

BOOK: QUESTIONS ISLAM CAN'T ANSWER

Questions Islam Can't Answer is a best seller by J K Sheindlin.

These are some points made by the book with my own thoughts.

This book says that the Muslim Tradition, not the Quran though, asks if God prays and God says he does and God prays to Muhammad saying he prays to him with his angels. This tradition comes up in reference to a commentary on Quran 33:56 by Tafsir Ibn Kathir.

The book quotes Allah being asked if he prays and he says "Yes, I do pray, and my angels (pray) upon my prophets and my messengers."

The Muslim tradition is that Muhammad was sinless and that Allah can make right morally right by just commanding it so Allah worshipping Muhammad fits in this theology. Muhammad is vastly above Issa who some imagine is Jesus. The book is clear that God shares none of his glory with Issa and even calling him God's son is unconscionable. The claim that the book does not have a problem with Allah having a son except that the culture of the time thought a son for Allah would have to be another God or an equal is just speculation.

Quran 7:172 that the "children of Adam", all people, are born Muslim but it is parents who make you something else. Sahih Muslim 33:6426 says that no baby is born non-Muslim – it is the parents who have him as a polytheist or Jew or Christian. Talk of converts to Islam offends the Muslim faith. It is reverts not converts.

The book mentions Muhammad's doctrine that Adam the first man was a Muslim. "Islam teaches that not only were every Biblical character in history was a Muslim, but even you were born a Muslim! I kid you not. Referring to the Quran, it is your parents who pervert your true faith, imposing their own religion on you". It quotes Quran 7:172 where Allah says that nobody has an excuse for not knowing their religion is Islam or submission to Allah. "No babe is born but upon Fitra. It is his parents who make him a Jew or a Christian or a Polytheist" Sahih Muslim 33:6426.

God commands hate in Quran 2:65 where he says that heretics be told that they are apes and despised and hated by all. This is a command that they be told the truth – it is a command that everybody really must make this curse true by hating them.

This is also a rejection of evolutionary theory if understood as saying man is a species of ape.

Nearly all Muslims hold that Issa/Jesus did not die on Good Friday so it can be considered a core and essential doctrine of the religion.

The book covers how the Quran says that Jesus (we will ignore how this figure is not Jesus Christ as such) or Issa did not get killed by the Jews, nor did they even crucify him but another who looked like him to them. He was the one who they did this to. It says the crucifixion and death are mere assumptions. See Quran 4:157. The Jews are quoted as saying, "We have killed the Messiah, Jesus, the son of Mary, the messenger of Allah." Jews did not practice crucifixion.

The Jews here sound like the Jewish Christians. No Jew called Jesus Messiah or messenger of God. The book fails to notice that the blame for murdering Jesus is put on what is essentially Christianity. The Jews did not like to refer to Jesus as the son of Mary – they believed he was the son of Roman soldier.

The Quran saying that they did not kill him nor did they crucify him is an interesting order. It is stressing first and foremost that Jesus was not murdered and he was not crucified either. The implication is that neither happened. Jesus did not come down from the cross for he was never on it.

The saying that Jesus was neither murdered or crucified can be seen as emphasis if you think the two amount to being the same thing.

The claim by some Christians that this figure is Jesus means Christian belief insults God and Islam.

APPENDIX: WHY POINTING TO GOOD PEOPLE IN A RELIGION IS ABOUT THE GOOD PEOPLE AND NOT THE RELIGION WHICH STILL MAY BE BAD

There are 1.2 billion Muslims in the world today. Of course not all of them are radicals. The majority of them are peaceful people. The radicals are estimated to be between 15-25%, according to all intelligence services around the world. That leaves 75% of them - peaceful people. But when you look at 15-25% of the world Muslim population, you're looking at 180 million to 300 million people dedicated to the destruction of Western civilization. That is as big as the United States. So why should we worry about the radical 15-25%? Because it is the radicals that kill. Because it is the radicals that behead and massacre. When you look throughout history, when you look at all the lessons of history, most Germans were peaceful. Yet the Nazis drove the agenda. And as a result, 60 million people died, almost 14 million in concentration camps. 6 million were Jews. The peaceful majority were irrelevant. When you look at Russia, most Russians were peaceful as well. Yet the Russians were able to kill 20 million people. The peaceful majority were irrelevant. When you look at China for example, most Chinese were peaceful as well. Yet the Chinese were able to kill 70 million people. The peaceful majority were irrelevant. When you look at Japan prior to World War II, most Japanese were peaceful as well. Yet, Japan was able to butcher its way across Southeast Asia, killing 12 million people, mostly killed by bayonets and shovels. The peaceful majority were irrelevant. On September 11th in the United States we had 2.3 million Arab Muslims living in the United States. It took 19 hijackers - 19 radicals - to bring America down to its knees, destroy the World Trade Center, attack the Pentagon and kill almost 3000 Americans that day. The peaceful majority were irrelevant. So for all our power of reason, and for all us talking about moderate and peaceful Muslims, I'm glad you're here. But where are the others speaking out? And since you are the only Muslim representative in here, you took the limelight instead of speaking about why our government - I assume you're an American (the Muslim says yes) - As an American citizen, you sat in this room, and instead of standing up and saying a question, or asking something about our four Americans that died and what our government is doing to correct the problem, you stood there to make a point about peaceful, moderate Muslims. I wish you had brought ten with you to question about how we could hold our government responsible. It is time we take political correctness and throw it in the garbage where it belongs.” - Brigitte Gabriel (transcript from Benghazi Accountability Coalition - Heritage Foundation)”

— J.K. Sheindlin, *The People vs Muhammad - Psychological Analysis*