

Examining the Newest Historical Research on Islam

With so much of the world focused on ISIS these days, a group which uses and is absolutely dependent on the Qur'an and their prophet Muhammad for their authority, it is important to look at just how authoritative they both are historically. I will look at the newest data we have on Muhammad, as well as the Qur'anic manuscript evidence, including a look at the 6 earliest Manuscripts, and the new Qur'anic folios which are being dated using Carbon 14 dating (including the Birmingham folios highlighted by BBC in July 2015), which suggest that Qur'anic Suras are not only older than the Qur'an, but older than Muhammad and Islam as well! I will compare these with our Biblical material to show just how much more historical evidence we have for our Bible and Jesus Christ, than exists for their Qur'an and Muhammad.

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I. Introduction

A. The Muslim's claims for their Qur'an

1. It is **eternal** (Sura 85:22)
2. It was **sent down** to Muhammad between 610 – 632 AD
3. It was compiled **completely** under the authority of the caliph Uthman in 650 AD
4. It has been **unchanged** for 1400 years

B. Assessing the six major Qur'anic Manuscripts

1. The Topkapi in Istanbul, Turkey
2. The Sammarqand in Tashkent, Uzbekistan
3. The Housseini in Cairo, Egypt

4. The Ma'il in London, England
5. The Petropolitanus in Paris, France
6. The Sana'a in Sana'a, Yemen

C. Dan Brubaker's Newest research on the early Corrections

1. Tapings
2. Insertions
3. Erasures
4. Erasures Overwritten
5. Overwriting (without erasure)
6. Selective Covering
7. Selective Covering Overwritten

D. The New Carbon 14 Dates on the Qur'anic folios

1. The 'Birmingham Folios' Controversy
2. Explaining Carbon 14
3. Other Qur'anic folio dates

II. Conclusions

- A. It is NOT eternal, NOR sent down, NOR compiled completely, NOR unchanged

- B. Therefore, who is Muhammad, and what is his purpose?

- C. Who then is 'eternal', 'sent down', complete', and 'Unchanged'?...JESUS

Suggested Readings/Viewings:

- *As some of this material is brand new (i.e. less than 2 years old), nothing yet has been published. However, for an introduction to the topic please see Pfanderfilms Youtube videos '[Can we talk about it](https://www.youtube.com/user/PfanderFilms)': <https://www.youtube.com/user/PfanderFilms>*
- *To see how Jay used this material in a debate with Islam's greatest debater, Shabir Ally, and how Shabir responded, go to: '[The Classic Debate: The Bible or the Qur'an](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fWHV9VnOJtc)' between Dr. Ally and Jay Smith at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fWHV9VnOJtc>*