

“The Worldview of Islam”

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Introduction

- A. The significance of Islam.
 - 1. About _____ of the world’s population is Muslim.
 - 2. By _____ Islam will be about as large as Christianity.
- B. The origin of Islam.
 - 1. In AD610 in Mecca, Saudi Arabia, Muhammad allegedly started receiving “recitations” from Allah through angel Gabriel.
 - 2. In 622, he escaped Mecca and went to Medina.
 - 3. Founded by Muhammad in AD _____.
 - 4. Biblical background in Abraham’s two lines of descent (Genesis 16, 21; Galatians 4:21-ff).
 - a. Hagar > Ishmael > Arabs.
 - b. Sarah > Isaac > Israel (Jews).
 - c. There’s been _____ from the start.

I. Beliefs and Practices

- A. Main idea: _____ to Allah (God).
- B. Key terms:
 - 1. **Allah:** Arabic for _____.
 - 2. **Islam:** Means _____.
 - 3. **Muslim:** Means “one who _____.”
 - 4. **Quran** (Koran): The _____ of recitations.
- C. Five Pillars of Islam:
 - 1. “There is no God but Allah and Muhammad is his prophet.”
 - 2. Pray _____ times each day (toward Mecca).
 - 3. Give (about 2.5% of everything).
 - 4. Fasting during Ramadan (a month in the Muslim lunar calendar).
 - 5. Make a pilgrimage to _____ and the Kabah.
- D. Chart: Requirements for the Salvation of Man.

II. Similarities to Christianity

- A. God created the universe and humans.
- B. God spoke through Old Testament prophets.
- C. Jesus (Isa) as a miracle-working great prophet who was born of a virgin.

Surah 19:16-36 [Mary]: "How can I have a son, when no man has touched me, and I was never unchaste?" (20) As an infant, Jesus spoke from the crib: "I am the servant of God... He has made me a prophet" (29-33).

D. There will be a final resurrection and judgment.

III. Contrasts to Christianity

A. Allah / God

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allah has no _____. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only _____."
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Master (<i>allahu akbar</i>): He is _____ from humans. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rom. 8:15-17 Gal. 4:6 God is _____ Father.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Distant from humans. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Isa. 7:14 Matt. 1:23 God is _____.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No indwelling Holy Spirit. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acts 2:38 Rom. 8:9-11 We have the indwelling _____ of the Holy Spirit.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Denies the _____. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> One God in _____ persons.

Surah 112:1-4 "... Say, 'He is God, the One. God, the Absolute. He begets not, nor was He begotten. And there is none comparable to Him.'"

Surah 19:35 "It is not for God to have a child—glory be to Him. To have anything done, He says to it, 'Be,' and it becomes."

Surah 19:88-92 "And they say, 'The Most Merciful has begotten a son.' You have come up with something monstrous. At which the heavens almost rupture, and the earth splits, and the mountains fall and crumble. Because they attribute a son to the Most Merciful. It is not fitting for the Most Merciful to have a son."

Surah 5:73 "They disbelieve those who say, 'God is the third of three.' But there is no deity except the One God. If they do not refrain from what they say, a painful torment will befall those among them who disbelieve." (cf. Surah 4:171)

B. Jesus (Isa)

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Created, NOT _____ and not _____. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> John 1:1 "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was _____." Col. 2:9 Jesus is "the fullness of _____ in bodily form."
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NOT _____ and did not die for our sins. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The four Gospels say "crucified" _____ times. 1 Cor. 1:23 "We preach Christ _____."
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NOT _____ from the dead. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Cor. 15:1-17 "If Christ has not been raised, your faith is _____."

Surah 3:59 "The likeness of Jesus in God's sight is that of Adam: He created him from dust, then said to him, 'Be,' and he was." Cf. Surah 19:35)

Surah 4:157-158 "And for their saying, 'We have killed the Messiah, Jesus, the son of Mary, the Messenger of God.' In fact, they did not kill him, nor did they crucify him, but it appeared to them as if they did. Indeed, those who differ about him are in doubt about it. They have no knowledge of it, except the following assumptions. Certainly, they did not kill him. Rather, God raised him up to Himself. God is Mighty and Wise."

C. The Quran and the Bible

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Muhammad wrote recitations from the angel Gabriel. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jude 1:3 The faith was _____ delivered. • Gal. 1:6-9 Paul: Reject a "different" gospel even if an _____ gives it.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Bible is _____. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 Tim. 3:15-17 "All Scripture is _____" • 2 Pet. 1:20-21 "No prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation ... but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit."

Surah 2:75 "Do you hope that they will believe in you, when some of them used to hear the Word of God, and then deliberately distort it, even after understanding it?"

D. Salvation

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emphasis on _____. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eph. 2:8-10 We are "saved by _____ through faith."
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Never certain except by _____. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 John 5:13 "I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may _____ that you have eternal life." • Eph. 1:13-14 "In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the _____ of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory."

Surah 4:173 "But as for those who believe and do good works, He will pay them their wages in full, and will increase His grace for them. But as for those who disdain and are too proud, He will punish them with an agonizing punishment. And they will find for themselves, apart from God, no lord and no savior."

E. The Quran VS. Jesus

IV. Reflections: According to Islam ...