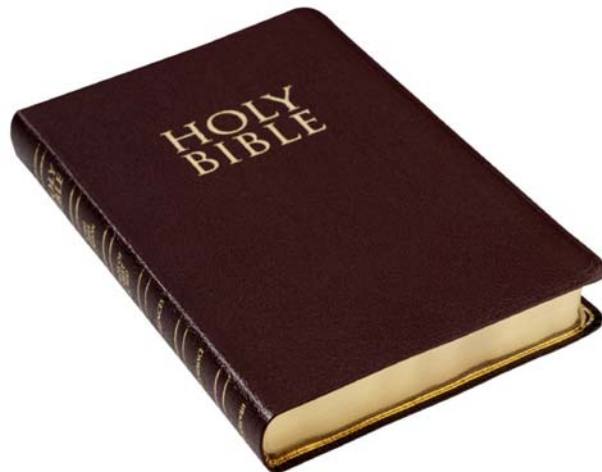
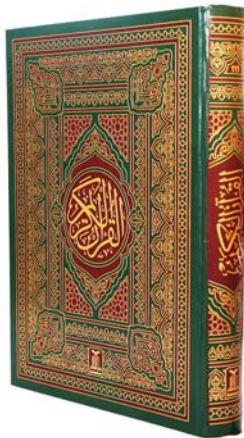




THE BIBLE AND QURAN: WHAT MUSLIMS AND CHRISTIANS NEED TO KNOW

The Bible and Quran (also spelled Koran) are connected to each other. But not in the way that most people think. Muslims have been told and believe that the Koran is the final revelation that corrects errors and omissions in the Bible--the Torah and the Gospel. Most Christians have not read the Koran and do not understand it. Some Christians (including church leaders such as Pope Francis) have said the Koran's "teaching and signs should be respected." Most prophecy experts do not understand that much Bible prophecy is about Islam. Which book is from God? This article will explain all this.



This discussion of ten key points will help you understand much Bible prophecy. While nearly every religion has a text which it considers sacred, not every sacred text is the truth in nature, composition, transmission, and use. There can only be one truth. We may all have our opinions, but it does not matter what man thinks. The only things that matters is what God tells us in the Bible.

Both Muslims and Christians want to earnestly worship the true God. One critical difference between the Koran and the Bible is that the Koran is the basis of "why" Muslims believe in Islam. Muslims see the Koran writings as directly from Allah. Christians believe Jesus, the Son of God, is the "why." Christians believe Jesus' life, death, and resurrection. Listen to the words of Jesus: ***"For my Father's will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day."*** (John 6:40)

Christians see God's presence on earth as revealed through Jesus his Son. Which "why" and book is the correct truth? The Bible is correct because it gives much prophecy about the events of the Koran and the False Prophet Mohammad many hundreds of years before they came into existence.

TEN ESSENTIAL POINTS ABOUT THE BIBLE AND KORAN

1. NEITHER BOOK WAS WRITTEN BY MAN

The Bible is the word of God. Jesus is the Word, and the Word is truth. The Apostle Paul warns us a false gospel will come from an "angel from heaven." This is how the Koran was revealed to Mohammad--by a spirit claiming to be the Angel Gabriel.

John 1:1-5 (NIV)

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

Galatians 1:8-9 (NIV)

But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach a gospel other than the one we preached to you, let them be under God's curse! As we have already said, so now I say again: If anybody is preaching to you a gospel other than what you accepted, let them be under God's curse!

2. BOTH BOOKS ARE FROM THE SPIRITUAL WORLD

Some Christians think Mohammad wrote the Koran. But Mohammad could not read or write. Muslims believe the Koran was revealed to him by a spirit. In Arabic, the word "Koran" means "to recite." Mohammad recited what the spirit told him. But which spirit? All Bible Scripture is from the inspired word of God. Paul tells us that no man taught him. All of Paul's revelations came directly from Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

Koran 2:97 Say, "Whoever is an enemy to Gabriel - it is none but he who has brought the Koran down upon your heart, O Mohammad, by permission of Allah, confirming that which was before it and as guidance and good tidings for the believers."

2 Timothy 3:16-17 (NIV)

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

Second Timothy 3:16 is therefore a clear affirmation that the Bible, in distinction to all other literary works, is a product of divine power and intelligent will. The Bible is the "breath of God," an Old Testament expression translated usually as equivalent to "the Word of God" (see Psalm 33:6). It is important to conclude that the Scriptures come from divine inspiration, that is, that the writings of the Bible are the product of divine power and therefore carry divine authority. We learn the same from the writings of the apostle Peter.

2 Peter 1:16-21 (NIV)

For we did not follow cleverly devised stories when we told you about the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ in power, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. He received honor and glory from God the Father when the voice came to him from the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased." We ourselves heard this voice that came from heaven when we were with him on the sacred mountain.

We also have the prophetic message as something completely reliable, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation of things. For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

3. THE BIBLE IS FROM GOD; THE KORAN IS FROM A FALLEN ANGEL

Both texts are spiritual, but from vastly different spirits. Jesus, the Son of God, gave all the Bible text. The Bible calls Jesus the Word of God because he is the full manifestation of God and the voice of God on earth. Since Jesus and the Father are One, all the Old Testament text came from Jesus as well. The Koran identifies the Islamic Holy Books as the word of God; Muslims believe they were dictated by God. But the spirit that visited Mohammad from 610-632 was the fallen angel.

The fallen angel brought the false gospel down—just as Paul warned. We know this from written accounts of what Mohammad experienced. He said "every time he had a revelation he felt as if his soul was being pulled out of his chest."

Naturally he was scared, and intimated to his wife, Khadija, the fear that he might even be possessed by an evil spirit . . . Stricken with panic, Muhammad arose and asked himself, "What did I see? Did possession of the devil which I feared all along come to pass?" . . . When he calmed down, he cast toward his wife the glance of a man in need of rescue and said, "O Khadijah, what has happened to me?" He told her of his experience and intimated to her his fear that his mind had finally betrayed him, and that he was becoming a seer or a man possessed. (Haykal, *The Life of Muhammad*, p. 73-75).

According to mainstream Islamic tradition, during one such occasion while he was in contemplation, the archangel Gabriel appeared before him in the year 610 AD and said, "Read", upon which he replied, "I am unable to read". Thereupon the angel caught hold of him and embraced him heavily. According to the Hadith, the angel, when it appeared to Mohammad, did so in human form. Hadith report that when the spirit descended upon Mohammad, he felt a heavy burden on that account and the color of his face underwent a change. (Sahih Muslim, Vol. 4, p. 1248).

In another work we read that one of Mohammad's companions witnessed one of these occasions and reported that "The Prophet's face was red and he kept on breathing heavily for a while and then he was relieved." (Sahih al-Bukhari, Vol. 6, p. 476).

The insecure personality of the fallen angel—always alone and desperate to be worshipped—can be seen from these key Koranic texts.

Koran 26:192-193 And indeed, the Koran is the revelation of the Lord of the worlds. The trustworthy Spirit has brought it down.

Koran 51: 56-57 "And I did not create the angels and mankind except to worship Me. I do not want from them any provision, nor do I want them to feed Me."

Koran 17:111 "And say, All praise is for Allah, who has never had any son or offspring; nor does He have a partner in governing the kingdom; nor is He pathetic, needing a protector. And revere Him immensely."

Koran 19:30-36 Jesus declared, "I am truly a servant of Allah. He has destined me to be given the Scripture and to be a prophet. He has made me a blessing wherever I go, and bid me to establish prayer and give alms-tax as long as I live, and to be kind to my mother. He has not made me arrogant or defiant. Peace be upon me the day I was born, the day I die, and the day I will be raised back to life!" That is Jesus, son of Mary.

And this is a word of truth, about which they dispute. It is not for Allah to take a son! Glory be to him. When he decrees a matter, He simply tells it, "Be!" And it is! Jesus also declared, "Surely Allah is my Lord and your Lord, so worship Him alone. This is the Straight Path."

Koran 21:26 And they say, "The Most Merciful has taken a son." Exalted is He! Rather, they are but honored servants.

Compare the insecurity and anger of the Islamic Allah to the love of the true God:

1 John 3:1-3 (NIV)

See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

4. THE BIBLE IS FROM CHRIST; THE KORAN IS FROM THE ANTICHRIST

Jesus, the Son of God, gave all the Bible text. Since Jesus and the Father are One, all the Old Testament text came from Jesus as well as the New Testament.

John 10:24-31 (NIV)

The Jews who were there gathered around him, saying, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly."

Jesus answered, "I did tell you, but you do not believe. The works I do in my Father's name testify about me, but you do not believe because you are not my sheep. My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. I and the Father are one."

The spirit of the Antichrist is opposed to Jesus being the Son of God and being crucified to take away our sins. We see the workings of the Antichrist in the various passages in the Koran that oppose the deity of Jesus, and the crucifixion of Jesus. These Koranic passages take away the salvation that only comes from Jesus dying for our sins out of love for us.

1 John 4:1-4 (NIV)

Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world. This is how you can recognize the Spirit of God: Every spirit that acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, but every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus is not from God.

This is the spirit of the Antichrist, which you have heard is coming and even now is already in the world.

Koran 4:171 People of the Scripture, do not commit excess in your religion or say about Allah except the truth. The Messiah, Jesus, the son of Mary, was but a messenger of Allah and His word which He directed to Mary and a soul created at a command from Him. So believe in Allah and His messengers. And do not say, "Three"; desist - it is better for you. Indeed, Allah is but one God. Exalted is He above having a son.

Koran 4:157 And their saying, "Indeed, we have killed the Messiah, Jesus, the son of Mary, the messenger of Allah." And they did not kill him, nor did they crucify him; but another was made to resemble him to them. And indeed, those who differ over it are in doubt about it. They have no knowledge of it except the following of assumption. And they did not kill him, for certain.

5. THE BIBLE FIRST WARNS ABOUT WHAT IS TO COME; THE KORAN CLAIMS THE BIBLE IS CORRUPTED

The Bible tells us the False Prophet will try to associate with the Lamb, but demonic messages will come out of his mouth. The Book of Revelation was written in 95 AD. To counter these facts, nearly 600 years later the spirit told Mohammad that the Bible was “corrupted.” Yet, there is no proof of this corruption. The Koran was compiled around the year 650 AD.

Revelation 13:11-14 (NIV)

Then I saw a second beast, coming out of the earth. It had two horns like a lamb, but it spoke like a dragon. It exercised all the authority of the first beast on its behalf, and made the earth and its inhabitants worship the first beast, whose fatal wound had been healed. And it performed great signs, even causing fire to come down from heaven to the earth in full view of the people. Because of the signs it was given power to perform on behalf of the first beast, it deceived the inhabitants of the earth.

Revelation 16:13 (NIV)

Then I saw three impure spirits that looked like frogs; they came out of the mouth of the dragon, out of the mouth of the beast and out of the mouth of the false prophet. Then I saw a second beast, coming out of the earth. It had two horns like a lamb, but it spoke like a dragon.

Koran 3:78 And indeed, there is among them a party who alter the Scripture with their tongues so you may think it is from the Scripture, but it is not from the Scripture. And they say, "This is from Allah," but it is not from Allah. And they speak untruth about Allah while they know.

Koran 5:15 O People of the Scripture, there has come to you Our Messenger making clear to you much of what you used to conceal of the Scripture and overlooking much. There has come to you from Allah a light and a clear Book.

The Bible itself demands translation as a way for its message to be understood. Translation is not corruption. Additionally, for instance, the Bible translates the Aramaic words of Jesus into Greek. Bible translations are almost as old as the Bible itself. Bible translations count as “God’s word” as does the original text.

The Koran, according to the unanimous opinion of Islamic scholars, is unable to be translated. A translation can only be an approximation. For hundreds of years the Koran could not be translated. It was not until the new onset of missionary and political activity in the 20th century that the Koran was translated by Muslims into many languages and disseminated. It should be noted that every Koran translation has only been viewed as an approximation of its meaning or a commentary on the Koran and not, however, as “Allah’s word” itself.

Editions of the Koran that are translated by Muslims are called “commentaries,” “approximations of the Koran,” “the meaning of the Koran” or something similar. Good translations of the Bible for readers and hearers were an integral part of the Jewish and Christian faiths, and the first translations of the Old Testament are over 2000 years old. The first translations of the New Testament come from the early days of Christianity. The Greek translation of the Old Testament, the Septuagint, as well as the Aramaic and the Syrian versions played a major role in the pre-Christian period. The first multi-lingual editions of the New Testament stem from the 2nd century AD.

6. THE TWO BOOKS ARE CONNECTED TO EACH OTHER

About 25 percent of the Koran’s verses discuss narratives of prophets or other figures from Jewish and Christian teaching. The Koran’s vision of creation and eschatology (the beginning and end of things), its cosmology, its use of parables and its discussion of legal matters are all intimately connected to Biblical tradition. Even the concept of Mohammad’s prophethood (i.e., the idea that God would send an angel to one man and task him with communicating the angel’s messages to his people) is like the Bible.

By referring regularly to Jewish and Christian Biblical history, the Koran demands that its audience know those traditions. The Koran also states that Mohammad’s name can be found in the Bible:

Koran 7:157 Those who follow the Messenger, the unlettered Prophet, whom they find mentioned in their own scriptures in the Torah and the Gospel.

But, the Koran is merely a “counterfeit copy” of the true Bible Gospel. The essential truths of salvation from Jesus, the Son of God, have been altered or removed from the Koran.

7. THE BIBLE FIRST GIVES PROPHECY; THE KORAN LATER FULFILLS IT

Paul warns about a false gospel given from an angel claiming to be from heaven. The Bible gives many warnings about the image and mark (the Kaaba Blackstone and Shahada) that come from the False Prophet Mohammad. Mohammad fulfilled many prophecies in the Bible.

1. The False Prophet will attempt to look like, claim to be connected to, or associated in some way to the lamb (Revelation 13:11)
2. The False Prophet deceives the world. (Revelation 13:14)
3. The False Prophet sets up an image of false worship to the false god. (Revelation 13:14-15)
4. The False Prophet creates a mark, or statement of faith, to the false god. (Revelation 13:16-18)
5. Demonic spirits and messages come out of the False Prophet mouth. (Revelation 16:13-14)

Mohammad fulfilled all five of the warnings Jesus gave us about the False Prophet.

8. THE BIBLE IS FROM THE ADVOCATE; THE KORAN IS FROM THE ACCUSER

Jesus said the advocate-the Holy Spirit-would live in all Christians who accept the Gospel of Jesus. The Holy Spirit is a person of the Triune God and is part of the One God. Jesus also warned that the accuser (Satan) would be hurled to earth. The accuser was the spirit that visited Mohammad.

John 14:26 (NIV)

But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.

Revelation 12:10-12 (NIV)

Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say: "Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Messiah. For the accuser of our brothers and sisters, who accuses them before our God day and night, has been hurled down. They triumphed over him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death. Therefore rejoice, you heavens and you who dwell in them! But woe to the earth and the sea, because the devil has gone down to you! He is filled with fury, because he knows that his time is short."

9. THE BIBLE SAYS GOD WANTS NO ANIMAL SACRIFICE; THE KORAN ACCEPTS IT

Hebrews 10:5-7 (NIV)

Therefore, when Christ came into the world, he said: "Sacrifice and offering you did not desire, but a body you prepared for me; with burnt offerings and sin offerings you were not pleased. Then I said, 'Here I am—it is written about me in the scroll—I have come to do your will, my God.'"

Koran 22:34 And for all religion We have appointed a rite of sacrifice that they may mention the name of Allah over what He has provided for them of sacrificial animals. For your god is one God, so to Him submit. And, O Muhammad, give good tidings to the humble before their Lord.

10. THE BIBLE GIVES YOU THE BOOK OF LIFE; THE KORAN TAKES YOUR NAME AWAY

John 3:16-17 (NIV)

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

Revelation 14:9-10 (NIV)

A third angel followed them and said in a loud voice: "If anyone worships the beast and its image and receives its mark on their forehead or on their hand, they, too, will drink the wine of God's fury, which has been poured full strength into the cup of his wrath."