

ISLAM ISN'T TRUE

The Prophet Muhammad once said that if you are told something and you tell it to somebody else without thinking about it first and checking it out in case it is not true or exaggerated then telling it makes you a liar. Muslims would do well to listen to him!

The Hadith has its answer for today's "liberals" who ban criticism of Islam as if it can adopt things like same sex marriage, pacifism and so on. Liberals never do their homework and then pontificate more than any fundamentalist would dare. Sahih Bukhari 3:49:861 says the prophet banned innovation or novelties. Sunan Ibn Majah 1:1:14 and 1:1:50 says God rejects the good deeds of innovators until they give up the innovation for Islam does not change or improve.

Liberals seem to define religion as a placebo and a crutch for getting yourself to do good and that is where their problem lies. In Quran 46:8-9 Muhammad says he brings no new doctrines and is only a warner and revealer from God. He adds that "I know not what shall be done with me or with you." This refers to his ultimate fate – he is not sure if he is going to Heaven or Hell. This warns against religion being used as a crutch or a placebo. It is about God and not about making anybody happy or consoled though if they are that is a good thing.

Mohammad Sidique Khan testified in his suicide video that he supported Islamic terrorism and murdered people and was about to murder himself out of love for God and Islam. He was a homegrown Muslim of the United Kingdom and the leader in the 2005 London Bombings.

"I and thousands like me are forsaking everything for what we believe. Our driving motivation doesn't come from tangible commodities that this world has to offer. Our religion is Islam, obedience to the one true God, Allah and follow in the footsteps of the final prophet and messenger Muhammad."

He gave his life for his testimony yet liars pretend that Islam is a religion of peace denying that it can be interpreted in a pro-violence way. A holy book means a book that is to be honoured as the revelation of God and thus it is to be praised and loved. A religion that takes violent texts from God and puts them into its scripture is responsible if any crank starts appealing to those texts in support of murder and violence. Its being generally a religion of peace does not erase the fact that it is irresponsible and has a share of the blame. Islam is being whitewashed by even by some Christians as a religion that detests violence. Christianity has always whitewashed itself for its scriptures are even worse than the Quran in terms endorsing religious fanaticism so it is not surprising that it whitewashes Islam.

Islam stresses that all male believers who submit to God are equal before Allah which is why all are put at the same level during public worship. Obviously this transcends differences between believers in a mosque who are okay with some terrorism or with starting a war to eradicate another faith. A real religion of peace would downgrade such individuals.

Islam affirms the law of an eye for an eye and the Quran is clear that it means it literally. Islam allows vengeful punishment such as eye for an eye. This is not making the punishment fit the crime as Muslims say. An eye for an eye may look like it balances the scales but is in fact too harsh and does the victim no good.

The Muslim god says, "We ordained for them therein a life for a life, an eye for an eye, a nose for a nose, an ear for an ear, a tooth for a tooth, and for wounds is legal retribution. But whoever gives up his right as charity, it is an expiation for him. Whoever does not judge by what Allah has revealed, then it is those who are the wrongdoers. Surah Al-Ma'idah 5:45. Those who ban an eye for an eye are condemned as wrongdoers. Notice the text is clear that the law is still in force.

The Muslim religion claims that its scripture, the Quran or Quran, is the word of God and does not have any human authorship. It was dictated by God.

In the Muslim religion, or Islam, is God never identifies himself as Father. Islamic Scripture never calls God Father. This is a fundamental difference with Christianity which says that God is Abba - Daddy. Daddy shows great familiarity with God. It goes further in intimacy than simply calling him father. The Christian Bible says,

For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father." Romans 8:15.

God's Quranic title Al Muntaqim - The Avenger actually implies that God is not Father and his goodness towards human beings is not based on love but on how well they please him. "Allah loves those who turn to Him constantly and He loves those who keep themselves pure and clean" Quran 2:222.

The Jews and the Christians say: "We are the children of Allah and His loved ones." Say: "Why then does He punish you for your sins?" Nay, you are but human beings, of those He has created, He forgives whom He wills and He punishes whom He wills. And to Allah belongs the dominion of the heavens and the earth and all that is between them, and to Him is the return (of all)" Sura 5:18.

God is never called love in Muslim Scriptures. This is a huge difference between them and the Jewish and Christian scriptures - the Bible. Though Islam claims to be based on Jewish and Christian scriptures, there is a fundamental disagreement between the Quran and them.

If belief in a loving God is good for us, then Islam is not good for people. It has been pointed out that its no wonder some Muslims become suicide bombers. Even if they did not feel they were obeying God, they could be depressed enough to think that if they are going to put themselves out of their misery its good to do it for God by being a suicide bomber and as they are depressed that diminishes their sin so that they will escape Hell.

THE HYPOCRISY OF MUSLIM FAITH

Christianity and Judaism pretend they are not religions of blind faith which is an admission that such faith is not desirable or good. Islam does not give a toss. The second largest world religion and it has a jigsaw puzzle of conjectures instead of a theology! That should warn us about putting our faith in religion.

Muhammad did no miracles to prove that he was a prophet. Though Jesus presented miracles as evidence and that was a mistake or trick it was not as bad as doing absolutely NOTHING!

So this religion of Islam cuts the hands off thieves, persecutes those who try to make converts from it, tramples upon women and murders adulterers by stoning them to death and for what? For assumptions! Their courts tell them that you need to be very sure of being right before you can do things like that and they cannot be even half sure.

Their scripture the Quran, has not taken in this attitude.

Sura 1 says that unbelievers will be punished and that warning them is no good for God has sealed them to exclude the truth from their minds. He causes their unbelief.

Muslims and their defenders (page 177, The Light Shineth in Darkness) would say that God is too good to do such a thing and that people blind themselves so God takes the grace away from them because they do not want it. People blind themselves and God who holds all things in being causes them to do so by keeping them in existence so that they can freely do it so God does it in that sense but it is not his fault.

But wait. The Quran has not even said yet that God is creator. And this is the start of the book for it says that this book is not to be doubted in the first line. That means there is no reason for taking the nice interpretation so the nasty one that says that God deliberately makes people disbelieve so that he can punish is correct. Further evidence for this is, is in the fact that there was no need to say they were hardened by God. The verse is about hardening not creating - beings harden themselves. The verse teaches predestination, the notion that God makes some people choose salvation and others damnation. Now why would anybody write a book that says God did something bad while meaning something different when they could say that it was people not him?

Islam may deny the Christian slander that babies are born guilty of sin on account of Adam (page 20, Understanding Islam) but it replaces it with predestination which is not any better. The religion says that it is because man is not God who is supreme and upon whom all things depend that man has to be predestined and to deny predestination is to say that God does not know the future (page 14, Understanding Islam). The Quran teaches that these reasons for predestination are correct (Understanding Islam, page 68). But when God is outside time he can know the future because it is present to him and not because he programs what it will be like. And God holding all things in being is compatible with the view that God has made some beings freely able to go against him. He gives them freedom but he does not program their choices.

God could offer us grace and light that we refuse to see but that does not mean he should remove them if we refuse them.

This is not against our freedom. Better to give light to a person so that nobody can say it might have been your fault if they never change. Once the light is removed it is not their fault if they disbelieve and do wrong but if the light is there and they won't look it is their fault. When any book says that God cuts off grace it means it. We all have light we don't like seeing so God has no need to cease supplying us with spiritual light.

The Islamic God cannot be trusted. The Moslem cannot really believe God for God might be deluding him. Islam does not like self-righteous hypocrisy but yet the Moslem will end up saying: "I am good and holy therefore Allah would not deceive me. He will only blind me if I want to be blinded". With all our faults we could not say such a thing! Allah commanded humility.

When faith is not a revelation from God to the Muslim or something that God causes in him or her the Muslim is believing Muhammad and not God. He or she is looking at God the way Muhammad tells him or her to look and is not looking for God as he is.

The pagans are taken to task for believing in guesses for which there is no evidence (6:148). But the Muslims are doing the same thing. They have no evidence that the Quran is from God and that Muhammad was a prophet just like the pagans only assume that their scriptures and prophets have divine authority. The Quran commands many things that reason cannot support or which are above reason so the Muslim cannot contend that his book is from God for reason says so and that is all it says stands the test of reason.

Sunni Muslims believe that they may go to Hell for a while and Muhammad will pray for them to God so that they will be released sooner. This implies that one prayer by Muhammad is not enough though quality is better than quantity. This also implies that God is imperfect and needs to be influenced by Muhammad to do the right thing which is blasphemy. The canonical prayers which are said towards the Kaaba are the most important practice in Islam (page 15, Understanding Islam). Understanding that one prayer is enough this is ridiculous. It denigrates the fact that there are better works. It denigrates good works.

RELIGION OF WAR

Many cry after the latest religious atrocity: "Terror has no religion. No terrorist is really religious or a member of religion. He does not represent the religious community he may claim to represent. Do not blame the religious community at all."

Do they hope that Muslims will not join Islamic State if they think it is not Islamic? Even if it is not Islamic it is still for Muslims. A golf club made up of Muslims is not Islamic either!

However, it is rare for a religious leader to claim that the IS religious terrorist in his flock is nothing to do with the religion at all.

If a terrorist acting in the name of a religion is not a Christian or Muslim or whatever then what is he? He must be something. Even if he is not devout he could still be Christian or Muslim. And it is possible to kill for a religion on religious grounds and not be a member of that religion. A person who is not Catholic and has fallen in love with Catholicism could in theory still kill for the Church.

Islam does not teach that you can assess how good a tree is by its fruits. That is a Christian stance. To become Muslim you simply believe that God gave the Quran to Muhammad and God alone is to be worshipped. Repentance is not even asked for in order to become or stay Muslim. A simple sorry to God saves you from Hell so it is too easy. Plus if you do enough good deeds the bad do not matter in Islam to God at all. Good deeds such as saving life and stopping terrorism is not an important commandment in Islam. The six pillars of Islam spell out the Muslim's top obligations and the sacredness of life is not one of them. The sixth pillar sanctions holy war. Even if just war in self-defense is fine it should not be made a pillar of a religion. It is to be treated as a necessary evil and better commandments could take its place. A just war is just like terrorism that is supposedly just. Giving a warlike command such respect that it becomes a pillar of faith shows that if there is opposition to terrorism then it rings hollow.

Thus a terrorist can be a proper Muslim even if Islam is against terrorism. The religion opens the door to accepting terrorists as members and thus is responsible even if it never sends them out to kill. You don't have to send your child out to batter the dog to be to blame if she does.

A religion that leads to cultures that kill apostates or heretics, mutilates baby girls and too many terrible things that make pagan culture look good is not a good religion. Islam doesn't have to regard Muhammad as perfect but it does and that is bad for he was vengeful even to the point of murder and even if polygamy is a necessary evil it does not mean that one claiming to be a prophet should be doing it. His traditions spell out rules that are terrible and worse than the Quran.

Society often thinks ethical system when it reads the word religion. Not all religions are concerned at their core with ethics. Evangelical Christianity tells you that if you know it can be done then sin and ask Jesus for forgiveness on your deathbed and you will be saved and enjoy eternal life. Some feel a religion that is not at core an ethical system is not a religion at all. It doesn't have to be only an ethical system but ethics have to be indispensable.

There is no command or advice to forgive everybody who hurts you in Islam. There is nothing saying that you can forgive because God generously forgave you so you can forgive in joy. That omission is no small thing.

Islam has a membership that knows the holy book better than Christians know the Bible. It is required to study the Quran and as the book is short it is easy to familiarise with being read at Friday prayers and on other occasions. Also the media does not hide the violence commanded by the book. Many Christians thus know that holy book better than they know their own.

THE Quran AND WOMEN

Islam is infamous for its derogatory attitude towards women.

Women are often made to wear the nijab. The burqa hides the woman from head to toe and she has to look out through a fabric grille. The burqa deprives women of their humanity and their ability to express it. It negates the personality and makes her a thing. She becomes a thing, less than human. She is becomes a mindless non-entity. She is stripped of personality. She cannot have any right to exist except as a chattel. A woman who freely wears a burqa to protest against the licentious exploitation of western women is being a hypocrite. And perhaps a bitter jealous one! She might pretend that she wants to remain uncontaminated by the sex obsessed western culture. Better to have your tits out and be a sex object than be a personality less thing in a burqa. A female porn star is less of an object than a woman wearing a tent. The woman who is forced to wear a burqa by men is being treated as an object by men. These men and rapists have one thing in common. For them, women are not women but objects.

Islam gets its rabid sexism and male chauvinism from the book it says is the word of God – the Quran.

The Quran lays it down that a woman can only inherit half of what a man would inherit (4:10).

It is mad how the book forbids marrying your foster mother saying that this is what God wills (4:20-24). The ban says nothing about it being permissible when it does no harm and arouses little or no conflict so it is an iron law.

If a man marries a slave girl and she commits adultery she is given half the punishment a free woman would get for that (4:25). That is silly.

4:34 says that God has made men the bosses of women because he made them superior and they spend their money on looking after them. This is outrageous for many women are smarter and stronger than men. It is plain male chauvinism. Worse, the Quran prescribes beatings for wives who husbands fear will disobey them. This proves that nobody can say the book just meant that the custom is for women to be inferior to men even though they are equal. Nothing forced Muhammad to make this law. And he could have just said nothing about the custom if it was just that for to promote a bad custom would be preventing any improvement. And if a man can batter his wives to reduce the risk of them rebelling – something they might never do – then he is allowed to beat them for the least fault.

Islam has women covering their faces as if their faces were genitals. It says showing the face is indecent. This denies that women are people. It says they are just genitals. This is an obscene insult to all women. The face represents personhood and to cover it denies personhood.

FINALLY

The evidence for the Islam being God's religion and its holy book his infallible word is poor. The mere fact that the book expects so much obedience of people and orders many evil and bigoted things to be done in the name of God and can't convince us that it is God's word clearly tells us that it is NOT God's word. Some Christians and Muslims read violent nasty scripture texts as speaking only of peace - that needs to be seen what it is: a form of psychosis. It is excellent and infallible evidence of mental illness unless they are being dishonest.

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