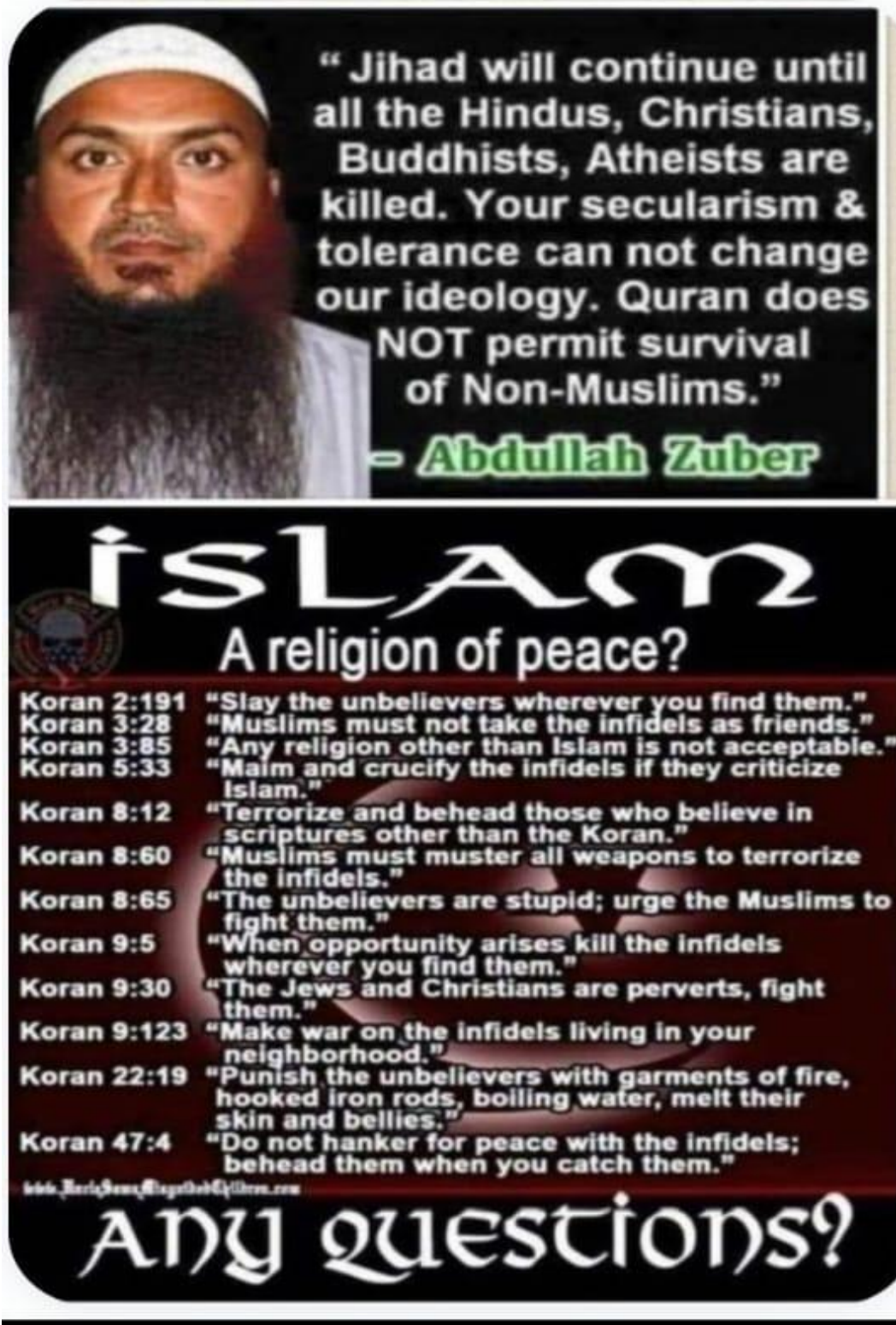


BELIEVERS VS NON-BELIEVERS (PART I)

The following words supposedly from a Muslim declares that Islam does not tolerate anyone other than Muslim to survive in this earth. However, it is utterly false statement, and I have had to explain by quoting from the Quran what the real concept of Islam is in this subject. May Allah guide all of us.



"Jihad will continue until all the Hindus, Christians, Buddhists, Atheists are killed. Your secularism & tolerance can not change our ideology. Quran does NOT permit survival of Non-Muslims."

- Abdullah Zuber

ISLAM
A religion of peace?

Koran 2:191 "Slay the unbelievers wherever you find them."
Koran 3:28 "Muslims must not take the infidels as friends."
Koran 3:85 "Any religion other than Islam is not acceptable."
Koran 5:33 "Maim and crucify the infidels if they criticize Islam."
Koran 8:12 "Terrorize and behead those who believe in scriptures other than the Koran."
Koran 8:60 "Muslims must muster all weapons to terrorize the infidels."
Koran 8:65 "The unbelievers are stupid; urge the Muslims to fight them."
Koran 9:5 "When opportunity arises kill the infidels wherever you find them."
Koran 9:30 "The Jews and Christians are perverts, fight them."
Koran 9:123 "Make war on the infidels living in your neighborhood."
Koran 22:19 "Punish the unbelievers with garments of fire, hooked iron rods, boiling water, melt their skin and bellies."
Koran 47:4 "Do not hanker for peace with the infidels; behead them when you catch them."

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ANY QUESTIONS?

ASSALAAMU ALAIKUM (MAY PEACE BE UPON YOU ALL). I START IN THE NAME OF MY LORD OF THE UNIVERSE.

Please note that the above caption, relayed by those who wish to propagate Islam as a religion advocating terrorism, is completely false and misquoted. This is mostly due to the ignorance of the true concept of Islam. However, no true Muslim will venture to kill any life, even if they are unbelievers.

The reason for these false fabrications is that, instead of referring to the original texts and authentic sources to understand Islam, they refer to many links from Google, like Quora and others, that keep misquoting or giving wrong messages about Islamic rulings, blaming it for terrorism. *I hope somebody bans such sites that spew hatred through falsely or partially quoting the Quran out of context.*

While, in truth, when the full verse from the Quran is read, it gives a completely different meaning from what they say. In fact, war is allowed only towards “people of combat and obstruction,” that is, those who attack Muslims or who violently prevent them from practising their religion. The Quran says that Islam will prevail over all religions, not by the killing of other religions, but by all the people understanding the truth behind the noble concept of Islam.

It is very important to note that nowhere in the Quran does it say: kill all non-Muslims. On the other hand, it only says: if you kill one person, it is like killing the whole of mankind, and if you save one, it is like saving the whole of mankind (5: 32).

AND JIHAD IS NOT HOLY WAR, as is depicted, but *means the struggle* one has to face against all evil, in all circumstances of life, including war. Murder is one of the greatest sins, not only in Islam but also in all the scriptures revealed. Last but not least: Allah declares that “There is no compulsion in religion” (2: 256), and “to you your faith and to me mine.” 28: 55 / Surah Kaafirun (109).

NOBODY CAN BE COMPELLED TO BELIEVE, BECAUSE TRUE FAITH HAS TO COME FROM THE HEART.

Allah HIMSELF declares that the Quran is revealed in easy Arabic for people to understand (19: 97). Hence, the whole Quran, if read with patience and understanding, does not need any explanation. However, most people do not care to ponder over the meanings. Some believers either consider it a magic cure, and the disbelievers try to claim it is a declaration towards hatred towards other religions.

Therefore, I have had to quote the verses preceding the above verses and the circumstances under which they were revealed, to help readers understand the true concept of the verses mentioned and their true interpretation. The source of my translations and Tafseer (explanations) is ‘The Holy Quran’ by King Fahd Publications, which gives the best explanation. I hope this article will shed light on those who are confused, to realise the truth regarding Islam. Moreover, as a continuation (in a separate article), I have tried to explain the true way a Muslim has to behave, because it is their behaviour that should reflect the true concept of Islam so that others can know the TRUTH.

Let us mention, one by one, the verses misquoted from the Quran in the above caption.

I. 9: 191: MISQUOTES: “AND SLAY THEM, WHEREVER YE CATCH THEM...”

The full verse gives a completely different meaning, and the previous verse is ignored, which says:

2: 190: *“FIGHT IN THE CAUSE OF ALLAH, THOSE WHO FIGHT YOU. BUT DO NOT TRANSGRESS LIMITS; FOR ALLAH LOVES NOT THE TRANSGRESSORS.”*

2: 191- 193: *“AND SLAY THEM, WHEREVER YE CATCH THEM, and turn them out, FROM WHERE THEY HAVE TURNED YOU OUT; FOR PERSECUTION IS WORSE THAN SLAUGHTER”; “do not fight them at the Sacred Mosque, unless they (first) fight you there; but, if they fight you, slay them. Such is the reward of those who reject faith.” BUT, IF THEY CEASE, ALLAH IS OFT-FORGIVING, MOST MERCIFUL. (if there is more persecution, THEN), fight them on until there is no more persecution” THESE WORDS CLEARLY SHOW THAT FIGHTING IS TOWARDS THOSE WHO PERSECUTE AND DRIVE AWAY THE MUSLIMS FOR NO OTHER REASON THAN THAT THEY PROPAGATE THE WORSHIP OF ONE AND ONLY SUPREME CREATOR.*

II. 3: 28: MISQUOTED: “MUSLIMS MUST NOT TAKE INFIDELS AS FRIENDS”

There is no word like “infidels” in the Quran, except for hypocrites, who pretend to be friendly and betray their friends to their enemies.

3:28: the correct interpretation is: “Let not believers take disbelievers as allies *rather than believers*. And whoever [of you] does that has nothing with Allah, except when taking precaution against them in prudence. And Allah warns you of Himself, and to Allah is the [final] destination.” *Thus, this verse explains the great sin a man may commit if he betrays his army by befriending his enemy against their own people. I AM SURE ALL WILL AGREE THAT ANY BETRAYAL IN THE ARMY IS PUNISHED BY DEATH.*

III. 3: 85: MISQUOTES: “ANY RELIGION THAT IS NOT ISLAM IS NOT ACCEPTABLE.”

The word Islam means complete surrender to Allah, and living a life pleasing to HIM, by doing good deeds towards HIS creations. Moreover, the captions ignore the previous verse 3: 84, which says:

(3: 84,85). *“Say, ‘We have believed in Allah and in what was revealed to us, and what was revealed to Abraham, Ishmael, Isaac, Jacob, and the Descendants, and in what was given to Moses and Jesus and to the (other) prophets from their Lord. We make no distinction between any of them, and we are Muslims [submitting] to Him.” “And whoever desires other than Islam as religion - never will it be accepted from him (by Allah), and he, in the Hereafter, will be among the losers.” THESE ARE THE WORDS OF ALLAH, THAT HE WILL NEVER ACCEPT ANYONE OTHER THAN ISLAM (total surrender) TO HIS REALM. FOR ALL THE PROPHETS TAUGHT ONLY ISLAM TO THEIR FOLLOWERS, SOME OF WHOM LATER RETURNED TO THEIR OLD WAYS. DO NOT ALL RELIGIONS ON EARTH PROCLAIM THAT THOSE WHO DO NOT BELIEVE IN THEIR CONCEPT WILL BE THROWN INTO HELL? THEN WHY IS THIS DECLARATION BY ISLAM TERMED AS FALSE?*

IV. 5: 33: MISQUOTED: “MAIM AND CRUCIFY THE INFIDELS IF THEY CRITICISE ISLAM”

There is no such word as infidel as mentioned earlier, and

Again, the preceding verse has to be considered:

5: 32, 33: “...WE ordained for the Children of Israel (Jews), that if anyone slew a person-unless it be for murder or for spreading mischief in the land, it would be as if he slew the whole people. And, if anyone saved a life, it would be as if he saved the whole people. Then although there came to them Our Messengers with Clear Signs, yet, even after that, many of them continued to commit excesses in the land.” Therefore: “Indeed, the penalty for those who wage war against Allah and His Messenger and strive upon earth [to cause] corruption is none, but that they be killed or crucified or that their hands and feet be cut off from opposite sides or that they be exiled from the land. That is for them a disgrace in this world; and for them in the Hereafter is a great punishment,”

I AM SURE THAT NOBODY WILL DISAGREE THAT THE BEST PUNISHMENT FOR BETRAYAL, MURDER OR CORRUPTION IN LAND, LIKE RAPE AND ROBBERY, IS DEATH, WHICH IS THE LAW OF MOST COUNTRIES.

V. 8: 12; MISQUOTE: “TERRORISE AND BEHEAD THOSE WHO BELIEVE THE SCRIPTURES OTHER THAN THE QURAN”

The correct interpretation is as follows: “[Remember] when your Lord inspired to the angels, “I am with you, so strengthen those who have believed. I will cast terror into the hearts of those who disbelieved, so strike [them] upon the necks and strike from them every fingertip.” - 8: 12

This is because they persisted in pursuing and torturing those who believed the scripture of Allah sent through HIS Messenger: If any contend against Allah and His Messenger. Allah is strict in punishment. The reason for this order is that during war, one cannot keep experimenting with how to subdue his enemy. ‘The vulnerable parts of an armed man are above the neck. A blow on the neck, face, or head finishes him off. If he has armour, it is difficult to get at his heart. But if his hands are put out of action, he is unable to wield his sword or lance or any other weapons, and easily can be subdued.’ (Tafseer: 1189)

IS THIS NOT THE STRATEGY USED IN WAR ALL OVER THE WORLD?

VI. 8: 60: MISQUOTE: “MUSLIMS MUST MUSTER ALL WEAPONS TO TERRORISE THE INFIDELS”

Again, there is no word “infidel” in the Quran. We must refer to the preceding verse to understand it.

8: 56. Allah informs the believers that the worst of people whom HE hates “**are those with whom you made a covenant, but they break their covenant every time, and they do not fear Allah.**”

8: 58,60... But, “If you fear treachery from any group, throw back (Their Covenant) to them,” “And prepare against them whatever you are able of power and of steeds of war by which you may terrify the enemy of Allah and your enemy and others besides them whom you do not know [but] whom Allah

knows. And whatever you spend in the cause of Allah will be fully repaid to you, and you will not be wronged. "On equal terms: For Allah does not love the treacherous."

'In every fight, physical. moral. or spiritual, arm yourself with the best weapons and the best arms against your enemy, to instil wholesome respect into him for you and the Cause you stand for. When there is continuous persecution against a country, there are always lurking enemies whom you may not know.'
WE FIND THAT MOST COUNTRIES HAVE THE STRONGEST AND MOST RECENT WEAPONS READY TO FACE ANY POSSIBLE ATTACK. THIS DOES NOT MEAN THAT THEY ARE TERRORISTS. THE ARMY IS ALWAYS ALERT TO DEFEND THEIR COUNTRY AGAINST INVADERS. HOWEVER, EVEN IN THE MIDST OF THE FIGHT, ISLAM ADVOCATES THAT WE MUST ALWAYS BE READY FOR PEACE IF THERE IS ANY INCLINATION TOWARDS PEACE ON THE OTHER SIDE. THERE IS NO MERIT MERELY IN A FIGHT BY ITSELF. IT SHOULD BE A JOYFUL DUTY NOT FOR ITSELF, BUT TO ESTABLISH THE REIGN OF PEACE AND RIGHTEOUSNESS AND ALLAH'S LAW.' (The Holy Quran, Tafseer no. 1228)

VII. 8: 65: MISQUOTES: "THE UNBELIEVERS ARE STUPID. SO, FIGHT THEM WHEREVER YOU FIND THEM"

The correct interpretation is as follows:

8: 65: "O Prophet, urge the believers to battle. If there are among you twenty [who are] steadfast, they will overcome two hundred. And if there are among you one hundred [who are] steadfast, they will overcome a thousand of those who have disbelieved because they are a people who do not understand." Here the words 'do not understand' do not mean they are stupid. It only means that they: 'do not understand' the divine aid from Allah, and think that Power and Might alone can bring victory.

'In a fight, odds of ten to one against anyone are appalling. But they do not daunt the men of faith. Whether they personally win or die, their Cause prevails.'

IS THERE ANY ARMY, NOT INSTILLED WITH PATRIOTISM, AND INITIATED TO BE READY FOR THE CAUSE: SAVING THEIR MOTHERLAND AGAINST THE ENEMY, EVEN AT THE COST OF THEIR LIVES?

VIII.- 9: 5: MISQUOTES: "WHEN OPPORTUNITY ARISES KILL THE INFIDELS, WHEREVER YOU FIND THEM."

This verse in Surah Taubah explains the conditions to be adopted with those who break their contract of peace, or alliance with the Muslims.

9: 1 – 6: "A (declaration) of immunity, from Allah and His Messenger, to those of the Pagans with whom you have contracted Mutual alliances: "(But the treaties are) not dissolved with those Pagans with whom you have allied, and who have not subsequently failed you in any matter, nor aided anyone against you. So, fulfil your engagements with them to the end of their term: for Allah Loveth the righteous." "But **when the forbidden months are past (and they still break their covenant)**, then fight and slay the Pagans wherever ye find them. And seize them, beleaguer them, and lie in wait for them in every stratagem (of war). But if they repent, and establish regular prayers, and pay Zakat, then open the way for them: For Allah is Oft-forgiving, Most Merciful."

However, Allah declares that the moment they surrender, fighting should stop immediately.

9: 6: *"If one amongst the Pagans ask you for asylum, Grant it to him, so that he may hear the Word of Allah; and then escort him to where he can be secure. That is because they are Men without knowledge (of the true concept of Islam)."*

'The sacred duty of fulfilling all obligations of every kind, to Muslims and non-Muslims in public as well as private life, is a cardinal feature of Muslim ethics. When war becomes inevitable, it must be prosecuted with vigour. ACCORDING TO THE ENGLISH PHRASE. YOU CANNOT FIGHT WITH KID GLOVES. THE FIGHTING MAY TAKE THE FORM OF KILLING, CAPTURE, SIEGE, OR AMBUSH AND OTHER STRATAGEMS. BUT EVEN THEN, THERE IS ROOM FOR REPENTANCE AND AMENDMENT FOR THE GUILTY PARTY. IF THAT TAKES PLACE. OUR DUTY AS A MUSLIM IS FORGIVENESS AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF PEACE'

IX. 9: 30- Misquotes: "The Jews and Christians are perverts, fight them."

Nowhere does it say to "fight them" without any provocation, nor does the word 'perverts' appear anywhere in the Quran. The true interpretation is as follows:

9: 30: *"The Jews call 'Uzair a son of Allah, and the Christians call Christ the Son of Allah. That is a saying from their mouth; (In this) they but imitate what the Unbelievers of old used to say. Allah's curse be on them: how they are deluded." The constitution of Judaism dates from 'Uzair (Ezra), and some Jews call 'Uzair a son of Allah, as mentioned in the Old Testament. The Christians still call Christ the Son of Allah.*

Taking men for gods or sons of Allah was not a new concept. All ancient mythologies have fables of that kind. There was less excuse for such blasphemies after the Prophets of Allah had clearly explained our true relation to Allah than in the times of primitive ignorance and superstition. Some of the Jews still consider themselves the chosen sons of God, and consider all others as of lower status; lower than animals. (Tafseer No. 1283,84) – (This we find in their behaviour towards Palestinians.)

*On the other hand, Islam says that all people from Adam to Mohammad are the creations of God (Allah in Arabic). Human rights have to be implemented towards not only Muslims, but also the innocent non-believers, who do not cause harm to those who follow the concept of Islam, which propagates the Truth that there is **NO GOD WORTHY OF WORSHIP OTHER THAN THE SUPREME CREATOR (Allah in Arabic), AND DO GOOD DEEDS TOWARDS ALL HIS CREATIONS.***

X. 9: 123: MISQUOTES: "MAKE WAR ON THE INFIDELS LIVING IN YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD."

Again, there are no such words as infidels in the Quran. The true meaning in any translation is:

"O you who have believed, fight those adjacent to you of the disbelievers and let them find in you, harshness. And know that Allah is with the righteous. I AM SURE WHEN A WAR IS PRESCRIBED AGAINST THE ENEMY, NO COUNTRY WILL ORDER THEIR MEN TO BE SOFT AND KIND TO THE ENEMY ON THE BATTLEFIELD. The order for war came to the Muslims only after they had fled from Mecca after being persecuted and tortured by the Meccans, who pursued them to Medina, and sought to fight them.

XI. 22: 19 MISQUOTES: “PUNISH THE UNBELIEVERS WITH GARMENTS OF FIRE, HOOKED IRON RODS, BOILING WATER, MELT THEIR SKIN AND BELLIES.”

The true interpretation: “...But, (in Hell), for those who disbelieved will have cut out for them garments of fire. Poured upon their heads will be scalding water...”

This verse and the next explain the tortures in Hell. **I AM SURE THAT THIS EXPLANATION ABOUT HELL IS FOUND IN ALL RELIGIONS.** Every religion considers that those who do not believe in their concept of Faith will have to face the torment of Hell. (The Quran refers to this same for those who do not believe in the Quran, the final revelation that God the Almighty sent through HIS final Messenger. If they reject it, they will burn in hell with all the accompanying tortures. There is no escape for them.)

XII. 47: 4: MISQUOTES: “DO NOT HANKER FOR PEACE WITH THE INFIDELS. BEHEAD THEM WHEN YOU CATCH THEM.”

These lines are completely falsely interpreted. The true meaning is:

47: 4: “So, when you meet those who disbelieve [in battle], strike [their] necks until, at length, when you **have thoroughly subdued them**, bind (the captives) firmly: and either [confer] favour afterwards, or ransom [them] until the war lays down its burdens...”- *Thus, when the enemy has been vanquished, generosity (i.e., the release of prisoners without ransom) or ransom is recommended; they are free to secure bonds or a treaty from them; that they will not repeat their offensive, or they may ransom the prisoners for some gain.* Tafseer no. 4822

ANY COUNTRY WILL AGREE TO FREE THE PRISONERS WITH SUCH CONDITIONS.

HOWEVER, IN ISLAM, IF ANYONE SURRENDERS AND SEEKS PROTECTION, THEY WILL NEVER BE FORCED TO CHANGE THEIR RELIGION. THEY WILL ONLY BE ESCORTED TO WHERE THEY CAN UNDERSTAND WHAT ISLAM IS, AND THEN TAKEN TO A PLACE OF SAFETY, WHERE THEY CAN FEEL SECURE, as the following verse says:

- **“And if anyone of the polytheists seeks your protection, then grant him protection so that he may hear the words of Allah. Then deliver him to his place of safety. That is because they are a people who do not know.”** – *Surah Tawbah, 9: 6*

- **“Fight in the way of Allah those who fight you, but do not transgress. Indeed. Allah does not like transgressors.”** - *Al-Quran- 2:190* (it means do not initiate fighting nor transgress against others, whichever religion they may belong to).

Please note that the word Allah is an Arabic word for the Supreme Creator of the Universe.
We call HIM Allah, because this word has no gender nor plural.
Whether you call HIM Allah, Ilaah, Ilahi, it denotes the same GOD ALMIGHTY.

