

Ultimate 3: Qur'an

The Nature of the Book

Muslims claim: "The Qur'an is the Ultimate Miracle". Their proof: It contains no errors; has an integrated numerical system in the "Number 19" (S. 74:30). (Deedat publication)

The "Sent-down (*nazil*) Character" of the Book supposedly makes it divine. But we ask: what about all the contradictions in the book?

There are

- Errors –
- Additions and omission –
- Abrogated verses –
- Satanic verses -

Again we ask: Why do Muslims (Deedat a.o.) spent much more time attacking the Bible than presenting the Qur'an, if it is so self-evident that it is divinely inspired? – It is believed that just listening to its recitation in the Arabic language will bring about tears in the eyes of the unbelievers.

Should we use the Qur'an in evangelism?

Saal cautions: Be wise when to apply any of the following (more in our Trainers Workbook):

- Knock it down
- Build upon it
- Walk around it

Schlorff contends: "If we interpret the Qur'an (as Christians), the Muslim has the same right to do so with the Bible. We are creating an authority conflict. No longer *sola scriptura*."

Practitioners confess: "In debates I never mention Muhammad, Qur'an or Allah. This way I am always welcome back by the Muslims wherever I go (3 weeks Zanzibar)." (Pastor Oscar)

Yet an MBB from Nigeria insists: "Unless you touch these issues you will never get through to the heart of the Muslims".

Others say: "We need to watch the trends throughout Africa. Should we go by confrontation or rather touch areas of the Muslims' yearning for unfulfilled desires and needs!" (Clement)

How do you interpret S. 3: 55b? – "I will make those who follow (Jesus) superior to those who reject faith..."

1. The Muslims are the true Christians, for they follow the true teaching of Christ (Yusuf Ali).
2. Those who believe in Jesus (Muslims included) shall be forever superior to the Jews, both in arguments and in arms. (Al Baidawi: "Jews never prevailed against the Christians or Muslims, they have no kingdom of established government of their own" – sic)
3. This shows that the mission of Christ has not ended!

So: let's prayerfully reflect when to use the Qur'an in our encounters with Muslims.