

Islam is unreliable: trough the lens of the standard Islamic narrative

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The claim

Islam claims it follows all the prophets and accepts them. It also mentions that some of them received revelation from Allah, namely Moses, David, Jesus, and Muhammad. However, Muslims claim that all the previous scriptures have been corrupt (which contradicts the Quran), meaning that, according to this narrative, Islam contains corrupted scriptures. The assumption here is that one would question and possibly reject a religion if it were to have corrupted scriptures, which is one of the main polemics of Muslims against Christianity, claiming that the Bible has been corrupted.

Argument breakdown

P1: Islam is a religion.

P2: Previous prophets, in Islam, have gotten revelation from Allah which are considered Islamic scriptures.

P3: A religion with corrupted scriptures is unreliable.

P4: Mainstream Islam teaches that the Torah, Zabur, and Injeel have been corrupted.

C1: Islam is an unreliable religion

P1

No disagreement.

P2

Say, “We have believed in Allah and what (is) revealed to us and what was revealed to Ibrahim and Ishmael and Isaac and Yaqub and the descendants, and what was given (to) Musa and Isa and what was given (to) the Prophets from their Lord. Not we make distinction between any of them. And we to Him (are) submissive.”

— S. 2:136 Corpus

He revealed to you the Book in [the] truth confirming that which (was) before it, and He revealed the Taurat and the Injeel,

Indeed, We have revealed to you as We revealed to Nuh and the Prophets from after him, and We revealed to Ibrahim and Ishmael, and Isaac and Yaqub, and the tribes, and Isa and Ayyub, and Yunus, and Harun and Sulaiman and We gave (to) Dawood the Zaboor.

— S. 4:163 Corpus

And there are many more verses, but this should be sufficient in the case of a discussion.

P3

This is the assumption that is made by the Muslims. There are two options:

Option 1

They disagree with the premise, making their position self-defeating AND making their argument against Christianity a moot point.

Option 2

They agree and we continue the argument.

P4

Ask, if they disagree then again their position is self-defeating since the Bible contradicts the Quran.

Extention

P5: Christianity is a religion.

P6: Christianity teaches that the Bible is the uncorrupt inspired word of God.

C2: Christianity is more reliable than mainstream Islam.

P5

No contention.

P6

True.