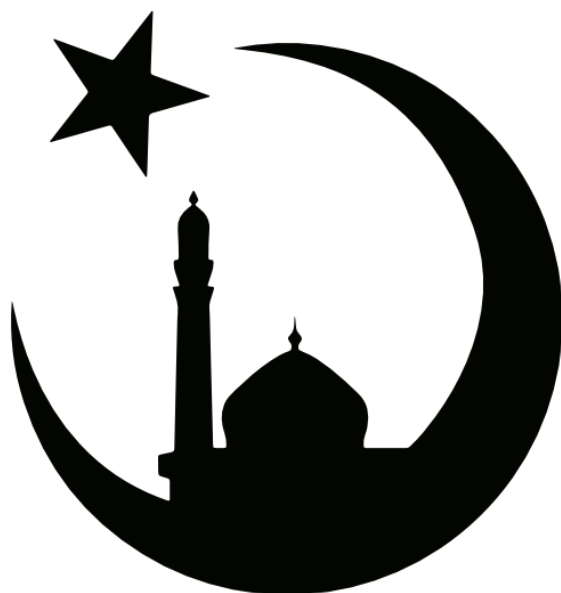


# *THE TRUTH ABOUT ISLAM*

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## *LESSON 2: IS THE QURAN FROM GOD?*

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# IS THE QURAN FROM GOD?

We thank you for taking the time to complete the first course on *Has the Bible been corrupted?* and begin the second course. You have seen that the Bible is proven to be accurate as the Word of God. Please remember that the authenticity of every religion can be established **only** on the basis of the source of its authority. The religion of Islam will either stand or fall based upon its source of authority, The Quran.

It is our goal to accurately and honestly give you the facts concerning Islam and the Quran. There are several questions that are important to note and ask as we begin:

1. Is the Quran corrupted or is it reliable?
2. Is the Quran the inspired word of God?
3. Are there contradictions and false ethics in the Quran?
4. Is there a reliable standard of truth upon which we can rely?

We have included all verses that are referenced in this and following studies so that owning a Quran or Bible is not essential at this point. Each course class should take you less than one hour to read and study. At the end of each course is a set of questions. The answers to these are all found in the text of the course. We ask that you answer each question to the best of your ability. On the last page is an opportunity for you to ask any questions you may have from the current study. Included with each course is a self-addressed envelope that you can send in your course questions and someone will grade it. They will then send you the next course with another self-addressed envelope. Included with each study will be the contact information for someone who can be of assistance with this study if you need their help.

It is our goal and prayer that this study is of benefit to you and your soul. We mean no ill-will to anyone or their religious beliefs but rather hope to help you as you strive to reach the ultimate goal of salvation!

# ARE THERE CONTRADICTIONS IN THE QURAN?

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The Quran claims to be free from all contradictions.

**Surah 4:82** *Do they not ponder about the Qur'an? Had it been from any other than Allah, they would surely have found in it much inconsistency.*

Unfortunately for Mohammed and the Quran, there are many inconsistencies found within the Quran. Here we will present these inaccuracies and let you decide if this is true or not.

## WHAT WAS MAN CREATED FROM: BLOOD, CLAY, DUST, FLUID (SPERM)?

**Surah 96:1-2** *Recite in the name of your Lord Who created created man from a clot of congealed blood.*

**Surah 15:26** *Surely We brought man into being out of dry ringing clay which was wrought from black mud.*

**Surah 3:59** *Surely, in the sight of Allah, the similitude of the creation of Jesus is as the creation of Adam whom He created out of dust, and then said: 'Be', and he was.*

**Surah 16:4** *He created man out of a mere drop of fluid, and lo! he turned into an open wrangler.*

## IS BEING A MUSLUM REQUIRED?

**Surah 2:256** *There is no compulsion in religion.*

**Surah 9:3** *This is a public proclamation by Allah and His Messenger to all people on the day of the Great Pilgrimage: "Allah is free from all obligation to those who associate others with Allah in His Divinity; and so is His Messenger. If you repent, it shall be for your own good; but if you turn away, then know well that you will not be able to frustrate Allah. So give glad tidings of a painful chastisement to those who disbelieve.*

**Surah 9:5** *But when the sacred months expire slay those who associate others with Allah in His Divinity wherever you find them; seize them, and besiege them, and lie in wait for them. But if they repent and establish the Prayer and pay Zakah, leave them alone. Surely Allah is All-For-giving, Ever-Merciful.*

**Surah 9:29** *Those who do not believe in Allah and the Last Day- even though they were given the scriptures, and who do not hold as unlawful that which Allah and His Messenger have declared to be unlawful, and who do not follow the true religion - fight against them until they pay tribute out of their hand and are utterly subdued.*

### WHO WAS THE FIRST MUSLIM: MOHAMMED, MOSES, OR ABRAHAM?

**Surah 39:11-12** *Tell them, (O Prophet): "I am bidden to serve Allah, consecrating my devotion to Him, and I am bidden to be the first of those who surrender to Him.*

**Surah 7:143** *And when Moses came at Our appointment, and his Lord spoke to him, he said: 'O my Lord! Reveal Yourself to me, that I may look upon You!' He replied: 'Never can you see Me. However, behold this mount; if it remains firm in its place, only then you will be able to see Me.' And as soon as his Lord unveiled His glory to the mount, He crushed it into fine dust, and Moses fell down in a swoon. And when he recovered, he said: 'Glory be to You! To You I turn in repentance, and I am the foremost among those who believe.*

**Surah 2:132** *And Abraham enjoined the same upon his children, and so did Jacob: "My children! Behold, Allah has chosen this religion for you. Remain till death in submission (to Allah).*

### WAS PHAROAH KILLED IN THE CROSSING OF THE RED SEA?

**Surah 17:103** *At last Pharaoh decided to uproot Moses and the Children of Israel from the land, but We drowned him together with all who were with him;*

**Surah 10:90-92** *And We led the Children of Israel across the sea. Then Pharaoh and his hosts pursued them in iniquity and transgression until Pharaoh cried out while he was drowning: 'I believe that there is no god but Allah in Whom the Children of Israel believe, and I am also one of those who submit to Allah. (Thereupon came the response): 'Now you believe, although you disobeyed earlier and were one of the mischief-makers. We shall now save your corpse that you may serve as a sign of warning for all posterity, although many men are heedless of Our signs.*

## **IS WINE IMBIBING ALLOWED IN THE QURAN?**

**Surah 5:90** *Believers! Intoxicants, games of chance, idolatrous sacrifices at altars, and divining arrows are all abominations, the handiwork of Satan. So turn wholly away from it that you may attain to true success.*

**Surah 83:22-25** *Verily the virtuous shall be in Bliss; resting on couches, looking around. You shall see upon their faces the glow of bliss. They will be served a drink of the finest sealed wine,*

## **CAN MUSLIMS KEEP COMPANY WITH UNBELIEVING PARENTES?**

**Surah 31:14** *We enjoined upon man to be dutiful to his parents. His mother bore him in weakness upon weakness, and his weaning lasted two years. (We, therefore, enjoined upon him): "Give thanks to Me and to your parents. To Me is your ultimate return. But if they press you to associate others with Me in My Divinity, (to associate) those regarding whom you have no knowledge (that they are My associates), do not obey them. And yet treat them well in this world, and follow the way of him who turns to Me in devotion. Eventually it is to Me that all of you shall return, and I shall then tell you all that you did.*

**Surah 9:23** *Believers, do not take your fathers and your brothers for your allies if they choose unbelief in preference to belief. Whosoever of you takes them as allies those are wrong-doers.*

# DANGEROUS MORAL IDEAS IN THE QURAN

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## THE QURAN JUSTIFIES KILLING OR INJURING OTHERS

**Surah 5:33** *Those who wage war against Allah and His Messenger, and go about the earth spreading mischief -indeed their recompense is that they either be done to death, or be crucified, or have their hands and feet cut off from the opposite sides or be banished from the land. Such shall be their degradation in this world; and a mighty chastisement lies in store for them in the World to Come.*

**Surah 47:4** *When you meet the unbelievers (in battle), smite their necks until you have crushed them, then bind your captives firmly; thereafter (you are entitled to) set them free, either by an act of grace, or against ransom, until the war ends. That is for you to do. If Allah had so willed, He would have Himself exacted retribution from them. (But He did not do so) that He may test some of you by means of others. As for those who are slain in the way of Allah, He shall never let their works go to waste.*

**Surah 2:190-193** *Fight in the way of Allah against those who fight against you but do not transgress, for Allah does not love transgressors. Kill them whenever you confront them and drive them out from where they drove you out. (For though killing is sinful) wrongful persecution is even worse than killing. Do not fight against them near the Holy Mosque unless they fight against you; but if they fight against you kill them, for that is the reward of such unbelievers. Keep on fighting against them until mischief ends and the way prescribed by Allah prevails. But if they desist, then know that hostility is directed only against the wrong-doers.*

In contrast to the Quran the New Testament not only condemns all forms of violence, but goes farther even in that it literally promotes peace.

**Matthew 5:38-39** - *You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth. But I tell you not to resist an evil person. But whoever slaps you on your right cheek, turn the other to him also.*

**Romans 12:17-19** *Repay no one evil for evil. Have regard for good things in the sight of all men. If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men. Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but rather give place to wrath; for it is written, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay," says the Lord.*

**John 18:36** *Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, My servants would fight, so that I should not be delivered to the Jews; but now My kingdom is not from here."*

**1 Peter 3:9** *not returning evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary blessing, knowing that you were called to this, that you may inherit a blessing.*

**Matthew 5:21-22** *"You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not murder, and whoever murders will be in danger of the judgment.' But I say to you that whoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment. And whoever says to his brother, 'Raca!' shall be in danger of the council. But whoever says, 'You fool!' shall be in danger of hell fire.*

What a contrast, Jesus compared to the Quran — Jesus never once took up the sword or encouraged anyone else to do so! The one time that one of His close followers took it upon himself to do so, the disciple was soundly reprimanded and ordered to put the sword away, with the added warning: "all who take the sword will perish by the sword" (Matthew 26:52).

## THE QURAN JUSTIFIES VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

**Surah 4:34** *Men are the protectors and maintainers of women because Allah has made one of them excel over the other, and because they spend out of their possessions (to support them). Thus righteous women are obedient and guard the rights of men in their absence under Allah's protection. As for women of whom you fear rebellion, admonish them, and remain apart from them in beds, and beat them. Then if they obey you, do not seek ways to harm them. Allah is Exalted, Great.*

**Surah 38:44** *(and We said to him, Job): "Take in your hand a bundle of rushes and strike with it, and do not break your oath." Indeed We found him steadfast. How excellent a servant (of Ours) he was. Indeed he constantly turned (to his Lord).*

Sheikh Dr. Ahmad Muhammad Ahmad Al-Tayyeb, the head of Al-Azhar, Sunni Islam's most prestigious institution says that "*light beatings*" and "*punching*" are part of a program to "*reform the wife*".

Sheikh Yousef al-Qaradhawi, one of the most respected Muslim clerics in the world, once said that "It is forbidden to beat the woman, unless it is necessary." He went on to say that "*one may beat only to safeguard Islamic behavior,*"

Kash-shaf (the revealer) of al-Zamkhshari (Vol. 1, p. 525) - [Muhammad said] "*Hang up your scourge where your wife can see it*"

One major difference we see between the teachings of the Quran and the Bible is the role of women. The New Testament of the Bible teaches far different than the Quran. Listen to how the Bible commands husbands to treat their wives:

**1 Peter 3:7** *Husbands, likewise, dwell with them with understanding, giving honor to the wife, as to the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life, that your prayers may not be hindered.*



**Ephesians 5:25** *Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her.*

**Col 3:19** *Husbands, love your wives and do not be bitter toward them.*

## THE QURAN JUSTIFIES POLYGAMY

**Surah 4:3** *If you fear that you might not treat the orphans justly, then marry the women that seem good to you: two, or three, or four. If you fear that you will not be able to treat them justly, then marry (only) one, or marry from among those whom your right hands possess. This will make it more likely that you will avoid injustice.*

Clearly a Muslim man is allowed by the Quran to have at least 4 wives if he so chooses. Furthermore, the Quran authorizes divorce for any reason (e.g., Surah 2:226-232,241; 33:4,49; 58:2-4; 65:1-7). If a man can divorce his wife for any reason, then the limitation that confines a man to four wives is seemingly meaningless—only restricting a man to four legal wives at a time. In truth according to the laws of the Quran, a man could have an unlimited number of wives during his life—all with the approval of God!

This is in complete contrast to the teachings of the New Testament!

**Matthew 19:4-6** *And He answered and said to them, “Have you not read that He who made them at the beginning ‘made them male and female,’ and said, ‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh’? So then, they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate.”*

**Matthew 19:9** *And I say to you, whoever divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, and marries another, commits adultery; and whoever marries her who is divorced commits adultery.”*

The teachings of Jesus concerning marriage, divorce, and polygamy are quite simple. One man for one woman for life!

# PLEASE ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS TO THE BEST OF YOUR ABILITY

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1. According to the Quran, from what four contradicting materials was man created?
2. Is it compulsory for a person to be a Muslim without consequences?
3. Who was the first Muslim according to the Quran?
4. Did Pharoah die in the crossing of the Red Sea?
5. Can a Muslim keep company with unbelieving parents?

**6. What are Muslims to do to unbelievers?**

**7. What does Jesus teach concerning violence?**

**8. What are Muslims to do to disobedient wives?**

**9. How does the Bible teach a man to treat his wife?**

**10. How many wives can a Muslim have?**

**11. How many wives does Jesus teach that a man should have?**

**After this study, do you still believe the Quran to be inspired by God or the creation of a mere man? The Bible and Quran cannot both be true. They directly contradict each other in every page. While the Quran contains some commendable ethical regulations, it simply does not come up to the moral heights of the Bible. The conflicting ethics advocated in the Quran are proof of the Quran's human origin.**

