

ISLAM'S DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVES ON JEWS AND CHRISTIANS

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TOLERANCE OF PEOPLE OF THE BOOK

IN HEAVEN WITH MUSLIMS

Surah 3:55 Daryabadi

Recall what time Allah said: O 'ISA! VERILY I SHALL MAKE THEE DIE, AND AM LIFTING THEE TO MYSELF and am purifying thee from those who disbelieve, and shall place those who follow thee above those who disbelieve until the Day of Resurrection...

INTOLERANCE OF PEOPLE OF THE BOOK

ALL ARE BOUND FOR HELL

Surah 21:98 Daryabadi

VERILY YE and WHATSOEVER YE WORSHIP BESIDE ALLAH SHALL BE FIREWOOD FOR HELL: thereunto ye shall go down.

BELIEVERS WITH US

Surah 3:113-114 Daryabadi

Yet all are not alike: among the People of the Book there are upright people who recite the messages of Allah in the watches of the night and prostrate themselves in worship. (3:114) They believe in Allah and in the Last Day and enjoin what is right and forbid what is wrong, and hasten to excel each other in doing good. These are among the righteous.

ENEMIES AGAINST US

Surah 5:51 Al-Maida

Believers! Do not take the Jews and the Christians for your allies. They are the allies of each other. And among you he who takes them for allies, shall be regarded as one of them. Allah does not guide the wrong-doers.

OFFER PEACE

Surah 2:62, Al-Baqarah

Whether they are the ones who believe (in the Arabian Prophet), or whether they are Jews, Christians or Sabians" all who believe in Allah and the Last Day, and do righteous deeds" their reward is surely secure with their Lord; they need have no fear, nor shall they grieve.

CALLED TO BATTLE

Surah 8:39 Al-Baqarah, Ayat

And fight them until there is no Fitnah (mischief), and total obedience becomes for Allah. So, if they desist, then, Allah is indeed watchful over what they do.

DO NOT KILL UNJUSTLY

Surah 17:33 Al-Baqarah

Do not kill any person whom Allah has forbidden to kill, except with right. We have granted the heir of him who has been wrongfully killed the authority to (claim retribution); so let him not exceed in slaying. He shall be helped.

SLAUGHTER THE ENEMY

WITH NO MERCY

Surah 8:67 Al-Anfal, Ayat

It behoves not a Prophet to take captives until he has sufficiently suppressed the enemies in the land.

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This passage of the Quran, Surah 3:55 can be understood to mean that Christ and his followers or the followers of the bible will be lifted up into heaven with Allah until the resurrection.

ALL ARE **BOUNDED FOR HELL**

In contrast, this passage of the Quran, Surah 21:98 is clearly stating that all non-believers and non-followers of Allah will be taken to hell.

BELIEVERS WITH US

This passage of the Quran, Surah 3:113-114 is saying that the People of the Book, Jews and Christians, are upright people and are considered believers and are also considered among the righteous.

ENEMIES AGAINST US

However, this passage of the Quran, Surah 5:51 clearly states that the Jews and the Christians are not allies and that anyone who are friends with them are also considered wrong-doers.

OFFER PEACE

In the Quran, Surah 2:62 states that those who believe (in the Arabian Prophet), or whether they are Jews, Christians who walk righteously and do good deeds would not have any fear or grieve. Basically, they should be safe for attack and or war.

CALLED TO BATTLE

However, the Quran states in Surah 8:39 that anyone who does not submit and have total obedience to Allah shall be fought with and have war raged against them until they submit and have total obedience to Allah.

DO NOT KILL UNJUSTLY

In this passage of the Quran, Surah 17:33 it says that Muslims are not to kill anyone who has a treaty with them, who pays the penance tax or who are considered non-hostile and walk uprightly, the people of the book, Jews and Christians, are not to be killed unjustly and that they are to be helped.

SLAUGHTER THE ENEMY

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In contrast, this passage of the Quran, Surah 8:67 says to not take captives, which is to kill everyone until all of the non-believers or enemies are suppressed.

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