

# ISLAM II

## COMPARISONS

### *The Sword*

But Jesus said to him, "Put your sword in its place, for all who take the sword will perish by the sword."

– Matthew 26:52

"O prophet! Rouse the believers to the fight." – Surah 8:65

### *Forgiveness or Revenge*

You have heard that it was said, "An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth." But I tell you not to resist an evil person.

But whoever slaps you on your right cheek, turn the other to him also. – Matthew 5:38-39

"If then anyone transgress the prohibition against you, transgress ye likewise against him." – Surah 2:194

### *Marriage*

For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife; and the two shall become one flesh. So they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore, what God has joined together, let no man separate." – Matthew 19:5-6

If ye fear that ye shall not be able to deal justly with the orphans, marry women of your choice two, or three, or four. But if ye fear that ye shall not be able to deal justly (with them) then only one." – Surah 4:3

## **Does the Quran admonish Muslims to fight those who oppose Allah?**

"Fight those who believe not in Allah nor the last day... Nor acknowledge the religion of truth, (even if they are) of the people of the Book, until they pay the Jizya (taxes) with willing submission, and feel themselves subdued." Surah 9:29

"But when the forbidden months are past, then fight and slay the pagans wherever ye find them and seize them, beleaguer them, and lie in wait (ambush) for them in every stratagem (of war); but if they repent and establish regular prayers and practice regular charity then open the way for them." Surah 9:5 (see also Surah 2:193)

"Therefore; when ye meet the unbelievers (in a fight) smite at their necks; at length; when ye have thoroughly subdued them, bind a bond firmly in (on them): thereafter (is the time for) either generosity or ransom, until the war lays down its burdens." Surah 47:4

"The Jews call Uzair a son of Allah, and the Christians call Christ the son of Allah. That is a saying from their mouths; (in this) they but imitate what the unbelievers (infidels) of old used to say. Allah's curse be on them: how they are deluded away from the truth!" Surah 9:30

"O ye who believe! Take not the Jews and the Christians for your friends and protectors. They are but friends and protectors to each other. And he amongst you that turns to them (for friendship) is one of them. Allah guideth not a people unjust." Surah 5:51

## **How should Christians treat Muslims?**

You have heard it said, "You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy." But I say to you, love your enemies, bless them who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you,"

– Matthew 5:43-44

Jesus said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

– Matthew 22:37-39

Love does no harm to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfillment of the law. – Romans 13:10

And Jesus came and spoke to them saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the world." Amen

– Matthew 28:18-20

## **How many major conflicts around the world involve Muslims and/or Islamic countries? (partial list)**

Israel vs. Hamas and Hizbollah; Afghanistan: Taliban vs. Other Factions; India vs. Pakistan; Indonesia govt. vs. Irian Jaya and Aceh; Philippines govt. vs. New People's Army, National Liberation Front; Algeria govt. vs. Islamic Salvation Front (FIS), Armed Islamic Group (GIA); Rwanda govt. (Tutsi) vs. Hutu; Sudan govt. vs. Sudanese People's Liberation Army; U.S. vs Taliban/Al-Qaida; U.S. vs. Iraq, etc.

## **Can (Will) the differences between Christianity and Islam be reconciled?**

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