

THE WEAKNESS OF ISLAM

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More than half a millennium after the establishment of the church of Christ and the Divine, prophetic pronouncement that those who preach another gospel would be accursed of God, at Medina and Mecca in the Sinai peninsula in AD 622 a man named Muhammad started the religion of Islam. The sober stance of the sacred scriptures succinctly and solemnly had already been stated, “I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ. But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed” (Gal. 1:6-9). Herein lies the greatest weakness of Islam: It stands accursed of God.

In a sampling of internal weaknesses of Islam further bases for its repudiation emerge. Consider the so-called “holy war” or “Jihad.” Muslims may claim that only the twelfth Imam, a religious leader who is a supposed descendant of Muhammad, may declare a “holy war” but with so many warring factions disrupting peace and raining terror in the world to the observer it looks like any influential upstart among them may gain a loyal following of suicidal radicals. Numerous citations from the Koran could be given to show that the source from which Islam grows authorizes violence even to the point of taking life. Muhammad wrote, “And kill them wherever you find them, and drive them out from where they drove you out, and persecution is worse than slaughter. And fight not with them at the Sacred Mosque until they fight you (in it), slay them. Such is the recompense of the disbelievers” (Surah 2:191; cf. e.g. 2:190-193; 8:39, 61-62; 9:5; 22:39-40).

Consider their god, Allah. The late Andrew M. Connally, who labored among the Muslims in Africa for many years, once described how the Koran presents Allah, “On the whole Allah is represented as a magnificent, opulent, irresistible world-potentate—an Arab Sheikh (*sic*) glorified and magnified to cosmic proportions.¹ “...Allah both guides and misguides, both punishes and forgives, according to his own inscrutable (*sic*), unquestionable good pleasure (3:124; 5:43; 6:39, 125; 13:27; 14:4; 17:9; etc.).”²

Consider their view of man. Although the Islamic creed states, “Allah is one,” the Koran says, “We created you from dust.” Then the progression given is “then from a small life-germ, then from a clot, then from a lump of flesh” (Surah 22:5). A footnote in the Koran says, “The Muslims do not accept that man was created six thousand years ago. The Imamiyyah accept the tradition that Allah created thirty Adams before our father Adam, and one Shi’ah Imam has gone so far as to say that hundreds of thousands of Adams were created before our Adam (RM). Nor do the Muslims accept that our world is the only world in this universe; one Imam is reported as saying that in God’s universe there are twelve thousand systems each bigger than our solar system (RM).”³

The weakness of Islam from this infinitesimally small sampling shows it to be “a gospel of a different kind” that is bringing trouble to the whole world. Without question the Holy Bible decries Islam as standing accursed from God. Muhammad never should have rejected the counsel of God against himself as did the Pharisees and lawyers of the Jews thereby bringing upon him and his followers the anathema of the living God (Luke 7:30).

ENDNOTES

1Andrew M. Connally, “The Doctrines And Militancy Of Islam,” in *Some Modern Cults, Sects, Movements, and World Religions*, Garland Elkins and Thomas B. Warren, eds. (Jonesboro, AR: National Christian Press, Inc., 1981), pp. 255-256.

2*Ibid.*

3*The Holy Qur’an, Arabic Text, English Translation and Commentary*, Maulana Muhammad Ali, ed. (Columbus, OH: Ahmadiyyah Anjuman Isha’at Islam Lahore, Inc., 1995), p. 186.