

Comparison of the Ten Commandments with similar passages in the Qur'an

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Hebrew Scriptures: Exodus 20

3: You shall have no other gods before me.

4-6: You shall not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth....

7: You shall not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that takes his name in vain.

8-11: Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shall you labor, and do all your work: But the seventh day is the Sabbath of the LORD your God: in it you shall not do any work, you, nor your son, nor your daughter, manservant [male slave], maidservant [female slave], cattle, nor the stranger that is within your gates....

12: Honor your father and thy mother: that your days may be long upon the land which the LORD your God gives you.

13: You shall not kill.

14: You shall not commit adultery.

15: You shall not steal.

Qur'an

17:22: Do not associate another deity with God.

47:19: Know therefore that there is no god but God.

6:103: No visions can encompass Him, but He encompasses all visions.

14:35: My Lord, make this a peaceful land, and protect me and my children from worshipping idols.

42:11: There is nothing that equals (like) Him.

2:224: Do not use God's name in your oaths as an excuse to prevent you from dealing justly.

73:8: Remember the name of your Lord and devote yourself to Him exclusively.

76:25 Glorify the name of your Lord morning and evening.

See below.

17:23-24: You shall be kind to your parents. If one or both of them live to their old age in your lifetime, you shall not say to them any word of contempt nor repel them, and you shall address them in kind words. You shall lower to them the wing of humility and pray: "O Lord! Bestow on them Your blessings just as they cherished me when I was a little child."

17:33: And do not take any human being's life - that God willed to be sacred - other than in [the pursuit of] justice."

17:32: You shall not commit adultery. Surely it is a shameful deed and an evil way.

5:38 & 39: The thief, male or female, you shall mark their hands as a punishment for their crime, and to serve as an example from GOD. GOD is Almighty, Most Wise.

16: You shall not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house, you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, nor his manservant [male slave], nor his maidservant [female slave], nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is your neighbor's.

25:72: And (know that the true servants of God are) those who do not bear witness to falsehood.

4:32: Do not covet the bounties that God has bestowed more abundantly on some of you than on others.

Concerning the Sabbath:

The Qur'an, at 16:124, states that the Sabbath day of complete rest was only required for Jews.

However, congregational prayer (called *Salat Al-Jumu`ah*) is held on Friday evenings. Muslims are expected to attend. In 62:9, it states: "*O you who believe, when the Congregational Prayer is announced on Friday, you shall hasten to the commemoration of GOD, and drop all business.*"

Imam Hamad Ahmad Chebli, spiritual leader of the *Islamic Society of Central Jersey*, near Princeton, said: "*While the notion of Sabbath rest is not found in Islam, more and more Muslims are finding time for Friday's communal midday prayers*"³ According to Monique Parsons' essay in Beliefnet.com: "*As many as 1,500 people break from work on Fridays to enter Chebli's mosque to pray quietly, reflect on a weekly sermon and worship as a community.*"³