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Answering Muslims Conference (Charlotte, NC) Part 2

Segment One

Textual Discoveries About The Qur'an

There have been textual discoveries concerning the Qur'an which are devastating to Muslims. Muslims have been told don't ask questions, if your imam says it is so, just accept it as true.

By the way, Islam is rehearsed in a foreign language, it is in Arabic. Only 15% of the Muslims in the world are Arabs. This means that the vast majority of Muslims recite phrases in Arabic that they don't even understand. They are like a parrot reciting the Lord's Prayer in English.

Their imam tells them what is true, and they have to trust that their imam. This is similar to traditional Catholicism with Latin. The point is that they are not to question, they are just to do.

Most Muslims have never studied their scriptures, nor have the studied the validity of their sculptures. Muslims come to the west and go to our universities where professors have developed the science of

textual criticism to study the validity of the Christian Scripture. The more unbelievers study the Christian Scriptures, the more their validity is proven. This can be very frustrating to Muslims.

When Islam tries to stand shoulder to shoulder with Christianity they find their scriptures subject to the same textual criticism. When this happens Muslims start having a real problem because when these same principles of textual criticism are applied to the Muslim scriptures they can't stand the scrutiny.

Lets start by looking at the originals. There were seven oral versions of the Qur'an before they ever wrote down the first one. How do we know they were following the right one. They even admit that there could be disagreements on this. Listen to what the Hadith have to say:

“The Qur'an was sent down in seven dialects, so recite what seems therefrom..”

In other words he said, if it fits your dialect, then quote it, that is just fine. When they started to write it down they had these seven versions to deal with.

Uthman was the third caliph, and he was the one that ordered the writing of the Qur'an. Muhammad never commanded that the Qur'an be written down. It was to be memorized. The Qur'an often says recite this or say this. Those who memorize the Qur'an are called the Hafiz. It was quite a feat to memorize all 114 chapters of the Qur'an. Some of them had it memorized before the age of 12. They would spend all of their childhood memorizing the Qur'an. As you can imagine, those who memorize the Qur'an have special honor in Islam.

Under Uthman there was a battle where they lost 40 of those who had memorized the Qur'an. Out of fear of losing the Qur'an, Uthman ordered the Qur'an to be written down.

He said, “In case you disagree [with the chosen version] on any point of the Qur'an then write in in the dialect of the Quraish because the Qur'an was revealed in their tongue.”

This is an admission that there was disagreement between the various oral versions. They were told that in the case of theses disagreements they were to follow that version that was in Muhammad's tongue.

The point I am trying to make is that there were, from the very beginning, disagreements between the various versions. How do we know that they followed the word of Allah?

After the Qur'an was written down, Uthman sent one copy to each Muslim province and ordered that all other Qur'anic material be burned. How can we check to see if they followed the right one?

The Bible doesn't have these issues. We have many ancient manuscripts and we have the writings of early Christians who quote from the Bible. We can compare what we have today with those ancient manuscripts and quotes to see if God's Word has survived intact. Since everything before Uthman has been burned, we have nothing to check out the accuracy of transmission of the Qur'an.

The earliest version of Qur'anic writings is that which is inscribed on the Dome of the Rock in Israel. There are only about 9 verses inscribed there.

The writings on the Dome of the Rock are written in the Nbatien script. This is a consonantal language. They did not have vowels or diacritical marks. We need to remember that the Arabic language was in its infancy at the time of Muhammad. Many of the Arabs could not read or write. They were nomadic people. Their knowledge was passed on by oral tradition.

All of the written manuscripts are all 100 to 200 years after the life of Muhammad. Even the Hadith, which describe the life of Muhammad, were written at least 150 years after Muhammad. Many think

that these things were recorded during, or shortly after the life of Muhammad. It truth there is a time that spans 3 or 4 generations. Is it possible that there were some embellishments to the story? I not only think it is possible, I think it is very likely. We have no qur'anic material that dates closer to Muhammad than 100 to 200 years.

When Muslims brought their copies of the Qur'an to be studied they thought they were bringing two of Uthman's manuscripts. If they were copies from Uthman they would have been in Nasta'liq script. They were in the Kufic script. This script is from the late 700's. If they were Uthman copies they would have been from around 650. The difference is more than 100 years. They don't have a manuscript that goes back to Uthman, yet they have been claiming that they have Uthman originals.

Another thing about the Qur'an is that it is filled with plagiarism. Remember, Muhammad was inventing a religion. He borrowed a little of this and a little of that from existing religions. A lot of it was Old and New Testament stories taken from Jewish and Christian Scriptures. He kept a lot from the paganism of his day. For example, the Hajj is the continuation of pagan practices of Muhammad's day. The difference is that today they circle the Kaaba with clothes on. Before Muhammad they did it naked.

Lets look at some of the plagiarism. There is a story in the Qur'an about what Cain did after he slew Abel. Cain didn't know what to do with the body of Abel. He saw a raven burying a nut, and from this he got the idea to hide the body by burying it. Muhammad did not get this from God. He plagiarized it from a targum that was written early in the 3rd century.

In the Qur'an we also find Solomon's bird air-force. According to the story, Solomon had a bird that came up missing. According to Muhammad, Solomon's bird would pick up rocks and throw them on the enemy. The next day he found out that the bird had gone over to the Queen of Sheba, and had told the Queen all the greatness of Solomon. This is why the Queen came to visit Solomon. He plagiarizes this from the Second Targum of Esther, which was written in the 2nd century. The Targum of Esther says when the Queen came into the palace of Solomon there was a mirror on the floor. The Queen thought it was water so she lifted up her skirt to walk across the water and revealed her hairy legs.

According to the Qur'an, Jesus was not born in a stable. The Qur'an teaches that He was born in the wilderness under a palm tree. Again, this comes from an extra-biblical writing from the 4th century.

The Qur'an also contains a story about Jesus making a bird from some clay. This, again, comes from earlier writings and was not original with Muhammad.

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Segment Two

Islam and the Antichrist

I want to look at how Islam fits the antichrist religion. I studied Islam for 3 years before I ever spoke of Islam and the Antichrist. I wanted to be sure that I understood their doctrine before I started talking about this. All I can give you here are the highlights.

In Islam's prophetic teaching they are waiting for three people;

- The Mahdi – This is their messiah.

- The second person is Isa – The Muslim Jesus, the servant of the Mahdi.
- The Djal – The Muslim false prophet.

When you look at Islamic prophecy it is like looking at the Book of Revelation in a mirror. Everything is the exact opposite. Their Mahdi is our Antichrist. He will do the things that the Bible attributes to the Antichrist. Their Isa fits very well with what we read in Revelation 13 about the second beast, the false prophet. The Muslim Djal, who they think is the false messiah, fits with the Bible's description of the true Messiah.

This reversal of roles is interesting. Their Mahdi will war with our Messiah.

Most of the teaching on Islamic prophecy is with the Shiites. The Sunni follow it, but the Shiites are passionate about it.

The Sunni don't believe that the caliph, the supreme ruler of Islam has to be a direct decedent of Muhammad. The Sunni make up about 80% of the Muslims in the world. They have the correct doctrine on this issue. There was no indication from Muhammad that his successor had to be of his bloodline. His first successor was Abu Bakar, who was Muhammad's best friend. He was not related to Muhammad. Interestingly enough, he did end up being Muhammad's father-in-law. Muhammad married Abu's daughter when he was about 50 years old. The daughter was only 6 years old at the time of the marriage. The marriage was consummated when she was 9.

Pedophilia is wide spread in Islam. They have their Prophet as an example.

In the Bible, the term "antichrist" is never given to the person. The "antichrist" is mentioned 4 times in the Bible, and always in the epistles of John.

And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that *spirit* of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world. 1 John 4:3

Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time. 1 John 2:18

Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son. 1 John 2:22

For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist. 2 John 1:7

The sum of these verses tells us that the essence of antichrist is the denial of Jesus Christ as the Son of God.

Most of us were taught that the antichrist religion was Catholicism. How does what we have just read from the Scriptures fit Rome? It doesn't, does it? I am not trying to defend Catholicism, but it does believe that Jesus is the Son of God. The deity of Christ is a major precept in the Catholic religion.

I will not let Catholicism completely off the hook. There are a number of things that the two religions have in common. If there is any other religion that venerates Mary more than the Catholics, it would be the Muslims.

Muslims have prayer-beads like the Catholics. I forget if it is the 43rd or 47th bead on the Muslim prayer-beads is the great deceiver. The Bible tells us who the great deceiver is.

The three people the Muslims are waiting for fit the Bible in reverse. Islam fits as the antichrist religion because it denies the deity of Christ, Jesus as the Son of God, and God as the Father. This is a hallmark of the Islamic faith.

We also find the the great whore of Revelation Chapter 17 fits Islam. The first thing we need to see is that the whore is not a person, it is a location. Verse 18 tells us that it is a city.

And he saith unto me, The waters which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues. And the ten horns which thou sawest upon the beast, these shall hate the whore, and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and burn her with fire. For God hath put in their hearts to fulfil his will, and to agree, and give their kingdom unto the beast, until the words of God shall be fulfilled. And the woman which thou sawest is that **great city**, which reigneth over the kings of the earth.
Revelation 17:15-18

The waters upon which the whore sits are the peoples and nations of the earth. Verse 3 tells us the city is located in the wilderness.

So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns.
Revelation 17:3

I have not been to Mecca, but I have been to Rome. I can assure you that Rome is not a wilderness. We think this is talking about Rome because it is built on seven hills. If the seven hills are figurative, as is the water and the whore, there are seven towers around the Kaaba in Mecca. Also, Mecca is in a mountainous region. This could also be the seven mountains.

The Kaaba in Mecca was called Ba-Bell in old times. It is interesting when we think of Babylon.

Within Islam there are a lot of sexual images. Even the Kaaba there is a sexual image. On the south-east corner there is the black stone. It is in a silver encasement that is designed to look like a female part. The Kaaba is also known as the womb. It is supposedly the birth place of the earth.

If this is the location of the great whore, the system that teaches the denial of Jesus being the Son of God and God the Son, this would fit with the teaching of Revelation 17.

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Segment Three

The Four Steps To Refute Islam

The first step is to speak the truth in love.

But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, *even* Christ: Ephesians 4:15

We shouldn't be silent, we should speak up. This has been our problem as Christians for too long. We complain about things and say someone should speak up, yet we have not been the salt and light we are called of God to be. However, when we do speak, let's speak the truth in love.

The Bible tells us we are to take care that the ministry of the Gospel is protected from blame.

Giving no offence in any thing, that the ministry be not blamed: 2 Corinthians 6:3

Our speech is to be seasoned with salt.

Let your speech *be* alway with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man. Colossians 4:6

This means that what we say needs to be palatable. Sometimes Christians blast out a message that sounds hateful because it is not seasoned with salt.

There are times when things must be said and done with force. An example is when Jesus overturned the tables in the Temple. We need, however, to speak the truth in love.

The Bible also says:

Let not then your good be evil spoken of: Romans 14:16

We must be careful in the tactics we use to communicate the Gospel message.

A saying that has served me well over the years is “you are seldom persuasive when you are abrasive.” This goes with the old adage is that you attract flies with honey, not vinegar.

The second step to refuting Islam is divide and conquer. There are two steps to this. First you divide or separate the people from the religion. If you speak out against the people when you try to refute Islam you give them ammunition to all you a bigot. You must attack the ideology and not the people.

Secondly, you want to divide the religion from the Sharia. After Muhammad's death there were four schools of Islamic jurisprudence that developed. In the 1400's they came together and developed a standard for Islamic law. It is called the Reliance of the Traveller (their spelling). It is one of the strongest and most credible tools you can use. In the front of this book we find the seals of the Saudi government, the Jordanian government, and the largest and most prestigious Islamic university in the world. This is the standard of Islamic Sharia law. If America knew what Sharia law really is, it would be forcibly rejected.

The third step is to use their words against them. I have been on national radio for 4 years exposing Islam. I have never once been challenged on what I say. This is because I quote their own words. We need to use their words against them.

Here is the legal definition of jihad from the Reliance of the Traveller:

(O: Jihad means to war against non-Muslims, and is etymologically derived from the word mujahada signifying warfare to establish the religion.

When Muslims try to tell us that jihad is just a personal struggle, they are using deception. This is only a partial truth.

This legal definition of jihad is from the most accepted Sharia Law book in all of Islam, "The Reliance of the Traveller."

Who is obligated to fight in jihad?

.09.4 Those who are able bodied men who have reached puberty and are sane.

It then goes on to say that those who aren't able to fight perform jihad through those who do by providing support money.

The objectives of the jihad are:

Jihad .09.8 The caliph makes war on Jews and Christians and Zoroastrians.

This is from the primary Islamic legal book.

We need to understand that 1,400 years ago Islam declared war on all non-believers, especially Jews, Christians, and Zoroastrians.

The Reliance of the Traveller always quotes its sources, the Qur'an and the Sunna, because that is where their doctrines come from.

One of the Hadith, which are also considered authoritative by Muslims, says:

The Messenger of Allah says, "I have been commanded to fight against people until they testify that there is not god but Allah, and Muhammad is his messenger."

Let's look at apostasy in Islam. Leaving Islam is the ugliest form of unbelief. It is one thing to be the Kufar, but it is quite another to leave Islam. Islam teaches that when a person who has reached puberty and is sane leaves Islam, he deserves to be killed. It is the obligation of the caliph or his representative to ask him to repent and return to Islam. If he refuses he is immediately killed.

What happens to the person who kills him?

o8.4 There is no indemnity for killing an apostate (O: or any expiation, **since it is killing someone who deserves to die**).

Christians don't kill those who leave Christianity. This is completely foreign to Christianity's teachings.

This is what honor killings are in Islam. For example, when a daughter is not following Islamic law in her dress or conduct, the father is to keep the honor in his family. He does this by killing her. If he doesn't do it, and someone else has to do it for him, it brings shame on him.

One of the most famous Islamic clerics was bemoaning the fact that the laws of apostasy are not being upheld when he said:

If they had gotten rid of the apostasy punishment Islam wouldn't exist today.

What a revealing truth. He is telling us that Muslims don't stay with Islam because they are convinced of the truth of Islam, but out of fear of death if they leave. Nice religion, isn't it?

We need to remember that one fourth of our world is born into this deceptive religion. They need to be liberated from it. Praise be to God, we have a book, the Bible, that will liberate them if we can get them into it.

The fourth step is forming compelling arguments. How do you make common sense arguments in a world without absolutes?

The world we live in says there are no absolutes. The first question to ask when this is said is, is your statement absolute?

Another thing that is said when we make judgments concerning Islam is that it is un-Christian to judge. The Bible teaches that we are not to be hypocritical in our judgment, but it does not teach that we are not to judge.

The first thing you need to do is bring up something so evil that everyone who is reasonable would call it evil. If you bring up something like this, and the person cannot admit that it is evil, you may as well close up shop and go home.

Hitler slaughtered a total of 17 million people. Ask them if this is evil? Most people would agree that it is. They will agree that this is something we don't want in our nation.

The next thing we do is show the similarity between Islam and Nazism.

- Both have a doctrine of supremacy.
- Both rule by dictatorship.
- Both believe in world domination.
- Both kill those who disagree with them.
- Both kill Jews.

Should we outlaw Islam from America? What is the right approach? Can we, even if we wanted to, outlaw Islam in America?

We have a constitution which give us freedom of religion. The First Amendment has the phrase “or prohibiting the free exercise thereof.” When our founders were considering this amendment there were

several rough drafts. Patrick Henry had come up with an exception clause for the First Amendment, which said:

Unless, under the color of religion, any man disturb the peace, the happiness, or the safety of society.

The founders already knew about Islam, America's first war on foreign soil was against Muslims. They discussed putting this clause in the amendment and decided against doing so because it would have been redundant, There were other laws which protected these things. Maryland did adopt it in their constitution, as did Virginia.

The last principle in refuting Islam is to borrow credibility. You may not be an expert on Islam, but that doesn't mean you can't speak out against it. Use the experts that are out there and quote them. Better yet, use Islam's words against them by quoting Islamic authorities.

As I close, let me make a suggestion. There is a grass roots organization called Act for America. It is there to defend our country from the onslaught of Islam. There are chapters all over America. Find the Act for America chapter closest to you and see if you can get involved.