

MNE Calgary - Session 1 – Islam

Why Evangelism to Muslims should be top priority?

Jesus' final command; Fastest growing religion in the world; Challenges the core of Christian belief; Addressing other issues like slavery, wife beating, etc.

How our God wants to treat Muslims?

Leviticus 19:34; Matthew 22:39

To get started on a conversation with a Muslim

- Jesus is God
- The bible is the word of God
- Do you have an opinion?

Islams war against the West

- Surah 9:29,33 – Fight against those who disbelieve until they pay the tax, humiliated.
- Sahih al-Bukhari 1:2:24 – Muhammad ordered to fight till people worship Allah and acknowledge Muhammad as his messenger.
- Sahih al-Bukhari 6922 – A Muslim who becomes an apostate must be killed

Peaceful/violent verses in the Quran

- Surah 2:256 says there is no compulsion in religion but Surah 2:106 says about the verse about Allah replacing previous revelations which includes the peaceful verse. Ibn Kathir who is the most respected commentator of the Quran says this verse is abrogated by verse of fighting and killing – Surah 9:73, 123.
- There are 148 violent verses in the Quran.

2:178	2:179	2:190	2:191	2:193	2:194	2:216	2:217	2:218	2:244
3:121	3:122	3:123	3:124	3:125	3:126	3:140	3:141	3:146	3:152
3:153	3:154	3:155	3:156	3:157	3:165	3:166	3:167	3:169	3:172
3:173	3:195	4:71	4:72	4:74	4:75	4:76	4:77	4:84	4:89
4:90	4:91	4:94	4:95	4:100	4:102	4:104	5:33	5:35	5:82
8:1	8:5	8:7	8:9	8:12	8:15	8:16	8:17	8:39	8:40
8:41	8:42	8:43	8:44	8:45	8:46	8:47	8:48	8:57	8:58
8:59	8:60	8:65	8:66	8:67	8:68	8:69	8:70	8:71	8:72
8:73	8:74	8:75	9:5	9:12	9:13	9:14	9:16	9:19	9:20
9:24	9:25	9:26	9:29	9:36	9:38	9:39	9:41	9:44	9:52
9:73	9:81	9:83	9:86	9:88	9:92	9:111	9:120	9:122	9:123
16:110	22:39	22:58	22:78	24:53	24:55	25:52	29:6	29:69	33:15
33:18	33:20	33:25	33:26	33:27	33:50	47:4	47:20	48:15	48:16
48:17	48:22	48:24	49:15	59:2	59:5	59:6	59:7	59:8	59:14
60:9	61:4	61:11	61:13	63:4	64:14	66:9	73:20	76:8	

Confrontation is biblical

Read Acts 17-19; Matthew 21:12,13; 23:13-33

The resurrection is well cited by non-Christian sources

- AD 53 – Thallus: “On the whole world there pressed a most fearful darkness; and the rocks were rent by an earthquake, and many places in Judea and other districts were thrown down.” [Same as in Mark 15:33]
- AD 93 – Josephus: “At this time there was a wise man who was called Jesus. His conduct was good, and [he] was known to be virtuous. And many people from among the Jews and the other nations became his disciples. Pilate condemned him to be crucified and to die. But those who had become his disciples did not abandon his discipleship. They reported that he had appeared to them three days after his crucifixion, and that he was alive; accordingly he was perhaps the Messiah concerning whom the prophets have recounted wonders.”
- AD 120 – Tacitus: “Christus, from whom the name [Christian] had its origin, suffered the extreme penalty during the reign of Tiberius at the hands of one of our procurators, Pontius Pilatus, and a most mischievous superstition, thus checked for the moment, again broke out not only in Judea, the first source of the evil, but even in Rome...”

Accuracy of the Biblical manuscripts

Author	Date Written	Earliest Copy	Time Gap to Copy	# of Copies	Accuracy of Copies
Pliny	61-113 A.D.	850 A.D.	750 yrs	7	----
Plato	427-347 B.C.	900 A.D.	1200 yrs	7	----
Demosthenes	4th Cent. B.C.	1100 A.D.	800 yrs	8	----
Thucydides	460-400 B.C.	900 A.D.	1300 yrs	8	----
Euripides	480-406 B.C.	1100 A.D.	1300 yrs	9	----
Aristophanes	450-385 B.C.	900 A.D.	1200	10	----
Caesar	100-44 B.C.	900 A.D.	1000	10	----
Tacitus	circa 100 A.D.	1100 A.D.	1000 yrs	20	----
Aristotle	384-322 B.C.	1100 A.D.	1400	49	----
Sophocles	496-406 B.C.	1000 A.D.	1400 yrs	193	----
Homer (Iliad)	900 B.C.	400 B.C.	500 yrs	643	95%
New Testament	1st Cent. A.D. (49-100 A.D.)	c. 130 A.D.	< 100 years	5686	99.5%

“The evidence for our New Testament writings is ever so much greater than the evidence for many writings of classical authors, the authenticity of which no one dreams of questioning.”

— F.F. Bruce, *The New Testament Documents: Are They Reliable?*

If anyone makes any claim to you – Tactics

- What do you mean by that?
- How did you come to that conclusion?
- Have you considered this particular idea?

Yahweh vs Allah

Yahweh	Allah
Unique Name: Yahweh = Personal & Holy	Generic Name: Allah = 'The God' (Not Unique, nor Holy)
Immanent: Yahweh comes to earth numerous times	Distant: Allah 'never' comes to earth
Personal: Enters 'time and space'	Impersonal: Never enters 'time and Space'
Hebrew Monotheistic/Triune God	Nabataean/Polytheistic god
Just: Yahweh never deceives, and comes Himself to die for us.	Deceitful: Allah deceives often (S.4:157 – Man on the cross)
Father/Son relationship	Master/Slave: 'Abdullah' = Slave of God
Yahweh has a Son: John 3:16 (Shares everything God is)	Allah could not have a son, unless he willed it: S.39:4 (Biological)
Yahweh found 6,823 times	Yahweh is not found even ONCE (So, who is Allah?)
Yahweh's love unconditional (2 Peter 3:9)	Allah's love is conditional (S. 3:31)

Salvation in Islam

- Surah 49:6 – Muhammed unsure of his salvation.
- Sahih Muslim 2767a – Jews and Christians will save the Muslims from hell.
- Sunan al-Tirmidhī 877 – The stone in Mecca will absorb the sins of man.

Deer in the Headlight Question 1 - Gordon

If the Qur'an calls itself clear and complete, why does it leave out so many important details—like full prophetic stories or the specifics of Muhammad's Night Journey—leading Muslims to rely on hadith for essentials such as:

- *how to pray (5 prayers, rak'ahs, movements),*
- *zakat rules, Hajj rituals,*
- *details of the prophets like who is Moses or Zachariah and women like Eve,*
- *and most details of Muhammad's life?*

If the Qur'an is complete, why aren't these basics included?