

Contradictions in the Words of Allah

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One of the biggest problems facing Islam is the contradictions between God's statements recorded in the Bible and Allah's statements in the Koran. The problem arose when Mohammed, the prophet of Islam, in the beginning of his call told his followers to believe in the Bible and what has been revealed to Moses and Jesus (Sura 29:46, 4:136, 3:84). (A Sura is a chapter in the Koran.) Then Allah gave him ordinances that contradict those in the Bible. We also find contradictions among the sayings of Allah in the Koran itself.

Mohammed and his followers (the Muslims) tried to solve these problems by taking the easiest way. To resolve the problem of contradiction between Allah's words and God's revelation, Mohammed accused the Jews and Christians of corrupting the Bible by adding, removing, and misinterpreting passages in the Bible's Old and New Testaments.

To resolve contradictions among Allah's own words in the Koran, Mohammed stated the doctrine of abrogation of Allah's sayings and ordinances in Islam.

The Corruption of the Bible

Neither Mohammed nor his followers provided us with any reasons or evidence for their accusations. They never told us why Jews and Christians corrupted the Bible, or when and how it was corrupted. There are no spiritual or even logical reasons to support this "theory of corruption," and no material, historical, or geological evidence. In fact, the opposite is true. Christians have many material, historical, geological, logical, and spiritual proofs against the theory of corruption.

Materially, we have thousands of the old manuscripts, papers, and books to assure us that the Bible has not been corrupted. The earliest scrolls date from 200 B.C. Historically, libraries and museums hold thousands of books written by historians from the first and second centuries to prove the reliability of the Bible. Many geological finds also prove its accuracy.

Spiritually, if this is a corrupted book, how can it change the lives of those who come in humility to God through Jesus Christ? Logically, if Muslims claimed that the Bible was corrupted before Islam, why did Mohammed ask his followers to believe it (Sura 2:53, 2:23, 4:163, 5:46)? Did he want to deceive them so they would believe in a corrupted book? And if

Allah instructed Mohammed to counsel with the Bible and the "people of the book" (Christians and Jews), why does Mohammed have any doubt of what Allah revealed to him (Sura 10:94, 16:43)? Did Allah mean to confuse Mohammed when he asked him to consult a corrupted book?

If Muslims say that the Bible was corrupted after the time of Mohammed, that makes the problem worse, because there were already thousands and thousands of copies of the Bible and books mentioning biblical teachings, especially those that Muslims think have been corrupted. Some examples of "corruption" include the truths about the crucifixion of Jesus and the Holy Trinity, and the false assumption that the name of Mohammed has been removed from the Bible.

These copies of the Bible and other books date back to hundreds of years before Jesus. They were distributed all over the known world at the time. If Jews and Christians corrupted the Bible, did God know that they corrupted it or was He sleeping, as Elijah asked the prophets of the pagan god Baal? Did He agree, and leave the perpetrators to corrupt His Word without exposing them to the public to punish them and warn mankind? Revelation 22:18,19 says, "For I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds to these things, God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book; and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the Book of Life, from the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book." Did God wish to deceive His people by leading them to believe in a corrupted book? Allah said in the Koran, "We have, without doubt, sent down the Message [according to Sura 21:7, the word "Message" includes the Torah, Enjil which is the New Testament, and the Koran]; and We will assuredly guard it [from corruption]" (Sura 15:9). Sura 10:64 says, "No change can there be in the Words of Allah."

Although our beloved Muslims have no answers to any of the previous questions, they still believe the lie from Satan that the Bible is corrupted. It is clear that the most frightening thing to Satan is that people read the Word of God, the Bible, because he knows the verse, "You shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free" (John 8:32). That is why the Arabic and Islamic countries will do anything to prevent the distribution of the Bible to their people. That is why we invest money, time, effort, and love to distribute the Word of God.

Until next month when we discuss the Islamic solution to the contradiction of the words of Allah and the issue of abrogation, I leave you with the peace of God.

