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Series introduction

Suppose, a person is living in an isolated island and he has tasted only bananas in his whole life. Although he has heard about other fruits like mangoes, apples and grapes but never tasted them. If he claims that bananas is the best fruit on this planet, yes, he can claim but his claim is not based on any logic or rational because he has never tasted other fruits in this world. In the same way, well is the whole world for a frog living in it. Similarly, people follow the religion of their parent and they consider that their religion is right and superior and all other religions are wrong and inferior, without having any knowledge about them.

The purpose of this book is to create positive attitude about Islam and Hinduism. The verses from the Holy Quran, Hadiths and Sacred Texts of Hinduism are put together so that readers can understand both the religions and also pursue righteousness to achieve the ultimate goal of Eternal life. Most people are wasting their precious time in useless, unproductive and worthless issues. We should concentrate in improving our own spiritual life and try to fulfill various obligations and responsibilities which our own religion demands. Some scholars talk less in the favor of their own religion but talk

more against other religions. No person has any right to criticize other's faith. Our words and actions should strengthen love not hatred in the society. If a person is hurting others by his words, then he should understand that his words are not from the Almighty God. May God give us wisdom and power to shed away all types of evil and wickedness in our lives and enable us to pursue holiness, goodness and purity which God demands from every human being.

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Actions

Islam: Verily Allah does not look at your outward form and wealth; rather He looks at your hearts and deeds (actions).

Saheeh Muslim, no.2564

Actions are but by intentions and each man will have but that which he intended.

Saheeh al- Bukhari no,1

Hinduism: Control your conduct, so that every action is directed towards God.

Svetasvatara Upanishad

Adultery

Islam: And do not go near adultery, surely it is a great obscenity. And a most evil path. 17:32

Hinduism: Adulterers tell themselves that their misconduct is trivial (minor) but they will bring down upon themselves hatred, fear and disgrace.

Vulluvar

Anger

Islam: A man said to the Prophet (PBUH); "Advice me." He said: "Do not get angry." The man repeated his request several time, and each time the Prophet (PBUH) told him: "Do not become angry." Saheeh al-Bukhari, 6116

Hinduism: Selfish desires and anger bind us to selfish deeds. They are the enemies of the soul.

The Bhagavad Gita

Be angry to one; nothing bur evil comes from anger. Valluar

Creator

Islam: Allah is creator of all things. 39:62

Hinduism: God is the creator of all that exists.

Svetasvatara Upanishad

God is the origin of the world; and he sustains the world.

Sankara

Conduct

Islam: Lo! The noblest of you, in the sight of Allah is the best in conduct.

49:13

Hinduism: Guard your conduct with care, no amount of scholarship (knowledge) is a substitute for good conduct. Class is not a matter of birth but of conduct.

Valluvar

Conversation

Islam: Successful indeed are the believers, and who shun vain conversation. 23:1,3

Hinduism: The student of truth should not indulge in the idle gossip.

Manu

Compassion

Islam: Whoever does not show mercy (compassion) to people, Allah will not show mercy to him." Saheeh Muslim, 2319

Hinduism: Compassion is the most gracious of virtues.

Valluvar

The creator taught in the sacred texts, show restraint, show generosity, show compassion.

Brihadaranyaka Upanishad

Deeds

Islam: Allah does not look at your possessions; but He looks at your heart and your deeds. Muslim, Birr (Piety), 33; Ibn Majah,

Dhuhd (Observance of Devotions) 9; Ahmed bin Hanble, 2/285, 539

Fear Allah wherever you are, follow a bad deed with a good deed to erase it and treat people with a good attitude.

Jami' at- Tirmidhi, 1987

Hinduism: Good deeds purify those who perform them; bad deeds pollute those who perform them.

Brihadaranyaka Upanishad

Doing right

Islam: For such of them as do right and ward off (evil), there is great reward.

3:172

Hinduism: But those who always strive to do good, and who are free from every inclination to do wrong, truly worship me.

The Bhagavad Gita

Equal

Islam: Nor is there anyone equal to Him. 112:4

Hinduism: No being is equal to you, God of nature in sovereignty and power. Rig Veda

Eternal

Islam: Allah! There is no God except Him, the Alive, the Eternal.

3:2

Hinduism: God is supreme and Eternal.

The Bhagavad Gita

Everlasting

Islam: Allah is of infinite bounty. 3:174

Hinduism: God existed before the world began and he will exist after the world has ended. Svetasvatara Upanishad

Evil

Islam: Gardens of Eden which they enter, underneath which rivers flow, herein they have what they will. Thus Allah repayeth those who ward off (evil).

16:31

Hinduism: Look for God within you, and through him destroy all that is evil in your heart and mind. Taittiviya Upanishad

Friend

Islam: God is your protecting friend. A Blessed patron and a Blessed Helper. 22:78

Hinduism: You are our closest friend. Rig Veda

Forgive

Islam: And we prescribed for them therein. The life for the life

and the eye for the eye and the nose for the nose and the ear for the ear and the tooth for the tooth and for wounds retaliation. But whoso forget it (in the way of charity) it shall be expiation for him.

5:45

Hinduism: It is good to forgive the sins committed against you, it is better still to forget them. Vulluvar

Friends

Islam: A man will follow the way of his close friends so let one of you looks to whom he takes as a close friend."

Jami at Trimidhi, 2378

Hinduism: If you wish to be great, avoid the company of those whose minds are small and mean. Just as soil colours water, so companions colour the mind.

Valluvar

Good works

Islam: So vie (compete) with one another in good works.

2:148

Hinduism: Each day is like a knife hacking away at life; do not delay in undertaking good works. Valluvar

Goodness

Islam: Those who followed them in goodness - Allah is well pleased with them and they are well pleased with Him. 9:100

Hinduism: Abstinence has five aspects. The first is abstaining

from violence. The second is abstaining from falsehood. The third is abstaining from theft. The fourth is abstaining from sexual immorality. And the fifth is abstaining from avarice (greediness). These five aspects of abstinence are universal and must be practiced regardless of time, place and circumstances.

Patanjali

Generosity

Islam: The alms (charitable donation) are only for the poor and the needy. 9:60

Hinduism: The wealth of a generous person is like a lake that is always full. Valluvar

Honesty

Islam: The Prophet (PBUH) said: "Religion is sincerity (honesty)." To whom, O Prophet of Allah?" He said: "To Allah, His Book, His Messenger, to the leaders of the Muslims and their common folk." (Muslim, Iman (faith), 95)

Hinduism: Honesty in word and action outweighs even penance (sack cloth and ashes) and charity. Valluvar

Helper

Islam: If Allah is your helper none can overcome you, and if He withdraws his help from you, who is there who can help you.

3:160

Hinduism: We ask your help, because your greatness is without limits, and you possess all wealth. Rig Veda

Humble

Islam: And seek help through patience and prayer, and without doubt prayer is an exacting discipline but not (hard) to those who are humble and God fearing.

2:45

Hinduism: He rises up the humble. Ravidas

Impartial

Islam: Take it for granted, that whether it be the followers of Islam or the Jews or the Christians or the Sabians-whosoever believe in Allah and the Last day and work righteous deeds – surely their reward is with their Lord; they shall have nothing to fear, nor shall they grieve.

2:62

Hinduism: I look upon all living beings equally. I do not love one being more and another being less. But those who love me, live in me and I come to live in them.

The Bhagavad Gita

Insult

Islam: Neither defames one another, nor insults one another by nicknames. Bad is the name of lewdness after faith. 49:11

Hinduism: The earth bears the onslaught of the spade and the plough; in the same way you should bear the onslaught of insults.

Valluvar

Kindness

Islam: And Forget not kindness among yourselves. 2:237

Hinduism: The only praise worth hearing is praise for acts of kindness. Valluvar

Love

Islam: You will not enter Paradise until you (Truly) believe, and you will not (Truly) believe until you love one another. Shall I not tell you of something which, if you do it, you will love one another? Spread (The greetings) Salam amongst yourselves.

Saheeh Muslim, 54

Hinduism: God wants you to hold the love he has poured upon you.

Basavanna

Morality

Islam: Islam necessitates having good moral qualities.

Qanz Al-Ummal, 3/17, Hadith No: 5225

Hinduism: Always act according to highest moral standards, both in private and in public; always be honest in word and deed. Master you emotions and control your senses. Be calm and patient.

Taittiriya Upanishad

Modesty

Islam: And tell the believing women to lower their gaze and be modest. 24:31

Hinduism: Those who work honestly and live modestly deserve the highest respect. Valluvar

Merciful

Islam: Your God is one God; there is no God except him, the Beneficent, the Merciful. 2:163

Hinduism: I turn to God for mercy. Tulsidas: Kavitavali

Neighbour

Islam: (Show) kindness onto the neighbour who is of kin (unto you) and the neighbour who is not of kin. 4:36

Hinduism: There is nothing more glorious than to work for the good for your neighbours. Valluvar

Only

Islam: The one and only true God and to Him we all surrender ourselves. 2:133

Hinduism: There is only one God. Basavanna

One

Islam: Your God is one God; there is no God except him, the beneficent, and the merciful. 2:163

Hinduism: The wise know that God is one. Rig Veda

Obedience

Islam: Keep your duty to Allah and obey me. 3:50

Hinduism: God of nature, do not be angry with us. We strive to obey your laws. Rig Veda

Protector

Islam: But Allah is your protector and He is the Best of helpers.

3:150

Hinduism: You protect us. Rig Veda

Purify

Islam: Therein are men who like to remain purified and clean. And Allah loves those who are clean and pure. 9:108

Hinduism: If your heart is pure; you have reached the highest state of consciousness in which you are unified with God.

Katha Upanishad

Pride

Islam: Lo! Allah love not such as are proud and boastful. 4:36

Hinduism: Avoid any kind of malice or pride. If you follow this advice then you will fulfill your divine destiny.

The Bhagavad Gita

Prayers

Islam: Be guardians of your prayers and of the midmost prayer and stand up with devotion to Allah. 2:238

Hinduism: Pray to God for the strength you need. God alone can save you.

Lal Ded

Parents

Islam: We have enjoined on man kindness to parents. 29:8

Hinduism: Let the young care for the old, and never abandon them. Rig Veda

Peace

Islam: Lo! He (Allah) loves not the aggressors. 7:55

Hinduism: It is not only wrong to engage in acts of violence yourself, it is wrong to encourage or approve of others doing so.

Patanjali

Righteous

Islam: The righteous man is he who ward off (evil). 2:189

Hinduism: Those, whose faith arises from peace, discipline their bodies; they are pure and righteous in their behavior; they control their sexual urges; and they are never violent. They discipline their speech: they speak with honesty: they are invariably courteous, never use harsh words.

The Bhagavad Gita

Ruler

Islam: His is the command, and unto Him you will be brought back. 28:88

Hinduism: He alone rules the world. Svetasvatara Upanishad

Repentance

Islam: The repentance, acceptance of which Allah has undertaken is of those who commit a sin in foolishness and thereafter repent forthwith. So these are the people to whom Allah turns (in mercy), and verily Allah is the All knowing, the All wise.

4:17

Hinduism: Prayer of repentance: I have no right to live, because day by day I have stained myself with sin. Lord I have read your sacred texts; but my stubborn mind has refused to follow their guidance. I have not allowed your fire to burn in my heart. I have sunk deeper and deeper in the mire (mud) of wickedness. Save me Lord; reach out to me with your grace. I do not ask to see your face; a glimpse of your feet would give me hope. I am like a fickle (unfaithful) lover. I have always loved you, Lord but I have never been faithful. When I should have clung firmly to you, I have chased after other sources of pleasure. I have swung towards you and away from you like a pendulum. Let me lie at your feet and never stir. Apparswami

Reward

Islam: So Today no soul will be wronged in the least, nor will be rewarded but for what you used to do.

36:54

Hinduism: No one who does good works will ever come to a bad end. When good people die they go to realm where righteousness is rewarded.

The Bhagavad Gita

Supreme

Islam: So the power to command is for Allah, the Most High and the Supreme. 40:12

Hinduism: God is supreme and eternal. The Bhagavad Gita

Slander

Islam: And if a slander from the devil wound thee, then seek refuge in Allah. Lo! He is Hearer, knower. 7:200

Hinduism: No name is more despised (disregarded) than the slanderer's (backbiter's) name. Vulluvar

Serve the Lord

Islam: O my people! Serve Allah, ye have no other God save Him. 11:84

Hinduism: People mock me for my devotion to him, but I do not care. I am the servant of my Lord and serving him is my only desire.

Mirabai

Self-Control

Islam: The strong man is not the one who can overpower others (in wrestling); rather, the strong man is the one who controls himself when he gets angry. Saheeh al-Bukhari, 6114

Hinduism: They are patient, contented and self-controlled. Such people are loved by the God. The Bhagavad Gita

Thoughts

Islam: O you who believe! If ye keep your duty to Allah, He will give you discrimination (between right and wrong) and will rid you of your evil thoughts and deeds and will forgive you.

8:29

Hinduism: Do not allow any impur thoughts to disturb your mind.

The Bhagavad Gita

Turn to God

Islam: Truly Allah loves those who turn unto Him. 2:222

Hinduism: No one is so sinful that they cannot utter God's name; even the most wicked men and women on this earth can turn to God's name, and his name will cleanse even the most stubborn sin.

Tulsidas: Kavitavali

Thankful

Islam: Allah will reward the thankful. 3:144

Hinduism: I thank him for his help and guidance.

Taittiriya Upanishad

Virtue

Islam: And whoever hopes for meeting with the Lord let him do righteous work.

18:110

Allah is a Lord a kindness to righteous. 3:152

Righteousness (virtue) is a good attitude and sin is that which

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wavers in your heart and you do not want the people to find out about it.

Saheeh Muslim 2553

Hinduism: You take us to the spring from which righteousness flows. Rig Veda

Righteousness prevents from sinking in to oblivion (darkness).

Basavanna

Wise

Islam: There is no God save Him, the Almighty, the wise. 3:18

Hinduism: He possesses all the wisdom of the wise.

Rig Veda

Wisdom

Islam: He bestows wisdom upon whom He will, and whosoever is granted wisdom he is indeed granted abundant good, and none accepts admonition except of understanding. 2:269

Hinduism: May God, from whom all living beings come, and to whom all will return, grant us the gift of wisdom.

Svetasvatara Upanishad

Worship

Islam: And your Lord has commanded that you should worship none but Him alone. 17:23

Hinduism: May God be kind to us. We worship God as the creator.

Taittiriya Upanishad

Watch

Islam: There are degrees (of grace and reprobation) with Allah, and Allah is seer of what you do.

3:163

Hinduism: You watch over us, and you dwell in every organ and limb. Rig Veda

Irrespective of our religious background, we should try to act upon these verses to improve our conduct, rather than wasting time in finding faults and errors in other religions. We can learn valuable and important lessons from every religion of this world. Let us pray to God that he may forgive our sins and give us wisdom and power to live according to his will. May! God bless all of us.

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