

Islam is a religion of works and there are no _____ of Salvation. On Judgement Day, Muslim's good and bad deeds will be weighed against one another. If their good deeds outweigh their bad ones, we may be permitted to go to heaven, if Allah _____. Muslims feel that even if they perform all their religious _____, it would not be enough to endure judgement. It is particularly challenging for Muslim _____, because the Prophet Muhammed said that most of the inhabitants of Hell are women.

I. _____ teaches that the Bible has been corrupted and it cannot be trusted.

- (A) There are over _____ handwritten manuscripts in Greek.
- (B) In addition to these Greek copies, there are more than _____ handwritten copies of the New Testament in the languages of Aramaic, Syriac, Latin, and Coptic.
 - (a) This means that there was no one person controlled all of those manuscripts.

II. Islam teaches that the Bible has been _____.

- (A) To deliberately introduce a change, you would have to control scribes over a vast geographical area and do it in multiple _____ simultaneously.
- (B) Having 25,000 copies does not mean that we know what the original copy said, but it does allow you to _____ all the manuscripts to make sure that the message is consistent and properly conveyed in the modern Bible.
- (C) There is a complete Bible from _____ years before Muhammad's birth that can be viewed online. This manuscript is called Codex Sinaiticus and it can be viewed online at CodexSinaiticus.org.
 - (a) In addition to Codex Sinaiticus, there are many other partial and complete manuscripts some of which date back to the _____ Century. That's really something.

III. Muslims say that the Qur'an does not have any of these little alterations; that every copy of the Qur'an in the world is a 100% _____.

- (A) According to history, Uthman collected all available sections of the Qur'an that were written on parchment, papyrus, stones and camel bones to compile one single _____. Then he burned all of his starting materials.
 - (a) Nevertheless, _____ variances persists.
- (B) In the Great Mosque in Yemen, _____ were found. Palimpsests are manuscripts that have been recycled by washing off the old text and writing on a new one.
 - (a) In the Sana Manuscripts, it can be seen very clearly that the older text of the Qur'an was overwritten but still visible was _____ from the traditional Uthmanic texts.
 - (b) This information has been withheld from the lay people, likely because it is so opposite to what most Muslims have been taught.

IV. Muslims believe that Christians worship three gods.

(A) The Biblical teaching on the trinity is not and has never been that there are 3 gods with equal power. The term trinity is just a _____ of what we can read in the Bible about the one true God.

(B) For Muslims, one source of confusion is the term Spirit of God or _____.

(a) Many Muslims believes this refers to the angel, Gabriel.

(b) But Christians believe that the Spirit of God is literally the Spirit of God.

(c) It is a _____ that Christians worship multiple gods.

(C) Son of God

(a) _____ years before Jesus birth, the Prophet Isaiah predicted Jesus birth in Isaiah 7:14.

(b) Emmanuel means _____ with us!

(i) When the virgin bears a son, Isaiah is saying that this Son will be "God with us."

(ii) You can see the problem. This Scripture indicates that Jesus will be called both a Son and God with us.

(D) Jesus applied even applied God's name " _____ " to himself in John 8:58. This is the very reason why Jesus was crucified on the cross.

V. A Christian reads the Bible differently from the way a Muslim reads the Qu'ran.

(A) No one verse in the Bible stands by itself.

(i) It is the whole Bible, together, that _____ a complete picture of who God is.

(ii) _____ of the verses in the Bible have to be true _____ at the same time.

VI. Those in the Islamic faith think that Christians believe that God has a wife since He has a Son.

(A) Christians believe that God for eternity past had a relationship with Jesus Christ.

(B) Mary's pregnancy was a _____.

VII. Muslims do not understand how Jesus' death could be connected to forgiveness from God. One major question they have is, "If God wanted to _____, why wouldn't He just do it?"

(A) God made is requirements for Adam and Eve very clear. They could eat of any tree in the Garden, except for the Tree of Knowledge. He told then if they ate it, they would surely _____.

(a) Adam and Eve disobeyed God, which meant they were condemned to die both a natural physical death and a spiritual death in Hell forever.

(B) God gave man a _____ requiring animal sacrifice for sin. These animal sacrifices were just a foreshadowing of God's true plan for forgiveness and restoration.

(a) John the Baptist called Jesus "the _____ of God that would take away the sins of the world." Jesus was going to bear the punishment for all man.

- (C) Because Jesus was _____ and God manifested in flesh, He could act as a perfect sacrifice, sufficient to cover all sin of everyone who ever lived, if they were willing to accept His offer.
- (D) The Qur'an says that _____ man can bear the sins of another man.
(a) The Bible says that only Jesus can bear our sins, and we cannot bear them on our own.
- (E) The god of the Qur'an can forgive if he _____, but the God of the Bible can only forgive when a sacrifice is offered, the blood is shed and justice is served.
(a) It is through Jesus blood that forgiveness is _____ and justice is served.
Sin must be punished, and Jesus is the punishment on our behalf.
- (F) Jesus is God's ultimate expression of _____.

VIII. Good deeds are important in the Islamic faith. They often want to know if they are

- _____.
- (A) Good deeds are an _____ of gratitude that Christians give to God because of the forgiveness He guarantees them through the death of Jesus on their behalf.

IX. The Quran teaches that Jesus did not _____, it just looked that way.

- (A) Ancient historians, who were not even _____, wrote about Jesus' Crucifixion as a matter of simple fact.
(a) For example, Josephus, a _____ historian, wrote:
"Pilate condemned Jesus to be crucified and to die."
(b) Does it make any sense to believe the eyewitnesses of the event or someone who was born _____ centuries later?
(c) There is something very important about the crucifixion that someone was trying to _____.
- (B) Satan knows that the _____ in Jesus' message is the understanding that we cannot save ourselves from our own sin, and our sin must be put on Jesus Christ.

X. Muslims do not understand why Jesus would die for them. To a Muslim, Jesus was a prophet and, as such, He would have had a great social status among the people. It does not make sense to them that He would be a helpless victim and die.

- (A) Because Jesus _____ (loved) everyone!
(a) Jesus Himself said, "Great love has no one than this, that a man lay down his life for his friend."
(b) Out of love for us, Jesus _____ laid down His own life so we can be saved from our sins.
(c) According to the Bible, Jesus died for our sins and rose from the dead, which clearly demonstrates the power of God over sin and death.
(i) This is why the Bible says, "...if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved."
(ii) This is a _____ from God to us.

Key Scriptures:

Isaiah 7:14. , John 14:9, John 10:30, John 8:58.

Reccomended Further Reading:

Seeking Allah, Finding Jesus: A Devout Muslim Encounters Christianity, Nabeel Qu

Answering Jihad: A Better Way Forward, Nabeel Qu

No God But One—Allah or Jesus, Nabeel Qu

Ask Your Muslim Friend: An introduction to Islam and a Christian's guide for interaction with Muslims

<http://alhayat.org>

Discussion Questions:

1. How does a Muslim get into heaven? How is that different from how a Christian gets to heaven?
2. How do Christians know that the Bible is reliable and hasn't been changed?
3. Why do Muslims believe that Christians worship three gods?
4. What is the difference between how a Muslim reads the Quran and a Christians reads the Bible?
5. Why would Muslims want to deny that the crucifixion happened?



Answer Key:

1. Guarantees
2. Wills it
3. Duties
4. Women
5. Islam
6. 5,600
7. 19,000
8. Changed
9. Languages
10. Compare
11. 300
12. First
13. Identical
14. Copy
15. Many
16. Palencepts
17. Different
18. Description
19. Holy Spirit
20. Myth
21. 700
22. God
23. Messiah
24. I Am
25. Builds
26. All
27. All
28. Miracle
29. Forgive
30. Die
31. Law
32. Lamb
33. Sinless
34. No
35. Wishes
36. Guaranteed
37. Mercy
38. Worthless
39. Offering
40. Die
41. Christians
42. Jewish
43. 6
44. Undo
45. Power
46. Tricked
47. Loved
48. Willingly
49. Promise