

The attitude to the infidel in the Qur'an

Results of an electronic search for all words such as "unbeliever" or "unbelief" in the entire English text of the Qur'an at the University of Michigan's database of world religious texts

The infidel: "In the name of Allah, the Beneficent, the Merciful, say: 'O infidel, I do not serve that which you serve, nor do you serve Him Whom I serve, nor am I going to serve that which you serve, nor are you going to serve Him Whom I serve: you shall have your religion and I shall have my religion.'" (109,1-6). The infidel are "deserving of wrath upon wrath (2.90); are "the unjust" (2.254); are "the wicked" (80.42); are "deaf, dumb, blind and stupid" (2.171); "shall have no helpers (3.56; 3.91; 48.22); "shall have no protector" (47.11); "their guardians are Satans" (2.257; 7.27); "shall have a drink of boiling water because they disbelieved" (6.70; 10.4); "are the vilest of animals in Allah's sight" (8.55); "will often wish they had been Muslims" (15.2); are "liars" (16.39, 16.105; 29.12; 59.11; 85.19; 6.110); are "losers" (29.52; 35.39; 39.63; 47.3); are "blind" (6.110).

Allah "puts his curse upon the infidel" (2.89; 33.64; 16.106); "is the enemy of the infidel" (2.98); Allah "does not guide the infidel" (2.264; 9.37, 9.80); "does not love the infidel" (3.32; 30.45); "deprives the infidel of blessings" (3.141); will not give the infidel "any portion in the next world" (3.176); "will gather together the hypocrites and the infidel all in hell" (4.140, 9.68); "is displeased with those who befriend the infidel" (5.80); "lays uncleanness on the infidel" (6.125); "has prohibited his gifts to the infidel" (7.50); "will cut off the infidel by the roots" (8.7); "weakens the struggle of the infidel (8.18); "destroyed the infidel" (8.52); "will bring disgrace to the infidel" (9.2); "has cursed the infidel and they shall have lasting punishment" (9.68); is with those who fight their neighbours who are infidel (9.123); "has promised the fire to the infidel" (22.72; 48.13); will "shackle the infidel" (34.33); will "render the words of the infidel ineffective" (47.1) and "their deeds ineffective" (33.19; 47.2; 47.8); will "bring down destruction" upon the infidel (47.10).

Fire, "of which men and stones are the fuel" is prepared for the infidel (*passim*); the infidel are "the inmates of the fire" and "the fire is their abode" (2.39; 2.257; 3.116; 7.50; 13.5; 24.57; 40.6; 47.12; 57.15; 64.10; 98.6); the infidel "will be driven to the chastisement of the fire" (2.126); as for the infidel, "we shall make them enter fire; as often as their skins are thoroughly burned, we will change them for other skins, so that they may taste the chastisement again" (4.56); the infidel are "companions of the flame" (5.86); fire is "the chastisement of the infidel" (8.14); the angels will cause the infidel to die, smiting their faces and their backs, and saying: Taste the punishment of burning" (8.50); "the requital of the infidel is the fire" (13.35); the infidel "shall not be able to ward off the fire from their faces, nor from their backs" (21.39); for the infidel "are cut out garments of fire, and boiling water shall be poured over their heads" (22.19); "chains, shackles and a burning fire" have been prepared for the infidel (38.14, 76.4); the infidel "shall be brought before the fire" (46.20; 46.34).

Hell "encompasses the infidel" (9.49; 29.54); "the abode of the infidel is hell, and evil is their destination" (9.73; 29.68; 39.32; 57.19; 66.9); hell has been made "a prison for the infidel" (17.8); hell will be "exposed to view before the infidel" on the resurrection day (18.100); hell has been prepared "for the entertainment of the infidel (18.102); who will "be vanquished and driven together to hell, and evil is the resting-place (3.12, 8.36); "and as for the infidel, for them is the fire of hell; it shall not be finished with them entirely so that they should die, nor shall the chastisement thereof be lightened to them: even thus do We retribute every ungrateful one" (35.34); the infidel "shall be driven to hell in companies" (39.71); hell "is the punishment of the infidel" (67.6).

"Fight the infidel who do not believe in Allah ... until they pay the tax in acknowledgment of superiority and they are in a state of subjection" (9.23). The infidel "fight in the way of Satan; fight, therefore, against the infidel who are the friends of Satan" (4.76); if the infidel fight you,

“then slay them: such is the recompense of the infidel” (2.191); Muslims must “not follow the infidel, but must strive against them a mighty striving” (25.52); must “strike off the heads and strike off every fingertip” of the infidel (8.12); “O you who believe! when you meet the infidel marching for war, then turn not your backs to them” (8.15); the infidel “shall be the vanquished ones in war” (52.42); Muslims should not take the infidel for friends (3.28) or they will give Allah a “manifest proof against themselves” (4.144); the infidel are “the open enemy” of Muslims (4.101); Muslims should “fight your neighbours who are infidels and let them find you harsh” (9.123).

If an infidel dies, “the earth full of gold shall not be accepted from him, even if he should offer to ransom himself with it” (3.91; 5.36); “neither their wealth nor their children will avail” those who die as infidels (3.10; 3.116); Allah “will not forgive the infidel” (4.137; 47.34); and will not forgive “those who die as infidels” (47.34); on whom “is the curse of Allah and the angels and all men” (2.161). Those who renounce Islam and die as infidels, “these it is whose works shall go for nothing in this world and the next, and they are the inmates of the fire; therein they shall abide.” (2.217); on the day of resurrection “disgrace and evil will be upon the infidel” (16.27); on the resurrection day the infidel “shall say, ‘O would that I were dust’” (78.40) and will wish that “the earth were levelled with them” (4.42); and will be “sent back to the most grievous chastisement” (2.85).

Doubters: “How shall Allah guide a people who disbelieved after their believing?” (3.86); “Surely, those who disbelieve after their believing, then increase in unbelief, their repentance shall not be accepted, and these are they that go astray” (3.90); On the day of resurrection, “when some faces shall turn white and some shall turn black, then, as to those whose faces turned black: Did you disbelieve after having believed? Taste, therefore, the chastisement for your disbelief” (3.106); “As for those who believe then disbelieve, again believe and again disbelieve, then increase in disbelief, Allah will not forgive them nor guide them in the right path” (4.137); Allah will chastise infidels who were once Muslims and do not repent “with a painful chastisement with which I will not chastise anyone else in this world and the next” (5.115); “they shall not have in the land any guardian or helper” (9.74); “He who disbelieves in Allah after his having believed – on these is the wrath of Allah, and they shall have a grievous chastisement (16.106).

Christian infidels: “Certainly they are infidels who say: Surely Allah, He is the Messiah, son of Marium; and the Messiah said: O Children of Israel! serve Allah, my Lord and your Lord. Surely whoever associates (others) with Allah, then Allah has forbidden to him the garden, and his abode is the fire; and there shall be no helpers for the unjust” (5.72); Christ was not actually crucified (4.157); Christ was only an apostle for Allah (4.171; 5.75; 61.6); the Trinity is denied (4.171); Christ is not God (5.17; 5.72; 9.31); the Holy Spirit is not God (5.73); there is no distinction between Christ and the prophets of the Bible (2.36); Christ is like Adam, not Allah (3.57); “There is no god but the one God, and if they desist not from what they say, a painful chastisement shall befall those among them who are infidels” (5.73).

The “sword verses”: “But when the forbidden months are past, then fight and slay those who join other gods with Allah wherever you find them; besiege them, seize them, lay in wait for them with every kind of ambush” (9.5); “Make war upon such of those to whom the scriptures have been given who believe not in Allah, or in the last day, and who forbid not what Allah and his apostle have forbidden, until they pay tribute” (9.29); “When you encounter the infidels, strike off their heads, until you have made a great slaughter among them” (47.4); “And fight them on until there is no more tumult or oppression, and there prevail justice and faith in Allah altogether and everywhere; but if they cease, Allah sees all that they do” (8.39).

A disgraceful and humiliating chastisement awaits the infidel (*passim*: 300+ references).