



Facing The Muslim Challenge

Logical Fallacies Committed By Muslims

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Spiritual War: Ephesians 6: 10-17

There are two wars going on right now in the world a spiritual war that is between light and darkness between the false gospel of Muhammad and the True Gospel of Jesus Christ

Note: The Angel Gabriel appeared to Muhammad while he was in a cave meditating and told him the following regarding the Qur'an:

"Proclaim! (Recite or Read) in the name of thy Lord and Cherisher, who created. Created man, out of a (mere) clot of congealed blood. Proclaim! (Recite) and thy Lord is most beautiful. He who taught (the use of) the pen. Taught man that which he knew not."

Suria 96:1-5

610 A.D.

"I marvel that you are turning away so soon from him who called you in the grace of Christ, to a different gospel, which is not another; but there are some who trouble you and want to pervert the gospel of Christ. But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed. As we have said before, so now I say again, if anyone preaches any other gospel to you than what you have received, let him be accursed!"

Galatians 1:6-9

49 A.D.

I. Introduction

Goal of ministry to Muslims Pastor George Saig:

“With the command of Christ the leading of the Holy Spirit the obedience of the church every Muslim in America will be reached with the gospel of Jesus Christ.”

II. Purpose in logical dialogues and witnessing to Muslims at the mosque

James 5: 19-20

**No one cares how much you know
until they see how much you care.**

III. Facing The Muslim Challenge: Divine Warning From Scripture

1. Jesus Christ: Matthew 24:3-4, 23-26

A. Mount of olives

B. The disciples asked Jesus Christ the following question: “**What will be the sign of your coming and the end of the age?**”

C. Answer - Deception

2. We See Spiritual Deception Today In The World

A. Watchtower Bible & Tract Society (religion). Worldwide membership of Jehovah's witnesses is 7.5 million.

B. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (religion).

Worldwide membership of Mormons is 16 million.

C. Islam (Religion) worldwide membership of Muslims is 1.9 billion

D. 1 out of 5 people on earth are Muslim.

3. 1 Peter 5:8-Divine Warning

- A. Satan does not take weekends off
- B. He is a Fisher of men too
- C. His lures are:
 - Lying
 - Deception
 - False logical lies
 - Deceit
 - False religion
 - The Occult
 - Religious Cults
 - Demonic signs, wonders, & miracles
- D. Satan has apostles, prophets, disciples who preached a false god, a false jesus, and false gospel. See [2 Corinthians 11: 3-4, 13- 15](#)
- E. Satan's lies are contained in false religious books such as Quran.
- F. Satan has perfected the art of deception

IV. Facing The Muslim Challenge: Crescent Moon Vs. The Cross

The Crescent Moon



VS

The Cross



1 Corinthians 1:18

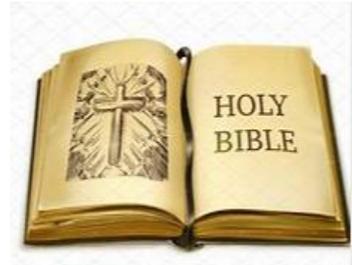
“For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.”

The Quran



VS

The Bible



Proverbs 30:5-6

“Every word of God is pure; he is a shield to those who take refuge in him. Don't add to his words or he will rebuke you and you will be proved a liar.”

Revelation 22:18

No additional revelation. No additional books added to the Bible.

Prophet Muhammad (570-632 AD)



VS

Jesus Christ (33 AD)



Matthew 7:15

“Beware of false prophets who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves.”

V. Facing the Muslim challenge: Understanding Logic

1. Mark 12: 30

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength?”

2. What is logic?

“Logic deals with methods of valid thinking. It reveals how to draw proper conclusions from premises and is a prerequisite of all thought. In fact, it builds from fundamental laws of reality and truth, the principles, that make rational thought possible.” - Baker Encyclopedia of Christian apologetics by Norman L. Geisler, p. 427

3. Components of logic:

- A. Science of Reasoning
- B. Deduce (to reach a proper and coherent conclusion)
- C. Logical deduction
- D. Reaching truth
- E. Points out illogical preposition
- F. Establishing truth
- G. Objective truth which comes from God and his word the Holy Bible
- H. Valid sound arguments biblically based from the word of God
- I. Explaining Truth
- J. Truth claims
- K. Persuasion

- L. An argument to convince someone to accept a certain idea or belief

4. **What does logic accomplish?**

- A. Exposes faulty reasoning
- B. Exposes error
- C. Exposes heresy
- D. Exposes fallacy's bad arguments
- E. Exposes false theological ideology and the logical concepts
- F. Establish is God's word. Because logic comes from God
- G. Logic does not replace the Bible but is based on the Bible
- H. Jude 3 - Contend for the Faith

6. **Examples of the use of logic from the word of God**

- A. **Apologetics**- **Acts 17: 1- 3, 10- 13.** The Apostle Paul is reasoning in the synagogue of the Jews in the cities of Thessalonica and Berea, concerning the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead and Jesus being the Messiah.
- B. **Polemics** - **Acts 17: 16- 34.** The Apostle Paul is preaching, arguing, proclaiming, in Greece to the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers, to Greek pagans the existence of the true God and resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.
- C. **Apologetics and Polemics** - **Mark 2: 1- 12.**
 - Jesus Christ reasoned in their mind what's in their heart
 - Jesus Christ declares which is easier to say to the paralytic 'your sins are forgiven' or 'pick up your bed and walk'?
 - Jesus Christ did both
 - Jesus Christ forgives the paralytic of his sins
 - Scribes and Pharisees- only God can forgive sin **Isaiah 43:25**

- Jesus Christ reasoned in their mind blasphemy
- The Son of Man forgives and heals

D. **Note:** Jesus Christ and the Apostle Paul used objective logic and logical truths. They did not just say simply believe. But both used logic found in the Word of God to convey Spiritual truths.

VI. The Three Fundamental Laws of All Rational Thought in Logic and Reasoning.

1. The Law of non-contradiction

A is not A and non A at the same time same place

Example: **Isaiah 5:20** evil is not good. Good is not evil.

2. The Law of Identity

(A is A)

Example: **1 John 2:22**

3. The law of excluded middle

(Either A or non A)

Either a statement is true or false. There is no middle ground.

Example: **John 14: 6.** No other way

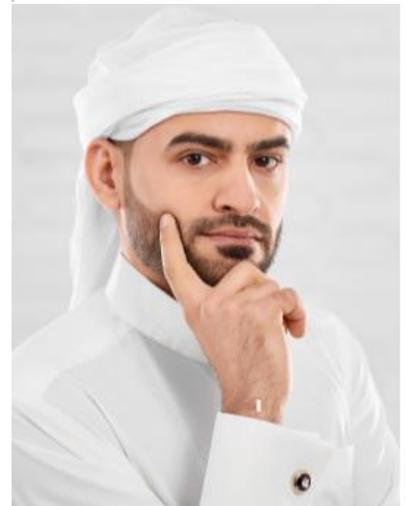


Points to Remember

- Logic flows from God
- Logic comes from God not from the Greek philosopher Aristotle
- God gives us logic
- God is the author of logic
- God is not logic, but logical truth come from God
- Statements have meaning

VII. Facing The Muslim Challenge: Logic

Isaiah 1: 18	Proverbs 2: 6, 10
<p>“Come, let us reason together says the Lord. Though your sins are like scarlet they will be as white as snow: though they are as red as Crimson they will be like wool.”</p>	<p>“For the Lord gives wisdom: from his mouth come knowledge and understanding for wisdom will enter your mind and knowledge will delight your heart.”</p>



**VIII. Common Logical Fallacies
Made By Muslims**



2 Timothy 2: 15

“Be diligent to present yourself approved to God a worker who doesn't need to be ashamed correctly teaching the word of truth.

2 Corinthians 10: 3- 5

“For although we are walking in the flesh, we do not wage war in a fleshly way, since the weapons of our war are not fleshly, but are powerful through God for the demolition of strongholds. We demolish arguments [false logic] in every high minded thing that is raised up against the knowledge of God, taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ.”

Note:

The majority of Muslims are not aware they are committing these logical fallacies which are an error in logic and theology. That's why it is important for us to listen, discern, reason and point out the Muslim's errors in thinking and establish the eternal truths from God's word. Replacing their false presupposition with the eternal truths from the word of God

IX. Facing the Muslim Challenge: Common Logical Fallacies Made By Muslims

Fallacy	Source
A. Numerical Fallacy (Argumentum ad populum (Bandwagon Fallacy)	1.9 billion Muslims in the world. We are the fastest growing religion in the world!

Answer:

- **Numbers do not determine a truth claim**
- **Biological growth rate, Muslim have average family of four to six children**
- **Also story of Noah and the ark**

Fallacy	Source
B. Fallacy of complex question	Numerous questions asked at one time on different subjects. Example: the word Trinity, Deity of Christ, eating pork, God eating, using bathroom.

Answer:

- **Stay on one subject. One subject only.**
- **Tell the Muslim we will deal with the other subjects another time.**

Fallacy	Source
<p>C. Bedtime story fallacy Rocka Botus Ad liberum</p>	<p>Verbose wordiness, excessive long stories and explanations. Used to dismiss one's argument. Example: origin of the Quran, origin of Mohammed, ones grandmother, great grandparents being Muslims. Objective to rock your argument to asleep with long winded stories unrelated to the topic</p>

Answer:

- **Stay on topic**
- **Do not deflect**
- **Those things your bringing up our unrelated to the topic at hand.**

Fallacy	Source
<p>D. Poisoning the well fallacy</p>	<p>1. Poisoning the water for no one well drink out of it. 2. Only a fool would believe that. 3. General attack on whole. Example: only a fool would believe in a God who uses the bathroom, sleeps and eats food.</p>

Answer:

- **The issue is topic at hand**
- **The topic is not me as a person**
- **Stop your personal insults**

Fallacy	Source
E. Jim Baber Fallacy	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Internet2. YouTube sites3. Anti-Christian websites4. Pro-Islamic websites5. Numerous information downloaded; presented to you as their answer

Answer:

- **I do not do sloppy research**
- **I do not plagiarize other's material and pass it off as my research**
- **My dialogue is with you not those other people**
- **Provide your own research**

Fallacy	Source
F. Obvious Fallacy	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Dismiss one argument based on an assumption2. It's obvious to all people. Example: it is obvious to all knowledgeable people Mohammed and Quran are true

Answer:

- **It is not obvious to all people**
- **It is only obvious to you; not to me**
- **I disagree with your fallacy; so, it is not obvious to all people**

Fallacy	Source
<p>G.</p> <p>Appeal To Authority Fallacy</p>	<p>1.Dismisses someone’s argument based on someone’s educational credentials.</p> <p>2.Or some scholar which is quoted.</p> <p>Example: Bart Erman says, Michael Hart in his book lists the Prophet Mohammed as the number one most influential person in history.</p>

Answer:

- **One citing their credentials does not make the argument true or add validity to their argument**
- **Citing an authority does not make or give authority to a claim**

Fallacy	Source
<p>H.</p> <p>Psycho - Genetic Fallacy</p>	<p>1.Dismisses an argument against something based on imaginary facts</p> <p>2.Person has a mental illness that's why they embrace their position</p>

	Example: you believe God became a man. You need a spiritual and cosmic teddy bear, a spiritual clutch. A security blanket to help you mentally.
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Answer:

- **Defiance to your earthly father; same to your heavenly Father**
- **Objective reality. Expert degrees and clinical hours**

Fallacy	Source
I. Argumentation Ad lipidem Argument to the stone, Ultimate Fallacy, Pig headiness Fallacy	1. Close minded to facts and truth 2. I am not going to change. 3. My mind is made up 4. Bias 5. Don't bother me with facts

Answer:

- **Example: Surah 4: 157- 158**
- **Lady and husband in Orange County**
- **Old Testament sources**
- **New Testament sources**
- **Historical sources proving the crucifixion of Christ**
- **They are mortal men**
- **Is Muhammad mortal?**

Fallacy	Source
J. Argumentum Ad Futuria	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The answer does not address the position past to it. 2. The answer appeals to the future 3. We will see on the day of judgment who is wrong in who is right

Answer:

- **Example: Mohammed - Surah 46: 9**
- **Salvation - Surah 19: 71- 72**
- **John 14: 1- 6**
- **John 5:24**

Fallacy	Source
K. Ad-Hominem Fallacy	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Attack the person 2. Avoid answering the question with facts 3. Sidestep issue, refute the person's appearance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • you're ugly • look at your clothes • look at your nose • you're a liar • you're Islamophobic

Answer:

- **Insulting me is not an answer**

- **I am not the topic**
- **The issue is the topic under discussion**

Fallacy	Source
L. Tu Quoque Fallacy or Whataboutism	Unable to answer the objection presented to them. The opponent will answer by citing examples supposedly of the same act by another group to justify their position.

Example:

- **San Diego, Uthman Muhammad 54 years old Aisha 6 years old**
- **Cites Isaac being 70 years old and Rebecca 4 years old**
- **No proof**
- **Unrelated**
- **Question never answered**
- **Anthony Rogers vs Shabbir Ali**

Fallacy	Source
M. Circular Reasoning Fallacy	1.Going in circles 2.Citing a source from the same source to prove that source as truth

Example:

- **Quran is true because Muhammad said so**
- **Muhammad is true because the Quran said so**

Fallacy	Source
N. Prestige Jargon Fallacy	1. A person is trying to use language to win an argument. 2. Use of complex words for weak argument to bolster a claim

Example:

- **Reading the Quran in Arabic**
- **Use of Arabic words repeatedly cited to bolster one's arguments**
- **However, argument is never addressed**
- **No evidence presented**

Fallacy	Source
O. The Fallacy of False Assumption	1. Historical precedent 2. Burden of proof rest on those who present new theories not on those whose ideas have already been verified 3. The Old test the New 4. Already established authority judges any new claims to authority

Example:

- **Islam has burden of proof and not Christianity**
- **The Bible tests and judges the Quran**
- **Quran contradicts the Bible**
- **The Bible must logically be given first place as order of authority**
- **The Quran is in error until it proves itself**

Fallacy	Source
<p>P. Fallacy of Irrelevance</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. When one introduces issues which have no logical bearing on the subject under discussion. One is using irrelevant arguments. 2. Deflecting

Example:

1. Topic under discussion is salvation and eternal life
2. The Muslim deflects
3. Doesn't answer the question and introduces a different topic such as the perfect presentation of the Quran and the eloquence of how it sounds being read in Arabic
4. Salvation is the issue; has nothing to do with that. Preservation of Quran

Fallacy	Source
<p>Q. The Strawman Fallacy</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Placing a false argument into the mouth of your opponent, then refuting it by knocking it down. 2. Distorting and misrepresenting an opponent's beliefs in order to make it easier to defeat instead of debating the actual argument

Example:

- Balboa Park . . . 'you believe in three gods'.
- Jesus Christ and the fig tree
- Hungry all he had to do as God, say Be and make fruit
- Pomona mosque

Fallacy	Source
R. Causal Fallacy (False Cause Fallacy)	1. This is a category of informal fallacies in which a cause is incorrectly identified as being the reason for an event. 2. The two events may coincide - but no causal connection.

Example:

- Deedat YouTube video
- The word 'Bible' does not appear in the Bible - that means the Bible is not true
- The word 'Quran' appears in the Quran - that proves it is true
- Faulty criteria
- Proverbs 30: 5-6
- 2 Timothy 3:15- 17

Fallacy	Source
S. Fallacy of equivocation	In this fallacy people assume a word or concept has the same meaning, same definition to all who use it

Example:

- At the mosque, Muslim declared we do not need the Bible. Jesus is the Quran
- We believe in Jesus too

- The Jesus of the Quran is not the historical Jesus of the Bible
- It is another Jesus 2 Corinthians 11:3- 4
- The Jesus of the Bible is God the Son who died on a cross and resurrected
- The Quran and Muslims deny all the historical facts concerning Jesus Christ
- Surah 5:116
- Surah 4:157- 158
- There is no parallel between the Jesus of the Bible and the false Jesus of Islam

Fallacy	Source
T. Phonic fallacy Etymological fallacy linguistic fallacy	1. The phonetic sound of a word is used to twist its meaning 2. Give a word a new meaning by redefining it to fit a foreign meaning 3. Misapplication of a word

- Allah = Allahgh-lujah
- Ahmed to Muhammed = Amen
- Comforter Holy Ghost
- (Paracletos) = Muhammed

Fallacy	Source
U. Fallacy of Special Pleading	1. An informal fallacy wherein one cites something as an exception to a general or universal principle, without justifying the special exception. 2. It's a double standard

- Uthman, Balboa Park, San Diego. YouTube video, "The John Ryland manuscript"
- B52 is the size of a postcard. And cannot be trusted as a reliable source
- Dr. Jeff Kran: "If a 4'.2" witness comes into court, his size has nothing to do with the reliability of his testimony in a court of law. Especially when other witnesses come later to verify reliability of the earlier witness.
- John Ryland manuscript 120 AD
- 27,000 manuscripts for New Testament reliability

Fallacy	Source
V. Four Team Fallacy	Redefine a word or term within your pre deposition which is given to your opponent

Example:

- Jesus is God. God is triune. Therefore, Jesus is Triune.
- The word God is not used the same way
- The first instance or presupposition, it's meant Divine nature of Jesus

- The second instance refers to the Triune God's nature

Fallacy	Source
<p>W. Red herring fallacy</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A red herring is something that misleads or distracts from relevant or important questions posed to someone. 2. The difficult questions is not answered or addressed. Instead of answering the questions, the person turns around and attacks an unrelated issue to deflect attention and avoid answering the direct questions posed to them.

Example:

At the Mosque. I brought up the numerous sins of Muhammad. The Muslim sidesteps the issue, avoids answering my evidence and brings something up that is unrelated. "Where did Jesus say I am God"?

X. Conclusion

1. Only a true ideology can step an evil ideology

2. only a true ideology can expose an evil ideology
3. God left his word. We are not orphans!
4. God loved his Holy Ghost. The Holy Ghost is God.
5. 1.9 billion Muslims are listening to a lying voice
6. the Bible is the voice of God. The mind of God. The thoughts of God. The logic of God.
7. The Bible allows us to distinguish truth from error
8. no one cares how much you know until they see how much you care

Witnessing To Muslims

1. **Be their friend.** As is true in witnessing to others, Muslims do not care about how much you know until they know how much you care.
2. **Be humble.** Don't have a spiritual chip on your shoulder and speak down to the Muslim. You will build an unnecessary barrier if you approach the Muslim with an implied superiority.
3. **Be patient.** Sometimes this means explaining the same thing ten times if you need to.
4. **Be prayerful.** Pray especially that the Muslim will see the futility of trying to live good enough to earn God's favor. Even the smallest failure brings condemnation. (**James 2:10**). By contrast, talk about the wonderful grace of God and how God has offered salvation as a free gift for those who believe in Jesus Christ (**Ephesians 2:8-9**).
5. **Don't create unnecessary barriers** by saying disdainful things about Muhammad and the Quran. Focus instead on the good things about Jesus, what He did at the cross and the Bible.
6. **Don't hesitate to quote from the Bible.** If they argue that the Bible has been corrupted, be ready to demonstrate why you trust the Bible's accuracy.

7. **Mention the Quran.** The Quran enjoins every true Muslim to believe in and honor all the prophets of God. Therefore, urge the Muslim to consider the truth-claims of Jesus Christ.
8. **Emphasize Submission.** "Islam" means "submission." Emphasize that Jesus submitted in going to the cross for the sins of mankind, making possible a free gift of salvation for those who believe in Him. (Hebrews 5:7-10)
9. **Emphasize Jesus.** Respectfully mention the Quran's affirmation that Jesus was sinless and all-righteous (Surahs 3:45, 49; 4:158), whereas Muhammad was exhorted in the Quran to seek forgiveness for his faults (Surahs 16:61; 40:55; 42:4, 30; 47:19; 48:1-20). Use that as a launch-pad to share the uniqueness of Christ's atoning work on the cross (2 Corinthians 5:19-21).

Recommended Christian Books on Logic

Paul Copan: True For You But Not For Me.

Norman Geisler:

- Christian apologetics
- Baker encyclopedia of Christian apologetics
- a general introduction to the Bible

Francis J Beckwith and Gregory Koukle: relativism, feet firmly planted in mid air

John MacArthur: Why One Way? Defending an Exclusive Claim in an Inclusive World

Ronald Nash: Worldviews in Conflict

J.P. Moreland and William Lane Craig: Philosophical Foundations for a Christian Worldview

Dennis McCallum: The Death of Truth

James W. Sire: Why Should Anyone Believe Anything At All?

Dan Story: Engaging The Closed Mind

Books on logic by Non-Christian Authors

Irving M. Copi: Introduction to Logic

Robert K. Miller: The Informed Argument

Louis P. Pojman and Louis Von: Philosophy The Quest For Truth

Books -Recommended Reading

Refuting Orthodox Muslims

1. John Ankerberg & Emir Caner: The Truth About Islam and Jesus / The Truth About Islam and Women.
2. Emir Caner & Ergun Caner: More Than Prophet; Unveiling Islam.
3. F.S. Coplestone: Jesus Christ or Muhammad?
4. John Gilchrist: Facing the Muslim Challenge.
5. Norman L. Geisler & Addul Saleb: Answering Islam The Crescent in the Light of the Cross.
6. William McElwee Miller: Ten Muslims Meet Christ.
7. Ron Rhodes: Reasoning from the Scriptures with Muslims.
8. Daniel Scott & Michael Abdulhag: Share the Gospel With Muslims.

9. Robert Spencer: The Myth of Islamic Tolerance. How Islamic Law Treats Non-Islamic /
-The Truth about Muhammad. Founder of The World's Most Intolerant Religion.
10. Ibn Warraq: Leaving Islam /The Origins of the Koran /Why I Am Not A Muslim
11. Bat Ye'or: The Decline of Eastern Christianity Under Islam from Jihad to Dhimmitude.

Pagan Religions and Mystery Cults

1. The Gods of the Egyptians. Volume 1 and 2. E.A. Wallis Budge.
2. The Egyptian Book of The Dead. E.A. Wallis Budge.
3. A Dictionary of The Roman Empire. Matthew Bunson.
4. The Gods and Goddesses of Olympus. Aiki Brandenburg.
5. The Complete Encyclopedia of Greek Mythology. Guss Houtzager.

Christian Sources- Refuting Pagan Religions and Mystery Cults

1. Facing The Muslim Challenge. John Gilchrist
2. Myth and Mystery. An Introduction to the Pagan Religions of the Biblical World. John Finegan.
3. The Origen of Paul's Religion. J. Gresham Machen.
4. The Gospel and the Greeks. Did the New Testament borrow from Pagan Thought? Ronald Nash.
5. Christianity and Eastern Religions. Compare the Beliefs of Six Eastern Religions. Mark Albrecht.
6. Baker Encyclopedia of Christian Apologetics. Norman L. Geisler.

Islamic Sources

1. Meaning of The Holy Quran by Abdullah Yusef Ali

2. The Noble Quran transliteration in Roman Script with Arabic text and English translation by Dr. Muhammed Taqi and Dr. Muhammed Mushin Khan
3. Hadiths:
 - A. Sahih Al-Bukhari Arabic-English. 9 Volumes. By Muhammed Mushsin Khan
 - B. Sahih Muslim Arabic – English. 8 Volumes. By Abdul Hamid Siddighi
4. Fatawa Islamic Verdicts 8 Volumes By Noble Scholars and The Permanent Committee and decisions of the High Council.
5. The Life of Muhammed By Ibn Ishaq
6. A Dictionary of Modern Written Arabic. Arabic to English By Hans Wehr.

Ancient Historical Sources For The Life of Christ Outside The Bible

1. Roman:
 - A. The Letters of the younger Pliny. By Pliny Younger
 - B. The 12 Caesars. By Suetonius
 - C. The Annals of Imperial Rome by Tacitus
2. Jewish:
 - A. The works of Josephus translated by William Whiston
 - B. The Talmud of Babylonia Tractate Sanhedrin Chapters 4-8
3. Greek:
 - A. The Works of Lucian Samosata 4 volumes by Lucran: Translated H. W. Fowler and F.G. Fowler
 - B. Fox's Book of Martyrs Edited By W.M. Byron Forbush