THE KORAN – (the reading) (Surah = chapter)

"When ye encounter unbelievers, strike off their heads until ye have made a great slaughter among them, and bind them in bonds; and either give them free dismission afterwards or exact a ransom ... Verily if Allah please he could take vengeance on them, without your assistance, but he commandeth you to fight his battles, that he may prove the one of you by the other. And as to those who fight in defense of Allah's true religion, Allah will not suffer their works to perish; he will guide them, and will dispose their heart aright; and he will lead them into paradise."

Surah 47:4-6

In the *Hadith* (a compilation of the teachings and life of Mohammed which, with the Koran, forms the supreme authority in Islam's religion and legislation) we read:

"Hear O' Muslims, the meaning of life. Shall I not tell you of the peak of the matter, its pillar, and its topmost part? The peak of the matter is Islam itself. The pilar is ritual Rakatin prayer. And the topmost part is Ji'had – holy war."

Also found in the Koran:

God has no son, for there is no consort – Surah 4:171-172, 6:102, 9:30, 112:3

If wronged, it's ok to fight – Surah 22:39

God helps those who help God – Surah 22:40

Islam's hell and heaven (maidens with swelling breasts or high bosomed) – 78:17-36

Jesus denies His deity – Surah 5:116

Men are superior to women, beat them if necessary – Surah 4:34

Jesus was not crucified – Surah 4:157-158

Salvation from hell is by good works – Surah 23:101-103

Death to any who try to convert them from Islam – Surah 4:89

Do not make friends with Jews or Christians – Surah 5:51, cp. Surah 5:57

Jesus was the messenger who announced the coming of Muhammad – Surah 61:6

Various translators state that "The Koran cannot be translated" – only the "meaning" can be rendered in English, and it can never fully express the full impact that is expressed in Arabic. Like the modern versions of the Bible, the different translations of the Koran often do not read the same. My copy was given me by the Islamic Information Service, 9337-B, Katy Freeway, suite 314, Houston, TX 77024, and thus the readings must be taken as authentic.

Muhammad claims to be the "Comforter" (cp. John 14:26 = Holy Spirit) – Surah 61:6

Fight against such of those who have been given the Scripture yet believe not in Allah nor the Last Day – Surah 9:29

Allah leads astray whomsoever He will; and He guides whomsoever He will ... -6:39

... I will cast terror into the hearts of those who disbelieve ... therefore strike off their heads and strike off every fingertip of them. That is because they opposed Allah and his messenger (Muhammad) – Surah 8:12-13.

If you are slain or die in Allah's way ... it is unto Allah you shall be gathered ... – Surah 3:157-159

Allah guides not the people of the unbelievers. ... They are unbelievers who say, "God is the Messiah, Mary's son." ... The Messiah (Jesus) said, "Children of Israel, serve Allah, my Lord and your Lord. Verily, whoso associates with Allah anything [i.e., Jesus with God], Allah shall prohibit him entrance to Paradise and his refuge shall be the Fire; ..."They are unbelievers who say, 'Good is the Third of Three.' No god is there but One God. If they refrain not from what they say, there shall afflict those of them that disbelieve a painful chastisement. ... – Surah 5:67, 72-73

Kill those who join other gods with Allah wherever ye shall find them; and seize them, besiege them, and lay wait for them with every kind of ambush: but if they shall convert, and observe prayer, and pay the obligatory alms, then let them go their way, for Allah is Merciful. Surah 9:5

Do they not know that whosoever opposes Allah and His Messenger (Muhammad) – for him awaits the fire of Hell, therein to dwell forever? Surah 9:63 (see 2:39)

Those who disbelieve our revelations, we will in the end cast into the fire: so oft as their skins shall be well burnt, we will change them for fresh skins, that they may taste the torment. Surah 4:56

"We have sent down to thee the Book (the Koran) with the truth, confirming the Book (the Bible) that was before it, and assuring it." Surah 10:37

"Surely for the godfearing awaits a place of security, gardens and vineyards and maidens with swelling breasts, like of age, and a cup overflowing". Surah 78:31-34

There is much more such wickedness in the 114 Surah's, but these should suffice.

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