:85)

Summary:

Whatever is true in the Koran is
borrowed from the Bible

What is original is false or frivolous

Jn.16:13

Could first century Christians obey
God w/o Mohammed's revelations?

Why not today? (Jude 3)

Satanic Verses

Mohammed and followers were persecuted for attacking pagan faiths (Mecca)

83 of his followers emigrated from Mecca to Ethiopia (Abyssinia)

Mohammed compromised with Meccan pagans: acknowledged existence of three pagan goddesses next to Allah: Lat, Uzza, and Manat (Surah 53:19-22)

Salman Rushdie did not invent *The Satanic Verses*

Meccans revoked ban on Mohammed
After hearing the persecution had
ended, those who had immigrated to
Abyssinia started home.

By the time they arrived in Mecca,
Mohammed had *retracted* his
confession, admitting he had fallen
prey to the whispering of Satan –
Surah 53:19-22

Confession: Surah 22:52-53

Satan tempts all prophets, inspiring them with demonic verses, as if actually revealed by God.

Allah later abrogated Satanic Verses with new revelations.

Islam: Allah permits demonic inspiration to test weak believers and to cut off those with hardened hearts.

Consequences:

1. If Mohammed could not distinguish Satan's voice from God's, are there other verses in the Koran that he assumed were from God but were really from Satan?

Consequences:

1. Satan's voice or God's?
2. Mohammed should have been put to death as a false prophet – Dt.18:20

Consequences:

1. Satan's voice or God's?
2. False prophet
3. Critics of Islam did not invent this charge
 - Earliest available Islamic sources on Mohammed's life record it: Ibn Ishaq, Wakidi, Ibn Sa'd, and Tabari

Consequences:

1. Satan's voice or God's?
2. False prophet
3. Islamic sources
4. Allah is not the God of the Bible
 - Nu.23:19
 - Mal.3:6
 - Lk.21:33
 - Tit.1:2; Hb.6:18
 - Ja.1:17