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Titles Given to the Bible

In the Bible

| | |
|---|--------------------|
| The Scriptures | Matthew 22:29 |
| The Holy Scriptures | Romans 1:2 |
| The Old Testament | 2 Corinthians 3:14 |
| The New Testament | 2 Corinthians 3:6 |
| The Writings | John 5:47 |
| The Word of God | Hebrews 4:12 |
| The Word | James 1:21-23 |
| The Word of Life | Philippians 2:16 |
| The Book of the Law | Nehemiah 8:3 |
| The Law of the Lord | Psalms 1:2 |
| The Books of the Prophets ¹ | Luke 4:17 |
| ----- | |

1. In the Bible a "prophet" (nebi) is defined as a "seer" ie. one who can see into the future by the prophetic gift of God. There are 8,362 prophetic verses in the Bible which means that about 26% of the Bible was prophetic in nature at the time it was written.

1 Samuel 9:9.....Previously in Israel, when a man went to inquire of God, thus he spoke, Come, and let us go to the seer; for he that is now called a prophet was formerly called a seer.

John 4:29.....Come see a man, who told me all things that ever I did. Is not this the Christ?

Revelation 19:10.....The testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.

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Titles Given to the Bible

In the Qur'an

| | |
|---|------------------|
| The Scripture | Al-i İmran 3:3 |
| Allah's Book | Al-i İmran 3:23 |
| The Word of Allah | Baqara 2:75 |
| The revelations of Allah | Al-i İmran 3:113 |
| The revelations of the Compassionate God | Meryem 19:58 |
| The Criterion (between right and wrong)..... | Baqara 2:48 |
| A light and Reminder | Enbiya 21:48 |
| The Reminder | Enbiya 21:7 |
| A guidance and a light | Ma'ide 5:44 & 46 |

While over a quarter of the verses in the Bible are prophetic in nature, it is evident that the Qur'an does not contain any verses at all which are written in a prophetic genre. The Qur'an itself admits to the fact that Muhammad was not given any prophetic gift whatsoever.

En'am 6:50.....Say (O Muhammad), to the disbelievers: "I say not to you (that) I possess the treasures of Allah, nor that I have knowledge of the Unseen... I follow only that which is inspired in me.

A'raf 7:188.....Had I knowledge of the Unseen, I should have abundance of wealth, and adversity would not touch me. I am but a warner, and a bearer of glad tidings unto a people who believe.

Ahkaf 46:9.....Say to them: "I am no new thing among the Messengers. I do not know what shall befall you tomorrow or what shall befall me.

12. The "Canon" of Scripture

The 39 Books of the Old Testament

| | |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Torah (Pentateuch) x 5 | Prophets (Nebim) x 21 |
| Genesis1446 B.C. | Joshua1451 B.C. |
| Exodus1406 B.C. | Judges1425 B.C. |
| Leviticus1490 B.C. | 1 Samuel1171 B.C. |
| Numbers1490 B.C. | 2 Samuel1056 B.C. |
| Deuteronomy ...1451 B.C. | 1 Kings1015 B.C. |
| | 2 Kings896 B.C. |
| Poetry (Kethubim) x 13 | Isaiah760 B.C. |
| | Jeremiah629 B.C. |
| Psalms1000 B.C. | Ezekiel595 B.C. |
| Proverbs971 B.C. | Hosea785 B.C. |
| Job1520 B.C. | Joel800 B.C. |
| Song of Solomon .1014 B.C. | Amos787 B.C. |
| Ruth1322 B.C. | Obadiah587 B.C. |
| Lamentations ...588 B.C. | Jonah862 B.C. |
| Ecclesiastes977 B.C. | Micah750 B.C. |
| Esther521 B.C. | Nahum713 B.C. |
| Nehemiah446 B.C. | Habakkuk626 B.C. |
| 1 Chronicles ..1004 B.C. | Zephaniah630 B.C. |
| 2 Chronicles ..1015 B.C. | Haggai520 B.C. |
| | Zechariah520 B.C. |
| | Malachi425 B.C. |

Dating and statistics for the Bible were compiled
from Dake, Robinson & Slick.

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The "Canon" of Scripture

The 27 Books of the New Testament

Gospels:

Matthew....60 A.D.
Mark.....58 A.D.
Luke.....61 A.D.
John.....90 A.D.

Historical:

Acts.....63 A.D.

Pauline Epistles:

Romans.....57 A.D.
1 Corinthians..54 A.D.
2 Corinthians..56 A.D.
Galatians...48 A.D.
Ephesians...60 A.D.
Philippians: 54 A.D.
Colossians: 60 A.D.
1 Thessalonians: 50 A.D.
2 Thessalonians: 50 A.D.
1 Timothy..63 A.D.
2 Timothy..63 A.D.
Titus.....63 A.D.
Philemon...60 A.D.

General Epistles:

Hebrews.....69 A.D.
James.....69 A.D.
1 Peter.....63 A.D.
2 Peter.....64 A.D.
1 John.....90 A.D.
2 John.....90 A.D.
3 John.....90 A.D.
Jude.....90 A.D.

Eschatological:

Revelation...95 A.D.

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The Criteria Used to Determine Which Books Were Canonical

- 1) **Apostolicity:** Was it written by a recognized prophet or a disciple of Jesus or a close associate of a disciple?
- 2) **Consistency:** Are the writings in harmony with the other parts of Scripture?
- 3) **Recognition:** Were the writings universally recognized and accepted by the churches?
- 4) **Inspiration:** Does the book contain evidences of the fact that it is the inspired Word of God?

Recognition of the New Testament by the Early Church Fathers

Athanasius: (293-373 A.D.) The Patriarch of Alexandria was the first person to identify the 27 books of the New Testament that are in use today. He is known as the father of the canon.

Eusebius: (270-340 A.D.) A historian who recorded the history of the church and classified the New Testament books into four categories:

- **Homologoumena** = the acknowledged books.
- **Antilegomena** = bona fide scriptural books that had been a source of disputation.
- **Apocrypha** = the spurious writings.
- **Pseudepigrapha** = known forgeries.

Pope Damasus: (305-384) Bishop of Rome used the same list of 27 books as Athanasius.

Cyril of Jerusalem: (313-386) His list of canonical books excluded the book of Revelation.

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The Criteria Used to Determine Which Books Were Canonical

Why the Qur'an Does Not Meet the Biblical Standards for a Holy Book

- A. God's covenant promised that the world would be given the Holy Books through the seed of Isaac, and specifically not through Ishmael. Muhammad was not a Jew but an illiterate Arab, of the tribe of Quraish, the seed of Ishmael. Genesis 17:15-21, Romans 3:1-2, 9:3-5, / A'raf 7:157-158.
- B. Muhammad's main message disagrees with the main message of the Bible. Isaiah 8:16, 1 Corinthians 15:1-4, & 20, Galatians 1:8-9 / Nisa 4:157.
- C. Other than Muhammad's own self-proclamation to be a prophet, no other prophets confirmed this. John 5:31-36, 2 Cor. 13:1 / A'raf 7:157, Saf 61:6.
- D. Muhammad did not do any obvious miracles like Jesus and the other prophets. In both the Bible and the Qur'an miracles are seen as being a valid proof of prophethood. John 14:11 / En'am 6:37, Yunus 10:20, Ankebut 29:50.
- E. Muhammad did not have a spirit of prophecy like Jesus & the other prophets. 1 Samuel 9:9, Revelation 19:10 / En'am 6:50, A'raf 7:188, Sad 38:69--70, Jinn 72:26-28.
- F. The Bible ended with the book of Revelation and no other books were supposed to be added after it.

Revelation 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

16. Statistics on the Holy Books

The Old Testament = 39 Books

| <u>Books</u> | <u>Chapters</u> | <u>Verses</u> | <u>Words</u> | <u>Letters</u> |
|--------------|-----------------|---------------|--------------|----------------|
| 39 | 929 | 23,138 | 602,582 | 2,728,100 |

The New Testament = 27 books

| <u>Books</u> | <u>Chapters</u> | <u>Verses</u> | <u>Words</u> | <u>Letters</u> |
|--------------|-----------------|---------------|--------------|----------------|
| 27 | 260 | 7,957 | 180,552 | 838,380 |

The Bible as a Whole = 66 Books

| <u>Books</u> | <u>Chapters</u> | <u>Verses</u> | <u>Words</u> | <u>Letters</u> |
|--------------|-----------------|---------------|--------------|----------------|
| 66 | 1,189 | 31,101 | 783,137 | 3,566,480 |

As Compared With The Qur'an:

| <u>Books</u> | <u>Chapters</u> | <u>Verses</u> | <u>Words</u> | <u>Letters</u> |
|--------------|-----------------|---------------|--------------|----------------|
| 1 | 114 | 6,236 | 77,934 | 326,048 |

When a Word and Letter count are compared for the Qur'an with the Bible as a Whole, out of the Holy Books which Muslims are required to believe in (namely the Tevrat, Zebur, Injil and Qur'an), the Bible makes up over 90% of those Holy Books which Muslims should be reading and believing.

In light of the fact that an exact count for the very words and letters used in the Holy Books is readily available for both the Bible and the Qur'an, it is obvious that those Holy Books cannot be changed without the word and letter count being changed as well. The fact that these numbers are fixed and well known is a testimony to the fact that the Holy Books have not been changed.

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Statistics on the Holy Books

The Chronological Dating of the Suras

| | | | | | | | | |
|---------------|-----|----------|---------------|-----|----------|----------------|-----|----------|
| 1. Fatiha | 5 | Mekke-1 | 39. Zümer | 59 | Mekke-2 | 77. Mürselât | 33 | Mekke-1 |
| 2. Bakara | 87 | Medine-4 | 40. Mümin | 60 | Mekke-2 | 78. Nebe' | 80 | Mekke-1 |
| 3. Al-i İmran | 89 | Medine-5 | 41. Fussilet | 61 | Mekke-2 | 79. Naziât | 81 | Mekke-1 |
| 4. Nisâ | 92 | Medine-6 | 42. Şûrâ | 62 | Mekke-2 | 80. Abese | 24 | Mekke-1 |
| 5. Mâ'ide | 112 | Medine-6 | 43. Zuhruf | 63 | Mekke-2 | 81. Tekvir | 7 | Mekke-1 |
| 6. En'âm | 55 | Mekke-3 | 44. Duhân | 64 | Mekke-2 | 82. İnfîtar | 82 | Mekke-1 |
| 7. A'râf | 39 | Mekke-3 | 45. Câsiye | 65 | Mekke-2 | 83. Mutaffifin | 86 | Mekke-1 |
| 8. Enfâl | 88 | Medine-4 | 46. Ahkâf | 66 | Mekke-2 | 84. İnşikak | 83 | Mekke-1 |
| 9. Tevbe | 113 | Medine-7 | 47. Muhammed | 95 | Medine-4 | 85. Bürüc | 27 | Mekke-1 |
| 10. Yûnus | 51 | Mekke-3 | 48. Fetih | 111 | Medine-6 | 86. Tânk | 36 | Mekke-1 |
| 11. Hûd | 52 | Mekke-3 | 49. Hucurât | 106 | Medine-7 | 87. A'lâ | 8 | Mekke-1 |
| 12. Yûsuf | 53 | Mekke-3 | 50. Kâf | 34 | Mekke-1 | 88. Gaşiye | 68 | Mekke-1 |
| 13. R'ad | 96 | Mekke-3 | 51. Zâriyât | 67 | Mekke-1 | 89. Fecr | 10 | Mekke-1 |
| 14. İbrahim | 72 | Mekke-3 | 52. Tûr | 76 | Mekke-1 | 90. Beled | 35 | Mekke-1 |
| 15. Hicr | 54 | Mekke-3 | 53. Necm | 23 | Mekke-1 | 91. Şems | 26 | Mekke-1 |
| 16. Nahl | 70 | Mekke-3 | 54. Kamer | 37 | Mekke-1 | 92. Leyl | 9 | Mekke-1 |
| 17. İsra | 50 | Mekke-1 | 55. Rahmân | 97 | Mekke-1 | 93. Duhâ | 11 | Mekke-1 |
| 18. Kehf | 69 | Mekke-1 | 56. Vâka | 46 | Mekke-1 | 94. İnşirâh | 12 | Mekke-1 |
| 19. Meryem | 44 | Mekke-1 | 57. Hadid | 94 | Medine-6 | 95. Tin | 28 | Mekke-1 |
| 20. Tâhâ | 45 | Mekke-1 | 58. Mücâdele | 105 | Medine-5 | 96. Alâk | 1 | Mekke-1 |
| 21. Enbiyâ | 73 | Mekke-1 | 59. Haşr | 101 | Medine-5 | 97. Kadir | 25 | Mekke-1 |
| 22. Hac | 103 | Mekke-3 | 60. Mümtehine | 91 | Medine-6 | 98. Beyyine | 100 | Mekke-1 |
| 23. Mû'minûn | 74 | Mekke-3 | 61. Saf | 109 | Medine-4 | 99. Zelzele | 93 | Mekke-1 |
| 24. Nûr | 102 | Medine-6 | 62. Cum'a | 110 | Medine-4 | 100. Âdiyât | 14 | Mekke-1 |
| 25. Furkan | 42 | Mekke-3 | 63. Münâfikun | 104 | Medine-6 | 101. Kaari'a | 30 | Mekke-1 |
| 26. Şuarâ | 47 | Mekke-3 | 64. Teğâbun | 108 | Medine-4 | 102. Tekâsür | 16 | Mekke-1 |
| 27. Neml | 48 | Mekke-3 | 65. Talâk | 99 | Medine-6 | 103. Asr | 13 | Mekke-1 |
| 28. Kasas | 49 | Mekke-3 | 66. Tahrim | 107 | Medine-7 | 104. Hümeze | 32 | Mekke-1 |
| 29. Ankebut | 85 | Mekke-2 | 67. Müilk | 77 | Mekke-1 | 105. Fil | 19 | Mekke-1 |
| 30. Rum | 84 | Mekke-2 | 68. Kalem | 2 | Mekke-1 | 106. Kureyş | 29 | Mekke-1 |
| 31. Lokman | 57 | Mekke-2 | 69. Hâkka | 78 | Mekke-1 | 107. Mâ'ûn | 17 | Mekke-1 |
| 32. Secde | 75 | Mekke-2 | 70. Meâric | 79 | Mekke-1 | 108. Kevser | 15 | Mekke-1 |
| 33. Ahzâb | 90 | Medine-6 | 71. Nûh | 71 | Mekke-1 | 109. Kâfirûn | 18 | Mekke-1 |
| 34. Sebe' | 58 | Mekke-2 | 72. Cin | 40 | Mekke-1 | 110. Nasr | 114 | Medine-7 |
| 35. Fâtır | 43 | Mekke-2 | 73. Müzzemmil | 3 | Mekke-1 | 111. Tebbet | 6 | Mekke-1 |
| 36. Yâsin | 41 | Mekke-2 | 74. Müddessir | 4 | Mekke-1 | 112. İhlâs | 22 | Mekke-1 |
| 37. Sâffât | 56 | Mekke-2 | 75. Kiyâmet | 31 | Mekke-1 | 113. Felâk | 20 | Mekke-1 |
| 38. Sâd | 38 | Mekke-2 | 76. İnsan | 98 | Mekke-1 | 114. Nâs | 21 | Mekke-1 |

18.

The Inspiration of the Bible

1 Corinthians 14:37-38.....If any man think himself to be a prophet, or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things that I write unto you are the commandments of the Lord. But if any man be ignorant, let him be ignorant.

Galatians 1:11-12.....But I make known to you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me is not after man. For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ.

2 Timothy 3:14-18.....But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them, and that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Jesus Christ. All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and it is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

2 Peter 1:20-21.....Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not at any time by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.

Revelation 1:1-3.....The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to show unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John, who bore witness of the word of God, and of the testimony of Jesus Christ, and of all things that he saw. Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written in it; for the time is at hand.

19.

The Inspiration of the Bible

1. The Bible was written by approximately 40 authors over a period of 1600 years and by different types of people in different parts of the world.
2. The Old Testament was originally written in Hebrew, with parts of Daniel and Ezra being written in Aramaic; the New Testament was written in Greek.
3. Its subject matter includes hundreds of controversial subjects, yet there is a harmony and unity throughout such that any part of the Bible can only be explained in reference to the whole.
4. The continuity of the message of the Bible is absolute in its completeness. It is bound together by historical sequence, type and anti-type, prophecy and its fulfillment, and by the anticipation, presentation, realization and exaltation of the most perfect Person who ever walked the earth and whose glories are the radiance of heaven. Yet the perfection of this continuity is sustained against what to man would be insurmountable impediments; for the Bible is a collection of sixty-six books which have been written by over forty different authors - kings, peasants, philosophers, fishermen, physicians, statesmen, scholars, poets and plowmen - who lived their lives in various countries and experienced no conference or agreement with one another, and over a period on not less than sixteen hundred years of human history. Because of these obstacles to continuity, the Bible would naturally be the most heterogeneous, incommensurable, inconsonant and contradictory collection of human opinions the world has ever seen; but on the contrary, it is just what it is designed to be, namely a homogeneous, uninterrupted, harmonious, and orderly account of the whole history of God's dealings with man. The Bible is not such a book a man would write if he could, or could write if he would.

20.

According to Both the Bible and the Qur'an God's Word is Eternal and Unchangeable

According to the Bible

Psalms 33:11.....The counsel of the Lord standeth forever, the thoughts of his heart to all generations.

Psalms 111:7-8.....all his commandments are sure. They stand fast for ever and ever.

Psalms 119:152.....Concerning thy testimonies, I have known of old that thou hast founded them forever.

Psalms 119:160.....Thy word is true from the beginning, and every one of thy righteous ordinances endureth forever.

Matthew 28:20.....Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the age.

Luke 21:33.....Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.

Hebrews 4:12-13.....For the Word of God is living, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword.

Hebrews 13:8.....Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever.

1 Peter 1:23-25.....23. Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God which liveth and abideth forever... 25. But the word of the Lord endureth forever.

21.

According to Both the Bible and the Qur'an God's Word is Eternal and Unchangeable

According to the Qur'an

Al-i ĩmran 3:39.....Allah gives you the glad tidings of a son whose name is John, who comes to confirm a **word from Allah**, princely and chaste, a Prophet of the righteous. ("word" = "Kalimullah" in Arabic: John as prophet was sent to confirm "Jesus", who is the eternal and unchangeable "word" from Allah who is spoken of here!)

Al-i ĩmran 3:45 & 55.....45. Allah gives glad tidings of a **word from Him**, whose name is Messiah, Jesus... one who shall be brought near to God... 55. Allah said to Jesus! I am... setting those who follow you above those who disbelieve until the day of Resurrection. ("word" = "Kalimullah" in Arabic)

Nisa 4:171.....The Messiah son of Mary, was only a messenger of Allah, and **His word** which He conveyed to Mary and a spirit from Him. ("word" = "Kalimullah" in Arabic)

Zukhruf 43:4.....verily it is inscribed in the mother of the **Book**, which We possess...

Note: "'The Mother of the Book' (Levh-i Mahfuz) is the original tablet preserved in Heaven from which all the Books revealed to the prophets have been derived." (Footnote for Zukhruf 43:4 in The Holy Qur'an, "Ilmi Neşriyat p. 488.

Hadid 57:22.....No misfortune can befall in the earth, or your own persons, but it is recorded in a **book** before We bring it into being. That is easy for Allah. ("book" = Levh-i Mahfuz, cf. 85:22)

22.

According to the Qur'an, Muhammad Accepted the Bible that Existed at his Time as the Word of God

Baqara 2:136.....Say (O Muslims): We believe in Allah and that which is revealed to us, and that which is revealed to Abraham, Ishmael, Isaac, Jacob, and the tribes; to Moses and Jesus and the (other) prophets by their Lord.

Al-i Imran 3:3 He has revealed to you (Muhammad) the Scripture with truth, confirming that which was revealed before it, even as He revealed the Torah and the Gospel.

Al-i Imran 3:119.....you believe in all the Scripture.

Nisa 4:136.....O you who believe! Believe in Allah and His messenger and the Scripture which he has revealed to His messenger and the Scripture which He revealed before you.

Mâide 5:46 We sent Jesus son of Mary, confirming that which was (revealed) before him, and We bestowed on him the Gospel wherein is guidance and a light, conforming that which was (revealed) before it in the Torah - a guidance and an admonition to the Godfearing.

Mâide 5:68 Say: "O People of the Scripture! You have nothing (of true guidance) till you observe the Torah and the Gospel, and that which was revealed to you from your Lord."

Tevbe 9:111.....That is a promise binding upon Allah in the Torah and the Gospel and the Qur'an.

Isra 17:55 And We preferred some of the prophets above others; and unto David We gave the Psalms.

23.

According to the Qur'an, Muhammad Accepted the Bible that Existed at his Time as the Word of God

Ankebut 29:46.....Say: We believe in that which was revealed unto you; our God and your God is One.

Sejde 32:23.....We verily gave Moses the Book; so be not you in doubt of his receiving it; and We appointed it a guidance for the Children of Israel.

Fussilat 41:43.....O Prophet, nothing is said to you that has not already been said to the Messengers before you.

Shûra 42:15.....Therefore, (O Muhammad) call them (to the true faith), and hold fast to it yourself as you have been commanded, and do not follow their whims, but say: "I believe in whatever Book Allah has sent down...

Zuhruf 43:61, 63.....And (the second coming of Jesus shall be) a sign of the Hour: therefore, do not have any doubt about it, and follow Me. This is the Straight Way... And when Jesus came with clear proofs he said... fear Allah and obey me.

Ahqâf 46:12.....Yet before it there came the Book of Moses as a guide and a mercy; and this book has been revealed to confirm it in the Arabic language so as to warn the wrongdoers and to give good news to those who do good.

Hadîd 57:27.....Then We caused Our messengers to follow in their footsteps; and We caused Jesus, son of Mary, to follow, and gave him the Gospel, and placed compassion and mercy in the hearts of those who followed him.

24.

The Problem of "Abrogation"

According to the Bible

Psalm 89:34.....My covenant will I not break, nor will I alter the things that is gone out of my lips.

Psalm 105:7-10.....He is the LORD our God; his judgments are in all the earth. He hath remembered his covenant forever, the word which he commanded to a thousand generations... an everlasting covenant.

Malachi 3:6.....For I am the Lord, I change not.

Matthew 5:17-18.....Think not that I am come to destroy the law or the prophets; I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill. For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no way pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.

Luke 16:17.....it is easier for heaven and earth to pass, than one tittle of the law to fail.

James 1:17.....Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with who is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.

Note: The law of abrogation in the Bible applies only to the New Testament fulfilling the prophecies the Old Testament and thus completing and superseding them. (cf. Jeremiah 31:31-34; Hebrews 7:18 & 22; Hebrews 8:13; Hebrews 9:14-26; Colossians 2:14; 2 Corinthians 3:4-6 & 9-11, Galatians 4:8-11, Galatians 5:1, 6, & 18, Galatians 6:15, Ephesians 2:14-15).

25.

The Problem of "Abrogation"

According to the Qur'an

Bakara 2:106.....If we abrogate any verse or cause it to be forgotten, We replace it by a better or a similar one.

Ra'd 13:39.....Allah blots out or confirms whatever He will, and with Him is the Mother of the Book.

Nahl 16:101.....When we exchange a revelation in place of another revelation - and Allah know best what He reveals - they say: "You are an imposter". Indeed, most of them have no knowledge.

İsra 17:86.....And if We had willed We could certainly take away that which We have revealed to you;

Note: The law of abrogation within Islam ("nesih" or "mensuh") commonly applies only to the verses of the Qur'an within itself. However, among Muslim scholars there is no agreement as to which verses of the Qur'an abrogate which, but it is roughly based upon an estimated chronological dating of the suras, the later verses said to abrogate the verses which were written earlier. The chronological timetable of the 23 years for the writing of the suras of the Qur'an may be divided into 7 periods:

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|--------|-----|-------------------------------------|-----------------|-------------|
| Mecca | - 1 | 1 st > 5 th | years at Mecca | = 60 suras. |
| Mecca | - 2 | 6 th > 10 th | years at Mecca | = 17 suras. |
| Mecca | - 3 | 11 th > 13 th | years at Mecca | = 15 suras. |
| Medina | - 4 | 1 st > 2 nd | years at Medina | = 6 suras. |
| Medina | - 5 | 3 rd > 4 th | years at Medina | = 3 suras. |
| Medina | - 6 | 5 th > 8 th | years at Medina | = 9 suras |
| Medina | - 7 | 9 th > 10 th | years at Medina | = 4 suras. |

Keskioğlu, Nûzulünden İtibaren Kur'ân-ı Kerîm,
pp. 124-125.

26.

None of the Verses Which Muslims Use to Claim the Bible Has Been Changed Refer to the Actual Text of the Biblical Manuscripts

A.

Baqara 2:75.....Now (O company of believers), do you then hope that they will believe in you, when some of them have already heard the word of Allah and knowingly perverted it, after they had understood its meaning?

B.

Al-i Imran 3:78.....And there is a party of them who distort the Scriptures with their tongues, that you may think that what they say is from the Scripture, when it is not from the Scripture. And they say: "It is from Allah," when it is not from Allah, and they speak a lie concerning Allah knowingly.

C.

Nisâ 4:46.....Some of those who are Jews change words from their context and say: "We hear and disobey; hear you as one who hears not;" and "listen to us!" distorting with their tongues and Belittling religion.

D.

Mâ'ide 5:13.....And because of their breaking their covenant, We have cursed them and made hard their hearts. They change words from their context and forget a part of that wherewith they had been reminded.

E.

Mâ'ide 5:41....."O Messenger! Do not be grieved by those who vie with one another in the race to disbelief, of such as say with their mouths: "We believe," but their hearts believe not, and of the Jews: listeners for the sake of falsehood, listeners on behalf of other people who come not to you, changing words from their context and saying: "If this be given to you, receive it, but if this be not given to you, then beware!"

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F.

En'âm 6:91.....And they measure not the power of Allah its true measure when they say: "Allah has revealed nothing to a human being." Say (to the Jews who speak thus): "Who revealed the book which Moses brought, a light and guidance for mankind, which you have put on parchments which you show, but you hide much (thereof), and by which you were taught that which you knew not yourselves nor did your fathers (know it)? Say: "Allah". Then leave them to their plunge into their games.

G.

A'raf 7:162.....But those of them who did wrong changed the word which had been told them for another saying, and We sent down upon them wrath from heaven for their wrongdoing.

H.

A'raf 7:157.....Those who follow the messenger, the prophet who can neither read nor write, whom they find described in the Torah and Gospel which are with them..

I.

Saf 61:6-7.....And remember Jesus, son of Mary, who said: 'O Children of Israel; I am the messenger of Allah to you, confirming that which was revealed before me in the Torah (Books of Moses) and bringing good tidings of a messenger who will come after me, whose name is Ahmad.'¹ Yet when he has come to them with clear proofs, they say: 'This is mere magic.' And who is more wicked than the man who invents a falsehood about Allah when called to Islam. Allah does not guide the wrongdoers.

¹ **Footnote**: "Muhammad (Ahmad being one of his names)" The Holy Qur'an, "Ilmi Neşriyat, p. 551.

28.

According to the "Bible" God's Word Cannot Be Changed

The Pentateuch (Torah)

Genesis 17:7 & 19.....7. I will establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee in their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee... 19. And God said, Sarah, thy wife, shall bear thee a son indeed; and thou shalt call his name Isaac: and I will establish my covenant with him for an everlasting covenant, and with his seed after him.

Deuteronomy 7:9.....Know, therefore, that the LORD thy God, he is God, who keepeth covenant and mercy with them who love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations.

Deuteronomy 29:29.....The Secret things belong unto the Lord our God; but those things which are revealed belong unto us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this law.

The Psalms (Kethubim)

Psalms 89:33-34.....My covenant will I not break, nor will I alter the thing that is gone out of my lips.

Psalms 119:89-90.....Forever, O Lord, thy word is settled in heaven. Thy faithfulness is unto all generations.

Psalms 119:160.....Thy word is true from the beginning, and every one of thy righteous

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The Prophets (Nebi'im)

Isaiah 34:16.....Seek ye out the book of the Lord, and read, no one of these shall fail...for my mouth hath commanded

Isaiah 40:8.....The grass withereth, the flower fadeth, but the word of our God shall stand forever.

Isaiah 55:11.....So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth; it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.

The New Testament (Injil)

Matthew 5:18.....Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no way pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.

Matthew 24:35.....Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.

1 Peter 1:23-25.....23. Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God which liveth and abideth forever...
25. But the word of the Lord endureth forever.

Revelation 14:6.....And I saw another angel fly in heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell in the earth...

30.

According to the "Qur'an", God's Word Cannot Be Changed

En'am 6:34.....There is none to alter the decisions of Allah.

En'am 6:115.....Perfected is the Word of your Lord in truth and justice. **There is nothing that can change His words.**

Yunus 10:15 & 64.....When our clear revelations are recited unto them, those who do not look to the meeting with Us say, "Bring a Qur'an other than this, or change it." Say: "It is not for me to change it of my own accord..." No change can there be in the words of Allah.

Abraham 14:47.....Never think that Allah will fail in his promise to his messengers. Surely Allah is Mighty, Able to Requite.

Isra 17:77.....(Such was Our) way with the messengers We sent before you. And you will find no change in Our ways.

Kehf 18:27.....**No one can change His words.**

Ahzab 33:62.....That was the way of Allah in the case of those who passed away of old; you will not find for the way of Allah any changing.

Fatir 35:43.....You will not find for Allah's way of treatment any substitute, or will you find for Allah's way to treatment aught of power to change.

Haqqah 69:44-47.....And if he had invented false sayings concerning Us, We assuredly had taken him by the right hand and then severed his life-artery, and none of you could have held Us off from him.

31.

According to the "Qur'an", God's Word Cannot Be Changed

Hijr 15:9.....We have, without doubt, sent down the Reminder, and we preserve it.

Nahl 16:43.....The messengers We sent before you (O Muhammad), were not other than men to whom We gave revelation. Ask the people of the Remembrance if you do not know.

Enbiyâ 21:7, 48 & 105.....Before you (also), the messengers We sent were only men, to whom We had granted revelation. If you do not know this, ask those who have the Reminder... We gave Moses and Aaron the Criterion (or right and wrong) and a light and Reminder for those who keep from evil... And verily We have written in the Zebûr (Scripture) after the reminder: "My righteous slaves shall inherit the earth." (cf. Psalm 37:29)

Al-Mu'min 40:53-54.....And we did give Moses the guidance and made the Children of Israel to inherit the Scripture. A guide and a reminder for men of understanding...

Fetih 48:23.....This is the way of Allah that has been followed in the past, and you will find no change in the way of Allah.

Qaf 50:29.....My word cannot be changed.

1 The word "reminder" that occurs in this verse is usually taken to refer to the Torah. (Footnote taken from Enbiya 21:105, The Holy Qur'an, "Ilmi Neşriyat, p. 330.)

According to the Qur'an, Muslims Are Not Allowed to Make Any Distinctions Between the Holy Books

Baqara 2:62.....Those who believe (in the Qur'an and the Prophets sent before you), Jews, Christians, and Sabeans; whoever believes in Allah and the Last Day and does what is right; shall be rewarded by their Lord; no fear shall come upon them, neither shall they regret.

Baqara 2:85 & 121.....85. Do you believe in one part of the Scripture and disbelieve in another?... 121. Those to whom we gave the Scripture, and who read it the way it should be read, truly believe in it. And those who deny it are the true losers.

Baqara 2:136.....Say (O Muslims): We believe in Allah and that which is revealed to us, and that which is revealed to Abraham, Ishmael, Isaac, Jacob, and the tribes; to Moses and Jesus and the (other) prophets by their Lord. We make no distinction between any of them, and to Allah we have surrendered ourselves.

Baqara 2:285.....The Messenger believes in what has been revealed to him by his Lord, and so do the believers. They all believe in Allah and His angels, His Scriptures and His messengers: "We make no distinction between any of His messengers" - and they say: "We hear and obey."

Al-i Imran 3:84.....Say (O Muhammad) "We believe in... that which was revealed to... Moses and Jesus and the Prophets from their Lord. We make no distinction between any of them..."

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According to the Qur'an, Muslims Are Not Allowed to Make Any Distinctions Between the Holy Books

Al-i Imran 3:199.....There are certainly among the People of the Scriptures some who believe in Allah and that which is revealed to you and that which was revealed to them humbling themselves before Allah. They will not sell the revelations (signs) of Allah for a miserable price. Verily their reward is in the presence of their Lord.

Nisa 4:150-151.....Those who disbelieve in Allah and His messengers, and seek to make distinction between Allah and His messengers, and say: "We believe in some and disbelieve in others," and seek to choose a way in between, Such are disbelievers in truth; and for disbelievers We prepare a humiliating punishment.

Nisa 4:162.....But those of them who are firm in knowledge, and the believers, believe in that which is revealed to you, and that which was revealed before you, especially the diligent in prayer and those who pay the Zakat, the believers in Allah and the Last Day. To them We shall bestow a great reward.

Ma'ide 5:66.....If they had observed (practiced) the Torah and the Gospel and that which was revealed to them from their Lord, they would surely have been nourished from above them and from beneath their feet. Among them there are people who are moderate, but many of them are of evil conduct.

Shura 42:15.....say: "I believe in whatever Book Allah has sent down... Let there be no argument between us.

34.

According to the Qur'an Those Who Reject Any of the Holy Books Are "Unbelievers" (Kâfirler) Who Will Be Punished in Hell!

Baqara 2:85 & 121.....Do you believe in one part of the Scripture and disbelieve in another?

Those of you that act thus shall only be rewarded with disgrace in this world, and with the most grievous punishment on the Day of Resurrection. Allah is not unaware of what you do... Those to whom we gave the Scripture, and who read it the way it should be read, truly believe in it. And those who deny it are the true losers.

Al-i İmran 3:3-4.....He has revealed to you (Muhammad) the Scripture with truth, confirming that which was revealed before it, even as He revealed the Torah and the Gospel. Previously, for a guidance to mankind, and had revealed the Criterion. Those who deny the signs of Allah shall receive a heavy penalty; and Allah is Mighty, Able to Requite.

Al-i İmran 3:55-56.....Allah said to Jesus! I... am setting those who follow you above those who disbelieve until the day of Resurrection. As for those who disbelieve, I shall punish them with a heavy chastisement in the world and the Hereafter; and they will have no helpers.

Nisa 4:150-151.....Those who disbelieve in Allah and His messengers, and seek to make a distinction between Allah and His messengers, and say: "We believe in some and disbelieve in others," and seek to choose a way in between, such are disbelievers in truth; and for disbelievers We prepare a humiliating punishment.

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According to the Qur'an Those Who Reject Any of the Holy Books Are "Unbelievers" (Kâfirler) Who Will Be Punished in Hell!

Ma'ide 5:10-12.....And those who disbelieve and deny Our signs, such are the rightful owners of hell... Allah made a covenant of old with the Children of Israel... Whosoever among you disbelieves after this has gone astray from a straight path.

En'am 6:157.....Who does greater wrong than he who denies the revelations of Allah, and turns away from them? We award to those who turn away from Our revelations a severe penalty...

Ankebut 29:46-47.....Argue not with the People of the Book unless it be in a way that is better... and say: "We believe in that which was revealed unto us and revealed unto you; our God and your God is One, and unto Him we surrender..." None deny Our revelations save the disbelievers.

Sebe' 34:31 & 38.....And those who disbelieve say: "We believe not this Qur'an nor in that which was before it..." And as for those who strive against Our revelations, challenging, they will be brought to the punishment.

Jathiyah 45:16, 31 & 34-35.....Before this, We had bestowed on the Children of Israel the Book and the Command and the Prophethood, and provided them with good things, and favored them above (all) peoples... And as for those who disbelieved (it will be said:) "Were not My Revelations recited to you?... It will be said to them: "This day we forget you, even as you forgot the meeting of this your day; and your habitation is the Fire, and there is none to help you.

36.

The Bible Had Not Been Changed "Before" the Time of Muhammad, Because Muhammad Himself Accepted The Bible as the Valid Word of God

- A. **"Both are readers of the Scripture"**
Baqara 2:40, 44 & 113*.....
Al-i Imran 3:79 & 93-94.....
A'raf 7:169.....
- B. **"Ask those who have been reading the Book before you"**
Yunus 10:94-95*.....
Nahl 16:43.....
Isra 17:101.....
Ta-Ha 20:133.....
Enbiya 21:7, 10 & 105.....
Zuhruf 43:45-46.....
- C. **"We did reveal the Torah... a light and a guidance"**
Ma'ide 5:44 & 45*.....
Ahqaf 46:12.....
Qasas 28:48-49*.....
- D. **Say "O People of the Scripture!"**
Al Imran 3:64*, 65, 69, 70 71 72 & 75.....
- E. **"They have their own law (Torah) wherein Allah delivered judgment"**
Baqara 2:41 & 91.....
Nisa 4:47.....
Ma'ide 5:43*.....
A'raf 7:157.....

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- F. "Nor did the People of the Book disagree among themselves until Clear Proof was given them."
Baqara 2:213.....
Al-i Imran 3:19.....
Şu'ara 42:14.....
Jathiya 45:16-17.....
Bayyina 98:4*.....
- G. "The Torah... Whoever judges not by what Allah had revealed; such are disbelievers. We sent Jesus... and bestowed on him the Gospel"
Al-i Imran 3:23.....
Ma'ide 5:44-47*.....
Saba 34:31.....
Mu'min 40:69-70.....
- H. "Do you believe in one part of the Scripture And disbelieve in another?"
Baqara 2:61 & 85*.....
Al-i Imran 3:98.....
Nisa 4:150-152.....
Ra'd 13:36 & 43.....
Jumu'ah 62:5.....
- I. "We sent Jesus son of Mary, confirming that which was (revealed) before him"
Al-i Imran 3:3-4 & 48-50.....
Ma'ide 5:46* & 48.....
Yusuf 12:111.....
Ahkaf 46:12.....

38.

The Bible Could Not Have Been Changed "After" the Time of Muhammad, Because Pre-Islamic Bibles are Exactly the Same as Those After Muhammad

The Hebrew Dead Sea Scrolls: (200 B.C. - 70 A.D.)

The Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered in March 1947 by an Arab shepherd named Muhammed al-Dib.

These manuscripts were written by the Essenes, a Jewish sect of Scribes at Qumran located on the North-West side of the Dead Sea.

Over 400,000 manuscripts making up over 500 books were found dating from between 200 B.C. to 70 A.D. This is the largest find of ancient manuscripts ever discovered and these are practically the only surviving O.T. manuscripts written before 100 A.D.

These manuscripts include portions of all O.T. books except for the book of Esther. This book was excluded by the Essenes because the name of God is not found in that book.

Although these manuscripts were written long before Muhammad, there is no significant difference between these manuscripts and the Mazoretic texts of A.D. 1000 which were used to translate the Old Testament which we have today. The Leningrad Codex of 1008 A.D. agrees with the text of the Old Testament Manuscripts from the Dead Sea Scrolls (100 years earlier) and these can be seen in Israel today where they are preserved at a museum called "The Shrine of the Book" in Jerusalem.

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The Greek New Testament Manuscripts: (100 - 600 A.D.)

5,309 manuscripts of the Greek New Testament still exist, most of which pre-date Islam. All of these manuscripts are in agreement with each other concerning the essential doctrines of Christ.

The Greek Septuagint: (285 - 247 A.D.)

The Old Testament Translation From Hebrew into Greek. Translated during the reign of King Ptolemy II (B.C. 309-274) and was completed between the years B.C. 247-285. Jesus and the disciples quoted from the Septuagint. It includes the deuterocanonical list of books which are disputed between Catholics and Protestants (as well as the additions to Daniel and Esther). It became *the* Christian Old Testament that was in use at that time.

The Latin Vulgate: (400 - 1000 A.D.)

Jerome's Latin Vulgate was a translation of the Bible from Greek manuscripts into Latin and was completed around 405 A.D. **Damascus**, the Bishop of Rome from 366-384 commissioned Jerome also known as Hieronymus to do this translation which was used for 1000 years. There are still over 8,000 manuscripts of the Vulgate, some of which pre-date Islam and others which were copied after Islam, but

**Verses in the Qur'an "Affirm"
that Christians and Jews Possessed
Bibles Which Had Not Been Changed
at the Time of Muhammad**

Baqara 2:62.....Those who believe (in the Qur'an and the Prophets sent before you), Jews, Christians, and Sabeans; whoever believes in Allah and the Last Day and does what is right; shall be rewarded by their Lord; no fear shall come upon them, neither shall they regret.

Al-i ĩmran 3:55 & 75.....O Jesus! I am.. setting those who follow you above those who disbelieve until the day of Resurrection..

Al-i ĩmran 3:113-114.....(Yet) they are not all alike. Among the People of the Scripture there is a upright community who during the night recite the revelations of Allah and fall prostrate before Him. They believe in Allah and the Last Day, and enjoin what is right and forbid what is evil, and vie with one another in good works. They are of the righteous.

Al-i ĩmran 3:199.....And there are certainly among the People of the Scripture some who believe in Allah and that which is revealed to you and that which was revealed to them, humbling themselves before Allah. They will not sell the revelations (signs) of Allah for a miserable gain!

Nisa 4:162.....But those of them who are firm in knowledge, and the believers, believe in that which is revealed to you, and that which was revealed before you, especially the diligent in prayer and those who pay the Zakat, the believers in Allah and the Last Day. To them We shall bestow a great reward.

41.

Verses in the Qur'an "Affirm" that Christians and Jews Possessed Bibles Which Had Not Been Changed at the Time of Muhammad

Ma'ide 5:66 & 69.....If they had observed (practiced) the Torah and the Gospel and that which was revealed to them from their Lord, they would surely have been nourished from above them and from beneath their feet. Among them there are people who are moderate, but many of them are of evil conduct... Those who believe (in the Qur'an), and those who are Jews, and Sabceans, and Christians, whoso believes in Allah and the last Day and does right, no fear will come upon them, neither shall they grieve.

A'raf 7:159 & 169.....And of the people of Moses, there is a community who lead with truth and establish justice therewith... Has not the covenant of the scripture been taken on their behalf that they should not speak aught concerning Allah except the truth? And they have studied that which is therein. And the home of the hereafter is better, for those who fear Him. Have you no sense?

Mu'min 40:53-54.....And we did give Moses the guidance and made the Children o Israel to inherit the Scripture. A guide and a reminder for men of understanding...

Jathiya 45:16.....Before this, We had bestowed on the Children of Israel the Book and the Command and the Prophethood, and provided them with good things, and favored them above (all) peoples.

42.

Verses in the Qur'an Which Are Critical of Jews and Christians Do "Not" Indicate That They Corrupted the Text of the Bible

- A. **"Why do you knowingly conceal the truth?"**
Baqara 2:42, 159 & 174.....
Al-i Imran 3:71.....
Ma'ide 5:15.....
Ma'ide 5:61.....
En'am 6:91.....
- B. **"Barter it for a paltry price"**
Bakara 2:41, 79 & 174.....
Al-i Imran 3:187.....
Nisa 4:44.....
Ma'ide 5:44.....
Tevbe 9:9.....
- C. **"They forget a part of that wherewith they had
been reminded"**
Ma'ide 5:13-14.....
- D. **"There are illiterate men among them who are
ignorant of the Scripture"**
Baqara 2:78.....
Al-i Imran 3:66.....
En'am 6:91.....
- E. **"Nay, most of them do not believe"**
Baqara 2:100.....
Al-i Imran 3:23.....
Ma'ide 5:42-43, 62 & 68.....

43.

Verses in the Qur'an Which Are Critical of Jews and Christians Do "Not" Indicate That They Corrupted the Text of the Bible

F. "Some factions deny a part of it"

Baqara 2:85.....

Al-i Imran 3:98.....

Nisa 4:150-152.....

Ra'd 13:36.....

G. "You drive back believers from the Way of Allah"

Al-i Imran 3:99.....

H. "There is a party of them who distort the Scripture with their tongues"

Baqara 2:75.....heard the word of Allah and knowingly perverted it

Al-i Imran 3:78.....who distort the Scriptures with their tongues...

Nisa 4:46.....Jews change words from their context and say...

Maide 5:13 & 41.....They change words... distorting with their tongues... changing words from their context and saying...

En'âm 6:91.....Say (to the Jews who speak thus)...

A'raf 7:162.....changed the word which had been told...

44.

What is the "Purpose" of God in Relation to His Holy Books?

Ask the Question: What is the **PURPOSE** of God in relation to His Holy Books? Does God "**want**" His Holy books to be changed, or corrupted? Absolutely **NOT!** Both the Bible and in the Qur'an agree that the "purpose" of God is clear: God does "NOT" want his Holy Books to be corrupted or changed!

According to the Bible

Deuteronomy 4:2.....Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish anything from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the Lord your God which I command you.

Deuteronomy 12:32.....Whatsoever thing I command you, observe to do it; thou shalt not add thereto, nor diminish from it.

Isaiah 14:24-27.....24. The LORD of hosts hath sworn, saying... as I have purposed, so shall it stand: 27. For the LORD of hosts hath purposed, and who shall disannul it? and his hand is stretched out, and who shall turn it back?

Jeremiah 36:22-32.....Then the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah after the king had burned the scroll... Take thee again another scroll, and write in it all the former words that were in the first scroll...

Revelation 2:25-29.....But that which ye have already, hold fast till I come. And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

Revelation 22:19.....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...

45.

What is the "Purpose" of God in Relation to His Holy Books?

According to the Qur'an

A'raf 7:196.....My protecting Friend is Allah, who revealed the scripture. He befriends the righteous.

Hud 11:57 For my Lord is Guardian over all things.

Hijr 15:9.....We have, without doubt, sent down the Reminder, and We preserve it.

Muhammed 47:11, 32.....That is because Allah is the protector of the believers... Those who disbelieve and hinder others from Allah's Way and dispute with the Messenger after the guidance has been manifested to them, can in no way harm Allah, but Allah indeed will render all their works of no effect.

Mujādila 58:10.....Secret counsels are the work of the devil, who thereby seeks to annoy the faithful. Yet he can harm nothing at all except by Allah's leave. In Allah let the faithful put their trust.

Hashir 59:23.....He is Allah... the Source of Security the keeper of Faith; the Guardian..

Haqqah 69:44-47.....And if he had invented false sayings concerning Us, We assuredly had taken him by the right hand and then severed his life-artery, and none of you could have held Us off from him.

Jinn 72:26-28.....He (alone) knows the unseen, and does not reveal to anyone his secret. Except to every messenger whom he has chosen, and then He sends down guardians who walk before him and behind him. That He may know that they have indeed conveyed the message of their Lord. He surrounds all their doings, and keeps count of all things.

46.

What is the "Power" of God in Relation to His Holy Books?

Ask the Question: What is the **POWER** of God in relation to His Holy Books? Is God "**able**" to protect His Holy Books from change and corruption? Certainly **YES!** Both the Bible and the Qur'an agree that God is more than "able" to protect his own Holy Books! Otherwise He would not be God-Almighty (El-Kadir).

According to the Bible

Psalm 12:6-7.....The words of the Lord are pure words, like silver tested in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. Thou shalt keep them. O Lord, thou shalt keep them from this generation forever.

Psalm 146:5-6.....God... who keepeth truth forever.

Isaiah 46:9-11.....9. Remember the former things of old: for... I am God, and there is none like me, 10. Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure: 11. I have spoken it, I will also bring it to pass; I have purposed it, I will also do it.

Isaiah 55:11.....So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth; it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.

Mark 12:24.....Jesus, answering said unto them, Do ye not therefore err, because ye know not the scriptures, neither the power of God?

Mark 13:31.....Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.

Luke 16:17.....It is easier for heaven and earth to pass, than for one tittle of the law to fail.

47.

What is The "Power" of God in Relation to His Holy Books?

According to the Qur'an

Bakara 2:20 & 255.....Allah has power over all things.. Allah! there is no god but Him, the Living, the Eternal... His Throne embraces the Heavens and the earth, and it tires Him not to uphold them both.

En'am 6:114-115.....Shall I seek other than Allah for a judge, when He it is who has revealed to you scripture, fully explained?... Perfected is the Word of your Lord in truth and justice. There is nothing that can change His words.

Hijr 15:9.....We have, without doubt, sent down the Reminder, and We preserve it.

Hajj 22:52.....And We never sent a messenger or prophet before you, but (without doubt) when he framed a desire, Satan cast into his desire some affair. But Allah abrogates what Satan casts. Allah establishes (perfects) his signs (revelations).

Luqmân 31:27.....And if all the trees in the earth were pens, and the sea, with seven more seas to help it, (were ink), the words of Allah could not be exhausted.

Mujâdila 58:10.....the devil.. he can harm nothing at all except by Allah's leave. In Allah let the faithful put their trust.

Haqqah 69:44-47.....And if he had invented false sayings concerning Us, We assuredly had taken him by the right hand and then severed his life-artery, and none of you could have held Us off from him.

Buruj 85:21-22.....Indeed this is a glorious Qur'an, preserved in a well-guarded tablet.

Fundamental Errors of Logic Which Muslims Make in Relation to the Word of God

"Argumentum ad ignorantium"

An attempt to gain support for some position by dwelling upon the impossibility of proving the opposite. "Those do not know how to read Greek or Hebrew, and have not studied the Science of Textual Criticism and they know nothing about the history of how the Bible was compiled, but nevertheless say that the Bible has been changed are guilty speaking out of ignorance and have built a case based upon an "argumentum ad ignorantium".

"Petitio principii"

Begging the question assumes the conclusion to be proved or circular reasoning. "The Bible has been changed because the Imam says it has been changed."

"Argumentum ad populum"

Addresses popular feelings, passions or prejudices, not the facts. "The Bible must be changed because most Muslims say it has been changed."

"Ignoratio Elenchi"

An irrelevant conclusion arrived at by substituting some other proposition more or less nearly related to it. "The New Testament must have been lost and corrupted because the Christians underwent a tremendous persecution under the Roman Empire."

"Argumentum ad hominem"

An appeal based on the character of the person against whom it is directed. "The Jews must have corrupted their Holy Books because they were such bad people."

Fundamental Errors of Logic Which Muslims Make in Relation to the Word of God

"Argumentum ad verecundiam"

An appeal based upon the reverence which most people feel for a great name without considering the evidence for the arguments which are advanced for or against the position. "The Bible must have been changed because some famous German theologians claimed that it has been changed."

"Argumentum ad baculum"

An appeal to the big stick! Might makes right. "A Muslim theologian once said at an Islamic-Christian debate in a Mosque, "The Bible has not been changed!" The other Muslims at the conference threatened him saying, "Don't say that again or we will kill you."

"Argumentum non sequitur"

The fallacy of the consequent occurs when the conclusion doesn't really follow from the premises by which it is supposed to be supported.

An Erroneous Logical Syllogism using an Argumentum non- sequitur:

- A. **If**, "The Bible is the Word of God" and
- B. **If**, "No Man Can Change the Word of God"
- C. **Then**, "The Bible Has Been Changed."

Romans 3:3-4.....What advantage, then hath the Jew? Or what profit is there of circumcision? Much every way, chiefly because unto them were committed the oracles of God. What if some did not believe? Shall their unbelief make the faith of God without effect? God forbid, yea, let God

50.

A Correct Logical Syllogism in Relation to the Word of God

A.

"If", God Does Not Want His Holy Books to be Changed; (His Purpose)

Deuteronomy 4:2.....Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish anything from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the Lord your God which I command you.

Hijr 15:9.....We have, without doubt, sent down the Reminder, and We preserve it.

B.

"If", God is Able to Protect His Holy Books from Change; (His Power)

Isaiah 55:11.....So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth; it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.

Haqqah 69:44-47.....And if he had invented false sayings concerning Us, We assuredly had taken him by the right hand and then severed his life-artery, and none of you could have held Us off from him.

C.

"Then", The Bible Cannot be Changed !

Matthew 5:18.....Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no way pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.

Mark 13:31.....Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.

İsra 17:77.....(Such was Our) way with the messengers We sent before you. And you will find no change in Our ways.

51.

A Correct Logical Syllogism in Relation to the Word of God

A.

If, "The Bible is the Word of God";

1 Corinthians 14:37-38.....If any man think himself to be a prophet, or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things that I write unto you are the commandments of the Lord. But if any man be ignorant, let him be ignorant.

Nisa 4:136.....O you who believe! Believe in Allah and His messenger and the Scripture which he has revealed to His messenger and the Scripture which He revealed before you.

B.

If, "No Man Can Change the Word of God";

Matthew 24:35.....Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.

Kahf 18:27.....No one can change His words.

C.

Then, "The Bible Cannot Be Changed" !

Isaiah 40:8.....The grass withereth, the flower fadeth, but the word of our God shall stand forever.

1 Peter 1:23-25.....Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God which liveth and abideth forever... But the word of the Lord endureth forever.

Yunus 10:64.....No change can there be in the words of Allah.

Kaf 50:29.....My word cannot be changed.

52.

Claims of Corruption Imply that "God Did Not Know" His Holy Books Would Be Changed !

"el-Alîm"

The Omniscient One,
who is well aware of everything

Hebrews 4:12-13.....For the Word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight, but all things are naked and open unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do.

Baqara 2:231.....Do not make the revelations of Allah a mockery. Remember the favors He has bestowed on you and the Book and the wisdom which he has revealed, wherewith He does exhort you. Fear Allah, and know that He has knowledge of all things.

"el-Bâsîr"

The Observant One,
who sees and hears all things

Psalm 94:7-9.....Yet they say, The LORD shall not see, neither shall the God of Jacob regard it. Understand, ye stupid among the people; and ye fools, when will ye be wise? He who planted the ear, shall he not hear? He who formed the eye, shall he not see?

Mu'min 40:56.....Assuredly, those who wrangle concerning the Revelations of Allah without any authority having come to them, there is nothing but pride in their hearts; but they will never attain to their ambitions. Therefore take refuge in Allah. It is He Who hears and sees.

53.

Claims of Corruption Imply that "God Did Not Know" His Holy Books Would Be Changed !

"er-Rakîb"

The Watcher,
who keeps watch over his creation

Isaiah 46:9-10.....Remember the former things of old; for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me, declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure.

Ma'ide 5:116-117.....Assuredly, You only You, are the Knower of things hidden. I spoke to them only that which You commanded me (saying): "Worship Allah, my Lord and your Lord. I was witness of them while I dwelt among them, and when You took me You were the Watcher over them. You are witness over all things."

el-Mevla

The Watcher
Who protects his own

Psalms 146:5-6.....Happy is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in the Lord... who keepeth truth forever.

Al-i ĩmran 3:150.....But Allah is your protector, and He is the best of helpers.

Tevbe 9:51.....Say: 'Nothing will befall us except what Allah has ordained. He is our Guardian. In him let the believers put their trust.

Muhammad 47:11.....Allah is the Protector of the believers, and the disbelievers have no protector at all.

54.

Claims of Corruption Imply that "God Did Not Care" if His Holy Books Would Be Changed !

"el-Vedûd"

The Loving One,
compassionate and loving to his servants

Jeremiah 31:3, 31-34 & 37.....The LORD hath appeared of old unto me, saying, Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love... Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah... for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more... Thus saith the LORD, If heaven above can be measured, and the foundations of the earth searched out beneath, I will cast off Israel for all that they have done, saith the LORD.

1 John 4:6-8 & 16.....6. Hereby know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error. 8. He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love. 16. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.

Buruj 85:14 & 21-22.....He is the Forgiving and Loving... Indeed this is a glorious Qur'an, preserved in a well-guarded tablet.

"er-Rezzâk"

The Supplier,
who provides for both the spiritual
and physical needs of believers

Philippians 4:19.....But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

Tur 51:58.....Allah! He it is that gives livelihood, the Lord of unbreakable might.

55.

Claims of Corruption Imply that "God Did Not Care" if His Holy Books Would Be Changed !

"er-Reshîd"

The Guide,
who leads believers towards perfection

Psalm 48:14.....For this God is our God forever and ever; he will be our guide even unto death.

Psalm 119:9 & 105.....Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed thereto according to thy word... Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

Kahf 18:17 & 23-24.....He whom Allah guides is rightly guided.. Do not say of anything: "I will do it tomorrow," without adding, "If God wills". When you forget remember your Lord, and say, "May Allah guide me and bring me nearer to Truth."

"el-Hafîz"

the Guardian,
who keeps watch over everything

Proverbs 2:8.....He keepeth the paths of justice, and preserveth the way of his saints.

Hûd 11:57.....For my Lord is Guardian over all things.

Jinn 72:26-28.....He (alone) knows the unseen, and does not reveal to anyone His secret. Except to every messenger whom he has chosen, and then He sends down guardians who walk before him and behind him. That He may know that they have indeed conveyed the message of their Lord. He surrounds all their doings, and keeps count of all things.

56.

Claims of Corruption Imply that God Was Not "Faithful" or "Trustworthy" Enough to Protect His Holy Books !

"el-Mü'min"

The Faithful One,
who can be trusted

Psalm 119:89-90.....Forever, O Lord, thy word is settled in heaven. Thy Faithfulness unto all generations...

Titus 1:2.....In hope of eternal life, which God, who cannot lie, promised before the world began.

Tevbe 9:111.....That is a promise binding upon Allah in the Torah and the Gospel and the Qur'an. Who is more faithful to his promise than Allah?

Hashir 59:23.....He is Allah besides whom there is no other god. He is the Sovereign Lord, the Holy One, the Source of Security the keeper of Faith; the Guardian, the Mighty One, the All Powerful.

Al-i İmran 3:9 & 94.....Allah doesn't fail the promise... You never break the promise!

"el-Velî"

The Guardian,
who protects his saints as a close friend

Nehemiah 9:6.....Thou even thou, art Lord alone; thou hast made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth, and all things that are in it, the seas, and all that is in them, and thou preservest them all.

A'raf 7:196.....My protecting Friend is Allah, who revealed the scripture. He befriends the righteous.

57.

Claims of Corruption Imply that God Was Not "Faithful" or "Trustworthy" Enough to Protect His Holy Books !

"el-Hâdî"

The Guide,
who leads and guides in safe paths

Psalm 25:9.....The meek will he guide in justice;
and the meek will he teach his way.

Psalm 73:24 Thou shalt guide me with thy
counsel, and afterward receive me to glory.

Hajj 22:54.....And surely Allah guides those who
believe to the straight path.

"el-Müheymin"

The Preserver,
who watches over and protects his people

Psalm 12:6-7.....The words of the Lord are pure
words, like silver tested in a furnace of earth,
purified seven times. Thou shalt keep them, O Lord,
thou shalt preserve them from this generation forever.

Psalm 121:7-8.....The LORD shall preserve thee
from evil; he shall preserve thy soul. The LORD
shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in
from this time forth, and even for evermore.

Psalm 25:14.....The secret of the LORD *is* with them
that fear him; and he will shew them his covenant.

Hashr 59:23.....He is Allah besides whom there is
no other god. He is the Sovereign Lord, the Holy
One, the Source of Security the keeper of Faith;
the Guardian, the Mighty One, the All Powerful...

58.

Claims of Corruption

Imply that "God Did Not Preserve His Righteous Standard" in the Holy Books by Which He Will Judge All Mankind on the Day of Judgment !

"el-Adl"

The Just and Righteous One,
whose word is perfect in veracity and justice

2 Timothy 3:16.....All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be perfect...

En'am 6:115.....Perfected is the Word of your Lord in truth and justice. There is nothing that can change His words. He is the Hearer and Knower.

"el-Hakem"

The Judge,
who settles all disputes

Psalm 96:13 Rejoice before the Lord.. for he cometh to judge the earth; he shall judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with his truth.

John 12:48.....He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day.

Maide 5:47.....Let the people of the Gospel judge by that which Allah had revealed therein.

En'am 6:114.....Shall I seek other than Allah for a judge, when He it is who has revealed to you scripture, fully explained?

59.

Claims of Corruption

Imply that "God Did Not Preserve His Righteous Standard" in the Holy Books by Which He Will Judge All Mankind on the Day of Judgment !

"el-Hakk"

The Truth,
who is genuine and true

Psalm 119:142 & 144.....Thy righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, and thy law is truth...
The righteousness of thy testimonies is everlasting,
give me understanding and I shall live.

1 Timothy 2:15.....Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

Al-i ĩmran 3:55.....Allah said to Jesus! I am... setting those who follow you above those who disbelieve until the day of Resurrection.

Hakka 69:2 & 51.....2. What is the Reality? 51. It is absolute truth.

"el-Nûr"

The Light,
who illuminates both heaven and earth

Psalm 119:105.....Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

Nur 24:35.....Allah is the Light of the heavens and of earth... It is light upon Light. Allah guides whom He wills to His Light; and Allah sets forth parables to men, for Allah is knower of all things.

60.

**Claims of Corruption
Imply that God Was Not
"Merciful" or "Compassionate"
Enough to Preserve His Holy Books
for the Salvation of All Mankind !**

"er-Rahîm"

The Compassionate,
who is gentle and full of compassion

Psalm 103:8 & 17-18.....The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy... But the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon those who fear him, and his righteousness unto children's children, to such as keep his covenant, and to those that remember his commandments to do them.

Bakara 2:143.....He is Kind and Merciful to mankind.

Isra 17:66.....your Lord is ever Merciful towards you.

"el-Mukîr"

The Provider,
who abundantly gives physical and spiritual food
to all his creation.

Genesis 22:14.....And Abraham called the name of that place Jehovah-jireh (The LORD will provide) as it is said to this day...

Psalm 145:8-9.....The Lord is gracious, and full of compassion, slow to anger, and of great mercy. The Lord is good to all, and his tender mercies are over all his works.

Nisa 4:85.....Allah oversees all things.

61.

Claims of Corruption Imply that God Was Not "Merciful" or "Compassionate" Enough to Preserve His Holy Books for the Salvation of All Mankind !

"er-Rahmân"

The Merciful;
the most merciful of those who show mercy

Isaiah 54:10.....but my kindness shall not depart from thee, neither shall the covenant of my peace be removed, saith the Lord, who hath mercy on thee.

Deuteronomy 7:9.....Know, therefore, that the LORD thy God, he is God, who keepeth covenant and mercy with them who love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations.

Fatih 1:1-2 & 5.....Praise be to Allah, the Lord of the Worlds; the Compassionate, the Merciful..
Guide us to the Straight Way.

"el-Vehhâb"

The Liberal Giver,
who gives freely of his bounty.

Psalms 119:130 & 160.....The entrance of thy words giveth light... Thy word is true from the beginning, and every one of thy righteous ordinances endureth forever.

Al-i ĩmran 3:7-9.....It is He Who has revealed to you the Qur'an... Our Lord.. bestow upon us mercy from your Presence. Assuredly, you are the Bestower...

Sad 38:9 & 35.....your Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower...Surely you are the Bestower.

62.

Claims of Corruption Imply that God Was Not "Powerful" or "Mighty" Enough to Protect His Own Word From Change and Corruption !

"el-Kadir"

The Powerful One,
who is able to do what he pleases

Job 33:12.....Behold, in this thou are not just;
I will answer thee, that God is greater than man.

Isaiah 14:24 & 27.....The LORD of hosts hath
sworn, saying, Surely as I have thought, so shall
it come to pass; and as I have purposed, so shall
it stand... For the LORD of hosts hath purposed,
and who shall annul it?

Bakara 2:20 & 255.....Allah has power over all
things.. Allah! there is no god but Him, the
Living, the Eternal. Neither slumber nor sleep
overtakes Him... His Throne embraces the Heavens and
the earth, and it tires Him not to uphold them both.

"el-Fatîr"

The Re-Creator,
who can take apart and put back together

Colossians 1:16-17.....For by him were all things
created, that are in heaven, and that are in
earth... and by him all things consist.

Fatir 35:1.....Praise be to Allah, the Creator of the
heavens and the earth... He multiplies in creation
what He pleases. For Allah is able to do all things.

Shura 42:11-15.....Creator of heavens and the earth..
His are the keys of the heavens and the earth...
say: I believe in whatever Book Allah has sent.

63.

Claims of Corruption Imply that God Was Not "Powerful" or "Mighty" Enough to Protect His Own Word From Change and Corruption !

"el-Jebbar"

The All Powerful One,
whose might and power is absolute

Psalm 24:8, 10 Who is the King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle... Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory. Selah.

Hashir 59:23.....He is Allah besides whom there is no other god. He is Sovereign Lord, the Holy One, the Source of security the Keeper of Faith, the Guardian, the Mighty One, the All-Powerful, the Proud!

Haqqah 69:44-47.....And if he had invented false sayings concerning Us, We assuredly had taken him by the right hand and then severed his life-artery, ad none of you could have held Us off from him.

"el-Muktedir"

The Prevailer,
who prevails, having evil men in his powerful grip

1 Samuel 2:9-10.....He will keep the feet of the saints, and the wicked shall be silent in darkness; for by strength shall no man prevail. The adversaries of the Lord shall be broken to pieces; out of heaven shall he thunder upon them. The LORD shall judge the ends of the earth...

Kehf 18:45.....Allah has power over all things.

Qamar 54:42.....But they disbelieve all Our signs and We smote them with the grasp of one Mighty, and Powerful.

64.

Claims of Corruption

**Exalt Satan Above God by Implying
that "Satan Won the Battle" for
the Bible Over God-Almighty !**

"el-Azim"

The Great and Mighty One,
he who is above all is high and mighty

Isaiah 40:28.....Hast thou not Known? Hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary?

Baqara 2:255.....Allah! there is no god but Him, the Living, the Eternal. Neither slumber nor sleep overtakes Him... His Throne embraces the Heavens and the earth, and it tires Him not to uphold them both.

"er-Rab"

The Lord,
the master who is supreme in authority

Psalms 33:4, 9-11.....For the word of the LORD is right, and all his works are done in truth... For he spoke, and it was done; he commanded and it stood fast. The LORD bringeth the counsel of the nations to nought; he maketh the devices of the people of no effect. The counsel of the LORD standeth forever, the thoughts of his heart to all generations.

Malachi 3:6.....For I am the LORD, I change not.

Hajj 22:52.....And We never sent a messenger or prophet before you, but (without doubt) when he framed a desire, Satan cast into his desire some affair. But Allah abrogates what Satan casts. Allah establishes (perfects) his signs (revelations), and Allah is All-Knowing, All-Wise.

65.

Claims of Corruption

**Exalt Satan Above God by Implying
that "Satan Won the Battle" for
the Bible Over God-Almighty !**

"el-Galib"

The Victorious One,
who prevails over all

1 Chronicles 29:11.....Thine, O LORD, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty... thou art exalted above all.

Yusuf 12:21.....Allah has power over all things, though most men do not understand.

"el-Azîz"

The Mighty One,
who is mighty in his sublime sovereignty

Isaiah 1:24.....Therefore, saith the LORD, the LORD of hosts, the Mighty One of Israel, Ah, I will rid myself of mine adversaries, and avenge myself of mine enemies.

Hashir 59:23.....He is Allah besides whom there is no other god. He is Sovereign Lord, the Holy One, the Source of security the Keeper of Faith, the Guardian, the Mighty One, the All-Powerful...

Muhammed 47:32.....Those who disbelieve and hinder others from Allah's Way and dispute with the Messenger after the guidance has been manifested to them, can in no way harm Allah, but Allah indeed will render all their works of no effect.

Mu'minun 23:74.....They do not esteem Allah His rightful measure. Truly Allah is Strong, Almighty.

The Blasphemous and Hypocritical Nature of the Claims that the Bible Has Been Changed

Muslims who say, "The Bible has been Changed!" are indeed guilty of implying that either God did not know, or that he did not care, or that he couldn't do anything about the Bible being changed! When you think about it, there are no other options available. Any one of these three things would be considered to be a blasphemy against the character attributes of God as they found in both the Bible and in the 99 names of God (the Esmaül-Hüsna). The unthinking and ignorant Muslims (jahiliyah) who are unwittingly blaspheming these names and character attributes of God put themselves under the curse of being both a "hypocrite" (zindiq) and an "unbeliever" (kafir) who are condemned to Hell. (see pp. 34-35)

A Muslim who says, "The Bible has been Changed!" is in fact implying that God is guilty of having a hypocritical double standard of protecting one of the Holy Books (ie. the Qur'an) while not protecting all of the other Holy Books, (ie. the Tevrat, Zebur and Injil). God does not have a double standard, and it is not even the Quran who has a double-standard. The Qur'an correctly teaches that the Tevrat, Zebur and Injil are the Word of God and that no man can ever change the Word of God! If God protects one of the Holy Books, (which he does!) He will protect all of them in exactly the same way because this is His eternal standard by which he will judge all mankind on the day of Judgment (Revelation 20:12).

If a Muslim says, "I believe in all of the Holy Books which God has sent" but at that same time he willfully refuses to read the Bible because he says "The Bible has been changed," this person is in reality a self-deceived liar and a hypocrite! (zindiq) "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." (Matthew 3:2)

The Blasphemous and Hypocritical Nature of the Claims that the Bible Has Been Changed

Muslims are Not Allowed to Make Any Distinction Between the Holy Books!

Baqara 2:136 & 285.....Say (O Muslims): We believe in Allah and that which is revealed to us, and that which is revealed to Abraham, Ishmael, Isaac, Jacob, and the tribes; to Moses and Jesus and the (other) prophets by their Lord. "We make no distinction between any of His messengers" - and they say: "We hear and obey."

"If" the Qur'an is Protected by God "Then" According to the Qur'an the Bible Must Also be Protected by God!

Buruj 85:14 & 21-22.....Indeed this is a glorious Qur'an, preserved in a well-guarded tablet.

Tevbe 9:111.....That is a promise binding upon Allah in the Torah and the Gospel and the Qur'an.

Hijr 15:9.....We have, without doubt, sent down the Reminder, and we preserve it.

Lies About the Bible Being Corrupted are Truly Evil in the Sight of God!

En'am 6:93.....Who is guilty of more wrong than he who forges a lie against Allah, or says: "I am inspired", when he is not inspired in anything.

Yunus 10:17.....Who is more wicked than the man who invents a lie about Allah and denies His revelations? Truly the evil-doers shall not succeed.

68.

The Detailed Care Taken in Copying the Old Testament

The Talmudists (100-500 A.D.)

The Talmudists had quite an intricate system for transcribing synagogue scrolls. Davidson states: "These copyists (grammateis) were at first called **Sopherim** (from the Hebrew word meaning "to count"), because, as the Talmud says, 'they counted all the letters in the Torah' For example there are 5,845 sentences in the Torah. The middle letter in the Torah is in Leviticus 11:42, the letter "vav" in the word "gâchôn", meaning "belly". The middle word in the Torah is in Leviticus 10:16, "dârash", meaning "friend". The middle verse in the Torah is Leviticus 13:33.

Ramm points out that they would count the number of letters on each new page vertically, horizontally, and diagonally and they would count each syllable and paragraph for uniformity. If there were any discrepancy from the original they would either burn or bury that copy and start all over.

Jeffrey gives the following statistics on the exact number of Hebrew letters used in the Torah:

| | | | | | |
|---------------|--------|--------------|--------|---------------|--------|
| Alef | 42,377 | Teyth | 11,052 | Peh | 22,725 |
| Beth | 38,218 | Yod | 66,420 | Tsadey | 21,882 |
| Giymel | 29,537 | Kaph | 48,253 | Kohf | 22,972 |
| Dalet | 32,530 | Lamed | 41,517 | Reys | 22,147 |
| He' | 47,754 | Mem | 77,778 | Shin | 32,148 |
| Vav | 76,922 | Nun | 41,696 | Tav | 59,343 |
| Zahyin | 22,867 | Samek | 13,580 | | |
| Keth | 23,447 | 'Ayin | 20,175 | | |

Davidson, The Hebrew Text of the Old Testament, p. 89.

Ramm, Protestant Christian Evidences, pp. 230-231.

Jeffrey, The Signature of God, p. 14.

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The Detailed Care Taken in Copying the Old Testament Regulations of the Talmudists

1. A synagogue roll must be written on the skins of clean animals.
2. Prepared for the particular use of the synagogue by a Jew.
3. These must be fastened together with strings taken from clean animals.
4. Every skin must contain a certain number of columns, equal throughout the entire codex.
5. The length of each column must not extend over less than 48 or more than 60 lines; and the breadth must consist of 30 letters.
6. The whole copy must be first-lined; and if three words be written without a line, it is worthless.
7. The ink should be black... and be prepared according to a definite recipe.
8. An authentic copy must be the exemplar, from which the transcriber ought not in the least deviate.
9. No word or letter, not even a 'yod', must be written from memory, the scribe not having looked at the codex before him.
10. Between every consonant the space of a hair or thread must intervene,
11. Between every new 'parashah', or section, the breadth of nine consonants,
12. Between every book, three lines.
13. The fifth book of Moses must terminate exactly with a line; but the rest need not do so.
14. The copyist must sit in full Jewish dress,
15. wash his whole body,
16. not begin to write the name of God with a pen newly dipped in ink,
17. and should a king address him while writing that name he must take no notice of him.

Textual Manuscript Evidence for the Bible

New Testament

Bryennios Manuscript: The earliest Christian canon is found in the Bryennios manuscript, dated to around 100 A.D., written in Koine Greek.

The Muratorian Canon: Written in Greek and dated from around 170 A.D. it is one of the oldest known lists of the books of the New Testament. It was discovered in 1740 in Milan by a librarian named Muratori.

Bodmer Papyrus: (p66, p72, p75) 125 - 225 A.D.

Codeks Ephraemi Rescriptus: (Codex C) 400-450 A.D.

Codeks Florentinus: (Codex 0171) 400 A.D.

Codeks Berolinensis: (Codex 0188): 4th Cent. A.D.

Codeks Koridethi: (Codex Koridethi) 4th Cent. A.D.

Codeks Bezae Canabrigiensis: (Codex D-05), 450 A.D.

Codeks Claromontanus: (Codex D-06, D-02) 400-500 A.D. contains a list of the canonical books.

Codeks Washingtonesis: (Codex W-032), 450 - 550 A.D.

Oxyrhyncus Papyrus: (p51, p70 & p71), 200 - 300 A.D.

Codeks Alexandrinus (Codex A) 325 A.D.

Codeks Vaticanus (Codex B) 325-350 A.D.

Codeks Sinaticus (Codex Aleph) 340-350 A.D.

John Rylands Papyrus: (p52) 117-138 A.D.

Arsinoe Papyrus: (p2 1388) 125 A.D.

Chester Beatty Papyrus: (p45, p46, p47) 200-250 A.D.

| | | |
|----------------|-------|---------------------|
| "Unicals" | 267 | |
| "Miniscules" | 2,764 | |
| "Lectionaries" | 2,143 | (Liturgical verses) |
| Papyrus | 88 | |
| New finds | 47 | |
| | ----- | |
| Total: | 5,309 | |

Textual Manuscript Evidence for the Bible

For The Bible

At present no one has found original copies of either the Bible or the Qur'an. However, there are over **5.309** ancient Greek manuscripts of the New Testament are still in existence which pre-date Islam and all of these manuscripts teach the same fundamental doctrines of Christ which were accepted by the early Church Fathers from the time of Christ to this present day. There are no textual manuscript differences which affect any of the fundamental doctrines which Christians have always believed.

For The Qur'an

While Christian theological schools do offer courses on the Science of Textual Criticism for the Bible to compare the most ancient copies of the earliest manuscripts, in Islamic theological schools there are no courses offered in the Science of Textual Criticism for the origins of the Qur'an. Muslims are not allowed to question the validity of any aspect of the Qur'an or Muhammad (Maide 5:101). Because there are many conflicts between the Bible and the Qur'an, and based upon an "a priori" assumption that the Qur'an could not possibly be wrong, and Muslims are forced to claim that the Bible has been changed. Because the 3rd Caliph, 'Uthman (644--656 A.D.), collected and burned all the variant copies of the Qur'an 20 years after Muhammad's death, Muslims assume that Christians have done something similar with the original text of the Bible. This is a simple example of the fallacy of an "argumentum ad hominem." (see p. 48)

McDowell, Evidence that Demands a Verdict, pp. 46-50.

Early "Translations" of The Bible Which Pre-Date Islam Show Textual Agreement and Uniformity

The Septuagint: (285 -- 247 A.D.) One of the oldest translations of the Old Testament which was translated into the Greek directly from the Hebrew. In the 1st Cent. A.D. Greek was the *lingua-franca* of the world and both Christ and his disciples used this translation of the Old Testament. The fact that the New Testament writers frequently quoted from the "Septuagint" shows how much this translation was trusted.

The Samaritan Pentateuch: (100--200 A.D.) This translation of the Old Testament was used for the Samaritans and it can still be seen in Samaria.

Aquila's Translation: (130--160 A.D.) This is another translation of the Old Testament into Greek done by Aquilla.

Jerome's Latin Vulgate: (405 A.D.) This translation of the Old Testament into Latin was done directly from the Hebrew.

Syriac Translations: The Peshitta was done between the 2nd--3rd Cent. A.D. and is a Syriac version of the Old Testament. The Philoxenian Syriac Version was made by a translator named Polycarp about 508 A.D. It was revised by Heraclea in 616 A.D.

Æthiopic Old Testament: When the disciples of Muhammad fled from Mecca before the Hijrah, and took refuge in Abyssinia, they found the Christians there reading the Æthiopic Old Testament as well as the New Testament. This version was so old as to be difficult for the Abyssinians themselves to understand, for it had been made about the 4th Cent. from the Septuagint.

Coptic Translations: When 'Umar conquered Egypt, he found that most of the people were Christians. They had translated the Old Testament from the Septuagint into at least three Coptic dialects: Buhairic, Sa'idic and Bushmuric around the 3rd -- 4th Cent. or earlier.

Early "Translations" of The Bible Which Pre-Date Islam Show Textual Agreement and Uniformity

Ancient Translations of the Old Testament

| | |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Septuagint..... | (285-247 A.D.) |
| The Samaritan Pentateuch..... | (100-200 A.D.) |
| Greek..... | Akuilla (130 A.D.) |
| Syriac Peshitta..... | Melito (2. Cent. A.D.) |
| Coptic..... | (2-3. Cent. A.D.) |
| Aramaic..... | Johnathan ben Uzeyl (320 A.D.) |
| Aethopic..... | (4. Cent. A.D.) |
| Latin Vulgate..... | Jerome (405 A.D.) |
| Armenian..... | (411 A.D.) |
| Gothic..... | Ulphilas (360 A.D.) |
| Philoxenian Syriac..... | Polycarp (508 A.D.) |

Ancient Translations of the New Testament

| | |
|----------------------|----------|
| Latin Vulgate..... | 10,000 + |
| Ethopic..... | 2,000 + |
| Slavic..... | 4,101 |
| Armenian..... | 2,587 |
| Syrian Peshitta..... | 350 + |
| Bohemian..... | 100 |
| Arabic..... | 75 |
| Old Latin..... | 50 |
| Angle Saxon..... | 7 |
| Gothic..... | 6 |
| Sogdic..... | 3 |
| Old Syriac..... | 2 |
| Persian..... | 2 |
| Frankish..... | 1 |

Total: **19,284**

The Degree of Textual Agreement and Uniformity in the Ancient Manuscripts of the Bible

The Degree of Uniformity in the Manuscripts of the Old Testament

If all the extant Old Testament manuscripts are compared they show that only one letter in every **1,580** shows any difference. This shows only a **00.06** percent difference among the manuscripts, or that they are **99.94** percent the same.

The Degree of Uniformity in the Manuscripts of the New Testament

For the New Testament out of the 5,309 manuscripts which we have, in approximately 20,000 lines of the New Testament only 40 lines found mostly in 19 passages, or about 400 words show any difference at all. Out of the **7,957** verses in the New Testament there are only 19 doubtful passages containing 41 verses. This shows that there is only about a **1.77** percent difference. In other words we are **98.33** percent certain of the original in the New Testament. Of the 400 different words only about 40-50 make any difference in the meaning of the text and none of these affect any Christian doctrine or belief in the least. Below is a list of the 19 places in the New Testament where there is some doubt as to the original reading. Most study Bibles have footnotes on these verses indicating that there is some question about the correct reading of the verse in the original manuscripts. However, none of these questionable passages have any affect on the fundamental doctrines which Christians believe.

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The Degree of Textual Agreement and Uniformity in the Ancient Manuscripts of the Bible

The 19 Questionable Passages in the New Testament

Matthew 17:21.....this kind goest not out but by prayer and fasting.

Mathew 18:11.....the Son of man is come to save that which was lost.

Matthew 23:14.....And this gospel... and then shall the end come.

Mark 7:16.....If any man have ears to hear...

Mark 9:48.....their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched.

Mark 11:26.....But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

Mark 15:28.....he was numbered with the transgressors.

Mark 16:9-20.....they shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them..

Luke 17:36.....one shall be taken and the other left.

Luke 23:17.....For of necessity he must release one unto them...

John 5:4.....whosoever then first, after the troubling of the water, stepped in was made well...

John 7:53--8:11.....And the scribes and Pharisees brought unto him a woman taken in adultery...

John 9:35.....Doest thou believe on the Son of God?

Acts 8:37.....If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest.

Acts 15:34.....Paul also and Barnabas continued in Antioch...

Acts 24:8.....Commanding his accusers to come...

Acts 28:29.....the Jews departed and had great disputing...

Romans 16:24.....The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

1 John 5:7.....For there are three that bear record...

Note: These verses are noted in most study Bibles.

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The "Patristics" (Early Church Fathers)

Seven of the most prolific writers during the first several centuries of Christianity were:

Clement (30-100): Bishop of Rome, holding office from 92 to his death in 99. He is considered to be the first Apostolic Father of the Church.

Ignatius (35-117): also known as Ignatius Theophorus, was a student of John the Apostle, and was the third bishop of Antioch.

Justin (89-163): was an early Christian apologist, and is regarded as the foremost interpreter of the theory of the Logos in the 2nd Cent. He was martyred alongside some of his students.

Ireneaus (130-202): Bishop of Lugdunum in Gaul, then a part of the Roman Empire. He was an early Church Father and apologist, and his writings were formative in the early development of Christian theology.

Tertullian (160-240): a prolific early Christian author from Carthage in the Roman province of Africa. He is the first Christian author to produce an extensive corpus of Latin Christian literature.

Hippolytus (170-235): Rome was the most important 3rd-century theologian in the Christian Church in Rome, where he was probably born.

Origen (185-254): Also known as Origen Adamantius, was a scholar and early Christian theologian who was born and spent the first half of his career in Alexandria.

Eusebius (260-340): was a Roman historian, of Greek descent, exegete and Christian polemicist. He became the Bishop of Caesarea about A.D 314.

Other significant early church fathers were:

| | | | |
|-----------------|-----------|-------------------|-----------|
| Papias | (35-107) | Athanasius | (295-373) |
| Polycarp | (70-156) | Gregory | (329-388) |
| Tatian | (110-165) | Jerome | (342-420) |
| Clement | (150-215) | Chrysostom | (345-405) |
| Cyrpian | (200-258) | Augustine | (354-430) |

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The "Patristics" (Early Church Fathers)

The early church fathers quoted many verses from the New Testament in the books which they wrote. Their quotations of these Bible verses which they used in their writings match exactly the Greek text which is found in the earliest copies Greek New Testaments which are found in over 5,300 early manuscripts which still exist today. The quotations found in these ancient books confirm the accuracy and truthfulness of the existing ancient Greek manuscripts. All but 11 verses of the New Testament can be found quoted in the writings of the Patristics.

| Writer | Gospels | Acts | Paul's Epistles | Other Letters | Reve- lation | Total |
|------------------------------------|---------|-------|--------------------|------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Celement: 30-100 A.D. | 1,017 | 44 | 1,127 | 207 | 11 | 2,406 |
| Justin: 89-163 A.D. | 268 | 10 | 43 | 6 | 3 | 330 |
| Iraneyus: 130-202 A.D. | 1,038 | 194 | 499 | 23 | 65 | 1,819 |
| Tertullian: 160-240 A.D. | 3,822 | 502 | 2,609 | 120 | 205 | 7,258 |
| Hippolytus: 170-235 A.D. | 734 | 42 | 387 | 27 | 188 | 1,378 |
| Origen: 185-254 A.D. | 9,231 | 349 | 7,778 | 399 | 165 | 17,922 |
| Eusebius: 260-340 A.D. | 3,258 | 211 | 1,592 | 88 | 27 | 5,176 |
| (Total) | 19,368 | 1,352 | 14,035 | 870 | 664 | 36,289 |

The Cardinal Doctrines of Christ

The original Greek manuscripts, the translations of the New Testament into other languages, the writings of the early church fathers, and the canon decisions which were made at the early church councils, all confirm the deity of Christ and the other fundamental doctrines of the faith which all Christians believe today. The original Greek New Testament agrees 100% with the message of the writings of the Early Church Fathers and with the message found in the other N.T. translations. The text of the New Testament and over 36,000 verses quoted in the writings of the Patristics show clearly that these early church fathers were in **100% agreement** about the following cardinal doctrines of Christ which are found in the Bible:

The Virgin Birth of Christ.....Matthew 1:18-21
The Sinlessness of Christ.....Hebrews 4:14-15
The Deity of Christ.....John 20:28-29
The Incarnation of Christ.....Philippians 2:5-11
The Eternality of Christ.....Hebrews 13:8
The Atoning Death of Christ.....Isaiah 53:5-12
The Omniscience of Christ.....John 4:25-26
The Omnipotence of Christ.....John 20:30-31
The Creative Power of Christ...Colossians 1:15-22
Christ is the Word of God.....John 1:1-14
Christ is the Son of God.....Mark 14:61-62
Christ is the Messiah.....Matthew 16:16-20
Christ is the Savior of the World..1 John 4:14-15
Christ is the Mediator between God and Man....1 Tim. 2:5
Christ Alone Can Forgive Sin.....Mark 2:5-11

1 John 2:22-24.....He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son... Let that, therefore, abide in you which ye have heard from the beginning. If that which ye have heard from the beginning shall remain in you, ye also shall continue in the Son, and in the Father.

The Cardinal Doctrines of Christ

The Qur'an Affirms The Following Biblical Doctrines Concerning Christ

| | |
|--|----------------|
| Jesus Christ is the Son of Mary..... | Bakara 2:87 |
| Jesus Christ is The Messiah..... | Ali-Îmran 3:45 |
| Jesus Christ is the Servant of Allah... | Nisa 4:172 |
| Jesus Christ is a prophet..... | Meryem 19:30 |
| Jesus Christ is an Apostle of Allah.... | Mâide 5:75 |
| Jesus Christ is the Word of Allah...Ali-Îmran | 3:3 |
| Jesus Christ is the Word of Truth...Meryem | 19:34 |
| Jesus Christ is the Spirit of Allah..Tahrîm | 66:12 |
| Jesus Christ is a sign for mankind...Meryem | 19:21 |
| Jesus Christ is a witness.....Nisa | 4:159 |
| Jesus Christ is a mercy from Allah...Meryem | 19:21 |
| Jesus Christ is great (eminent)....Ali-Îmran | 3:45 |
| Jesus Christ is righteous.....Ali-Îmran | 3:46 |
| Jesus Christ is blessed.....Meryem | 19:31 |
| Jesus Christ did miracles.....Bakara | 2:87 |
| Jesus Christ was led by the Holy Spirit..Bakara | 2:253 |
| Jesus Christ was born of a virgin..Ali-Îmran | 3:47 |
| Jesus Christ guides to the truth...Ali-Îmran | 3:49 |
| Jesus Christ healed people.....Ali-Îmran | 3:49 |
| Jesus Christ raised the dead.....Ali-Îmran | 3:49 |
| Jesus Christ would die for unbelievers.Ali-Îmran | 3:55 |
| Jesus Christ was resurrected from the dead.Ali-Îmran | 3:55 |
| Jesus Christ ascended to heaven....Ali-Îmran | 3:55 |
| Jesus Christ is a life giver.....Mâide | 5:110 |
| Jesus Christ is holy.....Meryem | 19:19 |
| Jesus Christ is coming again.....Zuhruf | 43:61 |
| Jesus Christ knows the future.....Zuhruf | 43:61,63 |
| Jesus Christ is to be obeyed & followed..Zuhruf | 43:63 |

Adan İbn İsmâ'il, The Belief of İsmâ'il, pp. 37-38.

1 Timothy 4:15-16.....15. Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them, that thy profiting may appear to all. 16. Take heed unto thyself and unto

What Happened At The Early Church Councils?

The Council of Nicea was held May 20th - July 25th, 325 A.D. Emperor **Constantine**, invited bishops and church fathers and approximately 318 bishops attended this first church council. Only 3 people in history recorded the proceedings of this council: **Eusebius**, **Athanasius**, and **Eustathius**. The purpose of the council was to debate whether or not Christ was divine. Arius said that Christ was not divine nor eternal while Athanasius said he was both divine and eternal. The subject of which books were considered to be "Canonical" was not discussed at this council. However, the collective decisions which they did make are reflected in the "Nicene Creed" given below.

Nicene Creed:

We believe in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father by whom all things were made; who for us men, and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead, whose kingdom shall have no end. And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And we believe one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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What Happened At The Early Church Councils?

Council of Laodicea

363 A.D.

Recognized and accepted all books of the New Testament Canon except Revelation. But at the following three Councils it was also accepted.

1st Council of Constantinople

381 A.D.

With 150 church fathers debated about the deity of the Holy Spirit and affirmed it.

Council of Damascus

382 A.D.

Used the same list of 27 books supported by Athanasius, bishop of Alexandria, in a [Festal] letter circulated in A.D. 367.

Council of Hippo

393 A.D.

The list of 27 books which are currently in the New Testament was officially accepted by the Orthodox Church.

3rd Council of Carthage

397 A.D.

Used the same list of 27 books as supported by Athanasius, bishop of Alexandria, in A.D. 367.

2nd Council of Constantinople

May 5th 553 A.D.

165 bishops under Pope Vigilius and Emperor Justinian I, confirmed the decisions of the first four general councils (Nicea, Constantinople, Ephesus & Chalcedon).

82.

What are the Apocryphal Books?

The 14 Apocryphal books were written between **425 B.C. and 33 A.D.** and were never a part of the "Canon" of Scriptures which were accepted by the early Church Fathers. It was not until April 8th 1546 during the 4th session of the Council of Trent that the Catholic Church officially accepted the Apocryphal Books as "Deutero Canonical" or "second degree" inspired. Protestants reject the concept of 2nd degree inspiration. The Apocrypha is made up of 14 books, with 173 chapters, 5,719 verses and 155,875 words.

| Name of Books | Chapters | Verses |
|--|------------|--------------|
| 1. Tobit: (B.C. 250-175) | 14 | 244 |
| 2. Judith: (B.C. 175-110) | 16 | 339 |
| 3. Additions to Esther: (B.C. 180-145) | 7 | 108 |
| 4. 1st Maccabees: (B.C. 103-63) | 16 | 924 |
| 5. 2nd Macabees: (B.C. c. 100) | 15 | 555 |
| 6. The Wisdom of Solomon: (B.C. 150-A.D. 40) | 19 | 435 |
| 7. Ecclasticus: (B.C. 190) | 51 | 1.391 |
| 8. 1st Ezdra: (B.C. c. 150) | 9 | 447 |
| 9. 2nd Ezdra: (A.D. 70-135) | 16 | 874 |
| 10. Baruch: (B.C. 200) | 6 | 213 |
| 11. Prayer of Manesseh: (B.C. 150-50) | 1 | 15 |
| 12. Song of Three Young Men: (B.C. 167-163) | 1 | 68 |
| 13. Susanna: (B.C. c. 100) | 1 | 64 |
| 14. Bel and the Dragon: (B.C. 150-100) | 1 | 42 |
| | ----- | ----- |
| | 173 | 5,719 |

83.

What are the Apocryphal Books?

There are an additional 29 Apocryphal books (spurious writings) and 95 more Pseudepigraphal books (known forgeries) which were never admitted to the "Canon" of Scripture by the early Christians for the following reasons:

1. They were known as spurious or false. False names were used for authorship.
2. They were not a part of the Old Testament Canon. The Jews never accepted them as the Word of God.
3. Jesus and his disciples knew of the Apocryphal books but never once quoted from them, while the N.T. does quote the O.T. 2,559 times.
4. There are no prophets associated with these writings. They do not claim to be the inspired word of God. (2 Macabees 2:23 & 15:38)
5. The Apocryphal books were written during the silent era between Malachi 425 B.C. and the New Testament Ad. 33. According to Malachi 3:1 the next and final prophet to appear before the coming of the Messiah would be John the Baptist.
6. Various credible ancient sources that frequently allude to, and quote from, the Old Testament, exclude the apocryphal books from the canon.

Philo (B.C. 20 - A.D. 50)

Josefus (37-95 A.D.)

Melito (175 A.D.)

7. The Apocryphal and Pseudepigraphal books contain many historical, geographical and doctrinal errors.

Revelation 22:18.....For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the book of this prophecy, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book.

84.

What is the Gospel of Barnabas?

There are two books called the Gospel of Barnabas. The first is a 13 page letter, written around 100 A.D. during the reign of Emperor Trajan (97-117 A.D.) or Hadrian (117-138 A.D.). It was not written by the Barnabas mentioned in the New Testament (Acts 4:36-37). It mentions the destruction of Jerusalem in 70 A.D. It quotes the O.T. 110 times and the N.T. 15 times. It makes mention the following Christian doctrines:

Father (as God): x 3 times

The Son of God: x 10 times

The Holy Spirit: x 12 times

Jesus: x 15 times

Messiah: x 3 times

The Lord Jesus Christ: x 2 times

The crucifixion of Christ and his atonement: x 11

Christ's resurrection from the dead: x 2 times

Lord: x 67 times

God: x 31 times

Lord God: x 7 times

The second Barnabas is a 366 page book with 222 chapters written in the middle ages in the 15th Century by Fra Marino, a catholic priest who converted to Islam. The purpose of this book was to discredit Christianity. There are many historical, geographical, and internal contradictions within it. This second middle age Gospel of Barnabas conflicts with both the Bible and the Qur'an in numerous places.

1. Coxe, The Ante-Nicene Fathers, Vol. 1 p. 133.
2. Ragg, The Gospel of Barnabas, 1907.

What is the Gospel of Barnabas?

Internal Problems Within the False Barnabas

1. "Jesus went by boat from the Sea of Galilee to Nazareth. (Chapter 20) When Jesus came to Nazareth he boarded a boat... and came to Jerusalem" (Chapters 151-152). There is no sea in this area!
2. Chapter 54 mentions 60 minuti, a gold dinar, which did not exist at the time of Jesus, but was used in the middle ages in Spain.
3. The 152nd chapter mentions "wooden wine kegs" being used to store wine, but these were unknown during the time of Jesus. These were not used until the middle ages. Leather wineskins were used at the time of Jesus. (Matthew 9:17)
4. In the 222 chapter it quotes the Diatessaron which was written during the 13 - 14 Century. It also quotes Dante's (A.D. 1265-1321) poems. It also quotes from Jerome's Latin Vulgate, which was written in A.D. 385. These quotations show that it could not be a first century writing.
5. According to the false "Barnabas" (Chapters 3 & 127), Pontius Pilate was the governor of Philistine at both Jesus birth and death. However Pilate did not begin his reign until A.D. 26.
6. According to the 93rd chapter the high priest, Herod and Pilate together bowed down in worship before Jesus's feet. This runs contrary to the Bible and the facts, as these men hated Jesus and would not have wanted to worship him.
7. "Barnabas" denies that Jesus was the Messiah, however both the Bible and the Qur'an affirm that Jesus was the Messiah (Daniel 9:24-26, Matthew 16:13-17, John 1:41 & 4:25-26; Ma'ide 5:17 & 72, Ali-Imran 3:45, Nisa 4:157 & 172 Tevbe 9:30-31)
8. According to the New Testament the true Barnabas was a partner in the Gospel with Paul, (Acts 13:1-3 & 42) but in chapter 222 the false Barnabas labels Paul's teachings as being false.

Benson, *Incil-i Barnaba*, pp. 227-278.

What are the Real Reasons for the Muslim Claims of Corruption?

Muhammad was an illiterate Arab, an "ummi" who did not know how to read or write (A'raf 7:157-158). The Qur'an states that Muhammad had never read the Bible before he received the revelation of the Qur'an (Ankebut 29:48, Shura 42:52). Muhammad thought that the revelation he was receiving was no different from what was written in the Bible (Fussilet 41:43). At first Muhammad believed that Jews and Christians would confirm that what he was receiving would be compatible with the Bible (Fâtir 35:31). Because of this assumption, Muhammad's early suras which were written during the Mecca period were positive about the Jews and Christians (Enam 6:20, 114, 154-157). Therefore there are many suras written during the Meccan period (see page 17) which praised the Jews and especially the Christians (Îsra 17:107-108, Shu'ara 26:196-197). He even advised potential Muslims that they could verify what he was saying with the Jews and Christians if they had any doubt about what he was teaching (Yunus 10:94).

Muhammad had already repeatedly affirmed that the Bible was the Word of God, but as time passed he was forced to wake up to the reality that there were many doctrinal contradictions between the Qur'an and the Bible. As Muhammad moved to Medina, and as more and more Suras of the Qur'an were being written, Muhammad began to be severely criticized by both Jews and Christians for the many obvious contradictions between the Qur'an and the Bible. (Bakara 2:88-89, 91, 111, 120, 145, Maide 5:64). Because Muslims had nowhere else to go with these obvious contradictions between the Bible and the Qur'an, to maintain credibility they became forced to make the claim that the Bible has been changed.

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The Jews of Medina asked proof of Muhammad's claim to be a prophet, by producing either a miracle or a word of prophecy about the future. (En'am 6:37--38, 124, A'raf 7:187--188).

Muhammad admitted that he was unable to do any miracles and he was unable to give any prophecy about the future (Yunus 10:20, En'am 6:50).

The Jews then accused Muhammed of being demon possessed (Tekvir 81:22--25). Muhammad's attitude towards Jews and Christians quickly changed during the Medina period and his tone towards them became more critical to the point where he began to advocate attacking and killing Jews and Christians as the enemies of Allah (Bakara 2:191-193, Al-i Imran 3:18-20, Tevbe 9:5, 29-30, Tegabun 64:14).

The Qur'an twice makes the claim that the Bible contains prophetic reference to the coming of Muhammad (A'raf 7:157, Saf 61:6). Many Muslim scholars have therefore tried to use a variety of Scriptures from the Bible to show a prophetic connection to Muhammad: (see Genesis 16:3,17:1-10, 19-20, 25-26 , 25:13-16, 49:10; Deuteronomy 18:15,18, 33:1-2, 34:12; 1 Kings 8:41-43; Psalm 45:3-5, 91:1-16, 149:1-9; Song of Solomon 5:10-16; Isaiah 21:6-7, 13-17, 28:9-13, 29:12, 33:15-19, 42:1-4, 11, 53:1-12, 63:1-6; Daniel 2:29, 7:13-14; Habakkuk 3:3; Zephaniah 3:9; Matthew 3:11, 21:43; Mark 1:7; John 1:21, 4:21, 14:30, 14:16-17, 26, 15:26, 16;7, 13; & Acts 3:22-26). However, a study of these passages in their context shows that not one of these verses really has anything to do with Muhammad. Therefore, Muslims have been forced to make the "a priori" assumption that Christians must have taken the verses about Muhammad out of the Bible.

Some Difficult Questions for Muslims to Consider

Who Changed the Īnjil? In order for the Īnjil to be changed there must be a person or persons in church history who were responsible for plotting and carrying out this change. What are the names of these traitors to the faith and what would motivate them? Would God-fearing Christians stand by and let evil men get away with such a diabolical plan without a fight?

What books or parts of the Īnjil were changed? Was the supposed corruption total or just partial? Which specific parts were affected? What percentage of the Īnjil was changed? What is the criteria for determining which parts were changed? If the Īnjil was corrupted why does the Qur'an still affirm believing in and obeying it?

When was the Īnjil Changed? Was the so called corruption of the Īnjil: "Before" or "After" the time of Muhammad? If it was before Muhammad, then why does Muhammad affirm the Īnjil of his day as the Word of God instead of saying that it was changed? If it was after Muhammad, then why do over 5,300 Greek manuscripts of the Īnjil plus over 10,000 Latin manuscripts which pre-date Īslam all say the same thing?

Where was the Īnjil Changed? In what city or location was this supposed corruption to have taken place? Was this supposed corruption a local phenomenon or was it worldwide? Where can we find the original Īnjil and compare it with the present Īnjil? Where is the original text of the Īnjil if it was supposed to have been changed as is claimed?

Why was the Īnjil Changed? Why would any God-fearing Christian ever want to change the life giving enlightenment of their own Holy Book? Why would any real Christian ever attempt to change the Gospel of God when they knew that the penalty for such an action would be their own eternal damnation? Why would Muslims not keep a copy of the original Īnjil which they claim has been changed to show the specific differences between the original Īnjil and the one that exists today?

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How would all of the different sects and denominations of both the Jews and Christians ever arrive at complete agreement as to decide which changes should be made to the Bible? How would true Christians ever allow such a thing?

How could Christians possibly gather together all of the manuscripts of the New Testament to change them when by 325. A.D. there were already churches with manuscripts of the Īnjil scattered everywhere from as far away as India, Ethopia, Turkey, Germany and Ireland? How could Christians from all over the world suddenly make thousands of copies of the original Īnjil disappear without a trace and then rewrite a new Īnjil?

How would God still be Almighty if He allowed Satan to exalt himself over God and thwart the Purpose and Power of God by corrupting God's Holy books. Would God not want to stop Satan's scheme to change them? If God wanted to stop Satan from corrupting the Bible, then why didn't he?

How is it that Muslims cannot give the name of even one historian to document that the Bible had been changed? If the Bible had been seriously changed or compromised in 325 A.D. or at any other time in history would not this important fact have been widely publicized at that time?

How can Muslims honestly say they believe Jesus is a Prophet and yet not read or obey the very words of Jesus as they are recorded in the Īnjil without themselves becoming a "Kafir" or unbeliever according to the Qur'an? How can Muslims think they are not being hypocritical while believing in the Qur'an but not in the same way believe the Bible which they are commanded to believe in by the Qur'an itself? How can a Muslim think that God would be so hypocritical as to protect the Qur'an but not to protect all of the other Holy Books in the same way?

90.

**We all Stand Guilty Condemned As
Sinners and Separated from a
Holy God !**

1.

**God is Holy, and Commands us to be
Holy!**

Leviticus 11:44-45.....For I am the LORD your God: ye shall therefore sanctify yourselves, and be shall be holy; for I am holy.

Hebrews 12:14.....Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord.

1 Peter 1:15-16.....But, as he who hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of life, because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.

2.

**But All Men are Sinful and
Separated from God!**

Jeremiah 13:23.....Can the Ethiopian change his skin, or the leopard his spots? Then may ye also do good, that are accustomed to do evil.

Proverbs 20:9.....Who can say, I have made my heart clean, I am pure from my sin?

Psalms 130:3.....If thou, LORD, shouldest mark iniquities, O LORD, who shall stand?

Ecclesiastes 7:20.....For there is not a just man upon earth, that doeth good and sinneth not.

Romans 3:10 & 23.....As it is written, There is

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Holy God !**

3.

**God's Law Defines Sin and
Condemns it!**

1 John 3:4.....Whosoever committeth sin
transgresseth also the law; for sin is the
transgression of the law.

1 John 5:17.....All unrighteousness is sin...

Romans 14:23.....whatever is not of faith is sin.

James 2:10.....For whosoever shall keep the whole
law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all.

James 4:17.....Therefore, to him that knoweth to
do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin.

4.

**The Result of Sin is Eternal Death
in Hell!**

Ezekiel 18:4.....The soul that sinneth, it shall die.

Jeremiah 31:30....every one shall die for his own iniquity.

Romans 6:23.....For the wages of sin is death,
but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus
Christ our Lord.

James 1:14.....sin, when it is finished, bringeth
forth death.

92.

**God Loves Us and Has Provided Only
One Way to be Saved From Paying
the Penalty of Sin in Hell !**

5.

**God Loves Us Even Though We are
Sinners!**

2 Peter 3:9.....The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness, but is long-suffering toward us, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

Romans 5:8.....But God commendeth his love toward us in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

6.

**God's Love for Us was Manifested
in Jesus!**

1 John 4:8-10.....God is love. In this was manifested the love of God toward us, that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him. Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his son to be the propitiation for our sins.

7.

**God Provided only One Way for Us to
be Saved!**

John 14:6.....Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the father, but by me.

Acts 4:10-12.....by the name of Jesus Christ.. Neither is there salvation in any other; for there is no other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

1 Timothy 2:5.....For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man, Christ Jesus.

93.

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One Way to be Saved From Paying
the Penalty of Sin in Hell !**

8.

**To Go to Heaven, We Must be Born
Again!**

John 1:12.....But as many as received him, to them he gave power to become the children of God, even to them that believe on his name; who were born not of blood, nor of the will of man, but of God.

John 3:3 & 5.....Jesus answered, and said unto him, Verily verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God... Verily verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

2 Corinthians 5:17.....Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creation; old things are passed away; behold all things are become new.

9.

**Salvation Comes by Faith, Not by
Our own Good Works!**

Ephesians 2:8-9.....For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God - not of works, lest any man should boast.

Titus 3:4-6.....But after the kindness and love of God, our Savior toward man appeared, not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Spirit, which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

94.

**Eternal Life is Given Freely as
a Gift of God's Grace to All Who
Believe on Jesus Christ as the
Messiah, Savior and Lord!**

10.

**Jesus is the Sacrificial Lamb of
God, who died as an Atonement
for Sin!**

Isaiah 53:5-6.....But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon him, and with his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way, and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.

John 1:29 & 34.....John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, who taketh away the sin of the world... and I saw, and bore witness that this is the Son of God.

1 Corinthians 15:3-4.....the gospel... by which ye are saved... Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; and that he was buried, and that he arose again the third day according to the scriptures.

11.

**Christ Offers Eternal Life to All Who
Believe!**

1 John 5:11-13.....And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God, that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.

95.

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12.

**We Must Accept Jesus Christ as the
Savior!**

John 6:29 & 47.....Jesus answered, and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent... Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life.

John 5:24.....Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but is passed from death unto life.

Revelation 3:20.....Behold I stand at the door and knock; if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.

13.

**Believe in and Confess Jesus to be
Saved!**

Romans 10:9-10, 13 & 17.....That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation... For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved... So, then, faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

John 17:3.....And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou has sent.

**Those who Reject the Sacrificial
Death of Christ as an Atonement
for Sin Will Have to Pay the
Penalty for their Sin of Unbelief
by Spending Eternity in Hell!**

Deuteronomy 11:26-28.....Behold I set before you this day a blessing and a curse. A blessing if ye obey the commandments of the LORD your God, which I command you this day; and a curse if ye will not obey the commandments of the Lord your God...

Mark 16:16.....He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

John 3:16-18 & 36.....16. For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. 18. He that believeth on him is not condemned; but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God... 36. He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life; and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abideth on him.

John 8:24.....I said, therefore, unto you, that ye shall die in your sins; for if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins.

John 12:48.....He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day.

John 16:8-9.....And when he is come he will reprove the the world of sin... of sin, because they believe not in me.

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2 Thessalonians 1:7-10.....The Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ; Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord...

Hebrews 2:1-4.....Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip. For if the word spoken by angels was steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompense of reward, how shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation...?

Hebrews 12:25 & 29.....25. See that ye refuse not him that speaketh. For if they escaped not who refused him that spoke on earth, much more shall not we escape, if we turn away from him that speaketh from heaven. 29. For our God is a consuming fire.

1 John 5:10 & 12.....He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself; he that believeth not God hath made him a liar, because he believed no the record that God gave of his Son... He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.

Revelation 21:8.....But the fearful, and unbelieving... shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.

**"Blessing" or "Cursing":
The Choice is Yours**

Deuteronomy 28:1-6, 13-19 & 30:19

1 And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the LORD thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth:

2 And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God.

6 Blessed shalt thou be when thou comest in, and blessed shalt thou be when thou goest out...

13 And the LORD shall make thee the head, and not the tail; and thou shalt be above only, and thou shalt not be beneath; if that thou hearken unto the commandments of the LORD thy God, which I command thee this day, to observe and to do them:

14 And thou shalt not go aside from any of the words which I command thee this day, to the right hand, or to the left, to go after other gods to serve them.

15 ¶ But it shall come to pass, if thou wilt not hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe to do all his commandments and his statutes which I command thee this day; that all these curses shall come upon thee, and overtake thee:

16 Cursed shalt thou be in the city, and cursed shalt thou be in the field.

17 Cursed shall be thy basket and thy store.

18 Cursed shall be the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy land, the increase of thy cows, and the flocks of thy sheep.

19 Cursed shalt thou be when thou comest in, and cursed shalt thou be when thou goest out.

30:19 I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live.

"Blessing" or "Cursing": The Choice is Yours

God has set in motion certain universal principles which always work in the same manner for everyone, irregardless of time, race or religion. According to Deuteronomy chapter 28, there are two universal conditions for "**Blessing**" and for "**Cursing**". The condition for being "blessed" is to read and obey the Bible. The condition for being "cursed" is to "not read" the Bible and to "not obey" it.

A person could possibly obey something about which they know nothing about. So any person who has not read the Bible cannot possibly be in a position to obey it, because they don't yet know what it is that God expects them to do or not to do. Muslims who say they believe in the Tevrat Zebur and Injil, but refuse to read these books based on the pre-supposition that the Bible has been changed, have only deceived themselves, and keep themselves bound under a curse of spiritual ignorance. Faith does not exit in the dark vacum of spiritual ignorance. "Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God." (Romans 10:17) Any person's faith in order to be genuine and valid must be based upon the true and unchangeable facts of the Word of God.

Even according to the Qur'an, 90% of the Books which Muslims are required to believe in (ie. the Tevrat, Zebur, Injil & Qur'an), 90% of this is found in the Bible! Muslims who have swallowed the lie that "The Bible has been changed!" have unwittingly put their lives under the curse of being in bondage to the darkness of spiritual ignorance. Therefore, knowing the truths contained in this book and embracing them constitutes the very first and necessary step of pre-evangelism for a Muslim. This is the first step in the right direction towards getting out from under a curse and getting under God's blessing!

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