THE CHILDREN OF ABRAHAM

An art installation by Jens Galschiøt about religious fundamentalism, monotheistic dogmas.

This publication contains description of the project and 600 quotations from the Torah, the Bible and the Quran.
Background

For many years people have asked me why I did not make an art installation that grasps the questions about the growing influence of religious dogmas in our society. The newspaper Jyllands-Posten tried to get my support for their Muhammad cartoons - but I refused. More than being a project about freedom of speech or an attempt to make an artistic interpretation and start a dialogue, I believe the cartoons sought to harass and provoke Muslims, thus working as a kind of ‘hate speech’ and stigmatization.

Since 2003 I’ve been working on the idea to create a sculpture installation, which focuses on the dogmas of the three monotheistic religions that are in focus in this part of the world; Judaism, Christianity and Islam. I believe that the time is ripe to make a more balanced artistic expression on which to build the discussion. Since 2009 I have been working on a sculpture about the subject. The sculpture is named ‘F.U.N.D.A.M.E.N.T.A.L.I.S.M’ and it will be revealed at the Art Center ‘Silkeborg Bad’ in January 2015.

This project is not anti-religious. I think religion is basically humanity's attempt to understand the meaning of ones life and existence. Religions are not fundamentally bad for humanity. On the contrary. At times all of the monotheistic religions, Judaism, Christianity and Islam, have had positive societal impacts. Especially regarding compassion with the poor and other basic guidelines to promote tolerance and peaceful coexistence.

There are many beautiful phrases and rules in the monotheistic books. But there are, as well, a large number of outdated and insensitive rules, which belong to surpassed way of life and culture in an inhumane civilization. If one take every part of the religious writings literally and obey their every word, people and society risk ending up being insensitive, uncaring and callous.

For me, it is important to create a dialogue on the premises that the books are not essentially the culprits when wrong is done in their names. In stead it is the fundamentalist who use the books without regard for the progress of civilization and without a tolerant, humane attitude towards other people. One can easily read and interpret the books as humane if one take that point of departure. But it is equally feasible to defend an inhuman interpretation of the same books. This is the essential point of the art project “The Children of Abraham”.

I named the project “The Children of Abraham” because all three religions recognize Abraham as their common ancestor. In this way one can say that the disagreements between these religions are some sort of family fight amongst “The Children of Abraham”.

Jens Galschiøt 2013

Idea and description of the sculpture

The project evolves around a monumental bronze sculpture made by the letters F.U.N.D.A.M.E.N.T.A.L.I.S.M

The individual letters are 2.5 meters tall. They are placed on a 90 cm plinth, which forms a large closed circle with a diameter of 9 meters. A single small opening between two letters is the only entrance into the installation.

Each of the sculptures letters is build of cobber copies of the religious books of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam.

These religions are also known as “The People of the Book” because they all have a sacred scripture as basis for their religions. It is cobber copies of these scriptures that the letters are made of. Respectively:

• The Jewish Torah (The 5 books of Moses)
• The Christian Bible (The New Testaments)
• The Quran
Letters of books:
The books are stacked on each other to form the individual letters. But separately; one character is built entirely of Qurans, another of Bibles, and a third of cobber Torah’s.

To avoid a discussion about blasphemy I have chosen not to make the castings of original religious books. In stead the scriptures are modeled by hand. They do however have appearance of real religious scriptures in size and shape.

The books are stacked irregularly and the sculpture appears with a slightly shaky expression. The installation consists of more than 8,000 cobber books.

As there are only 14 letters and 3 religions, one of the religions only has 4 letters – in return it has some of the bigger letters.

The Foundation:
The construction of letters is placed on a 90 cm plinth of steel coated with dark sheets of rolled copper. The plinth forms a circle with a diameter of 9 meters.

A plinth with 28 integrated flat screens
There are installed 28 big flat screens in the plinth. Two beneath each letter. One flat screen on the inside and one on the outside directly beneath the letters. The screens continuously display quotations from the religious books that the letter is made of. The quotations are displayed in the language they were originally written as well as the local language of the exhibition country.

The ‘Bright’ Quotations:
On the outside of the circle the religions’ ‘bright’ quotations are displayed. They express a humane approach to issues such as reconciliation, forgiveness, women's rights, care for the weak, equality, wisdom, beauty, compassion, Faith, Hope and Charity etc.

The ‘Dark’ Quotations:
On the inside of the circle the religions’ ‘dark’ quotations are displayed. These are inhumane positions such as 'eye for eye, tooth for tooth', that sinners must be subjected to cruel punishments (stoning, amputation of limbs etc.), persecution and intolerance towards other religions, sexual- and other minorities, demands that women obey husband, are silent in public gatherings, have to wear veils, etc.

A bombardment of quotations:
The ‘digital’ demonstration of the quotations on big screens makes it possible for the spectators to read the quotations from a far distance. And when the sculpture is exhibited abroad the quotations are shown in the local language. Especially the ‘bombardment’ of religious quotes inside the circle will have an overwhelming effect.

Only one entrance:
There is only one entrance to the interior of the installation: a small corridor in the plinth by the letter ‘F’. Above the entrance a sign says ‘Welcome’. One can only exit the installation through the same corridor, but by the way out a sign says ‘NO EXIT’.
The books and quotations:
The quotes from the books are chosen by the artist behind the project, Jens Galschiot, in cooperation with experts (for example religious historians) with expertise within the specific religions. With their professional expertise they can guarantee, that the quotes are authorized and from recognized translations.

For every quotation one can see its exact origin, the quote in the original language (Aramaic, Arabic, Hebrew, and Ancient Greek) and the local translation, e.g. Danish when exhibited in Denmark. There are 200 quotations from each religion – 600 different quotes in total.

Light and sound:
The sculpture is illuminated by LED light strips (RGB flood lights), that are integrated into the plinth. They are programmed and can make slow changes in color and intensity. Possibly a loudspeaker will be integrated into the plinth to make a soundscape.

Size of the Sculpture:
Height: 340 cm (including the plinth)
Size: 9 meters in diameter.
Wight in total: Estimated 14 tons.

The large dimensions and monumental radiance of the sculpture emphasize that forces are at play that, in comparison, makes the human being insignificant and which could easily destroy it.

The religious books that the sculpture is made of appear heavy, and old of age and significance. In a way the sculpture appears as something in between the old library in The Name of The Rose (by Umberto Eco) and the mystical monument the ‘Stonehenge’

Security against vandalism:
The sculpture is to be placed in public, without security guards or insurance. This is why the sculpture is constructed on basis of state of the art engineer calculations. Risks of vandalism and harsh weather has been met and the sculpture is safe to install, exhibit and transport. Likewise, web based surveillance cameras are installed in the construction.

Symbolism:
The symbolism can be interpreted differently. Here are some of Jens Galschiot’s interpretations:

- The crucial point is not the religious texts themselves, but rather how they are interpreted and used and by whom.
- All religions contain contradictory texts and can be used to justify both the most brutal and the noblest of deeds.
- Many people are caught by the beautiful quotations, but end up being suppressed by the dark ones.
- You must break the rule (the 'NO EXIT' sign) to get out of the circle. If you have once accepted a fundamentalist interpretation of the religion, it is difficult to get out as the exit would be an offence against the rules of God.

Stonehenge, 4,000 year old, England
Exhibiting the Art Installation

The first Exhibition of “The Children of Abraham” will be at the art center “Silkeborg Bad”. Thereby the installation ensures its status as a serious, professional piece of art. Thereafter it tour public space and exhibition sites in Denmark and abroad.

To test the communicational potential of the project, parts of the art installation, (e.g. single letters and quotations on screens) have already been exhibited in public spaces and at minor exhibitions. These tests experiences are used and integrated into the communication strategy.

There has been a big exhibition in Albertslund in May/June 2013 in cooperation with the art society and the integration council. Exhibited were three letters and 600 quotes on 6 monitors. In November 2013 there was an exhibition at University College Syddanmark in Esbjerg and all though 2014 a series of exhibition are taking place.

The “test exhibitions” have shown that the use of the art installation to stage the religious writings has promoted a good, positive and constructive dialogue. A dialogue in which people talk to each other without prejudiced, about religions’ influence, cultural identity and our differences and similarities.

Jens Galschiot has made 10 cobber models of the Fundamentalism-sculpture in size 1:10. The models are placed on the top of a plinth which is made of hundreds of cobber books. 6 monitors are integrated into the plinth which non-stop display quotes from the Torah, the Bible and the Quran. The models can be exhibited at libraries, schools, malls etc. to launch the dialog. The models can be used to complement the big sculpture or can be exhibited separately to reach even further into the public spaces.

Communication platforms: At www.fundamentalism.dk and on Facebook you can find description of the sculpture, photos, teaching materials, links and the 600 quotations from the books. There are also discussion forums and you can sign up to be informed about the project’s development and the dialogue surrounding it.

Mail and fax campaign: A comprehensive information campaign has been launched. It is run by the Secretariat of ‘The Children of Abraham’ which is based at Galschiots workshop. The communication campaign will benefit from Jens Galschiot’s database containing 150,000 contacts within the press, NGO’s, art institutions, galleries, religious organizations and individuals.

Posters are handed out for free to the exhibition visitors. It contains pictures of the sculpture installation and a text which explains the project.

Catalogue and book: The art installation is described in a book which can be found in print and as E-book. Central parts of the book are printed in a small catalogue which is handed out free of charge. The content is:

- The 600 quotations from the religious books. Categorized according to religion and context.
- Photos and description of the art installation.
- Statements from high-ranking religious leaders and prominent persons regarding the art installation and the use of the Holy Scriptures.

The Secretariat is in charge of the dialogue

The ‘Children of Abraham’-Secretariat is based at workshop/gallery in Odense, Denmark. The head of the Secretariat and a number of volunteers work without break on fundraising, developing dialogue tools and planning new exhibitions.

Amongst other things the secretariat has developed an interactive quiz. On the internet or via smartphones one can participate in the competition to win a cobber book from the sculpture. 10 different quotations are presented and one has to guess to which religions they are.

Another feature is a screen server program which can be downloaded and installed on the computer. It shows the 600 quotations from the art installation. The programs can be found for free at www.fundamentalism.dk.
This topic is obviously hazardous to work with and these types of discussions are often in danger of going astray ending up in infertile and shrill debates instead of an open dialogue. Therefore we have, since the very beginning of the project, been made various initiatives to ensure that the dialogue stays open and constructive, though ensuring that there is still an ‘edge’ to the project and that it stays true to the original idea.

**Working with religious leaders and prominent persons:** The secretariat is establishing a cooperation and dialogue with religious leaders and prominent persons from all three religions, and with religious historians and opinion leader who support the idea that religious books must be interpreted symbolically and not literally. This cooperation is made to make sure that the art installation as a platform for an open and unbiased debate dialogue and debate about the consequences of fundamentalism. One can say it is a group of supporters who can contribute to a constructive debate.

**Public dialogue:** We seek to establish a direct cooperation with institutions, TV and other press, who could be interested in supporting and creating a fruitful and differentiated dialogue about this subject.

**Marathon debate:** A curator has come up with the idea, of inviting a group of religious people to live in- and outside the sculpture for 24 hours. During the 24 hours specific subjects are presented and discussed. It will all be videotaped and cut for a number of TV-stations. In other words: reality TV but with meaningful content. A documentary film maker is looking into the project at the time of writing.

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**Project status as of April 2014:**

- 12 letters are fully casted in cobber. Three are exhibited in the exhibition halls at the workshop in Odense. The three letters have been presented at an big exhibition in Albertslund along with 6 screens and 600 citations.
- Two 1:10 models are finished, the rest are on their way.
- The 'Children of Abrahams'-secretariat is fully functional.

**Continued work in 7 levels on art installation and dialogue process:**

- Communication platforms are developed: Teaching materials, quiz, screensavers, webpages and communication strategy.
- Selection of religious quotations, along with trial displays on different platforms.
- Completing the Fundamentalism-sculpture. Casting of the last two letters, construction of the sculptures plinth, experiments on the base surface, lights, flat screens and sound.
- Casting of the remaining Fundamentalism-models. To be used in connection to the exhibition of the big sculpture and for individual exhibitions.
- Contacting exhibition spaces, making support groups, planning exhibitions etc.
- Economy: Finding the economic means to complete the sculpture and expand the dialogue.
- Further development of the project: Translation of quotation into German, French and Italian (they have been translated into English and Polish already). In relation to that create contacts with the purpose of internationalizing the project.

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**Support the 'Children of Abraham'-project**

- Forward information about the project.
- Use the material and interactive 'gadgets’ for teaching, in the synagogue, church or mosque, in the school or privately.
- Help us translate, arrange exhibitions and debate meetings.
- Or call us to ask how you can help.

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The following 600 quotations are chosen for ‘The Children of Abraham’. They appear on the ‘Fundamentalism’ sculpture, the screen server and the quiz on quotes.
"If a man has sexual relations with his father's wife, he has dishonored his father. Both the man and the woman are to be put to death"
Torah, Leviticus 20:11

"Anyone who injures their neighbor is to be injured in the same manner"
Torah, Leviticus 24:19

"Whoever kills an animal must make restitution, but whoever kills a human being is to be put to death"
Torah, Leviticus 24:21

"You will pursue your enemies, and they will fall by the sword before you"
Torah, Leviticus 26:07

"Five of you will chase a hundred, and a hundred of you will chase ten thousand, and your enemies will fall by the sword before you"
Torah, Leviticus 26:08

[If breaking the Law of Moses] "you will be defeated by your enemies; those who hate you will rule over you"
Torah, Leviticus 26:17

[If breaking the Law of Moses] "I will send wild animals against you, and they will rob you of your children, destroy your cattle"
Torah, Leviticus 26:22

[If breaking the Law of Moses] "I will bring the sword on you [...]. When you withdraw into your cities, I will send a plague among you"
Torah, Leviticus 26:25

[If you don't follow the Law of Moses] "You will eat the flesh of your sons and the flesh of your daughters"
Torah, Leviticus 26:29

[If you don't follow the Law of Moses] "I will turn your cities into ruins and lay waste your sanctuaries"
Torah, Leviticus 26:31

[If you don't follow the Law of Moses] "[God] will draw out my sword and pursue you"
Torah, Leviticus 26:33

"anyone who sins defiantly, [...] must be cut off from the people of Israel"
Torah, Numbers 15:30

"Your children will be shepherds here for forty years, suffering for your unfaithfulness, until [...] your bodies lies in the wilderness"
Torah, Numbers 14:33

"The Lord said to Moses, “Take all the leaders of these people, kill them"
Torah, Numbers 25:04

"They fought against Midian, as the Lord commanded Moses, and killed every man"
Torah, Numbers 31:07

"Moses was angry [...] “Have you allowed all the women to live?” he asked them. [...] Now kill all the boys. And kill every woman"
Torah, Numbers 31:14-15, 17

"we took all his towns and completely destroyed them—men, women and children. We left no survivors"
Torah, Deuteronomy 02:34

"I, the Lord your God, am [...] punishing the children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me"
Torah, Deuteronomy 05:09

[People of conquered nations] "Make no treaty with them, and show them no mercy"
Torah, Deuteronomy 07:02

[People of conquered nations] "Do not intermarry with them"
Torah, Deuteronomy 07:03

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[Onan] "spilled his semen on the ground [...] What he did was wicked in the Lord’s sight; so the Lord put him to death also."
Torah, Genesis 38:9-10

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"Anything she sits on will be unclean, and anything she sits on will be unclean"
Torah, Leviticus 19:26

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"Do not cut the hair at the sides of your head or clip off the edges of your beard"
Torah, Leviticus 19:27

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"Do not cut your bodies for the dead or put tattoo marks on yourselves"
Torah, Leviticus 19:28

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"Anyone who touches something unclean [...] and eats] meat of the fellowship offering belonging to the Lord must be cut off from their people"
Torah, Leviticus 07:21

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"Anyone who eats the fat of an animal from which a food offering may be presented to the Lord must be cut off from their people"
Torah, Leviticus 07:25

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"Anyone who eats blood must be cut off from their people"
Torah, Leviticus 07:27

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"Anyone who curses their father or mother is to be put to death"
Torah, Leviticus 20:09

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"If a man commits adultery with another man’s wife [...] both [...] are to be put to death"
Torah, Leviticus 20:10

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"If a man marries his sister [...] it is a disgrace. They are to be publicly removed from their people"
Torah, Leviticus 20:17

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"A man or woman who is a medium or spiritist among you must be put to death. You are to stone them"
Torah, Leviticus 20:27

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[God] "I will destroy from among their people anyone who does any work on [the Day of Atonement]"
Torah, Leviticus 23:30

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[God]: "Take the blasphemer outside the camp. [...] the entire assembly is to stone him"
Torah, Leviticus 24:14

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"anyone who uses the name of the Lord blasphemously is to be put to death. The entire assembly must stone them"
Torah, Leviticus 24:16

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"Whether foreigner or native-born, when they blaspheme the Name [of The Lord] they are to be put to death"
Torah, Leviticus 24:16
"Make no treaty with them, and show them no mercy. [...] If so the Lord’s anger will burn against you and will quickly destroy you"
Torah, Deuteronomy 07:02-04

"they will become your property. You can bequeath them to your children as inherited property"
Torah, Leviticus 25:46

"Destroy completely all the places [...], where the nations you are dispossessing worship their gods"
Torah, Deuteronomy 12:02

"Break down their altars, smash their sacred stones"
Torah, Deuteronomy 12:03

"Show them no pity. Do not spare them or shield them. You must certainly put them to death"
Torah, Deuteronomy 13:08-09

"If a man is found sleeping with another man’s wife, both the man who slept with her and the woman must die"
Torah, Deuteronomy 22:22

"No one born of a forbidden marriage nor any of their descendants may enter the assembly of the Lord, not even in the tenth generation"
Torah, Leviticus 21:17

"A woman must not wear men’s clothing, nor a man wear women’s clothing, for the Lord your God detests anyone who does this"
Torah, Deuteronomy 22:05

"If out in the country a man happens to meet a young woman pledged to be married and rapes her, only the man who has done this shall die"
Torah, Deuteronomy 22:25-26

"No one who has been emasculated by crushing or cutting may enter the assembly of the Lord"
Torah, Leviticus 26:30

"Cursed is anyone who makes an idol"
Torah, Deuteronomy 27:15

"If you worship other gods [...], you will soon perish from the good land the Lord is giving you"
Torah, Deuteronomy 11:17

"You are to undergo circumcision, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and you."
Torah, Genesis 17:11

"Show no pity: life for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot"
Torah, Deuteronomy 19:21

"the women, the children, the livestock and everything else in the city, you may take these as plunder for yourselves."
Torah, Deuteronomy 20:14

"in the cities of the nations the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance, do not leave alive anything that breathes."
Torah, Deuteronomy 20:16

"A man must be the first in putting them to death"
Torah, Deuteronomy 13:09

"fracture for fracture, eye for eye, tooth for tooth. The one who has inflicted the injury must suffer the same injury"
Torah, Leviticus 24:20

"Stone them to death— the young woman because she was in a town and did not scream for help"
Torah, Deuteronomy 22:24

"In the defeated places [...] where the nations you are dispossessing worship their gods"
Torah, Deuteronomy 07:02-04

"anyone who touches her bed [...] must wash their clothes and bathe [...] they will be unclean till evening."
Torah, Leviticus 15:22

"Cursed is anyone who makes an idol"
Torah, Deuteronomy 27:15

"No one who has any defect may come near: no man who is blind or lame, disfigured or deformed"
Torah, Leviticus 21:18

"You are to undergo circumcision, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and you."
Torah, Genesis 17:11

"in the cities of the nations the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance, do not leave alive anything that breathes."
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**‘DARK’ QUOTATIONS OF CHRISTIANITY**

The selection of ‘bright’ and ‘dark’ quotations is made from a Human Rights perspective.

The quotations are taken word by word from the texts. For the sake of understanding and readability some words are omitted. This is marked with brackets. The meaning and intention of the quotations are maintained. We accept no liability for minor inaccuracies.

Selected quotations from The New Testament – New International Version 2011:

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"Neither [...] drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God."
Bible, New Testament, 1 Corinthians 06:9-10

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"I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me"
Bible, New Testament, John 14:6

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"Jews who killed the Lord Jesus and the prophets and also drove us out. They displease God and are hostile to everyone"
Bible, New Testament, 1 Thessalonians 02:14-15

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"If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such [...] are thrown into the fire and burned"

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"leave room for God's wrath, [...] If your enemy is hungry, feed him; [...] In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head."
Bible, New Testament, Romans 12:19-20

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"If they want to inquire about something, they should ask their own husbands at home"
Bible, New Testament, 1 Corinthians 14:35

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"every woman who prays or prophesies with her head uncovered [...] it is the same as having her head shaved"
Bible, New Testament, 1 Corinthians 11:05

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"Adam was not the one deceived; it was the woman who was deceived"
Bible, New Testament, 1 Timothy 02:14

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"anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart"
Bible, New Testament, Matthew 05:28

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"anyone who marries a divorced woman commits adultery"
Bible, New Testament, Matthew 05:32

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"Every tree that does not produce good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire"
Bible, New Testament, Matthew 07:19

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"Do not suppose that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword"
Bible, New Testament, Matthew 10:34

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"Anyone who loves their father or mother more than me is not worthy of me"
Bible, New Testament, Matthew 10:37

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"Whoever does not take up their cross and follow me is not worthy of me"
Bible, New Testament, Matthew 10:38

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"Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be pulled up by the roots"
Bible, New Testament, Matthew 15:13

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"anyone who loves their son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me"
Bible, New Testament, Matthew 10:37

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"I have come to turn a man against his father"
Bible, New Testament, Matthew 10:35

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"it is disgraceful for a woman to speak in the church"
Bible, New Testament, 1 Corinthians 14:35

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"will become one flesh. [...] what God has joined together, let no one separate."
Bible, New Testament, Mark 10:07-09

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"Anyone who divorces his wife and marries another woman commits adultery against her."
Bible, New Testament, Matthew 19:11

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"The ax is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire"

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"I have given you authority [...] to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you"

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"Anyone who divorces his wife and marries another woman commits adultery"

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"those enemies of mine who did not want me to be king over them—bring them here and kill them in front of me"

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"I know that you do not have the love of God in your hearts."
Bible, New Testament, John 05:42

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"If you do not believe that I am he, you will indeed die in your sins"
Bible, New Testament, John 08:24
[Jesus on Jews] "You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father’s desires. He was a murderer from the beginning."
Bible, New Testament, John 8:44

"Anyone who loves his life will lose it, while anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life."
Bible, New Testament, John 12:25

[Jesus] "No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me."
Bible, New Testament, John 15:4

"If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not be guilty of sin; but now they have no excuse for their sin."
Bible, New Testament, John 15:22

[Jesus] "Whoever hates me hates my Father as well."
Bible, New Testament, John 15:23

[Jesus to Christians] "The time is coming when anyone who kills you will think they are offering a service to God."
Bible, New Testament, John 16:2

"You must not associate with anyone […] greedy, an idolater or slanderer, a drunkard or swindler. Do not even eat with such people."  
Bible, New Testament, Romans 1:27

[Disbelievers, sinners] "They have become filled with every kind of wickedness, evil, […] those who do such things deserve death"
Bible, New Testament, Romans 1:29, 32

[Disbelievers, sinners] "They are gossips, slanderers, God-haters […] those who do such things deserve death"
Bible, New Testament, Romans 1:29-30, 32

[Disbelievers, sinners] "They know God’s righteous decree that those who do such things deserve death"
Bible, New Testament, Romans 1:32

"If you live according to the flesh, you will die."
Bible, New Testament, Romans 8:13

[Gods] "kindness to you, provided that you continue in his kindness. Otherwise, you also will be cut off"
Bible, New Testament, Romans 11:22

"Everything that does not come from faith is sin."
Bible, New Testament, Romans 14:23

[You must not] "associate with sexually immoral people."
Bible, New Testament, 1 Corinthians 6:6

"Do you not know that the Lord’s people will judge the world?"
Bible, New Testament, 1 Corinthians 6:2

"It is good for a man not to have sexual relations with a woman."
Bible, New Testament, 1 Corinthians 7:1

"A wife must not separate from her husband. But if she does, she must remain unmarried or else be reconciled to her husband."
Bible, New Testament, 1 Corinthians 7:10-11

"A husband must not divorce his wife."
Bible, New Testament, 1 Corinthians 7:11

"A woman is bound to her husband as long as he lives."
Bible, New Testament, 1 Corinthians 7:39

"I want you to realize that the head of every man is Christ, and the head of the woman is man, and the head of Christ is God."
Bible, New Testament, 1 Corinthians 11:3

"If a woman does not cover her head, she might as well have her hair cut off."
Bible, New Testament, 1 Corinthians 11:6

"If it is a disgrace for a woman to have her hair cut off or her head shaved, then she should cover her head."
Bible, New Testament, 1 Corinthians 11:6

"Woman is the glory of man."
Bible, New Testament, 1 Corinthians 11:7

"Man did not come from woman, but woman from man."
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"Neither was man created for woman, but woman for man."
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"Woman ought to have authority over her own head, because of the angels."
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"If a man has long hair, it is a disgrace to him,"
Bible, New Testament, 1 Corinthians 11:14

"If a woman has long hair, it is her glory. For long hair is given to her as a covering."
Bible, New Testament, 1 Corinthians 11:15

"As in all the congregations of the Lord’s people, women should remain silent."
Bible, New Testament, 1 Corinthians 14:33-34

"The gospel I preached is not of human origin. […] I received it by revelation from Jesus Christ."
Bible, New Testament, Galatians 1:11-12

"The husband is the head of the wife."
Bible, New Testament, Ephesians 5:23

"Wives, submit yourselves to your husbands, as the church submits to Christ."
Bible, New Testament, Ephesians 5:22

"Slaves, obey your earthly masters with respect and fear, and with sincerity of heart, just as you would obey Christ."
Bible, New Testament, Ephesians 6:5

"See to it that no one takes captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition […] rather than on Christ."
Bible, New Testament, Colossians 2:8

"Wives, submit yourselves to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord."
Bible, New Testament, Colossians 3:18

"I also want the women to dress modestly."
Bible, New Testament, 1 Timothy 2:9

"Women are to be worthy of respect, not malicious talkers but temperate and trustworthy in everything."
Bible, New Testament, 1 Timothy 3:11

"The widow who lives for pleasure is dead even while she lives."
Bible, New Testament, 1 Timothy 5:3

"To those who are corrupted and do not believe, nothing is pure, […] their minds and consciences are corrupted."
Bible, New Testament, Titus 1:15

"Teach slaves to be subject to their masters in everything."
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Bible, New Testament, Titus 2:3-5

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Bible, New Testament, Titus 2:12

[Disbelievers, sinners] "They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit and malice […] those who do such things deserve death."
Bible, New Testament, Romans 1:18, 30

"Men committed shameful acts with other men, […] those who do such things deserve death."
Bible, New Testament, Romans 1:27, 32

[Christian] "You are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession."
Bible, New Testament, 1 Peter 2:9

"Submit yourselves for the Lord’s sake to every human authority: whether to the emperor, as the supreme authority, or to governors."
Bible, New Testament, 1 Peter 2:13-14

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Bible, New Testament, Jude 01:05

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Bible, New Testament, 2 Peter 02:12

[The disbelievers'] "idea of pleasure is to carouse in broad daylight. They are blots and blemishes, reveling in their pleasures"  
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Bible, New Testament, 2 Peter 02:17

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Quran, Surah 04:34

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Bible, New Testament, Matthew 19:21

"[Jesus] "Love your neighbour as yourself"

"those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted"
Bible, New Testament, Matthew 23:12

"Nothing outside a person can defile them, but what comes out of a person that defiles them."
Bible, New Testament, Mark 07:15

"woman is not independent of man, nor is man independent of woman"
Bible, New Testament, 1 Corinthians 11:11

"as woman came from man, so also man is born of woman"
Bible, New Testament, 1 Corinthians 11:12

"be at peace with each other"
Bible, New Testament, Mark 09:50

"sell everything you have and give to the poor"
Bible, New Testament, Mark 10:21

"It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God"
Bible, New Testament, Mark 10:25

"this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty"
Bible, New Testament, Mark 12:43-44

"Anyone who has two shirts should share with the one who has none, and anyone who has food should do the same"

"Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God"

"Blessed are you who hunger now, for you will be satisfied"

"Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you"

"bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you"

"If someone slaps you on one cheek, turn to them the other also"

"If someone takes your coat, do not withhold your shirt from them"

"Give to everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes what belongs to you, do not demand it back"

"Do to others as you would have them do to you"

"If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them"

"And if you lend to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you?"

"Do not judge, and you will not be judged"

"Forgive, and you will be forgiven"

"Give, and it will be given to you"

"For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you"

"Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother’s eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye?"

"You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother’s eye"

"her many sins have been forgiven—as her great love has shown"

"whoever has been forgiven little loves little"

[Sinful woman] "Jesus said to her, ‘Your sins are forgiven.’"

"Jesus said to the [sinful] woman, ‘Your faith has saved you; go in peace.’"

"whoever is not against you is for you"

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart [...]; and, love your neighbor as yourself"

"What you have said in the dark will be heard in the daylight"

"Why don’t you judge for yourselves what is right?"

"when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind"

"You cannot serve both God and money"

"if you hold anything against anyone, forgive them, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your sins"
Bible, New Testament, Mark 11:25

[Preachers] "they will place their hands on sick people, and they will get well"
Bible, New Testament, Mark 16:18

"There is neither [...] male [nor …] female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus."
Bible, New Testament, Galatians 03:28

"He has sent me to proclaim [...], recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free"
### 'BRIGHT' QUOTATIONS OF ISLAM

The selection of ‘bright’ and ‘dark’ quotations is made from a Human Rights perspective.

The quotations are taken word by word from the texts. For the sake of understanding and readability some words are omitted. This is marked with brackets. The meaning and intention of the quotations are maintained. We accept no liability for minor inaccuracies.


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"Jews or Christians [...] who believed in Allah and the Last Day and did righteousness - will have their reward with their Lord, and no fear"

Quran, Surah 02:62

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"Whatever you spend of good is [to be] for parents and relatives and orphans and the needy and the traveler"

Quran, Surah 02:215

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"Those who spend their wealth in the way of Allah […] will have their reward with their Lord"

Quran, Surah 02:262

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"if a woman fears from her husband contempt or evasion, there is no sin […] if they make terms of settlement between them - […]it is best"

Quran, Surah 04:128

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"Kind speech and forgiveness are better than charity followed by injury"

Quran, Surah 02:263

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"to parents do good, and to relatives, orphans, the needy"

Quran, Surah 04:36

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| **May your money perish with you, because you thought you could buy the gift of God with money!"** |
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| Bible, New Testament, Acts 08:20 |

| **whatever other command there may be, are summed up in this one command: “Love your neighbor as yourself.”** |
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Quran, Surah 04:122

"when you are greeted with a greeting, greet [in return] with one better than it"
Quran, Surah 04:86

"Allah does not like those who are self-deluding and boastful"
Quran, Surah 04:36

"do good […] to […] the companion at your side, the traveler"
Quran, Surah 04:36

"those who hoard gold and silver and spend it not in the way of Allah - give them tidings of a painful punishment"
Quran, Surah 09:34

"For them who have done good is the best [reward] and extra"
Quran, Surah 10:26

"they who have believed and done righteous deeds and humbled themselves to their Lord - those are the companions of Paradise"
Quran, Surah 11:23

"give the relative his right, and [also] the poor and the traveler"
Quran, Surah 17:26

"Those who have believed and done righteous deeds - indeed, We will not allow to be lost the reward of any who did well in deeds"
Quran, Surah 18:30

"to parents […] say not to them [so much as], "auff," and do not repel them but speak to them a noble word"
Quran, Surah 17:23

"give full measure when you measure, and weigh with an even balance"
Quran, Surah 17:35

"Whoever does righteousness, whether male or female, while he is a believer - We will surely cause him to live a good life"
Quran, Surah 16:97

"he who does of righteous deeds while he is a believer - he will neither fear injustice nor deprivation"
Quran, Surah 20:112

"he patient, for indeed, Al- lah does not allow to be lost the reward of those who do good"
Quran, Surah 11:115

"whoever does righteous deeds while he is a believer - no denial will there be for his effort"
Quran, Surah 21:94

"Those who have believed and done righteous deeds - a good state is theirs and a good return"
Quran, Surah 13:29

"We inspired to them the doing of good deeds, establishment of prayer, and giving of zakah [alms]"
Quran, Surah 21:73

"do not enter houses other than your own houses until you ascertain welcome and greet their inhabitants"
Quran, Surah 24:27

"servants of the Most Merciful are those who walk upon the earth easily, and when the ignorant address them [harshly], they say […] peace,"
Quran, Surah 25:63

"do good as Allah has done good to you. And desire not corruption in the land"
Quran, Surah 28:77

"Whoever comes [on the Day of Judgement] with a good deed will have better than it"
Quran, Surah 28:84

"We have enjoined upon man goodness to parents"
Quran, Surah 29:8

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"do not argue with the People of the Scripture [Jews and Christians] except in a way that is best, except for those who commit injustice"
Quran, Surah 29:46

"whatever you give for interest to increase within the wealth of people will not increase with Allah"
Quran, Surah 30:39

"We have enjoined upon man [care] for his parents"
Quran, Surah 31:14

"do not walk through the earth exultantly. Indeed, Allah does not like everyone self-deluded and boastful"
Quran, Surah 31:18

"not equal are the good deed and the bad. Repel [evil] by that [deed] which is better"
Quran, Surah 41:34

"[To Jews and Christians] "I have believed in what Allah has revealed of the Qur'an, and I have been commanded to do justice among you"
Quran, Surah 42:15

"whoever commits a good deed - We will increase for him good therein"
Quran, Surah 42:23

"[The Quran] "And before it was the scripture of Moses to lead and as a mercy. And this is a confirming Book in an Arabic tongue"
Quran, Surah 46:12

"There is not upon the blind any guilt or upon the lame any guilt or upon the ill any guilt [for remaining behind]"
Quran, Surah 48:17

"if two factions among the believers should fight, then make settlement between the two"
Quran, Surah 49:09

"let not a people ridicule [another] people; perhaps they may be better than them"
Quran, Surah 49:11

"do not spy or backbite each other"
Quran, Surah 49:12

"do not insult one another and do not call each other by [offensive] nicknames"
Quran, Surah 49:11

"[To Jews and Christians] "There is no […] argument between us and you. Allah will bring us together, and to Him is the [final] destination"
Quran, Surah 42:15

"those [of your slaves] who seek a contract [for marrying […] give them from the wealth of Allah which He has given you"
Quran, Surah 24:33

"judge between the people in truth and do not follow [your own] desire"
Quran, Surah 38:26

"[Disbelieving parents] "do not obey them but accompany them in [this] world with appropriate kindness"
Quran, Surah 31:15

"what you give in zakah [alms], desiring the countenance of Allah - those are the multipliers"
Quran, Surah 38:39

"We believe in that which has been revealed to us and revealed to you [Jews and Christians]"
Quran, Surah 29:46

"[To Jews and Christians] "our God and your God is one; and we are Muslims [in submission] to Him"
Quran, Surah 29:46

"do not deprive people of their due and do not commit abuse on earth, spreading corruption"
Quran, Surah 26:183

"do not compel your slave girls to prostitution"
Quran, Surah 24:33
"if someone should compel them [to prostitution], then indeed, Allah is [to them], after their compulsion, Forgiving and Merciful"
Quran, Surah 24:33

"establish weight in justice and do not make deficient the balance"
Quran, Surah 55:08-09

"those who have believed among you and spent, there will be a great reward"
Quran, Surah 57:07

"the [men and] women who practice charity and [they who] have loaned Allah a goodly loan - it will be multiplied for them"
Quran, Surah 57:18

"Allah does not like every-one self-deluded and boastful - [Those] who are stingy"
Quran, Surah 57:23-24

[On Christians] "We sent following their footsteps Our messengers and followed [them] with Jesus, the son of Mary, and gave him the Gospel"
Quran, Surah 57:27

"Allah does not forbid you from those who do not fight you because of religion [...] from being righteous toward them and acting justly"
Quran, Surah 60:08

"let not your wealth and your children divert you from remembrance of Allah"
Quran, Surah 63:09-10

"whoever is protected from the stinginess of his soul - it is those who will be the successful"
Quran, Surah 64:16

"Let the rich man spend according to his means"
Quran, Surah 65:07

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Quran, Surah 59:09

"spend [in the way of Allah] from what We have provided you before death approaches one of you"
Quran, Surah 9:10

"do not confer favor to acquire more"
Quran, Surah 74:06

"Woe to those who [...] when they take a measure from people, take in full. But if they give by measure or by weight to them, they cause loss."
Quran, Surah 83:01-03

[Signs of believing:] "freeing of a slave, or feeding on a day of severe hunger an orphan of near relationship or a needy person in misery"
Quran, Surah 90:13-16

"he who gives and fears Allah and believes in the best [reward], we will ease him toward ease"
Quran, Surah 92:05-07

"he who withholds and considers himself free of need and denies the best [reward], We will ease him toward difficulty"
Quran, Surah 92:08-10

"as for the orphan, do not oppress [him]"
Quran, Surah 93:09

"Repel [evil] by that [deed] which is better; [...] the one whom between you and him is enmity [will become] as though he was a devoted friend"
Quran, Surah 41:34

"mankind is in loss, except for those who have believed and done righteous deeds"
Quran, Surah 103:02-03

"Woe to every scorn and mocker, who collects wealth and [continuously] counts it"
Quran, Surah 104:01-02

"he who withholds and considers himself free of need [...] what will his wealth avail him when he falls?"
Quran, Surah 92:08-11

[To Jews and Christians] "Allah is our Lord and your Lord. For us are our deeds, and for you your deeds"
Quran, Surah 42:15

[About Jesus] "We placed in the hearts of those who followed him compassion and mercy"
Quran, Surah 57:27

[Post-menstrual women] "there is no blame upon them for putting aside their outer garments [...] But to modestly refrain [...] is better"
Quran, Surah 24:60

"speak to people good [words]"
Quran, Surah 2:83

"Do not shed each other's blood"
Quran, Surah 2:84

"Do not [...] evict one another from your homes"
Quran, Surah 2:84

"We did certainly give Moses the Torah [...] And We gave Jesus, the son of Mary, clear proofs and supported him with the Pure Spirit."
Quran, Surah 2:87

"Allah selects for His mercy whom He wills"
Quran, Surah 2:105

"So race to [all that is] good"
Quran, Surah 2:148

"whoever volunteers good - then indeed, Allah is appreciative and Knowing"
Quran, Surah 2:158

"act justly. Indeed, Allah loves those who act justly"
Quran, Surah 49:09

"Allah does not like every-one [...] who are stingy and enjoin upon people stinginess"
Quran, Surah 57:23-24

"Many [Jews and Christians...] wish they could turn you back to disbelief [...] pardon and overlook"
Quran, Surah 02:109

"due to the wives is similar to what is expected of them, according to what is reasonable"
Quran, Surah 02:228

[to parents do good and to relatives, orphans, and the needy]"
Quran, Surah 02:83

"if they separate [by divorce], Allah will enrich each [of them] from His abundance. And ever is Allah Encompassing and Wise"
Quran, Surah 04:130

"O People of the Scripture, come to a word that is equitable between us and you - that we will not worship except Allah"
Quran, Surah 05:64

"And let there be [arising] from you a nation inviting to [all that is] good, enjoining what is right and forbidding what is wrong"
Quran, Surah 05:104

"Allah loves the doers of good."
Quran, Surah 03:148

[Inheritance] "For men [and women] is a share of what the parents and close relatives leave"
Quran, Surah 04:07
"O you who have believed, [...] do not kill yourselves [or one another]."
Quran, Surah 04:29

"But whoever kills a believer intentionally - his recompense is Hell, where-in he will abide eternally"
Quran, Surah 04:93

"If disbelievers] "remove themselves [...] and do not fight you and offer you peace, then Allah has not made for you a cause [for fighting]"
Quran, Surah 04:90

[The Scripture] "We sent, following in their footsteps, Jesus, the son of Mary, confirming that which came before him in the Torah"
Quran, Sura 05:46

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Quran, Surah 04:93

"Believers] "But they do not mislead except themselves, and they will not harm you at all."
Quran, Surah 04:113

"So its expiation is the feeding of ten needy people [...] clothing them or the freeing of a slave."
Quran, Sura 05:89

"whose name will be the Messiah, Jesus, the son of Mary - distinguished in this world and the Hereafter"
Quran, Surah 03:45

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