

Answering 10 Popular Muslim Objections

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| Topic | Muslim Objection | Christian Reply |
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| <p>1. The Bible Revelation:</p> <p>Word of God:</p> | <p>The Bible is written by people and therefore contains errors. However, the Quran is the direct and perfect revelation of Allah. It is pure and without human intervention.</p> <p>The Bible is not the Word of God anymore; it has been changed and corrupted by the Jews and Christians to suit their needs.</p> | <p>The Bible is the inspired revelation of God. It was written by men who were instructed by the Holy Spirit (2Pet 1:16-21). The Bible is God's complete message that tells us the way to be saved from the penalty of sin and how to live. God's final and perfect revelation to mankind is Jesus Christ (Heb 1:4). Therefore, in Christianity the perfect revelation from God is a living person whereas in Islam it is a book only.</p> <p>Muslims have never given proof for this objection. On the contrary, even the Quran states that the Bible is the Word of God and that no man can change it (Q 5:47-51, 6:34). Christians have ample evidence that the Bible is a true record and the Word of God: fulfilled prophesy, eye witness reports, archaeological findings, historical records (Jn 20:31, Rev 22:19).</p> |
| 2. Different Versions of the Bible | Christians have many versions of the Bible which do not agree with each other. Surely Allah did not send different, contradicting Bibles! | These "versions" are not different Bibles, but different translations of the Greek and Hebrew manuscripts. The Bible has been translated into many languages. Newer translations are made as languages change. However, the meaning of its message has not been altered (Gal 1:6-12, 1 Thess 2:4). |
| 3. Jesus as a prophet | Jesus is just a prophet like Abraham or any other. Muhammad is the final and greatest prophet. | The Bible clearly shows Jesus as being greater than any other prophet who ever lived (e.g. he could forgive sins, Mk 2:5). Even the Quran testifies in many verses to the uniqueness of Jesus which puts him higher than any other prophet (e.g. he created life; Q 5:113). |
| 4. Jesus as the Son of God | It is impossible for God to have a son: he then could also have had daughters and wives. God is ONE only (Q 19:35). | God had no physical relationship with Mary that resulted in a son. Jesus was born by God's Spirit by the virgin Mary. Who then is his father? - it can only be God. The term "Son of God" points to the unique and close relationship between God the Father and Jesus the Son (Jn 17:1-5). |
| 5. Crucifixion of Jesus | Jesus was not crucified, it is impossible that the merciful God could treat his prophet in such a cruel manner (Q 33:40) | It was the mission of Jesus, to die at the cross as the final perfect sacrifice so that death could be conquered and all who believe in him have forgiveness of sins and eternal life (Jn 3:16, 20:31). We have clear evidence of his crucifixion: it was foretold by prophets in the OT, Jesus predicted his death, and eye-witness and historians testify to this event. |
| 6. The true God | Christians worship a different God than Muslims do. Allah is the only true God who created the universe. | The God of the Bible and Allah of the Quran are both believed to be the creator, all-powerful, eternal, etc. However, when we study carefully we discover that many attributes are different: e.g. the relationship in Christianity is based on <i>love</i> (like child to father) whereas in Islam it is based on <i>work</i> (like servant to master). |
| 7. The Trinity | There is ONE God only! How can Christians believe in three gods, as in the Trinity, and claim that God is ONE? (Q 4:171, 5:76). | Christians too believe in only ONE God (Deut 6:4). The Bible tells us that God is Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The Trinity is therefore a unity based on the manifestation of the ONE GOD (Jn 1:1-14, Heb 1:2). Nature gives us some examples which show, that three can be in one! |
| 8. Atonement | To enter paradise one has to do good works and then be rewarded by God. How can someone else die for your sins? This is an impossible concept! | Even if we try hard to do good works we will never get rid of our sins. We will never be perfect on our own. God's divine plan is that sins can only be forgiven through the shedding of blood of a sacrifice. Jesus was that perfect sacrifice who died "once for all" (Heb 10:1-18). People have the choice between God's way or their own way of dealing with sin. |
| 9. The Gospel of Barnabas | The Bible contains four Gospels. Why have Christians left out the Gospel according to Barnabas? | The Gospel of Barnabas is a medieval fake and contradicts the Bible and the Quran; e.g. Muhammad is mentioned to be the Messiah and not Jesus (ch 97). There are also geographical errors and some sociological references are taken from the time after Jesus lived. |
| 10. Muhammad foretold in the Bible? | Why do the Christians reject Muhammad, the prophet of Islam? He is even foretold in the Bible (e.g. Deut. 18:18 and John chapters 14 -16). | We know someone is a prophet from God because he is able to prophesy and it comes true. His prophecy and teaching must be in harmony with the other prophets from God. The passages referred to by Muslims from the Bible need to be studied in their context. The reference from the OT refers to Jesus whereas the NT reference points to the coming of the Holy Spirit and not Muhammad. |