

Episode 22

Examples of the Abrogation

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Some say that the abrogation in the quran is confined only to the commandments and forbiddances, as: do this, and don't do that

That is the opinion of some jurists

Even if we agree that it is confined only to commandments and forbiddances, as for example: the Repentance chapter (Surat At-Taubah) 5 and 29, those two verses inciting for fighting, that verse known as the sword verse abrogated 124 verses as said by all the abrogation scholars

In the Repentance chapter (Surat At-Taubah) 29:" Fight against those who believe not in Allah, nor in the Last Day, nor forbid that which has been forbidden by Allah and His Messenger and those who acknowledge not the religion of truth (i.e. Islam) among the people of the Scripture (Jews and Christians), until they pay the *Jizyah* (tribute) with willing submission, and feel themselves subdued"

That's a commandment, fight...and that commandment abrogated 124 verses concerning peaceableness, among those verses:

-the spider chapter (Surat Al-Ankabut) 46:" And argue not with the people of the Scripture (Jewish and Christian), unless in a way that is better in manner ... and we believe in that which has been revealed to us and revealed to you; our God and your God is One"

And also The Disbelievers chapter (Surat Al-Kaafiroon) 6:"To you be your religion, and to me my religion."

Here we notice that one verse abated all the previous verses, and all the conflicts nowadays between the Muslims, Christians and Jews are because of that commandment in that verse

Where is God? who after giving his promises to the Christians , then He command to kill them , and how possible to have verses that raised the Christian to the most dignified state, then to command for killing them later on

As the quran mentioned" I will make those who follow you superior to those who disbelieve (the polytheisms) till the Day of Resurrection {the Family of Imran chapter (Surat Aal-'Imran) 55}

In fact Islam in Makkah was peaceful, but in Al-Medina those verses came. Why?? We are asking why?

Is it possible that God is partial for those following that particular religion, so whoever follows it will gain the satisfaction of God, and those who don't follow it will be killed ?

Is there any abrogation in the quran away from the commandments and forbiddances?

Definitely there were many abrogated verses not from the commandments and forbiddances

Examples for those verses are:

- The converse of great Gharaneek (great idols)

In the Pilgrimage Chapter (Surat Al-Hajj) 52" Allah abrogates that which Satan throws in"

All the annotators said that when the messenger was reciting The Star chapter (Surat An-Najm), saying: "Have you then considered *Al-Lât*, and *Al-'Uzza* (two idols of the pagan Arabs) And *Manât* (another idol), the other third?, those great Gharaneek (great idols), Satan put onto his tongue to say: those great Gharaneek (great idols), their intercession are well accepted, so all the people of Makkah prostrated after him, as he prostrated too !!!, notice that he was telling that those idols named *Al-Lât*, *Al-'Uzza* And *Manât* are great , and their intercession are accepted , how for those idols to have a dignity and accepted intercession , the people of Makkah at that time were delighted as the prophet Muhammad professed their gods and all prostrated , even the elderly man who couldn't kneel down , he took some dust from the ground and placed over his forehead, then they sent to the immigrants in Al-Habasha (Ethiopia) to return back

After Muhammad said that, in that night Gabriel came to him, telling him that those words were put by Satan unto his tongue, so the prophet grieved so much, he went back to the people telling them that those words are from Satan , and that was meant by " Allah abrogates that which Satan throws in"

Here the abrogation is not in a commandment or forbiddance. And there is abrogation for what Satan throws in

So, those saying that abrogation is confined only to the commandments and forbiddances are mistaking

There were also other verses concerning the holy books preceding the quran

The Makkian verses were applauding the holy books prior to Islam, as:

- The Table Spread chapter (Surat Al-Ma'idah) 43:" How do they come to you for decision while they have the Taurât, in which is the decision of Allah"

- The Table Spread chapter (Surat Al-Ma'idah) 47:" Let the people of the Injeel (Bible) judge by what Allah has revealed therein. "

- The Table Spread chapter (Surat Al-Ma'idah) 48: "And we have sent down to you the Book in truth, confirming the Scripture that came before it"

Then after all that profession in the Taurât and Bible and applauding them, some verses came and abrogated all of that as:

- Women chapter (Surat An-Nisa') 46:" Among those who are Jews, there are some who displace words from their right places"

- The Cow chapter(Surat Al-Baqarah) 75:" Do you covet that they will believe in you ,while a party of them used to hear the word of Allah , then falsify it after they understood it, and they know that "

This last verse in spite of explicating that the falsification was in the interpretation and not the text , yet it abrogated the preceding books , and that was not a commandments or forbiddances, it was concerning books, believes and faith

It was mentioned in The Rocky Tract chapter (Surat Al-Hijr) 9:" It is we who have sent down the Dhikr (reminder) and surely, we will guard it" so is it logic that God guarded his words in certain time , while He forgot his other words in the other holy book in another time?

That's a proposed question, it was mentioned also about the Holy Bible in its two testaments as being a reminder , a light and a guidance from God , so How did He guarded the quran , while he couldn't guard the Taurât and the Bible?? That's a big question mark that the Islamic mind should think about; there was abrogation of the religions previously respected by the quran itself as in:

- the Cow chapter(Surat Al-Baqarah) 62:"Those who believe and those who are Jews and Christians, and Sabians, whoever believes in Allah and the Last Day and do righteous good deeds shall have their reward with their Lord, on them shall be no fear, nor shall they grieve"

- the spider chapter (Surat Al-Ankabut) 46:" And argue not with the people of the Scripture (Jewish and Christian), unless in a way that is better in manner ... and we believe in that which has been revealed to us and revealed to you; our God and your God is One"

- The women chapter (Surat An-Nisa') 136:" whosoever disbelieves in Allah, His Angels, His books, His messengers, and the Last day, indeed he has strayed far away"

Those verses had been also abrogated by other verses as:

- The Family of Imran chapter (Surat Aal-'Imran) 19." Truly, the religion with Allah is Islam. "

- The Family of Imran chapter (Surat Aal-'Imran) 85." And whoever seeks a religion other than Islam, it will never be accepted of him, and in the Hereafter he will be one of the losers."

Here there is cancellation of religions and not commandments or forbiddances

I am asking, now we want to live in peace in this world, there is no place for more wars, if those Muslim extremities read those verses saying fight and kill the Christians and Jewish, they are disbelievers and polytheisms, and the religion for God is Islam, and they are saying that the sword verse abrogated the peaceful verses, is there any peacefulness in that? Isn't that the cause of terrorism? We want explanations

We should use the mind granted to us by God as a gift to the mankind

The Islam of Makkah also allowed the religious freedom for the other religions, but the Islam of Medina banned that and abrogated it? Why??

As in The cattle chapter (Surat Al-Baqarah) 256:"There is no compulsion in religion"

That what we are hearing in the media and newspapers, while in fact, in the real life is totally different, why? Because it was abrogated

Here are some of the verses that banned the religious freedom

- The Family of Imran chapter (Surat Aal-'Imran) 19:"Truly, the religion with Allah is Islam

- The Family of Imran chapter (Surat Aal-'Imran) 85:"And whoever seeks a religion other than Islam, it will never be accepted of him, and in the Hereafter he will be one of the losers"

- Repentance chapter (Surat At-Taubah) 29:" Fight against those who believe not in Allah, nor in the Last Day, nor forbid that which has been forbidden by Allah and His Messenger and those who acknowledge not the religion of truth (i.e. Islam) among the people of the Scripture (Jews and Christians), until they pay the *Jizyah* with willing submission, and feel themselves subdued"

So the freedom was completely cancelled

There are also verses concerning those who changed their religions

- **The Family of Imran chapter (Surat Aal-'Imran) 20:**" if they turn away, your duty is only to convey the Message"

- **The Table Spread chapter (Surat Al-Ma'idah 13:**" forgive them, and overlook their misdeeds"

- **The Spoils of War chapter (Surat Al-Anfal) 61:**" But if they incline to peace, you also incline to it,"

Those verses we are hearing in the media, but that was in the past, and for those who don't know the abrogator and abrogated, they don't know that those verses were abrogated

Those verses were abrogated by:

- **The women Chapter (Surat Al-Nisa) 89:**" if they turn back, hold of them and kill them wherever you find them"

Notice the difference between The Family of Imran chapter (Surat Aal-'Imran) 20 and the women Chapter (Surat Al-Nisa) 89, the difference is very obvious, what do you need more than that , those verses must be explicated by the respectable scholars to tell us what they mean and what are the exegesis, if there is exegesis, also in

- **Muhammad chapter (Surat Muhammad) 35:**"So be not weak and ask not for peace, while you are having the upper hand" meaning that you are superior to other people and never ask for peace

That's the real danger beloved

We are asking does God want for 80% of his creation to be killed. As we know that Muslims represents about 21% of the world population?

And the more serious question is:

How does God the all-just and the only condemner ask people to classify each other?

Isn't possible that if you are patient and leaves the disbeliever and the polytheist he might believe in your religion later, so you should preach and teach him and not kill him

In the quran there is a verse saying that you guide whoever you want, and God guides whoever He wants, but that verse is also abrogated , that's really sad

Some are claiming that abrogation is present in all religions and not only the quran:

-Imam Jalal El-Din Al- Syouty said "God made the abrogation pertained to this nation only, meaning the Islamic nation, and all Islamic scholars agreed that the abrogation is pertained to Islam and the quran only" (1)

Is there abrogation in the Christianity?

They said that the Christ by his preach over the mountain had abrogated the old testament verdicts, as he said" You have heard that it was said to the ancients, But I say to you" in fact that needs understanding and not arbitrary judgment, as the Christ said: I did not come to annul the Law, but to fulfill the Law"(Matthew 5:17) and annulling means abrogation

So He himself, said that: I did not come to abrogate the Law, why? Because the law in the old testament was do and don't do , but it didn't treat the nature of man , the Christ came to treat the human nature , to give the new heart and the new nature and to change man completely

The Holy bible said if someone in the Christ he is a new creation

He didn't give me commandments and forbiddances, as the Christ changes my nature when he gets into my heart and lives inside it, he is saying:" I stand at the door and knock: If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will enter to him, and I will dine with him, and he with Me", meaning for man to open the door of his heart with his will and there will be a happy life with him

The Bible said: Your words were found and I ate them; and your word was to me the joy and gladness of my heart (Jeremiah 15:16)

When I say to him :O lord help me I need you, I am tired and confused , I am opening the door of my heart with my will to you , telling you get into my life and change me, change my heart and mind, change my nature from a wolf to humble lamb and a new man will come The examples for that change are tremendous

The door of repentance is open for everyone, not only for the Christian, anyone can do that

The bible is saying: For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that everyone believing into Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

God is ready to accept anyone from any state he is on , as he is his creation, and every precious to him , God is keen for his salvation, the Christ is ready to save man and change all his life when man asks for that and accept the work of God in him

**In Christianity there is no abrogated and abrogator, Christianity is a spirit and Life
That's the completion of the old law (do and do not) to a life, as the bible said: "For the Law
was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ"**

**And "By grace you are being saved "and the grace is a free gift from our lord, he is a kind
father who gives his children all what they want, and man has to accept that**

(1) "The perfection in the quran sciences by Jalal El-Din Al- Syouty part 2, and page 22