

ISLAM

convert or die!

All Muslims have a sacred mission - that is to bring the entire world under Allah's dominion.

Any opposition is dealt with - violently and to the death, if necessary.

The Moslem believes if Jesus were God, it would have been unjust for God to have punished His own nature. Hence "the grace of God" is an unknown and foreign idea. Allah demands absolute obedience but he offers no forgiveness of sins in return. The Moslem awaits the Day of Judgment when works, not grace, will determine his destination in the next life.

We'll look at Islam against 5 headings, comparing with what the KJV Bible says:

1. Who is God?
2. Who is man?
3. Salvation
4. Behavior
5. Worship

John 3:16 "For God SO LOVED THE WORLD, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

A God of grace, mercy and forgiveness is foreign to the Moslem - a God who Himself paid the price to redeem man from His wrath and hell.

BACKGROUND

Muhammad, born 570 AD founded this strict monotheistic religion of Islam (Mohammedanism), claiming a line back through Abraham and Moses. The symbols are the crescent moon and the star. It's a religion which professes salvation by good deeds and ardent outward displays of piety without having to experience a spiritual rebirth of their inner nature.

All other religions are seen as Satanic with Allah alone to be praised and worshipped. All Muslims have a sacred mission - by force of persuasion to bring the entire world under the dominion of Allah.

WHO IS GOD?

Allah is the monotheistic God to the Moslem. The Christian view of the Trinity is rejected as the Koran states that it is not proper for God to have children. Justice is the most important attribute for Allah to have. Allah is merciful but only to those who will live according to his dictates.

WHAT'S GOD GOT TO SAY ABOUT ALL THIS?

"For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one" 1 John 5:7

"Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ" Titus 2:13

Comment: You've got to take sides - you can't sit on the fence. Is Jesus God? Is the Holy Spirit God? Islam teaches that Judas died on the cross instead of Jesus.

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Allah is not God as history shows before Islam came into existence, the Sabeans in Arabia worshipped the moon god who married the sun goddess. The moon god (the crescent moon) was just one of the 360 idols that were thrown out of the Kabah in Mecca in 630 AD. Muhammad wanted to create his own religion and needed the backing of this powerful tribe, so he picked Allah, the idol shaped like a crescent moon and the one they worshipped, to be the one true god and he declared himself to be Allah's prophet.

WHO IS MAN?

Moslems see the world as created by a deliberate act of Allah, a personal and omnipresent God. Muhammad didn't do miracles but merely proclaimed the will of Allah. Moslems don't expect deliverance from the suffering of this world but believe good deeds will be rewarded in the next.

Man is seen as a vice-regent in charge of creation under Allah, whose purpose is to make a moral order in the world. Man has a divine spark, *taqua*, manifested in his conscience which enables him to perceive the truth and act on it. A man's conscience is thus the greatest value in Islam. **WHAT'S GOD GOT TO SAY ABOUT ALL THIS?** "In the beginning God (this is plural Elohim-Father, Son and Holy Ghost - not Allah) created the heaven and the earth."

Genesis 1:1

"... as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin..." Romans 5:12

"... having their conscience seared with a hot iron..." 1 Timothy 4: 2

Comment: Whose conscience are we going to follow? Yours or mine. The Bible says that neither is wise. The Christian has the Holy Spirit living inside of them and the Spirit agrees with the Word of God. A saved man is one who trusts in the work of Jesus Christ in dying for his sins. Martin Luther said that a Christian is one that is righteous before God but still sinful - going to heaven on the merits of Jesus alone not on his good works.

Good works will take you to hell, as the Bible says that "our righteousnesses (our good deeds) are as filthy rags" not our bad deeds.

A good deed to a Moslem is to kill Jews and infidels i.e. those who won't convert.

SALVATION

On the last day, Moslems believe that "Every man's actions shall be laid before him like an open book". There is no repentance in this life based upon the work of an external God.

Depending upon the insight given by Allah to a man, so he shall be judged - according to the truth he knows and to the best of his abilities. Infidels who are presented with the truth of the Koran will be given no mercy at the judgment. Torments of hell are graphic and heaven is depicted according to earthly delights. Moslems disagree as to whether they are literal or not.

WHAT'S GOD GOT TO SAY ABOUT ALL THIS? *"Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" Acts 4:12 "...that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them..."*

2 Corinthians 5:19 "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him." John 3:36

Comment: All rather plain isn't it? It's God's way or the highway! You see if Allah created the world and if he died on the cross for everyone's sins then I guess he can make the rules about life and death, salvation and hell - but until then he's just a naughty little stone idol.

BEHAVIOR

There are clear cut duties and commands to be followed. Islamic morals are a combination of genuine acts of love and justice, and legalistic performances on the other hand. However the world sees much violence done by the Moslem because he believes he has the truth. Although Moslems have elevated the position of women, they are seen as little more than temptations to sin for men.

WHAT'S GOD GOT TO SAY ABOUT ALL THIS? *"...whatsoever things are true.. honest. just.. pure.. lovely.. good report.. virtue.. think on these things," Philippians 4:8*

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“Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you... and be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ’s sake hath forgiven you.” Ephesians 4:31-32

WORSHIP

Muhammad is not worshipped, only Allah is. There is little or no worship of gods or idols, pictures or statues in Islam. Allah is worshipped for his power and majesty but can’t be leaned on for salvation as that is man’s responsibility. His guidance comes in the form of words not persons - in the form of the Koran.

There are Five Pillars of worship in Islam:

1. Reciting the basic creed, “There is no God but Allah, and Muhammad is his prophet.” 2. Recite prayers in praise of Allah 5 times daily while facing Mecca 3. Give money to the poor 4. Fast for one month a year (called Ramadan) 5. Make a pilgrimage at least once in his life to Mecca, the city to where Allah revealed the Koran to Muhammad.

WHAT’S GOD GOT TO SAY ABOUT ALL THIS?

“Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow ...and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”

Philippians 2:9-11

“But the Lord is the true God, he is the living God, and an everlasting king... “Jeremiah 10:10 “...for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me...” Isaiah 46:9

Comment: Once again, DIY’ers (Do-It-Yourselfers) won’t believe the Bible but have their own traditions. The descendents of Ishmael (the Arabs) show their rebellion by having their own god and sets of rules on how to enter heaven.

That’s the problem - you have to make sure that they’re the right set of rules.

When you’re dead it’s forever - you can’t afford to be wrong. When you enter eternity, everything you ever thought or did here on earth counts for zero. The only question you’ll be asked is “Did you receive Jesus as your Saviour, as having paid the price for you, did you trust in His work on the cross.”

The reason that Islam finds acceptance with the Roman Catholics and vice versa is that they both hate the Jews with a passion and vengeance. The Jews remind the Catholics that they are God’s people and that Jesus Christ is coming back again to sit on the throne of David, to establish His kingdom here again on earth. This kingdom will be real, visible and physical. The Catholics think that they are God’s kingdom here on earth and that’s one of the reasons they wish to remove the books of Daniel and Revelations from the Bible. The next edition of the NIV should have Revelation removed and the Shepherd of Hermes as a substitute or the Epistle of Barnabas.

All the top Nazis, including Hitler, were confirmed Roman Catholics and were bankrolled by the Vatican to exterminate the Jews. Pius XII on the surface seemed to support the Jews in WWII but did nothing to protest the death camps. A close attendant of Pius XII said that for a couple of hours before his death in his bed, he heard him screaming his way into hell. Yes, Islam and Rome hate the Jew and that is what attracts them to each other. The Roman Catholics similarly have shown themselves to hold the credo of “convert or die”.

Isn’t it good to know, that Jesus Christ is coming back for His own very shortly (this year - or the next or in ten years time). This is called the Rapture of the saints (those who have trusted Jesus alone as having paid for their sins).

Dear Friend, will you be one of those or will you enter the time of God’s wrath on the earth - the 7 year tribulation. To get right with God during that time, you will pay with your life because of the persecution.

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