

Where Did the Koran/Bible go Wrong? Or Did They?

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The religious leaders of Islam have yet to understand the Koran, even in minute amounts. This is not because they do not have the intellect to understand the Koran; it is because they have always trusted the previous teachings of their earlier colleagues. The religious establishments that educated the spiritual leaders of Islam do not promote questioning of the man-made laws that have replaced all the teachings of the Koran. This is likewise true regarding the establishments in Judaism and Christianity.

Those who are studying to become religious leaders are under the impression that the teachings they are receiving are aligned with those of the Holy Koran, and they see no need to question any of it. Please note the below warning from the Koran concerning this fact:

Koran 5:104 When they are told, "Come to what God has revealed, and to the messenger," they say, "What we found our fathers doing is sufficient for us." What if their fathers knew nothing, and were not guided?

Before Muslims think that I am trying to belittle or disrespect Islam (which is not my intention at all), please allow me to explain one example of the above situation in the world of Christianity, and then I will discuss similar scenarios in today's Islam.

The Catholic religion is the largest branch of Christianity, which was the only branch for many centuries, and is the most popular branch of Christianity. With more than one billion followers, this denomination accounts for more than half of the world's Christian population. They have a belief that priests and nuns shall not marry in order to qualify for their position in the church as a religious leader. There is no logic behind this behavior, and the rule is in contrast with the teachings of the Bible (from the book of Genesis to the New Gospel by John).

Please note the book that is accepted by Christians, and not by Muslims or Jews (written by Paul, a man who was not among the apostles of Jesus Christ), titled 1Timothy, states the following:

Bible-1 Timothy 3:1 This is a faithful saying: If a man desires the position of a bishop, he desires a good work. **2** A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, temperate, sober-minded, of good behavior, hospitable, able to teach; **3** not given to wine, not violent, not greedy for money, but gentle, not quarrelsome, not covetous; **4** one who rules his own house well, having his children in submission with all reverence **5** (for if a man does not know how to rule his own house, how will he take care of the church of God?); **6** not a novice, lest being puffed up with pride he fall into the same condemnation as the devil. **7** Moreover he must have a good testimony among those who are outside, lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.

As we can see clearly, the above verses state the qualification for a bishop (and later verses claim the same things for a deacon) before he is worthy to hold a position as a bishop in the church. That condition is, he must be married, and not be celibate.

In an article under “When Did the Catholic Church Decide Priests Should Be Celibate?” by Helen L. Owen, she explains:

“The practice of priestly celibacy began to spread in the Western Church in the early Middle Ages. In the early 11th century Pope Benedict VIII responded to the decline in priestly morality by issuing a rule prohibiting the children of priests from inheriting property. A few decades later, Pope Gregory VII issued a decree against clerical marriages. The Church was a thousand years old before it definitively took a stand in favor of celibacy in the twelfth century at the Second Lateran Council held in 1139, when a rule was approved forbidding priests to marry. In 1563, the Council of Trent reaffirmed the tradition of celibacy.”

Furthermore, she explains the church’s reasoning for changing God’s laws:

“Several explanations have been offered for the decision of the Church to adopt celibacy. Barry University's Ed Sunshine told Knight-Ridder that the policy was initiated to distinguish the clergy as a special group: "A celibate clergy became the paradigm of separation from the sinful world." A.W. Richard Sipe, a former priest and author of *Sex, Priests and Power: The Anatomy of Crisis* (1995), told Knight-Ridder that the 'question at the time was who is the final power -- the king or the church. If [the church] could control a person's sex life, it could control their money, their employment, their benefice.' Garry Wills suggested in *Under God* that the ban on marriage was adopted to lift the status of priests at a time when their authority was being challenged by nobles and others.”

The above reason is a typical explanation from religious figures as to why their traditions should be upheld, even when they go against God’s commandment.

It is fascinating that Jesus did not accept any of the above similar explanations:

Bible-Matthew 15:3 He answered and said to them, "Why do you also transgress the commandment of God because of your tradition? ... **6** ..." Thus you have made the commandment of God of no effect by your tradition.

This simple but undisputable reason for how religious figures will uphold their traditions, no matter how much they contradict God's commandments, is exactly what has happened in the world of Islam. The only difference is that being celibate is not going to have the same effect as killing for the hope of enjoying virgins in the other world.

Please note in the below verses (and there are many more such verses) from the Koran, it is very clear that the Koran is 100% aligned with the sayings of Jesus Christ and is adamantly rejecting man-made laws that overtake the commandments of God.

Koran 2:78 Among them are illiterates who do not know the scripture, except through hearsay, then assume that they know it. **79** Woe, then, to those who write the book with their hands and then say: This is from God, so that they may take for it a small price; therefore woe to them for what their hands have written and woe to them for what they earn.

Koran 2:169 He only commands you to commit evil and indecency, and to say about God what you do not know.

Koran 7:162 But the evil ones among them changed the word from that which had been given them so we sent on them a plague from heaven because they were wicked.

Koran 3:77 As for those who trade away God's covenant, and their obligations, for a cheap price, they receive no share in the Hereafter. God will not speak to them, nor look at them, on the Day of Resurrection, nor will He purify them. They have incurred a painful retribution. **78** Among them are those who twist their tongues to imitate the scripture, that you may think it is from the scripture, when it is not from the scripture, and they claim that it is from God, when it is not from God. Thus, they utter lies and attribute them to God, knowingly.

Please note what Jesus Christ has to say about religious figures concerning the above devastating act, and you will note that the Koran claim is again 100% aligned with Christ's sayings.

Bible-Luke 11:46 And He said, "Woe to you also, lawyers! For you load men with burdens hard to bear, and you yourselves do not touch the burdens with one of your fingers. **47** Woe to you! For you build the tombs of the prophets, and your fathers killed them. **48** In fact, you bear witness that you approve the deeds of your fathers; for they indeed killed them, and you build their tombs. **49** Therefore the wisdom of God also said, 'I will send them prophets and apostles, and some of them they will kill and persecute,' **50** that the blood of all the prophets which was shed from the foundation of the world may be required of this generation, **51** from the blood of

Abel to the blood of Zechariah who perished between the altar and the temple. Yes, I say to you, it shall be required of this generation. **52** "Woe to you lawyers! For you have taken away the key of knowledge. You did not enter in yourselves, and those who were entering in you hindered."

The above is identical to the Koran's position in this matter.

Koran 9:34 O you who believe, many religious leaders and preachers take the people's money illicitly, and repel from the path of God. Those who hoard the gold and silver, and do not spend them in the cause of God, promise them a painful retribution.

Koran 5:63 If only the religious leaders and the preachers enjoin them from their sinful utterances and illicit earnings! Miserable indeed is what they commit.

Koran 5:44 We have sent down the Torah, containing guidance and light. Ruling in accordance with it were the Jewish prophets, as well as the religious leaders and the preachers, as dictated to them in God's scripture, and as witnessed by them. Therefore, do not reverence human beings; you shall reverence Me instead. And do not trade away My revelations for a cheap price. Those who do not rule in accordance with God's revelations are the disbelievers.

Furthermore, the Koran persistently declares that it does not need explanations for its contents from anybody, and the Muslims should only turn to the Koran and not to any other unauthorized sayings.

Koran 31:6 Among the people, there are those who uphold baseless Hadith (saying), and thus divert others from the path of God without knowledge, and take it in vain. These have incurred a shameful retribution.

Koran 7:185 Have they not looked at the dominion of the heavens and the earth, and all the things God has created? Does it ever occur to them that the end of their life may be near? Then which Hadith (saying), beside this, do they believe in?

Koran 45:6 These are God's revelations that we recite to you truthfully. Then in which Hadith (saying) other than God and His revelations do they believe?

Koran 77:50 Then which Hadith (saying), other than this, do they uphold?

Koran 25:33 Whatever argument they come up with, we provide you with the truth, and a best explanation (tafsir).

It is interesting that the Koran declares that if a Muslim person really has any doubt after reading all of the Koran, then the solution is not to go to religious leaders and ask them for explanations, but for them to turn to the previous books that God has sent (which are the books of the Bible):

Koran 10:94 If you have any doubt regarding what is revealed to you from your Lord, then ask those who read the previous scripture. Indeed, the truth has come to you from your Lord. Do not be with the doubters.

Ironically, the Koran even urges the Prophet Mohammad not to explain the verses, and allow the verses to speak for themselves:

Koran 75:16 Move not thy tongue concerning the (Koran) to make haste therewith. **17** It is for Us to collect it and to recite it: **18** Therefore when We have recited it, follow its recitation. **19** Then it is for Us to explain it (and make it clear):

The solution to today's world problems concerning the Islamic fanatics must start with the recognition of where Islam went wrong and separated itself from the Koran. This recognition will lead to the solution, which only is possible through the Koran's education for Muslims and the Bible's education for Jews and Christians. This long-overdue journey cannot wait any longer, as the world of Abrahamic religions especially that of Muslims, has separated from the holy books. These books are the source of life and not death, and they need to be recognized in such a way.

It is time for Muslims of the world to examine all the teachings of their fathers, and it is time for their religious leaders to take the role that their fathers never took, and bring back the love that their prophet, Prophet Mohammad, taught them. The greatest example that Muslims, especially the Iranian government, needs to remember is that Prophet Mohammad and all his followers were persecuted for many years in Mecca, and when he returned to that city with a powerful army, he chose to forgive all his enemies and not shed any blood. Needless to say, his biggest enemy, Abi Sufyan, lived, and his son Muabhiya and his grandson Yazid took part in misrepresenting the pure Islam that Prophet Mohammad had worked so hard to establish.

The world of Islam needs desperately to recognize the following claims of the Koran in order to stop its separation from God:

- 1) The Koran is a book just like the books of Moses (Torah, the first five books of the Bible and not the book of Jesus, the first four books of the New Testament). This claim is in the Koran, verse 87:18-19.
- 2) The Koran accepts the validity of the New Gospel of Jesus Christ (Koran 5:46, 66, 68, and many more verses).
- 3) This means when the New Gospel of Jesus claims it is the fulfillment of all the books of the past (Bible--Matthew 5:17), it will be the fulfillment of the Koran, also.

4) Accepting item number three will allow Muslims to emphasize what the Koran already speaks of, but not as adamantly and completely as the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Please note some of these fulfillments, as they are clearly magical teachings.

Bible-Matthew 5:17 "Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill.

Bible-Matthew 5:21 "You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not murder, and whoever murders will be in danger of the judgment.' **22** But I say to you that whoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment.

Bible-Matthew 5:27 "You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not commit adultery.' **28** But I say to you that whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

Bible-Matthew 5:31 "Furthermore it has been said, 'Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.' **32** But I say to you that whoever divorces his wife for any reason except sexual immorality causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a woman who is divorced commits adultery.

Bible-Matthew 5:38 "You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.' **39** But I tell you not to resist an evil person. But whoever slaps you on your right cheek, turn the other to him also. **40** If anyone wants to sue you and take away your tunic, let him have your cloak also. **41** And whoever compels you to go one mile, go with him two. **42** Give to him who asks you, and from him who wants to borrow from you do not turn away.

Bible-Matthew 5:43 "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' **44** But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you, **45** that you may be sons of your Father in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust. **46** For if you love those who love you, what reward have you? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? **47** And if you greet your brethren only, what do you do more than others? Do not even the tax collectors do so? **48** Therefore you shall be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect.

The above teachings are what Prophet Mohammad's life was consisted of, as was the life of Jesus Christ, Moses, and all the prophets. It is time for the Abrahamic religions to shine, as the Koran and all God's scriptures have urged their followers:

Bible-Matthew 5:14 "You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. **15** Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lamp stand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. **16** Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Again, the above verses were also repeated about Prophet Mohammad in the Koran, please note:

Koran 33:45 O prophet, we have sent you as a witness, a bearer of good news, as well as a warner. **46** Inviting to GOD, in accordance with His will, and as a lamp spreading light.

It is time for Jews, Christians, and Muslims to be the light of the world. And I am talking about spiritual light that is discussed in the above verses, and not the light of the bombs and the bullets used to kill each other.

May God bless all those who are on the earth and have been given this small time to share this planet in hope that they might shine.