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A COMPARATIVE STUDY OF MAGIC FROM THE PERSPECTIVE OF THE QUR'ĀN AND THE TESTAMENTS

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ABSTRACT

The lexical and terminological meaning of magic in Islam differs from that in Judaism and Christianity. Magic is one of the foundations of the beliefs of all the divine religions. The Qur'ān and the Testaments have a great emphasis on this. This article provides a systematic, in-depth understanding of the subject, in a methodical way, based on a comparative interpretation of religious texts and the presentation of opinions. The research method is descriptive-analytical with citations of examples from various religious texts. The results show that: 1 – Magic, due to the association of the magicians with evil, has been prohibited. 2- The disputation of the absolute prohibition of magic in order to nullify the acts of the magicians, has been endorsed by the Qur'ān and the Testaments. 3- The goals and the intentions of magicians at the dawn of their learning have been considered important and necessary according to the religious texts. 4- Magical practices in many religions are interwoven with religious practices. The present article presents a new perspective with an accurate and systematic approach to magic and its rulings.

KEYWORDS: *Magic, Torah, Bible and Qur'ān.*

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