

Fatwas of Ibn Baz

Q: Since we study in America, some issues relating to Christianity and Judaism are raised before us; is it thus permissible to discuss them?

A: Yes, it is permissible for you to speak about such issues according to your knowledge. On the contrary, talking about something - whether relating to Christianity and Judaism or not - that you are not knowledgeable of is not permissible. It is known that the Shari`ahs (Divine laws) of Tawrah (Torah) and Injil (Gospel) are amongst the Shari`ahs that Allah (Exalted be He) revealed to His Messengers relative to their different times and conditions. Verily, Allah (Glorified be He) is the All-Wise and All-Knowing of all that He ordains and decrees. He (Glorified be He) states: ﴿To each among you, We have prescribed a law and a clear way.﴾ Allah (Exalted be He) states also in Surah (Qur'anic chapter) Al-Ma'idah after mentioning that He (Exalted be He) revealed the Tawrah, Injil,

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and Qur'an. ﴿Certainly your Lord is All-Wise, All-Knowing.﴾ The Jews and the Christians distorted and changed their Shari`ahs. Allah (Exalted be He) sent them His Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) with a general message to all Jinn (creatures created from fire) and mankind. Allah (Exalted be He) ordained for His Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) a comprehensive Shari`ah (Islamic law) that abrogated the Shari`ahs of Tawrah and Injil. Allah (Exalted be He) made it Wajib (obligatory) on all human beings to act upon the Shari`ah sent to Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) above other Shari`ahs regarding all different aspects of their lives. He (Glorified and Exalted be He) states while addressing His Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) in Surah Al-Ma'idah: ﴿And We have

sent down to you (O Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم) the Book (this Qur'ân) in truth, confirming the Scripture that came before it and Muhaymin (trustworthy in highness and a witness) over it (old Scriptures). So judge among them by what Allâh has revealed, and follow not their vain desires, diverging away from the truth that has come to you. To each among you, We have prescribed a law and a clear way.﴿ And: ﴿But no, by your Lord, they can have no Faith, until they make you (O Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم) judge in all disputes between them, and find in themselves no resistance against your decisions, and accept (them) with full submission.﴾ And: ﴿Do they then seek the judgement of (the days of) Ignorance? And who is better in judgement than Allâh for a people who have firm Faith.﴾

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There are many other Ayahs (Qur'anic verses) to the same effect. Allah (Exalted be He) guides to the true path whomever contemplates the Glorious Qur'an and recites it often intending to benefit from and act upon it. Allah (Glorified be He) states: ﴿Verily, this Qur'ân guides to that which is most just and right﴾ (Surah Al-Isra').