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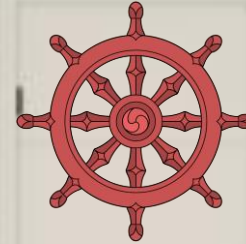
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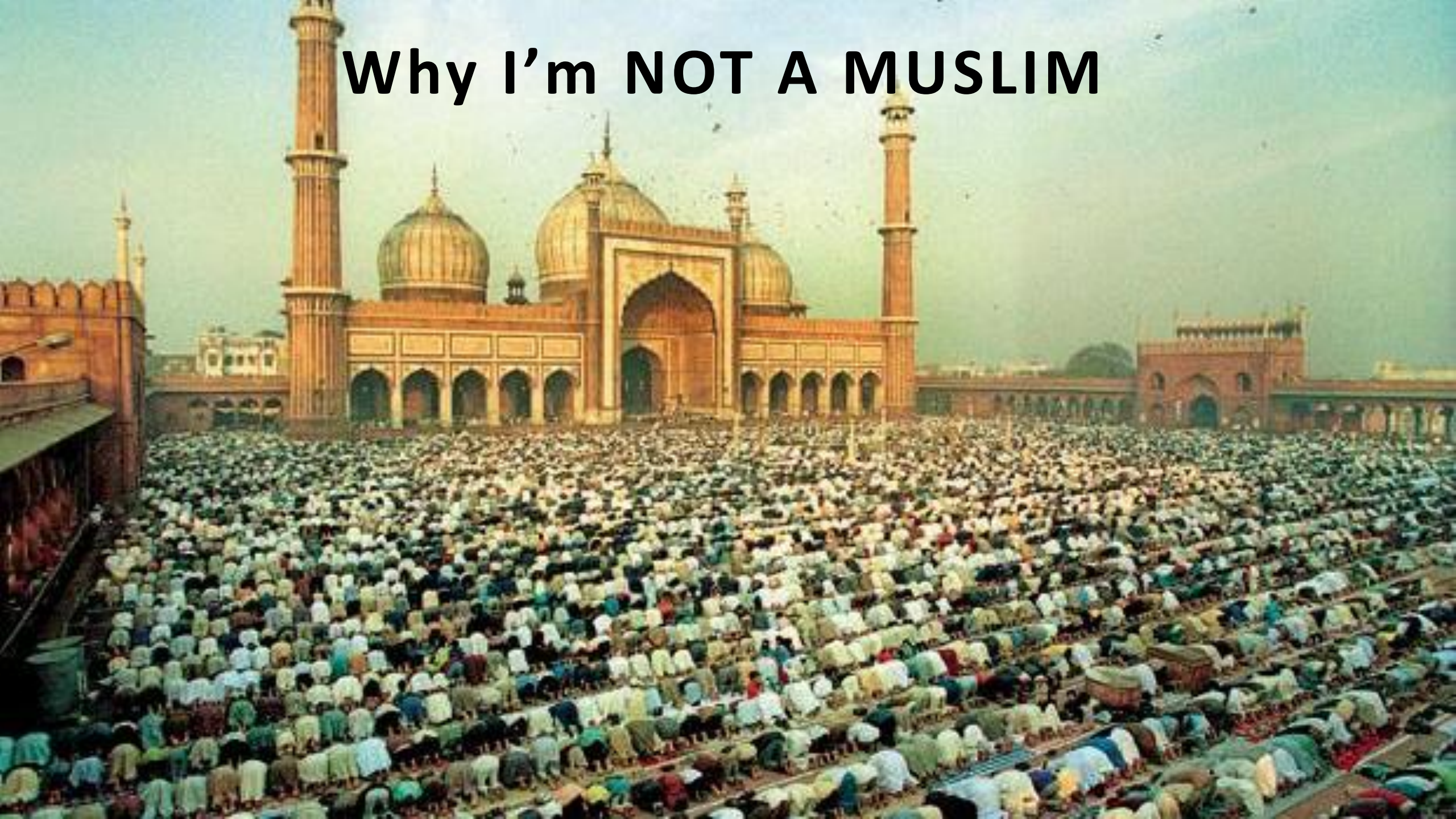
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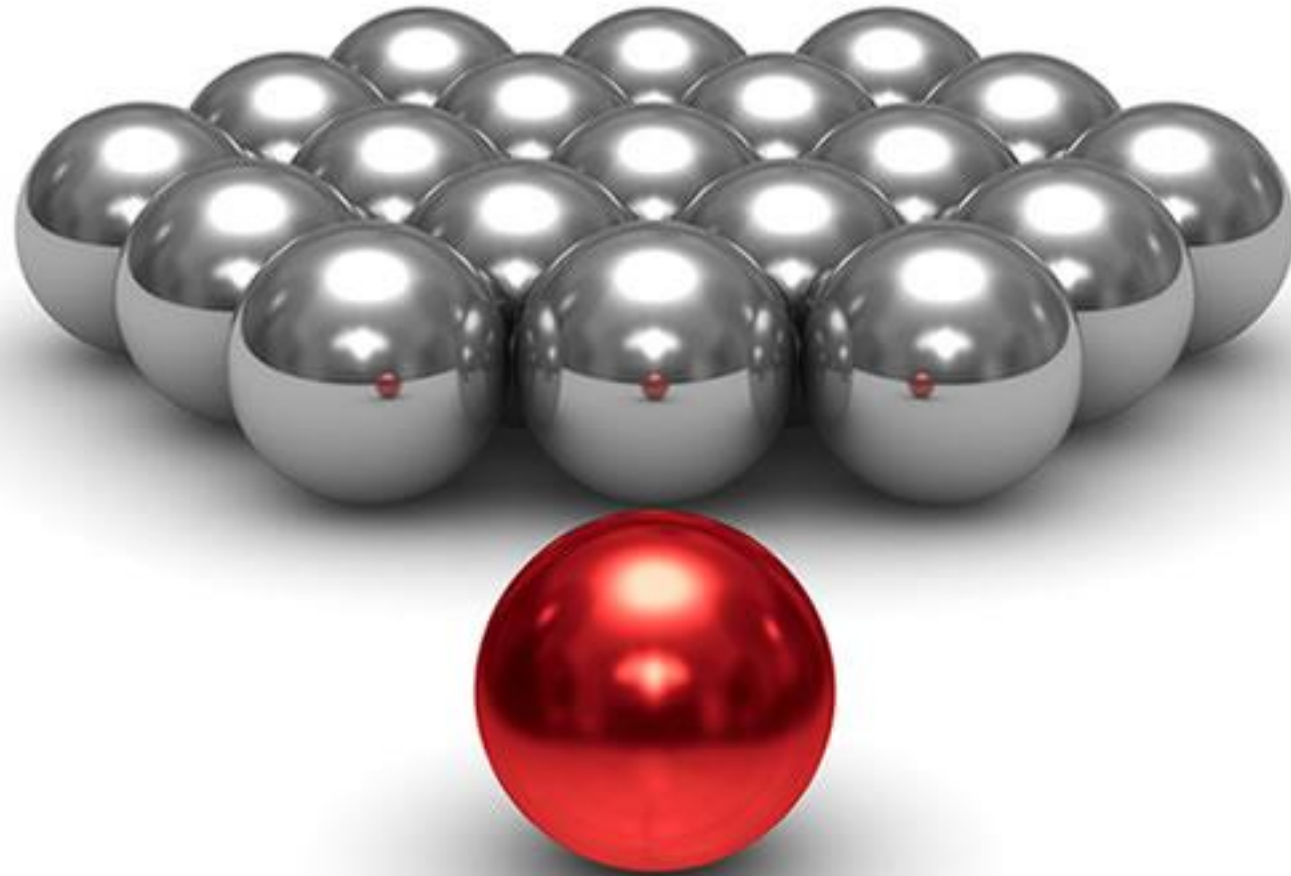
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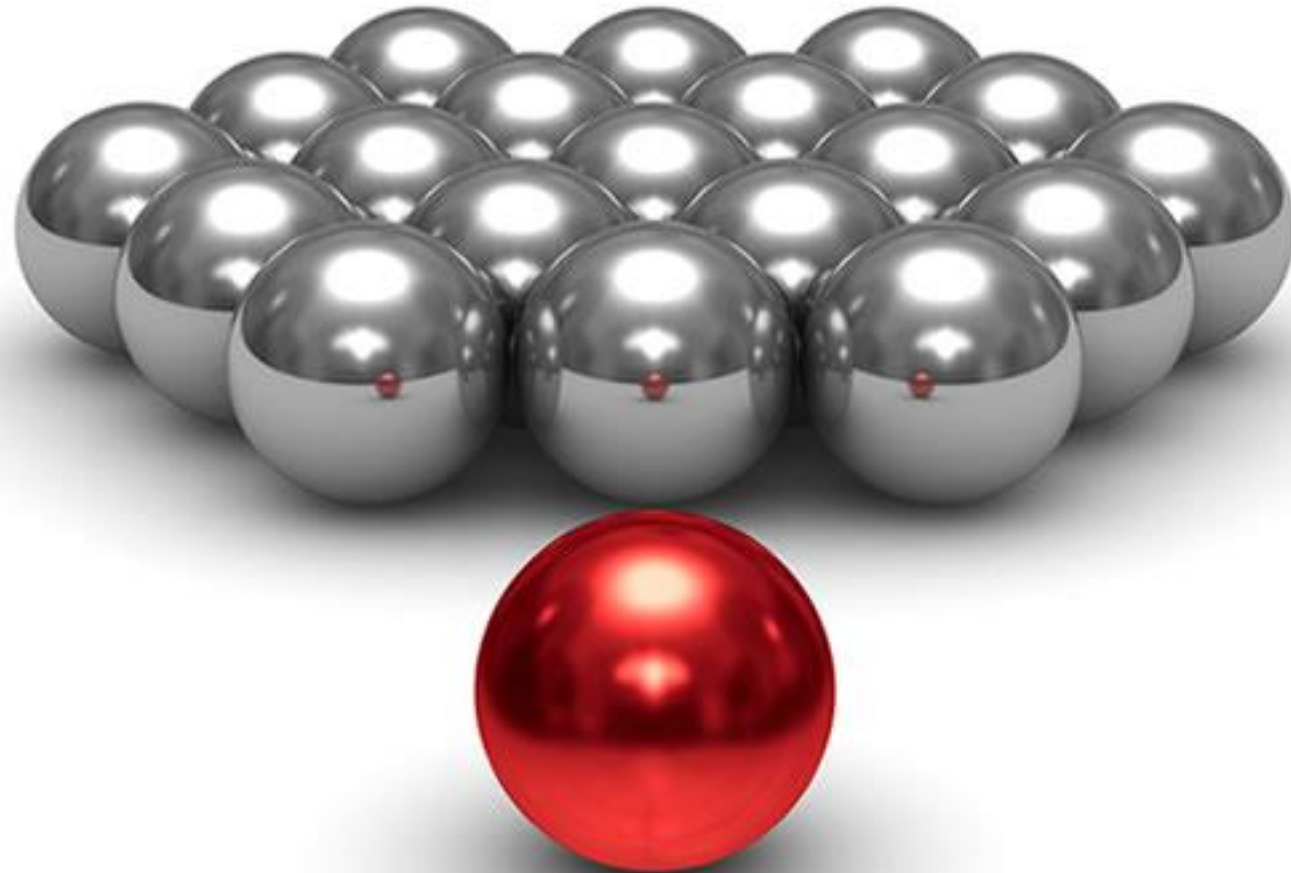


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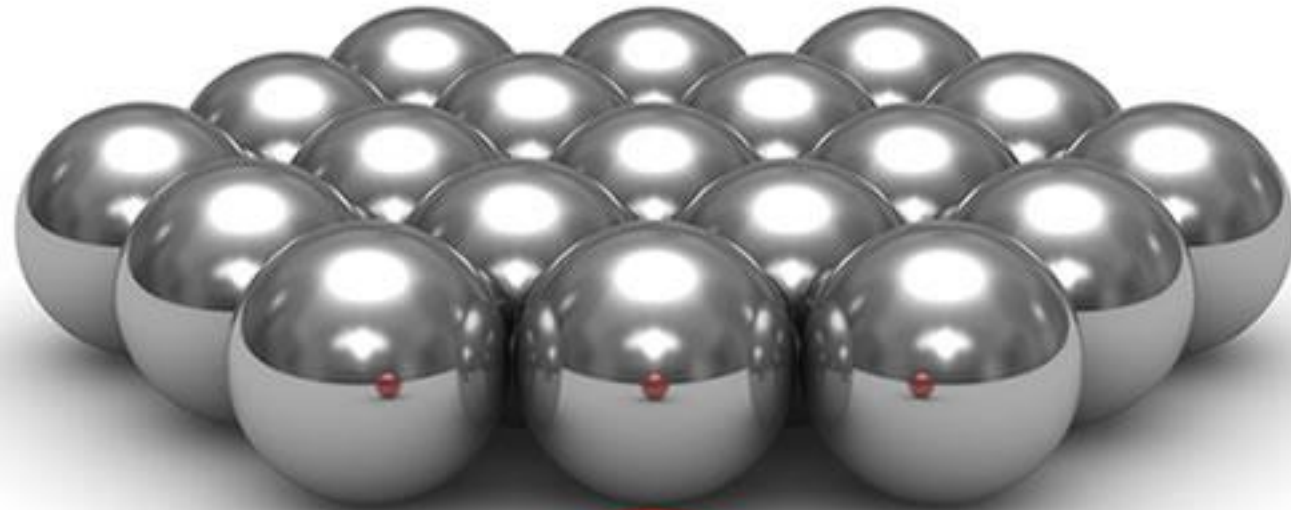
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One reason that stands out from the rest:



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HISTORICAL



ACCURACY

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**There is a lot
to be said for
common sense**



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**COMMON
SENSE
TEST**

Judaism, Christianity, and Islam are all history-based religions

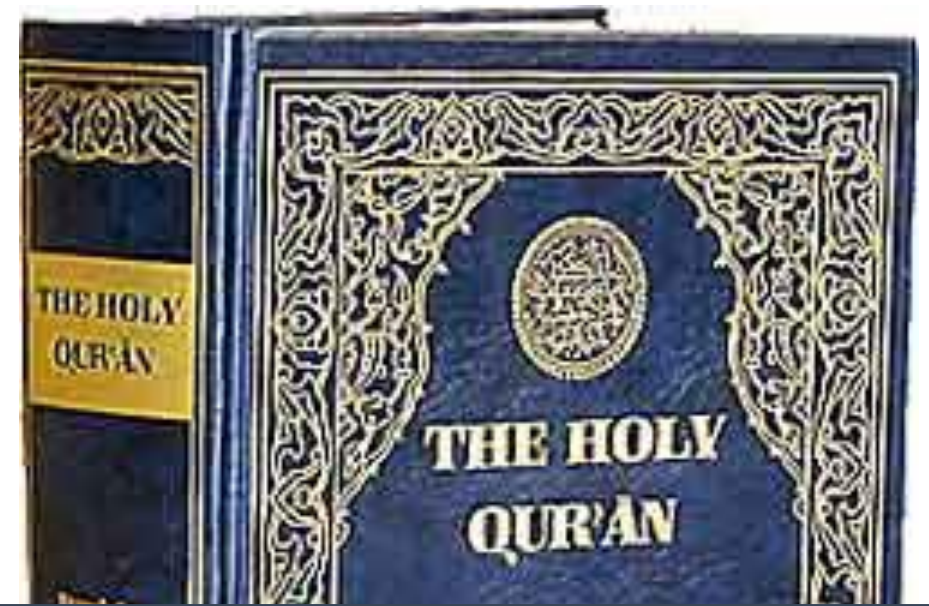


**I don't find the history recited in the
Qur'an reliable or accurate**



ONE CORE EXAMPLE:

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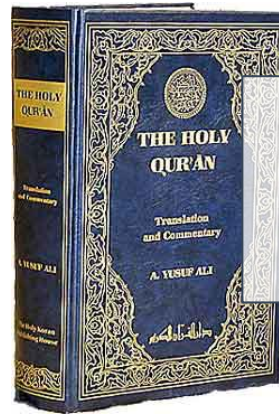
And for their saying, "We have killed the Messiah, Jesus, the son of Mary, the Messenger of God." In fact, **they did not kill him, nor did they crucify him, but it appeared to them as if they did...Certainly, they did not kill him. (4:157)**

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I weigh this claim against
earlier history:



**“they did not kill him, nor
did they crucify him”**

and find it
impossible to believe

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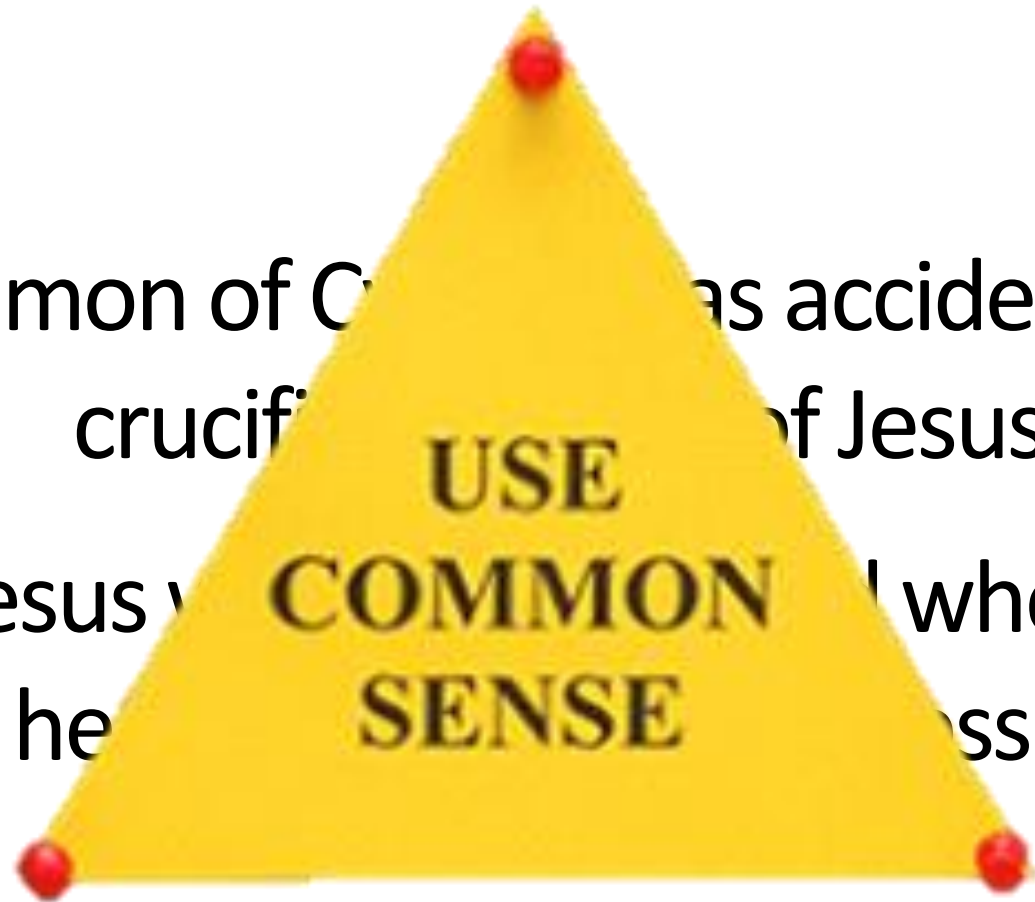
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1. Simon of Cyrene was accidentally crucified in place of Jesus
2. Jesus was crucified when he was still alive.



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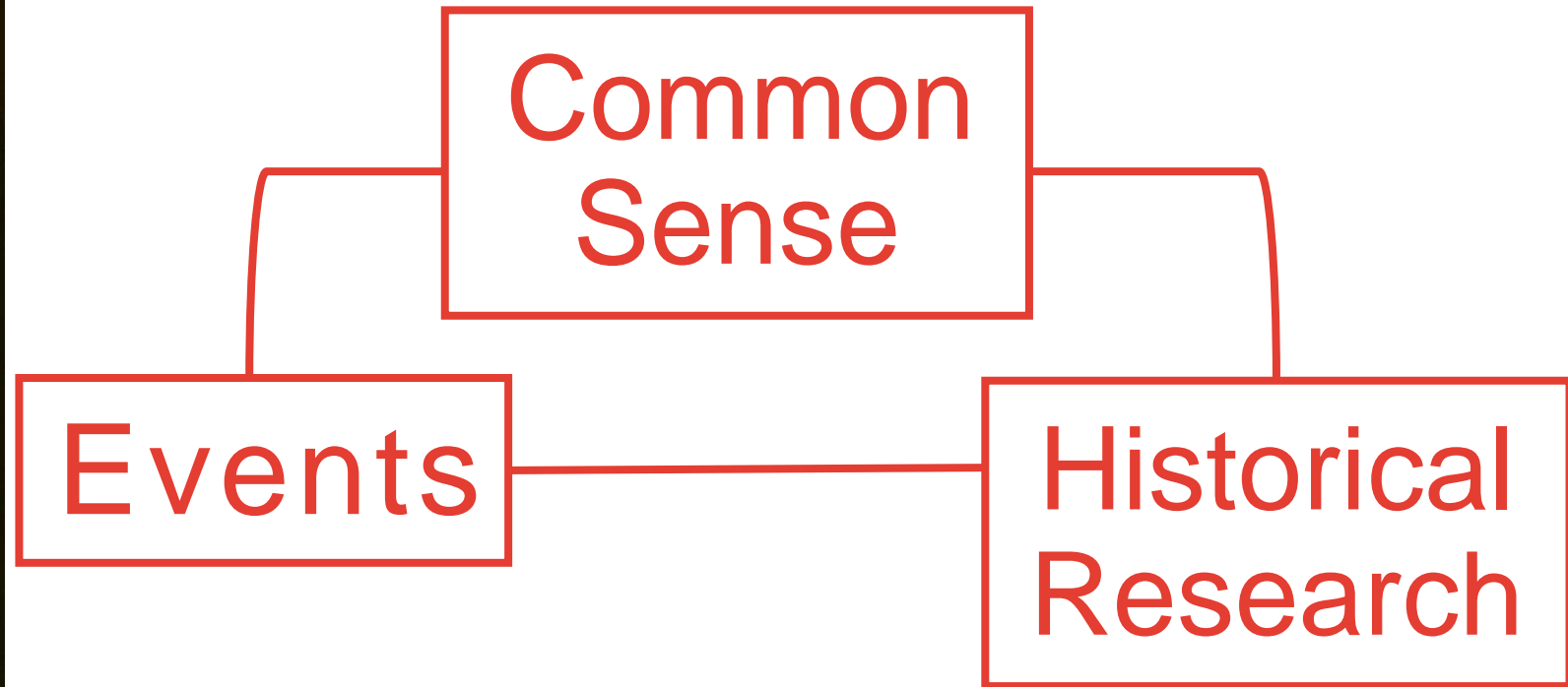
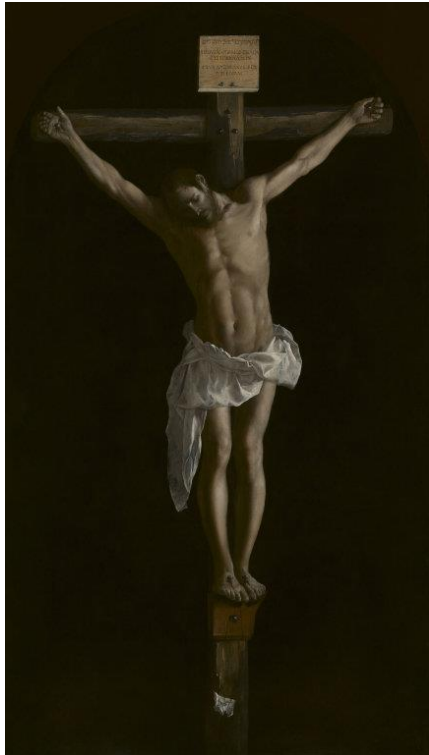
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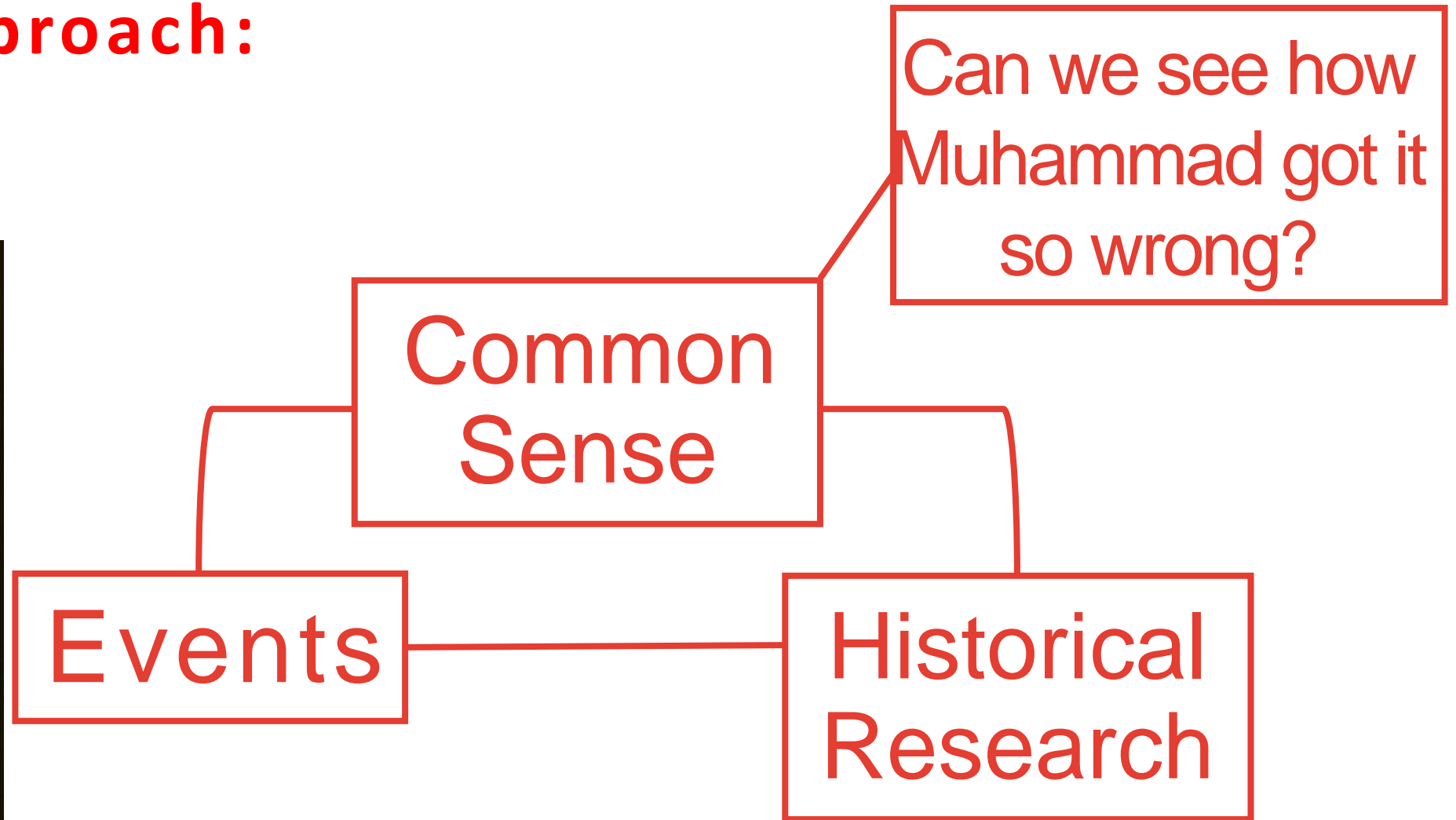
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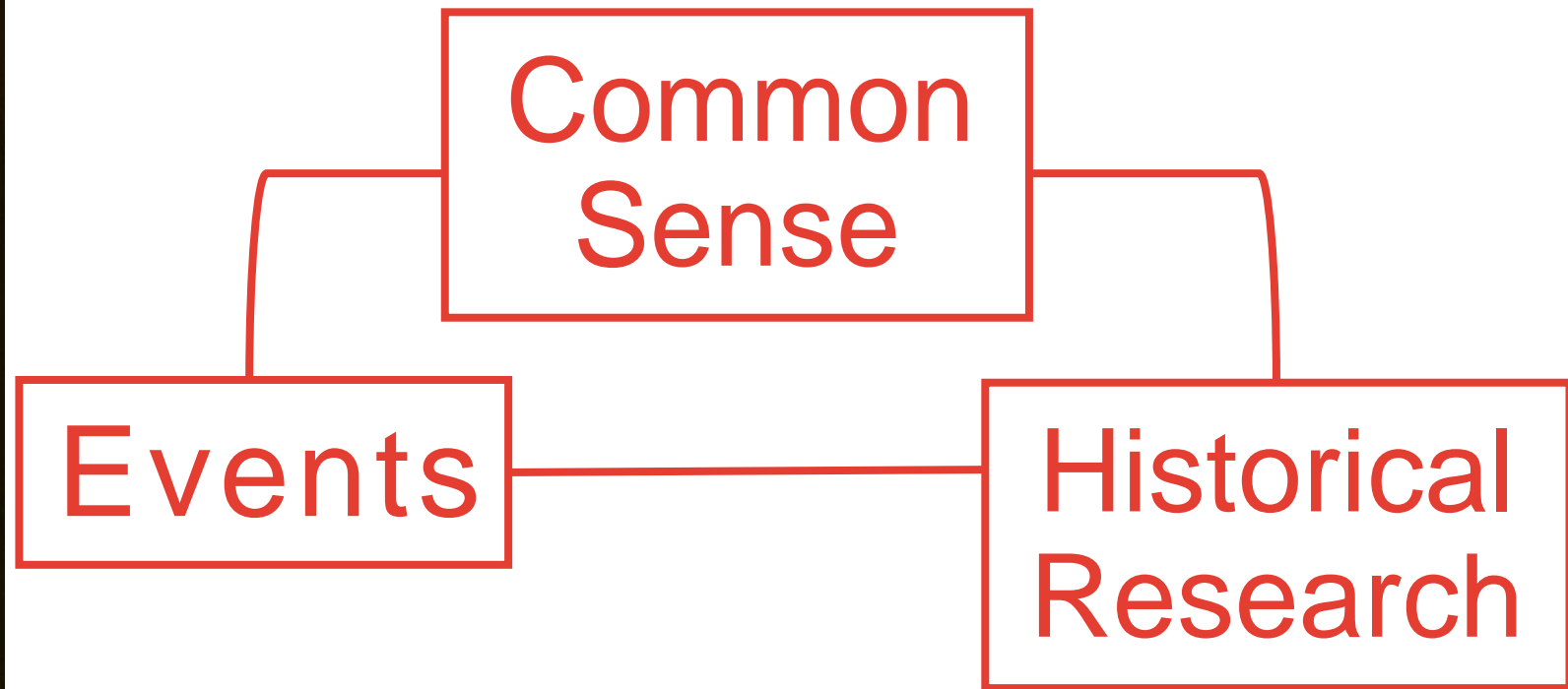
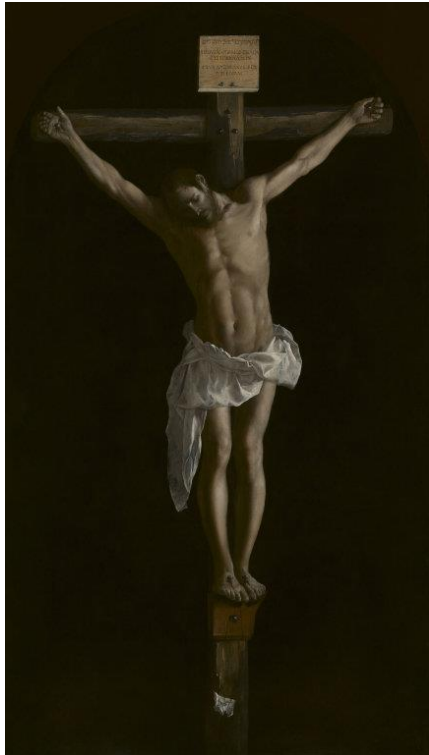
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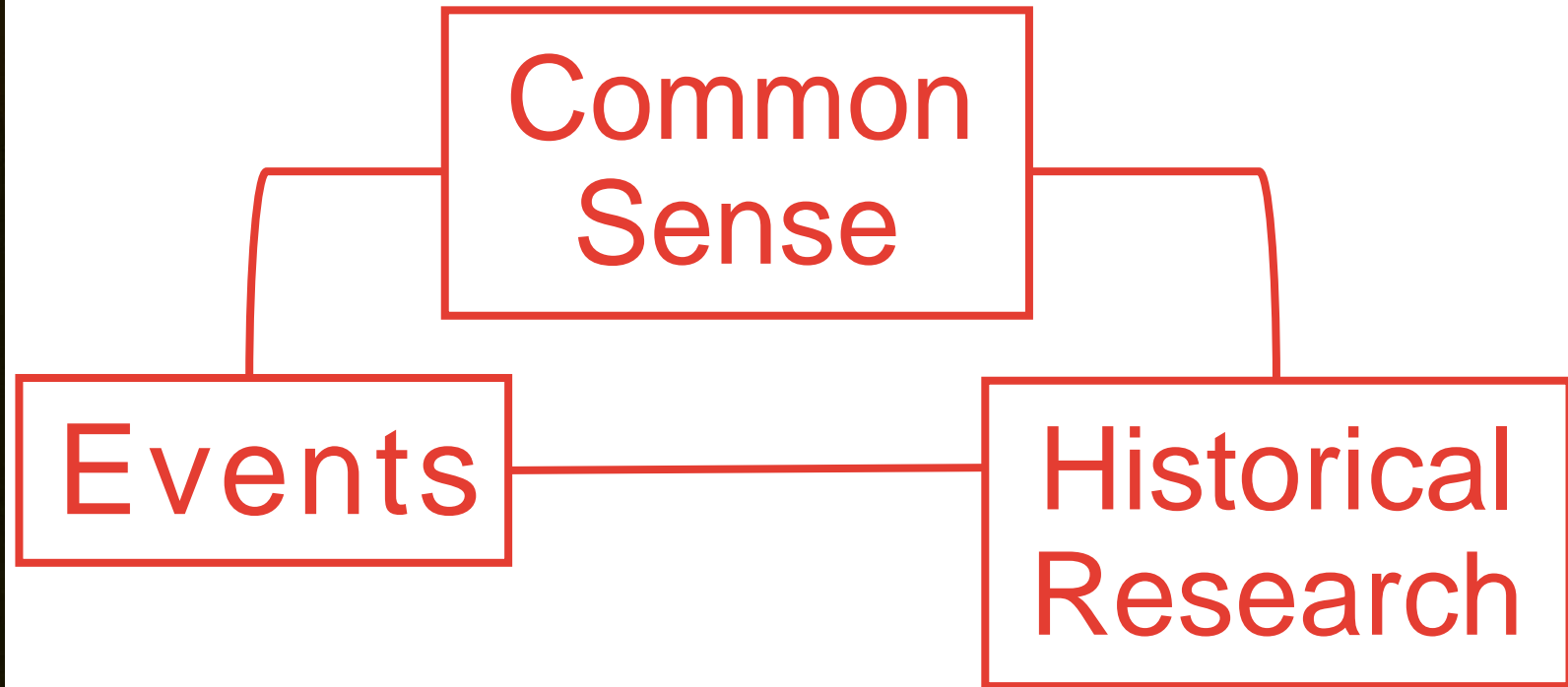
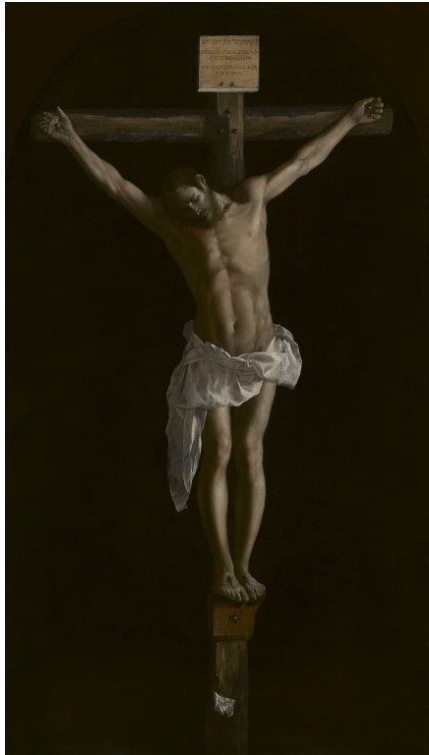
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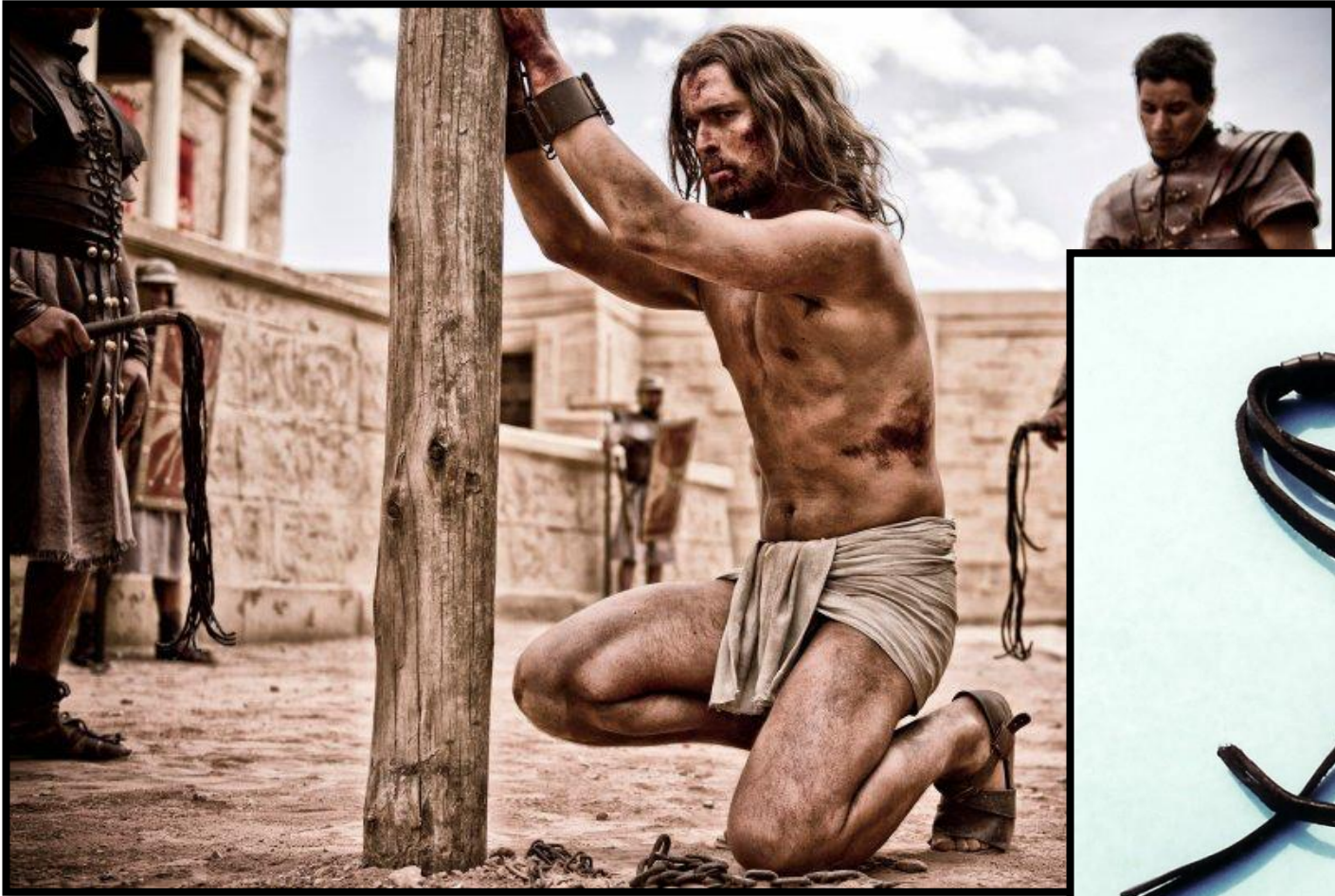
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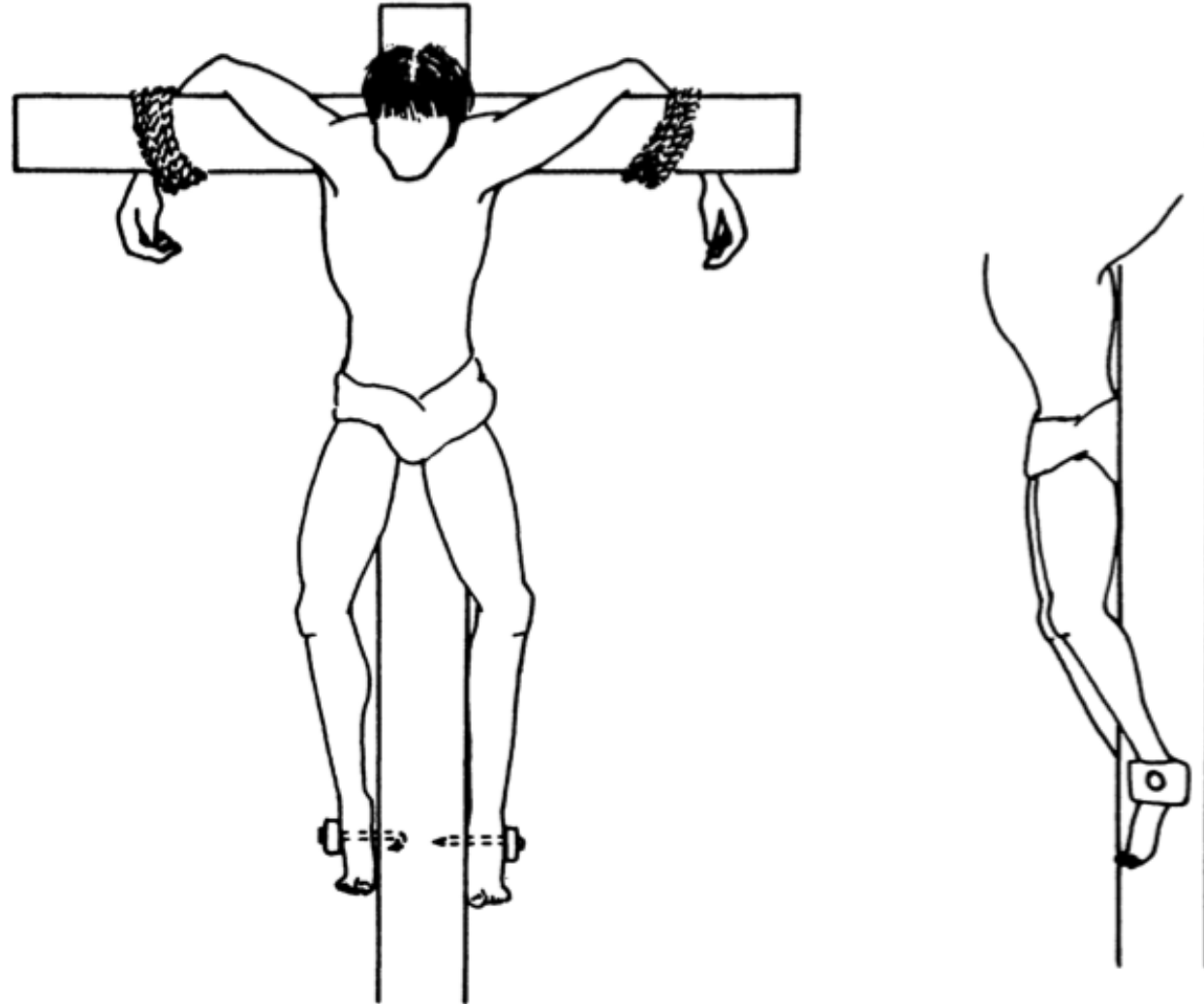


The cross beam carried

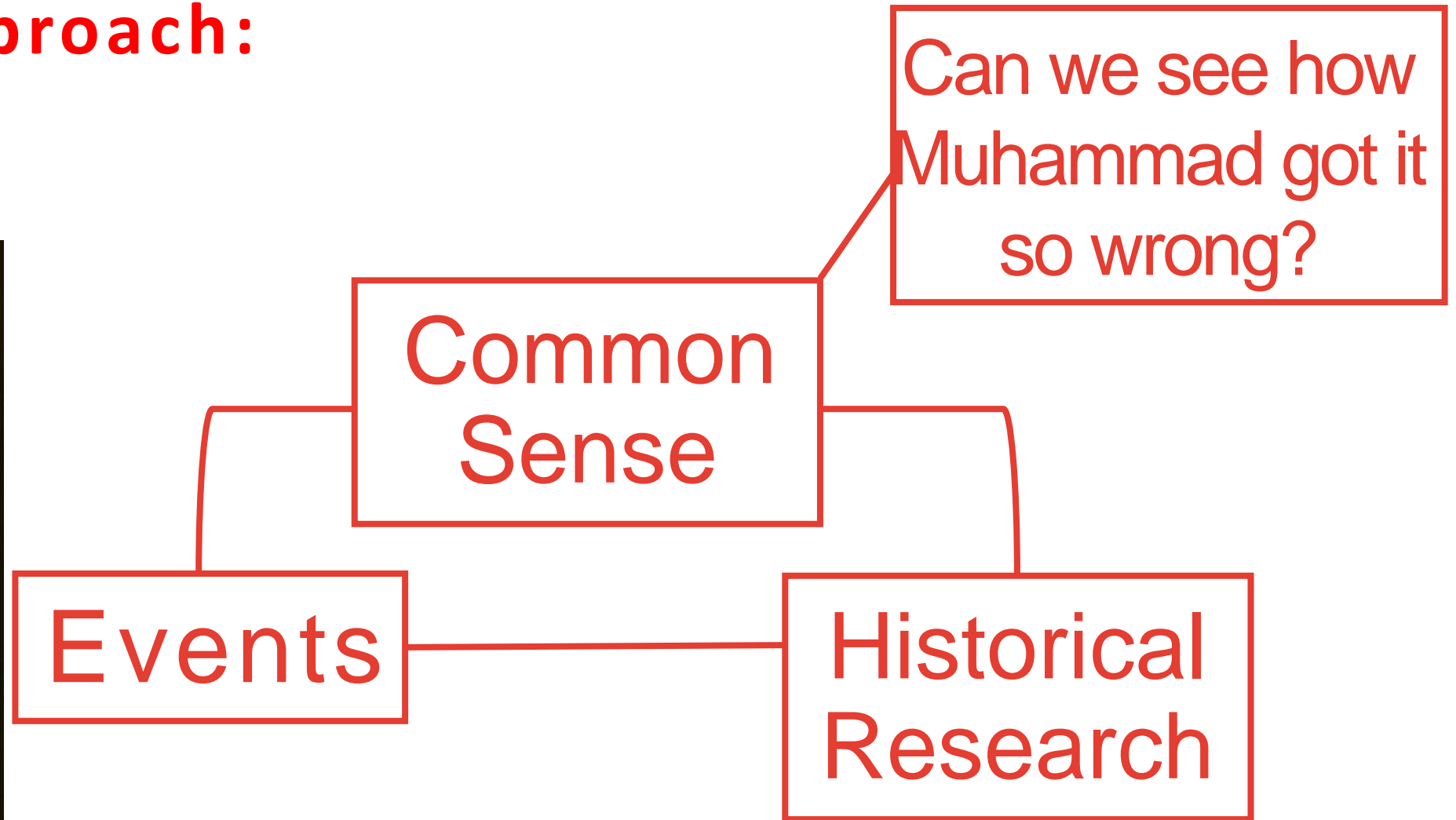


75-100 pounds

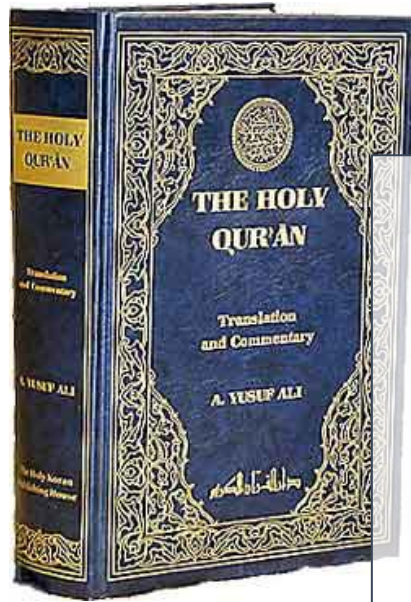
The crucifixion



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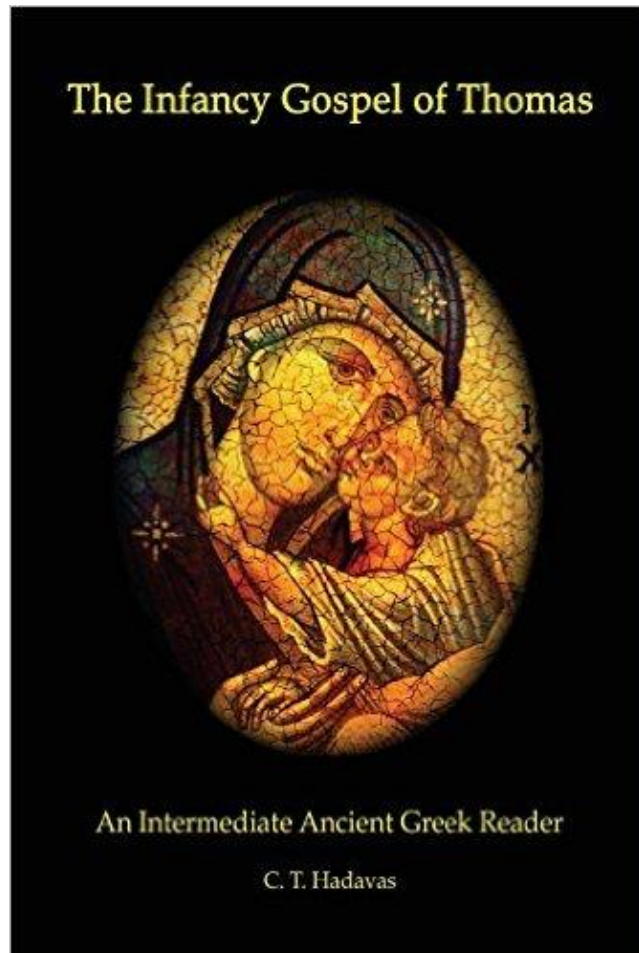


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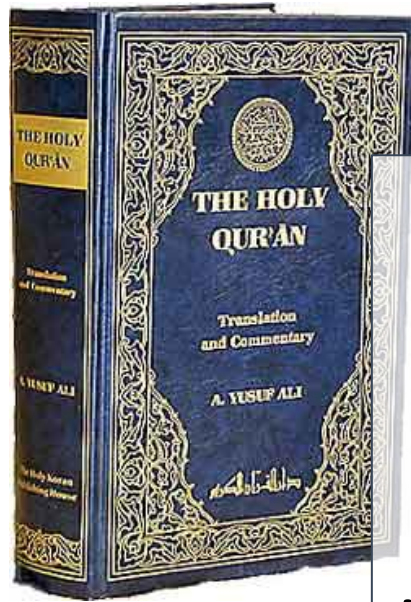
Then will Allah say: "O Jesus the son of Mary! ... Thou makest out of clay, as it were, the figure of a bird, by My leave, and thou breathest into it and it becometh a bird by My leave, and thou healest those born blind, and the lepers, by My leave.
(5:110)

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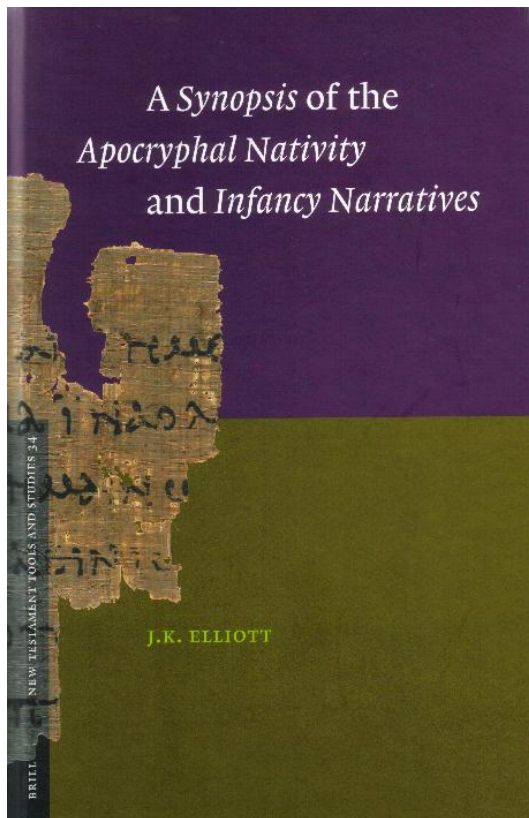
This little child Jesus when he was five years old was playing at the ford of a brook... And having made soft clay, he fashioned thereof twelve sparrows ... Jesus clapped his hands together and cried out to the sparrows and said to them: Go! and the sparrows took their flight and went away chirping.

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But she [Mary] pointed to the babe [the infant Jesus in his cradle]. They said: "How can we talk to one who is a child in the cradle?" He [the infant Jesus] said: "I am indeed a servant of Allah. He hath given me revelation and made me a prophet; And He hath made me blessed ... (19:29-33)

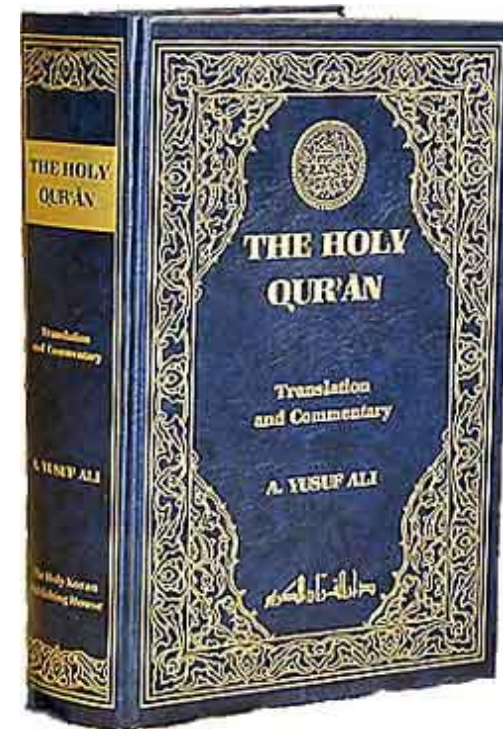
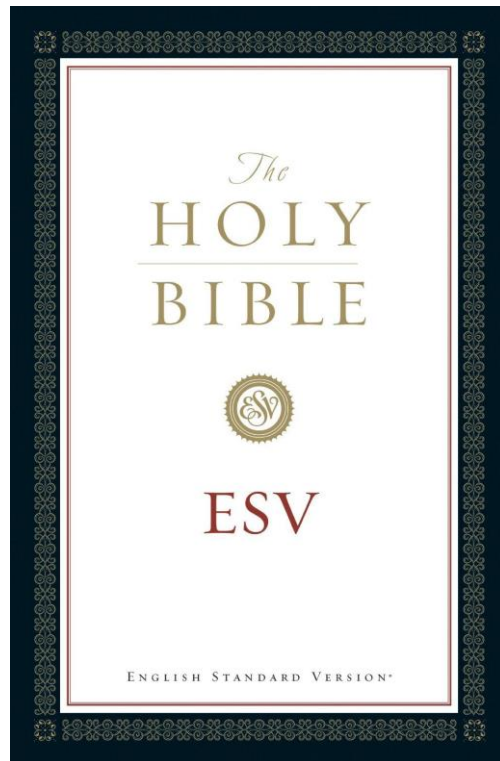
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He has said that Jesus spoke, and, indeed, when He was lying in His cradle said to Mary His mother: I am Jesus, the Son of God, the Logos, whom thou hast brought forth, as the Angel Gabriel announced to thee; and my Father has sent me for the salvation of the world.

- The Arabic Infancy Gospel

The core difference is not simply history, but theology. Why would Jesus die such a humiliating death?



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**May my life show
my gratitude**

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*“For the word of the cross
is folly to those who are
perishing, but to us who
are being saved it is the
power of God”
(1 Cor. 1:17-18)*

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*“If we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his”
(Rom. 6:5)*

**I can let this power
work in me!**

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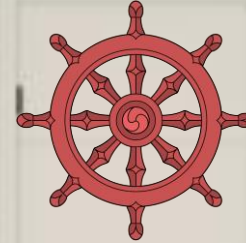
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