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AL-QUR'AN (ISLAM)

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The Qur'an on which Islam is based has been called a doctrine of peace on the one hand and a doctrine which offers reward in paradise for suicide bombings on the other hand. This author has purchased a copy of the Qur'an and read it from cover to cover to get a first hand understanding of what it actually teaches.

Muhammad claims to have started receiving inspirations from God in AD 610 and continuing up to his death in AD 632. With Judaism in full swing, and the Catholic Church maturing to the point of having a Pope in AD 606, Islam offered a personal religion for a people who probably felt disenfranchised from Christianity and Judaism. Possibly the most appealing characteristic of Islam is that it is their own religion.

Thru an ARRAY OF GODS? study as part of THE ARRAY book which this author has worked on for the past 20 years, some background has been laid for considering the reasonableness of a religious claim.

As a first conclusion, it is unreasonable to state that the Qur'an is a doctrine of peace. A simple survey of the entire book found 43 verses instructing believers to go fight the non-believers and zero times of wishing peace on anyone but themselves. Further, it has at least 7 verses offering special conditions in paradise for those who will die fighting for the cause of God. If only one in ten thousand Moslems believe what the Qur'an says about fighting, it results in a tremendously violent gospel.

Further, I conclude the Qur'an to be the work of a man rather than the inspiration of God because:

1. Claims to be in the heritage of Judaism and Christianity, including the immaculate conception of Jesus, but then calls Jesus a liar regarding the resurrection.
2. The Qur'an contains no prophecies which have been fulfilled.
3. The Qur'an makes no technical statements which were not understood at the writing but became known later.
4. The Qur'an makes technical mistakes (birds are held up by God's hand and nothing else).
5. The Qur'an makes key historical errors – 20 Ta Ha 120 says Satan tempted Adam, Genesis 3:1 says Satan tempted Eve.
6. The author is not an humble believer who lives an exemplary life to follow as Jesus did, but rather makes special rules for extra wives for himself alone. This is not compatible with someone doing the will of a deity, but rather a political person taking advantage of the situation.

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The following sections are primarily a collection of verses which were highlighted during the reading of the Qur'an, with minimal conclusions and bold type included. In each section the verses are listed in the order in which they were found in the Qur'an rather than being reorganized for emphasis.

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If you note any typographical errors, any way in which a quotation is taken out of context and misrepresents Muhammad's intention, or know of other portions which would be appropriate to include, please let us know at any time. If you know how to get a digital copy of the Qur'an, we would like to purchase one.

Regards,

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AL-QUR'AN – PEACE

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CONCLUSION: 5 instances of the word “peace” were found, none relating to wishing peace on anyone but themselves. There are probably additional instances of the word peace in the Qur’an, but there are not statements wishing peace on mankind such as one would find in the New Testament.

4 The Women 91: “You will also find persons who, while wishing to live in **peace** with you as well as with their own people, turn to civil war the moment they are called to it. If they do not keep away from you, nor offer you **peace** nor restrain their hands, seize them and kill them wherever they are. We have given you a clear sanction against them.”

4 The Women 128: “If a woman fears aversion from her husband, or ill treatment, there is no harm if they make a peaceful settlement; and **peace** is an excellent thing. But men keep self-interest uppermost. Yet if you do good and fear God, God is cognizant of all that you do.”

25 The Criterion 63: “Devotees of Ar-Rahman are those who walk with humility o the earth, and when they are addressed by the ignorant, say: “**Peace**;”

47 Muhammad 35: “So do not become weak-kneed and sue for peace, for you will have the upper hand as God is with you and will not overlook your deeds.”

49 Apartments 9: “If two groups of believers come to fight one another, promote **peace** between them. Then if one of them turns aggressive against the other, fight against the aggressive party till it returns to God’s authority. If it does so, make **peace** among them equitably and be impartial.”

56 The Inevitable 10-38: “Then the foremost, how pre-excellent, Who will be honoured In gardens of tranquility; A number of the earlier peoples, And a few of later ages, On couches wrought of gold, Reclining face to face. Youths of never-ending bloom will pass round to them Cups and decanters, beakers full of sparkling wine, Unheady, uninebriating; And such fruits as they fancy, Bird meats that they relish, And companions with big beautiful eyes Like pearls within their shells, As recompense for all they had done. They will hear no nonsense there or talk of sin, Other than “**Peace, peace**” the salutation. As for those of the right hand - how (happy) those of the right hand - They will be in (the shade) of thornless lote And acacia covered with heaps of bloom, Lengthened shadows, Gushing water, And fruits numberless, Unending, unforbidden, And maidens incomparable. We have formed them in a distinctive fashion, And made them virginal, Loving companions matched in age, For those of the right hand.”

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AL-QUR'AN - CALL TO FIGHT

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CONCLUSION: 43 verses encouraging going to fight, including 7 teaching that your reward in paradise will be better if you are killed in battle.

Verses are highlighted which indicate reward in paradise for fighting.

2 The Cow 190: “Fight those in the way of God who fight you, but do not be aggressive: God does not like aggressors.” (Note: the attack on the World Trade Centers was clearly aggressive, so God must not like Osama)

2 The Cow 191: “And fight those (who fight you) wheresoever you find them, and expel them from the place they had turned you out from. Oppression is worse than killing. Do not fight them by the Holy Mosque unless they fight you there. If they do, then slay them:”

2 The Cow 193-194 “Fight them till sedition comes to end, and the law of God (prevails). If they desist, then cease to be hostile, except against those who oppress. (Fighting during) the holy month (if the sanctity) of the holy month (is violated) is (just) retribution. So if you are oppressed, oppress those who oppress you to the same degree.”

2 The Cow 217: They ask you of war in the holy month. Tell them: “To fight in that month is a great sin. But a greater sin in the eyes of God is to hinder people from the way of God and not to believe in Him, and to bar access to the Holy Mosque and turn people of its precincts; and oppression is worst than killing.

2 The Cow 244: “Fight in the way of God, and remember that God hears all and knows every thing.”

3 The Family of Imran 156: “O you who believe, do not be like those who deny, and say of their brethren (who died) traveling in the land or fighting: “Had they stayed with us here they would not have died or been killed.” This happened so that God may fill their hearts with grief.”

3 The Family of Imran 157: “If you are killed in the cause of God or you die, the forgiveness and mercy of God are better than all that you amass.”

3 The Family of Imran 168-169: “To those who sit at home and say of their brothers: “They would never have been killed had they listened to us,” say: “Drive away death from your midst if what you say is true. Never think that those who are killed in the way of God are dead. They are alive, getting succour from their Lord.”

3 The Family of Imran 172: “Those who obeyed the call of God and His Messenger, even after they were wounded, and took heed for themselves, shall indeed have an ample reward.

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4 The Women 74: "Those who barter the life of this world for the next should fight in the way of God. And We shall bestow on him who fights in the way of God, whether he is killed or is victorious, a glorious reward."

4 The Women 84: "You cannot compel any one except your own self: but urge the believers to fight."

4 The Women 89: "They wish you to become disbelievers as they are, so that you should become like them. Therefore hold them not as friends until they go out of their homes in the way of God. If they do not, seize them wherever they are and do away with them."

4 The Women 91: "You will also find persons who, while wishing to live in peace with you as well as with their own people, turn to civil war the moment they are called to it. If they do not keep away from you, nor offer you peace nor restrain their hands, seize them and kill them wherever they are. We have given you a clear sanction against them."

4 The Women 95: "The faithful who sit idle, other than those who are disabled, are not equal to those who fight in the way of God with their wealth and lives. God has exalted those in rank who fight for the faith with their wealth and souls over those who sit idle."

8 Spoils of War 1: "They ask you of (benefits accruing as) spoils of war. Tell them: "The benefits belong to God and His Messenger."

8 Spoils of War 5: "As your Lord sent you from your home (to fight) for the true cause, a section of the faithful were averse,

8 Spoils of War 6: "Who argued with you about the matter even after it had become quite clear, as if they were being pushed into (the arms of) death as they waited."

8 Spoils of War 7: "Though God promised that one of two columns (would fall to you), you desired the one that was not armed. But god wished to confirm the truth by His words, and wipe the unbelievers out to the last,

8 Spoils of War 12: "And the Lord said to the angels: "I am with you; go and strengthen the faithful. I shall fill the hearts of infidels with terror. So smite them on their necks and every joint, (and incapacitate them),"

8 Spoils of War 15-16: "O believers, when you meet unbelievers on the field of battle, do not turn your backs to them. For any one who turns his back on that day, except to manoeuvre or rally to his side, will bring the wrath of God on himself, and have Hell as abode;"

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8 Spoils of War 39: "So, fight them till all opposition ends, and obedience is wholly God's."

8 Spoils of War 41: "Know that one-fifth of what you acquire as booty (of war) is for God and His Apostle, and for relatives and orphans, the poor and wayfarers,"

8 Spoils of War 45: "O believers, when you meet an army, stand firm, and think of god a great deal that you may be blessed with success."

8 Spoils of War 56-58: "As for those with whom you have made treaty and who abrogate it every time, and do not fear God, If you meet them in battle, inflict on them such a defeat as would be a lesson for those who come after them, and they may be warned. If you apprehend treachery from a people (with whom you have a treaty), retaliate by breaking off (relations) with them, for God does not like those who are treacherous."

8 Spoils of War 60: "Prepare against them whatever arms and cavalry you can muster, that you may strike terror in (the hearts of) the enemies of God and your own, and others besides them not known to you, but known to God. Whatever you spend in the way of God will be paid back to you in full, and no wrong will be done to you."

8 Spoils of War 65: "Prophet, urge the faithful to fight."

8 Spoils of War 67-69: "No apostle should take captives until he has battled and subdued the country...Had this not been decreed by God in advance, you would have suffered a grievous punishment for what you took (as booty). But now use such of the spoils as are lawful and good, and fear God, for God is forgiving and kind."

8 Spoils of War 75: "Those who accepted the faith and left their homes and fought by your side, are your brothers; yet those who are related by blood are closer to one another according to the decree of God, Verily God know every thing.

9 Repentance 4-5: Except those idolaters with whom you have a treaty, who have not failed you in the least, nor helped anyone against you. Fulfil (sic) your obligations to them during the term (of the treaty). God loves those who take heed for themselves. But when these months, prohibited (for fighting) are over, slay the idolaters wheresoever you find them, and take them captive or besiege them, and lie in wait for them at every likely place."

9 Repentance 7: "How could there be a treaty between idolaters and god and His Apostle, except those you covenanted by the Sacred Mosque? Therefore as long as they are honest with you be correct with them, for God loves those who are godly."

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9 Repentance 12-17: "If they break their pledge after giving their word and revile your faith, fight these specimens of faithlessness, for surely their oaths have no sanctity: They may haply desist. Will you not fight those who broke their pledge and plotted to banish the Apostle, and who were the first to attack you? Are you afraid of them? Fight them so that God may punish them at your hands and put them to shame, and help you against them, and heal the wounds of the hearts of believers. Do you think you will get away before God knows who among you fought and did not take anyone but God, his Apostle and the faithful, as their friends? The idolaters have no right to visit the mosques of God while bearing testimony to their disbelief."

9 Repentance 20: "Those who accepted the faith and left their homes and fought in the way of God, wealth and soul, have a greater reward with God, and will be successful."

9 Repentance 29: "Fight those people of the Book who do not believe in God and the Last Day, who do not prohibit what God and His Apostle have forbidden, nor accept divine law, until all of them pay protective tax in submission."

9 Repentance 52: "Say: "Are you waiting for anything else but one of two good things for us, (victory or martyrdom)?"

9 Repentance 73: "Strive, O Prophet, against the unbelievers and the hypocrites and deal with them firmly."

9 Repentance 81-84: "Those who were left behind rejoiced that they stayed at home against the wishes of God's Apostle, being averse to fighting in the way of God with their wealth and lives, and said: "Do not go in this heat." Tell them: "The heat of Hell is far more intense." If only they had cared to instruct themselves! So let them laugh a little, for weep they will more as retribution for what they have done. If you come back to them by (the grace of God), and they seek your permission to go (to fight), you should tell them: "You will never go out nor fight the enemy with me any more. You preferred to stay back on the first occasion, so stay at home with those who stay behind. Do not invoke blessings on any of them who die, nor stand to pray at their graves,

9 Repentance 86-89: "Believe in God and fight along with His Prophet," the well-to-do among them ask for leave to stay at home, and say: "Leave us with those who are left behind. They prefer to be with women who (are allowed to) stay at home during war, and their hearts are sealed; so they fail to understand. But the Prophet and those who have embraced the faith with him, and have fought wealth and soul (in the way of God), are blessed and will be successful. God has provision for them of gardens with streams of running water, where they will abide for ever. This will be the supreme triumph."

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9 Repentance 93-95: "Blame will lie on those who are rich yet ask your leave to stay behind. They prefer to stay with women who stay at home, and God seals their hearts; so they do not understand. When you come back they will offer excuses to you. Tell them: "Make no excuses: we do not believe you. God has informed us about you; and God and His Apostle shall watch your conduct. Then you will be brought to Him who knows what is hidden and what is manifest. He will tell you of what you did. They will beg you in the name of God, o your return, to forgive them; but you keep away from them: They are scum; their abode is Hell."

9 Repentance 111: "God has verily bought the souls and possessions of the faithful in exchange for a promise of Paradise. They fight in the cause of God, and kill and are killed. This is a promise incumbent on Him, as in the Torah, so the Gospel and the Qur'an."

9 Repentance 122: "It is not possible for all believers to go out (to fight). So a part of each section (of the population) should go (to fight) in order that the others may acquire understanding of law and divinity, and warn their companions on return so that they may take heed for themselves."

9 Repentance 123: "O believers, fight the unbelievers around you, and let them realize (sic) that you are firm: Remember, God is with those who are pious and obedient to Him."

22 The Pilgrimage 39: "Permission is granted those (to take up arms) who fight because they were oppressed."

22 The Pilgrimage 58: "Those who left their homes in the way of God, and then were killed or died, will surely be given a better provision by God, for God is surely the best of providers."

47 Muhammad 4: "So, when you clash with the unbelievers, smite their necks until you overpower them, then hold them in bondage. Then either free them graciously or after taking a ransom, until war shall have come to end."

47 Muhammad 31: "We shall try you in order to know who are the fighters among you, and who are men of fortitude, and verify your histories."

47 Muhammad 35: "So do not become weak-kneed and sue for peace, for you will have the upper hand as God is with you and will not overlook your deeds."

48 Victory 16: "Say to the desert Arabs who had stayed behind: "You will be called against a formidable people. You will fight them till they surrender."

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48 Victory 29: “Muhammad is the Prophet of God; and those who are with him are severe with infidels but compassionate among themselves.”

49 Apartments 9: “If two groups of believers come to fight one another, promote peace between them. Then if one of them turns aggressive against the other, fight against the aggressive party till it returns to God’s authority. If it does so, make peace among them equitably and be impartial.”

57 Iron 10: “Those of you who spent before the victory and fought, are not equal (to those who did not). They are higher in position than those who spent after (the victory) and fought.”

59 Confrontation 7: “Whatever booty God gives to His Apostle from the people of the cities, is for God and His Apostle, the near relations, the orphans, the needy and wayfarers, so that it does not concentrate in the hands of those who are rich among you.”

60 The Woman Tried 1: “O you who believe, do not take My enemies and your enemies as friends.”

60 The Woman Tried 8-9: “ God does not forbid you from being kind and acting justly towards those who did not fight over faith with you, nor expelled you from your homes. God indeed loves those who are just. He only forbids you from making friends with those who fought over faith with you and banished you from your homes, and aided in your exile. Whoever makes friends with them is a transgressor.”

66 Prohibition 9: “O Prophet, fight the unbelievers and the hypocrites, and be severe with them.”

73 The Enwrapped 20: “So recite as much of the Qur’an as you can easily. He knows some among you will be sick, and some will be traveling over the earth in search of the bounty of God, and some fighting in the way of God.”

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AL-QUR'AN – MUHAMMED

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CONCLUSION: Jesus lead a spartan and sinless life, Muhammad made special allowances for himself which the average person would understand to be immoral.

3 The Family of Imran 144: “Muhammad is only a messenger; and many a messenger has gone before him.”

33 The Allied Troops 30: “O wives of the Prophet, whosoever of you commits an act of clear shamelessness, her punishment will be doubled.”

33 The Allied Troops 37: “And when Zaid was through with her, we gave her to you in marriage, so that it may not remain a sin for the faithful (to marry) the wives of their adopted sons when they are through with them, God’s command is to be fulfilled.” (Note: Zaid was a freed man, and adopted son of the Prophet, whose marriage he arranges with his cousin Zainab as an iconoclastic measure to break caste prejudices.)

33 The Allied Troops 40: “Muhammad is not the father of any man among you, but a messenger of God, and the seal of the prophets. God has knowledge of every thing.”

33 The Allied Troops 50: “We have made lawful for you, O Prophet, wives to whom you have give their dower, and God-given maids and captives you have married, and the daughters of your father’s brothers and daughters of your father’s sisters, and daughters of your mother’s brothers and sisters, who migrated with you; and a believing woman who offers herself to the Prophet if the Prophet desires to marry her. **This is a privilege only for you and not the other believers.**”

33 The Allied Troops 53: “O you who believe, do not enter the houses of the Prophet for a meal without awaiting the proper time, unless asked and enter when you are invited and depart when you have eaten, and do not stay on talking. This puts the Prophet to inconvenience, and he feels embarrassed before you; but God is not embarrassed in (saying) the truth. And when you ask his wife for some thing of utility, ask for it from behind the screen. This is for the purity of your hearts and theirs. It does not behove you to annoy the prophet of God, or to ever marry his wives after him. This would indeed be serious in the sight of God.”

33 The Allied Troops 57: “Those who offend God and His Prophet will be damned in this world and the next.”

58 The Disputant 12-13: “O you who believe, if you confer with the Prophet in private, give alms in the name of God before you go to confer. This is better for you and becoming. If you do not have the means, then surely God is forgiving and kind. Are you afraid of giving alms before conferring? Then, if you cannot do this, and God forgives you, be constant in your devotional obligations and pay the due share of your wealth for the welfare of others, and obey God and His Prophet.”

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AL-QUR'AN – MUHAMMED

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66 Prohibition 1: “O PROPHET, WHY should you forbid (yourself) what God has made lawful for you, in order to please your wives?”

AL-QUR'AN – JUDIASM & CHRISTIANITY

CONCLUSION: Muhammad claims the heritage of Judaism and Christianity, believes in the immaculate conception, but says Jesus was a liar when Jesus said he was resurrected from the dead.

2 The Cow 87: “Remember We gave Moses the Book and sent after him many an apostle; and to Jesus, son of Mary, We gave clear evidence of the truth, reinforcing him with divine grace.”

2 The Cow 106: “When We cancel a message (sent to an earlier prophet) or throw it into oblivion, We replace it with a better or one similar.”

2 The Cow 120: “The Jews and Christians will never be pleased with you until you follow their way. Say: “God’s guidance alone is true guidance;” for if you give in to their wishes after having received the (Book of) knowledge from God, then none will you have as friend or helper to save you.

2 The Cow 135: “They say, “Become Jews or become Christians, and find the right way.” Say: “No, We follow the way of Abraham the upright, who was not an idolater.”

3 The Family of Imran 42: “The angels said: “O Mary, indeed God has favoured you and made you immaculate, and chosen you from all the women of the world.

3 The Family of Imran 47: “She said: “How can I have a son, O Lord, when no man has touched me?” He said, “That is how God creates what He wills. When He decrees a thing, He says ‘Be’, and it is.”

4 The Women 157: “And for saying: “We killed the Christ, Jesus, son of Mary, who was an apostle of God;” but they neither killed nor crucified him, though it so appeared to them. Those who disagree in the matter are only lost in doubt. They have no knowledge about it other than conjecture, for surely they did not kill him.”

4 The Women 163: “We have sent revelations to you as We sent revelations to **Noah** and the prophets (who came) after him; and We sent revelations to **Abraham** and **Ishmael** and **Isaac** and **Jacob**, and their offspring, and to **Jesus** and **Job**, and to **Jonah** and **Aaron** and **Solomon**, and to **David** We gave the Book of Psalms, (Note who all he believes in)

4 The Women 164: And to many an apostle We have mentioned before, and to many other apostles We have not mentioned to you’ and to Moses God spoke directly.”

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5 The Feast 51: “O believers, do not hold Jews and Christians as your allies. They are allies of one another; and anyone who makes them his friends is surely one of them; and God does not guide the unjust.”

6 The Cattle 39 “Those who deny Our revelations are deaf, dumb, and lost in the dark. God sends whosoever He wills astray, and leads whom He will do the straight path.”

6 The Cattle 68: “When you see them argue about Our messages, withdraw from their company until they begin to talk of other things.”

6 The Cattle 84: “And We gave him Isaac and Jacob and guided them, as We had guided Noah before them, and of his descendants, David and Solomon and Job and Joseph and Moses and Aaron. Thus We reward those who are upright and do good.”

6 The Cattle 85: “**Zechariah** and **John** We guided and guided Jesus and Elias who were all among the upright.

6 The Cattle 86: “We gave guidance to Ishmael, Elisha and Jonah and Lot. And We favoured them over the other people of the world,

6 The Cattle 154: “To that end We gave the Book to Moses, a perfect law, distinctly explaining all things, and a guidance and grace, so that they should believe in the meeting with their Lord.”

7 Wall between Heaven and Hell 19-22: “And you, O **Adam**, and your spouse, live in the Garden and eat your fill wheresoever you like, but do not approach this tree, or you will become iniquitous. But Satan suggested (evil) to them, in order to reveal their hidden parts of which they were not aware (till then), and said: “Your Lord has forbidden you (to go near) this tree that you may not become angels or immortal. Then he said to them on oath: “I am your sincere friend; And led them (to the tree) by deceit. When they tasted (the fruit) of three their disgrace became exposed to them; and they patched the leaves of the Garden to hid it.”

9 Repentance 29: “Fight those people of the Book who do not believe in God and the Last Day, who do not prohibit what God and His Apostle have forbidden, nor accept divine law, until all of them pay protective tax in submission.”

10 Jonah 68-69: “They say: “God has begotten a son.” Immaculate is He and self-sufficient.” Whatsoever is in the heavens and the earth belongs to Him. You have no proof for this (assertion): Why do you say things of God you do not know? “Say: “Those who fabricate lies about God will never succeed.”

20 Ta Ha 120: “But then Satan tempted him by saying: “O Adam, should I show you the tree of immortality, and a kingdom that will never know any wane?” (Note: Error in talking to Adam instead of Eve.)

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AL-QUR'AN – HEAVEN

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CONCLUSION: Men and women will be admitted into heaven, will have maidens of modest look and large lustrous eyes at their disposal, and rivers of wine to drink.

3 The Family of Imran 198: “But those who are pious and obedient to their Lord, will have gardens with streams of running water where they will abide as guests of God: and what is with God is best for the pious.”

4 The Women 57: “but those who believe and do good deeds We shall admit into gardens with streams of running water, where they will abide for ever, **with fairest of companions and coolest of shades.**”

9 Repentance 72: “God has promised men and women who believe gardens with streams of running water where they will abide for ever, and beautiful mansions in the Garden of Eden, and the blessings of God above all. That will be happiness supreme.”

18 The Cave 30-31: “But surely We do not let the reward of those who believe and do the right to go waste. There will be gardens of Eden for them, with rivers flowing by, where they will be decked in bracelets of gold, with silken robes of green and of brocades to wear, reclining on couches.”

22 The Pilgrimage 23: “God will surely admit those who believe and do the right to gardens with rivers running by, where they will be decked in bracelets of gold and pearls; and of silk will be their garments.”

35 The Originator 33: “They will enter the gardens of Eden, where they will be adorned with bracelets of gold and pearls, and of silk will be their garments.”

35 The Originator 35: “Who has settled us by His grace in the mansions of eternal rest, where there is no labour for us, nor does weariness come upon us.”

36 Ya Sin 55-58: Surely the inmates of Paradise will be engaged in pastimes. They and their companions will recline on couches in the shade. For them will be fruits and whatever they ask. “Peace” shall be the greeting from the merciful Lord.

37 Who Stand Arrayed in Rows 40-49: Except the chosen creatures of God, Whose provision is predetermined – Fruits of every kind, and they will be honoured In gardens of delight, (Sitting) on couches, face to face, with cups from a flowing stream being passed around, Clear, delicious to drink, Neither dulling the senses nor intoxicating, **and with them maidens of modest look and large lustrous eyes, Like sheltered eggs in a nest.**

38 Sād 49-52: “This is a commemoration. Surely for those who take heed for themselves is an excellent place of return -Gardens of Eden with gates open wide to them, Where they will take their ease, calling for fruits in plenty, and for wine, **With companions of modest look, the same in age, by their side.**”

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AL-QUR'AN – HEAVEN

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39 The Small Groups 20: “But for those who fear displeasing their Lord there are lofty mansions built above mansions, with rivers rippling past below them: A promise of God; (and) God does not go back on His promise.”

40 The Believer 40: “But whoever does right, whether man or woman, and is a believer, will enter Paradise, where they will have provision in abundance.”

44 Smoke 51-56: “Surely those who fear and follow the straight path will be in a place of peace and security In the midst of gardens and of springs, Dressed in brocade and shot silk, facing one another. Just like that. We shall pair them with companions with large black eyes. They will call for every kind of fruit with satisfaction There they will not know any death apart from the first death they had died, and will be kept safe from the torment of Hell.”

47 Muhammad 15: “The semblance of Paradise promised the pious and devout (is that of a garden) with streams of water that will not go rank, and rivers of milk whose taste will not undergo a change, and **rivers of wine delectable to drinkers**, and streams of purified honey, and fruits of every kind in them, and forgiveness of their Lord. Are these like those who will live for ever in the Fire and be given boiling water to drink which will cut their intestines to shreds?”

48 Victory 5: “And that He may admit men and women who believe into gardens with rivers running by, to live for ever there,

52 The Mount 21-24: “And those who believed, and whose progeny also followed them in their faith, will be united with their offspring. We will no deprive them of their labour in the least. Every man is bound to what he does. We shall give them fruits and meats, and what they desire. They will exchange cups of wine free of (incitement to) pleasantry or sin. And young attendants like pearls within their shells, will go round.”

56 The Inevitable 10-38: “Then the foremost, how pre-excellent, Who will be honoured In gardens of tranquility; A number of the earlier peoples, And a few of later ages, On couches wrought of gold, Reclining face to face. Youths of never-ending bloom will pass round to them Cups and decanters, beakers full of sparkling wine, Unheady, uninebriating; And such fruits as they fancy, Bird meats that they relish, **And companions with big beautiful eyes Like pearls within their shells**, As recompense for all they had done. They will hear no nonsense there or talk of sin, Other than “**Peace, peace**” the salutation. As for those of the right hand - how (happy) those of the right hand - They will be in (the shade) of thornless lote And acacia covered with heaps of bloom, Lengthened shadows, **Gushing water, And fruits numberless, Unending, unforbidden, And maidens incomparable. We have formed them in a distinctive fashion, And made them virginal, Loving companions matched in age, For those of the right hand.**”

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AL-QUR'AN – HEAVEN

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57 Iron 12: “The day you see the believers, men and women, with their light advancing ahead and to the right of them, (they will be told: “There is good news for you this day, of gardens with rivers flowing by where you will live for ever.”

59 Confrontation 20: “Alike are not the inmates of Hell and the residents of Paradise. The men of Paradise will be felicitous.”

76 Time 12-21: “And reward them for their perseverance Paradise and silken robes, Where they will recline on couches feeling neither heat of the sun nor intense cold. The shadows will bend over them, and low will hang the clusters of grapes Passed round will be silver flagons and goblets made of glass, And crystal clear bottles of silver, of which they will determine the measure themselves. There will they drink a cup flavoured with ginger From a spring by the name of Ever-flowing-Salsabil. And boys of everlasting youth will go about attending them. Looking at them you would think that they were pearls dispersed. When you look around, you will see delights and great dominion. On their bodies will be garments of the finest green silk and brocade, and they will be adorned with bracelets of silver; and their Lord will give them a purest draught to drink.”

83 The Defrauders 22-26: “Verily the pious will be in heaven, On couches face to face. On their faces you will see the glow of beatitude. They will be served the choicest wine, sealed With a sealing of musk.”

83 The Defrauders 34: “so, the believers will laugh at the infidels on that day,”

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AL-QUR'AN – HELL

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CONCLUSION: Similar to Judeo-Christian Hell

10 Jonah 4: “But those who deny the truth will receive boiling water to drink.”

22 The Pilgrimage 19-22: “But they who disbelieve will be fitted out with garments of flames. Boiling water will be poured down over their heads. Which will dissolve every thing within their bellies, and their skins. There are iron maces for them. As often as they try to escape from its anguish they would be put back into (the fire), and taste the torment of burning.”

37 Who Stand Arrayed in Rows 63-67: Which we have reserved as punishment for evil-doers? It is a tree that grows at the bottom of Hell. Its spathes are like the prickly pear. They will eat and fill their bellies with it. Washing it down with boiling water.

38 Sād 56: “Hell, in which they will burn. How vile a resting place!

38 Sād 57-59: There will be boiling water for them and cold, clammy, fetid drink to taste, And other similar torments. Here is as multitude rushing headlong with you. There is no welcome for them. They will roast in the fire.”

40 The Believer 71-74: “When, with (iron) collars and chains around their necks they will be dragged Through boiling water, and then burnt in the Fire. They will then be asked: “Where are they you took as partners apart from God?”

72 The Jinns 23: “For those who disobey God and His Apostle is the fire of Hell, where they will abide for ever;”

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AL-QUR'AN – MARRIAGE

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CONCLUSION: As many as 4 wives are authorized, marrying married women is O.K. if they are captives.

2 The Cow 221: “Do not marry idolatrous women unless they joint the faith. A maid servant who is a believer is better than an idolatress even though you may like her. And do not marry your daughters to idolaters until they accept the faith.”

2 The Cow 234: “Wives of men who die among you should wait (after their husbands’ death) for four months and ten days; and when the term is over there is no sin if they do what they like with themselves honourably.”

4 The Women 3: “If you fear you cannot be equitable to orphan girls (in your charge, or misuse their persons), **then marry women who are lawful for you, two, three, or four;** but if you fear you cannot treat so many with equity, marry only one, or a maid or captive.”

4 The Women 20: “If you want to take another wife in place of the one you are married to, then even if you have given her a talent of gold, do not take back a thing.”

4 The Women 22: “And do not wed the women your fathers had wed. What happened in the past is now past: It was lewd and abhorrent, and only the way of evil.”

4 The Women 23: “Unlawful are your mothers and daughters and your sisters to you, and the sisters of your fathers and your mothers, and the daughters of your brothers and sisters, and foster mothers, foster sisters, and the mothers of your wives, and the daughters of the wives you have slept with who are under your charge; but in case you have slept with them there is no offence (if you marry their daughters); and the wives of your own begotten sons; and marrying two sisters is unlawful. What happened in the past (is now past): God is forgiving and kind.”

4 The Women 24: “**Also forbidden are married women unless they are captives (of war).** Such is the decree of God. Lawful for you are women besides these if you seek them with your wealth for wedlock and not for debauchery. Then give those of these women you have enjoyed, the agreed dower. It will not be sinful if you agree to something (else) by mutual consent after having settled the dowry. God is certainly all-knowing and all-wise.”

4 The Women 25: “If one of you cannot afford to marry a believing gentlewoman (let him marry) a maid who is a believer. They are women (seeking) wedlock, and not lechery, nor secretly looking for paramours. But if they are married and guilty of adultery, inflict on them half the punishment (enjoined) for gentlewomen.”

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AL-QUR'AN – DIVORCE

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CONCLUSION: TBA

2 The Cow 226: “Those who swear to keep away from their wives (with intent of divorcing them) have four months of grace; then if they reconcile (during this period), surely God is forgiving and kind.

2 The Cow 227: “And if they are bent on divorce, God hears all and knows every thing.”

2 The Cow 228: “Women who are divorced have to wait for three month periods, and if they believe in God and the Last Day they must not hide unlawfully what God has formed within their wombs. Their husbands would do well to take them back in that case, if they wish to be reconciled. Women also have recognizes rights as men have, though men have an edge over them. But do is all-mighty and all-wise.”

2 The Cow 230: “If a man divorces her again (a third time), she becomes unlawful for him (and he cannot remarry her) until she has married another man.”

2 The Cow 232: “When you have divorced your wives and they have completed the fixed term (of waiting), do not stop them from marrying the other men if it is agreed between them honourably.”

2 The Cow 236: “There is no sin in divorcing your wives before the consummation of marriage or settling the dowry:”

33 The Allied Troops 4: **“God has not provided two hearts in the breast of a man, nor made your wives, whom you pronounce “mothers” (in order to divorce them), your real mothers, nor has He made your adopted sons your real sons. This is only what your lips pronounce.”**

33 The Allied Troops 49-52: “O you who believe, when you marry believing women then divorce them before having (sexual) contact with them, you have no right to demand observance of the ‘waiting period’ of them. But provide suitably for them, and let them go with honour.”

58 The Disputant 2-4: “Those of you who divorce your wives by calling them ‘mother,’ cannot (make them) their mothers. Their mothers are only those who gave birth to them. Those who call their wives their mothers then revoke what they had said, should free a slave before having physical contact (with them). This is to warn you, as God is aware of what you do. If one does not have the means (of doing so) then he should fast for two months continuously before he has physical contact; but any one who is unable to do so, should feed sixty needy persons.”

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AL-QUR'AN – DIVORCE

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60 The Woman Tried 10: “O believers, when believing women come over to you as refugees, then examine them. God alone is cognizant of their faith. If you find that they are believers, do not send them back to unbelievers. They are not lawful for them, nor are infidels lawful for believing women. Give the unbelievers what they have spent on them. There is no sin if you marry them provided you give their dowers to them. Do not retain your (marriage) ties with unbelieving women.”

65 Divorce 1: “O PROPHET WHEN you divorce women, divorce them at their appointed period, and calculate that period, and fear God, your Lord. Do not expel them from their houses, nor should they go away themselves, unless they are openly guilty of adultery. These are the limits set by God. Any one who exceeds the limits set by God sins against his own self. You never know that God may perchance lead to a new situation after this”

65 Divorce 2: “When they have reached their appointed, then either keep them lawfully or let them go honourably; but have two witnesses from among you, and give truthful evidence for (being acceptable to) God. This is to warn him who believes in God and the Last Day. God will furnish a way out for him who fears Him,

65 Divorce 4: “As for your women who have lost hope of menstruation, and in case you have a doubt, the prescribed period (of waiting) for them is three months, as also for those who have not menstruated yet. As for those who are pregnant, their prescribed period is until the delivery of the child.”

65 Divorce -76: “House the (divorced) women where you live, according to your means; but do not harass them so as to reduce them to straitened circumstances. If they are pregnant, then spend on them until they give birth to the child. And if they suckle the child for you, then make the due payment to them, and consult each other appropriately. But if you find this difficult, let some other woman suckle (the child) for her. Let the man of means spend according to his means, and he whose means are limited, should spend of what God has given him.”

66 Prohibition 2: “Surely God has sanctioned the dissolution of your vows.”

66 Prohibition 5: “**In case he divorces you, his Lord will give him better wives in return, who will be modest, true believers, obedient to God, repentant, observant or prayer and fasting, both widows and virgins.**”

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AL-QUR'AN – SEX

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CONCLUSION: You should only make prostitutes of your maids if they are willing.

2 The Cow 187: “You are allowed to sleep with your wives on the nights of the fast: They are your dress as you are theirs. God is aware you were cheating yourselves, so He turned to you and pardoned you. So now you may have intercourse with them, and seek what God has ordained for you. Eat and drink until the white thread of dawn appears clear from the dark line, then fast until the night falls; and abstain from your wives (when you have decided) to stay in the mosques for assiduous devotion. These are the bounds fixed by God, so keep well within them.”

2 The Cow 222: “They ask you about menstruation. Tell them: “This is a period of stress. So keep away from women in this state till they are relieved of it.”

4 The Women 34: “As for women you feel are averse, talk to them suavely; then leave them alone in bed (without molesting them) and go to bed with them (when they are willing).”

4 The Women 43: “O you who believe, do not perform your service of prayer, when you are intoxicated until you are sure of what you are saying, nor when in a state of seminal pollution, until you have taken a bath, except when you are traveling. But in case you are ill or are traveling, or you have relieved yourself of nature’s call, or cohabited with a woman, and cannot find water, then take wholesome dust and pass it over your face and hands: God is benign and forgiving.”

4 The Women 129: “Howsoever you may try you will never be able to treat your wives equally. But do not incline (to one) exclusively and leave (the other) suspended (as it were).”

23 The True Believers 1-6: “The TRUE BELIEVERS will be successful, Who are humble in their service, Who shun all frivolities, Who strive for betterment; Who guard their sex Except from their wives and women slaves of old are free of blame,:

24 The Light 2-3: “The adulteress and adulterer should be flogged a hundred lashes each, and no pity for them should deter you from the law of God, if you believe in God and the Last Day; and the punishment should be witnessed by a body of believers. The adulterer can marry no one but an adulteress or his partner (in the act), and the adulteress cannot marry any but an adulterer or her partner (in the act). This is forbidden the believers.

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24 The Light 6-10: “Those who accuse their wives and do not have any witnesses except themselves, should swear four times in the name of God, the testimony of each such person being that he is speaking the truth, and (swear) a fifth time that if he tell a lie the curse of God be on him. The woman’s punishment can be averted if she swears four times by God as testimony that her husband is a liar, (This would not have been possible) if the grace and benevolence of God were not upon you; but God is compassionate and wise.”

24 The Light 30-31: “Tell the believing men to lower their eyes and guard their private parts. There is for them goodness in this. God is aware of what they do. Tell the believing women to lower their eyes, guard their private parts, and not display their charms except what is apparent outwardly, and cover their bosoms with their veils and not to show their finery except to their husbands or their fathers or fathers-in-law, their sons or step-sons, brothers, or their brothers and sisters’ sons, or their women attendants or captives, or make attendants who do not have any need (for women), or boys not yet aware of sex. They should not walk stamping their feet lest they make known what they hide of their ornaments. O believers, turn to God, every one of you, so that you may be successful.”

24 The Light 33: “Those who cannot afford to marry should abstain from what is unlawful until God enriches them by His grace. And free those slaves you possess who wish to buy their freedom after a written undertaking, if you know they have some goodness, and give them out of the riches God has given you. Do not force your maids to prostitution if they wish to lead married lives, in order to get the benefits of this world. But if someone forces them, surely God (will forgive them) after their forced helplessness, for He is forgiving and kind.”

24 The Light 60: “As for your women past the age of bearing children, who have no hope of marriage, there is no harm if they take off their outer garments, but in such a way that they do not display their charms; yet if they avoid this it would be better for them. God is all-hearing and all-knowing.”

25 The Criterion 68: Who do not invoke any god apart from God; who do not take a life which God has forbidden except for a cause that is just and do not fornicate - and any one who does so will be punished for the crime,

33 The Allied Troops 51: “You may defer the turn of any of your wives you like, and may take any other you desire. There is no harm if you take any of those (whose turn) you had deferred. This would be better as it would gladden their hearts and they will not grieve, and each will be happy with what you have given her.”

33 The Allied Troops 52: “No other women are lawful for you after this except those you have married, nor to change your present wives for other women even though their beauty should appeal to you. God is watchful of every thing.”

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AL-QUR'AN – WOMEN

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CONCLUSION: Women are generally given half the worth of men.

4 The Women 11: “As for the children, God decrees that the share of the male is equivalent to that of two females. If they consist of women only, and of them more than two, they will get two-thirds of the inheritance; but in case there is one, she will inherit one half. The parents will each inherit a sixth of the estate if it happens the deceased has left a child; but if he has left no children, and his parents are his heirs, then the mother will inherit one-third; but if he has left brothers, the mother will inherit one-sixth after payment of legacies and debts. Of parents and children you do not know who are more useful to you. These are the decrees of God who knows all and is wise.”

9 Repentance 72: “God has promised men and women who believe gardens with streams of running water where they will abide for ever, and beautiful mansions in the Garden of Eden, and the blessings of God above all. That will be happiness supreme.”

40 The Believer 40: “But whoever does right, whether man or woman, and is a believer, will enter Paradise, where they will have provision in abundance.”

43 Ornaments of Gold 17: “Yet when news of (a daughter) they had reserved for Ar-Rahman comes to one of them, his face is blackened (with shame), and he grieves in silence inwardly.”

43 Ornaments of Gold 19: “Yet they have made the angels, who are creatures of Ar-Rahman, females.”

53 The Star 27: “Those who do not believe in the Hereafter give the angels names of females.”

60 The Woman Tried 11: “If any of your women go away to the unbelievers, and you succeed in your turn (and have a chance of getting spoils), then give to those whose wives have so gone away as much as they had spent on them; but take heed and fear God in whom you believe.

60 The Woman Tried 12: “ O Prophet, when believing women come to you and swear on oath that they will not associate anything with God, nor steal, nor fornicate, nor kill their children, nor accuse others for what they have fabricated themselves, nor disobey you in any rightful thing, then you should accept their allegiance, and ask forgiveness of God for them.”

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AL-QUR'AN – TECHNICAL

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CONCLUSION: A true measure of lack of divine inspiration is the inclusion of superstition of myth in your teachings. Muhammad indicates a belief in the zodiac and that nothing but God holds birds aloft. Neither of these would be statement such as 30 Originator 41 “God holds the heavens and earth in position” which is a reasonable generalization.

7 Wall between Heaven and Hell 123-124: “But Pharaoh said: “You have come to accept belief in Him without my permission! This surely is a plot you have hatched to expel the people from the land. You will soon come to know. I will have your hands and feet on alternate sides cut off, and have you all crucified.”

15 Al-Hijr 16-19: “We have placed the signs of the **Zodiac** in the sky, and decked it out for those who can see; And we have preserved it from every accursed devil, Except the ones who listen on the sly, yet they are chased away by a shooting flame. We stretched the earth and placed upon nit firm stabilizers,”

15 Al Hijr 26-29: “Man We fashioned from fermented clay dried tingling hard, As We fashioned jinns before from intense radiated heat. But when your Lord said to the angels: “I am verily going to create a human being from fermented clay dried tingling hard; And when I have fashioned him and breathed into him of My spirit bow before him in homage;”

16 The Bees 79: “Do you not see the birds held high between the heavens and the earth? Nothing holds them (aloft) but God. There are verily signs in this for those who believe.”

23 The True Believers 12-14: “We created man from the finest extract of clay Then We placed him as a sperm in a firmly established lodging; Then We fashioned the sperm into an embryo, then fashioned the embryo into a shapeless lump of flesh; then from the lump of flesh We fashioned bones, then clothed the bones with flesh. Thus We formed him into a new creation.”

27 An-Naml 87-88: “The day the trumpet blast is sounded whoever is in the heavens and the earth will be terrified, save those whom God please, and all will appear before Him in abjectness. You will see the mountains and think they are firmly planted, but they will pass away like flying clouds:”

31 Luqmān 10: “He created the skies without a support, as you can see, and placed stabilizers in the earth that you may dwell at ease as it revolves;”

35 The Originator 1: “All PRAISE BE to God, the originator of the heavens and the earth, who appointed angels as His messengers, with wings, two, three and four.”

35 The Originator 41: “Verily God holds the heavens and the earth in position.”

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AL-QUR'AN – TECHNICAL

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39 The Small Groups 42: **“God gathers up the souls of those who dies, and of those who do not die, in their sleep; then He keeps back those ordained for death, and sends the others back for an appointed term.”**

61 Formations 6: **“And when Jesus, son of Mary, said” “O children of Israel, I am sent to you by God to confirm the Torah (sent) before me, and to give you good tidings of an apostle who will come after me, whose name is Ahmad (the praised one).”**

67 The Kingdom 19: **“Do they not see the birds above them flying wings spread out or folded? Nothing holds them aloft but God.”**

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AL-QUR'AN – LAW

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CONCLUSION: TBA

2 The Cow 173: “Forbidden to you are carrion and blood, and the flesh of the swine, and that which has been consecrated (or killed) in the name of any other than God.”

2 The Cow 180: “It is ordained that when any one of you nears death, and he owns goods and chattels, he should bequeath them equitably to his parents and next of kin.”

2 The Cow 233: “The mothers should suckle their babies for a period of two years for those (father) who wish that they should complete the suckling, in which case the should feed them and clothe them in a befitting way; but no should be compelled beyond capacity, neither the mother made to suffer for the child nor the father for his offspring. The same holds good for the heir of the father (if he dies). If they wish to wean the child by mutual consent there is no harm. And if you wish to engage a wet nurse you may do so if you pay her an agreed amount as is customary. But fear God, and remember that God sees all that you do.”

2 The Cow 282: “O believers, when you negotiate a debt for a fixed term, draw up an agreement in writing, though better it would be to have a scribe write it faithfully down; an no scribe should refuse to write as God has taught him, and write what the borrower dictates, and have fear of God, his Lord, and not leave out a thing. If the borrow is deficient of mind or infirm, or unable to explain, let the guardian explain judiciously; and have two of your men act as witnesses; but if two men are not available, then a man and two women you approve so that in case one of them is confused the other may prompt her.”

3 The Family of Imran 130: “O you who believe, do not practice usury, charging doubled and redoubled (interest).”

4 The Women 11: “As for the children, God decrees that the share of the male is equivalent to that of two females. If they consist of women only, and of them more than two, they will get two-thirds of the inheritance; but in case there is one, she will inherit one half. The parents will each inherit a sixth of the estate if it happens the deceased has left a child; but if he has left no children, and his parents are his heirs, then the mother will inherit one-third; but if he has left brothers, the mother will inherit one-sixth after payment of legacies and debts. Of parents and children you do not know who are more useful to you. These are the decrees of God who knows all and is wise.”

4 The Women 12: “Your share in the property the wives leave behind is half if they die without an issue, but in case they have left children, then your share is one-fourth after the payment of legacies and debts; and your wife shall inherit one-fourth of what you leave at death if you die childless, if not, she will get one-eighth of what you leave behind after payment of legacies and debts without prejudice to others.

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AL-QUR'AN – LAW

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4 The Women 15-16: If any of your women is guilty of unnatural offence, bring four of your witnesses to give evidence; if they testify against them, retain them in the houses until death overtakes them or God provides some other way for them. If two (men) among you are guilty of such acts then punish both of them. But if they repent and reform, let them be, for God accepts repentance and is merciful.”

4 The Women 18: “But (He does not accept) the repentance of those who continue indulging in evil until death draws near and they say: “We now repent;” nor of those who die disbelieving.”

4 The Women 29: “O believers, you should not usurp unjustly the wealth of each other, but trade by mutual consent:”

4 The Women 92: “It is not for a believer to take a believer’s life except by mistake; and he who kills a believer by mistake should free a slave who is a believer, and pay blood-money to the victim’s family unless they forego it as an act of charity. But he who has no means (to do so) should fast for a period of two months continuously to have his sins forgiven by God, and god is all-knowing and all-wise.

4 The Women 93: “Any one who kills a believer intentionally will be cast in Hell to abide there for ever, and suffer God’s anger and damnation.

4 The Women 101: “When you travel in the land there is no sin if you curtail your service of prayer if you fear the unbelievers may harass you, for indeed your open enemies are the infidels.”

4 The Women 103: “If you are late in performing your service of prayer honour God by remembering Him, standing or sitting or lying on your sides. And when you have security perform your act of prayer befittingly; and praying at fixed hours is prescribed for the faithful.”

4 The Women 128: “If a woman fears aversion from her husband, or ill treatment, there is no harm if they make a peaceful settlement; and peace is an excellent thing. But men keep self-interest uppermost. Yet if you do good and fear God, God is cognizant of all that you do.”

4 The Women 140: “You have been commanded in the Book that whensoever you hear God’s messages denied or derided, do not sit in that company until they begin talking of other things, or you will be no different from them.”

4 The Women 144: “O believers, do not hold unbelievers as friends in preference to the faithful.”

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AL-QUR'AN – LAW

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4 The Women 176: “If a man dies and leaves no child behind but have a sister, she will get a half of what he owned, as he would have done the whole of what she possessed if she had died a childless person. In case he has two sisters then they will get two-thirds of the heritage. But if he has both brothers and sisters, the male will inherit a share equal to that of two females. God makes this manifest to you lest you wander astray, for God has knowledge of every thing.”

5 The Feast 3: “Forbidden you is carrion and blood, and the flesh of the swine, and whatsoever has been killed in the name of some other than God, and whatever has been strangled, or killed by a blow or a fall, or by goring, or that which has been mauled by wild beasts unless slaughtered while still alive; and that which has been slaughtered at altars is forbidden, and also dividing the meat by casting lots with arrows. All this is sinful.”

5 The Feast 6: “O believers, when you stand up for the service of prayer wash your faces and hands up to elbows, and also wipe your heads, and wash your feet up to the ankles. If you are in a state of seminal pollution, then bathe and purify yourself well. But in case you are ill or are traveling, or you have satisfied the call of nature, or have slept with a woman, and you cannot find water, then take wholesome dust and pass it over your face and your hands, for God does not wish to impose any hardship on you. He wishes to purify you, and grace you with His favours in full so that you maybe grateful. “

5 The Feast 38: “As for the thief, whether man or woman, cut his hand as punishment from God for what he had done; and god is all mighty and all wise.”

5 The Feast 45: “And there (in the Torah) We had ordained for them a life for a life, and an eye for an eye, and a nose for a nose, and an ear for an ear, and a tooth for a tooth, and for wounds retribution, though he who forgoes it out of charity, atones for his sins. And those who do not judge by God’s revelations are unjust.”

5 The Feast 95: “O you who believe, do not kill game when you are on pilgrimage.”

6 The Cattle 72: “Observe (your) devotional obligations and fear (God), for it is He before whom you will be gathered (in the end).”

6 The Cattle 118: “Eat only that over which the name of God has been pronounced.”

6 The Cattle 121: “Do not eat of that over which God’s name has not been pronounced, for that would amount to exceeding the limits of law. Certainly the devils inspire their protégés to dispute with you: If you obey them, you will surely become an idolater.”

6 The Cattle 145: “You tell them: “In all the commands revealed to me I find nothing which men have been forbidden to eat except carrion and running blood and flesh of the swine for it is unclean, or mean consecrated in the name of some other than God, which is profane.”

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AL-QUR'AN – LAW

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11 Hud 114: “Stand up for the service of prayer at the two ends of day and the first watch of night.”

17 The Children of Israel 23: “So your Lord has decreed: Do not worship anyone but Him, and be good to your parents. If one or both of them grow old in your presence, do not say fie to them, nor reprove them, but say gentle words to them.”

17 The Children of Israel 26: “so give to your relatives what is their due, and to those who are needy, and the wayfarers; and do not dissipate (your wealth) extravagantly.”

17 The Children of Israel 31: “Do not abandon your children out of fear of poverty. We will provide for them and for you. Killing them is certainly a great wrong.”

17 The Children of Israel 32: “And do not go near fornication, as it is immoral and an evil way.

17 The Children of Israel 33: “And do not take a life, which God has forbidden, except in a just cause. We have given the right (of redress) to the heir of the person who is killed, but he should not exceed the limits (of justice) by slaying (the killer), for he will be judged (by the same law).”

17 The Children of Israel 78: “Observe the service of prayer from the sun’s declining from the meridian to the darkening of the night, and the recitation at dawn.” Indeed the Recitation at dawn is palpably evident.”

17 The Children of Israel 79: “Say a supererogatory prayer at the hour of the first watch: Your Lord may raise you to a most exalted station.”

22 The Pilgrimage 60: “Whosoever retaliates to the extent of injury suffered by him, and is wronged again, will certainly be helped by God. Verily God is forgiving and kind”

24 The Light 2-3: “The adulteress and adulterer should be flogged a hundred lashes each, and no pity for them should deter you from the law of God, if you believe in God and the Last Day; and the punishment should be witnessed by a body of believers. The adulterer can marry no one but an adulteress or his partner (in the act), and the adulteress cannot marry any but an adulterer or her partner (in the act). This is forbidden the believers.

24 The Light 4-5: “Those who defame chaste women and do not bring four witnesses should be punished with eighty lashes, and their testimony should not be accepted afterwards, for they are profligates, Except those who repent after this and reform; and God is surely forgiving and kind.”

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AL-QUR'AN – LAW

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24 The Light 6-10: “Those who accuse their wives and do not have any witnesses except themselves, should swear four times in the name of God, the testimony of each such person being that he is speaking the truth, and (swear) a fifth time that if he tell a lie the curse of God be on him. The woman’s punishment can be averted if she swears four times by God as testimony that her husband is a liar, (This would not have been possible) if the grace and benevolence of God were not upon you; but God is compassionate and wise.”

24 The Light 27-29: “O you who believe, do not enter other houses except yours without first asking permission and saluting the inmates. This is better for you: You may haply take heed. If you find that no one is in, then do not enter unless you have received permission. If you are asked to go away, turn back. That is proper for you. God is aware of what you do. There is no harm in going into uninhabited houses where there is some convenience for you, as God has knowledge of what you hide and what you disclose.”

24 The Light 32: Marry off those who are single among you, and those of your male and female servants who are righteous. If they are poor, God will enrich them of His race, for God is bounteous and all-knowing.”

24 The Light 58-59: “O you who believe, let your dependants and those who have not yet reached the age of puberty, ask permission (to enter your presence) on three occasions: Before the early morning prayer; when you disrobe for the mid-day siesta; after prayer at night. These are the three occasions of dishabille for you. there is no harm if you or they visit one another at other times (without permission). God thus explains things to you clearly, for God is all-knowing and all-wise. When your children have reached the age of puberty, they should similarly ask your leave (for entering) as others did before them. God thus clearly explains His commands to you, for God is all-knowing and all-wise.”

49 Apartments 11: “Do not slander one another, nor give one another nick-names.”

49 Apartments 12: “So do not pry into others’ secrets and do not backbite.”

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AL-QUR'AN – FASTING

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CONCLUSION: TBA

2 The Cow 183: “O Believers, fasting is enjoined on you as it was on those before you, so that you might become righteous.

2 The Cow 184: ”Fast a (fixed) number of days, but if someone is ill or is traveling (he should complete) the number of days (he had missed); and those who find it hard to fast should expiate by feeding a poor person. For the good they do with a little hardship (sic) is better for men. And if you fast it is good for you, if you knew.

2 The Cow 185: “Ramadan is the month in which the Qur’an was revealed as a guidance to man and clear proof of the guidance, and criterion (of falsehood and truth). So when you see the new moon you should fast the whole month;

2 The Cow 187: “You are allowed to sleep with your wives on the nights of the fast: They are your dress as you are theirs. God is aware you were cheating yourselves, so He turned to you and pardoned you. So now you may have intercourse with them, and seek what God has ordained for you. Eat and drink until the white thread of dawn appears clear from the dark line, then fast until the night falls; and abstain from your wives (when you have decided) to stay in the mosques for assiduous devotion. These are the bounds fixed by God, so keep well within them.”

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AL-QUR'AN – GENERAL

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CONCLUSION: TBA

2 The Cow 121: “Those to whom We have sent down the Book, and who read it as it should be read, believe in it truly; but those who deny it will be losers.”

6 The Cattle 93: “Who is more vile than he who slanders God of falsehood, or says: “Revelation came to me,” when no such revelation came to him; or one who claims: “I can reveal the like of what has been sent down by God?”

6 The Cattle 98: “It is He who produced you from a single cell, and appointed a place of sojourning, (the womb of the mother), and a place of depositing, (the grave).”

7 Wall between Heaven and Hell 34: “A term is fixed for every people; and when their appointed time is come there will neither be a moment’s delay nor haste.”

9 Repentance 3: “A general proclamation is (made) this day of the Greater Pilgrimage on the part of God and His Apostle, that God is not bound (by any contract) to idolaters, nor is His Apostle. It is, therefore better for you to repent. If you do not, remember that you cannot elude (the grip of) God. So announce to those who deny the truth the news of painful punishment,

9 Repentance 18: “Only those who believe in God and the Last Day, who fulfil (sic) their devotional obligations, pay the zakat, and fear no one but god, can visit the mosques of God.”

9 Repentance 97: “The village Arabs are more obstinate in disbelief and hypocrisy, and impervious to ordinances revealed to His Apostle by God; yet God is aware of every thing and is wise.”

14 Abraham 4: “We never sent a messenger who did not speak the tongue of his people, that he may explain to them distinctly. God leads whosoever He wills astray, and shows whoever He wills the way: He is all-mighty and all-wise.”

16 The Bees 58-59: “Yet when news of the birth of a daughter reaches one of them, his face is darkened, and he is overwhelmed with silent grief, And hides from people for shame at the news, (at a loss) whether he should keep her with shame or bury her in the ground.”

24 The Light 26: “Bad women deserve bad men, and bad men are for bad women; but good women are for good men, and good men for good women, for they are innocent of what people say. There is forgiveness for them and a gracious provision.”

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AL-QUR'AN – GENERAL

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29 The Spider 45-46: “Recite what has been revealed to you of this Book, and be constant in devotion. Surely prayer keeps you away from the obscene and detestable, but the remembrance of God is greater far; and God knows what you do. Do not argue with the people of the Book unless in a fair way, apart from those who act wrongly, and say to them: “We believe what has been sent down to us, and we believe what has been sent down to you. Our God and your God is one, and to Him we submit.”

30 The Romans 45: “So that God may reward those who believed and did what was good, by His grace. Surely He does not love unbelievers.”

33 The Allied Troops 6: “The Prophet is closer to the faithful than they are themselves; and his wives are as their mothers.”

35 The Originator 29-30: “Surely those who read the Book of God, are firm in devotion, and spend of what We have given them in secret or openly, can hope for a commerce that will not decline, So that He may reward them in full, and give them a greater increase by His grace. He is verily forgiving and rewarding.”

46 Al-Ahqāf 15: “We have enjoined on man to be good to his parents: His mother carries him in her womb with hardship, and gives birth to him in pain. Thirty months is the period of her carrying and weaning him.”

60 The Woman Tried 13: “O you who believe, do not make friends with those who have suffered the anger of God by having become despondent of the life to come like those unbelievers who are despondent of those who are in the graves.”

64 Exposition 11: “No calamity befalls unless God dispenses.”

64 Exposition 14: “O believers, some of your spouses and children are your enemies, so beware of them!”

64 Exposition 15: “Your wealth and children are surely meant as trial to you: But with God is the great reward.”

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AL-QUR'AN – MISCELLANEOUS

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THE FIVE PILLARS OF ISLAM

1. Testifying of your faith
2. Saying prayers 5 times a day facing Mecca
3. Giving alms
4. Fasting from dawn to sunset during Ramadan
5. Making a pilgrimage to Mecca once in your lifetime.

“IS ISLAM BENIGN”, From Firm Foundation, January 2002, Potpourri..., p. 32

“The kingdom of Saudi Arabia has imprisoned a dozen house-church leaders since last summer. Saudi law requires the nation’s 15 million citizens to remain Muslims. Anyone who abandons Islam faces the death penalty. From 1990 to 1999, Saudi Arabia executed 767 people, including 419 foreign nationals, for a variety of offences. Saudi terrorists target Americans. A terrorist bomb in 1996 killed 19 American soldiers at a Saudi airbase in Dhahran.

By the way, 10,000 [mostly Christian] GIs are the only thing standing between Rydah (Saudi’s capital city) and Iraq’s Saddam Hussein (Taken from Christianity Today, 12-1-01, pp. 27-28)”

“STUPID IS AS STUPID DOES”, From Firm Foundation, January 2002, Potpourri..., p. 33

“Pro-Taliban Pakistani group Afghan Defense Council pledges to ‘provide lifetime financial support to those who die fighting the Americans’, reports UPI (National Review, 12-3-01).”