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Islam: Responding as Christians



Muhammad and Islam

It is the fastest growing and most feared religion in all of the world. It is the religion of Islam. The followers of Allah are devout, dedicated, and willing to make any sacrifice that their god might ask of them even if that means carrying out a personal jihad against every religion that refuses to bow to Allah.

The religion of Islam is quickly taking over as the dominant religion in every country across the globe. Many people believe that the god of Islam and the God of Christianity are the same because they have very similar characteristics. The question that many are asking today is:

Are Allah and the God of Christianity the same?

The answer is: Absolutely Not! Both religions will claim that their god is omnipresent, omnipotent, and omniscient but this is where the similar characteristics end. Allah is a false god that was invented by Muhammad to gain followers and power in 612 A.D. It claims to be a religion of peace but it is truly one of fear and violence. Islam is a false religion that is leading many to an eternal destruction. This booklet we will bring more clarification to the religion of Islam and its objective in this world.

Fast Facts on Islam

We begin this booklet by examining a few facts about Islam. These facts help us develop a basic framework of understanding Islam.

- The founder of Islam is Muhammad in 612 A.D.
- Islam literally means “submission.”
- The word “Muslim” means “one who submits to Allah.”
- Islam makes up 20% of the world’s population.
- There are 1.5 billion Muslims today.
- There are 1.4 million Muslims in the United States (6% of adult population)
- Since 1994, in Europe, Islam has grown 142% (usiislam.org)
- The *Qu’ran* is the holy book for Islam and consists of Muhammad’s revelations from Allah.
- Following Muhammad’s death two groups divided over his successor. The Sunnis believed the successor should be elected. The Shi’ites believed he should come from the blood line of Muhammad.

History of Islam

Islam was founded in the early seventh century by Muhammad. He was born in Mecca in the area of Saudi Arabia in 570 A.D. His father died before he was born, and his mother died when he was six years old leaving him to be raised by his grandfather and uncle.

Muhammad was illiterate throughout his life. He worked in caravans until he was 25 and then married the owner of the business he worked for. At age 40, Muhammad had a visitation from a spirit which he named as the angel Gabriel, in A.D. 610. This spirit told him that he was called of Allah to be his final “prophet” and “apostle.”

Muhammad taught that there was only one god – and he selected Allah as that god. Allah was the moon god of his culture and that’s the reason the crescent moon became the symbol of Islam.

The Jews and Christians of that time rejected Muhammad and he turned fiercely against them as written in the Quran:

Sura 5:51 – Commands Muslims not to take Jews and Christians as friends.

Sura 9:29 – Commands Muslims to fight against Jews and Christians until they either submit to Allah or else agree to pay a special tax.

Four Inspired Book of Islam

Islam teaches that Allah revealed himself in four different books. Islam claims that these books were written by the different prophets of Allah. Some of the prophets are men recorded in the Bible such as: Adam, Moses, David, Solomon, and even Jesus. These men and others proclaimed the message of Allah for their time but the final prophet was Muhammad and his teachings ultimately outweigh all other teachings found in history. The four inspired books of Islam are as follows.

- **The Torah** – These are the first five books of Moses found in the Old Testament.
- **The Zabur** – These are the Psalms of David as found in the Old Testament.

- **The Injil** – These are the different teachings that we know today in the New Testament as the gospel of Jesus Christ.
- **The Quran** – These are the final revelations of Allah that were given to Muhammad.

Teachings of Muhammad

The Quran is the holy book of Islam and it is the compiled revelation of Muhammad that was collected over a period of 23 years. The Quran has many contradictions that can be seen in its pages but Muslims explain this away by the principle of abrogation or *nasikh*. Islam teaches that the revelation of Allah given to Muhammad changed over the period of 23 years. This means Allah changed his mind and gave new and different revelations that would trump old revelations. Any teaching that comes later in the Quran supersedes or overrides previous teachings and revelation.

Observe some of the sample teachings that are found in Islam.

- **Sura 5:33** – “[For those who do not submit to Allah] their punishment is... execution or crucifixion, or the cutting off of hands and feet, from the opposite sides, or exile from the land.”
- **Sura 2:216** – “Fighting is prescribed for you, and [some of] you dislike it. But it is possible that you dislike a thing which is good for you, and that you love a thing which is bad for you. But Allah knows, and you know not.”
- **Sura 9:5** – “Fight and slay the pagans wherever you find them, beleaguer them, and lie in wait for them in every stratagem of war.”
- **Sura 2:190-193** – “Fight in the way of Allah... and slay them [the unbelievers] wherever you find them and drive them out... and fight them until... religion is for Allah.”
- Muhammad is quoted in the **Hadith** (the oral tradition of Muhammad’s sayings) as saying, “The sword is the key of heaven and hell. A drop of blood in the cause of Allah – a night spent in arms [war] – is of more avail than two months of fasting and prayer. Whosoever falls in battle, his sins are forgiven, and at the day of judgment, his limbs shall be supplied by the wings of angels and cherubim.”
- Also in the **Hadith** it says “Whoever changes his religion, kill him” (Hadith 9:57).

- The Qu’ran also expresses an intolerant attitude toward any person who decides to reject the Islamic faith or convert to another religion. Such persons are to be executed (Sura 9:12).

Comparison between Jesus and Muhammad

There are many differences between Jesus and Muhammad. Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior taught Christians to love God with all your heart, soul mind, and strength but also to love your enemy. Muhammad taught Muslims to kill their enemy. Examine the chart below to observe other differences between Jesus and Muhammad.

Jesus	Muhammad
Born of a virgin to Joseph and Mary.	Father died before his birth while mother died when he was six.
God and Savior sent to forgive the sins of the world to anyone who will receive Him. (John 1:29; 3:16).	Sixth and final prophet sent to defend monotheism (Surah 48:8-9).
He Himself was the divine revelation, knowing His purpose of being born was to die. (Luke 19:10)	Doubted whether the revelation he received was divine or demonic.
Judged men and women according to grace and His work on the Cross. (Thief on the Cross)	Judged men and women according to their obedience to him and Allah. (Surah 9:5; 9:29; Persian Poet)
Won followers by miracles and unconditional love.	Won a following by military victory and/or forced conversion.
He is the Creator and Sustainer of the Universe, Himself Judge. (John 1:1-18)	Did not know his eternal destiny. (Hadith 5.266)
Jesus shed His own blood on the Cross.	Muhammed shed other people’s blood.

Basic Beliefs and “Pillars” of Islam

Islam has six basic beliefs or elements of faith that are common to all Muslims. There are also six “Pillars” that must be completed.

Six Basic Beliefs of Islam

Element #1

The first basic belief of Islam is that there is no god but Allah. The pre-Islamic Arabs were polytheists. Muhammad succeeded in leading them to devote themselves solely to the chief God of the pantheon whom they called Allah (which means god). To worship any other being is considered *shirk* or blasphemy.

Element #2

The second basic belief of Islam is that there are angels and jinn. Jinn are spirit beings capable of both good and evil actions and of possessing human beings. Above the jinn in rank are the angels of Allah. Two of them are believed to accompany every Muslim, one on the right to record his good deeds, and one on the left to record his evil deeds.

Element #3

The third basic belief of Islam is in Allah’s holy books, 104 of which are referred to in the Quran. Chief among these are the Law given to Moses, the Psalms given to David, the Gospel (or Injil) given to Jesus, and the Quran given to Muhammad.

Element #4

The fourth basic belief of Islam is in Allah’s prophets, through whom Allah appealed to man to follow His will as revealed in His holy books. Among them were Adam, Noah, Abraham, Moses, and Jesus. But all agree that Muhammad was God’s final and supreme prophet – the “seal” of the prophets.

Element #5

The fifth basic belief of Islam is that of the absolute predestinating will of Allah. The Quran supports the idea that all things (both good and evil) are the direct result of Allah’s will.

Element #6

The final basic belief of Islam is found in the resurrection and final judgment. At the end of life, Allah will judge the works of all men. Those whose good deeds outweigh their bad deeds will enter into paradise. The rest will be consigned to hell.

Six Pillars of Islam

Islam also has six basic pillars or works that Allah desires every Muslim to practice in their faith. The Pillars of Islam must be accomplished to enter into paradise with Allah for eternity.

Pillar One - Recite the Shahadah

The first pillar is recitation of the creed: "There is no God but Allah, and Muhammad is his prophet." It is commonly held that to recite this creed in the presence of two witnesses is to constitute oneself a Muslim--one in submission to God. Remember that the word Islam simply means "submission."

Second Pillar - Pray

The second pillar is the regular practice of prayers. Sunni Muslims are required to recite specific prayers accompanied by prescribed motions five times daily. (Shi'ites do so only three times a day.) All male Muslims are also enjoined to meet for community prayer (and sermon) each Friday at noon.

Pillar Three - Give Alms

The third pillar is almsgiving. Born an orphan himself, Muhammad was deeply concerned for the needy. The Quran requires that 2.5% of one's income be given to the poor or to the spread of Islam.

Pillar Four - Fast

The fourth pillar of Islam is the fast during the month of Ramadan. During this month, Muslims in good health are required to forego all food and liquid during daylight hours. This fast promotes the Muslim's self-discipline, dependence on Allah, and compassion for the needy.

Pillar Five - Make the Pilgrimage

The fifth pillar is the pilgrimage to Mecca. Every Muslim is to make a pilgrimage to Mecca once during his life. The pilgrimage promotes the ideas of worldwide unity and equality among Muslims.

Pillar Six – The Jihad

A sixth pillar is often added. The term *Jihad* means “exertion” or “struggle” in behalf of Allah. Jihad is meant to bring those who are outside Islam into its fold. Jihad may be by persuasion, by force, or “holy war.” Any Muslim who dies in a jihad is assured his place in paradise!

Agenda of Islam

The Ayatollah Khomeini of Iran was the modern day Islamic spokesman who revived Muhammad’s vision of world conquest. He taught that the re-establishment of Israel was a Satanic miracle allowed by Allah because of the lukewarm stance of the Muslim masses. He called for a renewal of true Islam to accomplish three purposes:

- To overthrow the “secular” rulers of Islamic countries (like Algeria, Morocco, Tunisia, and Egypt), just as he had done in Iran.
- To take back the land of Palestine for Allah, exterminating Israel in the process.
- To conquer the rest of the world for Allah.

Comparison between Islam & Christianity

We have been warned through the Word of God that false teachers and false prophets would arise in the last of days to lead many astray. We must arm ourselves with the truth in order to be able to respond to these false prophets. Observe the following comparison chart and arm yourself with the Word of God.

	Biblical Christianity	Islam
God	God does not change James 1: 17 – Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no varying, neither shadow of turning.	Allah of Islam changes Surah 2: 106 – If We supersede any verse or cause it to be forgotten, We bring a better one or one similar. Do you not know that Allah has power over all things!

	<p>God cannot lie Titus 1: 2 – In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began...</p> <p>God is Triune Father is God: John 6:27 Son is God: Col. 2:9 Spirit is God: Acts 5: 3-9</p>	<p>Allah deceives Surah 8: 30 – They plot and plan, and Allah, too plans, but the best of planners (deceivers) is Allah.</p> <p>Trinity is blasphemy Surah 5: 73 – They do blaspheme who say God is one of three...for there is no Allah except one Allah.</p>
<p>Jesus Christ</p>	<p>Jesus is Lord. John 14: 6 – Jesus said to him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man comes to the Father, but by me.</p> <p>Jesus was Crucified. 1 Corinthians 2: 2 – For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified.</p> <p>Jesus is Son of God. John 10:36 – Say of him, whom the Father has sanctified, and sent into the world, Thou blasphemest; because I said, I am the Son of God?</p>	<p>Jesus is just Apostle. Surah 4: 171 – O people of the book, commit no excess of your religion: nor say of Allah aught but truth, Christ Isa the son of Mary was an apostle of Allah.</p> <p>Jesus was not crucified Surah 4: 157 – That they said in boast ‘we killed Christ Isa, the son of Mary’ ...but they killed him not, nor crucified him.</p> <p>Jesus was just a man. Surah 18: 4-5 - And it (the Qur’an) warns those who say: ‘Allah has taken a son.’ Surely, of this they have no knowledge, neither they nor their fathers; it is a monstrous word that comes from their mouths, they say nothing but a lie.</p>

Salvation	<p>Jesus is only way. Phil 2: 10-11 – That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.</p> <p>Grace alone saves. Ephesians 2: 8-9 – For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.</p> <p>There is Eternal Security. John 10: 28 – And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.</p>	<p>Salvation is only in Allah’s hands. Surah 2: 284 – Allah forgives whom He pleases, and punishes whom He pleases, for Allah has power over all things.</p> <p>Good works cancel bad deeds. Surah 11: 114 – For those things that are good remove those that are evil.</p> <p>Jihad is the only eternal security. Surah 3: 157 – And if you are slain, or die in the way of Allah, forgiveness and mercy from Allah are far better than all they could amass.</p>
Final Outcome of Mankind	<p>Eternal life in heaven with God for those who have trusted in Jesus Christ. Eternal separation from God's presence in hell for the unsaved. (see Matt. 5:12-30; 25:41; Rev. 20-22)</p>	<p>Eternal life in paradise with Allah for those who die as a martyr in a jihad or those who perfectly practice the pillars of the faith. (Surah 2:277 – Allah requires obedience to five pillars not a relationship.)</p>

“Crescent Project” Resources

The *Crescent Project* exists to mobilize and equip Christians to share the Hope of with Muslims. The Crescent Project is based out of Indianapolis and their online site is www.CrescentProject.org. The following information was introduced shortly after the attacks of September 11, 2001.

Prayer for Militant Muslims

- Pray for an awakening in their conscience to turn from their evil ways and seek the Prince of Peace, our Lord Jesus Christ.
- Pray that the Holy Spirit will convict them that violence goes against God’s righteous and Holy character.
- Pray for Christians to portray authentic Christian conduct as they meet Muslims.
- Pray for God to send them Christians and Bibles, so they can clearly understand the message of Christ.

Tips for Sharing with a Muslim

- Side step debate or argument. Let winning your friend be your goal not winning the argument.
- Avoid insulting the Quran, Muhammad, or Islam. Humiliation is alienating but the description of Jesus and His work is appealing.
- Be aware of Islamic practice and customs. We risk offense by placing the Bible on the floor, putting other objects over them, or marking passages in them.
- Christians should not denigrate one another. Refraining from criticizing other Christians or ministries.
- Uphold the simplicity of the Gospel and of believing in it.
- Maintain a consistent lifestyle, one that reflects that the Gospel of Christ is power from God for salvation from sin and deliverance from sin’s power.
- On the issue of salvation, PRAY for a genuine work of the Holy Spirit.

How Now Shall We Respond?

We have exposed and responded to the false claims made by the Islam by bringing these beliefs into the light of God's Word. It is important for us to understand that there are many more false religions, false prophets, and false teachers all around us. We conclude this booklet by asking this question:

How will you respond to Islam as a Christian?

1 Peter 3:15 – But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord.

Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect...

Now is the time for Christians to rise up and respond to the false religions that we are encountering in this world. Prepare your heart and mind by implementing the following steps.

- **Step #1** – Study and memorize the Word of God.
- **Step #2** – Apply the Word of God in your life.
- **Step #3** – Guard your heart and mind through prayer and the Word of God.
- **Step #4** – Always be ready to give a response for the Hope that you have through Christ alone!

Resources

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