

Similarities of Qur'an and Bible

Every Christian seeking to understand Islam must be aware that Muslims believe in Christ. You may be surprised to find that the Qur'an teaches:

- ◆ Christ was sent by Allah to the children of Israel. (Sura 3:49; 61:6)
- ◆ Christ received the Injil (Gospel) and preached it. (Sura 3:48; 5:46, 110; 57:27)
- ◆ Christ was born of a virgin (Mariam, i.e. Mary). (Sura 3:47; 19:19-20; 66:12)
- ◆ Christ is the only man who was without sin. All others, even the prophets of Allah, have sinned according to the Qur'an. The Qur'an reveals Muhammad was a sinner (Sura 48:2; 40:55; 47:19), but Christ remained sinless. (Sura 19:19)
- ◆ Christ performed miraculous signs. He made the blind see, made the lame walk and raised the dead. (Sura 3:49; 5:110) Sometimes sick Muslims ask Christians to pray for their healing because they know that Christ is the miraculous healer.
- ◆ Christ ascended to heaven, close to Allah, and is still alive today. (Sura 3:55; 4:158; 3:45) A Muslim must affirm the statement: "Christ is alive, Muhammad is dead—Christ is in heaven, Muhammad is in the earth!" Many Muslims visit Muhammad's tomb in Medina after they complete their pilgrimage to Mecca. However, orthodox Muslims know of no grave that holds Christ. This true statement, "Christ is alive, Muhammad is dead" has caused many Muslims to ask, "Why do I follow the religion of a dead man and not the proclamation of one who is alive?" Upon such questioning some have taken their first steps toward the Gospel of the living Christ.
- ◆ Christ will come again from heaven. This is not reported in the Qur'an but in the Hadith (holy Muslim traditions). The second coming of Christ at the end of time is an established Islamic doctrine.

◆ The Qur'an has accorded Christ the highest titles of honor. The Qur'anic Christ is:

- * *A Word from Allah* (Suras 3:39, 45; 4:171)
- * *The spirit of Allah* (4:171, 21:91, 66:12)
- * *A miraculous sign of Allah* (19:21, 21:91, 23:50)
- * *The righteous one* (3:39, 46; 6:85)
- * *Expression of the truth* (19:34)
- * *Blessed wherever he may be* (19:31)
- * *Esteemed here and in the hereafter* (3:45)
- * *A knowledge of the hour* (43:61)

A study of Christ in the Qur'an proves Christ to be far superior to Muhammad and all the prophets. Many Muslims who have absorbed this truth have turned from Islam to follow Christ, the Savior.

Differences of Qur'an and Bible

Much of what the Qur'an teaches about Christ seems to agree with what the Bible teaches. However, the differences oppose the core elements of the Gospel.

◆ Christ in Islam will come again but not as the Judge of the living and the dead. In conflict with Acts 10:42 and 2 Timothy 4:1, the Hadith claims that Christ will return merely as a messenger of Allah. He will convert Christians to Islam, remove crosses from churches and homes, and will slaughter all pigs, eliminating the forbidden meat of Islam. Then he will destroy the antichrist. He will marry, have children, die, and will be buried next to Muhammad in Medina. Then the end of days will arrive. All humanity, including the Muslim Christ, will be raised from the dead and will be brought to the throne of Allah.

◆ Christ in the Qur'an was not crucified and was not resurrected from the dead. Muslims deny the cross of Christ because Allah revealed to Muhammad: "**They (the Jews) did not kill him (Christ) and they did not crucify him. Rather, it was made to appear (like that) to them... Rather, Allah raised him (Christ) to himself...**" (Sura 4:157) For Muslims, Christ was not crucified

but was raptured into heaven without dying and rising from the dead. Muslims must deny the fact that Christ was crucified nearly 2,000 years ago. Ancient, non-Christian historians such as Cornelius Tacitus and Flavius Josephus recorded this truth and the world accepts it. However, Muslims deny this historical fact.

If Christ did not die, then he did not die for Muslims' sins. One of the shortest ways of expressing the content of the Gospel is to say, "**Christ died for our sins.**" (1 Corinthians 15:3) Therefore, Muslims reject God's plan of redemption.

If Christ did not die, then he was not raised from the dead. Christ is not the victor over death, hell and the devil for Muslims. Therefore, he is not their guarantor of eternal life.

If Christ did not die for the Muslims' sins and was not raised for their justification, then Christ is not their Savior. Christ's God-given name in Matthew 1:21 reflects his being as Savior. Jesus – in Hebrew *Yehoshua* – means *Yahweh saving*. *Yahweh* is God's name revealed to Moses. But instead of the Qur'an calling him *Yasuw*, the Arabic transliteration of Yehoshua, the Qur'an calls him *'Isa*. Not only is the Christ of Islam, *'Isa*, powerless to save Muslims, but his name bears no trace of the meaning *Yahweh saving*.

◆ Christ in the Qur'an is not the Son of Allah. Therefore, Allah is not the Father. The Qur'an states, "**... the Nasara (Christians) say, 'Christ is the Son of Allah! This they utter with their mouths; they imitate the gossip of those who before them were infidels. May Allah fight against them! How much they have deviated (from truth).'**" (Sura 9:30) Although these verses in the Qur'an are few, it is clear that Islam spiritually fights against saving faith in God's Son.

If Christ is not the Son of Allah, then Allah is not the Father of Christ. During their five daily times of prayer Muslims repeat 17 times per day: "**... he (Allah) does not give birth, nor was he born, and none is his**

equal.” (Sura 112:3-4) They inoculate themselves against the truth that God is a loving Father revealed in Jesus Christ His Son.

If Christ for Muslims is not Allah's Son, and if Allah is not the Father, then from a Biblical perspective, Muslims do not have the Holy Spirit. The most intimate prayer of those led by the Holy Spirit is summed up in the cry, **“Abba! Father!”** (Romans 8:15) Since Muslims cannot pray this prayer, they do not have the Spirit, who Himself **“bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God.”** (Romans 8:16) Christ is not their Lord but merely a slave, servant and messenger of Allah. **“No one can say, ‘Jesus is Lord,’ except by the Holy Spirit.”** (1 Corinthians 12:3) Therefore, we must conclude that Muslims do not have the Holy Spirit.

If Muslims neither believe in Christ as Allah's Son nor in Allah as Father and thus do not have the Holy Spirit, then it is evident that Allah of Islam is not the Triune Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The Quran openly denies the divine Trinity of God: **“... do not speak Tri-unity concerning Christ's relationship to Allah). Stop that! It's better for you! Indeed Allah is only one God! He is (highly) elevated above having a son..”** (Sura 4:171) This Quranic verse is evidence that Muslims and Christians do not worship the same God. How can one and the same God reveal His plan of redemption for mankind over a 1,600 year period, send His Son into the world to take our sins upon Himself and die on a cross—then 600 years later, essentially say, “I have been lying to you since the time of Adam. I did not send my promised son to die for your sins and give you the Holy Spirit to help you live according to My righteousness. I am far too great to have a son and I am not your father.” The spirit behind Islam can not be the same Spirit of the living God, who revealed Himself in the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ as the loving and almighty Father!

Conclusion

By this comparison of Christ in the Quran and the Bible we can assess the spirit that is at work in Islam. One of the scriptures given for this purpose is, **“Who is the liar but the one who denies that Jesus is the Christ? This is the antichrist, the one who denies the Father and the Son.”** (1John 2:22) Yasu'u (Arabic for Jesus) the Savior, is not the Christ of Islam, but 'Isa, the servant, slave and messenger is the Christ of Islam. By denying that Yasu'u is the Christ, according to 1John 2:22, the spirit behind Islam reveals itself as a liar and an adversary of Jesus Christ, thus antichrist.

This lying spirit is powerful, making millions worship him in vain and making them slaves to himself, **“the best deceiver.”** (Sura 3:54) **“Our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places.”** (Ephesians 6:12) In spite of this veil of darkness that holds Muslims in bondage, we must not hate them, but do good to them – not curse them, but bless them – and not mistreat them, but pray for them. (Luke 6:27-28) We must love them so that they may see our good works and may glorify our heavenly Father through a saving faith in the atoning death and justifying resurrection of the Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

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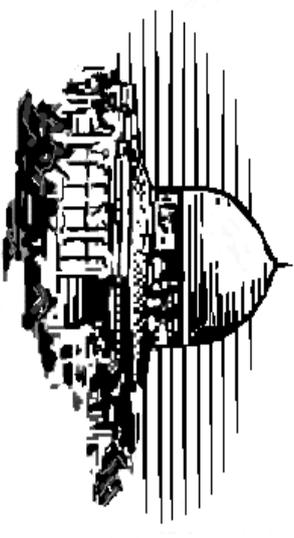


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“...Allah gives you good news of a Word from Him, his name will be Messiah, 'Isa, son of Mariam...”
(Quran - Sura Al-'Imram 3:45)

**“In the beginning was the Word,
and the Word was with God,
and the Word was God.”**
(Bible - John 1:1)

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