

THE CURRENT VERSIONS OF THE BIBLE AND "VIOLENCE"

Before I embark on presenting these quotations, let me affirm that I believe in the holiness and righteousness of all of the prophets and messengers of God without exception.

The current versions of the Bible were manipulated; some of these biblical teachings mentioned here below may have been from God, but many are hard to believe about the prophets, and hard to believe they were revealed by God; take for example the commands to kill the children, including infants, this is impossible to have been revealed by God. It is utter injustice and justice is a constant value in all religions revealed by God.

Let me also affirm that I don't stereotype, since our religion taught us not to, Allah said:

"وَمِنْ أَهْلِ الْكِتَابِ مَنْ إِنْ تَأْمَنَهُ بِقِنطَارٍ يُؤَدُّهُ إِلَيْكَ وَمِنْهُمْ مَنْ إِنْ تَأْمَنَهُ بدينارٍ لَأَ يُؤَدَّهُ إِلَيْكَ إِلَّا مَا دُمْتَ عَلَيْهِ قَائِمًا ذَلِكَ بِأَنَّهُمْ قَالُوا لَيْسَ عَلَيْنَا فِي الْأُمِّيِّينَ سَبِيلٌ وَيَقُولُونَ عَلَى اللَّهِ الْكُذِبَ وَهُمْ يَعْلَمُونَ."

"Among the People of the Book are some who, if entrusted with a hoard of gold, will (readily) pay it back; others, who, if entrusted with a single silver coin, will not repay it unless thou constantly stoodest demanding, because, they say, "there is no call on us (to keep faith) with these ignorant (Pagans)." but they tell a lie against Allah, and (well) they know it." (Quran 3:75)

That means I do believe that there are many peace loving Christians and Jews as well.

The objectives of this article:

- ✚ To strengthen the faith of Muslims in their religion, particularly nowadays when they are being bombarded by the unfair politicians, theologians and media outlets of the west.
- ✚ To refute those unjust Jews and Christians who have the audacity of criticizing Islam for the so called "violence" while completely turning a blind eye to their own holy book, traditions and yes, history.
- ✚ To show the Judeo-Christian followers along with the Muslims how Islam came to regulate the use of force and condemn the cruel and deviant concepts and practices interpolated into the previous religions that condone senseless bloodshed. Islam came to enforce strict criteria on the justification of war¹. It came to encourage the pursuit of peace², which is granted to all people inclined to it without enslaving them³ unlike you find in the biblical verses quoted here below. Islam came to forbid the killing of all non-combatants not only the women and children and lay down the etiquettes of just and moral fighting.⁴ And

¹ Allah said: "Fight in the cause of Allah those who fight you, but do not transgress limits." (Al-Baqarah 2: 190). He also said: "But if they violate their oaths after their covenant and taunt you for your faith, fight thee the chiefs of unfaith." (At-Tawbah 9:12). And with regards to helping the oppressed He said: " And what is wrong with you that you fight not in the Cause of Allah, and for those weak, illtreated and oppressed among men, women, and children, whose cry is: "Our Lord! Rescue us from this town whose people are oppressors; and raise for us from You one who will protect, and raise for us from You one who will help." (an-Nisa' 4:75) The Prophet also says: "O people! Do not wish to face the enemy (in a battle) and ask Allah to save you (from calamities) but if you should face the enemy, then be patient and let it be known to you that Paradise is under the shades of swords."

² Allah said: (But if the enemy inclines towards peace, do thou also incline towards peace and trust in Allah.) (Al-Anfal 8: 61)

³ It was reported from the second successor of the Prophet that he said: "When have you taken for slaves the people when their mothers gave birth to them free." He said so after he punished the Muslim son of the ruler of Egypt for beating a Coptic Christian.

⁴ Allah said: "If you (O Muhammad) fear treachery from any people throw back (their covenant) to them (so as to be) on equal terms (that there will be no more covenant between you and them). Certainly Allah likes not the treacherous." (8:58) And His Messenger said: "

because of all that, the people of the countries opened by the companions of the prophet cherished the advent of the new rulers who liberated them from the oppression of the wicked roman and Persian empires⁵.

Move in the Name of Allah and by his help and upon and according to the way of his Messenger; Do not kill an older man, a child or a woman and do not steel from the booty and compile it all; Do righteousness and show kindness for Allah loves those who are kind" These values were further elucidated by the first successor of the Prophet who said: " Do not do treachery Do not steel from the booty Do not betray Do not mutilate the dead Do not kill a child an older man or a woman and Do not cut a palm tree or burn it or any fruitful tree and Do not slaughter a goat cow or camel except to eat. And you will pass by monks who devoted themselves to solitude in their tents so leave them alone with what they are dedicated to." And with regards to the treatment of captives, Allah said: " And they give food, inspite of their love for it (or for the love of Him), to *Miskin* (poor), the orphan, and the captive." (76:8-9) and the Messenger of Allah said: " The Messenger of Allah said: "free the captives, respond to the invitation, feed the hungry and visit the sick" (Reported by al-Bukhari)

⁵ Thomas Arnold [in the preacing of Islam pp. 54-55] quoted from Caetani the following: "Michael the Elder, Jacobite Patriarch of Antioch, writing in the latter half of the twelfth century, could approve the decision of his co-religionists and see the finger of God in the Arab conquests even after the Eastern churches had experience of five centuries of Muhammadan rule. After recounting the persecution of Heraclius, he writes: "This is why the God of vengeance. Who alone is all powerful , and changes the empire of mortals as He will, giving it to whomsoever He will and uplifting the humble beholding the wickedness of the Romans who, throughout their dominions, cruelly plundered our churches and our monasteries and condened us without pity-brought from the region of the south the sons of Ishmael, to deliver us through them from the hands of the Romans. And if in truth, we have suffered some loss, because the catholic churches, that had been taken a way from us and given to the Chalcedonians remained in their possession; for when the cities submitted to the Arabs, they assigned to each denomination the churches which they found it to be in possession of (and at that time the great church of Emessa and that of Harran had been taken away from us); never theless it was no slight advantage for us to be delivered from the cruelty of the Romans, their wickedness, their wrath and crule zeal against us, and to find aourselves at peace".

AND NOW LET US TAKE A TOUR THROUGH A SAMPLE OF THE VERSES PERTAINING TO WAR IN THE BIBLE.

The current versions of the Bible claim:

OTHERS ARE ALL ENSLAVED IF THEY AGREE TO PEACE; AND IF NOT THEY GET ALL KILLED EVEN AFTER THEY ARE DEFEATED!

God said:

Deuteronomy (20:10)

10 When you march up to attack a city, make its people an offer of peace. 11 If they accept and open their gates, all the people in it shall be subject to forced labor and shall work for you. 12 If they refuse to make peace and they engage you in battle, lay siege to that city. 13 When the LORD your God delivers it into your hand, put to the sword all the men in it. 14 As for the women, the children, the livestock and everything else in the city, you may take these as plunder for yourselves. And you may use the plunder the LORD your God gives you from your enemies. 15 This is how you are to treat all the cities that are at a distance from you and do not belong to the nations nearby.

16 However, in the cities of the nations the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance, do not leave alive anything that breathes. 17 Completely destroy ^[a] them—the Hittites, Amorites, Canaanites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites—as the LORD your God has commanded you. 18 Otherwise, they will teach you to follow all the detestable things they do in worshiping their gods, and you will sin against the LORD your God.

It is known in Islam that when people accept peace, they are left undisturbed⁶ and they can even enjoy self rule in all matters pertaining to

⁶ The Prophet said: "He who Harms a contracted/peaceful non-Muslim, then I will be His opponent." (reported by al-Khateeb). Also The Prophet wrote in his covenant to the Christians of Najran: "No man from among them [the Christians of Najran] may be held accountable for the violations of another of his fellow co-religionists." (Reported by Abu-Yusuf in al-Kharaj)

their religion⁷. This applies to the people who are defeated in war as you may notice from the historical quotations in the footnotes.

DOES IT GET ANY MORE GRAPHIC!?

Deuteronomy (32:39-42)

39 "See now that I myself am He!
There is no god besides me.
I put to death and I bring to life,

⁷ The Columbia History of The World, 1st Ed., pp. 264:

"For the conquered peoples, the task of shifting from old to new rulers was not difficult. Most of them had long been alienated by cruel and corrupt Persian and Byzantine bureaucratic administrations. Moreover, in Egypt and Syria the Christian population was strongly opposed to the centralizing and Hellenizing tendencies of the Byzantine bureaucracy and the Orthodox Church. Umar's organizational abilities also contributed greatly to the Arabs' success. He regularized the legal position of the millions of non-Muslim subjects in his domain and set up an efficient administrative system for the empire. Muhammad established the precedent of "tolerance" for the "People of the Book," the Jewish and Christian communities in the northern Hijaz. Umar left these communities undisturbed except for the payment of an annual tribute in the form of poll tax (jizya); indeed, he extended the principle of toleration to cover not only all Christians and Jews in the empire, but also the Zoroastrians of Persia. Non-Muslims groups formed their own self-administered communities, lived under their own civil codes, and were governed by their own religious leaders. This system prevailed throughout Islam until the end of the Ottoman period and still exists in a restricted way in parts of the Middle East that have not yet been thoroughly secularized. European Christians claimed that the Muslims gave unbelievers, mainly Christians and Jews, the choice of conversion to Islam or death by sword, but this was not the case. From a practical point of view, mass conversions to Islam would have meant abandoning the jizya, a considerable source of revenue."

I have wounded and I will heal,
and no one can deliver out of my hand.

40 I lift my hand to heaven and declare:
As surely as I live forever,

41 when I sharpen my flashing sword
and my hand grasps it in judgment,
I will take vengeance on my adversaries
and repay those who hate me.

42 I will make my arrows drunk with blood,
while my sword devours flesh:
the blood of the slain and the captives,
the heads of the enemy leaders."

It is quite interesting to hear some say that God in Islam is portrayed as mighty, compeller and all powerful, while in the Bible it is a merciful and loving one.

We, Muslims, know that we must repeat the praise of God as "the most beneficent most merciful" at least 34 times a day.

DECLARATION OF WAR AGAINST THE INFIDELS:

First book of Samuel 15: 1-3

1 Samuel said to Saul, "I am the one the LORD sent to anoint you king over his people Israel; so listen now to the message from the LORD. 2 This is what the LORD Almighty says: 'I will punish the Amalekites for what they did to Israel when they waylaid them as they came up from Egypt. 3 Now go, attack the Amalekites and totally destroy ^[a] everything that belongs to them. Do not spare them; put to death men and women, children and infants, cattle and sheep, camels and donkeys.' "

Do you find any command in Islam of killing the women and children? No. You find quite the opposite. Refer to the beginning of the article for the Islamic position in.

THE BELIEVERS RESPOND:

Esther 9:5

Thus the Jews smote all their enemies with the stroke of
The sword, and slaughter, and destruction, and did what they would unto
Those that hated them.

SEIZE THEIR LANDS:

Deuteronomy 23:20

To a foreigner you may lend upon interest, but to your brother you shall not
lend upon interest; that the LORD your God may bless you in all that you
undertake in the land which you are entering to take possession of it.

ISN'T THAT "DOUBLE STANDARD"?

DAVID HAD A SPECIAL POSITION WITH GOD ACCORDING TO THE BIBLE:

Psalms 2:7-9

7 I will proclaim the decree of the LORD :
He said to me, "You are my Son;
today I have become your Father.

8 Ask of me,
and I will make the nations your inheritance,
the ends of the earth your possession.

9 You will rule them with an iron scepter;
you will dash them to pieces like pottery."

REMEMBER THAT DAVID - ACCORDING TO THIS VERSE - IS THE
BEGOTTEN SON OF GOD, AND NOW LET US FIND OUT ABOUT HIS
DOWRY TO MICHAL.

DAVID'S (PEACE BE UPON HIM) DOWRY TO MI'CHAL

First book of Samuel 18:27

²⁷ David and his men went out and killed two hundred Philistines. He brought their foreskins and presented the full number to the king so that he might become the king's son-in-law. Then Saul gave him his daughter Michal in marriage.

HOW DO THEY WANT US TO BELIEVE THIS ABOUT A SON OF GOD?

MOSES (PEACE BE UPON HIM): KILL THEM ALL EVEN THE CHILDREN! BUT KEEP THE VIRGIN ONES FOR YOUR PLEASURE!

Numbers 31:17

¹⁷ Now kill all the boys. And kill every woman who has slept with a man, ¹⁸ but save for yourselves every girl who has never slept with a man.

JOSHUA (PEACE BE UPON HIM) KILLED THEM ALL EVEN THEIR ANIMALS.

Joshua 6

²¹ They devoted the city to the LORD and destroyed with the sword every living thing in it—men and women, young and old, cattle, sheep and donkeys.

PUT THE CITY OF THE INFIDELS ON FIRE

Joshua 6:24

²⁴ Then they burned the whole city and everything in it, but they put the

silver and gold and the articles of bronze and iron into the treasury of the Lord's house.

SUICIDE BOMBING IN THE BIBLE

Judges 16:25-30

25 While they were in high spirits, they shouted, "Bring out Samson to entertain us." So they called Samson out of the prison, and he performed for them.

When they stood him among the pillars,²⁶ Samson said to the servant who held his hand, "Put me where I can feel the pillars that support the temple, so that I may lean against them."²⁷ Now the temple was crowded with men and women; all the rulers of the Philistines were there, and on the roof were about three thousand men and women watching Samson perform.²⁸ Then Samson prayed to the LORD, "O Sovereign LORD, remember me. O God, please strengthen me just once more, and let me with one blow get revenge on the Philistines for my two eyes."²⁹ Then Samson reached toward the two central pillars on which the temple stood. Bracing himself against them, his right hand on the one and his left hand on the other,³⁰ **Samson said, "Let me die with the Philistines!" Then he pushed with all his might, and down came the temple on the rulers and all the people in it. Thus he killed many more when he died than while he lived.**

As for the Christians who like to say that was then, but Jesus didn't legislate that, we say the following:

- 1- The holy book of the Christians is the bible, which includes the Old Testament.
- 2- Jesus did not come down with a law, but to exhort those of the Jews who deviated in their application of the Mosaic Law.
- 3- Jesus came to affirm the message of the scriptures and the prophets not to deny it – as he stated -, so unless he says that what you (Jews) attributed to god in this verse is false and is not from him, then he approves it; after all, it is God who legislates and He was there before Jesus (peace be upon him) and He is the one who legislated for Adam, Noah, Abraham and Moses.

- 4- The fore mentioned verses are commands from God, or narrations about prophets doing actions sanctioned by God. Unless some Christian would like to say that God repented and became more loving after He had a son!
- 5- And here is what Jesus (Peace be upon him) said:

Matthew 10

³⁴"Do not suppose that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword. ³⁵For I have come to turn
" 'a man against his father,
a daughter against her mother,
a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law--

³⁶a man's enemies will be the members of his own household.^[1]
³⁷"Anyone who loves his father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; anyone who loves his son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; ³⁸and anyone who does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

Luke 19:27 (King James Version)

27But those mine enemies, which would not that I should reign over them, bring hither, and slay them before me.

Now, some Christian may say: Well, but Jesus never acted upon this and He never declared war against his enemies. They say these are all metaphors⁸!

The answer:

- ✚ You will be able to answer your self if you knew how many followers Jesus (Peace be upon him) had before his supposed crucifixion. And these followers didn't even stay faithful to him during his supposed crucifixion, as we are told by the current versions of the bible.
- ✚ And in fact, the lack of sacrifice on the part of the disciples, made them yield to pressure from the various strong nations that

⁸ No one needs to explain any statement if they claim it was a metaphor!

accepted Christianity, but not unconditionally, and forced their own old ways on the religion, to the point that it is fair to say - like many believe -: "Christianity was romanized more than the Romans were Christianized". After all the largest sect of Christians is the "Roman Catholics"

- ✦ Also, it would be quiet hard to believe that if Jesus (Peace be upon him) would have not stopped the Romans from their injustice (like feeding the lions alive human beings) had he been able to do that.
- ✦ But once his followers – as they claim - had the power to do so they killed more humans than the followers of all other religions combined from the time of Adam (Peace be upon him) until today.
- ✦ These very verses were understood by the popes of the church who waged the crusades against the Muslims, Jews, Eastern Christians, Heretics and Wendish Pagans to be literal and to pertain to the enemies of Jesus.
- ✦ The sectarian wars between the Christians throughout the history and the killing of "heretics" was all about the killing of those who only chose a different interpretation of the religion; something you don't find in the history of Islam. All of those clergy men who were behind this didn't understand the words of Jesus (peace be upon him) to be metaphoric.
- ✦ The history tells us about the forceful conversions to Christianity ate the hands of the roman emperors, and throughout the history.
- ✦ The largest spread of Christianity was through the annihilation of nations of people and replacing them in the so called "new world"
- ✦ The conversions of the natives of the new world to Christianity took various shapes, but they mounted to kidnapping children from their mothers to civilize them; part of the civilizing program including their conversion to Christianity.
- ✦ Many Christian clergy men jumped on the warships that departed from Europe to convert the peoples of the conquered lands to Christianity. The difference between this and what the early Muslims did is that the only Muslims were in their conquests serving the purpose of the religion⁹ and the to-be-liberated peoples,

- Edward Gibbon in 'The History of the Decline and fall of the Roman Empire' 1823

“The good sense of Muhammad despised the pomp of royalty. The Apostle of God submitted to the menial offices of the family; he

whereas no one doubts that the European colonization of the world was for the interest and greed of the European colonialists.

- ✚ It is not only the catholic popes who propagated the sheer violence seen in the crusades, but you find that Martin Luther the founding father of two large Christian denomination (the Lutherans and Protestant) was extremely violent, and there is no better proof than his pamphlet about the Jews labeled "On The Jews And Their Lies" in which he preached the killing of all Jews and the burning of their synagogues.
- ✚ It is not a coincidence that Martin Luther was a German! They always attribute all wrong doing done by Christians to national or racist or some other sentiments and motives – whereas any fault by a Muslim must have originated from Islam – but the reality is that the anti-Semitic sentiment in Germany continued to build up from the time when they were Catholic and received a huge boost or overdose by Martin Luther, and eventually manifested at the hands of the Nazis. Tell me when did the Muslims do this to the Jews? In fact when they fled from the Spanish inquisitions they ran to Muslim countries, such as Turkey and Morocco.
- ✚ The Christian minorities continued to live under Muslim rule undisturbed, whereas after the Christian capture of Spain by a few decades, the entire Muslim population was extinct.

And after all this some Christians and Jews have the audacity to condemn Islam for violence!

kindled the fire; swept the floor; milked the ewes; and mended with his own hands his shoes and garments. Disdaining the penance and merit of a hermit, he observed without effort of vanity the abstemious diet of an Arab."

- Washington Irving in 'Life of Muhammad,' New York, 1920.

"His military triumphs awakened no pride nor vain glory as they would have done had they been effected by selfish purposes. In the time of his greatest power he maintained the same simplicity of manner and appearance as in the days of his adversity. So far from affecting regal state, he was displeased if, on entering a room, any unusual testimonial of respect was shown to him."

There are more collections of biblical quotations about basically every accusation they make against Islam, whether it has to do with women, slavery or the punishment of the apostates...etc

Muslims, you will only be defeated if you are ignorant.

Others, it is only the honest and impartial pursuit of the truth without conceit or contempt for that which is different and foreign that will earn us success in this life and the one to come.