FRATERNITY CIRCLE CAMPING 3
Scriptural Reasoning 1 - Faiths for Peace

Quran

Chapter 49

11. O believers! Do not let some ˹men˺ ridicule others, they may be better than them, nor let ˹some˺ women ridicule other women, they may be better than them. Do not defame one another, nor call each other by offensive nicknames. How evil it is to act rebelliously after having faith! And whoever does not repent, it is they who are the ˹true˺ wrongdoers.

12. O believers! Avoid many suspicions, ˹for˺ indeed, some suspicions are sinful. And do not spy, nor backbite one another. Would any of you like to eat the flesh of their dead brother? You would despise that! And fear God. Surely God is ˹the˺ Accepter of Repentance, Most Merciful.

13. O humanity! Indeed, We created you from a male and a female, and made you into peoples and tribes so that you may ˹get to˺ know one another. Surely the most noble of you in the sight of God is the most righteous among you. God is truly All-Knowing, All-Aware.

Chapter 5

48. We have sent down to you (O Messenger) the Book with the truth , confirming (the Divine authorship of, and the truths that are contained by) whatever of the Book was revealed before it, and guarding over (all the true teachings in) it. Judge, then, between them by what God has sent down (to you), and do not follow their desires and caprices away from the truth that has come to you. For each (community to which a Messenger was sent with a Book), We have appointed a clear way of life and a comprehensive system (containing the principles of that way and how to follow it). And if God had so willed, He would surely have made you a single community (following the same way of life and system surrounded by the same conditions throughout all history); but (He willed it otherwise) in order to test you by what He granted to you (and thereby made you subject to a law of progress). Strive, then, together as if competing in good works. To God is the return of all of you, and He will then make you understand (the truth) about what you have differed on.

Torah

The Shared Origin & Value of Life

"Therefore, the human was created single in the world, to teach you that anyone who destroys a single soul, Scripture accounts it to him as if he destroyed a full world; and anyone who sustains a single soul, Scripture accounts it to him as if he sustained a full world. And it was created single for the sake of peace among creations, that a person should not say to his fellow, 'My father is greater than your father'..." — **Mishnah Sanhedrin 4:5**

The Vision of Disarmament

"They will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore." — **Isaiah 2:4**

The Command to Empathize

"The foreigner residing among you must be treated as your native-born. Love them as yourself, for you were foreigners in Egypt." — **Leviticus 19:34**

The Civic Practice

"We support the poor of the non-Jew along with the poor of Israel... and we bury the dead of the non-Jew along with the dead of Israel, for the sake of the ways of peace." — **Babylonian Talmud, Gittin 61a**

Key Concepts for Reflection:

Shalom (שָׁלוֹם): The Hebrew word for peace. It comes from the root *shaleim*, which means "wholeness" or "completion." Peace is not just the absence of conflict; it is the presence of harmony and justice.

Darkhei Shalom (דַּרְכֵי שָׁלוֹם): "The Ways of Peace." A legal mechanism in Jewish tradition used to ensure social welfare, kindness, and equity are extended to all neighbors, regardless of faith background.

Bible

Genesis 12:1-4
The Lord said to Abram:
"Go from your country, from your relatives and from your father's house to the land that I will show you.
I will make of you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name great. You will be a blessing.
I will bless those who bless you.
In you all the families of the earth will be blessed."
So Abram went, as the Lord had told him.

Jonah 3:1-10
The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time:
"Get up, go to Nineveh, the great city, and proclaim to it the message that I will give you."
So Jonah got up and went to Nineveh according to the word of the Lord.
He entered the city and proclaimed:
"Forty more days, and Nineveh will be overturned."
The people of Nineveh believed God, proclaimed a fast, and turned away from their evil way and from the violence that was in their hands.
God saw what they did, that they turned from their evil way. God had mercy and did not bring upon them the disaster that had been announced.

Luke 24:36-49
While they were speaking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them:
"Peace be with you."
They were startled and frightened, thinking that they were seeing a spirit.
Jesus said to them:
"Why are you troubled? Why do doubts arise in your hearts?
Look at my hands and my feet: it is I myself. Touch me and see."
When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet.
While they still could not believe because of joy and amazement, he said to them:
"Have you anything here to eat?"
They gave him a piece of broiled fish. He took it and ate in their presence.
Then he said to them:
"Everything written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled."
Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures.
He said to them:
"Thus it is written that the Messiah would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be proclaimed in his name to all nations. You are witnesses of these things."

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