Muslim Without Quran?
Why Does God Fool People?
Does Quran Say Follow Bible?

Confused or Trick Questions?

Below are a number of emails with *trick questions* and our answers, that came to us over 10 years ago.

But first, take a look at how all of this got started, 15 years back (when we first started on the Internet).

It all started back when websites began their attacks on Islam. One webste (famoust today) promised $10,000 Reward to anyone who could prove any mistake of their attack against Quran & Islam. Along with that offer, came the promise to completely remove their website from the Internet.

The bait was in place and the Muslims went after it, like sucker fish.

Whether they knew anything of the proofs being offered or even had a clue about the Arabic language, none of that mattered. Just a chance to '**DEFEND THE DEEN**' (and of course, make a few bucks).

The webmaster, **DID NOT** post any rebuttals from real scholars or reply to proven evidence against their very poor and very old attacks against Islam, mostly gathered from Arab Christian insults built up over centuries of denying the validity of Islam.

Instead the website began to boast the ravings and mistakes of Muslims uneducated to even basics of the deen along with some very nasty (even filthy) remarks, poor grammar and bad English. Knowing our Muslim population on the Internet at that time, it was probably not even necessary to fabricate responses to the websites vulgar and twisted insults toward the world's fastest growing faith of Islam.

These websites became popular mostley due to the number of "**hits**" (visits) by the Muslims. Tens of thousands of "hits" and hundreds of comments and rages were posted on these types of websites over the next few months.

The results are - Those websites (and not Muslim sites) still come up on top of the first page in web search engines (like Googel, Bing, Alta Vista and Yahoo!)

Until Muslims learn more about the way the Internet really works and the evil of such people (and more about their own religion) we will have to continue to contend with these problems.

Scholars even advised Muslims: DO NOT VISIT WEBSITES ATTACKING ISLAM - IT IS HARAM (for any reason).

The first is a series of emails came to Sheik Yusuf from someone calling himself "Heath", who first said *he wanted to be a Muslim*, but he needed more '*proof*'.

To see the evidences of Islam offered at that time, please visit www.WhatsIslam.com

Then after every email full of proofs and answers - he wrote back to him with more and more questions, but he never acknowledged the many proofs given to him.

'Ok mr. yusuf, i read about you and now i ask you, Can i go to paradise if i am good person, but don't quran or mohamed?' I am confused on this..

Here is how we answered "Mr. Heath"

Bismillah Rahman Raheem

Salam - Peace be to all who follow true guidance.

Thanks for your letter Heath. Let's see what we can do to help you out of confusion and into clear thinking - OK?

According to our prophet, peace be upon him, **"Every child is born on the fitrah (natural condition) of being Muslim (submission to God's Will), but it is their parents who raise them up to be a Jew, Christian or fire-worshipper**
(idolator)"

He also told us, "**Any child who dies, will go to Heaven (regardless of the religion of the parents) and will be with Abraham, peace be upon him, asking Almighty God, "Let my parents be here with me** ".

From this we learn that a human from the time of birth is already on the right track but their enviornment will begin to offer different ways, or avenues away from the natural inclination to worship One God, Alone without any partners (and that is the basis for Islam).

The ones who are in trouble are those who rejected or denied the proofs when they came to them and refused to believe in Allah and obey Him on His terms.

If someone lived at the time of Abraham, Moses or Jesus the Christ (peace be upon them) and believed in their God (Allah) and followed their prophet and his Shari'ah (Commandments of God given to prophets), this person would be the same as a Muslim following Muhammad, peace be upon him, today.

Hope we helped you to find the truth about real Islam, Heath. Let me know if I can help you with anything else. OK?

Peace -
Yusuf Estes

Next Questions:
Is Your Religion of Islam Universal or not?
Can You Be Muslim Without Quran?

"Heath" wrote back with more questions (notice how he did not say anyting about the answers we gave him?) . . .

ok i read your letter mr yusuf...
Now here is my next question to you, as a convert to islam, do you believe islam is a universal or not?

cause all my life i always here you moslms saying "islam universal" like for all people, all places, all times, and like that and you could be moslem even without believing quran, or mohamed. what about good Jew, or good Christian go to the paradise?…. but then i see your websites and

confused me..

and look here mr yusuf if you dont the answer just say you dont and i talk to peopel knwos more than yuo like scholars but you try to find some answer then go ahed.

either i m rite on islam or you're wrong on websites and youtube or esle you admit islam not universal at all like you moslems claiming so go ahed pleze - try now asnwer me my questions, if you think you can...

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Sheik Yusuf wrote back again, saying . . .

Thank you for your questions and comments, Heath.

But before going on, I remind myself of two very important point in Islam:

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1. We Muslims must not lie or deceive about anything, especially about our religion. This means, if I do not know the answer to something, I must say "I don't know".

2. Islam provides clear evidences and proofs for everything it teaches with Quran and the sahih (authentic) hadeeth (sayings and teachings of Muhammad, peace be upon him).

These two things are really unique to Islam, not available in other ancient religions.

Sometimes, like in your questions to me, there are statements not really intended to be

questions but rather to make a point in a questioning manner. Very often these points are mixed up and twisted, just as the question is not really a question in the first place.

For this reason we must qualify what is really being said and compare it closely with the facts. This overcomes the implications and insinuations being advanced in this way.

I noticed you said in your letter to me: "**all my life i always here you moslms saying "islam universal"** ".
Does this mean you grew up around Muslims? Are you a Christian Arab yourself?

And I would also like to ask you a very straight forward question:

If you find that in our answers to you, there is solid proof for worshipping One God without any partners and that Muhammad, peace be upon him, is representing that One God, that the truth in our answers is better than any so-called proof of other religions, and you see that Islam is not what you have claimed, than are you prepared to change to what is true and better? Are you ready to start worshipping your God, and our God, your Lord and our Lord - without partners?

This is what it is really all about in the first place! There are TWO (2) things involved here:

1. To really believe in the One God
2. Then do what He wants you to do - in peace and sincerity

So, now the question is back to you, **"Are you ready to accept the truth of Islam - if we prove what we say?"**

I leave that up to you. Here now is the answer in more clear terms about the "universal truth of Islam"

Today Islam is universal in the sense, no new message will come and no new prophet will appear to give new or altered instructions. Islam is universal in that it is for all people, everywhere for all times from now on.

If anyone would like to worship the One God, Creator and Sustainer of the universe, then they are welcome and Allah will Guide them to all truth. If they are sincere, there will be no doubt they will enter Paradise.

Hope we helped you to find the truth about real Islam, Heath. Let me know if I can help you with anything else. OK?

Peace -

Yusuf Estes

After "Heath" wrote back again with more questions, saying he was "confused" about Islam, it became even more clear he was playing around and just trying to make fitnah (difficulties and problems).

Sheik Yusuf wrote back again (may Allah Reward him) with another answer:

Bismillah Rahman Raheem
Answer #03-06-19 1:20 PM

***Yes Heath, I do believe you are confused - no doubt about it*.**

It really seems to me, Heath, you are reading my replies only to try to find something to

argue about as though you missed all of the thousands of other words in the text. What about the answers to the questions that you posed that proved to be untrue questions? Did that wake you up at all? Are you not thinking in terms of what you are really doing here?

Nonetheless, I will clarify for you what you said to me and what I said to you. I request that you do not misquote me again. This is my job as the National Chaplain for Muslims and I do take it very serious.

Look closely at your email (entire email is reproduced for you) below. You are asking me:

you included Jews as some of the people who dont belive jesus died on the cross.....which this is not true, jews today believes jesus was killed by the romans,

But look at the context within which you asked the question. Consider how you presented the other questions with regard to "Jesus on the cross." You said:

You know I've been studying Islam for a few months and I'm quite sure its the right religion, but not as certain as one should be if they were going to say *shahadah. So,* if you could answer something's for me I would be ever so grateful...

1. If everything happens by the will of God, why is Christianity the most wide spread religion in the world?

2. Why did God allow so many people to think Jesus died on the cross?
And I've read some Christians say the "deception" of the Quran is that it says, Jesus didn't die for them, if you could read isiaah 42, in the Old Testament, it clearly says things like "*he endured pain for us, our sins are gone through him,*
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Can u answer this please
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3. What will really happen to, say for instance, a Christian, who never heard about Islam, and they died.....like billions of people have; will they go to hell just because they didn't believe in Muhammad?

If 'Yes', how is that fair?

Now, let us look to how you took that out of context. I answered you, with regard to a question about the number of people who don't believe that Jesus for them.

Again, I would call your attention to #3, above. You are assuming that "so many people think Jesus died on the cross." But in reality of the six or seven billion people living on earth, a minority not a majority carry this belief. Hindus, Buddhists, Jews, Muslims, Taoists, Native Americans, aboriginals of Australia and millions more do not believe any of that.

Although you did not put that in the question #3, it was definitely the implication that anyone would have understood. So, if you feel good by being able to take out 15 million Jews from the total number of 4 1/2 billion people who don't believe in Jesus death on the cross, please feel free to make that mathematical adjustment and see what difference it makes in regard to the context of the question and the answer. And for the record, you should know that I have met Jews do not believe that Jesus did die on the cross, because they don't believe he ever existed in the first place.

hello,
in reply to the former email .....you included Jews as some of the people who dont belive jesus died on the cross.....which this is not true, a jew today believes jesus was killed by the romans, dont they.....??

also.....about the, you dont need to beleive in muhhumed, and you can still go to paradise....wel l ive read these

The following is a hadeeth from our prophet Muhammad, peace be upon him, in the collection of the Sunan of Al-Darimi:

بن نمير عن مجالد عن عامر عن جابر
الله صلى الله عليه وسلم بنسخة من التوراة فقال يا رسول الله هذه نسخة من التوراة فسكت
نير فقال أبو بكر ثكلتك الثواكل ما ترى ما بوجه رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم فنظر عمر
ه وسلم فقال أعوذ بالله من غضب الله وغضب رسوله صلى الله عليه وسلم رضينا بالله ربا
فقال رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم والذي نفس محمد بيده لو بدا لكم موسى فاتبعتموه
سبيل ولو كان حيا وأدرك نبوتي لاتبعني

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