Apologetics for Muslims

An Apologetics discussion about Isa (Jesus) and the accuracy of the Qur'an

Generally in dialoguing with Muslim when aggressively challenged they will become closed to your points, like to argue, and to situate the Prophet as better than anyone else as the last and final prophet - when debating they will rapidly go through thier texts. (Note the Quran was given to **Mohammad** as revelation over 30yrs BUT not written by him - others did the transcription. Also rely on other writings as interuption)

Bring to mind the nature of the edicts in the Qu'ran that advises that the Jew and the Christian have nothing to turn to but the New Testament and the Law and the Muslim needs to respect that and in fact is encouraged to read the Bible.

The <u>Qur'an</u> praises the Bible as God's preserved truth.

As a Muslim, what is your guide? If hadiths or imams differ with the Qur'an, which would you believe? Most likely, the Qur'an is your ultimate authority. Does the Qur'an give you permission to learn from the Bible?

- "Lo! We did reveal the Torah, wherein is guidance and a light" (Surah 5:44a; 2:87).
- "And We caused Jesus, son of Mary, to follow in their footsteps, confirming that which was (revealed) before him in the Torah, and We bestowed on him the Gospel wherein is guidance and a light, confirming that which was (revealed) before it in the Torah a guidance and an admonition unto those who ward off (evil)" (Surah 5:46).
- "It is He Who sent down to thee (step by step), in truth, the Book, confirming what went before it; and He sent down the Law (of Moses) and the Gospel (of Jesus) before this, as a guide to mankind, and He sent down the criterion (of judgment between right and wrong)" (Surah 3:3).
- "If thou wert in doubt as to what We have revealed unto thee, then ask those who have been reading the Book from before thee: the Truth hath indeed come to thee from thy Lord: so be in no wise of those in doubt. And be not thou of those who deny the revelations of Allah, for then wert thou of the losers" (Surah 10:94–95; 16:43).

If you are a Muslim, you have no excuse not to read the Bible. The Qur'an commends it. Why don't you start today? Begin with the Gospel of Luke, <u>which tells the story of Jesus</u>. He alone can give you <u>assurance of paradise</u>. https://www.gotquestions.org/Quran-reject-Bible.html

JESUS CHRIST IS THE ONLY PROPHET WHO HAD A VIRGIN-BIRTH

One of the most important points of agreement between Islam and Christianity concerns the conception of Jesus. Both the Bible and the Qur'an teach that he was conceived of a woman only – by Mary his mother – before she had known any man. The virgin-birth of Jesus, taught so plainly in the Holy Bible, is also clearly taught in the Qur'an. The Bible states that Jesus was conceived miraculously with the aid of God's Holy Spirit in fulfillment of a prophecy given several hundred years before his actual birth.

Refer to: Surah 3:45-47: Surah 19:17-21

For Christians, it is an uncompromising truth that Jesus is the unique Son of God. While the Qur'an denies his Sonship openly, however there are numerous internal evidences in the Qur'an that points to his Sonship. In fact, most Muslims are unaware that the Qur'an confirms the following magnificent facts concerning Jesus.

- 1. He was born of a Virgin Surah 3:45-47; Surah 19:17-21.
- 2. He was the Word of God Surah 4:171.
- 3. He was a Spirit from God Surah 4:171.
- 4. He was Faultless (Sinless) Surah 19:19.
- 5. He was the Messiah Surah 4:171.
- 6. He was Illustrious in this World and would continue to be so in the Hereafter **Surah 3:45.7.7.** He was taken to Heaven by God **Surah 4:158.8**. He will come back as a Sign of the Hour of Judgment **Surah 43:61**.

Ask the Muslim if they believe that Jesus is the Christ, the virgin born son of Mary. The Muslim should respond with - Of course He is the Word of Allah -sent down to Mary and a Spirit from Allah. if not see Qu'ran 4: 171 the whole text (as well **Surah 3:47**)

See if they can accept the phrase "God, his Eternal Word and his Eternal spirit." So then ask if his word can be made to be a book then why can it not be made flesh. As in John 1:1 the Word became flesh.

Secondly with respect to Jesus as God or the claim that Jesus never said "I am God worship me."

The apologist should ask him where in the Qu'ran <u>Jesus said I am the Christ!</u> Note: they cannot. The apologist should ask the Muslim to show where in the Qu'ran Jesus said <u>He is the Word of God.</u> --- They cannot. So recognizing that they cannot find it using their logic they cannot believe he is the word spirit the Christ because he never said it same as in The Bible. Nevertheless both believe it.

Surah 29:46: And dispute ye not with the People of the Book, except with means better than mere disputation, unless it be with those of them who inflict wrong and injury: but say, "We believe in the revelation which has come down to us and in that which came down to you; Our Allah and your Allah is one; and it is to Him we bow in Islam." (Yusuf Ali)

And argue not with the People of the Scripture unless it be in a way that is better, save with such of them as do wrong; and say: We believe in that which hath been revealed unto us and revealed unto you; our God and your God is One, and unto Him we surrender. (Pickthall)

The Muslim should be able to accept the account of **Genesis 1:1-2** wherein it is written and the spirit of God was over the waters.

The Muslim should also be able to accept John 1:1-5. Jesus equals the Word: *In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth*— *Now the earth was formless and empty, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of Jesus was hovering over the surface of the waters. And Jesus said, "Let there be light!" And there was light. And Jesus saw the light, that it was good, and Jesus caused there to be a separation between the light and between the darkness. In the beginning was Jesus, and Jesus was with God, and Jesus was God. Jesus was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through Jesus, and apart from Jesus not one thing came into being that has come into being. In Jesus was life,*

and the life was the light of humanity. And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

Consider Surah 5:73 and Surah 29:46

1/ The Qur'an evidently makes a distinction between the triune God of the "Christians" and the false deities worshipped by the unbelievers. This distinction strongly suggests the acceptance of one as true and the rejection of the other as false. This is not a hypothetical conclusion. In fact, not only does the Qur'an make a clear distinction between the "Christians" and the unbelievers but it also extols the "Christians" as true believers until the "Day of Resurrection."

Surah 3:55: Allah said: "O Jesus! I am going to recall you (from your mission) and raise you up to Myself. I will clean you of those who rejected you and exalt your followers above the unbelievers until the Day of Resurrection." (Farook Malik)

2/ The Qur'an clearly identifies the triune God of the "Christians" with Allah. When we put two and two together, it is very obvious that **Surah 29:46** is clearly acknowledging that Allah is none other than the triune God of the "Christians." And we are not the ones saying this but Allah. Recall what Allah commanded Muhammad to say to the "Christians": "Our Allah and your Allah is one."

In the Bible God the Father bears witness to Jesus as Lord of Heaven and Earth. That makes Him equal with God. Ask the Muslim to read **John10:27-29**

And to read **Deuteronomy 32:39**, to follow up with reading **Isaiah 43:13**

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Read Surah 2:6-7

(Allah raises people from the dead with life) v. John 5:21,25 5:28-29 and John 14:6

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What did the Jews believe when Jesus said "Before Abraham was born I am!". John 8:58

Ask them to consider Romans 8:19-37, Hebrews 1:1-6, Colossians 1: 15 to 17, John 10: 27 -30, Deuteronomy 32:39, Isaiah 43:13 as well.

See **John 11:25-28** (He does not correct her). Point out **John 20:26-29** Jesus does not correct but praises him.

Ask them if what they know of/or meaning of the old testament title Son of Man. This intentional lowering of His status from King of Heaven to Son of Man is the epitome of humility (see **Philippians 2:6–8**).

Note to the issue of validity, the Quran itself is suspect. Look at a divine bombshell in the Qur'an. Unbelievable as it may seem to Muslims, Allah commits shirk – the very sin of polytheism that he forbids his worshippers to do. Allah swears practically by anything and everything other than himself. Allah swears by to both animate and inanimate things. To name some, that Allah swears by:

The angels, the wind, the mountain, the star, the pen, the moon, the night, the dawn, the day of resurrection, the sky, the day of judgment, the sun, the earth, the soul, the creation of male and female, the fig, the olive, the even and odd numbers, the Qur'an, the city of Mecca.

If this is not polytheism, then what is it? Are these things greater than Allah that he would swear by them? What is the value of the pen, the fig or the olive compared to Allah? Does not this put Allah in an inferior position making him lower than his creation? When Allah swears to something that is less than himself, he is actually weakening the value of his oath. He diminishes the weight of his claim. An oath is supposed to increase the weight or seriousness of what one says. For instance, when Allah swears by the fig, he either elevates the fig to the position of a deity or he decreases the value of the oath to the value of the fig. Either way it is wrong. When Allah's promises are accompanied by oaths to trivial things, it leaves little to be trusted.

To ensure our readers that we are not making this up, a few citations from the Qur'an is provided here:

Surah 36:2: "I swear by the Qur'an full of wisdom" (Shakir)

Surah 51:1: "I swear by the wind..." (Shakir)

Surah 53:1: "I swear by the star when it goes down." (Shakir)

Surah 68:1: "Noon. I swear by the pen and what the angels write...." (Shakir)

Surah 79:1-2: "I swear by the angels...," (Shakir)

Surah 95:1-3: By the fig and the olive. Mount Sinai. And this honored town (Mecca). (Khalifa)

Surah 52:4: "I swear by..., the House (Kaaba) that is visited." (Shakir)

The last example quoted above is **Surah 52:4**, which is an early Meccan Surah. It is significant to note that at the time when Allah swore by the Ka'ba in **Surah 52:4**, it was still a pagan shrine filled with 360 idols. Can you imagine God swearing by a pagan shrine?

In contrast there are a number of contradictions covered in the article.

Surah 29:46 – Allah is a Triune God https://aslamsheriqbal.wordpress.com/2015/01/20/surah-2946-allah-is-a-triune-god/

Also Muslims may wish to check out the following links for further information:

THE QUR'AN'S RECOGNITION OF JESUS AS THE SON OF GOD

THE BASIS FOR THE RANSOM SACRIFICE OF JESUS IN THE QUR'AN

THE QUR'AN CONFIRMS THE INTEGRITY OF THE BIBLE

THE PAGAN ROOTS OF IDOLATRY IN ISLAM

The Qur'an is not the eternal word of Allah - it has been changed – there are reports of about 26 different versions of the Qur'an in use today. Watch https://youtu.be/Yy5gT28QtrY

Dr Ally is basically admitting in his conclusion that the Qur'an is not eternal, nor is it derived from 'preserved tablets' in heaven, nor was it 'guarded by Allah from any changes' (Surahs 10:15; 18:27; 15:9 & 85:21-22), but that it is nothing other than a document written by men (the companions of the prophet) years after the fact, made up of their "recollections" of what Muhammad possibly said and what he possibly did. In 17 minutes, Dr Shabir Ally has demoted the Qur'an from an "eternal text", preserved by Allah himself, to nothing more than a book like any other book, written by men who wrote down what they remembered another man said or did.