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Religious Perspective – Islam

What are the quotes in the Qur'an that are often misquoted or misunderstood?

“This is another fundamentally misunderstood, and also women in Islam, is yet another very misconceived idea. In the Qur'an in the fifth chapter verse 32, it very clearly states that if you kill one person, it is as if you have killed the whole humanity. And if you save one person it is as if you've save whole humanity. So, it is what Islam is, according to Qur'an what Allah, those are Allah's words, and it is also what prophet Mohammed, peace be upon him said, in Hadiff, or his traditions, that's together one thing and it is another thing as to what some people practice.

And this is true in any other faith. That it is what the Bible says, and what some people interpret some aspects of the Bible, exactly the same thing. I think that what happens, what's going on in some of the countries like Afghanistan and other countries, it is more of a cultural aspect that you see than what Islam teaches us.

If you go back to the history of Islam from the 7th century thru almost the 14th century, Muslims did pretty good. For example, the word algebra, a lot of words in our lexicon, English lexicon are Arab, Muslim origin. Algebra, lot of us hate it but Muslims invented that. Alcohol too by the way. But it was not invented for consumption purposes it was for medicinal purposes. It is a different thing that people misuse it. Alkali, candy - candy we eat, coffee we drink, banana, these are all Arab origins. So Muslims did pretty good. So that is the aspect of Islam. That is what Islam is all about.

I will be traveling with our president, have you heard the name Florida Tech in this area? Florida Tech, how many of you know Florida Tech? Florida Institute of Technology it's a university here you know. So, I am the assistant vice president and the head of engineering systems at Florida Tech. So I will be travelling with the president and the executive vice president on Sunday to the Middle East. That's my job. That's as western and I have also ran four marathons. I say this because this is the Western aspect of living. But I also in the evening when I go, I will wear my little cap and I'll say my prayers, I say my prayers. So, this is what Islam is about. Not about wars and fighting. Like I said earlier, in a war what happens? People die; people get killed. It doesn't mean that you cannot defend yourself. You have to defend yourself against persecution, against anything bad that is being done. But not taking the bull by the horn and moving on with it. That's my explanation. Does that help a little bit?”

Rabbi Richard Margolis - Judaism

“Could I add something? I certainly differ to my neighbor and learned colleague Dr. Shaikh. And I regret at this stage of my life that the only Semitic language I never studied was Arabic. I took a doctorate in eleven other languages but today the Arabic would be much more useful for me and I know a little bit but I defer to him in the rest. You mention the seventh century. And

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if you look at the origins and the early history of the prophet Mohammed and his followers, they had to fight for their lives. Okay, do you think in seventh century Arabia when you stand up and challenge the existing religious order with all of its paganism, the existing social order, you know people misunderstand as far as when it says permit four wives. But yeah four, not forty. It comes as a limit. I'm serious.

That is the Qur'an. You ask for other things in the Qur'an; there are things in the Qur'an, Dr. Shaikh will quote it in Arabic but I've read it. The Qur'an permits only defensive warfare. As he said, defending yourself against persecution which are why some of those who wage warfare today have to allege grievances. Connect the dots. Authentic Islam, you asked for the Qur'an and again Dr. Shaikh will quote it for you in Arabic, permits defensive warfare not aggression, check it."

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