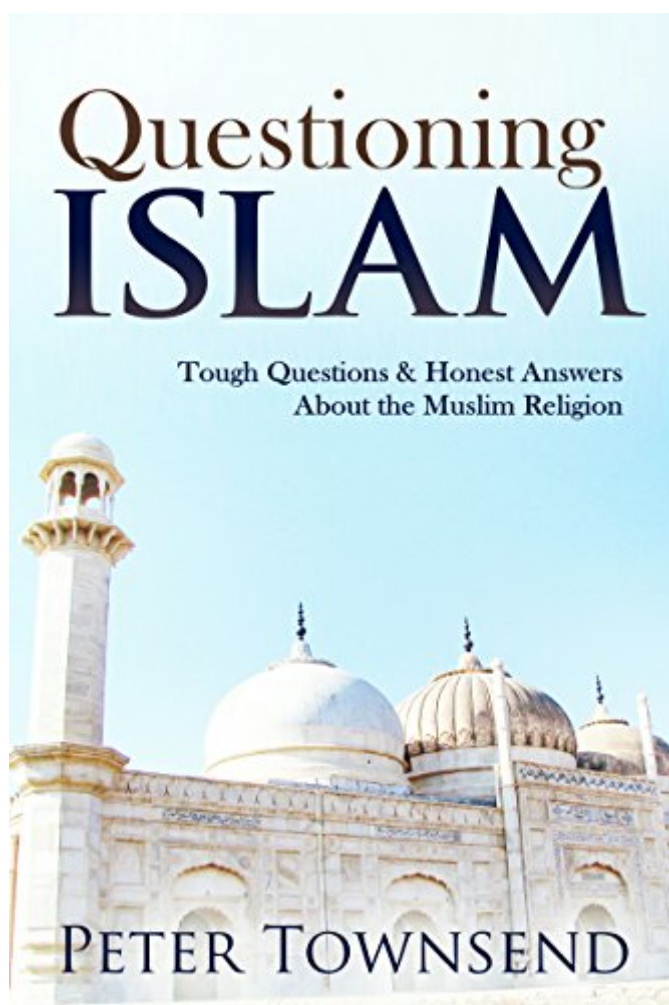


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Questioning Islam: Tough Questions & Honest Answers About The Muslim Religion



Synopsis

Can Islam withstand critical scrutiny? Many questions are currently being asked about the place of Islam in the modern world. Among these questions the most important one of all sometimes gets lost: Is Islam true? With his new book author Peter Townsend invites you to accompany him on a journey through the foundational texts of the Muslim religion. In the process the truth-claims of Islam will be respectfully, honestly and impartially evaluated. Along the way the following questions will be asked: Can the traditional Islamic historical accounts be trusted? Is the Qur'an a 'Perfect Book, Perfectly Preserved'? Was Muhammad indeed a 'Beautiful Pattern of Conduct'? The answers to these questions will not be sought from modern commentaries on Islam. Instead Questioning Islam goes straight to the classic sources of Islam namely the Qur'an, hadiths (traditions) and biographies of Muhammad. Questioning Islam is not an attempt to promote any other belief system or ideology. Its focus is simply on asking the hard questions about Islam that are all too often ignored or swept under the carpet. Simply put, if you have ever wondered whether the truth-claims of Islam can withstand critical scrutiny then this book is for you!

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Customer Reviews

Townsend does an excellent job of research using the authoritative versions of the Qur'an, the strongest of the Hadiths and the biography of Mohammad accepted as authoritative by most Muslim scholars. For those who don't know, the Hadiths are the traditions of Mohammad and his companions which Islamic scholars say are essential to understand and practice Islam. Sunnis and Shi'a accept different ones as being the strongest, but for example, the Muslim declaration of faith (There is no god but Allah and Mohammad is his prophet, and the other four "Pillars of Islam" are in the Hadiths, not the Qur'an. He also uses archeological evidence and other writings from the time of Mohammad and of the Hadiths (like the Qur'an, written down decades, often centuries, after Mohammad died) to question much of Islam history and teaching. He tends to use both superlatives ("Jaw Dropping" revelation) and slightly pejorative language (Muslim apologists) which I think do not strengthen the book. Nevertheless, this is well worth reading and will give you a strong background in both Islamic history and the claims of the Muslim religion.

Robert A. Hall
Author: The Coming Collapse of the American republic

Great resource for developing an understanding of the history and unvarnished basics of Islam. Not the "end all, be all" but a reasonable starting point for a focused view of Islam without the constant comparisons with Judaism and Christianity. Would recommend it for anyone who is reasonably open-minded and would like to peel back some of the heresay, rumors and inaccuracies currently circulating.

Thorough. Factual. What Islam does not want you to know. A treasured resource.

Socrates said "An unexamined life is not worth living". So it should be. Nothing should be accepted without critical thought, including religious beliefs; to accept anything at all without evidence is simply baseless superstition. Peter Townsend with Questioning Islam has subjected the Koran (Qur'an) and Islamic beliefs in general to critical examination and found many features that are internally contradictory, have been shown by modern science to be false, simply make no sense, or have been proven wrong by history and archaeology. One can only hope that at least a few Muslims, or people who are considering converting to Islam, have sufficiently open minds to read Questioning Islam and give Peter's arguments some serious thought. I suspect that most Muslims will be too committed to their beliefs, and too frightened of questioning them, to read the book. It is fear of damnation in anyone who questions his or her faith

that gives Islam (and Christianity for that matter) its hold over its adherents.

A very intensive study of Islam, with lots of data to support his findings. However it had to be very long book to cover the subject. This because thier belief system is built around not only the Koran. But other teachings by other people who wrote at later times. I think that people should spend an equal amout of time studying the Bible

An excellent book. It quotes chapter and verse from the books hold to be holy in Islam and raises fundamental questions regarding them. Given the present climate when any questioning of Islam is being attacked as Islamophobia, it is important to have a scholarly approach to the subject in order to debate it, whether being labelled as Islamophobe or not.

This thoroughly-researched, extremely well-written, and unbiased book explains everything that westerners should know about Islam. Very few people who engage in debates on the Islamic religion have actually read the koran and the hadiths, and they have countless misunderstandings about Islam. This book clears them all up brilliantly and exposes what Islam actually is and what it says.

This is an eye opener, a look into why there so many misunderstandings about the different applications of Koran even within the religionists. It certainly points to a serious Need to reform Islam and even perhaps discard the Hadith As some have already done.

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