

Da'wah Course DP206 at IIU

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Reading Assignment:

1. Manual of Da'wah by ICNA, Parts II, III, IV, and V.
2. Relevant III&E publications posted on www.ilaam.net.
3. Table of Books of the Bible.

A. Developing Islamic personality through the Qur'an: 2:177 the verse of righteousness (Ayat Al-Birr).

- "Facing the east and the west:" The change of Qiblah, verses 2:142-150
- Righteousness is to believe in Allah, the Last Day, the Angels, the Book and the Prophets. Additional reference 4:136. Belief in Allah includes belief in Qadr or destiny. Belief in the last day includes belief in the life hereafter.
- In addition, righteousness is to have the life conduct according to the beliefs and that includes the following in order:
 - (a) To spend the wealth (Infaq) for the love of Allah despite the love of the wealth to the near relatives, orphans, needy (who do not beg), travelers, those who ask (poor and those who ask for donations for various Islamic causes) and for freeing the necks (those who are caught in debts, bankrupt with ability to stand up on their own feet, righteous prisoners who need bond money to be free and similar causes).
 - (b) Establish Salat,
 - (c) Pay Zakat (see 9:60 for spending the Zakat and Sadaqah),
 - (d) Fulfill covenants, promises, contracts, pledges, pacts, etc.
 - (e) Patience in tribulation, adversity and at the time of stress. Sabr means not taking revenge, to be steadfast and persevere.

These are sincere and the truthful, these are the muttaqoon (God-conscious).

B. Why should Muslims know the Bible and Christianity?

- (a) Know your adversaries.
- (b) Know your fellow citizens who happen to be the hosts of the immigrant Muslims in the West.
- (c) Christian world makes up the Super Powers of the world.
- (d) Defeating our enemies requires knowing of their game plan, specially the Bible thumpers who are aggressive and throw Bible verses at the Muslims. Muslims need to defeat them in their own game.
- (e) Allah revealed information about Christianity to the Prophet to help him defeat them in debates. See 3:42-71, Surah Maryam (Surah #19) and there are many verses in Surah 4, 5

and others. See miracles performed by Jesus in 3:49, mubahilah in 3:61, 3:64 for agreements between Christianity and Islam and so on. Also see 29:46.

- (f) Proving the point from the Bible because they do not believe in the Qur'an.
- (g) Allah has revealed in 7:157 that Prophet Muhammad has been mentioned in the Bible. It is our duty to find those verses and show the opponents.

C. Introduction to the Christianity, see the outline of lecture #3.

D. Developing Islamic personality through the Qur'an 23:1-11.

- (a) The meaning of success: real success is entering paradise in the life hereafter.
- (b) Conditions to be met for success according to this passage:
 - To be a believer.
 - To perform Salat attentively (internal aspects).
 - To value the time by avoiding worthless pursuits.
 - To perform the acts of purification like weeding out the lawn.
 - To guard sexual parts: discussion about the slavery included.
 - To honor trusts: secrecy and worthy material things.
 - To fulfill covenants, promises, pledges, pacts, etc.
 - To guard the Salat, external aspects.

These are the inheritors of Firdaus (paradise) where they will live eternally.
