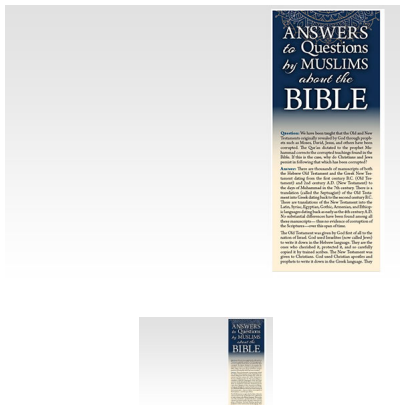




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Description

Nearly all the religious systems of the world teach that man must try his very best to please a holy God and to do more good works than bad ones in order to be assured of a place in heaven. In Christianity alone is found the teaching (through the Bible) that God is so high and so holy that man could never do enough good works to overcome his sins and to deserve eternal life. And in Christianity alone is it taught that the high and holy God loves sinful man so much that He gave His only Son to die for man's sins and thus provide redemption, forgiveness, and eternal life for those who are spiritually "dead in trespasses and sins" (Ephesians 2:1). Will you, my dear friend, humble yourself before the high and holy God, acknowledge that you are a rebellious, bankrupt, spiritually dead sinner, and place your trust in the crucified and risen Christ alone for your eternal salvation?

Question: We have been taught that the Old and New Testaments originally revealed by God through prophets such as Moses, David, Jesus, and others have been corrupted. The Qur'an dictated to the prophet Muhammad corrects the corrupted teachings found in the Bible. If this is the case, why do Christians and Jews persist in following that which has been corrupted?

Answer: There are thousands of manuscripts of both the Hebrew Old Testament and the Greek New Testament dating from the first century B.C. (Old Testament) and 2nd century A.D. (New Testament) to the days of Muhammad in the 7th century. There is a translation (called the Septuagint) of the Old Testament into Greek dating back to the second century B.C. There are translations of the New Testament into the Latin, Syriac, Egyptian, Gothic, Armenian, and Ethiopic languages dating back as early as the 4th century A.D. No substantial differences have been found among all these manuscripts—thus no evidence of corruption of the Scriptures—over this span of time.

The Old Testament was given by God first of all to the nation of Israel. God used Israelites (now called Jews) to write it down in the Hebrew language. They are the ones who cherished it, protected it, and so carefully copied it by trained scribes. The New Testament was given to Christians. God used Christian apostles and prophets to write it down in the Greek language.

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