**Islam**

**(Islam means: Submission to Allah)**

   Are the teachings of Muhammad (570-632 A.D.) compatible with Christianity? Is Muhammad really a prophet of God as found in the Qur'an (the teachings) that Christians should follow?

   Islam is monotheistic in that it professes to believe in one God, who its adherents (Muslims) call Allah. Muslims do not believe that Allah, and the God of the old or new testaments (The Injil) are one and the same.

  They say they are the same, but they always say the Jews changed the old testament in many places, and that only the Quran has the correct message of God, they also say the same thing about the new testament (The Injil).

   It is simply their way of recruiting people from the other two faiths by claiming they are the correct and final revelation of God for mankind.

**Allah**

    Allah is, according to Muslims, the title they use to describe God, just like God is often used as a generic title to describe the one true Divine being. Elohim and LORD are also titles assigned by Jews to describe God.

   The real question is whether Allah is the same as the God of the Jews and the Christians? According to Muslims Allah is the God of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and even Jesus (called Isa).

   Allah, however, is not the God of the Hebrews because the Qur'an teaches that the people of the book (Jews and Christians) do not have accurate copies of their holy books anymore and they also teach that only what Muhammad teaches is the correct account of what went on in Israel prior to Muhammad's day.

   If in fact the Hebrew old testament is intact from its inception, and it is, then Allah cannot be the God of the old testament.

   Muslims say they believe the first five books of the Hebrew Bible or old testament), the Psalms, and the gospel accounts of Jesus, but only as far as they are taught in the Quran and other Muslim writings, as they believe that both of these documents have been corrupted by unbelievers in both the Jews and the Christian's religion.

   To say a Muslim believes the new testament would be a false statement. Muslims believe only a percentage of the Gospels and only as they are interpreted in their writings.

   There are two basic divisions in Islam: Sunni and Shia. Sunni Islam is the larger of the two sects.

   Shia's believe that Ali ibn Abi Talib (Muhammad's Son in law) is the correct successor of Muhammad while Sunni's believe that Abu Bakr (Muhammad's father in law) is the correct successor of Muhammad. Shia's make up about 15 percent of the followers of Islam.

   Abu Bakr gave Muhammad his 6 year old daughter Aisha to marry which was consummated when Aisha was 9 and Muhammad was 56.  Muhammad would die just 6 years later when Aisha was just 15. According to Sunni teachings Muhammad died in Aisha's arms of a fever.

**Muhammad's Marriages**

   Muhammad had twelve or thirteen wives although in the Qur'an, which he dictated from his thoughts, all other Muslims could only have up to four wives, if they could afford them.

   Muhammad made an exception for himself in the Qur'an because (according to his followers) he didn't marry most of his wives for sexual reasons, and he didn't marry the most beautiful women although he could have because of his wealth and power.

   That preceding statement is quoted by many Islamic authors in defense of Mohammad's multiple marriages. It should be noted that he did marry mostly to consolidate power, but he also had to consummate those marriages to make them legitimate, which is conveniently avoided by many of the same Islamic writers. 

   He married both a Christian and Jewish widow (Safiya), but only for "political" and "humanitarian" reasons. He married the Jewish widow Safiya the day after her husband, and father were killed by Muhammad's soldiers who opposed him and fought against him. What a humanitarian.

   No other Muslims were allowed to marry for the same reasons. Muhammad had "Grandfathered" that clause into the Qur'an because Allah allowed it for him alone according to Muhammad.

    Muhammad's second marriage was to a six year old girl named Aisha which is often not discussed because of the problems people have with such a marriage between two people that were 47 years apart in age.

  In Aisha's own words Muhammad consummated the marriage to her at the age of nine years old.

   Muhammad also had his adopted Son in-law divorce his wife so that he could marry her, but it was okay because he got another revelation that anything that Allah or the "prophet" wanted to do he could do.

   Fearing for his life Zaid divorced her and Muhammad then married her. See Surah 33:33-38 if you don't believe me.

  Muslims, please think for yourselves. Muhammad was a fornicator, and a child molester (Aisha was a young child) he was no prophet.

   Muhammad allegedly agreed to divorce five of his wives until he was talked out of it by his companions because they would need someone to take care of them, so he agreed to not have sexual relations with the other five, but he kept his duties to his youngest wife Aisha.

   Muhammad never had any sons that survived childhood.  This of course was near the end of his life as Muhammad (53) married Aisha (6) and consummated the marriage when Aisha was 9 and Muhammad was 56 and he died six years later at 62 years of age.

   Aisha was an arranged marriage by Abu Bakr and Muhammad which made him Muhammad's father in-law and he and Aisha played very pivotal roles in the future of this new religion for many years.

   This should help you understand why there are Sunni and Shite Muslims and why they hate each other so much. All because of a power grab by Abu Bakr near the end of Muhammad's life and after it.

   Abu Bakr became the Caliph over the first Caliphate which lasted 30 years until July in 661 A.D. There have been 5 major Caliphates and ISIS, or ISIL is a fledgling Caliphate that is trying to unite Muslims into an Islamic State.

   ISIS is Sunni, and as it takes more and more territory in Syria and Iraq Sunni's are freed while Shias are executed.

   Abu Bakr consolidated power and was believed responsible for the death of Muhammad's daughter Fatima (the most venerated woman in all of Islam) but this incident has numerous twists and turns depending on who the source is.

   All this information was obtained off of Wikipedia and Islamic websites and is common knowledge in the Muslim world. It is also mentioned in the Qur'an itself and in the Hadiths.

**The Qur'an (Koran)**

**The Qur'an has 114 chapters called Surahs.**

**The Hadith**

   The Hadith is the second most important book in Islam and is a collection of the sayings of Muhammad and it contains laws and traditions of Islam.

   There were over 600,000 of them and they have been narrowed down to about 25,000 as many of them were repetitive and overlapped others.

**The Five Pillars of Islam**

**Faith, Prayer, Giving, Fasting, Pilgrimage.**

**These are found in the Hadith of Gabriel.**

**Faith:** There is one god (Allah) and Muhammad is his prophet. This is called the Shahadah by Moslems/Muslims. The statement of faith of all Muslims. Quoted by Muslims daily to burn it into their minds forever.

**Prayer:** Muslims are required to pray five times a day towards Mecca which is very similar to Judaism which prays three times a day toward Jerusalem.

  They must give to the poor, and fast during the month of Ramadan which is the first month of the year for Muslims. These are also tenants found in a similar form in Judaism.

**Pilgrimage:** A Muslim must make a pilgrimage to Mecca once in their lifetime if they are able. Judaism has three feasts that all male adherents should attend in Jerusalem each year.

    Muslims don't eat pork and they practice circumcision like the Jewish people do as well. Because of the similarities between Islam and Judaism the two would sometimes join forces together against the danger of Catholicism with its idol worship.

   Christians do not worship three gods and never have. They worship only one God, who reveals himself in three ways as Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

   Islam and the Qur'an teach that all who believe in the Trinity are Polytheistic. Guess what Muhammad teaches Muslims in the Qur'an about how to deal with Polytheist:

**"9:5 When the Sacred Months have passed, kill the polytheists wherever you find them. And capture them, and besiege them, and lie in wait for them at every ambush. But if they repent, and perform the prayers, and pay the alms, then let them go their way. God is most forgiving, most merciful."**

   When Islam came into existence in the seventh century some ignorant Jews (those unable to read) in Arab lands converted to Islam believing it to be the new covenant spoken about in Jeremiah 31:31.

  Many Jews 1400 years ago believed that Muhammad was the prophet Elijah, mainly because of the idol worshipping Catholics who were persecuting them.

   Modern day Islam however has set itself up in direct opposition to modern day Judaism and Zionism and now refers to Israel, and the Jews as "The Great Satan" along with the United States.

    Judaism traces its lineage back to Abraham through his son Isaac, and his son Jacob, and his twelve sons (later called Israel) while Islam traces its lineage back to Abraham through his other son Ishmael, and his twelve sons.

   Be sure to read the study on the descendants of Sarah (Isaac's mother) versus the descendants of Haggai (Ishmael's mother) found at the end of this lesson.

**How does Islam differ from the Bible?**

**Adam and Eve**

    The Quran teaches that God created Adam in heaven, not on earth, and he lived there in paradise with Eve and his children.

   Eve apparently had 120 children, two at a time (twins) and Satan became very jealous of Adam and whispered evil unto Adam and drew him out of heaven and cast him down to earth.

**Cain and Abel**

   Cain (according to the Quran) was supposed to marry Abel's twin sister but he refused because he wanted to marry his own twin sister that Adam said Abel should marry. Cain is depicted as someone with dark skin in the Quran.

   According to the Quran Adam told Cain and Abel to offer an offering the next day and the offering that God accepted would show which person God had accepted.

   So Cain believed that God would accept his offering which would mean that Allah would allow Cain to marry his twin sister instead of Abel.

    Cain killed Abel and buried his brother's body in the earth because he saw one of Allah's creations digging and burying something. This according to the Quran is where man learned to bury its dead.

**Satan and the Jinn**

   Islam teaches from the Quran that Allah told all of the angels to bow before Adam and they all did except one, Satan (Iblis) who was not an angel, but a jinn. According to Islam, angels are made of light, and Jinns are made of fire.

    Satan said because he was made of fire, and man is made of clay, that he was better than man, and so because he was better than man, he would not bow to him.

   Satan (Iblis) told Allah he would lead all of mankind away from Allah, so Allah said fine, go, but you will not lead his faithful from him and he cast him to the earth to tempt mankind.

   Islam teaches that Adam was the first prophet and that his sin did not pass down from him to his children, to their children, and down to us.

**The Binn**

   Islam teaches that it was Satan (Iblis) that got rid of the species of beings that existed on the earth prior to mankind called the Binn.

   Islam teaches that Moses spoke about the coming of Muhammad as "that prophet" in Deuteronomy 16:15-18. Islam also teaches that Moses refused to be breast fed by all the wet nurses until he was brought to his own mother.

   Islam teaches that Moses got his speech impediment when pharaoh was testing his loyalty to him as a child by placing before him hot coals and rubies. Moses placed the hot coals into his mouth and was burned causing his speech problem.

   Islam teaches that when Moses smote the Sea it split in 12 places for each tribe to cross and when Moses later smote the rock it spewed out 12 springs for each tribe to drink from.

   Islam teaches that the 12 spies were taken by a giant named Uj to his king in Bashan and Moses ended up fighting the king and defeating him by smiting him on the feet with his staff.

    Since Israel would not fight in this battle they were punished and not allowed to enter into the promised land. Their children would be allowed to 40 years later.

**﻿  Jesus (Eesa) in the Qur'an and Islam**

   The Qur'an teaches the virgin birth of Jesus and Joseph is nowhere to be found in Muhammad's version. Jesus is said to speak to those that heard him crying and he tells them that he is a prophet of Allah and that Allah has given him many revelations to share with everyone.

    When Mary took Jesus to Egypt alone (no Joseph) Jesus made a bird out of clay and breathed into its mouth and it became alive.

\* This story was put in a movie on the life of Jesus not too long ago to appease Muslims along with some other Islamic teachings.

   Jesus is a prophet, and not a part of the trinity, according to the Qur'an. The Qur'an teaches that anyone who believes that Jesus is the Son of God is a blasphemer and is an infidel and they are justified by killing them.

   In Surahs 6:101, 9:30, 19:88-92 Jesus is quoted as saying that anyone that claims Jesus is divine is a blasphemer. So they can say they are quoting Jesus' words while killing his followers.

   Islam teaches that Jesus did not die on the cross, but it was actually Judas that died there because the priest arrested the wrong person. The Qur'an teaches that Jesus was raised to Allah's presence at that time and will return at the judgment day.

   The Qur'an teaches that Eesa (Jesus) will return at the judgment and judge the Najab (The Anti-Christ) and he will judge all the non-believers which includes all those that have worshipped Jesus as the Son of God.

   Jesus is said by the Qur'an that he never said he was the Son of God and he will judge and condemn all of the false believers. Jesus will die 40 years after his return. He will establish sharia law during the kingdom.

**The Prophets of Islam**

   The prophets of Islam according to Islam did not start any new religion but simply added more revelations to what the prophets before them had taught.

   For example "the prophet" Muhammad claims that his teachings are in complete harmony with the teachings of Jesus, Moses, Abraham, Noah and Adam.

   The problem with that statement is that Muhammad does indeed disagree with many teachings of Jesus and all the real prophet of the Bible.

   The way he gets around that issue is he attacks all the copies of the old testament, and new testament, by saying that they have all been perverted and the only true teaching concerning what the other prophets actually said can be found in the Qur'an and from Muhammad himself.

   Jesus however in the new testament always affirmed the words of the prophets from the old testament and never once criticized the prophets in the old testament.

   Let's go back even further. The prophets themselves affirmed the words of the prophets that preceded them all the way back to Adam.

   The Quran avoids that argument by having stories that they claim to have occurred around the same time as the different prophets and they all seem to mention some true followers of Islam that were keeping the truth going but they never made it into the other prophets’ writings for some strange reason.

   Only Muhammad got all that straightened out for mankind when he showed up. So there never were any good copies of the word of God around for very long because God couldn't preserve his word according to Muhammad until, that is, he came around.

   Which interestingly enough defies the doctrine of preservation clearly found in both the old and new testaments. Muhammad's teachings sound a lot like how Satan taught Adam and Eve in the garden to doubt God's word.

**"Yeah, hath God said?"**

   The prophets of Islam according to the Qur'an are Adam, Noah, Abraham, Moses, Jesus, and Mohammed. They teach that Muhammad is the last prophet and there will not be another.

**The Cow and the Children of Israel**

   The Quran teaches the story of which happened in the days of Moses and it is about a murder trial that was taking place and when the people could not determine who had killed the man, they determined to ask Moses.

   Moses said they were to find a very special yellow cow and sacrifice it to Allah, and lay part of the cow on the body of the deceased person and he would revive long enough to tell everyone who his killer was

   The problem was that a poor boy and his family owned the cow and it was all they had, and the cow disappeared. When the boy found the cow the people offered him money for the cow and eventually gave the poor boy the cow's weight in gold and offered it as a sacrifice. The man arose from the dead and identified his killer.

**El Aziz and the Torah**

    In order to convert a people your version of history you must corrupt their version of their own history. Let me ask you a question that you should ask any Muslim that challenges your Christian new testament or if your Jewish the Tanach (The old testament).

    If someone wanted to know your family's history would they be more likely to get an accurate portrayal of it by asking those who actually where a part of your family or by asking someone who lived 800 miles away and had never met any of them?

   In fact all the people that Muhammad claims to know better than they know themselves all died hundreds and even thousands of years before the stranger (Muhammad) was ever born?

   Of course they would get more reliable answers by those who lived it than by a total stranger from far away. To believe (the illiterate Muhammad knew Jewish history better than the nation of Israel and then they criticize the same book they were just saying nice things about.

   The Quran tells the Story of El Aziz who had memorized the Hebrew Torah, but soon after that all the original Torah scrolls were burned but the one that El Aziz had hid in the ground.

   As he went to go confront those who burned the Torah scrolls and changed them he rested in a cave with his donkey. As he was preparing some grapes to make juice to soften his hard bread, he fell asleep and died. His donkey also died, and it rotted all of its flesh off until there was nothing left but its skeleton.

   The Quran teaches that Aziz was brought back to life by Allah and Allah also restored his donkey to life. He went back to his village and prayed for his former maidservants’ eyes to be healed and they were, and she brought Al Aziz to see his son.

   Then he proved to his son that he was his father by digging up the only "original" Torah left that had not been corrupted and as they touched it, it disintegrated in their hands, so Al Aziz taught the "real" Torah to his people.

   It is this "story" that Muhammad picked up during his many travels as a young man. The Quran teaches that the Jews have corrupt versions of the Torah unto this day and only they have the correct version of it because Al Aziz wrote down from memory the only correct copy of the Torah.

**Saleh and his Camel**

   The Quran tells the story of the "miracle" of the prophet Saleh's female camel. In this story the prophet Saleh preached to a bunch of idol worshippers about Allah and they told Saleh to do a miracle and they would follow Allah.

   Saleh was told to make a pregnant female camel come out of a rock and they would believe him, so Saleh prayed, and it happened just as he prayed.

   The people would receive an abundance of milk from this camel to supply all their needs as long as only the camel was allowed to drink from the well on a certain day and all the people would wait until the following day to drink to test their faith in Allah. All of these unverified "miracles" back then, but now there is not a miracle in sight.

   Later a group of Idol worshippers concocted a plan to hire a killer to kill the camel and its calf. After they killed the camel Saleh told the group that they would be punished in three days.

   A group of people tried to kill Saleh in the night and were destroyed by rocks falling from the sky. On the first day all the people who did not believe Saleh's message and the miracle had their skin changed to yellow, and on the second day their skin changed to red.  On the third day all the unbelievers' faces turned black before Allah killed them later on that day.

**Jalout and Talout**

   The Quran teaches the story of Jalout and Talout which is a blending of the stories of Gideon, and the story of David slaying Goliath (Jalout).

   In which the Israelites ask the prophet Samuel to give them a leader to face Jalout in battle. Talout sent most of the soldiers home and then he divides the remaining soldiers into three groups.

   The first group to attack will be the ones who obeyed Talout and did not drink any water from the river, the second group was all those who only drank a little, while the third group was those that totally disobeyed and filled their stomachs from the river.  Talout kills Jalout by hitting Jalout in the head with a rock from his sling.

   The Qur'an teaches a story called "the people of the cave" that stood up to the evil king of their day and were arrested for not bowing to his idols and they later escaped his capture and hid in a cave for what they thought was a couple of nights, but it was really 300 years.

   When one went out to get food for them, they found a new king ruling that worshipped Allah and he told them that the evil king died 300 years ago and now everyone there worshipped Allah.

   Then the man who went to get food for his friends led the king back to the cave and the seven men were all taken to be with Allah and a Mosque was built there as a memorial to the seven saints of the cave.

**The Owners of the Garden**

   The owners of the garden is a story in the Quran that depicts a generous father who every season feeds the poor from his garden and when he is old and sick, he tells his sons to do the same after he is gone.

   They do not, and the garden is destroyed because of their greed. Because they repented Allah restored their garden and they then remembered the poor.

**The Boy and the King**

   In the story of the Boy (Obade) and the king. Obade is on his way to learn sorcery from the king's Magician when he meets a man in a cave (another cave) and he learns about Allah from this man every day.

   Obade gets worried that he will be beaten if he is late for his sorcery lessons so the man in the cave tells him to lie and say his parents restrained him.

   So the moral of this story appears to be if you are about to be found out that you are a student of Islam it is okay to lie about it and blame your parents, so you won't be persecuted.

   In the later part of this story Obade is delivered by a miracle every time he tells people about Allah so why here could Allah not protect Obade when he was studying, but now that he was preaching Islam and Allah always is there for him saving him.

   At the end of the story the boy Obade is killed by the king after trying unsuccessfully three times and his soldiers being killed instead.

   This time Obade tells the king that the king can kill him with an arrow but only if he does it in front of all his people as he shouts "In the name of Allah who Obade preaches" as he shoots the arrow.

   The first arrow falls to the ground but when the king fires the last arrow, he shouts what Obade told him to shout and the arrow strikes Obade and kills him. Then the people turned on the king and began to follow Allah because he could only kill Obade in the name of Allah.

**Mecca**

   Mecca is said to be the place where Hagar (Hajar) found water to save her and her son Ishmael's life when they were sent out from Abraham and Sarai's presence.

   Abraham and Ishmael are claimed to be the builders of the Kabbah that was near the well of Zamzam that Muslims travel to unto this day to make their pilgrimage.

   After the death of his first wife Khadijha and Muhammad's night journey to Jerusalem in a vision he decided to leave Mecca because of all the persecution from its residents and they (about 150-200 followers) snuck away in the next few nights to the city of Yethrib in 622 AD. Yethrib later became known as Medina.

   While in Yethrib Muhammad became a mediator between the local tribes there and he earned their respect as their judge.

   While in Yethrib Muhammad after defeating his enemies from Mecca (the Quryash) he allegedly has another revelation that Muslims are no longer supposed to pray five times a day towards Jerusalem but now they must pray towards Mecca.

    Not long after this first defeat of his former tribe, the Quraysh sought revenge and brought an army of 10,000 against Muhammad's 3,000 and they barricaded themselves in the city.

   When the Quraysh were besieging the city that was surrounded on three sides with giant impassible mountains and a large impassible moat or ditch built by Muhammad's followers to keep the Quraysh's chariots out of the city.

    Muhammad hears of an alleged plot that the Jewish tribe in the city may start an insurrection in the city against Muhammad.

    Muhammad assigns someone else to judge this Jewish tribe whom they had lived in peace with for many years and they were found guilty and sentenced to die.

  800 Jews were massacred on that day which solidified Muhammad as the dominant person in Medina and they gained absolute control of Medina.

   The Quraysh allegedly left after the Jewish massacre because they could not cross the obstacle that Muhammad's forces allegedly set up.

    There was no battle. Many believe the Quraysh never came to battle the Muslims but the used the threat of annihilation by the Quraysh to destroy the Jews in the city and thus take over Medina.

    Near the end of Muhammad's life he and his followers attempted to make the pilgrimage to Mecca to pray at the Kabbah, but they were stopped eight miles away in a neighboring city when the Quraysh with a large army turned them back but not without signing a peace treaty allowing them to return the following year to worship at the Kabbah.

    It is when Muhammad returns to Medina that he receives another revelation that the trip was a victory and not a defeat in God's eyes because they would now be able to worship him at the Kabbah.

   Muhammad would later return to the city of Mecca with an army of 10,000 when according to Muhammad that the Quraysh violated the peace treaty by attacking a tribe loyal to Muhammad as they were on a caravan (the very same thing Muhammad did to them recently, but is conveniently over looked by Muslims).

   The Muslim army did not destroy the Quraysh but instead they offered to let them live with certain stipulations.

    All who wished to live who did not recognize Muhammad as the prophet of Allah were "allowed" to leave the city of their birth and to never return.

   Those that wished to stay in the city and live had to convert to Islam. The Kabbah was then cleansed of the 360 tribal gods with their idols and Islam now was the dominate force in all of Arabia.

**Muhammad**

**(The Prophet)**

    Muhammad is the son of Abdullah and Anna of the tribe of the Quraysh. Abdullah was the tenth son of Abdul Mattalib who rediscovered the well of Zamzam from a dream he had that told him its whereabouts. He was born at the time of great idolatry in Mecca.

   Both of Muhammad's parents died before he was six years old and he was later raised by his father-in-law Abu-Talib who was a trader throughout the Middle East.

    Abu-Talib would take Muhammad along with him to these foreign lands where he was exposed to Jewish and Christian people and their teachings.

   It was while Muhammad was traveling that he picked up these perverted stories about the Torah and the new testament.

   Muhammad later married a rich widow named Khadijah who was 15 years older than himself who was Abu-Talib's daughter. He allegedly began to have revelations after he reached the age of 40 that make up what is known as Islam.

   Muhammad had other wives as well and even married one who was six years old and he consummated the marriage until she was nine years old, Muhammad was 56. Islam has the highest esteem and respect for women they say.

   The Quran teaches that Muhammad was upset about all the corruption in the city of Mecca as people would travel from all over the world to Mecca to pray to the hundreds of idols that littered the city and surrounded the Kabbah and there were 360 Idols inside that Kabbah (That Abraham and Ishmael supposedly built).

    Muhammad regularly went into a cave to pray over a six month period at Mount Hira when one day the Arch Angel Gabriel came and began to speak to him and told him that he was the prophet of Allah and he gave him the Qur'an.

   Muhammad did not have the success he had hoped for in spreading his teachings and he fled Mecca with a small army of followers in 620 A.D. to the city known as Medina (the Flight) today for the last years of his life.

   Muhammad spent the next 12 years spreading the religion of Islam and those that did not convert were considered the enemies of Islam and according to his own writings it was okay to kill them in the name of Allah as long as they had been warned first.

   How convenient for Muhammad to ensure there would be no opposition. There was however too much opposition to Muhammad and Islam in Mecca to for Muhammad to enforce Islam on them, but Medina was much easier for Muhammad to control.

    It would be from there that Islam would begin to spread and eventually Mecca succumbed to the influence of Islam and now the Arab nations had a religion of their own to compete with Judaism and especially Christianity.  Islam united the Arab world and conquered it from within, but not without its own internal struggles. 

**The Night Journey**

   After Khadijha's death Muhammad was sleeping and was supposedly taken to Jerusalem in a vision by a winged horse, named Barak, provided to him by the Angel Gabriel, other Muslims teach he physically went on this journey to Jerusalem.

   On this journey he supposedly meets all the prophets, from Adam to Jesus, and after that he climbed a mystical ladder that appeared and passed through the seven heavens where he appears at God's throne and is spoken to by God himself.

   Strangely this story doesn't appear in the Qur'an written by Muhammad himself. It only appears in later writings after his death.  It was in Night Journey that Muhammad is told that all Muslims must pray five times a day.

**The Crescent Moon**

   Muslims make a good argument that has fooled many ignorant Christians (those who don't know the Bible) when they talk about the cross.

   They teach that Jesus will destroy the cross one day when he returns because Christians have warn the instrument of his murder (which they don't believe happened) around their necks.

   They say if your child were killed would you proudly wear the symbol of your son's murder around your neck? No of course you would not, but that is comparing apples and hand grenades, not oranges

   Of course Muslims don't believe Jesus ever died, but they say he will die 40 years after his return to judge all the false believers in the cross.

   Their argument falls flat on its face when they are confronted with their own images that is upon every Mosque, the crescent moon.

   They say it is only to tell them when the holy month of Ramadan begins and ends. A calendar could do that, but they choose a crescent moon.

   A flag with an image on it of a crescent moon is not necessary to tell anyone when Ramadan is. If the Koran says it is when the crescent moon appears in the sky, then they don't need their image.

   The cross does not tell us when we should fast the lunch meal each day during a certain month, It reminds us of Christ's sacrificial death on the cross for sinners.

   Paul teaches us in 1 Cor 2:7 that if Satan would have known he would never had crucified the Lord of Glory.

   If Satan and Islam are on the same side of the issue of the cross and they both hate the cross, then we should examine the consequences of the results of the cross for ourselves, after all our eternity is riding on it.

   Don't trust me or your Imam or Rabbi check it out for yourself because it is you that will pay the ultimate price if you are wrong and your teachers are wrong.

   I have studied Islam's claims along with Judaism's and Christianity's, and I have great peace that I have made the right choice. Do you?

   Final thoughts: The old testament prophets’ prophecy about a coming prophet (John the Baptist) who will prepare the way of the LORD (Jesus).

   The old testament or first covenant also prophecies the coming of a new covenant that in the kingdom will be written on the hearts of the people and not on stone Jeremiah 31:31.

   What we don't find is a new testament prophecy predicting another new testament or third testament after the one we now have. There is no third testament according to God or his word only in Muhammad's word.

   Muhammad is not prophesied nor is the Koran in either the old or new testaments. This must be shared with a Muslim or someone who is considering the claims of Muhammad and his Qur'an.

   Therefore we conclude the Qur'an is a book that was concocted in the mind of Muhammad and his companions just as is mentioned by his followers.

   For example notice the quote I found on the Islam Basics website under the heading of "What Islam stands for" by  S. Maududi:

**"This, briefly, is what Islam stands for. This is no dream or Utopia. The Prophet of Islam, and his companions, developed and established a complete model of Islam on this earth for mankind to follow.﻿"**

   Allah isn't given the credit for the Qur'an here just Muhammad and his companions. I agree.

**The End**

1. What does Islam mean?

2. Is Islam is monotheistic?

3. What is a follower of Islam called?

4. What is the name of Islam's book of faith?

5. Does the Qur'an teach that Allah is the God of the Jews?

6. What does the Qur'an say about the Hebrew and Christian Scriptures?

7. What do Muslims call the New Testament?

8. What is the Arabic name for Jesus?

9. Whose teachings do Muslims look to whenever there is a difference in the Bible and the Qur'an?

10. Who is last prophet according to the Qur'an?

11. What are the two basic divisions in Islam?

12 . Which sect is the largest?

13. Who do Shia's believe to be the successor to Mohammad?

14. Who do the Sunni's believe to be the successor to Mohammad?

15. Who gave Mohammad his six year old daughter as a wife?

16. What was her name?

17. How many wife's did Muhammad have?

18. How many wifes does the Qur'an allow a Muslim to have?

19. What was the age difference between Muhammad and Aisha?

20. How many sons did Muhammad have?

21. How old was Muhammad when he died?

22. Who was Islam's first Caliph?

23. What group is claiming a new Caliphate today?

24. Is ISIS Sunni or Shia?

25. What is the name of Muhammad's daughter that died six months after Muhammad died?

26. How many Surahs (Chapters) are there in the Qur'an?

27. What are Hadiths?

28. What are the five pillars of Islam?

29. What do Muslims pray towards?

30. What is Islam's holy month?

31. How many times do Muslims have to make a pilgrammage?

32. What do Muslims believe that people who believe in the Trinity are?

33. Who does Islam trace its lineage from Abraham through?

34. What was the name of Ishmael's mother?

35. How many children do Muslims believe that Adam and Eve's had?

36. Who did Cain want to marry according to Islam?

37. What did Allad tell all the angels to do when he created Adam?

38. Who refused?

39. What do Muslims call Satan?

40. Is Satan considered an Angel in the Qur'an?

41. What is the difference between an Angel and a Jinn?

42. What does Islam teach about Adam's sin concerning us today?

43. What are the Binn according to Islam?

44. Does the Qur'an teach the virgin birth of Jesus?

45. What did Jesus say as an infant?

46. Does the Qur'an teach about about people who believe the Trinity?

47. What does Islam teach about Jesus and the Crucifixion?﻿

48. What does the Qur'an teach that Jesus will do at the Judgment?

49. Who are the Prophets of Islam?

50. Will there be anymore prophets according to Islam?

51. What story in the Qur'an teaches that the Jews changed the Torah?

52. What is the story of Jalout and Talout a mixture of from the Hebrew Bible?

53. In the story of the Boy and the King, what is the contradiction in the story?

54. How is the evil king able to kill Obade?

55. Who does Islam say rebuilt the Kabbah?

56. What is the well of Zamzam?

57. Who was Muhammad raised by?

58. Where did Muhammad get his stories from about Judaism and Christianity?

59. Who was Muhammad's first wife?

60. How many idols resided in the Kabbah in the days of Muhammad's youth?

61. Who does Muhammad say gave him the Qur'an?

62. Where did Muhammad have to flee to from Mecca because the people there did not believe his message?

63. When did Muhammad flee to Medina?

64. According to Islam what must happen before an infidel is killed?

65. What is the symbol of Islam?

66. What do Muslims say is the reason for the Crescent moon on all their Mosques?

67. Does the New Testament prophecy a future revelation to justify the Qur'an?