

## Inspiration of the Bible

God used over 40 different authors that did not personally know each other in a period of over 1600 years to pen his message to man. God has also made sure through inspiration that the Bible is without errors. Many have tried to find errors in the Bible, but their objections fail. Archeology reinforces the truth of the Bible.

The Bible was written by God. God inspired (in a special way controlled the actual writings of the authors) such that the final product is 100% the words of God. Moreover, because of this, the Bible has an internal harmony that means that from the beginning with Moses and Genesis until the end with John and his Revelation, everything has a divine harmony such that there are no contradictions. This harmony speaks strongly to its divine origin, even though men were involved. The Koran does not promise any divine harmony, but has Naskh, authorized corrections after the fact. Note that Islam also has examined the Bible and has not been able to find viable errors in the Bible. While Christian scholars invite people to examine and question the Bible, Koran and Islam prohibit any questioning of the Koran. The Bible is translated or being translated into every language on earth, but Islam forbids its followers to read the Koran in anything but Arabic, leaving the majority of Muslims without direct study of their holy book.

### Naskh, Oops!

**Naskh** (abrogation, change, repeal) is a concept in the Koran that means, Muhammad has the God-given right to change or repeal any of previously given divine commands, and in Islam, there are over 220 verses which are considered Naskh. **Surah 2:106** *"We do not abrogate a verse or cause it to be forgotten except that We bring forth [one] better than it or similar to it. Do you not know that Allah is over all things competent?"* What this means is that the entire work of the Koran doesn't have a divine element in it, i.e. it is not the message directly from God, but rather it is a human flawed creation, which by its own admission has errors and

needs fixing. So Islam admits that the Koran has errors. God is infinitely wise, and God puts the best wording into his message the first time, not ever needing a divine correction. Yet **Surah 6:34** *"there is none that can alter the words (and decrees) of Allah"*. **Surah 6:115** *"none can change His words: for He is the one who heareth and knoweth all"*. But Muhammed and Islam does this.

### Is Allah the same God as the Bible?

**Exod 20:3** *Thou shalt have no other gods before me. 4 Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: 5 Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me;*

Muslims worship a god which is not the same as the Bible. Muslims worship the pagan god of the moon. This is very clear in their crescent moon symbol found throughout their religion. This is never the representation of the God of the Bible. "Allah" was the personal name of the moon god of the 360 pagan idols worshipped in Mecca. In Mecca (according to Islam) is found a meteorite in a place called the "house of Allah" or K'abah, and worshipped under the ancient religion to the moon god, and they were instructed to pray towards Mecca towards the "house of Allah" several times every day. The Bible presents God's earthly house or temple as being the temple in Jerusalem. **Phil 2:10** *That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth.* From this two important points should be made: 1) We are only to bow before God, and 2) Jesus is considered God and therefore EVERY KNEE WILL BOW BEFORE JESUS on judgment day. Note that in **1Chr. 6:47-49**, for example, "the house of God" was where the ark of the covenant was, in the tabernacle or temple, and Mecca is never mentioned in the Bible in this relation, nor at all. Note that Jesus (considered by Islam as a great prophet) never practiced this even once, nor taught it to his

disciples. They never bowed down to anything in any direction, not even the temple in Jerusalem. They bowed to God in prayer alone. Two million Muslims visit Mecca every year in the ceremonial walking around the K'abah. This ancient sect to the moon god also instituted Ramadan, a month of fasting. Muslims have adopted this false god, and assert that "Allah" means "al" + "ilah" translated from Arabic into "the god".

### Is there a "Son of God"

**Sura 2:116** - *"They say: "God has begotten a son". Glory be to Him. No, to Him belongs all that is in the heavens and on earth: everything renders worship to Him."* The phrase "Son of God" does not mean that God the Father had intercourse with Mary, but rather that there were two eternal beings or persons in the single Deity, "God", and they expressed their relationship between themselves as "Father" and "Son", both being equally eternal in the past. To be correctly called a "Father", you must have a relationship with another person as "Son". The Bible has the phrase "Son of God" some 47 times, most of which refer to Jesus Christ. The "Son of God" in this context refers to the relationship between God the Father, and God the Son. But Islam flatly denies this as a fact. But if the God of the Bible is the same as Allah, then why the contradiction between the Koran and Bible? **John 17:5** *And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was.* We don't have space to examine each reference, but here Jesus the Son of God clearly states that he existed before Creation in eternity past with "his Father".

### Historical Errors

**Surah 20:85-88, 85** discusses the incident of Israel worshipping the golden calf idol. Instead of attributing this to Aaron, the Koran says that a Samaritan led them astray. Moses addresses this Samaritan *"And thou, Samaritan, what was thy business?"* The problem with this is that the incident of the golden calf happened about 1400 B.C., and King Omri founded the city of Samaria about 870 B.C., but even then the Samaritans (a mixture of

Jew and Gentile) did not exist until the resettlement under King Sargon II in 722 B.C. So Samaritans didn't exist until 530 after Moses, leaving us with this observation, the Koran is inaccurate.

### Contradictions between Koran and Bible

The fact that there are errors in the Koran should greatly disturb and unsettle any Muslim. To say, the Bible is wrong and the Koran is right is very simplistic. Mohammed had read the Bible at some point without doubt. But if his memory was not perfect, he would show "a straying" from the biblical story. This is simply a mark of his work not being from God. If you really compare the Bible and the Koran, you will have to believe one or the other, but not both. The muslim has the impossible task of believing the Bible as the Koran says he should, but then disbelieving it because it differs from the Koran.

**Noah and the Ark. Surah 11:42-43** says one of Noah's sons refused to enter the ark and was drown. **Gen. 7:7** speaks of all three being saved. **Surah 11:44** places the ark resting on Mount Judi but **Gen 8:4** on Mount Ararat. Genesis was written 1400 B.C. and the Koran 632 C.E.

**Abraham. Surah 6:74** says Abraham's father was named Azar, but **Gen. 11:26** Terah. The Koran says Abaham had only two sons, but the Bible says eight. The Koran says Abraham's descendents lived in the valley of Mecca (**Surah 14:37**) and the Bible in Hebreon **Gen 13:18**. The Koran say Abraham had two wives, the Bible three Sarah, Agar, and Keturah.

**Moses. Surah 28:9** says Pharaoh's wife adopted Moses while the Bible says Pharaoh's daughter **Ex 2:5. Surah 28:6** says Haman lived in Egypt during Moses' time, while the Bible says in Persia during King Ahasuerus **Est. 3:1**.

**Mary mother of Jesus. Surah 19:28** says Mary's brother was Aaron, but the Bible puts Aaron 1300 years before Mary (**Num. 26:59**). **Surah 19:23** says Mary gave birth to Jesus under a palm tree, and the Bible in a stable (**Luke 2:7**). **Surah 19:10** says

Zacharias could not speak for three nights but the Bible says until the child was born **Luke 1:20**.

**Legalizing perjury. Surah 2:25** says God will not hold you accountable "for thoughtlessness in your oaths" yet the Bible says **Eccl 5:4** *When thou vowest a vow unto God, defer not to pay it; for he hath no pleasure in fools: pay that which thou hast vowed. 5 Better is it that thou shouldest not vow, than that thou shouldest vow and not pay.* See also **Mat 5:33-37**.

### Contradictions within the Koran

**Creation.** The Koran says that the earth was made in six days (**Surah 7:54; 10:3; 11:7**). But it also says it was created in two days (**Surah 41:9, 12**), four days (**Surah 41:10**), and 8 days in **Surah 41**. The Koran says man was created out of "clot of congealed blood" (**96:2**), clay (**15:26**), dust (**3:59**), "He created him before out of nothing" (**19:67; 52:35**), "from a sperm-drop" (**16:4**).

**First Muslim...** was Muhammad (500 A.D.) "I am commanded to be the first of those who bow to Allah in Islam" (**39:12**), Moses "I am the first to believe" (**7:143**); Abraham also was first (**2:132**).

### Did God permit additional works after the Bible?

**Rev 22:18** *For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, **if any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book:** 19 And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.* Historically, John's epistle of Revelation is the last work of the Bible. In his epistle, he clearly expresses God's words in saying nothing more is to be considered divinely inspired Word of God after that book. The entire bulk of God's message can be found in the books of the Old and New Testament. The Koran was written about 532 years after John penned this, so how is it that it is even considered a divine authority and message from God?



## The Bible vs the Koran

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**Psa 12:6** *The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times.*

**Psa 19:7** *The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple.*

**Prov 30:5** *Every word of God is pure: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him.*

Muslims believe both in the Bible and the book of the Koran. But if Muslims believe that both are the inspired Word of God, then there are problems to resolve. How can we accept that Allah is the same as the God revealed in the Bible if he gave both inspired books, and they contradict themselves.

Within the Bible, there is a perfection in which the Bible has no errors, no imperfections, no contradictions. We can trust the truth of the Bible because God has secured its purity. We do not see that with the Koran.

Actually this position of believing that both the Koran and Bible as our divine authorities simply cannot be. Either the Bible is God's authority or the Koran is, but both cannot be true if they contradict themselves. Muslims say the Bible is corrupted, but they do not allow the thought that the Koran is the corrupted one here. The Koran contradicts itself.

\* All quotes beginning with "Sura" are from the Koran.