

## Introduction

- A little more than a week ago, former Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto of Pakistan was murdered. Sources claim it was done in the name of Islam.
- Just the latest action in a world gone mad with the lust for killing; one human group against another: threats, perceived threats, actions justified in the name of a Supreme Being, etc.
- One of the largest enablers of violence in the world today is religious justification; particularly in the name of Islam.
- Hardly a day goes by without someone being blown up by an Islamic terrorist.
- Weekly, if not daily, occurrences of violence from those who claim to be Muslims, against:
  - People of other nations,
  - People of other religions,
  - Even other followers of Islam (Shi'a versus Sunni, and vice-versa).
- Actions and treatment against other people can be only viewed as fanatical.
- Sudanese Muslims wanted to execute an English teacher for allowing her students to name a teddy bear Mohammed, claiming she incited hatred and insulted Islam.

## What is Islam?

- A monotheistic Abrahamic religion originating with the teachings of Muhammad, a 7th century Arab religious, political and military figure.
- Islām means **total submission** to the Creator; called **Allah**.
- One who adheres of Islam is known as a **Muslim**.
- Estimates of 1.1 to 1.8 billion Muslims worldwide, making Islam the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest religion in the world (after Christianity).
  - Some 30 to 40 countries have Muslim majorities.
  - Arabs account for around 20% of all Muslims worldwide.

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- South Asia and Southeast Asia contain the most populous Muslim countries; Indonesia, India, Pakistan, and Bangladesh.
- Islam is the predominant religion throughout the Middle East, as well as in parts of Africa.
- Large communities are also found in China, Eastern Europe and Russia.
- There are also large Muslim immigrant communities in wealthier and more developed parts of the world such as Western Europe.
- Muslims believe that the Supreme Being Allah revealed the Quran to Muhammad, his final prophet, and regard the Quran and the Sunnah (words and deeds of Muhammad) as the fundamental sources of instruction in the faith of Islam.
- Muslims do not regard Muhammad as the founder of a new religion, but as the restorer of the original monotheistic faith of Abraham, Moses, Jesus, and other prophets.
- 2 major denominations; Sunni (85%) and Shi'a (15%). A schism developed in the late 7th century following disagreements over the religious and political leadership of the Muslim community following the death of the prophet Mohammad.

### **Muslims Beliefs**

- Muslims are monotheists.
- According to the Quran, all Muslims have to believe in Supreme Being, his revelations, his angels, his messengers (especially Mohammad), and in the “Day of Judgment”.
- Muslims believe that (and he did also) he was the last of the prophets and successor of Jesus.
- Islam includes many religious practices, including the Five Pillars of Islam.
- In addition, Islamic (sharia) law has developed a tradition of rulings that touch on virtually all aspects of life and society.

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This tradition encompasses everything from practical matters like dietary laws and banking to warfare. There is no distinction between “church and state”.

- Unique to the Shi'a version of Islam is the belief of the political and spiritual leadership of the Imams (anointed leader): 12<sup>th</sup> Imam to return just before the Day of Judgment.
- In Islam, prophets are men selected by Allah to be his messengers. Muslims believe that prophets are human and not divine, though some are able to perform miracles to prove their claim.
- Islamic theology says that all of Allah's messengers since Adam preached the message of Islam; submission to the will of the one true Creator.
- The Quran states that the proper name Muslim was given by Abraham.
- Islamic texts depict Judaism and Christianity as prophetic successor traditions to the teachings of Abraham.
- The Quran calls Jews and Christians the “People of the Book”. Those who live under Islamic rule must pay tribute to the Islamic state, and as such are considered “protected peoples.”
- In traditional Islamic theology, Allah is beyond all comprehension; Muslims are not expected to visualize Allah but to worship and adore him as a protector.
- Although Muslims believe that Jesus was a prophet, they reject the Christian doctrine, comparing it to polytheism.
- Belief in angels (messengers) is crucial to the faith of Islam.
- Angels as with two, or three, or four pairs of wings.
- Angels do not possess free will, and worship Allah in perfect obedience.
- A human bodily resurrection on the Day of Judgment.
- Muslims view 2 possible destinations for those resurrected: paradise and hell.

## Five Pillars

1. Basic creed or tenet of Islam: **“I testify that there is none worthy of worship except Allah and I testify that Muhammad is the Messenger of Allah.”**
2. Ritual, compulsory prayer toward Mecca, 5 times a day, at fixed times; morning, noon, afternoon, evening and night.
3. Alms-giving, to help the poor or needy.
4. Total fasting during the month of Ramadan from sunrise to sunset.
5. Every able-bodied Muslim who can afford it must make the pilgrimage to Mecca at least once in their lifetime.
6. To Shi'a, jihad is considered the “6<sup>th</sup> pillar of Islam”.
  - The ultimate purpose of Jihad is to universalize the preeminence of Islam.
  - Spiritual self-perfection is the “greater jihad”.
  - Warfare is the “lesser jihad”.
  - The only form of warfare permissible under Islamic law.
  - May be declared against apostates, rebels, highway robbers, violent groups, non-Islamic leaders or non-Muslim states that refuse to convert to Islam or submit to Islamic rule.
  - Offensive jihad can only be declared by a divinely appointed leader of the Muslim community

## What is the Quran?

- Holy Book to Muslims.
- Quran means “recitation”.
- Muslims believe that the verses of the Quran were revealed to Muhammad, by Allah, through the angel Gabriel, on many occasions between 610 AD and his death on July 6, 632 AD, and were transcribed to Muhammad's companions while he was alive.
- Probably compiled as a single volume under the third caliph, Uthman, who appointed a committee (651-652 AD).

- From textual evidence, modern Western academics find that the Quran of today has not changed over the years.
- Divided into 114 chapters (suras) of varying lengths, which combined, contain 6,236 verses.
- Title of each surah is derived from a name or quality discussed in the text or from the first letters or words of the surah (e.g. – the 2<sup>nd</sup> surah is “The Cow”).
- Muslims believe that Muhammad himself, on God's command, gave the surahs their names.
- To Muslims, the Qur'an is perfect only as revealed in the original Arabic.
- In general, the longer chapters appear earlier in the Quran (except the 1<sup>st</sup>), while the shorter ones appear later.
- The arrangement is not connected to the sequence of revelation, and is somewhat *ad hoc*.

## Reading the Quran

- I recently had time to read the Quran.
- About the length of the NT.
- Downloaded PDF file of English translation Qur'an from a group called **MidEastWeb for Coexistence**.
- **Some want to promote a peaceful existence with others:** Say: O infidels! I worship not that which you worship, nor will you worship that which I worship. I shall never worship those gods whom you worship, nor it appears will you ever worship Allah, whom I worship. To you be your religion, and to me mine. (109:1-6)
- **Voluntary Islam?:** There is no compulsion in religion. True guidance has been made clearly distinct from error. Therefore, whoever renounces ‘Taghut’ (forces of Satan) and believes in Allah has grasped the firm hand-hold that will never break. Allah, Whose hand-hold you have grasped, hears all and knows all. (2:256)

- I read through the Quran once, and in not great detail, but used all of the search techniques to cross reference verses.

## **Prophets of Allah:**

- Adam:
  - Created by God but brought to life forty days after being kept as a dry body.
  - Also his sons Cain and Abel (by inference).
  - Regarded, in Islam, as the first prophet
  - Angels were to prostrate themselves before Adam.
- Noah
- Abraham
- Lot
- Ishmael
- Isaac
- Jacob
- Joseph
- Job
- Jethro (Moses' father-in-law).
- Moses
- Aaron (Haroon)
- David: His affair with Bathsheba
- Solomon
- Elijah (Ilyas)
- Jonah
- Zacharias (Zakariya) (father of John the Baptist)
- John (Yahya) the Baptist
- Jesus (Isa) Christ
- Mary the mother of Christ
- Mohammad
- **Given to a succession of “messengers”:** To Moses We gave the Book (*Torah*) and sent after him other Messengers in succession; then We gave Jesus, the son of Mary, clear Signs and strengthened him with the Holy Spirit (*Gabriel*). (2:87)

- Allah! There is no god but Him; the Living, the Eternal. He has revealed to you this Book with the Truth, confirming the scripture which preceded it, as He revealed the Torah and Gospel, before this, as a guidance for mankind. (3:2-4)
- O people of the Book (Jews and Christians)! Believe in what We have now revealed (The Qur'an), confirming your own scriptures. (3:47)
- Muhammad, We have sent revelations to you just as We sent to Noah and the Prophets who came after him; We also sent revelations to Abraham, Ishmael, Isaac, Jacob, his descendants, Jesus, Job, Jonah, Haroon (Aaron) and Solomon, and to David We gave the Psalms. Revelations were also sent to those Messengers whom We have already mentioned to you and to those whose name We have not mentioned; to Moses Allah spoke directly. (4:163-164)

## **Treatment of Women:**

- I found it interesting what the Quran actually says about the treatment of women.
- Sharia law says a man may marry up to four wives if he believes he can treat them equally, while a woman may marry one man only.
- The Quran actually does not prescribe the complete domination and subjugation of women that sharia law prescribes.
- Hijāb; meaning “to veil, to cover, to screen, to shelter”.
- Not only women's head and body covering, but a wider meaning of modesty, privacy, and morality.
- The term hijāb or veil is not used in the Quran to refer to an article of clothing for women or men, rather it refers to a spatial curtain that divides or provides privacy.
- The Qur'an instructs the male believers (Muslims) to talk to wives of Muhammad behind a hijāb. This hijāb was the **responsibility of the men** and **not** the wives of Muhammad.

However, in later Muslim societies this instruction specific to the wives of Muhammad was generalized, leading to the segregation of the Muslim men and women. The modesty in Quran concerns both men's and women's gaze, gait, garments, and genitalia.

## Is the Quran Inspired?

- **According to the Muslims, the Quran contains the words of Allah; to be read as if Allah Himself had spoken these words stated in it: Do they not consider the Quran (with care)? Had it been from other than Allah, they would surely have found therein much discrepancy. (4:82)**
- There are many supposed “inspired texts” out there; lost books of the bible, text from other religions, etc.
- For example, the Apocryphal book of **Judith** starts out “It was the 12<sup>th</sup> year of Nebuchadnezzar who reigned over the Assyrians in the great city of Nineveh” (Nebuchadnezzar was king of the Babylonians, or Chaldeans, at Babylon).
- The NT is a natural extension of the OT. The NT uses references to the OT to confirm its validity.
- Christ said He did not come to destroy the law, but to fulfill it (e.g. – adultery is not just a physical act, but a spiritual one – in your mind).
- If the Quran is the word of the true God, then it should not contain any errors.
- However, it is one continuous contradiction.

## Obvious Contradiction: 6 or 8 Days of Creation?

- Surely your Lord is Allah Who created the heavens and the earth in six Yōme (*time periods*) and is firmly established on the throne of authority. (7:54)
- The fact is that your Lord is the same Allah Who created the heavens and the earth in six days and is firmly established on the Throne of authority, and is directing the affairs of the universe. (10:3)

- He is the One Who created the heavens and the earth in six periods – at the time when His Throne was resting on the water – so that He may test *to find out* which of you is the best in deeds. (11:7)
- The One Who created the heavens and the earth and all that is between them in six days, and is firmly established on the Throne of authority. (25:59)
- **Clearly indicates that Allah created heaven and earth in 6 days. But...**
- Ask them: “Do you really deny the One Who created the earth in two periods and do you set up rivals in worship with Him while He is the Lord of the worlds. He set upon it mountains towering high above its surface, He bestowed blessings upon it and in four periods provided it with sustenance according to the needs of all those who *live in and* ask for it. Then He turned towards the sky, which was but smoke, He said to it and to the earth: ‘Come forward both of you, willingly or unwillingly,’ and they submitted: ‘We shall come willingly.’ So, from this creation, He formed the seven heavens in two periods and to each heaven He ordained its laws. He adorned the lowest heaven with brilliant lamps and made it secure. Such is the design of the All-Mighty, the All-knowing.” (41:9-12)
- Do the math: 2 (creation of the earth) + 4 (nourishment of the earth) + 2 (creation of the heavens) = **8, not 6!**
- Apparently Mohammad (or Allah) can't add.

## **Other Contradictions**

- Laws of Inheritance: adding up the fractions lead to more than 100%.
- The number of Gardens of Paradise: one or multiple.
- Number of groups of people at the Day of Judgment: 2 (bad/good) or 3 (bad/good/really good).

- Collection of souls after death: Is it done by Allah, **the** death angel or **multiple** angels of death.
- Number of angels who spoke to Mary about the birth of Jesus: **one or many**.
- References to Allah: either “**I**” or “**We**”.
- Stars in the “lowest heaven”, but the moon is in a heaven above the stars.
- Solomon listening to “talking ants”.
- Embryonic development: Use of sperm into a congealed blood clot. It mentions the obvious (the sperm), the visible, that which all mankind knew for a long time which is necessary to create a human.
- Stars being created as “missiles” to attack the Satans.
- The sun and moon are subject to humans.
- The mountains were set on the earth so that the earth does not shake when earthquakes take place. Mohammed was completely ignorant about the geological reasoning for existence of mountains.
- A Samaritan led the Israelites at Mt. Sinai to sin, creating a calf idol. The word “Samaritan” was not coined until the northern 10 tribes were taken captive by the Assyrians ~721 BC.
- Haman was a minister of the Pharaoh during the time of Moses. Haman served as a minister of Ahasuerus (Xerxes I), in the book of Esther (missed it by at least 1,000 years).
- Angels cannot disobey Allah, yet Satan did.
- How was man created: from dust, or from nothing?
- Revelations delivered from Gabriel or the Holy Spirit.
- New revelations delivered to Mohammed confirm or replace previous revelations.
- Christians will or will not enter Paradise.
- **Claims that Arabic was used in Bible:** Surely this *Quran* is a revelation from the Lord of the Worlds. The trustworthy Spirit (*Angel Gabriel*) brought it down upon your heart so

that you may become one of those who are appointed by Allah to warn the people in a plain Arabic language. This fact was foretold in the scriptures of the former people. Is it not sufficient proof for the people that the learned men of the children of Israel knew about it? Even so that if We had revealed it to a non-Arab, and he had recited it to them in fluent Arabic, they would still not have believed in it. (26:193-199) – **Note that Dead Sea Scrolls proved it was not Arabic.**

## Paradise and Hell Fire

- Quran is loaded with references to Paradise and (especially) Hell.
- Paradise in Quran 78 times, with 5 referring to the Garden of Eden with Adam and Eve.
- Paradise mentioned 3 times in NT:
  - Luke 23:39-43 (Jesus on the stake).
  - II Corinthians 12:2-4 (a man caught up to the 3<sup>rd</sup> heaven, in vision, as Paradise)
  - Revelation 2:7 (speaking of the Tree of Life in Paradise).
- Hell or Hell Fire is mentioned in the Quran 171 times.
- Hell is mentioned in both the OT and NT 56 times (KJV), 32 times (NKJV) or 13 times (RSV).
- Gehenna is used 12 times in NT.
- **All will rise of the Day of Resurrection (or Judgment):**  
Then a trumpet shall be blown and, behold, they will rise up from their graves and hasten to their Lord. They will say: “Oh, Woe to us! Who has raised us up from our graves? They will be told: “This is what the Compassionate (Allah) had promised and true was the word of the Messengers.” It will be no more than a single blast, and then they will all be gathered before Us. On that Day no soul will suffer the least injustice and you shall be rewarded according to your deeds. (36:51-54)

- **1<sup>st</sup> references are near the beginning of the Quran, in the 2<sup>nd</sup> surah:** If you are in doubt as to whether the revelations which We have sent to Our servant (*Muhammad*) are from Us or not, then produce one Surah like this; and call your witnesses (*gods that you call upon*) besides Allah to assist you, if you are right in your claim. But if you are unable to do so, and you can never do so, then fear the Hell fire, whose fuel is men and stones which is prepared for the unbelievers. Give glad tidings to those who believe *in this Book* and do good deeds *in accordance with its teachings* that for them there will be Gardens beneath which rivers flow. Whenever they will be given fruits to eat they will say: “This is similar to the one we used to eat before *on earth*,” for the fruits will resemble the fruits *on the earth for their easy identification and enjoyment*; and for them there will be chaste virgin spouses, and they shall live therein forever. (2:23-25).
- **Hell fire is a never ending torture:** Those who rejected Our revelations will soon be thrown into the Fire. No sooner will their skins be burnt out than We shall replace their skins, so that they may taste the real torment. (4:56)
- They will get boiling water to drink and painful torture for their rejection of the Truth. (6:70)
- **On the other hand, Paradise is a forever pleasure:** As for those who believe and do righteous deeds, We shall admit them to gardens beneath which rivers flow wherein they will live for ever. Therein they will have chaste spouses, and We shall provide them with cool thick shade. (4:57)
- As for those who believe and do good deeds, rest assured that We do not waste the reward of him who does a good work. They are the ones for whom there will be the Gardens of Eden, beneath which rivers flow; they will be adorned therein with bracelets of gold; they will wear green garments of fine silk and rich brocade and they will recline on soft couches.

What an excellent reward and what a beautiful residence!  
(18:30-31)

- But the sincere devotees of Allah shall have familiar sustenance - fruits, and shall be honored in the gardens of delight. Reclining face to face upon soft couches, they shall be served with goblets filled at a fountain of wine, a crystal-white drink, delicious to those who drink it. It will neither dull their senses nor they will become drunk. And beside them there will be bashful, dark big beautiful-eyed virgins, as if they were delicate eggs closely guarded. (37:40-49)
- **But isn't drinking and gambling forbidden?:** They ask you about drinking and gambling. Tell them: "There is great sin in both" (2:219)
- **Once again:** Here is the parable of the paradise which the righteous have been promised: it has rivers the water of which will never be stagnant, rivers of milk whose taste never changes, rivers of wine delicious to those who drink, and rivers of honey pure and clear. In it they will have all kinds of fruits, as well as forgiveness from their Lord. Can such people be compared to those who shall dwell in hell forever, and they will be given scalding water which will cut their intestines into pieces? (47:15)
- There are multiple accounts like these throughout the Qur'an.
- It speaks of Paradise where the righteous eat and drink to their hearts content, meats, fruits and delicious drinks, reclining in gardens, with bashful virgin companions of equal age, and young boys, handsome as treasured pearls, wait on them.
- Whereas Hell is an abode where inhabitants taste scalding water, pus and other things of the same sort.
- Paradise and Hell Fire are the most reoccurring themes in the Quran – emphasizes constantly.
- Conclusion – **Allah is a terrorist.**

## Adam and Eve

- The biggest eye opener for the Quran is to see how it relates stories concerning people mentioned in the Bible: Your Lord said to the angels: I am going to place a vicegerent (administrative deputy) on earth. They said: “Will You place there one who will make mischief and shed blood while we sing Your praises and glorify Your name?” Allah said: “I know what you know not.” He taught Adam the names of all things; then He presented the things to the angels and said: “Tell Me the names of these if what you say is true?” “Glory to You,” they replied, “we have no knowledge except what You have taught us: in fact You are the One who is perfect in knowledge and wisdom.” Allah said: “O Adam! Tell them the names.” When Adam told them the names, Allah said: “Did I not tell you that I know the secrets of the heavens and the earth and I know what you reveal and what you conceal?” When We ordered the angels: “Prostrate before Adam in respect,” they all prostrated except Iblees (Satan) who refused in his arrogance and became a disbeliever. To Adam We said: “Dwell with your wife in Paradise and eat anything you want from its bountiful food from wherever you wish, but do not approach this tree, or you shall both become transgressors.” But Satan tempted them with the tree to disobey Allah’s commandment and caused them to be expelled from Paradise, and We said: “Get out from here, some of you being enemies to others, and there is for you in the earth an abode and provisions for a specified period. Then Adam received appropriate words from his Lord and repented, and Allah accepted his repentance. Surely He is the Acceptor of Repentance, the Merciful. “Get down from here all of you,” We said at the time of Adam’s departure from Paradise. “Henceforth there shall come to you guidance from Me, those who accept and follow it shall have nothing to fear or to regret. But those who reject and defy Our revelations

will be inmates of Hellfire, wherein they shall live forever.”  
(2:30-38)

## Noah

- Noah is mentioned 67 times in the Quran; referencing him, his sons, the Ark, his warning the disbelieving people, and the flood.
- Quran says Noah lived 950 years: We sent Noah to his people and he lived among them a thousand years less fifty. (29:14) cf – **Genesis 9:29**
- **Then again, the Quran says Noah warned the people 950 years before crying out for help:** Long before them, the people of Noah disbelieved. They rejected Our servant, called him a madman and drove him out. *After admonishing the people for 950 years*, finally he cried out: “Help me, O Lord, I have been overcome!” So We opened the gates of heaven with pouring rain and caused the earth to burst with gushing springs, and the waters met to fulfill the decreed end. We carried him in *an Ark* built with planks and nails, which drifted on under Our care: a reward for him (*Noah*) who was denied *by the unbelievers*. We have left that *Ark* as a sign, so is there any who would take admonition? (54:9-15)
- **Look to Genesis 6:1-9, 7:6**

## Jew and Israel

- **Allah worked with Israel:** O children of Israel! Remember My favors which I bestowed upon you; fulfill your covenant with Me and I will fulfill My covenant with you, that you should fear none but Me. Believe in My revelations, which are confirming your scriptures; do not be the first one to deny My revelations, and do not sell them for a petty price, fear Me and Me Alone. Do not mix the Truth with falsehood, or knowingly conceal the truth. Establish Salah (prayers); give Zakah (charity); and bow down with those who bow down in worship. Would you ask others to be righteous and forget to

- practice it yourselves? Even though you read your Holy Book? Have you no sense? (2:40-44)
- **But Jews and Christians are not considered believers:** Jews and Christians say: “Be Jews or Christians, you shall then be rightly guided.” O Muhammad, say: “By no means! We follow the faith of Abraham, the upright one; and he was not one of the pagans.” Say: “We believe in Allah and that which is revealed to us; and what was revealed to Abraham, Ishmael, Isaac, Jacob and their descendants, and that which was given to Moses, Jesus and other Prophets from their Lord. We do not discriminate any of them, and to Allah we have surrendered ourselves (in Islam).” (2:135-136)
  - **Allah brought Israel out of Egypt:** Remember how We delivered you from the people of Pharaoh: they had subjected you to severe torment, killing your sons and sparing your daughters; you were facing a tremendous trial from your Lord. And We parted the Sea for you, taking you to safety, and drowned Pharaoh’s people before your very eyes. (2:49-50)
  - **Allah punishes Israel:** Remember when you said: “O Moses! We shall never believe you until we see Allah with our own eyes,” a thunderbolt struck you while you were looking on and you fell dead. Then We raised you up after your death; so that you might be grateful. And We even provided you the shade of clouds and sent down to you manna and salva. (2:55-57)
  - What really happened: **Genesis 19:10-25, 20:18-21**

## Moses

- **Allah dealt directly with Moses:** Remember when We communed with Moses for forty nights and in his absence you took the calf for worship, thus committing a wicked transgression. Even then We forgave you, so that you might become grateful. We gave Moses the Holy Book (Torah) and the criterion of right and wrong so that you might be rightly

- guided. Remember when Moses returned with the Divine Book, he said to his people: “O my people! you have indeed grievously wronged yourselves by taking the calf for worship; so turn in repentance to your Creator and slay the culprits among you; that will be best for you in His sight.” He (Allah) accepted your repentance; surely He is the Forgiving, the Merciful. (2:51-54)
- **Striking the rock for water:** Remember the time when Moses prayed for water for his people; We said: “Strike the rock with your staff.” Thereupon twelve springs came out of it. Each tribe was assigned its own drinking-place. Then they were commanded: “Eat and drink of what Allah has provided and do not create mischief in the land.” (2:60)
  - **Another version:** In the nation of Moses there were some who guided others with the truth and thereby established justice. We divided them into twelve tribes, as nations; and when his *thirsty* people asked him for water, We revealed to Moses: “Strike the rock with your staff.” Thereupon twelve springs gushed out from the rock, each tribe was specified its drinking place. We caused the clouds to cast shadow over them and sent down to them manna and salva for their food, saying: “Eat of the pure things We have provided for you,” but they rebelled and by doing so they did not harm Us but they did injustice to their own souls. (7:158-160)
  - What really happened: **Exodus 17:1-6**
  - **The Quran says Moses performed 9 signs to Pharaoh:** To Moses We gave *nine* clear signs. Ask the Children of Israel how, when he came to them and Pharaoh told him: “O Moses! I think that you are bewitched”. Moses replied: “You know it very well that no one except the Lord of the heavens and the earth has sent down these signs as eye-openers, and O Pharaoh, surely I think that you are doomed.” So Pharaoh resolved to remove Moses and the Israelites from the face of

the earth, but We drowned him and all who were with him.  
(17:101-103)

- God gave Moses 10 signs:
  - Plague 1 - Blood
  - Plague 2 - Frogs
  - Plague 3 - Gnats
  - Plague 4 - Flies
  - Plague 5 - Disease in Livestock
  - Plague 6 - Boils
  - Plague 7 - Hail
  - Plague 8 - Locusts
  - Plague 9 - Darkness
  - Plague 10 - Death of Firstborn

### **Lot:**

- **Lot meeting the messengers of God at Sodom:** When Our messengers, in the form of beautiful young men, came to Lot, he became upset about them, for he felt helpless to offer them protection against his nation's many violent homosexual men. He said: "This is a critical day." No sooner did the guests come to him than his people, long addicted to evil practices, came rushing towards him. He said: "O my people! Here are my daughters - they are purer for you. Now, fear Allah and do not humiliate me by insulting my guests. Is there not even one good man among you?" They said: "Well you know, we have no right to your daughters. You know fully well what we want." He said: "I wish I had power to suppress you or could find some powerful support." The messengers said: "O Lot! We are the messengers of your Lord. They will not be able to harm you. Now, take your family and get out of this town while yet a part of the night remains - and let none of you turn back - except your wife, who should be left behind. She will face the same fate as they. Their scheduled time of doom is the morning. Is not the morning very close?" When Our Judgement came to pass,

We turned the cities upside down and rained down on them  
brimstones of baked clay, layer upon layer, specially marked  
by your Lord. Such scourge is not far off from the  
wrongdoers! (11:77-83)

## **Jesus:**

- We have exalted some above others. To some Allah spoke directly; others He raised high in ranks; to Jesus the son of Mary We gave clear Signs and supported him with the Holy Spirit. (2:253)
- **Account of Mary and Jesus' birth:** She said: "I seek Rahman's (Allah's) protection against you, leave me alone if you are God fearing." He said: "Don't be afraid, I am merely a messenger from your Lord to tell you about the gift of a holy son." She said: "How shall I bear a son, no man has ever touched me nor am I unchaste?" The angel replied: "So shall it be – Your Lord says: 'It is easy for Me. We wish to make him a Sign for mankind and a blessing from Us' - and this matter has already been decreed." So she conceived the child and she retired with him to a remote place. The pains of childbirth drove her to the trunk of a palm-tree. She cried *in her anguish*: "Ah! Would that I had died before this, and been long forgotten!" An angel from beneath *the palm-tree* consoled her, saying: "Do not grieve! Your Lord has provided a brook at your feet. If you shake the trunk of this palm-tree, it will drop fresh ripe dates in your lap. So eat, drink and refresh yourself. If you see anyone, tell him: 'I have vowed a fast to Rahman (Allah), so I will not speak to anyone today'." Carrying the baby, she came back to her people. They said: "O Mary! You have brought something hard to believe! **O sister (a woman from the noble family) of Haroon!** Your father was not a bad man nor your mother an unchaste woman." *In response* she merely pointed towards the baby. They said: "How can we talk to a babe in the cradle?" *Whereupon the baby* spoke out: "I am indeed a

servant of Allah. He has given me the Book and made me a Prophet. His blessing is with me wherever I go. He has commanded me to establish Salah and give Zakah as long as I shall live. He has exhorted me to honor my mother and has not made me domineering, hard to deal with. Peace be upon me the day I was born, the day I shall die and the Day I shall be raised to life again.” Such was Jesus the son of Mary, and this is the True statement about him concerning which they are in doubt. (19:16-34)

- **Deny Jesus as the Christ:** They say: "Allah has taken to Himself a son;" Allah is above such things! (2:116-117)
- The example of the birth of Jesus in the sight of Allah is like the example of Adam who had no father and mother, whom He created out of dust, then said to him: "Be" and he was. (3:59)
- People of the Book! Do not transgress the limits of your religion. Speak nothing but the Truth about Allah. The Messiah, Jesus, the son of Mary was no more than a Messenger of Allah and His Word “Be” which He bestowed on Mary and a Spirit from Him which took the shape of a child in her womb. So believe in Allah and His Messengers and do not say: “Trinity”. Stop saying that, it is better for you. Allah is only One Deity. He is far above from the need of having a son! To Him belongs all that is in the heavens and in the Earth. Allah Alone is sufficient for protection. (4:171)
- **Jesus is the Son of God: I Corinthians 1:9**

## **Abraham**

- **Abraham and Ishmael kept clean the house for Allah at Mecca:** Remember when Abraham was tested by his Lord with certain commands, he fulfilled them. Allah said: “Surely, I will make you the leader of mankind.” “What about my offspring?” Asked Abraham. “My pledge,” said Allah, “will not apply to the evil doers.” Remember when We

made the House (*the Ka'bah*) a center and sanctuary for mankind saying, "Take the station of Abraham as a place of prayer," **We entrusted Abraham and Ishmael to cleanse Our House for those who walk around it, who meditate in it, and who kneel and prostrate in prayers.** Abraham said: "My Lord, make this (*Mecca*) a secure town and provide its people with plenty of food from fruits, those of them who believe in Allah and the Last Day." He answered, "As for those who do not, I shall also provide for them in this life, though in the Hereafter I shall drag them to the torture of Hellfire and it is an evil destination indeed!" Abraham and Ishmael raised the foundations of the House and dedicated it by saying: "Accept this from us, O Lord, You are the one who hears all and knows all. O Lord, make us both Muslims (*submissive to You*); and make our descendants a nation that will be Muslims (*submissive to You*). Teach us our rites of worship and forbear our shortcomings; surely, You are the Acceptor of repentance, the Merciful. O Lord, appoint from among them a Messenger who shall recite to them Your Revelations and teach them the Book and the Wisdom and sanctify them; surely, You are the All-Mighty, the Wise." (2:124-129)

- **Focus on Ishmael:** Were you present when death approached Jacob? He asked his sons: "Who will you worship after me?" They replied: "We will worship the same One God Who is your Lord and the Lord of your forefathers Abraham, **Ishmael** and Isaac, and to Him we all submit as Muslims." (2:133)

## **Contradictions with the Bible**

- Qur'an says previous scripture (OT/NT) was given by Allah.
- Should not have contradictions in the stories.
- Clean food and sacrifices: For every nation We prescribed a way of sacrifice so that they may pronounce the name of Allah over the cattle which He has given them for food, your

God is one God; so submit yourselves to Him as a Muslim, and give good news to the humble, whose hearts tremble at the mention of Allah; who endure adversity with patience, who establish Salah and spend in charity out of what we have given them. We have included the **sacrificial camels** among the Symbols of Allah, for there is much good for you in them. Therefore, pronounce the name of Allah over them while standing, and when they fall down on their sides after slaughter, then eat of their meat, feed the contented (*poor who do not ask*) and the beggars (*poor who ask*). Thus We have subjected these animals to you so that you may be grateful. (22:34-36)

- What the Bible says: **Leviticus 11:4, 27:11**
- **Rules for divorce:** The pronouncement of *revocable* divorce is only allowed twice: then she should be allowed to stay with honor or let go with kindness *after the third pronouncement*... If a husband divorces his wife *three times*, it is not lawful for him to remarry her until after she has married another man and gotten the divorced. Such are the limits of Allah which He makes clear to the people of understanding. (2:229-230)
- Bible says: **Deuteronomy 24:1-4**
- **A mix of Bible chronology:** Have you not reflected on what the leaders of the children of Israel demanded from one of their Prophets after the death of Moses? “Appoint for us a king,” they said, “and we will fight in the cause of Allah.” The Prophet replied: “What if you refuse to fight when you are ordered to do so?” They replied, “How could we refuse to fight in the cause of Allah, while we along with our children were driven out of our homes?” But when, on their demand, they were ordered to fight, all refused except a few of them. Allah knows the evildoers. Their Prophet told them: “Allah has appointed TaLut (*Saul?*) to be your king.” They replied: “How can he be our king when some of us are more

deserving than him? Besides, he is not rich.” The Prophet said: “Allah has chosen him to rule over you and blessed him with knowledge and stature. Allah grants kingship to whom He pleases and Allah has boundless knowledge. Furthermore, their Prophet told them: “The sign of his appointment as a king is that there will come to you the chest in which there is tranquility from your Lord and the residue of relics which the family of Moses and the family of Haroon (Aaron) left behind, and that chest will be carried by the angels. Surely therein is a sign for you if you are true believers. When TaLut marched forth with his army, he announced: “Allah will test you at a certain river; anyone who will drink from its water shall cease to be my soldier, and those who will not drink to quench their thirst with its water except a sip or so from the hollow of their hands shall fight on my side.” They all drank from it, in spite of this warning, except a few of them. When he and those who believed with him crossed the river, they said: “We have no power left this day against JaLut (Goliath) and his warriors.” But the believers, who knew they would meet Allah, replied: “It has often happened that a small group, by the grace of Allah, has vanquished a mighty army. Allah is with those who endure with patience.” When they advanced to face JaLut (Goliath) and his warriors, they prayed: “Our Lord! Fill our hearts with steadfastness, make our steps firm, and help us (give us victory) against the unbelievers.” By Allah’s will they put the unbelievers to flight, and David killed JaLut. Allah gave David the kingdom and wisdom and taught him what else He pleased. (2:246-251)

## **Conclusion**

- Obviously, the Quran is not inspired of God. The evidence is overwhelming against it.
- Even so, radical Muslims use Quran text to denigrate their enemies:

- **Calling Jews “apes and pigs”:** You very well know the story of those of you who transgressed in the matter of the Sabbath; We ordered them: "Be detested apes". Thus, We made their fate an example to their own people and to succeeding generations, and a lesson to those who are God-conscious. (2:65-66)
- Ask them: “Should I tell you of those who will have even worse than this in retribution from Allah? They are those whom Allah has cursed; who have incurred His wrath; some of whom were turned into apes and pigs (5:60)
- How do Muslims explain these differences? Islamic tradition holds that Jews and Christians distorted the texts God gave to these prophets by either altering the text, using a false interpretation, or both. How convenient...
- The Quran is just one more text created through the imagination of man, with the help of Satan the devil.
- Salmon Rushdie got it absolutely right when he referred to the Quran as “satanic verses”.