

What the Qur'an Says About the Bible

My Muslim friend, have you read the Bible? Here are some of the things the Qur'an states about the Bible...

1. The Bible is God's Perfect Word

"Say ye: 'We believe in God, and the revelation given to us, and to Abraham, Ismail, Isaac, Jacob, and the tribes, and that given to Moses and Jesus, and that given to all Prophets from their Lord: We make no difference between one and another of them.'" (*Surah 2:136*)

2. The Bible is Consistent with the Qur'an

"And this is a Book [the Qur'an] which we have sent down, bringing blessings, and *confirming the revelations which came before it...*" (*Surah 6:92, cf. Surah 46:12, 16:123, 3:95, 3:1-4, 10:94, 46:12*)

"Nothing is said to thee that was not said to the apostles before thee." (*41:43*) "Say: 'I am no bringer of new-fangled doctrine among the apostles'" (*46:9*)

3. God Would Never Allow His Word to Be Corrupted

It is evil to say that an all-powerful God would allow His holy Word to be corrupted! "There is *none* that can alter the words of God." (*Surah 6:34*) "No change can there be in the words of God." (*10:64, cf. 3:23, 6:115, 18:27, 40:53-54, 45:16*) "And in their footsteps we sent Jesus the son of Mary, confirming the Law that had come before him: we sent him the Gospel: therein was guidance and light, and confirmation of the Law that had come before him... To thee We sent the Scripture in truth, *confirming the scripture that came before it, and guarding it in safety...*" (*Surah 5:46-48, cf. 5:68, 57:27*)

4. God Condemns Those Rejecting the Bible

"Believe in God and His Apostle, and the scripture which He hath sent to His Apostle and the scripture which He sent to those before. Any who denieth God, His angels, His Books, His Apostles, and the Day of Judgment, hath gone far astray." (*Surah 4:136, cf. 2:285*)

5. Conclusion on What the Qur'an Teaches About the Bible:

1. The Bible was still intact and unaltered, uncorrupted and unchanged at the time of Muhammad.
2. The Bible was to be read and obeyed by all Muslims, Jews and Christians.
3. If there were any need to clarify doctrinal issues, the Bible was the ultimate authority.

6. Corruption of the Bible After the Time of Muhammad- Is it Possible?

There are over twenty thousand manuscripts of the Bible that have been found dating before the time the Qur'an was written in dozens of languages, many in the original language. It would thus be impossible to corrupt the Bible after the Qur'an was written. It would be impossible to destroy all the copies that people had in their possession from dozens of different languages and countries and replace them with altered versions without some of the older versions being discovered later by archeology. Besides that, one needs to question why all Christians and Jews would desire to collaborate a plot to corrupt their scripture and how could they possibly do it?

7. The Gospel is the Fulfillment of the Law of Moses, the Psalms and the Prophets that Came Before.

Here's a simple test as to whether a writing is God's word...

Everything in the book is a fulfillment of previous revelations of God with no contradictions or errors.

Jesus acknowledged the truth of all the scriptures that came before him: "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law [of Moses] or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them." (*Matt 5:17-20*)

Here's a prophecy about a man who is given a title from the prophet Isaiah 700 years before Christ was born as "My Servant". Can you tell me: *Who is the Servant and what did he do?*

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

¹³ Behold, My Servant shall deal prudently; He shall be exalted and extolled and be very high. ¹⁴ Just as many were astonished at you, so His visage was marred more than any man, and His form more than the sons of men; ¹⁵ So shall He

sprinkle many nations. Kings shall shut their mouths at Him; for what had not been told them they shall see, and what they had not heard they shall consider.

¹Who has believed our report? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? ²For He shall grow up before Him as a tender plant, and as a root out of dry ground. He has no form or comeliness; and when we see Him, there is no beauty that we should desire Him. ³He is despised and rejected by men, a Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And we hid, as it were, our faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him.

⁴Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.

⁵But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed. ⁶All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned, every one, to his own way; and the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

⁷He was oppressed and He was afflicted, yet He opened not His mouth; He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so He opened not His mouth. ⁸He was taken from prison and from judgment, and who will declare His generation? For He was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgressions of My people He was stricken. ⁹And they made His grave with the wicked-

But with the rich at His death, because He had done no violence, nor was any deceit in His mouth.

¹⁰Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise Him; He has put Him to grief. When You make His soul an offering for sin, He shall see His seed, He shall prolong His days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in His hand. ¹¹He shall see the labor of His soul, and be satisfied. By His knowledge My righteous Servant shall justify many, for He shall bear their iniquities. ¹²Therefore I will divide Him a portion with the great, and He shall divide the spoil with the strong, because He poured out His soul unto death, and He was numbered with the transgressors, and He bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.”

I've asked many Muslims who this person is, and almost all say that it is Jesus and that He died for our sins.

8. What did Jesus Say About Salvation?

Jesus gave us God's minimum standard of goodness to enter heaven: "Be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect." (*Matthew 5:48*) "No one is good- except God alone." (*Mark 10:18*) Jesus explained, "Anyone who is angry with his brother will be subject to judgment. Again, anyone who says to his brother... 'You fool!' will be in danger of the fire of hell." (*Matthew 5:21-2*) Have you ever been angry or hated or spoke evil about another person? Then you are according to Jesus a murderer. Jesus also said that if you've lusted for a woman whom you aren't married to, that you have committed adultery in your heart. Have you ever told a lie? If so, then God sees you as a liar. Have you ever stolen anything, even something small? Then you're a thief.

If you've violated these commandments, then you are a lying, thieving, murderous adulterer at heart. Listen to the voice of your conscience- on Judgment Day, would you be innocent or guilty before a holy God? Would you deserve heaven or hell?

Let's say a man named Ahmed robbed a gas station and was brought to court by the police. The judge asked him, "How do you plead?" And Ahmed said, "Judge, I ask you not to sentence me, for I do many good things. I'm a good Muslim who believes in Allah. I pray five times a day, I fast during Ramadan, I give alms to the poor and I've gone to Mecca on the Hajj. I also love my family and my neighbors and everyone knows I'm a good person." What would the judge say? He'd say, "That is not relevant to the case at hand. I must sentence you for you have violated the Law."

In the same way your good deeds will not justify you before a Holy God, for you have broken His Law and must pay the price.

If the judge sentenced Ahmed to life in prison or a fine of \$100,000 and Ahmed didn't have the money, he'd go to jail. However, if someone walked into the courtroom and paid his fine, Ahmed would be free to go and the court would be satisfied. That's what Jesus did for you- you deserved to be punished in hell for violating God's Laws, but Jesus paid the punishment in your place on the cross, taking your sin upon Himself, because He loves you.

9. Who Did Jesus Claim to Be?

1. He claimed to live a perfect life, “Can any of you prove Me guilty of sin?” (*John 8:46*)
2. He claimed He would die for our sins then rise from the dead, “I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me will live, even though He dies; and whoever lives and believes in Me will never die.” (*John 11:25-26*)
3. He claimed to be equal in status with God and that He existed from the beginning of time, ‘I tell you the truth,’ Jesus answered, ‘Before Abraham was born, I AM.’” (*John 8:58*) “Anyone who has seen Me has seen the Father.” (*John 14:9*)
4. He claimed to be the only way through which a person could go to heaven and escape the wrath of God in hell, through His death in our place, “I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.” (*John 14:6*) “For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.” (*John 3:16*)

10. Jesus, the “Son” of God? What Does that Mean?

In the Old Testament, The Christ was given the title, “Son of God”. Jesus isn’t the Son of God through birth, but rather always was the spiritual Son of God, the living Word of God. “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God...all things were made through Him...In Him was life, and the life was the light of men...the Word became flesh and dwelt among us.” (*John 1:1,3,4,14*)

It was prophesied by the prophet David 1000 years before Jesus was born of a virgin, “I will proclaim the decree of the Lord: He said to Me, “You are My Son; today I have become Your Father. Ask of Me, and I will make the nations Your inheritance, the ends of the earth Your possession. You will rule them with an iron scepter; You will dash them to pieces like pottery.’ Therefore, you kings, be wise; be warned, you rulers of the earth. Serve the Lord with fear and rejoice with trembling. Kiss the Son, lest He be angry and you be destroyed in your way, for His wrath can flare up in a moment. Blessed are all who take refuge in Him.” (*Psalms 2:7-12*)

12. What About the Quran?

The Bible teaches that Jesus, in fulfillment of all the prophecies, was God become man who died on the cross and rose again. When we confess our sins to Him and place our trust in Him as our Lord and Savior, we will be forgiven of all our sin and the Holy Spirit of God will come into our hearts. We are then adopted into God’s family and have the power to live a godly life. The Qur’an teaches that Jesus is not God and that He is not the Savior of the world- but in teaching that, it contradicts all the scriptures that came before it. Thus, even though the Qur’an states that is not bringing a new revelation, it is evident that it is indeed a different message than the scriptures that came before it.

Jesus said, “Everyone who hears these words of Mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.” (*Matthew 7:24-27*) I’ve built my house on the Rock- the Lord Jesus Christ, who paid for my sins, filled me with the Holy Spirit of God and radically changed my life for good. I plead with you to consider Judgment Day and God’s righteous, holy standard- someone has to pay for your sins- will you pay for your own in hell, or will you let the Lord Jesus Christ pay for them instead?

Pray a simple prayer and invite Jesus Christ into your heart to forgive your sins: “Father God, I believe that You sent Jesus Christ to die for my sins. Forgive me of my all sins. I choose to forsake my life of sin and follow Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior. In Jesus Name, Amen.”