**The Islamic Dilemma**

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Text: Gal. 1:6-9; I Jn. 4:1

Intro

1. Islam teaches Muslims to believe that the Bible was the true Word of God at some time in the past but was later altered and corrupted.
   1. The Old Law (Torah) came by prophets, but Jews corrupted it—it’s unreliable
   2. The Gospel came by Jesus, but Christians corrupted it—it’s unreliable
   3. The Qur’an came by Mohammed, written down in his lifetime but compiled together 70-200 years after his death; unchangeable, not corrupted—it’s reliable
   4. When the Qur’an and the Bible differ, the Qur’an is always right!
   5. WHO CAN BELIEVE IT????????????????
2. If the Bible was changed as Muslims believe, however, then Muslims must also believe that an all-knowing and all-powerful god was unable to protect his own word from corruption.
   1. Muhammad claimed Allah is the God of the O.T. & N.T. and that both are true, and that Muslims are to read and know them! (Suras 5:68; 29:46)
3. Yet, according to the Qur’an itself, “none can change his words: for He is the one who heareth and knoweth all” (Sura 6:115-116).
4. If the Bible was the true word of God (Allah) at some time in the past, and if “none can change his words” as the Qur’an claims, then by logical extension the Bible either remains His word today, or the Qur’an is wrong.
5. Which is it?

1. The Gospels Are Authoritative
2. Muslims are told to say to Christians:
   1. “We believe in the revelation which has come down to us and in that which came down to you. Our God and your God is one. To him we submit” (Sura 49:26)
   2. Yet, many Muslims say something very different to Christians, “We don’t believe in your book because it has been corrupted, and your God is a false god.”
   3. If Muslims are commanded to say they believe in what has been revealed to Christians, then why do they instead say they don’t believe in the Bible, the only revelation we have?
   4. If Muslims are commanded to say their god and our God is One, why do they instead say that our God is a false god?
3. Scriptures teach that God is a triune-God (Mt. 28:18-20; Lk. 3:22), one God in nature or essence but 3 in person *(Like Water: Liquid, Gas, Solid; Like an Egg: Shell, Yolk, White):*
   1. Father – Jn. 8:42
   2. Son – Jn. 1:1-15; Titus 2:13-14
      1. Jesus came in the flesh, fully man and fully God – Jn. 1:1-14; Phil. 2:5-8
      2. Jesus died on the cross for sins of the world – (All 4 Gospels); Mk. 10:32-34, 45
      3. Jesus rose from the dead the 3rd day – (All 4 Gospels); Lk. 24:5-6
   3. Holy Spirit – Jn. 16:13; Acts 5:3-4
   4. The Qur’an denies all of this, so a Muslim cannot say they believe the Gospels or that Allah and God are the same! (Sura 4:171; 5:116)
4. Muslims have to reject the Bible because it contradicts the Qur’an, but that creates a problem for Muslims:
   1. The Qur’an says the Torah and the Gospels were revealed by Allah!
   2. **Sura 3:3:** “He has revealed to you the Book with truth, verifying that which is before it. And he revealed the Torah and the Gospel aforetime, a guidance for the people, and he sent the Qur’an *(“Discrimination” – for the Qur’an distinguishes between truth and falsehood: Commentary 385).* Those who disbelieve in the messages of Allah—for them is severe chastisement. And Allah is Mighty, the Lord of retribution.”
      1. By the 500’s A.D. all 4 Gospels were in one volume – The “gospel/gospels”
   3. The Qur’an says Allah sent the Torah and the Gospel, but Muslim apologetics say Allah couldn’t protect the Torah and the Gospel from corruption. *(Life of Mohamet, p. 1xxxiii)*
      1. *They claim Jews & Christians are inherently evil so they corrupted it!*
   4. They teach that both former revelations were corrupted by men – despite the fact that Allah supposedly had sent them to “guide” people.
   5. His “guide” ended up misguiding people: Christians teach God is a trinity and Jesus died on the cross for sins – contradictions to Qur’an.
   6. This should cause confusion since the Qur’an says Allah’s words cannot be changed:
      1. **Sura 18:27:** “And recite, [O Muhammad], what has been revealed to you of the Book of your Lord. There is no changer of His words, and never will you find in other than Him a refuge” *(Sahih International Qur’an,* [*www.quran.com*](http://www.quran.com)*).*
      2. Many Muslim scholars say this only applies to the Qur’an!
      3. But…the text doesn’t say none can change the words of the Qur’an, it says none can change Allah’s words!
      4. According to the Qur’an the Torah and the Gospels are Allah’s words!
5. If the Gospels were corrupted, one can only wonder why Christians still had the Gospels in the time of Muhammad *(many Muslims say the gospels of that time either didn’t exist or were corrupted beyond recognition - Commentary 383)* – they assert Paul or others changed them.
   1. **Sura 7:157:** “Those who follow the Messenger, the unlettered prophet, whom they find written in what they have of the Torah and the Gospel…it is those who will be the successful” *(Sahih International Qur’an,* [*www.quran.com*](http://www.quran.com)*).*
      1. How could Christians find Muhammad mentioned in the Gospels when it had supposedly been corrupted centuries earlier?
      2. Is Allah saying we should find Muhammad mentioned in our corrupted Scriptures? (The Qur’an mentions Jesus 25 times, Muhammad 4 times)
      3. Muhammad is not mentioned in the Scriptures at all, except…as part of a general warning of false prophets that will come to lead people away from the gospel, even men who claim they were led by an angel – Gal. 1:6-9; I Tim. 4:1-5; II Tim. 4:3-4; I Jn. 4:1 (“Test the spirits to see if they are from God”)
      4. If we did see Muhammad mentioned in Scripture, how would we know it wasn’t one of the corrupted parts?
      5. Since the Scriptures contradict Islam, why would Allah appeal to them as evidence of Islam?
6. Allah goes further than this, he commands Christians to judge by the Gospel!
   1. **Sura 5:47:** “And let the People of the Gospel judge by what Allah has revealed therein. And whoever does not judge by what Allah has revealed - then it is those who are the defiantly disobedient” (“those who rebel”) *(Sahih International Qur’an,* [*www.quran.com*](http://www.quran.com)*)*
      1. Why does Allah command Christians to judge by a corrupt book? (Muslims teach that at time of Muhammad, the Gospels were corrupted beyond recognition!)
      2. The only Gospels we have contradicts Islam, so in order to obey Allah’s command we have to judge by the Gospels and conclude that Islam is false!
   2. **Sura 5:68:** “Say: “O People of the Book! You have no ground to stand upon unless you stand fast by the Torah, the Gospel, and all the revelation that has come to you from your Lord.”
      1. Why does Allah say we have no “ground to stand upon” unless we stand upon a corrupt book?
      2. If the Gospels were corrupted and it was a message from God (Allah), wouldn’t He just tell us to get rid of it and solely believe in the Qur’an?
7. So the Qur’an maintains that the Gospels are authoritative for Christians, and that only makes sense if the author of the Qur’an believed that Christians have the word of God!
8. The Bible Judges the Qur’an
   1. Gospels were not just authoritative for Christians, but also for Muhammad & Muslims!
      1. When Muhammad began to have doubts of his revelations, Allah commanded him to go to Jews and Christians for confirmation.
      2. **Sura 10:94:** “So if you are in doubt, [O Muhammad], about that which We have revealed to you, then ask those who have been reading the Scripture before you. The truth has certainly come to you from your Lord, so never be among the doubters” *(Sahih International Qur’an,* [*www.quran.com*](http://www.quran.com)*).*
         1. Muslims today act as if the Qur’an stands in judgment over the Bible.
         2. Since the Bible contradicts the Qur’an, Muslims assume it must be rejected.
         3. In the Qur’an it is exactly the opposite!
         4. The Bible stands in judgment over the Qur’an, and Muhammad himself could only verify his revelations by checking to see if they line up with the Scriptures that came before (Torah & Gospels).
      3. Since Muhammad kept on preaching Islam, he apparently never took this test, or command, seriously.
   2. If he had gone to the “people of the Book” (“those reading the Scripture before”) he would have concluded that Islam is false!
9. The Islamic Dilemma
10. Only two possibilities:
    1. Either Christians have the completed, inspired, preserved, authoritative word of God, OR…
    2. We do not have the word of God
11. If we have the inspired, preserved, completed, authoritative word of God: Islam is false!
    1. Islam contradicts the word of God – only revelation we have (Jude 3)
12. If we don’t have the inspired, preserved, completed, authoritative word of God: Islam is false!
    1. Islam affirms the inspiration (3:3-4), preservation (6:114-115; 10:94; 18:27) and authority (5:47; 5:68) of the Scriptures!
13. If the Gospels are the word of God, then Islam is false!
14. If the Gospels are not the word of God, then Islam is false!
15. Either way: Islam is false! (The Islamic Dilemma)
    1. By affirming Scriptures that contradict its core teachings, Islam self-destructs.
    2. Muslims that don’t want to believe in a religion that self-destructs will need to find a new religion!
16. Muslims have no rational choice but to reject Islam and search for the truth!

Conclusion

1. Muslim theologians and apologetics will claim these passages are taken out of context or try to show in another way that the Qur’an trumps the Bible, but they cannot get over the fact that the Qur’an affirms the Gospels! *(Funny it does that when they claim the Gospels are corrupted)*
   1. When a Muslim says that the Bible has been corrupted, he's contradicting his own revelations.
   2. While Muslims today often claim that the Bible has been corrupted, the Qur'an says something completely different.
   3. In the Qur'an, Allah affirms the inspiration (3:3-4), preservation (6:114-115; 10:94; 18:27) and authority (5:47; 5:68) of the Gospels!
2. The Solution: Muslims should obey the Gospel as both books (Gospels & Qur’an) command!
   1. Mk. 16:16: Jesus said the one that believes and is baptized will be saved!
   2. II Thess. 1:7-9: Eternal destruction awaits those who have not obeyed the gospel!
3. After “testing the spirits to see if they are from God” (I Jn. 4:1) – let us simply obey the Gospel!
4. If not a Christian, you need to be! Repent and be baptized for the forgiveness of sins!
5. If a Christian in sin, don’t wait till it’s eternally too late! Repent and be renewed!
6. Whatever your requests, let them be made known NOW while we stand & sing!

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