

A Brief Study of Two Books

There are two books that have, like none others, shaped much of history and influenced major portions of mankind, spiritually, mentally, emotionally, physically and politically. The first was authored by the Creator Himself, and proves itself because it documents accurately the history of the world from creation to its termination, and beyond. It is called the Holy Bible, because indeed that's what it is. It's a Book of instruction to be followed in order to live the life the Lord would have all mankind to live. Its ultimate benefit is that it provides the way that all who believe can have eternal life with Him (1John 5:11-13)

Love is a major theme through the Holy Bible. In it the word love, lovest, loves, appears over 500 times. Bible detractors allege that Christianity is a religion of killing. They point to God's order to kill every man, woman and child in certain places when the Israelites conquered Canaan. Careful study, as found elsewhere in Christian Musings II explains God's purpose as being an act of grace, mercy and love. Then they will tell of the many atrocities and wanton murders committed by the Crusaders as they swept to, and through the Holy Land. In the "name of Christianity" is an accurate designation. However, Christians, have never done such things! It was, and is the apostate Roman Catholic Church that advocated and orchestrated these things. The world, in its ignorance sees the Catholic Church as being Christianity. It rightly condemns the church but fails to understand that it is not biblical Christianity. Over the centuries, true Christianity has been continually subjected to persecution, first by the Jews, then the Romans, later by the Catholic Church. There was only a short period when persecution diminished. That was between the end of the Roman persecutions and the beginning of the Catholic persecutions. As the power of Catholicism waned in recent times, other satanic agencies have grown and today are in many parts of the world fermenting hate, and increasingly persecution and killing Christians.

Now let's examine the other book the one called the Koran, or Quran. The religion rising from it is called Islam. The Quran, in some structured way parallels the Holy Bible in that it speaks of what it permits and requires of its adherents. First however, we'll touch on how this religion, which now includes nearly 25% of the world's population, came into being. The Quran is the

accumulation of many written notes which the disciples of a “prophet” named “Mohammad” was heard to utter. Muhammad could neither read nor write. During the 23 years of his spoken words, parchment was too scarce, so they wrote on palm leaves, clay, stone or whatever they could find. Later, it appears that it was Muhammad’s father-in-law who was most instrumental in compiling these into the book called the Quran.

Muhammad was born in 570AD in Mecca which is now in Saudi Arabia. He died on June 8, 632 AD. His disciples traced his ancestry to Ishmael, and therefore to Abraham. His father belonged to the powerful Quraysh tribe in Mecca. Mohammad had 2 sons and 4 daughters by his first wife who was 15 years his senior. One of his daughters was Fatima, whom, many of Islam called the second Mary. At age 40 Muhammad is said to have experienced the presence of the archangel Gabriel from whom he obtained his “revelations”. This occurred in the month of Ramadan in 610 AD in a cave from which he then fled. His first thought was that he had become possessed by demons. In spite of what the Holy Bible makes clear, that indeed it was a demonic presence. Because of Gabriel’s insistence, he finally accepted the commission as prophet, claiming that what he learned over the years came both from Gabriel and his own heart. This process that culminated in the Quran ended shortly before his death.

July 16, 622AD is the beginning date of the Islamic calendar. It was in that year when Muhammad decreed that the monotheism of Abraham be restored. However, the religion became more of a nomocracy under “divine law”, with Muhammad as the channel for all revelation of the Quran. He, as ruler of the Muslims, was the judge and supreme interpreter of the law. Just as Jesus is called by many names, so was Muhammad. Muslim tradition counts 99 names given to him by God. The translation of some are: the glorified one, prophet, the messenger of God, the pure pacifier and guide, the perfect man, the chosen one, the perfect servant of God, the trusted one, the torch lighting the true path, the illuminator of the universe (Scripture speaks of Satan as posing as the angel of light 2Corinthians 11:12), the guide to truth, the helper, the gift of God, etc.

At the time of his death, his following was small in number, but grew greatly and steadily across the whole world. However an irreconcilable schism developed between two factions of his

followers. One faction called the Shi' or Shiites, demanded that his successors were to be of his bloodline. They believed that Muhammad had so ordained his son-in-law / cousin as Caliphs and thereby through his daughter Fatima, his bloodline would continue in his successor Caliphs. The other faction was called the Sunni. They demanded that his successor must be selected by a Muslim popular vote. The decision favored Muhammad's father-in-law, the first one to commit to Islam, and apparently the one that stayed at his side those 23 years, collecting his teachings and compelling them to form the Quran. It's been stated that today, 85-90% of Islam is Sunni and only 10-15% is Shiite.

Throughout the centuries, their hate for one another has been almost as great as their hatred of Jews and Christians. Because of this they have fought and killed each other, never being able to unify to fight all non-Muslims, as the Quran demands.

While greatly abbreviated, I believe that the above is sufficient to provide at least a basic understanding of the religion called Islam. With this in mind, we can now list a few of the laws that govern Islam.

What follows are some of things that those who are truly faithful Muslims, that is adherents of the Quran are allowed and required to do:

1. They are called to kill, Jews and Christians unless they convert, or pay a confiscatory tax (Quran 9:29)
2. They are to crucify and amputate non-Muslims(Quran 8:12, 47:4)
3. By killing non-Muslims, every man will be provided with 72 virgins in heaven. (Quran 9:111)
4. Kill anyone who leaves the faith, even their own child (Quran 2:2, 17, 4:89, 47:4)
5. One should kill and be prepared to be killed in the name of Allah (Quran 9:5)
6. Lying to spread Islam is permitted (Quran 3:54, 9:3, 16:106, 40:28, 2:225)
7. Adherents to the Quran are allowed to rape, and marry or divorce girls as young as 9 (Quran 65:4)
8. They are allowed to beat their wives (Quran 4:34)

9. A charge of rape has no validity unless witnessed by at least 4 males (Quran 24:4)

The Sharia Law (the law of Islam) as applied even today, provides few, if any rights to its women. Women exist only to satisfy men's lusts and to have babies. A woman can be divorced if her husband says to her "I divorce you" 3 times. This can leave her penniless and homeless, as well as very unlikely, being a non-virgin to find another husband.

Now let's examine the Quran and Sharia Law from the perspective of our God-authored Holy Bible. First of all, all prophecy, that is all that God ordained, that we were to receive ended with the completion of the Book of Revelation. Revelation 22:18 is where we are told that "*...If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book:*" In Deuteronomy 4:2 says "*Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish aught from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the Lord our God which I command you.*" Proverbs 30:6 warns "*Add thou not unto his words, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar.*"

From this it is evident that the teaching he claimed to have received from Gabriel and from his own heart were lies, and were not of God or from Gabriel. The source most surely was from the father of lies, Satan posing as God's messenger. Mohammad would have been well advised to have clung to his first thought, that he was being possessed by demons. However, he was no match for the deceiving power of Satan, whom he chose to bring in to the world his plan of hatred, chaos, confusion, and massive suffering and death to much of mankind. Could it be that God's intervention might have been to divide Islam into 2 factions who would focus much of their hate, and killing of each other during these last 24 centuries? Also, could it be that demon possession is the overriding motivation of each and every one of their lives?

It's my opinion that this is more fact than supposition. It also explains what "radicalize" means. What better explanation is there for these quick "radicalizations of non-Muslim who then feel compelled to join in the unholy activity? We should remember, Jesus' teaching about demon possession, and also how easily one can become possessed. I suspect that the entire Shiite and Sunni population involved in the current wars is demon possessed. Even those committed to

bombing and other atrocities here and throughout the world, are demons possessed even if they are not disciples of Islam. The world-wide diminishment of Christianity and even the Judeo-Christian moral / social values have made it much easier for Satan's demons to take over those who provide them opportunity.

It's unlikely that anyone other than a born-again biblical Christian would do anything but ridicule this demon-possession idea. The non-Christian world seeks to explain "radicalism" in earthly terms, such as psychology and its many concepts. The biblically literate redeemed Christian should recognize that through Genesis 6, Revelation 8, and Jesus' own demonstration of the existence and nature of demons, clearly states the earthly presence and purpose of these evil spirits. Demons are not sitting around idly or aimlessly waiting for their eternal punishment. As noted above, they are active participants in nearly all world affairs.

These demons are the soul/spirts of formerly living beings. As the prodigy of the union of angels and women, they lived lives as individuals each unique in their ways as are humans. Just as the soul/spirts of humans retain their individuality as they ascent to heaven, so I believe these evil spirits also retain their individuality. However, there is no place for them in heaven. Perhaps that helps explain why they are so eager to dwell in human bodies, even if for a while.

Because each has a unique nature, it follows that their influences on the human whom they possess will vary as well. At some point, I suspect that what Satan may choose to assign them will be somewhat related to their innate capability. As the prince of the air, I suspect that he has control over them as he did the locust. However, God, of course, as we have learned, limits Satan's control of all things.

Why have I dwelled so extensly about demons? It's because Scripture dwells on them and I believe that in doing so, it has revealed the real answers, the spiritual answers to much of those vicious activities of the empowered portion of society.

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