

Questions for Imams Regarding Islamic Tradition

Tract M 32

If you follow Muhammad you may come to see, that your eternal destiny may well depend, on the answers to the following questions. If you are too shy to ask your Imam, perhaps you can leave this tract in a place where he will discover it, and be moved to respond through his own initiative.

1. Ask your Imam to present you with some historical or archaeological evidence that suggests that Mecca existed before the 4th century AD (Besides trotting out the usual anecdotal misunderstandings of 18th century Edward Gibbon and early 20th century A. J. Wensinck). Bearing in mind that Arabia has one of the best preserved archaeological records on earth, because the low rainfall reduces degradation of the archaeological evidence. There are many ancient towns to which the historical and archaeological records of Arabia attest, that also attest to each other, and even to small Arabian towns that came and went over a couple of centuries

prior to the Christian era.

2. Ask your Imam how there came to be such a massive historical and archaeological record of Jerusalem, in the Holy Land of the prophets and patriarchs - where there are a million artifacts on display - while the epicenter of Islam being Mecca has none, yet is supposed to have predated Jerusalem, with Adam credited as having built the Kaaba.

3. Ask your Imam why Abraham would abandon his wife Sarah - and his son Isaac in whom God made His covenant - in Hebron (where Muslims visit Abraham's grave to this day), to wander across 1200 kilometers of harsh barren desert, with Sarah's handmaiden Hagar and her son Ishmael to the place where Mecca was eventually settled in the 4th century AD.

4. Ask your Imam how Abraham traveled across 1200 kilometers of unexplored, uncharted, untraveled desert, with Sarah's handmaiden Hagar and her son Ishmael, most of a millennium before the historical record tells us the first caravan route was established along the Red Sea in Arabia.

5. Then ask your Imam how they accomplished that journey most of a millennium before the advent of camel transport (1200-1000 BC according to a Saudi Islamic site).

6. Did Hagar again wander over 1000 kilometers from Mecca to Egypt, to fetch Ishmael his Egyptian wife, and the two of them wander back to Mecca again?

7. Ask your Imam how Ishmael was able to travel back across that same 1200 kilometers of unexplored, untraveled, barren desert wasteland, to join his brother Isaac in time for their father Abraham's burial in Hebron.

Theological Questions

In terms of theology, it is important to preface with the fact that **by Muhammad's 7th century, the Gospel** had been translated into every popular language, had been copied many tens of thousands of times, and **had been read all over the known world for centuries.** In that context:

8. How does your Imam explain the fact that **Muhammad proclaimed the exact opposite of the whole subject of the Gospel**, while at the same time instructing Christians to believe in what is revealed in the Gospel?

Surah 5:47 **Let the people of the Gospel judge by what Allah hath revealed therein.** If any do fail to judge by (the light of) what Allah hath revealed, they are (no better than) those who rebel.

9. How does your Imam reconcile **Muhammad's followers denying the Son of God, in spite of the hundreds of verses** in scripture that proclaim Jesus the Son of God and God His Father, even after Muhammad proclaimed:

Surah 5:68 Say: "**O People of the Book!** ye have no ground to stand upon unless ye **stand fast by the Law, the Gospel, and all the revelation that has come to you from your Lord.**" It is the revelation that cometh to thee from thy Lord, that increaseth in most of them their obstinate rebellion and blasphemy. But sorrow thou not over (these) people without Faith.

10. How does your Imam reconcile rejecting remission of sin through the blood of the Lamb of God - the whole subject of the Gospel and essentially the whole Bible - after Muhammad described the Gospel:

Surah 48:29 ... This is their similitude in the Taurat; and their similitude in **the Gospel is: like a seed which sends forth its blade, then makes it strong**; it then becomes thick, and it stands on its own stem, (filling) the sowers with wonder and delight. As a result, **it fills the Unbelievers with rage at them**. Allah has promised those among them who believe and do righteous deeds forgiveness, and a great Reward.

In light of Muhammad's astute observation, consider what's going on in Nigeria and all around the rest of the world, with 105,000 to 180,000 Christians martyred around the world every year, primarily by Muslims.

11. Since there were no Islamic books in Muhammad's day, how does your Imam justify modern day Muslim's claims of corruption, when Muhammad proclaimed:

Surah 80:13 **(It is) in Books** held (greatly) in honour, 14 Exalted (in dignity), **kept pure and holy**, 15 (Written) by the hands of scribes- 16 Honourable and Pious and Just.

12. Why are a massive **71 out of only 114 chapters** in the Quran **subject to abrogation**, even though the Quran was revealed to only one man, and only over the short span of just 23 years?

13. **Why did Muhammad switch** the qibla of his followers from Jerusalem to Mecca, and why did he switch **his "holy day" from the Sabbath to Friday**?

14. How can a follower of Muhammad do as Muhammad's "Allah" instructed him to do, and "believe in" "the scripture which He sent to those before" Muhammad, if they have never

even read them? Why not read the Gospel of John right now at IslamAndTheTruth.com? Or watch the movie of it on Netflix, or watch a YouTube of it?

Surah 4:136 O ye who believe! **Believe in Allah and His Messenger, and the scripture which He hath sent to His Messenger and the scripture which He sent to those before (him)**. Any who denieth Allah, His angels, His Books, His Messengers, and the Day of Judgment, hath gone far, far astray.

15. Recalling the preface to this theology section, and the Gospel being the same today as it was in Muhammad's day, since Muhammad's followers are supposed to "believe in" the scriptures that were sent down before Muhammad, how could there be any harm in reading them? Which brings us to the next question to ask your Imam.

16. What spirit would be behind a follower of Muhammad being **subject to the death penalty under the law**, for choosing to leave the religion of Islam, in Iran, Pakistan, Somalia, Afghanistan, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Qatar, Yemen and Mauritania, and could be imprisoned for the same in Egypt, UAE, Malaysia, Jordan, and Morocco (for 15 years!)?

17. What spirit would be behind the Gospel being banned or restricted in 53, primarily Islamic, nations around the world?

18. What spirit would be responsible for "Sunni Muslim terrorists" committing "about 70 percent" of the 12,533 terrorist murders around the world last year, according to the National Counterterrorism Center (NCTC)?

(That's for the year 2011, and doesn't even include Shiite Muslim terrorist murders.)

19. What spirit was responsible for Muhammad's "Allah" bestowing on him all the wives and concubines he desired, but only for him?

20. What spirit was responsible for Muhammad's "Allah" bestowing on him one-fifth of all the "spoils of war" and "booty" stolen from others, when Abraham with whom Muhammad wished to be associated, given the very same set of circumstances following his conquest of the Sodomites that was ordained directly by God, specifically refused the spoils of war when the vanquished invited him to take them?

21. What spirit made Muhammad behave in a way that was the opposite of that of Jesus? Jesus healed the lame so they could walk. Mohammed brought lameness to the walking. Bukhari V4, B52 #261 "...they were brought, and he had their hands and feet cut off." Jesus brought sight to the blind. Mohammed brought blindness to the seeing. "...then he ordered for nails which were heated and passed over their eyes..." Jesus brought the dead back to life. Mohammed mass murdered the living.

What should all of the numbered points above communicate to Muhammad's followers about Muhammad and his "Allah" through which he served himself? What spirit is involved?

1 John 2:22He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son.

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