

Stoning to death allowed?



Background: Some think that 'stoning to death' is a punishment laid out in The Quran or promoted by Islam for acts such as adultery.

The Quran never sanctions stoning to death as a punishment for anyone. In fact, the only times it is mentioned in The Quran is as a threat to believers from non-believers:

11:91, 18:20, 19:46, 36:18, 44:20, 26:116

Also, the misconception of 'stoning to death' as punishment for adultery is disproved by The Quran as the punishment for proven adultery are lashes **[24:2]**. Furthermore, this punishment is halved for formerly slave woman due to their past circumstance **[4:25]**. Since half 'stoning to death' is not possible, this indicates 'stoning to death' for adultery is not permitted.

Interestingly, in many popular translations of The Quran, for verse **24:3** they state an adulterer can only marry another adulterer, but if stoning to death for adultery was a punishment, this translation would be unnecessary and illogical.

Stoning to death as a punishment for adultery is from traditional narrations (called "hadith") attributed to the prophet Muhammad, as recorded by later generations.

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