

THE WORD OF GOD

I. KORAN

The Koran begins (after the Exordium) with the following words:

"This book is not to be doubted. It is a guide for the righteous, who have faith in the unseen and are steadfast in prayer... as for the unbelievers... grievous punishment awaits them."

2. THE BIBLE (2 Timothy 3, 1-17):

"...All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for refutation, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that one who belongs to God may be competent, equipped for every good work."

THE KORAN

Islamic attitude toward the "idolaters" and the "Unbelievers."

Koran chapters 2; 5; 8; and 9.

Women: Koran 4:3; and 4:34

THE BIBLE

I. Idolatry and Forbidden gods and religions

John 3, 16; 14, 6-7; Mk 16, 14-18 (Jesus the only way)

Eph 5,5: Idolaters will not enter the Kingdom of God

- Those who worship idols or other gods (Ex 22,20; Deut 7, 1-7; Deut 17,1-5)
- sorceress (Ex 22, 17)

1 cor 10, 14- 22; 1 Cor 8, 1-7; Ex 22,20; 23,13; 20,1-6

Jeremiah 7, 1-34; and 10, 1-16; Leviticus chap. 19.

II. Forbidden Food and dietary laws:

* Judaism: Leviticus chap.11; 17 and 19; Deut chap.14.

- * Islam: Surah 5: 1-20; 87-96 and Surah 6:131-151

III. God's Will on Women

Leviticus, 12, 1-8; and 15, 19-31.

1 Corinthians 11, 1-16; 1 Timothy 2, 1-14

Ephesians 5, 22-33

Polygamy:

- 1 Kings 11,1-7: Solomon

- Genesis (Chap. 29 and 30): Jacob

IV. SEXUAL ETHIC IN THE BIBLE

(including homosexuality, sexual immorality and punishment, marriage and celibacy)

Leviticus chapters 18, 19, and 20

(Focus on Lev. 18, 22 and 20,13)

Romans, chap. 1

(Focus on Rom 1, 25-27)

I Cor. Chap. 5, 6, and 7; Mt 19, 1-12

(Focus on I Cor 5, 1-13; 6, 9-10)

V. God's Will on Slaves:

a. Ephesians 6, 5-8

b. Colossians 3, 22-25

c. 1 Timothy 6, 1-6

d. Titus 2, 9-10

e. 1 Peter 2, 13-20

f. Leviticus 25, 39-46

g. Exodus chapter 21 ("Rights of Slaves"?)

h. Genesis chap. 9 and 10: Divine curse?

VI. Attitude toward governments and rulers

- Rom 13, 1-7

Titus 3, 1-3

- 1 Timothy 2, 1-6

1 Peter 2, 13-20

VII. On War and other forms of Violence

Exodus 7, 7-12, 40 (Ten Plagues of Egypt).

Deuteronomy 32, 1-35 (Golden Calf and the persecution of heretics).

Exodus chapters 21 and 22

Deuteronomy chapters 6 and 7;

Deuteronomy 26, 5-10; 33, 1-5

- Prayer: Ps 109, 1-31; Ps 135, 1-21; Ps 136, 1-26)

VIII. NATIONALISM VERSUS UNIVERSALISM

B. Nationalistic election and its consequences;

God's will on other nations

Genesis 11, 31-32; 12, 1-2.

Deuteronomy 7, 6-8; 26, 5-10; 6, 1-25; 7, 1-5

IX. Some problematic texts in the New Testament:

Luke 12, 49-53; Mt 10, 5-15; Mt 15, 21-28