

The Quran and its Message

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WILL THE SINS OF MUSLIMS BE TRANSFERRED TO CHRISTIANS AND JEWS?

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According to certain Muslim beliefs that are influenced by [Islamic secondary sources](#), on the Day of Resurrection, a Muslim's sin will be transferred to a Jew or a Christian. Furthermore, when a Muslim is deemed for hell-fire, a Jew or a Christian will take their place instead.

“Abu Burda reported on the authority of his father that God's Apostle (may peace be upon him) said: No Muslim would die but God would admit in his stead a Jew or a Christian in Hell-Fire. 'Umar b. Abd al-'Aziz took an oath: By One besides Whom there is no god but He, thrice that his father had narrated that to him from God's Messenger (may peace be upon him)” [1]

“Abu Burda reported God's Messenger (may peace be upon him) as saying: There would come people amongst the Muslims on the Day of Resurrection with as heavy sins as a mountain, and God would forgive them and He would place in their stead the Jews and the Christians. (As far as I think), Abu Raub said: I do not know as to who is in doubt. Abu Burda said: I narrated it to 'Umar b. 'Abd al-'Aziz, whereupon he said: Was it your father who narrated it to you from God's Apostle (may peace be upon him)? I said: Yes” [2]

These narratives do pose an obvious question. Did collectors of Ahadith or their transmitters not realise, rather than accepting the tradition based on 'trustworthiness' of the narrators that the Hadith content (matn) **seriously** contradicted the Quran?

Unfortunately, this is what breeds hatred and contempt towards the people of the previous scriptures. Instead of looking for common ground and a common message, these kind of teachings only serve to insult, degrade and vilify the true message of the Quran.

WHAT DOES THE QURAN SAY?

YOU CANNOT TRANSFER SIN - EACH SOUL BEARS ITS OWN BURDEN

006:164

"Say: What! shall I seek a Lord other than God? And He is the Lord of all things; **and no soul earns (evil) but against itself, and no bearer of burden shall bear the burden of another;** then to your Lord is your return, so He will inform you of that in which you differed"

ARE ALL THE PEOPLE OF THE BOOK BLASPHEMOUS AND OR EVIL?

No

003:113

"**Not all of them are alike:** Of the People of the Book are a portion that stand (For the right): They rehearse the verses of God all night long, and they prostrate themselves in adoration."

003.114

"They believe in God and the Last Day; they enjoin what is right, and forbid what is wrong; and they hasten (in emulation) in (all) good works: **They are in the ranks of the righteous**"

003.199

"And there are, certainly, among the People of the Book, those who believe in God, in the revelation to you, and in the revelation to them, bowing in humility to God: They will not exchange the verses of God for a miserable gain! **For them is a reward with their Lord, and God is swift in account**"

005.083

"**And when they listen to the revelation received by the Messenger, you will see their eyes overflowing with tears, for they recognise the truth:** they pray: "Our Lord! we believe; write us down among the witnesses."

007.159

"Of the people of Moses there is a section who guide and do justice in the light of truth."

005.066

"If only they had stood fast by the Law, the Gospel, and all the revelation that was sent to them from their Lord, they would have enjoyed happiness from every side. **There is from among them a party on the right course:** but many of them follow a course that is evil."

003.075

"Among the People of the Book are some who, **if entrusted with a hoard of gold, will (readily) pay it back;** others, who, if entrusted with a single silver coin, will not repay it unless you constantly stood demanding, because, they say, "there is no call on us (to keep faith) with these ignorant (Pagans)." but they tell a lie against God, and (well) they know it."

002.062

"Those who believe (in the Quran), and those who follow the **Jewish (scriptures), and the Christians and the Sabians,- any who believe in God and the Last Day, and work righteousness, shall have their reward with their Lord; on them shall be no fear, nor shall they grieve.**"

005.069

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FINAL THOUGHTS

The reports in Ahadith pertaining to this matter cannot be satisfactorily nor convincingly harmonised or indeed reconciled with the Quran's position. They simply stand contradictory to the message of the Quran.

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