

Christian Subjects and Characters in the Holy Koran and the Coptic Icons

Research Summary

The research aims to identify the stories of the different characters of the New Testament (the Gospel) represented in the Coptic icons, and then aims to find out if these characters and their stories are mentioned in the Islamic culture or not, within Muslims holy book "The Koran". The most important role of the tour guide is cultural broker between the host culture, which is represented by the Islamic religion, and western European tourist's culture represented in this research by Christian religion. The Tour Guide should be aware of the similarities between the Islamic and Christian characters so that the Tour Guide can perform his/her role as a Cultural Broker.

The research is divided into an introduction presented the idea, the aim, the importance, the methodology, the research problem, and the previous studies of Islamic scholars and Coptic theological which focused on Christian characters as the twelve disciples, the early Christians martyrs, saints, the evangelists, and the seventy apostles, in the Holy Koran and in the Coptic Icon. The research introduction includes as well the previous studies interested in the role of the tour guide as a cultural broker, and then the literature review which consist of introduction and two sections: the introduction expose the tolerance of Islam by presenting Koranic verses which honour and praise Christians in general and specially the Early Christians Characters and Martyrs, and mentioned how they are close to Muslims. The second part of the introduction, expose the importance of the tour guide cultural broker role on personal level, and national level.

The second part of the research, consist of two sections; the first one present the different subjects and the New Testament's Characters identified in the Coptic Icons, The second section presents the important Christian characters and subjects mentioned in the Holy Koran. In the end of the research, we find the results, the recommendations of the research, and finally the list of references.