

Da'wah Course DP206 at IIU

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Recommended Book.

How to Tell Others About Islam by Yahiya Emerick
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Reading Assignment.

1. Call to Islam by Amin Ahsan Islahi, pp. 61-102
2. Handling People, Section B: Etiquette of conversation (dialogues)
3. III&E publications posted at www.ilaam.net:
(a) One Family a Month, (b) Is Jesus Really God, (c) Who invented the Trinity,
and (d) Historical Fallacy of Atonement.

Developing Islamic Personality: Attributes of the Slaves of Ar-Rahman 25:63-77.

1. They walk on the earth with modesty and humility.
2. When addressed by an ignorant person (in an argument) they say Salaam and separate from them beautifully rather than arguing with him/her and try to convince.
3. They spend their nighttime before their Rabb in standing and prostrating (in Salat).
4. They ask Allah for forgiveness and protection from the hell-fire recognizing that hell is a wretched place to be.
5. They are in spending neither reckless nor are they miserly but they find a middle path between the two.
6. They do not call any others with Allah when they call in du'aa.
7. They do not take the life, which is forbidden by Allah except with justification. Taking life with justification was discussed much in detail in the study of the verse 17:33.
8. They do not indulge in fornication (unmarried person) and adultery (married person).
9. These are the evil works deserving of severe punishment but for the slaves of Ar-Rahman punishment will be doubled except for those who make true repentance. For those who make true repentance their evil deeds will be exchanged with good.
10. They do not witness to the falsehood meaning they do not involve themselves in false pursuits; possibly, it may mean gambling, sorcery, astrology, theater, music festivals and similar pursuits. *Laghw* includes forbidden and implied evils and time wasting activities; some of them have been mentioned already.
11. They do not behave like deaf and dumb when they are reminded of the Qur'an and Sunnah but they pay attention and change to adapt themselves to living an Islamic life.
12. They pray to Allah for guidance and making their spouses and progeny a source of comfort and ask Allah to make them predecessors (imam) in righteousness and Taqwa for their descendants.
13. These are the people who will be rewarded as much as they had patience and perseverance in righteousness. They will be welcomed in the paradise where they will abide forever, what a happy abode, what a wonderful place!
14. My Rabb will not concern Himself with those who have denied the truth, therefore, there will be judgment for them.

Study of the Bible and Christianity.

Christianity is founded on five dogmas (or doctrines).

1. The Original Sin,
2. Sonship and Divinity of Jesus,
3. The Trinity,
4. Crucifixion and Resurrection of Jesus, and
5. The Concept of Atonement.

The Role of Paul in the Development of Trinitarian Christianity.

- i) Paul was not a Disciple of Jesus. He never met Jesus.
- ii) He was a persecutor of Christians. **Acts 9:1-2.**
- iii) Converted around 35 C.E. He reportedly had a vision of Christ on the way to Damascus. **Acts 9:3-6**
- iv) Claimed that a resurrected Jesus appeared to him in a vision, and chose him to preach to the Gentiles. **Gal 1:11, Gal 1:15-16.** Why should anyone believe him?
- v) Contradictions in his conversion story.
 - (a) **Acts 9:3-8** (Light shone around Paul and he fell down. The people around him heard a voice, but saw no man)
 - (b) **Acts 22:6-10** (Light shone around Paul and he fell down. Those around him saw a light, but did not hear a voice)
 - (c) **Acts 26:13-18** (Light shone around Paul and his companions, and they all fell down.)
- vi) Paul claims to receive revelation directly from Jesus. Gal 1:12
- vii) But revelations only come from God. **Num 12:6, Deut 18:20, Ez 13:8-9.**
- viii) Disciples were suspicious of him. **Acts 9:26**
- ix) Barnabas supports him. **Acts 9:27**
- x) Paul and Barnabas disagree and part ways. **Acts 15:39**
- xi) Paul chose to preach to Gentiles, against the teaching of Jesus. **Mt 10:5-6**
- xii) Preached that the law is abrogated (**Gal 5:18**), and that Jesus is the end of the Law. **Rom 10:4.** This contradicts what Jesus said in **Mt 5:17-20: "Think not that I have come to abolish The Law and the Prophets. I have come to fulfill them."**
- xiii) **Rom 5:8-11 & Rom 6:8-9.** Paul preached that Jesus died and rose back to life to save mankind.

Isn't Jesus the Son of God? (Jn 3:16?)

The word "begotten" that is found in the KJV has been removed from more recent versions of the Bible, such as RSV, NEB, NIV, and LB.

In the Bible, God has sons by the tons

- A. **Ps 2:7** "You (David) are my son, this day have I begotten you."
- B. **Ex 4:22** "...Thus saith the Lord, Israel is my son, even my firstborn"
- C. **Jer 31:9** "For I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn."
- D. **Ps 68:5** "A father of the fatherless...is God in His holy habitation"
- E. **I Chron 22:10** "...and he (Solomon) shall be my son, and I will be his father..."
- F. **Lk 3:38** "...Adam, which was the son of God"
- G. **Mt 5:9** "Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God"
- H. **Mt 5:45** "That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven"
- I. **Deut 14:1** "Ye are all the children of the Lord your God"

- J. **Gal 3:26** “For ye are all the children of God by faith in Jesus Christ.”
K. **Rom 8:14** “For as many as are led by the spirit of God, they are the sons of God.”

i. **The Qur’an says:**

- A. **Q 9:30** “And the Jews say Ezra is the son of Allah, and the Christians say ‘the Messiah is the son of Allah. That is their saying with their mouths. They imitate those who disbelieved of old. Allah fights against them. How perverse are they!”
B. **Q 112:3** “He (Allah) does not beget, nor was He begotten.”

Original sin and vicarious blood atonement

I. Biblical verses that contradict Original Sin

Deut 24:16 “The fathers shall not be put to death for the children, neither shall the children be put to death for the fathers: every man shall be put to death for his own sin.”

2 Chron 25:4 “...The fathers shall not die for the children, neither shall the children die for the fathers, but every man shall die for his own sin.”

Jer 31:30 “But every one shall die for his own iniquity: every man that eats the sour grape, his teeth shall be set on edge.

Ezek 18:20 “The soul that sins shall die. The son shall not suffer the iniquity of the father, nor shall the father suffer the iniquity of the son...”

Eccles 7:29 “Lo, this only have I found, that God hath made man upright..”

Mt 7:1-2 “Judge not that ye be judged. For with what judgment you judge, you shall be judged, and with what measurement you mete, it shall be measured to you again.”

1 Cor 3:8 “...and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labor.”

Mk 10:14 “...Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.”

Lk 18:16 “...Let the children come to me...for to such belong the kingdom of God.”

Gen 6:9 Noah was a perfect man

Job 1:1 Job was perfect and upright.

Mk 10:19 Jesus tells a man to obey the commandments to enter eternal life.

Lk 18:19 “ ... Why do you call me good? No one is good, but God alone.”

II. What the Qur’an says:

Q 4:171”....So believe in Allah and His Messengers, and do not say ‘Three’-Cease! (it is) better for you. Allah is only One God.”

“CRUCIFIXION” OF JESUS

Note:

- ❑ Once the dogma of Original Sin or Divinity of Jesus is falsified, then the dogma of Crucifixion naturally crumbles.
- ❑ What took salvation so long? Or isn’t this an after thought?
- ❑ **Deut 21:23.** Whoever is hung on a tree is cursed.
- ❑ **Gal 3:13.** Paul twisted this teaching. He claims that Jesus was cursed in order to redeem man from the curse of the law.

I. Bible References.

1. **Hosea 6:6 & Mt 9:13 & Mt 12:7** God desires mercy, not sacrifice.

2. **Mt 26:56 & Mk 14:50.** There were no eyewitnesses to the crucifixion. All the disciples forsook him and fled.
3. **Mt 26:39** Jesus prayed to be saved from death.
4. **Heb 5:7-8.** Jesus' prayer to be saved was answered by God.
5. **Mt 12:40.** The sign of Jonah.
6. **Lk 20:34-36.** Jesus says that resurrected bodies become spirit.
7. **Lk 24:36-41** Jesus was not a spirit. He ate fish and honeycomb.
8. Contradictions in the tomb story. (See flyer with table.)
9. Ascension account doubtful or contradictory at best. (see footnotes of NIV and NEB about **Mk 16:19 & Lk 24:51**)
10. Ascension not unique to Jesus.
 - (a) **Heb 11:5.** Enoch
 - (b) **2 Kings 2:11.** Elijah

II. Contradictions in the crucifixion account (see table below)

III. Qur'anic Sources.

1. **Q 4:157.** The Jews thought (it appeared so to them) that they killed Jesus. They didn't kill nor crucify him. Those who differ follow conjecture, not sure knowledge.
2. Substitution theory vs. Swoon theory.
3. **Q 4:158.** He raised (rafa'a) Him to Himself.
 - (a) **Q 19:57.** Idrees.
 - (b) **Q 3:55.** Death (of Jesus) before ascension?
 - (c) **Q 94:4.** Raise (in honor). Ref. to Muhammad.
4. Bottom line: What actually happened is best known to Allah.
5. The end of Jesus is of no material relevance to Muslims. Avoid heated debates on the issue.

Crucifixion and Resurrection Accounts

Category	Matthew	Mark	Luke	John
1. Sign above Jesus' head	Mt 27:37 This is Jesus, the king of the Jews	Mk 15:21 The King of the Jews	Lk 23:38 This is the King of the Jews	Jn 19:19 Jesus of Nazareth King of the Jews
2. Who carried Jesus' cross?		Mk 15:21 Simon of Cyrene		Jn 19:17 Jesus was bearing his own cross.
3. a) How many angels were there? b) What were they doing?	Mt 28:2 Angel from heaven rolled the stone and sat on it.	Mk 16:5 The stone is already rolled. b. Young man sitting on the right side of tomb.	Lk 24:4 Stone already rolled b. Two angels standing up	Jn 20:12 Stone moved already b. Two angels standing up
4. Where were the disciples on the first day of the week after "Resurrec	Mt 20:16-17 With Jesus on a mountain in Galilee		Lk 24:33-35 Eating supper with him in Jerusalem	

tion"?				
	(Jerusalem is 70 miles from Galilee)			
5. Who was at the tomb?	Mt 28:1 Mary Magdalene and another Mary	Mk 16:1 Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James and Salome.	LK 24:10 Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of Jesus, and other women	Jn 20:1 Mary Magdalene only

What happened to Jesus: Islamic point of view- two theories.

1. Substitution theory. Judas Iscariots
2. Swoon theory.

Handling People: Section B.

Da'wah at home- study of the Qur'an and Hadith daily.

Da'wah to neighbors, colleagues and acquaintances.

Etiquette of conversation (dialogue).

Rules for the distribution of literature.

1. Read what you distribute and know what you are giving as Da'wah material.
2. Never settle for material that is merely acceptable unless you have no choice.
3. Never appear over-eager to hands things out. It may make people nervous.
4. Never hand down a person too much to read, he may not read anything at all.
5. Don't corner someone with a lecture about Islam, avoid politics and polemics.
6. Keep a tidy appearance because the messenger is as important as the message.
7. Keep a record of what and how much was given for your statistics.
8. When giving Qur'an translation emphasize that a translation is not Qur'an.
9. Also point out that footnotes and commentaries in a Qur'an may not be agreed upon by all Muslims and that may represent only the writer's personal view.
10. Any book on Islam may contain opinions disagreed by other learned Muslims.
11. If you decide to drop the literature at homes, note that it is a Federal crime to put anything in the mailboxes. Put the literature in a plastic bag and hang by the doorknobs. If you drop in the mail box you may not get caught but your Muslim brothers who publish the material will be charged with the crime.
