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KORAN—Counterfeit Scriptures

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INTRODUCTION

Paul directed Timothy to the Bible as the source of information for salvation and spiritual growth.

And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. (16) All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: (17) That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works. 2 Timothy 3:15-17

Peter teaches that the main message of the Bible is Christ and the gospel.

Of which salvation the prophets have enquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace that should come unto you: .. (11) Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow. 1 Peter 1:10-11

This is contrary to the Koran which directs people to Muhammad and the Koran. "Therefore have faith in God and His apostle, the Unlettered Prophet, who believes in God and His commandments, Follow him so that you may be rightly guided."

I. CLAIMS BY THE KORAN ON LIFE [KORAN = QUR'AN]

1. Claims about Koran

a. It is from God.

i. Proven from supernatural origin-through illiterate prophet

"I will show mercy to those what keep evil and give alms, and to those that in Our signs believe; to those that shall follow the Apostle-the Unlettered [Gentile] Prophet-whom they shall find described to them in the Torah and the Gospel." 7:157

"Therefore have faith in God and His apostle, the Unlettered Prophet, who believes in God and His commandments. Follow him so that you may be rightly guided." 7:158

ii. Proven from beauty of language.

• It has no contradictions.

"Will they not ponder on the Koran? If it had not come from God, they could have surely found in it many contradictions." 4:82

"Praise be to God who has revealed the Book to His servant shorn of contradictions and unswerving from the truth, so that he may give warning of a dire scourge from Himself, proclaim to the faithful who do good works that a rich and everlasting recompense awaits them, and admonish those who say that God has begotten a son. Surely of this they could have no knowledge, neither they nor their fathers: a monstrous blasphemy is that which they utter. They preach nothing but falsehood." 18:1-5

iii. It confirms previous Scriptures (i.e OT and NT)



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"This Koran could not have been devised by any but God. It confirms what was revealed before it and fully explains the Scriptures. It is beyond doubt from the Lord of the Universe." 10:37

"After them We sent forth Jesus son of Mary, confirming the Torah already revealed, and gave him the Gospel, in which there is guidance and light, corroborating what was revealed before it in the Torah: a guide and an admonition to the righteous. Therefore let those who follow the Gospel judge according to what God has revealed therein. Evil doers are those that do not judge according to God's revelations. And to you We have revealed the Book with the truth. It confirms the Scriptures which came before it and stands guardian over them." 5:46-48

"After them We sent other apostles, and after those Jesus son of Mary. We gave him the Gospel, and put compassion and mercy in the hearts of his followers." 57:27

2. Conduct from Koran

a. Seven Beliefs of Koran

- i. Beginning of Islam: It started in the garden of Eden
- ii. No Original Sin: Man is basically good
- iii. Sovereignty of God: Their teaching on Sovereignty approaches fatalism
- iv. World of Spirits: Angels and evil spirits are taught throughout
- v. Day of Judgment: Men will give account for who their God is, who their prophet is
- vi. Jesus is Prophet of Islam: He was born of the virgin Mary, did Miracles, was the Messiah and a Prophet

b. Five Pillars of Islam

- i. Confession: "There is no God but Allah, and Muhammad is His messenger."
- ii. Prayer: all Muslims are to pray 5 times a day facing Mecca. All activity comes to a stop during call to prayer in Muslim country. Call to prayer comes from tower (minarets) of temples(mosques).
- iii. Giving: giving 2.5% of assests
- iv. Fasting: During the month of Ramadan you are to fast from sunup to sundown.
- v. Pilgrimage: to Mecca once in a lifetime if physically and financially able
- vi. [Jihad: holy war]

II. ERRORS IN HISTORY OF KORAN

Carlyle: "It is as toilsome reading as I ever undertook, a wearisome, confused jumble, crude, incondite [poorly constructed]. Nothing but a sense of duty could carry any European through the Koran." Geisler, p. 189

1. Contradictions within Koran

a. Noah's son is killed in flood and none of Noah's family perishes.

"And as the ark moved on with them amid the mountainous waves, Noah cried out to his son, who stood apart: 'Embark with us, my child. Do not remain with the unbelievers!' He replied: 'I shall seek refuge in a mountain, which will protect me from the flood.' Noah cried: 'None shall be secure today from the judgment of God but those who shall enjoy His mercy!' And thereupon the billows rolled between them, and Noah's son was drowned." 11:43

"Before him Noah invoked Us, and We answered his prayer. We saved him and all his kinfolk from the greatest calamity." 21:76

b. Muhammad can marry whom he likes and Muhammad is restricted.

"Prophet, We have made lawful for you the wives to whom you have granted dowries and the slave-girls



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whom God has given you as booty; the daughters of your paternal and maternal uncles and of your paternal and maternal aunts who fled with you; and any believing woman who gives herself to the Prophet and whom the Prophet wishes to take in marriage. This privilege is yours alone, being granted to no other believer." 33:50

"It shall be unlawful for you [Muhammad] to take more wives or to change your present wives for other women, though their beauty pleases you, unless they are slave-girls whom you own." 33:52

2. Contradictions with Bible

a. Adding to history of Bible

i. Satan refuses to bow to Adam

"When we said to the angels: 'Prostrate yourselves before Adam,' they all prostrated themselves, except Satan, who replied: 'Shall I bow to him whom You have made of clay? Do you see this being whom You have exalted above me?' 17:62

ii. Abraham is not a Jew nor Christian

"Abraham was neither Jew nor Christian. He was an upright man, one who submitted to God." 3:67
"They say: 'accept the Jewish or the Christian faith and you shall be rightly guided.' Say: 'By no means! We believe in the faith of Abraham, the upright one. He was no idolater.'" 2:135

iii. Mary's brother is Aaron and father is 'Imran

"Carrying the child, she came to her people, who said to her: 'Mary, this is indeed a strange thing! Sister of Aaron, your father was never a whoremonger, nor was your mother a harlot.'" 19:27

"And in Mary, 'Imran's daughter, who preserved her chastity and into whose womb We breathed Our spirit; who put her trust in the words of her Lord and His scriptures, and was truly devout.'" 66:12

iv. Christ speaks as a baby in the cradle

"Carrying the child, she came to her people, who said to her: 'Mary, this is indeed a strange thing! Sister of Aaron, your father was never a whoremonger, nor was your mother a harlot.' She made a sign to them, pointing to the child. But they replied: 'How can we speak with a babe in the cradle?' Whereupon he spoke and said: 'I am the servant of God. He has given me the Book and ordained me a prophet. His blessing is upon me wherever I go, and He has exhorted me to be steadfast in prayer and to give alms as long as I shall live.'" 19:27-30

3. Conflicting with history of Bible

a. Noah's son dies in flood.

"And as the ark moved on with them amid the mountainous waves, Noah cried out to his son, who stood apart: 'Embark with us, my child. Do not remain with the unbelievers!' He replied: 'I shall seek refuge in a mountain, which will protect me from the flood.' Noah cried: 'None shall be secure today from the judgment of God but those who shall enjoy His mercy!' And thereupon the billows rolled between them, and Noah's son was drowned. A voice cried out: 'Earth, swallow up your waters, Heaven, cease your rain!' The floods abated, and His will was done. The ark came to rest upon Al-Judi, and a voice declared: 'Gone are the evil-doers.' Noah called out to his Lord, saying: 'Lord, my son was my own flesh and blood. Your promise was surely true. You are the most just of judges.' 'Noah,' He replied, 'he was no kinsman of yours: he had acted unjustly. Do not question Me about things you know nothing of. I admonish you lest you become an ignorant man.' 'I seek refuge in You, Lord, for asking You about things I know nothing of,' said Noah. 'Forgive me and have mercy on me, or I shall surely be among the lost.'" 11:41-47

b. Ark rests on Mt. Al-Judi.

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c. Abraham's father is Azar

"Tell of Abraham, who said to Azar, his father: 'Will you worship idols as your gods?'" 6:73

d. Joseph is exonerated by master.

"His master's wife attempted to seduce him. She bolted the doors and said: 'Come!' 'God forbid!' he replied. 'My lord has treated me with kindness. Wrongdoers shall never prosper.' She made for him, and he himself would have succumbed to her had he not seen a sign from his Lord. Thus did We shield him from evil doing and lechery, for he was one of Our faithful servants. They both rushed to the door. She tore his shirt from behind. And at the door they met her husband. She cried: 'Shall not the man who wished to violate your wife be thrown into prison or sternly punished?' Joseph said: 'It was she who attempted to seduce me.' 'If his shirt is torn from the front,' said one of her people, 'she is speaking the truth and he is lying. If it is torn from behind, then he is speaking the truth, and she is lying.' And when her husband saw that Joseph's shirt was rent from behind, he said to her: This is but one of your tricks. Your cunning is great indeed! Joseph, say no more about this. Woman, ask pardon for your sin. You have assuredly done wrong." 12:23-29

"The king questioned the women, saying: 'What made you attempt to seduce Joseph?' 'God forbid!' they replied. 'We know no evil of him.' 'Now the truth must come to light,' said the Prince's wife. 'It was I who attempted to seduce him, He has told the truth.' 'From this,' said Joseph, 'my lord will know that I did not betray him in his absence, and that God does not guide the mischief of the treacherous. Not that I claim to be free from sin: man's soul is prone to evil, except his to whom my Lord has shown mercy. My Lord is forgiving and merciful.' The king said: 'Bring him before me. I choose him for my own.' And when he had spoken with him, the king said: 'You shall henceforth dwell with us, honored and trusted.'" 12:51-55

e. Gideon is confused with King Saul

"And when Saul marched out with his army, he said: 'God will put you to the proof at a certain river. He that drinks from it shall cease to be my soldier, but he that does not drink from it, or contents himself with a taste of it in the hollow of his hand, shall fight by my side.' But they all drank from it, except a few of them. And when Saul had crossed the river with those who shared his faith, they said: 'We have no power this day against Goliath and his warriors.'" 2:249

f. Pharaoh's wife adopts Moses

"His wife said to Pharaoh: 'This child may bring joy to us both. Do not slay him. He may show promise, and we may adopt him as our son.'" 28:9

g. Zacharias smitten dumb for only 3 days

"'Lord,' said Zacharias, 'how shall I have a son when I am now overtaken by old age and my wife is barren?' 'Such is the will of God,' He replied. 'He does what He pleases.' 'Lord,' said He, 'vouchsafe me a sign.' 'For three days and three nights,' He replied, 'you shall not speak to any man except by signs.'" 3:41

h. Worship is to be on Friday

"Believers, when you are summoned to Friday prayers hasten to the remembrance of God and cease your trading: That would be best for you, if you but knew it." 62:9

i. Men can treat their wives cruelly

"Men have authority over women because God has made the one superior to the other, and because they



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spend their wealth to maintain them. Good women are obedient." 4:34

"As for those from whom you fear disobedience, admonish them and forsake them in beds apart, and beat them. Then if they obey you, take no further action against them." 4:34

III. ERRORS IN DOCTRINE OF SALVATION

1. Denial of Free Grace

a. Koran

"Those whose good deeds weigh heavy in the scales shall triumph, but those whose deeds are light shall forfeit their souls and abide in Hell for ever. The fire will scorch their faces and they will writhe in anguish." 23:104

"But there are others who would give away their lives in order to find favor with God." 2:207

"On the Day of Resurrection you shall see their faces blackened, those who uttered falsehoods about God. Is there not in Hell a home for the haughty? But God will deliver those who fear Him, for they have earned salvation." 39:60-61

"And in the Book you shall tell of Ishmael: he, too, was a man of his word, and apostle, and a prophet. He enjoined prayer and almsgiving on his people, and his Lord was pleased with him." 19:53

b. Bible

Romans 3:24 *Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:*

Romans 11:5-6 *Even so then at this present time also there is a remnant according to the election of grace. (6) And if by grace, then is it no more of works: otherwise grace is no more grace. But if it be of works, then is it no more grace: otherwise work is no more work.*

2 Timothy 1:9 *Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began,*
Romans 4:4-5 *Now to him that worketh is the reward not reckoned of grace, but of debt. (5) But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness.*

Ephesians 2:8-9 *For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: (9) Not of works, lest any man should boast.*

Titus 3:5 *Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;*

2. Denial of Divine Savior

a. Koran

- i. Christ was a prophet 2:137; 4:163;
- ii. Christ did miracles 2:87; 5:110; 61:6
- iii. Christ preached in cradle 5:110
- iv. Christ is NOT God/man

"The Messiah, the son of Mary, was no more than an apostle: other apostles passed away before him. His mother was a saintly woman. They both ate earthly food. See how We make plain to them Our revelations. See how they ignore the truth." 5:75

"They say: 'God has begotten a son.' God forbid!" 10:68



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"Such was Jesus son of Mary. That is the whole truth, which they still doubt. God forbid that He Himself should beget a son!" 19:34

b. Bible

Isaiah 9:6-7 *For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. (7) Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even forever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.*

Matthew 16:13-17 *When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I the Son of man am? (14) And they said, Some say that thou art John the Baptist: some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets. (15) He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am? (16) And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. (17) And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.*

3. Denial of Painful Crucifixion

a. Koran

"They denied the truth and uttered a monstrous falsehood against Mary. They declared: 'We have put to death the Messiah, Jesus son of Mary, the apostle of God.' They did not kill him, nor did they crucify him, but they thought they did. Those that disagreed about him were in doubt concerning him; they knew nothing about him that was not sheer conjecture; they did not slay him for certain. God lifted him up to Himself; God is mighty and wise. There is none among the People of the Book but will believe in him before his death; and on the Day of Resurrection he will bear witness against them." 4:157-158

b. Bible

1 Corinthians 1:23 *We preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumbling block, and unto the Greeks foolishness;*
Matthew 27; Mark 15; Luke 23; John 19; Phil. 2:8

4. Denial of Vicarious Death

a. OT predicted

Isaiah 53:4-6 *Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. (5) But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. (6) All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned everyone to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.*

b. NT fulfilled

1 Peter 2:24 *Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.*

1 Peter 3:18 *For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit:*

5. Denial of Victorious Resurrection

1 Corinthians 15:17 *And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins.*
Matthew 28; Mark 16; Luke 24; John 20-21

6. Denial of Perfect Heaven



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a. Koran

"As for those who are slain in the cause of God, He will not allow their works to perish. He will vouchsafe them guidance and ennoble their state; He will admit them to the Paradise He has made known to them." 47:5

"They shall recline on couches ranged in rows. To dark-eyed houris [one of the beautiful virgins of the Koran's paradise] We shall wed them." 52:20

"They shall recline on jewelled couches face to face, and there shall wait on them immortal youths with bowls and ewers and a cup of purest wine (that will neither pain their hearts nor take away their reasons); with fruits of their own choice and flesh of fowls that they relish. And theirs shall be the dark-eyed houris, chaste virgin pearls: a guerdon [reward] for their deeds." 56:16-17 [44:50; 55:52-78; 56:35]

b. Bible

Revelation 21:3-7 *And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. (4) And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. (5) And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful. (6) And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely. (7) He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.*

Rev. 21:22-23 *And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it. (23) And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof*

- God communes with men in eternal state
- God provides for men's needs in eternal state
- God makes Christ the glory of eternal state
- The Son of God who is rejected of men is NOW in the preeminent position.

*O I am my Beloved's, and my Beloved's mine!
He brings a poor vile sinner into His house of wine;
I stand upon His merit, I know no other stand,
Not e'en where glory dwelleth in Immanuel's land.
The bride eyes not her garment, but her dear bridegroom's face;
I will not gaze at glory, but on my King of grace:
Not at the crown He giveth, but on His pierced hand:
The Lamb is all the glory of Immanuel's land.*

CONCLUSION

Prov. 16:25 *There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.*

Rev. 21:27 *And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh*



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abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Those who believe the Koran to the point of ending their life to obtain a better life have in reality embraced eternal death. They have followed the lie of the devil.

May those who know the truth demonstrate even greater faith in following the Lord Jesus Christ.

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SATANIC VERSES

"The so-called, Satanic Verses illustrate another change in the original text. According to one version of these verses Muhammad had an early revelation in Mecca, which allowed intercession to certain idols.

"Did you consider al-hat and al-Uzza And al-Manat, the third, the other? Those are the swans exalted; Their intercession is expected; Their likes are not neglected."

Sometime after this Muhammad received another revelation canceling the last three lines (verses) and substituting what we now find in 53:21-23, which omits the part about interceding to these pagan gods. According to Watt, both versions had been received publicly. Muhammad's explanation was that Satan had deceived him and inserted the false verses without his knowing it." Geisler, p. 193

Modern Version: "Have you thought on AI-Lat and AI-Uzza, and on Manat, the third other? Are you to have the sons, and He the daughters? This is indeed an unfair distinction!" Koran, 53:21-23

AI-Lat, al-Uzza and Manat are "names of Arabian idols, claimed by the pagans of Mecca to be daughters of God." Note 5, Koran, p. 525 .