

A careful reader of the Qur'an will find many verses and concepts that are difficult to reconcile with each other

JIHAD	
VERSE/S	CONTRADICTION
The Jihad or Holy War was forbidden in the sacred months (9:5)	It is allowed , even encouraged in 9:36
Be kind to your neighbours (4:36)	Attack and fight them (9:123; 33:60)
20 soldiers will defeat 200 enemy; 100 will defeat 1000 (8:65)	100 will defeat 200, 1000 defeat 2000 (8:66)
There is no compulsion in religion"(2:256)	Be harsh with the unbelievers (9:73,123; 66:9)
"Fight and slay the pagans wherever ye find them and seize them, beleaguer them and lie in wait for them in every stratagem of war."(9:5)	Fighting is allowed only in self-defence (2:190; 22:39)
"...when you meet the unbelievers (in fight) cut off their necks..." (47:4)	"There is no compulsion in religion" (2:256).
"Make war on the unbeliever in Allah, until they pay tribute" (9:29)	Speak to and turn away from the idolaters (6:70; 6:108; 15:3,94)
"Fight then...until the religion is all Allah's"(8:39)	
"a grievous penalty for those who reject faith" (9:3)	

LEGAL MATTERS	
The inheritance was to be equal for men & women (2:180; 4:7)	Males must get double the share of females. (4:11)
Wine is praised (16:67)	Wine is forbidden (2:219; 5:91)
The retaliation confined to people of equal rank (slave for slave, free for free etc.) (2:178)	Retaliation is allowed against the murderer only (5:48 and 17:33)
Killing each other was forbidden (4:29)	It seems to be encouraged (4:66-68)
Changes in the dietary laws (2:168-174)	
Changes in the law relating to retaliation "eye for an eye" (2:178-179)	
Changes in bequests (2:180-182)	
Modifications in the dietary laws (16:114-119)	
Modifications in the Sabbath laws (16:124)	

HISTORICAL ISSUES	
Noah's son drowned (11:42-43)	Noah and his family were saved from the flood (21:76;37:75-77)
Was Noah driven out because the people thought him possessed (54:9)?	Or did he remain , so that they could pass him by and ridicule him (11:38)?
Abraham confronted his people and smashed their idols (21:51-59)	He simply shut up and left the area once he confronted them (19:41-49, 6:74-83)
When Lot confronted the evil in his people, they wanted to drive the clean men out (7:82 & 27:56)	Lot called down Allah's wrath on them as a proof he was telling the truth (29:28-29)

When Moses performed his signs for Pharaoh, "none believed" except some Jews 10:83		Egypt sorcerers said: "We believe" 7:121
There were nine signs or plagues (17:101)	There were only five plagues (7:133)	
No repentance accepted in the face of death (4:18)	Pharaoh was permitted to do so (10:90-92)	
The Israelites repented about making and worshipping the golden calf before Moses returned from the mountain (7:148-150)	The Israelites continued worshipping the golden calf until Moses came back (20:91)	
Aaron did not share in their guilt (20:85-90)	Aaron shared in their guilt (20:92; 7:151)	
Why doesn't Allah say how many were in the cave (18:22), instead of reporting hearsay?		
There were no Samaritans (20:85) in the time of Moses. None in existence until after 722 BC		
CHRIST & CHRISTIANS		
Several angels announced the birth of Jesus to Mary (3:42-45)	Only one angel announced the birth of Jesus to Mary (19:17-21; 3:47)	
Jesus & Adam created from dust 3:59	But Jesus was born of a woman (19:22-24)	
Jesus did not die (4:157)	He died & was raised (3:55;5:117;19:33)	
Jesus is raised to Allah, (4:158), and stationed near to him (3:45)	Unbelievers <u>and the (false) gods that they worship</u> besides Allah are fuel for Hell!" (21:98)? 37:22,23. Will Jesus & Christians be in hell?	

Christians are the nearest to the Muslims "in love" (5:82)	Muslims should not have Christians as friends (5:51 & 57)
Muslims, Christians and Jews are all saved (2:62)	Only Muslims are saved (3:85). Jews and Christians have the curse of Allah upon them (9:30)

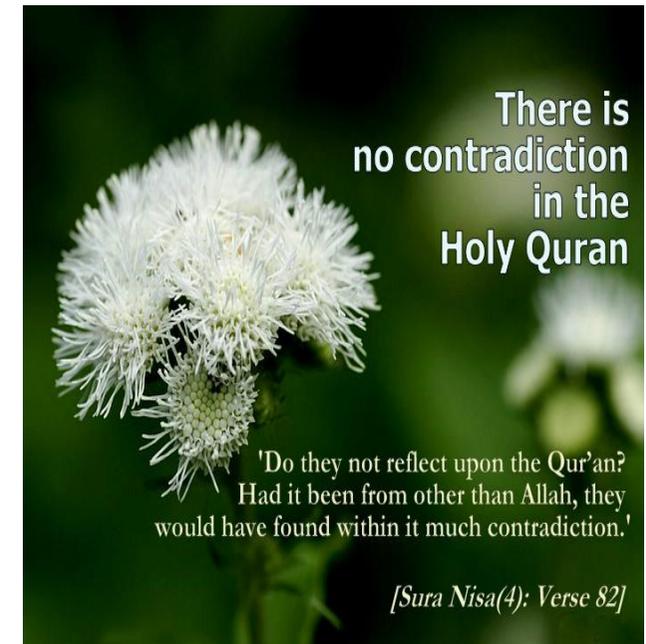
Intercession is possible: 19:87; 20:109; 34:23; 43:86)	Intercession is impossible (2:122, 123:254; 6:51, 70)
No-one can bear another's burdens (35:18; 39:7; 53:38)	Unbelievers will bear the burdens of others (16:25; 29:13)
Sometimes Allah allows the greatest of all sins (<i>shirk</i>) to be forgiven (4:153, 25:68-71)	At other times it is absolutely unforgivable (4:48, 116).
People enter hell forever (4:121, 169; 9:68)	Some people will be saved out of it (19:70, 71)
Those who believe have assurance in the hereafter (2:4; 31:4)	"O ye who believe ... it may be that God will remove from you your evil deeds" (66:8) Muhammad was uncertain for himself (46:9)

Contradictions in the Qur'an? No. 1

The Qur'an says the following about itself

JUDGEMENT	
Adam forgot God's commands (20:115)	Adam wilfully disobeyed them (20:121)
"Whosoever wills, let him believe; whosoever wills, let him disbelieve (18:29) & 79:29; 80:12	"No soul can believe except by the Will of Allah." (10:100) & 6:39, 88; 7:155; 13:27; 14:4
Is Satan an angel (2:34; 15:30,31) or a jinn (18:50)?	
Adam was expelled for one disobedience-7:24	But Satan was given two reprieves (7:14, 15 & 18)
Satan was ordered out of Paradise three times (7:13 & 18 & 24) before he eventually left. Why? Is Satan stronger than Allah?	
Allah guides unbelievers to Hell (4:168, 169)	A rebellious person guides others to Punishment (22:4)
The Angel of Death takes the souls at death : (32:11)	Or is it the angels (plural) (47:27), or is it Allah (39:42)?
There will be three distinct groups of people at the Last Judgement (56:7)	There will be only two (90:18-19, 99:6-8)
Good deeds/giving are multiplied by two (4:40; 34:37), by ten (6:160) or seven hundred (2:261)	

PARADISE	
There are many gardens jannaat (18:31, 22:23, 35:33, 78:32)	There is only one, aljanna (39:73, 41:30, 57:21, 79:41)
Lust is condemned as being sinful (4:135; 19:59; 28:50; 30:29; 47:15)	Unlimited sex is the primary reward in heaven (55:46-78; 56:11-39)
Wine is Satan's handiwork . (5:90; 2:219)	Rivers of wine await the faithful in paradise (47:15; 76:5; 83:25)



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