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See Dr Ruckman's commentary *The Book of Romans* pp 100-133 and the *Ruckman Reference Bible* pp 930, 1489 for detailed comment.

1. *What advantages did the Jew have (Romans 3:1-2)?*

Romans 3:2 states in answer **“Much every way: chiefly, because that unto them were committed the oracles of God.”**

Paul also states of them with respect to the Jews' advantages **“Who are Israelites; to whom pertaineth the adoption, and the glory, and the covenants, and the giving of the law, and the service of God, and the promises; Whose are the fathers, and of whom as concerning the flesh Christ came, who is over all, God blessed for ever. Amen”** Romans 9:4-5.

“Chiefly” these advantages were **“the lively oracles...the law by the disposition of angels”** Acts 7:38, 53 the actual *spoken* words of God as Peter explains **“If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God...”** 1 Peter 4:11.

This is how it is for Britain today with respect to **“the lively oracles”** Acts 7:38. These are the terms and conditions of the Coronation Oath. The Oath is sealed with the King James Bible¹, presented to the monarch. The presenter at Queen Elizabeth II's Coronation was the Moderator of the Church of Scotland, with these words. *“Our gracious Queen: to keep your Majesty ever mindful of the Law and the Gospel of God as the Rule for the whole life and government of Christian Princes, we present you with this Book, the most valuable thing that this world affords. Here is Wisdom [Revelation 13:18]; This is the royal Law [James 2:8]; These are the lively Oracles of God [Acts 7:38, Romans 3:2, Hebrews 5:12, 1 Peter 4:11].”* See *Royal Law – James 2v8* www.timefortruth.co.uk/why-av-only/.

The Oath puts all HM subjects under the governance of the King James Bible. If you don't like being under the governance of the King James Bible, then emigrate. The Lord Jesus Christ will push out all interlopers at the Second Advent or thrust them through, both them and their allies.

“Therefore I will shake the heavens, and the earth shall remove out of her place, in the wrath of the LORD of hosts, and in the day of his fierce anger. And it shall be as the chased roe, and as a sheep that no man taketh up: they shall every man turn to his own people, and flee every one into his own land. Every one that is found shall be thrust through; and every one that is joined unto them shall fall by the sword” Isaiah 13:13-15.

2. *Does confidence in God's grace lead to complacency about sin?*

The problem is a hard or indeed hardened heart like Pharaoh. **“And Pharaoh said, Who is the LORD, that I should obey his voice to let Israel go? I know not the LORD, neither will I let Israel go”** Exodus 5:2.

“Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance? But after thy hardness and impenitent heart treasurest up unto thyself wrath against the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God” Romans 2:4-5.

How can we avoid this?

Be like Nehemiah.

“...but so did not I, because of the fear of God” Nehemiah 5:15.

3. *Does our sin give God an opportunity to be more gracious (Romans 3:7)?*

Voluntary separation from sin does.

“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness” 1 John 1:9, which should be memorised.

4. *Are people really worthless, no one good for anything (Romans 3:10-12)?*

Anyone separate from the Lord Jesus Christ cannot please God. Paul makes that distinction clear but also sets out how the individual can be righteous with God and therefore please God.

“So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God. But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his. And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness” Romans 8:8-10.

5. *What do the scriptures teach us about:*

The trends of our life (Romans 3:10-12)?

Isaiah sums up these trends and what God did about them.

“All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all” Isaiah 53:6.

Our speech patterns (Romans 3:13-14)?

Peter sums up these speech and behaviour patterns that are now as when Lot encountered them in Sodom. Today’s believer’s reaction should be as Lot’s, noting that God can and does bring forth deliverance.

“And turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrha into ashes condemned them with an overthrow, making them an ensample unto those that after should live ungodly; And delivered just Lot, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked: (For that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, vexed his righteous soul from day to day with their unlawful deeds;)” 2 Peter 2:6-8.

Our conduct and inner attitudes (Romans 3:15-18)?

The Lord Jesus Christ sums up conduct and inner attitudes. King David offers a prayer and an exhortation that are therefore relevant practically speaking for today’s believer.

“For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, Thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness: All these evil things come from within, and defile the man” Mark 7:21-23.

“Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me” Psalm 51:10.

“Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word. With my whole heart have I sought thee: O let me not wander from thy commandments. Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee” Psalm 119:9-11.

6. *What is the purpose of all the quotations from the Old Testament (Romans 3:10-18)?*

Paul explains why. Note therefore King Solomon’s admonition that applies practically for today’s believer together with its New Testament equivalent.

“For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope” Romans 15:4.

“Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come” 1 Corinthians 10:11.

“Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man” Ecclesiastes 12:13.

“And the disciples went, and did as Jesus commanded them” Matthew 21:6.

See attached items *St Paul on Islam* and *Always Treacherous* with respect to Romans 3:13-18. **“There is none that doeth good, no, not one”** Romans 3:12 but Romans 3:13-18 is prophetic.

7. *If the law can't declare us righteous, what is it good for (Romans 3:20)?*

The law establishes universal guilt before God.

"Now we know that what things soever the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law: that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God" Romans 3:19.

What can the law do?

It can *bring* the sinner *unto* the Lord Jesus Christ for justification *by faith*.

"Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith" Galatians 3:24.

What can the law not do?

It cannot get the individual *into* the Lord Jesus Christ. That is a step of *faith* in The Lord Jesus Christ that distinguishes today's believer from all else.

"For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus" Galatians 3:26-28.

St Paul on Islam

As for the true nature of Islam, it was described in the true scriptures, 500 years before Mohammed was born.

This is what St Paul said in his Letter to the Romans 3:13-18:

"Their throat is an open sepulchre; with their tongues they have used deceit; (pretending to be peace-loving when small in number) the poison of asps is under their lips:

"Whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness: (against kaffurs)

"Their feet are swift to shed blood: (jihad)

"Destruction and misery are in their ways: (jihad)

"And the way of peace have they not known: (Islam doesn't mean 'peace,' or 'submission,' it means bravery in battle, or aggression.)

"There is no fear of God before their eyes."

That's like the fool with the poster during the protest against the pope² that said, "*Jesus is the slave of Allah.*"

Eventually, he will have to reverse that statement, as St Paul also shows.

"Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father" Philippians 2:9-11.

For now, though, note the following observation³.

If it is argued that 'Moslems should be led to Christ etc.' the figures I have show that over the years about 3000 Moslems max. have become Christians [in the UK]...but 100,000 Brits, including [56,000] women, have become Moslems...That is, for every one of theirs we get, they get 33 of ours, [up to 20] of them females...It seems to me that for the church in Britain as a whole, including its evangelical, fundamental component, 2 Timothy 1:7 isn't working too well.

For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

Always Treacherous

An American perspective samgipp.com/essays/ that *“plentifully declared the thing as it is”* Job 26:3. Annotations by this writer are in blue text in braces []. Other citations are in green text.

On January 1, 1915, the citizens of Broken Hill, New South Wales, Australia, mounted the ore-cars of the local mining train to head for their yearly New Year’s Day picnic. Men watched the scenery, women talked and children frolicked as the excursion slowly made its way toward the picnic site. Three miles out of town the children saw the ice cream wagon of the local Muslim ice cream vendor tied up near a cluster of rocks. They laughed and waved. That’s when the bullets started flying! World War I was going on at that time and the fading Ottoman Empire had declared “jihad” (that’s Arabic for “Murder children and unarmed civilians.”) on all innocent, unarmed whites. Concealed among the rocks were the ice cream vendor and a local butcher...also Muslim, who had chosen these unarmed civilians as the target of their great work for “allah.” In minutes four were dead, including a teenaged girl. Four little girls and two boys, ranging in age from 8 to 15 years old, lay wounded.

As the train reversed course, the two murderers moved out to another location, shooting an unarmed 70 year old man in the process. Later, the town’s people and members of the Australian Army came out and sent these vile monsters to the Hell they deserved.

Fast-[forward] to 2006. Australia again. The worldwide News Mafia is castigating young white Australians for their “shameful” racism for rioting against Muslims in Sydney. What caused the riots? Oh, they forgot to tell you. As you read this carloads of Muslims young men are cruising the streets of Australia and New Zealand and, if they see a white woman not dressed like a Muslim woman they gang rape her! And for some strange reason this upset young white Australians. One unarmed, older white woman walked outside to see what was going on and a young Muslim man smashed her in the head with a baseball bat. But this is rare, because, usually the whites were armed with rocks and cricket bats, while the Muslims had GUNS! Yes, the Muslims had guns in a nation where the government confiscated “all” the guns of its citizens to “stop crime.” As soon as they think they can, Muslim young men in this country will be cruising our streets and raping your wife, your daughter and your granddaughter.

[It is happening here. See www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/crime/11057647/Rotherham-sex-abuse-scandal-1400-children-exploited-by-Asian-gangs-while-authorities-turned-a-blind-eye.html. The DT was too scared to use the M word and opted for the usual weasel-word Asian]

The merciless defenders of Islam around the world like to repeat the Mantra, “But only the militant Muslims are bad. There are peace-loving Muslims who work throughout the world for peace.” Really? You mean “peace-loving” like an ice cream vendor? You mean “peace loving” like that school teacher who was behind the London bombings of innocent civilians?

[See news.bbc.co.uk/1/shared/spl/hi/uk/05/london_blasts/investigation/html/bombers.stm]

Your response to this defense of cold-blooded Muslim murderers should be obvious. Ask the idiot who made the statement, “And how do we recognize the ‘militant’ Muslims when they’re immigrating into our country? Do they have a big red ‘M’ on their forehead?” The only safe action is to exclude all Muslims from immigrating into our country. [Safe Haven www.safe-haven.org.uk/about/the-need/ suggests that 0.1% of UK Muslims - 3000 of 3 million+ bnp.org.uk/news/national/muslims-takers-not-makers - have become Christians. Evangelism of Muslims is not a realistic strategy against the welter of Muslim atrocities. Enforced emigration is]

How did all these violence-prone, merciless individuals get into this country? Simple, in the last twenty years the Immigration Department has been infiltrated with America-haters who have throttled back white European immigration and opened the floodgates of all non-white, non-Christian groups. This is designed to change the demographics of America. This invasion has been concealed by the liberal cry, “America is multi-cultural!” Idiot! America was never “multi-cultural.” It was always touted as being a “melting pot” where everyone came here and abandoned their worthless culture and was absorbed into America’s (European/Christian) culture [i.e. Biblical King James Bible-based instead of European church-state-based like Catholicism, which was part of the dross that floated to the surface of the melting pot to be skimmed off and disposed of, see the Dedicatory Epis-

tle to the King James Bible declaring the pope to be *that man of sin* 2 Thessalonians 2:3. No modern version editor dares raise the subject. The US melting pot was intended by the founding fathers as a refining process that would yield *one* King James Bible-based nation after the manner of Zephaniah 3:9 *“For then will I turn to the people a pure language, that they may all call upon the name of the LORD, to serve him with one consent”*].

But how come no one in this country takes a public stand against Muslims? Because the liberal bullies who have made our “free press” their prisoner are right there to kick anyone in the mouth with charges of “racism” and “intolerance” who dares to resist their anti-American agenda. That’s what they did to the white men in Australia for keeping Muslims from raping their wives & daughters.

What about the cries that Islam is a “religion of peace?” It has never been a religion of peace. History does not [bear] this out. Islam has always been spread by the sword. Islam only expands its numbers by conquest and the oppression of other religions. In fact, it has [been], and is, a religion of death. Muslims cannot even escape death in their own religious observances. Last year [2005] 345 people died in Mina, Saudi Arabia, during a “Stone the Devil” religious observance. In 2004 only 244 died. In 1990 the number was 1,426. (I have an idea! Let’s encourage Muslims to “Stone the Devil” every day! It won’t be long before they eliminate themselves!)

A Pakistani man and some of his male family members abducted his estranged wife and cut off her feet for having what he called, “bad character.” (Where were those liberal defenders of women’s rights?)

In Indonesia four Christian school girls were attacked on their way to school. (See?! It’s always women, children and the unarmed.) One was wounded but escaped. The other three were mercilessly murdered and their heads were cut off. (Maybe they mean Islam is a “Religion of Pieces!”)

Comparing Muslims to Christians is easy. We are gracious. They are not. We are merciful. They are not. We bend. They don’t. We don’t murder those who disagree with us. They do. We allow Muslims in our society. They don’t allow Christians. Carry a Bible in public in Saudi Arabia and you will be arrested and the Bible destroyed [probably along with you as well]. We haven’t codified murder as an evangelistic tool. They have. (The Christianity-haters are ever trying to find some flaw in Christianity to show, “there’s no difference between the two.” Ignore them.)

Wait! Did you misunderstand the [heading] of this essay, “Always Treacherous”? Did you think I was referring to Muslims? No. Not at all. I was referring to their friends and staunch allies in the News Industry. Those folks who always line up against anything American. Those folks who always defend [sodomites]. Always defend killing helpless babies. Always back forced confiscation of firearms. Always promote any action that is un or anti-American.

Remember! “Our enemy’s friend is our enemy.” I’ll say it again, “Our enemy’s friend is our enemy.” Muslims are blood enemies of freedom of religion, freedom of speech and all things American. (Just like the News Mafia!) Muslims seek to destroy America as we know it. (Just like the News Mafia!) Muslims will kill you if you stand in their way. (Just like the News Mafia!) And who is always demanding “tolerance” of groups who wish our destruction? The News Mafia! They are “Always Treacherous.”

“Let favour be shewed to the wicked, yet will he not learn righteousness: in the land of uprightness will he deal unjustly, and will not behold the majesty of the LORD” Isaiah 26:10.

[The world’s most prominent media mogul is en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rupert_Murdoch Rupert Murdoch. He is also a papal knight, [Knight Commander of the Order of Saint Gregory the Great \(KSG\)](#). The pro-Islam stance of the news media (mafia) is Catholic (as is the mafia) because Rome is ***“THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH”*** Revelation 17:5]

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