Bible vs the Quran

The Bible was written across a span of 1500 years and 30 authors of the OT and 10 in the NT concluded in 96 AD. It contains 1281 pages. The complete "canon" of 66 books was listed at the counsel of Trent in 1546.

The Quran was written by Muhamad over 23 years and concluded in 632 AD (claimed to be given by Gabriel the Archangel) and contains 552 pages.

The **Quran** is the holy book of Islam and is viewed by **Muslims** as the direct word of God, the culmination of a series of revelations that included the Torah and the Bible. The **Quran** is **significant** not only because of its history, but also because of its continual daily use in **Muslim** worship. Scripture is perhaps the most **important** type of revelation for **Christians**. For **Christians**, the **Bible** is different from any other book because it contains God's words. ... The **Bible** is literally the direct Word of God. It is unique, inherent, infallible, and exclusively inspired.

Many stories in the Quran are plagiarized and altered from the Bible.

The **Quran**, contains references to more than fifty people and events also found in the **Bible**. While the stories told in each book are generally comparable in most respects, important differences sometimes emerge. The Quran is completely memorized by some 10 million Muslims, and partially memorized by all practicing Muslims in the Arabic language. Christians are not required to, but recommended to memorize as much of the Bible as possible.

The Quran is self-referenced for verification.

The Bible is verified by Historical, Archeological and Secular sources.

Claims in the Quran about Christ:

- 1. He was born of a virgin, Muhamad was not.
- 2. Jesus is **THE word** of God, Muhamad is not.
- 3. Jesus healed the blind, the lepers, and raised the dead, Muhamad did not.
- 4. Jesus will return as a ruler and leader

Errors in the Quran: Basic research reveals these statements:

- 1. The Quran claims that man cannot go to the moon or achieve space travel.
- 2. Mary, the virgin mother of Jesus must have been 1500 years old? (she was alive in Moses' time)
- 3. The Quran claims that Allah uses shooting stars as missiles to ward away devils.
- 4. The Quran assumes a flat earth which has physical places into which the sun sets and rises
- 5. Jesus was NOT crucified (all other historians, secular and religious sources verify the crucifixion)
- 6. Jesus said "I am indeed a servant of Allah: He hath given me revelation and made me a prophet."
- 7. The Quran says that you are cursed if you say Jesus is Gods son.

The Quran does not convey the specific teachings of Jesus. What has developed over the years was authored by later followers of Islam. What is found in the Quran about Jesus is that his teaching conformed to the prophetic model: a human sent by God to present both a judgement upon humanity for worshipping idols and a challenge to turn to the one true God. In the case of Jesus, Muslims believe that his mission was to the people of Israel and that his status as a prophet was confirmed by numerous miracles. The Quran's description of specific events at the end of Jesus' life have continued to be controversial between Christians and Muslims.

The Muslim perception of Jesus emerging from the Hadith is of a miraculous, sinless, and eschatological figure, pointing people, again according to the Muslim's perspective of prophethood, to the Muslim faith.

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Surah 23:14 makes the claim that human beings are formed from a clot of blood. Surah 18:86 claims that the sun sets in a spring of murky water. Clearly, even if the claims with respect to scientific insights were valid, the above statements would immediately falsify any such notion of divine inspiration.

"They do blaspheme who say: God is one of three in a **Trinity**: for there is no god except One God. If they desist not from their word (of blasphemy), verily a grievous penalty will befall the blasphemers among them." (Koran 5:73)

"Allah will say, "O Jesus, son of Mary, did you say to the people, 'Make me and my mother idols beside Allah?'

"The Qur'an here denounces the idea of a Triad of Gods, consisting of God, Jesus and Mary. Christians have never believed in this Triad. It is only too true that many *ignorant* "Christians" in Muhammad's time worshipped Mary (as some still do), asking her to intercede with her Son for them, and the early Muhammadans may hence have fancied that belief in three separate Gods, of which Mary was one, was what was meant by the doctrine of the Trinity.

In Surah 20:85-88, 95 we read:

"He [Allah] said, 'We have tempted thy people since thou didist leave them. The Samaratin has led them into error.' Then Moses returned...and we cast them [(gold) ornaments], as the Samaritan also threw them, into the fire.' (Then he brought out for them a Calf, a mere body that lowed; and they said, 'This is your god, and the god of Moses, whom he has forgotten.')...Moses said, 'And thou, Samaritan, what was thy business?'"

Now, let us consider this for just a moment. How can a Samaritan have led the Israelites astray at the time of Moses (approx 1400 B.C.) when the city of Samaria was founded by King Omri about 870 B.C.? The Samaritans did not exist until after the exile of the Northern Kingdom of Israel and the resettlement of the area under King Sargon II in 722 B.C. with non-Israelites who then adopted a syncretism (mixture) between the religion of the Jews and their own polytheistic background. The Samaritans did not exist until 530 years after Moses.

the Quran claims that one night, Allah took Muhammad to "al-Aqsa" mosque in Jerusalem:

"Exalted is He who took His Servant by night from al-Masjid al-Haram to al-Masjid al-Aqsa, whose surroundings We have blessed, to show him of Our signs. Indeed, He is the Hearing, the Seeing." - Quran 17:1

The Muslim army conquered Jerusalem in 637 AD and al-Aqsa mosque was completed in 705 AD. The problem with the above claim in the Quran is that Muhammad died in 632 AD, which was 5 years before the Muslim army took Jerusalem and 73 years before al-Aqsa mosque was built.

Or consider Quran 20:92-95, which claims that Moses confronted "Aaron" and a "Samaritan" for having made the golden calf for the Israelites while he (Moses) was on Mount Sinai:

"[Moses] said, "O Aaron, what prevented you, when you saw them going astray, from following me? Then have you disobeyed my order?" [Aaron] said, "O son of my mother, do not seize [me] by my beard or by my head. Indeed, I feared that you would say, 'You caused division among the Children of Israel, and you did not observe [or await] my word." [Moses] said, "And what is your case, O Samaritan?" - Quran 20:92-95

Assyria conquered the Jewish northern kingdom in 722 BC, exiled its upper class and brought in conquered people from other lands, who intermarried with the lower class Jews who had been allowed to stay. Their offspring were called "Samaritans" because they occupied the region of "Samaria," which was named after its original owner, "Shemer" (see 1 Kings 16:24 in the Bible). The Jews despised the Samaritans both for being a mixed race and for setting up their own temple to compete against the temple in Jerusalem.

But the golden calf incident near Mount Sinai mentioned in Quran 20:92-95 above took place in 1446 BC, which was 725 years before the first Samaritan was born in 721 BC.

It gets worse. For example, How Old Was Mary When She Had Jesus?

Quran references of Jesus -

SURAH REFERENCE

2:87 We gave Jesus the son of Mary Clear (Signs) and strengthened him with the holy spirit.

2:136 We believe in Allah, and the revelation given to us, and to Abraham, Isma'il, Isaac, Jacob, and the Tribes, and that given to Moses and Jesus, and that given to (all) prophets from their Lord: We make no difference between one and another of them . . .

- 2:253 . . . To Jesus the son of Mary We gave clear (Signs), and strengthened him with the holy spirit.
- **3:45** O Mary! Allah giveth thee glad tidings of a Word from Him: his name will be Christ Jesus, the son of Mary, held in honour in this world and the Hereafter and of (the company of) those nearest to Allah.
- **3:46** "He shall speak to the people in childhood and in maturity. And he shall be (of the company) of the righteous."
- **3:48** And Allah will teach him the Book and Wisdom, the Law and the Gospel.
- **3:49** And (appoint him) a messenger to the Children of Israel, (with this message): "I have come to you, with a Sign from your Lord, in that I make for you out of clay, as it were, the figure of a bird, and breathe into it, and it becomes a bird by Allah's leave: And I heal those born blind, and the lepers, and I quicken the dead, by Allah's

leave; and I declare to you what ye eat, and what ye store in your houses. Surely therein is a Sign for you if ye did believe."

- **3:50** (I have come to you), to attest the Law which was before me. And to make lawful to you part of what was (Before) forbidden to you; I have come to you with a Sign from your Lord. So fear Allah, and obey me.
- 3:52 When Jesus found Unbelief on their part He said: "Who will be My helpers to (the work of) Allah?"
- **3:55** Behold! Allah said: "O Jesus! I will take thee and raise thee to Myself and clear thee (of the falsehoods) of those who blaspheme; I will make those who follow thee superior to those who reject faith, to the Day of Resurrection: Then shall ye all return unto me, and I will judge between you of the matters wherein ye dispute."
- **3:59** The similitude of Jesus before Allah is as that of Adam . . .
- **3:84** . . . and in (the Books) given to Moses, Jesus, and the prophets, from their Lord.
- **4:157** That they said (in boast), "We killed Christ Jesus the son of Mary, the Messenger of Allah";-but they killed him not, nor crucified him, but so it was made to appear to them, and those who differ therein are full of doubts, with no (certain) knowledge, but only conjecture to follow, for of a surety they killed him not.
- **4:163** We have sent thee inspiration, as We sent it to Noah and the Messengers after him: we sent inspiration to Abraham, Isma'il, Isaac, Jacob and the Tribes, to Jesus, Job, Jonah, Aaron, and Solomon, and to David We gave the Psalms.
- **4:171** O People of the Book! Commit no excesses in your religion: Nor say of Allah aught but the truth. Christ Jesus the son of Mary was (no more than) a messenger of Allah, and His Word, which He bestowed on Mary, and a spirit proceeding from Him: so believe in Allah and His messengers. Say not "Trinity": desist: it will be better for you: for Allah is one Allah: Glory be to Him: (far exalted is He) above having a son. To Him belong all things in the heavens and on earth.
- **4:172** Christ disdaineth nor to serve and worship Allah . . .
- 5:17 In blasphemy indeed are those that say that Allah is Christ the son of Mary.
- **5:46** And in their footsteps We sent Jesus the son of Mary, confirming the Law that had come before him: We sent him the Gospel: therein was guidance and light, and confirmation of the Law that had come before him: a guidance and an admonition to those who fear Allah.
- **5:72** They do blaspheme who say: "Allah is Christ the son of Mary." But said Christ: "O Children of Israel! worship Allah, my Lord and your Lord." Whoever joins other gods with Allah,- Allah will forbid him the garden, and the Fire will be his abode.
- **5:75** Christ the son of Mary was no more than a messenger; many were the messengers that passed away before him. His mother was a woman of truth. They had both to eat their (daily) food.
- **5:78** Curses were pronounced on those among the Children of Israel who rejected Faith, by the tongue of David and of Jesus the son of Mary: because they disobeyed and persisted in excesses.

- **5:110** O Jesus the son of Mary! Recount My favour to thee and to thy mother. Behold! I strengthened thee with the holy spirit, so that thou didst speak to the people in childhood and in maturity. Behold! I taught thee the Book and Wisdom, the Law and the Gospel and behold! thou makest out of clay, as it were, the figure of a bird, by My leave, and thou breathest into it and it becometh a bird by My leave, and thou healest those born blind, and the lepers, by My leave. And behold! thou bringest forth the dead by My leave. And behold! I did restrain the Children of Israel from (violence to) thee when thou didst show them the clear Signs, and the unbelievers among them said: 'This is nothing but evident magic.'
- **5:112** Behold! the disciples, said: "O Jesus the son of Mary! can thy Lord send down to us a table set (with viands) from heaven?" Said Jesus: "Fear Allah, if ye have faith."
- **5:114** Said Jesus the son of Mary: "O Allah our Lord! Send us from heaven a table set (with viands), that there may be for us-for the first and the last of us-a solemn festival and a sign from thee; and provide for our sustenance, for thou art the best Sustainer (of our needs)."
- **5:116** Allah will say: "O Jesus the son of Mary! Didst thou say unto men, worship me and my mother as gods in derogation of Allah'?" He will say: "Glory to Thee! never could I say what I had no right (to say). Had I said such a thing, thou wouldst indeed have known it. Thou knowest what is in my heart . . ."
- **6:85** And Zakariya and John, and Jesus and Elias: all in the ranks of the righteous.
- 9:30 The Jews call 'Uzair a son of Allah, and the Christians call Christ the son of Allah.
- **9:31** They take their priests and their anchorites to be their lords in derogation of Allah, and (they take as their Lord) Christ the son of Mary; yet they were commanded to worship but One Allah: there is no god but He. Praise and glory to Him: (Far is He) from having the partners they associate (with Him).
- 19:19 He said: "Nay, I am only a messenger from thy Lord, (to announce) to thee the gift of a holy son."
- 19:20 She said: "How shall I have a son, seeing that no man has touched me, and I am not unchaste?"
- 19:21 He said: "So (it will be): Thy Lord saith, 'that is easy for Me: and (We wish) to appoint him as a Sign unto men and a Mercy from Us': It is a matter (so) decreed."
- 19:22 So she conceived him, and she retired with him to a remote place.
- 19:27 At length she brought the (babe) to her people, carrying him (in her arms). They said: "O Mary! truly an amazing thing hast thou brought!"
- 19:30 He said: "I am indeed a servant of Allah: He hath given me revelation and made me a prophet."
- **19:31** "And He hath made me blessed wheresoever I be, and hath enjoined on me Prayer and Charity as long as I live."
- 19:32 "(He) hath made me kind to my mother, and not overbearing or miserable."
- 19:33 "So peace is on me the day I was born, the day that I die, and the day that I shall be raised up to life (again)!"

- 19:34 Such (was) Jesus the son of Mary: (it is) a statement of truth, about which they (vainly) dispute.
- 19:88 They say: "(Allah) Most Gracious has begotten a son!"
- 19:91 That they should invoke a son for (Allah) Most Gracious.
- 19:92 For it is not consonant with the majesty of (Allah) Most Gracious that He should beget a son.
- 21:91 And (remember) her who guarded her chastity: We breathed into her of Our spirit, and We made her and her son a sign for all peoples.
- 23:50 And We made the son of Mary and his mother as a Sign: We gave them both shelter on high ground, affording rest and security and furnished with springs.
- **33:7** And remember We took from the prophets their covenant: As (We did) from thee: from Noah, Abraham, Moses, and Jesus the son of Mary: We took from them a solemn covenant.
- **42:13** The same religion has He established for you as that which He enjoined on Noah-the which We have sent by inspiration to thee-and that which We enjoined on Abraham, Moses, and Jesus: Namely, that ye should remain steadfast in religion, and make no divisions therein: to those who worship other things than Allah, hard is the (way) to which thou callest them. Allah chooses to Himself those whom He pleases, and guides to Himself those who turn (to Him).
- **43:57** When (Jesus) the son of Mary is held up as an example, behold, thy people raise a clamour thereat (in ridicule)!
- **43:61** And (Jesus) shall be a Sign (for the coming of) the Hour (of Judgment): therefore have no doubt about the (Hour), but follow ye Me: this is a Straight Way.
- **43:63** When Jesus came with Clear Signs, he said: "Now have I come to you with Wisdom, and in order to make clear to you some of the (points) on which ye dispute: therefore fear Allah and obey me."
- **57:27** We sent after them Jesus the son of Mary, and bestowed on him the Gospel; and We ordained in the hearts of those who followed him Compassion and Mercy . . .
- 61:6 And remember, Jesus, the son of Mary, said: "O Children of Israel! I am the messenger of Allah (sent) to you, confirming the Law (which came) before me, and giving Glad Tidings of a Messenger to come after me, whose name shall be Ahmad." But when he came to them with Clear Signs, they said, "this is evident sorcery!"
- **61:14** O ye who believe! Be ye helpers of Allah: As said Jesus the son of Mary to the Disciples, "Who will be my helpers to (the work of) Allah?" Said the disciples, "We are Allah's helpers!" then a portion of the Children of Israel believed, and a portion disbelieved: But We gave power to those who believed, against their enemies, and they became the ones that prevailed.