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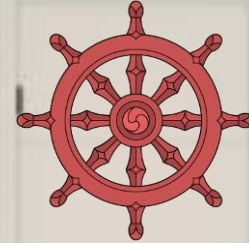
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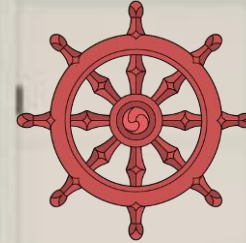
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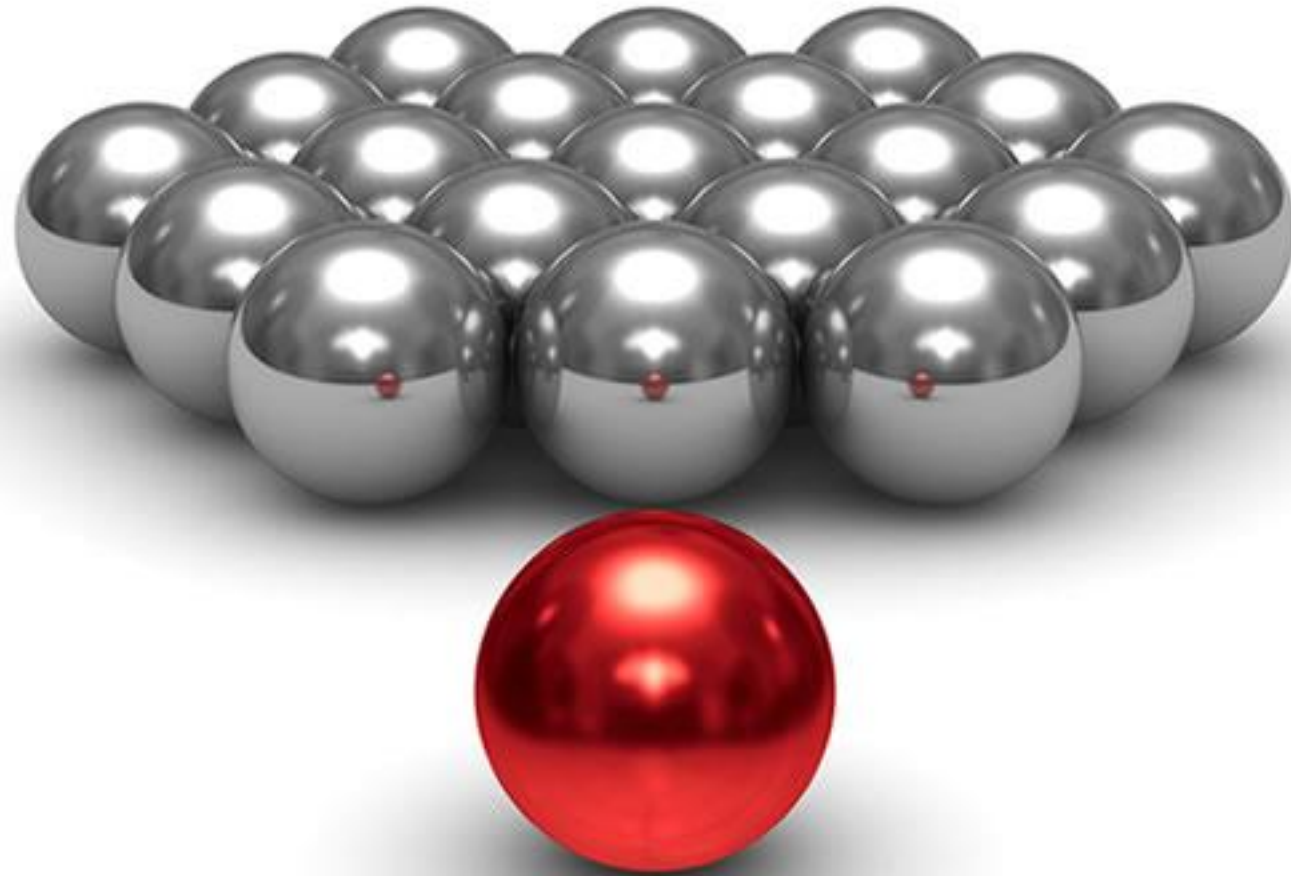


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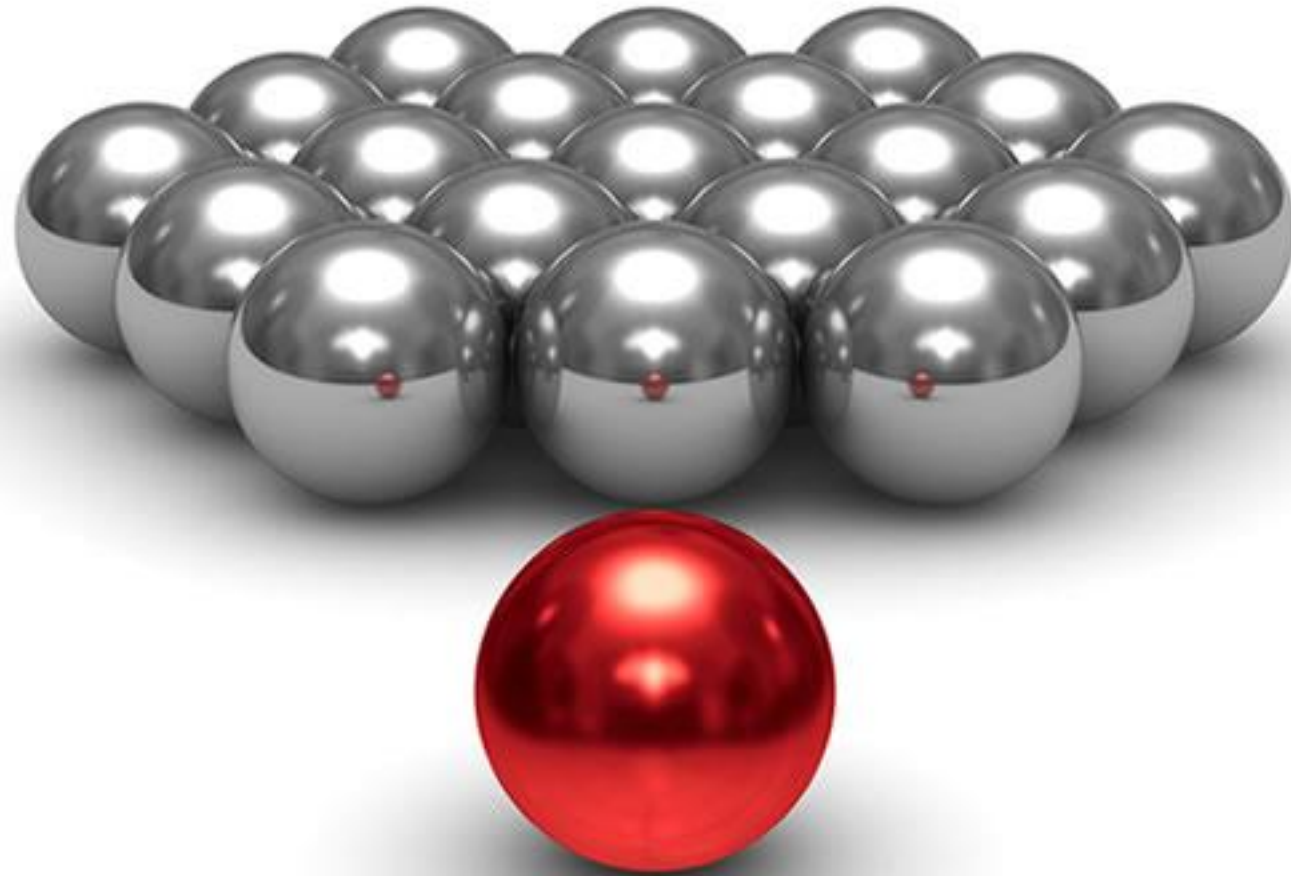


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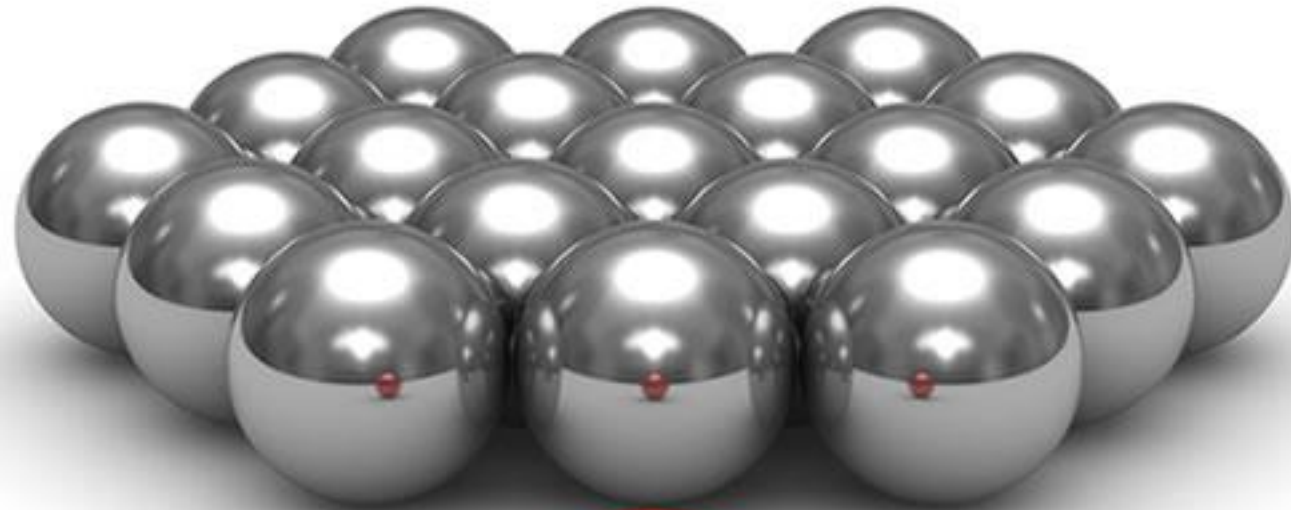
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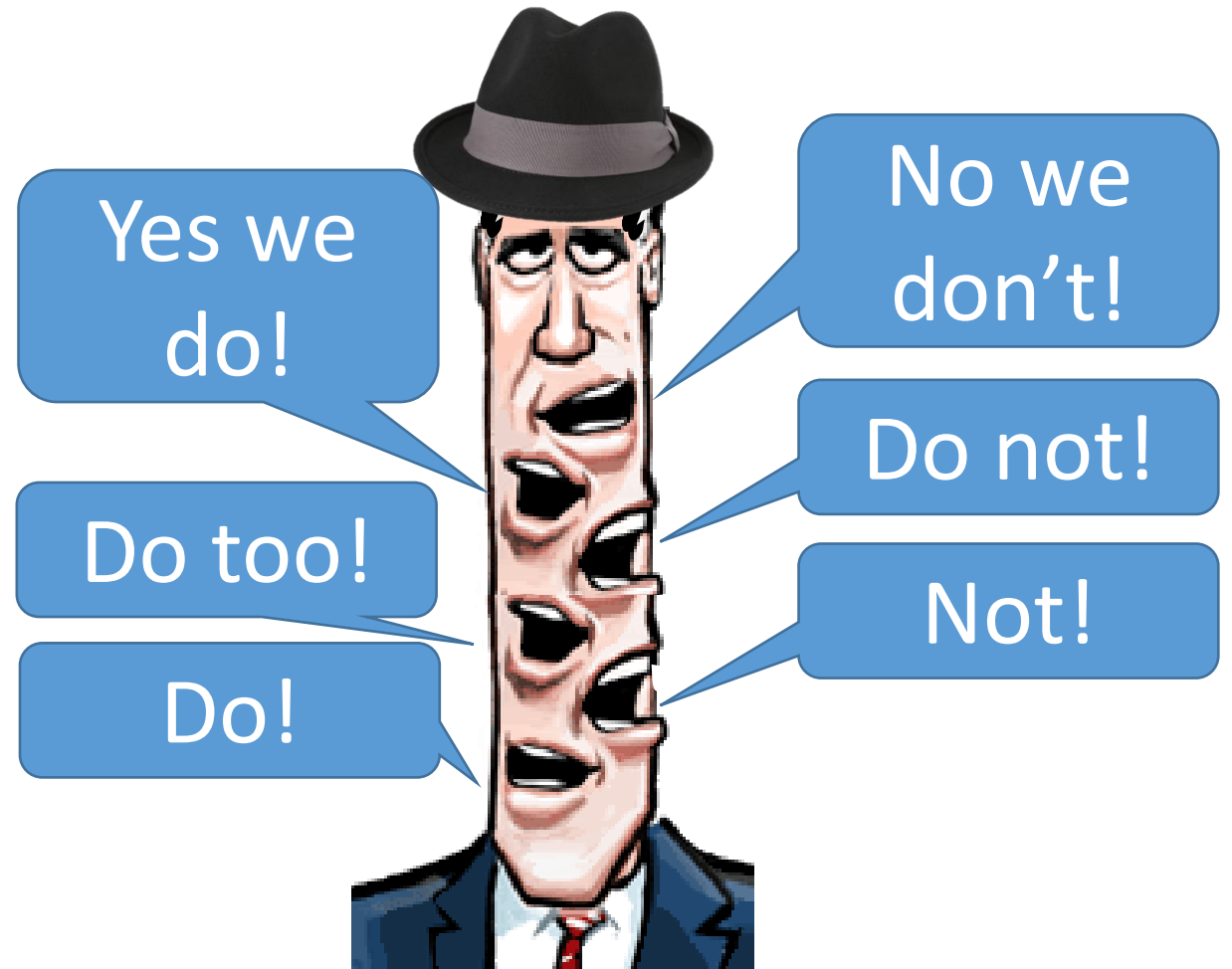
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**SHOCKER:  
Sometimes  
witnesses change  
their stories!**



# **Judaism, Christianity, and Islam are all history-based religions**

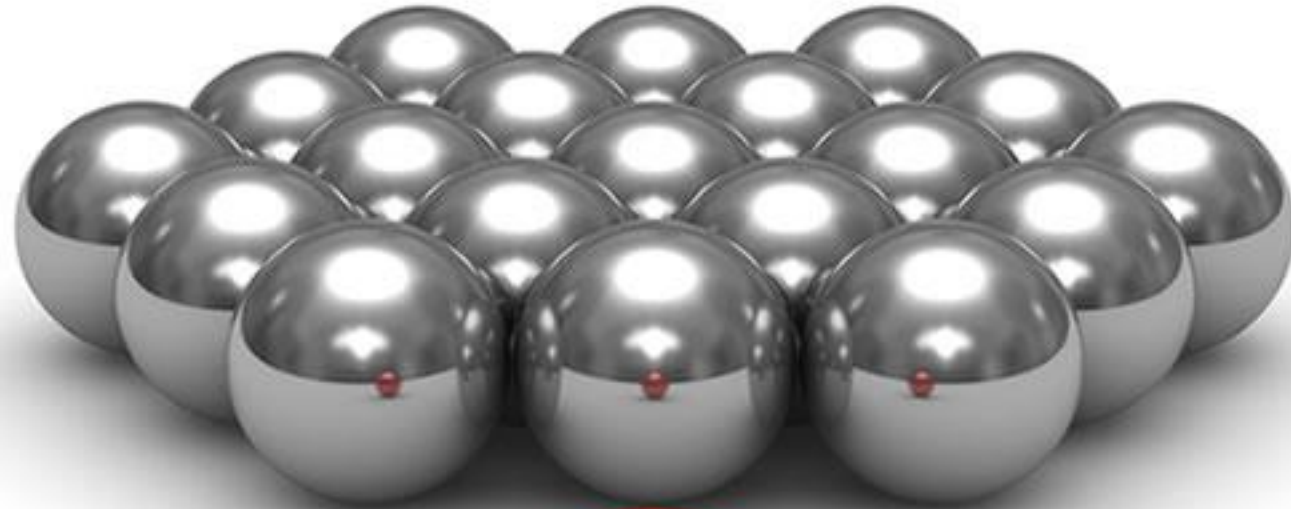




**I don't find the history recited in the  
Qur'an reliable or accurate**



**General Rule:** absent some expressed reason why it wouldn't hold true, the recollections closer in time to the actual events are more reliable than those recollections that are later.

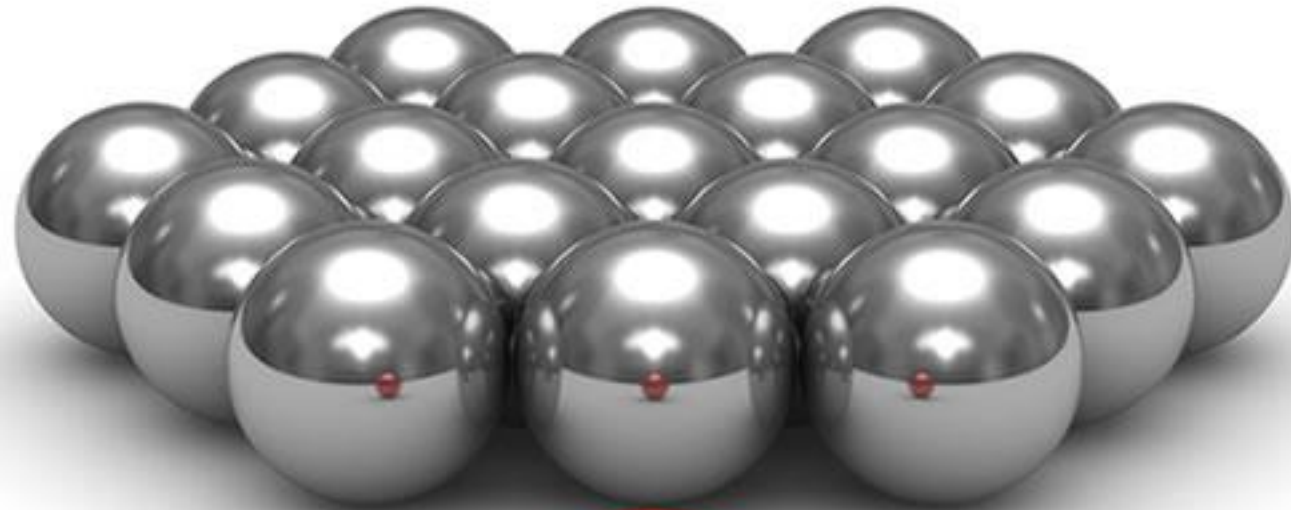


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**Second Rule:** the bias of someone in changing a story must weigh into the consideration of what really happened.



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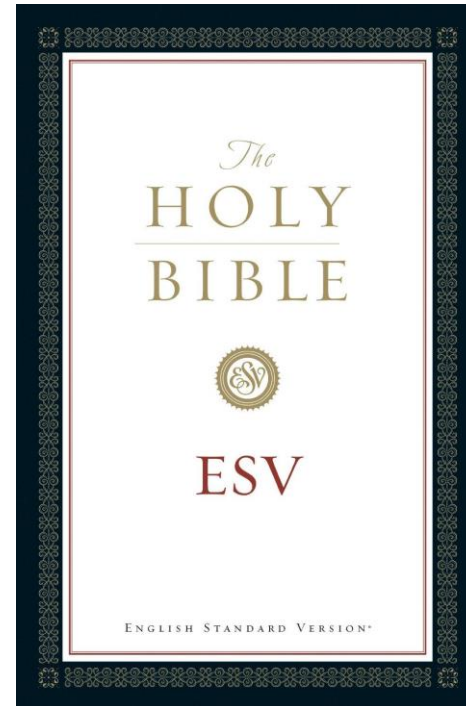
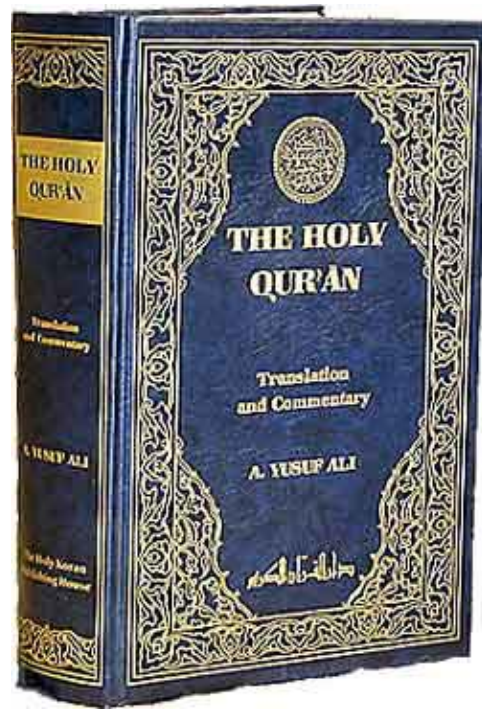
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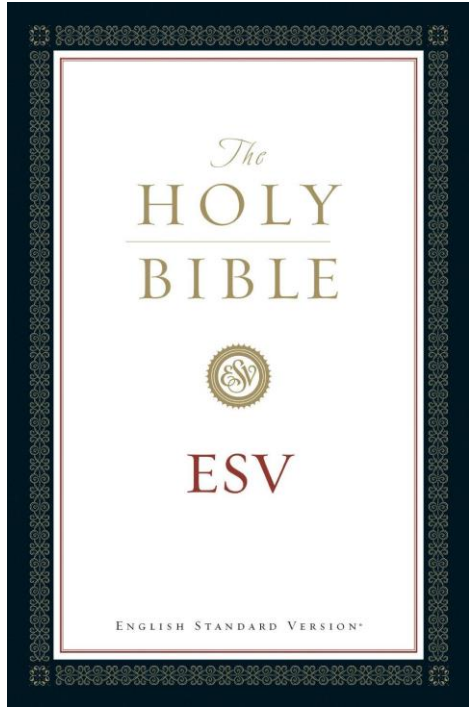


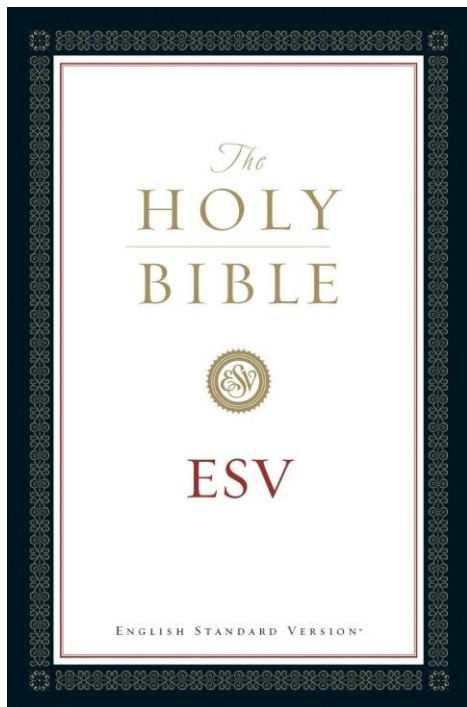
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in reasoning from  
history**



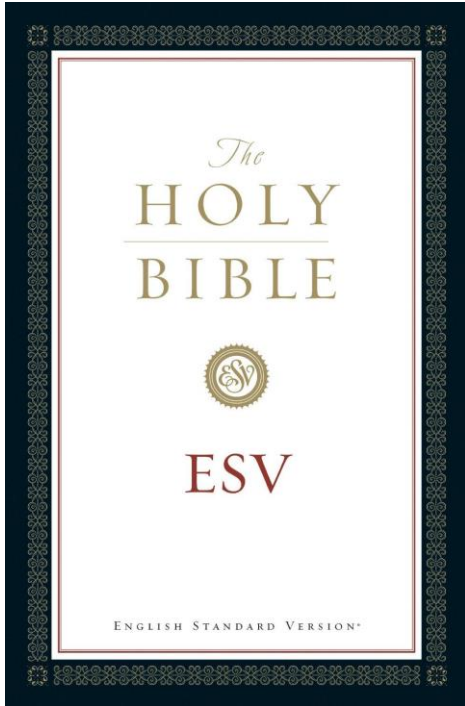
# The Muslim Scriptures are viewed differently than the Bible





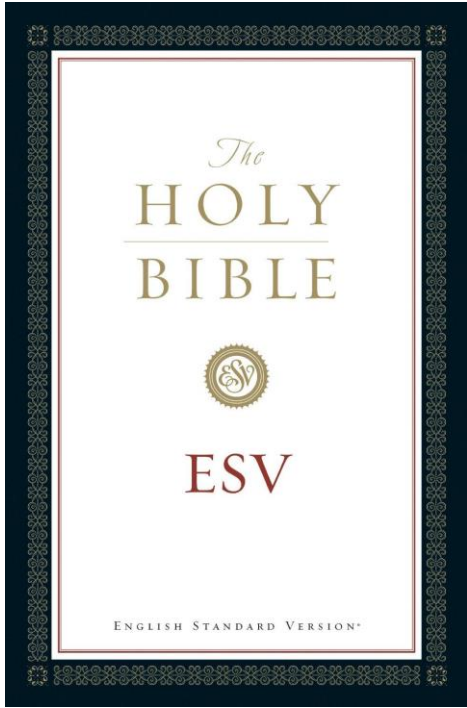


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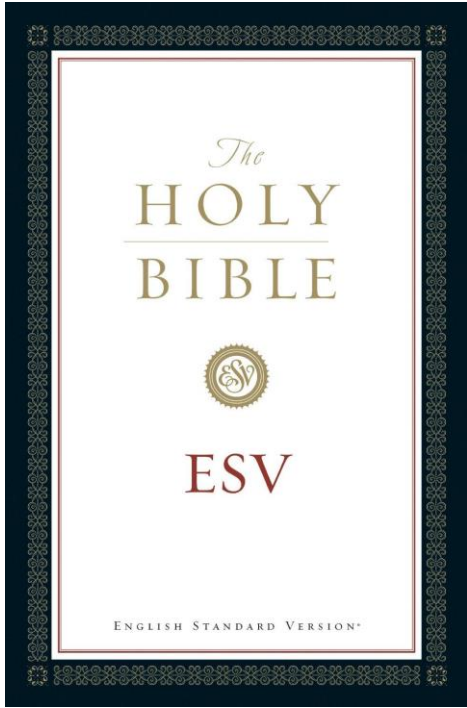


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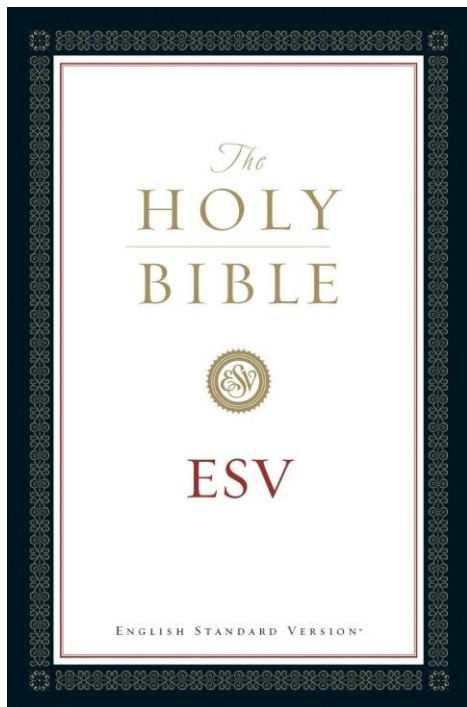




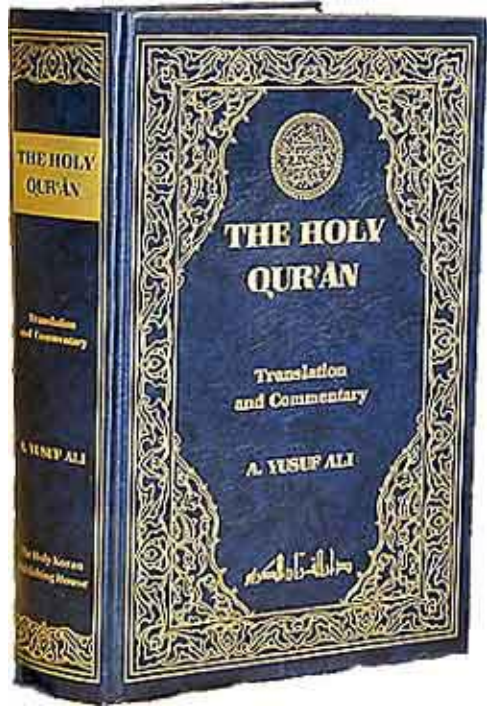
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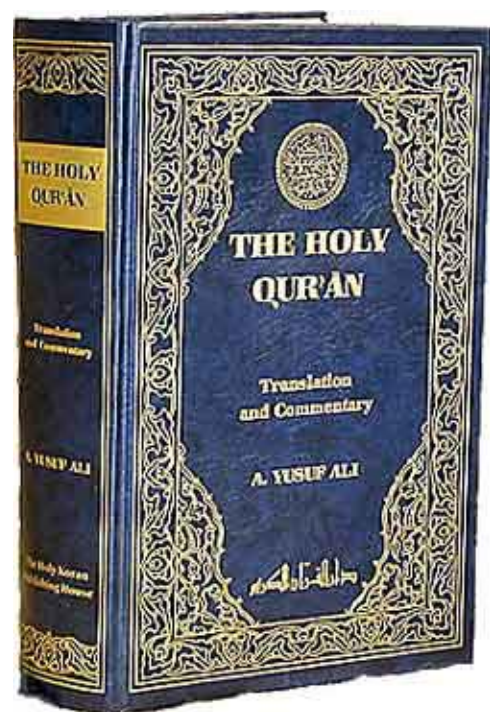


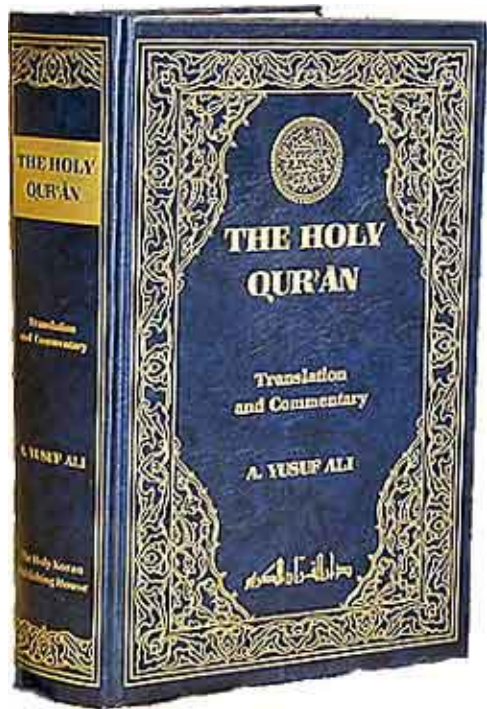
- These were entrusted to people to transmit and maintain, hence they show human fingerprints, even though God ensured maintaining the message.
- God's redemptive message is also found in translations, even though the translations lose some of the nuances of the originals.
- Christians do **not** worship the Bible. To do so would be idolatry.



- “A revelation from the Lord of the Worlds” (26:192)
- “Sent down to Muhammad” (47:2) through the Holy Spirit working in his heart “in a clear Arabic tongue” (26:193-195)
- Muhammad was given the revelation in bits and pieces (25:32) over several decades and, rather than being in chronological order, is collected in the order dictated by Allah (the Muslim God) (75:17)

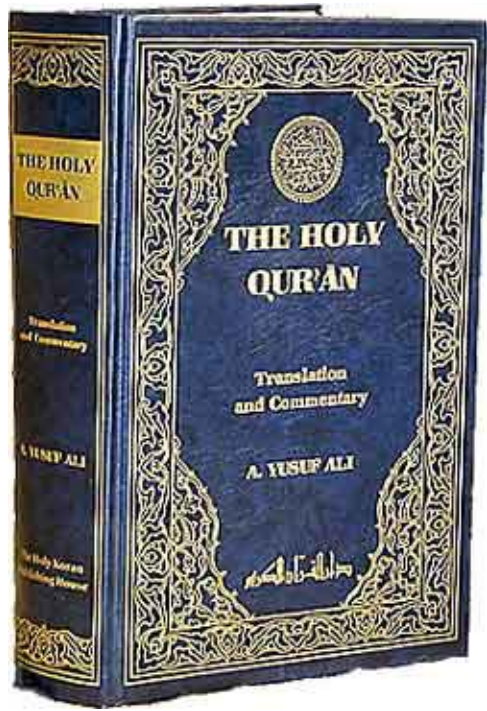






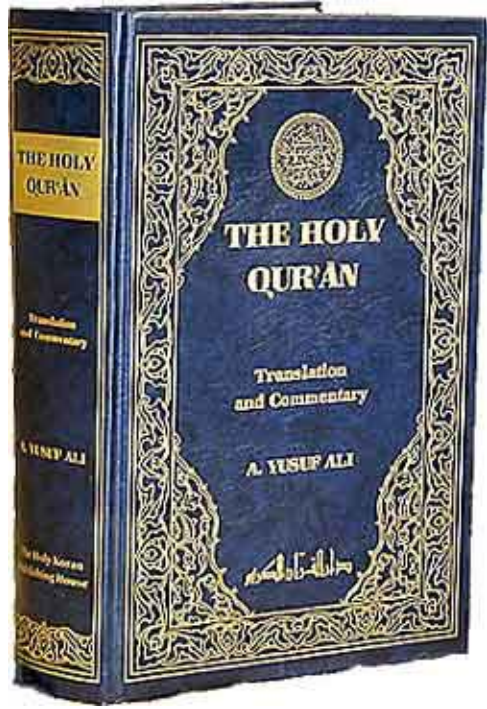
“We have presented above indisputable proof that the Qur’an is the word of God. The reality is that Muslims are the only ones who even claim to have an authentic scripture from God, in its original form, of which not a single letter has been changed. Most other religions admit that their scriptures are in fact human writings... If we are of the view that God would not leave us without a reliable Revelation, then the mere fact that Muslims are the only ones who even claim to have an authentic revelation could attest to the truthfulness of their claim.”

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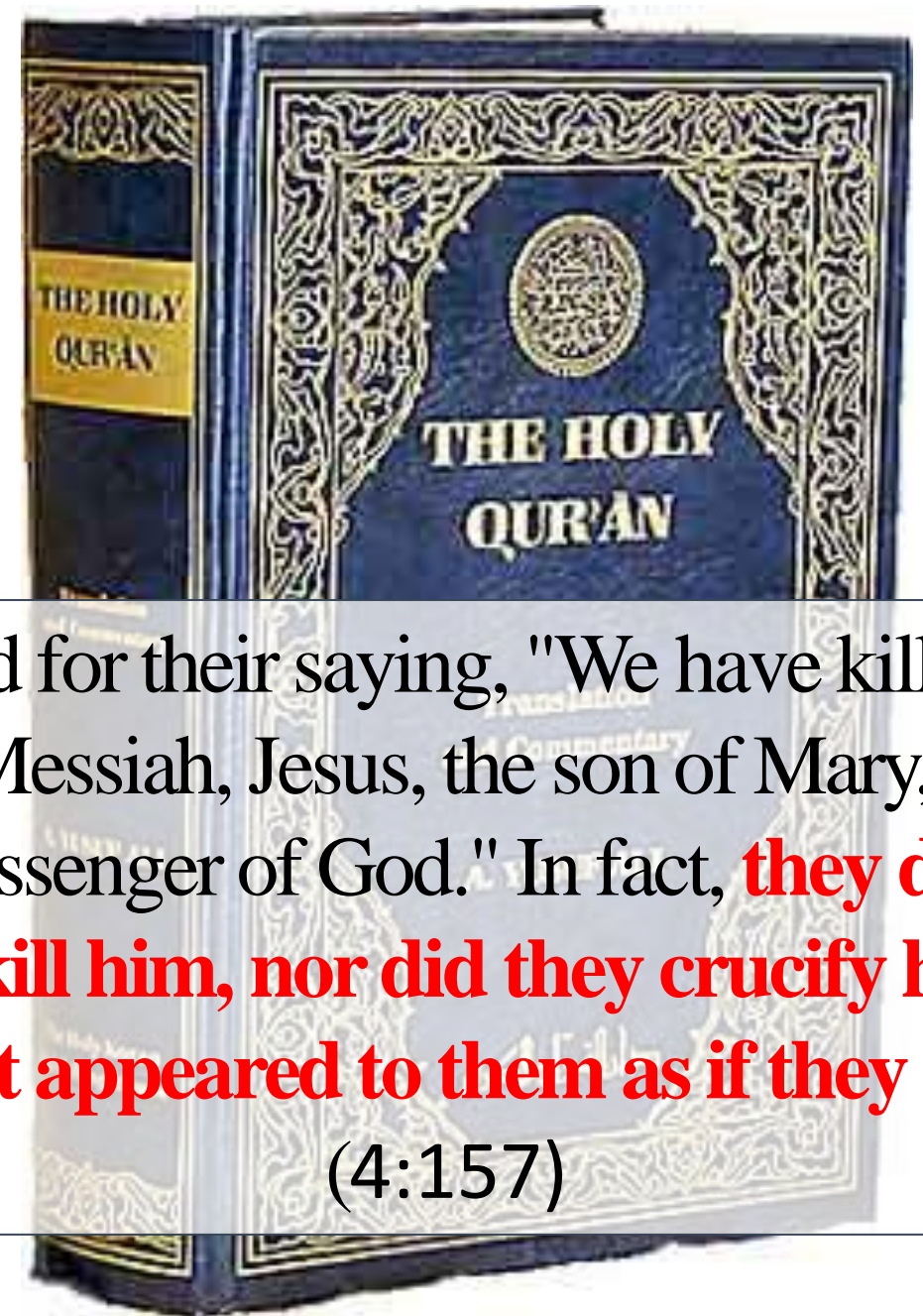


I would have to **set aside common sense** to believe the Qur'an is presenting more reliable history than that of the Bible and other ancient writings



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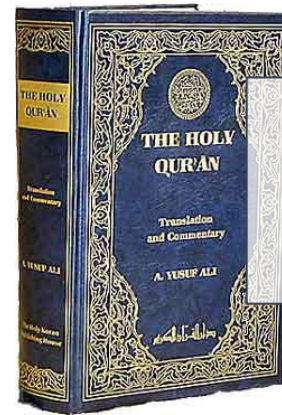
And for their saying, "We have killed the Messiah, Jesus, the son of Mary, the Messenger of God." In fact, **they did not kill him, nor did they crucify him, but it appeared to them as if they did.**  
(4:157)

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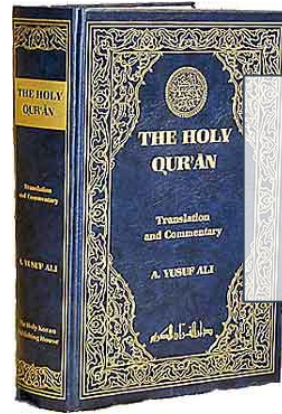
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The “substitution” theory seems impossible in light of what we know about Roman Crucifixion.

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Don't simply consider the  
gospels, consider Paul!

Gal. 3:1-2, 13

1 Cor. 1:17-18, 23-25

Rom. 6:6-9

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The Muslim faith has no need for  
Jesus to die. I believe this  
exhibits a deficient view of the  
greatness of God.



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**May my life show  
my gratitude**

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*“For the word of the cross  
is folly to those who are  
perishing, but to us who  
are being saved it is the  
power of God”  
(1 Cor. 1:17-18)*

**May it be so for me**

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*“If we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his”  
(Rom. 6:5)*

**I can let this power  
work in me!**



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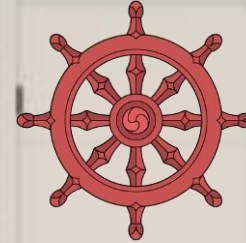
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