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Strange Teachings of the Koran

To understand the terrorist problem and the frequent suicide attacks and bombings around the world, we need to understand the source of terrorism—the Koran.

The Koran (qur'an) is the holy book of Islam. Like Christians believe the Bible is the work of inspiration, Moslems believe every word in the Koran is inspired. Unlike the Bible, the Koran is primarily **the work of one man**, and therefore, the most influential book ever produced by a single individual. Mohammed, the author of the Koran, dictated his revelation, which was transcribed by his amanuensis on leather, palm-leaves, and bones. After his death, his dictations were compiled as the Koran. Originally composed by Mohammed's chief amanuensis, Caliph Othman commissioned Zaid and three Quraish scholars in 651 to revise the original composition. Since this version, the text has been preserved with reverential care.

The Koran contains 114 chapters called "suras." The suras are not arranged by their composition but are ordered by their decreasing length. Earlier revelations were short and are found at the back of the Koran. Later revelations which are longer are toward the front of the Koran. Every chapter begins with the prelude "bismillah" meaning "In the name of God the Compassionate, the Merciful." Mohammed, in order to convince men of inspiration, dictated his utterances combining **the mode of prose and poetry**. Rich in vivid similes, this Arabic poetic style is greatly appreciated by those who know and love the language.

Because Mohammed entertained Jews and Christians, he became familiar with Old Testament stories, the Talmud, and general Christianity. It should not be surprising to learn that Mohammed incorporated some of the teachings of these faiths into the Koran such as the truth of one God, His merciful nature, His justice, the eternal judgment, immortality of the soul, progressive revelation, and a general resurrection from the dead. Because of these similarities, many scholars advance the view that Islam is really a cult of Christianity.

However, what makes the Koran unique is its bond with the medieval, Arabian culture. The Koran reflects Arab values found in the 6th Century. The issues, the concerns, the judgments, and the laws reflect Mohammed's attempt to create an orderly medieval society. The Koran, unlike the Bible, is locked in time. The Bible advances values that

are transcultural that have appealed to the universal needs of ancient people as well as the needs of modern man. The Koran, on the other hand, acts like a magnet sucking the contemporary Moslem back into traditions of a medieval culture.

Belief in One God

Say: He, Allah, is One (Koran 112:1).

Allah is He besides Whom there is no god, the Everliving, the Self-subsisting by Whom all subsist; slumber does not overtake Him nor sleep; whatever is in the heavens and whatever is in the earth is His; who is he that can intercede with Him but by His permission? (Koran 2:225)

And that the mosques are Allah's, therefore call not upon any one with Allah: (Koran 72:18)

Allah, there is no god but He: He is the Lord of mighty power (Koran 27:26).

Inspiration

An apostle from Allah, reciting pure pages (Koran 98:2)

The revelation of the Book is from Allah, the Mighty, the Wise (Koran 46:2).

Fatalism

Surely Allah makes him who will go astray, and guides to Himself those who turn (to Him) (Koran 13:27).

And those before them did indeed make plans, but all planning is Allah's (Koran 13:42).

Rejection of Jesus as the Son

Wonderful Originator of the heavens and the earth! How could He have a son when He has no consort, and He (Himself) created everything, and He is the Knower of all things (Koran 6:101).

O followers of the Book! do not exceed the limits in your religion, and do not speak (lies) against Allah, but (speak) the truth; the Messiah, Isa (Jesus) son of Marium (Mary) is only an apostle of Allah and His Word which He communicated to Marium and a spirit from Him; believe therefore in Allah and His apostles, and say not, Three. Desist, it is better for you; Allah is only one God; far be It from His glory that He should have a son, whatever is in the heavens and whatever is in the earth is His, and Allah is sufficient for a Protector (Koran 4:171).

And the Jews say: Uzair is the son of Allah; and the Christians say: The Messiah is the son of Allah; these are the words of their mouths; they imitate the saying of

*those who disbelieved before; may Allah destroy them; how they are turned away!
(Koran 9:30).*

Denial of Jesus' Death on the Cross

And their saying: Surely we have killed the Messiah, Isa son of Marium, the apostle of Allah; and they did not kill him nor did they crucify him, but it appeared to them so (like Isa) and most surely those who differ therein are only in a doubt about it; they have no knowledge respecting it, but only follow a conjecture, and they killed him not for sure (Koran 4:57).

Women's Rights

Men have a degree over them (women) (Koran 2:228).

To the male a portion equal to that of two females (Koran 2:11).

Refuse to share their beds, beat them (wives) (Koran 4:3).

Your wives are as a tilth (property) unto you, so approach your tilth when or how ye will (Koran 2:223).

Marry women of your choice two, and three, and four (Koran 4:3).

Men are the maintainers of women because Allah has made some of them to excel others and because they spend out of their property; the good women are therefore obedient, guarding the unseen as Allah has guarded; and (as to) those on whose part you fear desertion, admonish them, and leave them alone in the sleeping-places and beat them; then if they obey you, do not seek a way against them; surely Allah is High, Great (Koran 4:34).

The Practice of Purda (Hiding women from public view)

And stay in your houses and do not display your finery like the displaying of the ignorance of yore; and keep up prayer, and pay the poor-rate, and obey Allah and His Apostle. Allah only desires to keep away the uncleanness from you, O people of the House! and to purify you a (thorough) purifying (Koran 33:33).

Salvation

Except those who believe and do good, so they shall have a reward never to be cut off (Koran 95:6)

(As for) those who believe and do good, surely they are the-best of men (Koran 98:7).

Their reward with their Lord is gardens of perpetuity beneath which rivers flow, abiding therein for ever; Allah is well pleased with them and they are well pleased with Him; that is for him who fears his Lord (Koran 98:8).

And (as for) those who believe and do good, and believe in what has been revealed to Muhammad, and it is the very truth from their Lord, He will remove their evil from them and improve their condition (Koran 47:2).

(As for) those who believe and do good, a good final state shall be theirs and a goodly return (Koran 13:29).

Surely (as to) those who believe and do good and humble themselves to their Lord, these are the dwellers of the garden, in it they will abide (Koran 11:23).

Heavenly Rewards

Thus (shall it be), and We will wed them with Houris (virgins) pure, beautiful ones (Koran 44:54).

The life of this world is only idle sport and play, and if you believe and guard (against evil) He will give you your rewards, and will not ask of you your possession (Koran 47:36)s.

Resurrection

He asks: When is the day of resurrection? . . . With your Lord alone shall on that day be the place of rest (Koran 75:6, 12).

Hell

(As for) those who disbelieve, surely neither their wealth nor their children shall avail them in the least against Allah, and these it is who are the fuel of the fire. (Koran 3:10)

And guard yourselves against the fire which has been prepared for the unbelievers. (Koran 3:131).

(As for) those who disbelieve in Our communications, We shall make them enter fire; so oft as their skins are thoroughly burned, We will change them for other skins, that they may taste the chastisement; surely Allah is Mighty, Wise. (Koran 4:56).

Surely those who disbelieve from among the followers of the Book and the polytheists shall be in the fire of hell (Koran 98:6).

Religious Intolerance¹

If anyone wants a religion other than Islam, never will it be accepted of him” (Koran 3:85).

But if they turn back, then seize them and kill them wherever you find them” (Koran 4:89)

Seize them and kill them (Koran 4:91).

The punishment of those who wage war against Allah and His apostle and strive to make mischief in the land is only this, that they should be murdered or crucified or their hands and their feet should be cut off on opposite sides or they should be imprisoned; this shall be as a disgrace for them in this world, and in the hereafter they shall have a grievous chastisement (Koran 5:33).

O you who believe! do not take the Jews and the Christians for friends (Koran 5:51).

. . . therefore if they do not withdraw from you, and (do not) offer you peace and restrain their hands, then seize them and kill them wherever you find them” (Koran 4:91).

. . . and announce painful punishment to those who disbelieve (in Islam) (Koran 9:3).

So when the sacred months have passed away, then slay the idolaters wherever you find them, and take them captives and besiege them and lie in wait for them in every ambush, then if they repent and keep up prayer and pay the poor-rate, leave their way free to them; surely Allah is Forgiving, Merciful (Koran 9:5).

What! will you not fight a people who broke their oaths and aimed at the expulsion of the Apostle (Koran 9:13).

Fight them, Allah will punish them by your hands and bring them to disgrace, and assist you against them and heal the hearts of a believing people (Koran 9:14).

Only he shall visit the mosques of Allah who believes in Allah and the latter day, and keeps up prayer and pays the poor-rate and fears none but Allah; so (as for) these, it may be that they are of the followers of the right course (Koran 9:18).

O you who believe! the idolaters are nothing but unclean, so they shall not approach the Sacred Mosque after this year; and if you fear poverty then Allah will enrich you out of His grace if He please; surely Allah is Knowing Wise (Koran 9:28).

¹ Christianity is also very intolerant, not of people, but of immorality and fraud. Unlike Islam, Christian teaching does not advocate killing opponents but a deep commitment of love to win adversaries to Christ through a life of love.

Surely (as for) those who persecute the believing men and the believing women (Moslems), then do not repent, they shall have the chastisement of hell, and they shall have the chastisement of burning (Koran 85:10).

So you did not slay them, but it was Allah Who slew them, and you did not smite when you smote (the enemy), but it was Allah Who smote, and that He might confer upon the believers a good gift from Himself; surely Allah is Hearing, Knowing (Koran 8:17).

In conclusion, the Koran is primarily a book of laws, declarations, and slogans. Unlike the Bible which is rich in history, poetry, theology, law, and prophecy, the Koran lacks history, drama, progress, and conclusion. Magnificent stories like Ruth, Jonah, and Esther are completely absent in the Koran. Lacking in the Koran is any sense of “Thus saith the Lord,” or “Thus saith Allah!” Lacking is clarity that man is made in the image of God or that man is a sinner and needs a Savior. Concepts of repentance, atonement, and justification are absent. Terms like *holiness*, *love*, and *grace* are rare. Lacking is a concept of history moving towards consummation in the Kingdom of God.

As in the Talmud, law and ethics in the Koran are one in the same. When the laws, morals, and religious injunctions of the Koran are tied to the powers of the state, Islam combined religious zeal with patriotism and produces a powerful, terrifying state-religion. The Koran sanctions hatred and murder. **Americans need to wake up and realize that not all religions are the same and that all roads do not lead to God or to peace** (John 14:6; Acts 4:12).

“It cannot be emphasized too strongly or too often that this great nation was founded, not by religionists, but by Christians; not on religions, but on the gospel of Jesus Christ” (Patrick Henry, Governor of Virginia, 1776-1779).