

When Islam Asks... (1 Peter 3:15)

There are great chances to talk with Muslim neighbors about religion, so be respectful and honest and point them to the Bible. Peter tells Christians to be ready to explain the reason for our hope. There is a lot of repetition in the questions that Muslims ask Christians. You can pretty well expect to be asked questions along the following lines. Let's study and be prepared to answer with wisdom and love.

- I. Questions About _____**
- A. The word "Trinity" is in the Qur'an (Surah 5:116; 4:171). To deny & condemn the teaching.
 - B. But the word "Trinity" is not in the Bible.
 - C. Common Muslim objections to "Trinity."
 - 1. Impossible? _____ (Luke 1:37; Isa. 55:8-9).
 - 2. Offensive? _____ (Isa. 9:6; John 8:30-33).
 - 3. Illogical? _____
 - 4. Nonsense? _____
 - D. Clarify for Muslims: Church Councils discussing Trinity did not write or rewrite the _____; rather they convened to attempt to accurately understand all that the Bible said about God.
 - E. "We humans cannot understand everything about God. If I were to place a miniscule ant on the palm of my hand and ask him, 'Little ant, can you tell me how the human brain works?' The ant would obviously be unable to comprehend my words, let alone the human brain, which humans themselves are still seeking to understand. Similarly, we humans are like tiny ants in our finite understanding. We cannot comprehend everything about God, only that which He reveals to us."
– Dr. Abraham Sarker, *Understand My Muslim People*, 225
- II. Questions About _____**
- A. Try to impress three things on them about Jesus.
 - B. _____ – the resurrection of Jesus (1 Pet. 3:15; 1 Pet. 1:3-5).
 - C. _____ – the teaching and example of Jesus (Matt. 5:16, 43-45; 7:12).
 - D. _____ – the heart of Jesus (John 15:10-15).
 - E. According to Muslim converts, those 3 things persuade Muslims.
- III. Questions About _____ (Holy Books)**
- A. "Have you _____ the Qur'an?"
 - B. "Do you know _____? Can you read Arabic?"
 - 1. Answer: A person only needs critical thinking skills, not a language degree to read and decide for themselves on the Qur'an.
 - 2. With the Bible, it was for everyone and preached in multiple languages from day one (Acts 2). The gospel is universal. Truth is universal and can be communicated in any language!
 - C. "You are quoting the Qur'an out of _____!"
 - 1. Historical Context?
 - 2. Linguistic Context? Are verses being taken from their natural meaning and setting to misrepresent the Qur'an?
 - a. Example: Muslim apologists have taken Surah 5.32-33 out of context.
 - b. What about the other 109 War verses in the Qur'an? Passages like, Surah 2.191, 216. Not all Muslims practice these violent precepts but they are written!
 - D. "Why are there so many _____?" Confusion over the word, "Version" (KJV, NIV, etc).

IV. Questions About _____

- A. "Why can't Christians accept Muhammad? We accept your prophet Jesus; why can't you accept our prophet, Muhammad?"
- B. Muhammad's message contradicts the _____ of the Bible (Gal. 1:8-9).
- C. Muhammad's _____ falls short of Jesus Christ.
 - 1. The Qur'an says Muhammad had to ask forgiveness for his sins (Surah 40:55).
 - 2. Yet the Qur'an never mentions that Jesus committed a single sin.
 - 3. Bible truth testifies that Jesus was sinless (Heb. 4:15).
 - 4. This fact alone calls for a much closer examination of the true identity and mission of Jesus Christ.

V. Questions About the _____

- A. "Don't both the Bible and the Qur'an promote violence in the name of religion?"
- B. The Old Testament recorded _____ on nations not conquer-to-convert tactics.
 - 1. But Islam's enemies can stop the violence by submitting to Islam (Surah 5.34; 9.5).
- C. The New Testament prohibits Christians from using violence to force conversions (Matt. 26:52; John 18:36).
- D. The historical atrocities of the Crusades or the Inquisition are examples of _____ the Scripture.
- E. When Muslims act violently in the name of Holy War, they are _____ the Qur'an (Surah 9.29).
- F. The Qur'an authorizes corporeal violence against non-believers. The New Testament does not.