

Islam vs Christianity-A Brief Comparison and History of Islam

1. Mohammed claimed to be a prophet: Christ said He was the long-awaited Jewish Messiah and the Son of God.

Joh 4:25 The Samaritan lady from Sychar saith unto him, I know that the **Messiah cometh, who is called the Christ**: when he is come, he will tell us all things.

Joh 4:26 **Jesus saith** unto her, "**I that speak unto thee am he.**"

Joh 5:17 But Jesus answered them, My Father worketh hitherto, and I work.

Joh 5:18 Therefore the Jews sought the more to kill him, because he not only had broken the sabbath, **but said also that God was his Father, making himself equal with God.**

Joh 9:35 Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when he had found him, he said unto him, **Dost thou believe on the Son of God?**

Joh 9:36 **He answered and said, Who is he, Lord, that I might believe on him?**

Joh 9:37 And Jesus said unto him, **Thou hast both seen him, and it is he that talketh with thee.**

Joh 9:38 And he said, Lord, I believe. And he worshipped him.

Joh 10:33 "We are not stoning you for any of these things," replied the Jews, "but for blasphemy, **because you, a mere man, claim to be God.**"

Joh 10:34 Jesus answered them, "Is it not written in your Law, 'I have said you are gods'?"

Joh 10:35 If he called them 'gods,' to whom the word of God came-- and the Scripture cannot be broken--

Joh 10:36 what about the one whom the Father set apart as his very own and sent into the world? **Why then do you accuse me of blasphemy because I said, 'I am God's Son'?**

Joh 10:37 Do not believe me unless I do what my Father does.

Joh 10:38 But if I do it, even though you do not believe me, believe the miracles, that you may know and understand that the Father is in me, and I in the Father."

Joh 5:22 Moreover, **the Father judges no one, but has entrusted all judgment to the Son,**

Joh 5:23 that all may honor the Son just as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father, who sent him.

Joh 5:24 "I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life.

Joh 5:25 I tell you the truth, a time is coming and has now come when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God and those who hear will live.

2. Mohammed promoted persecution of those who opposed him: Christ forgave and converted His chief persecutor.

The Lord's Grace to Paul

1Ti 1:12 And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who hath enabled me, for that he counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry;

1Ti 1:13 Who was before a blasphemer, and a persecutor, and injurious: but I obtained mercy, because I did it ignorantly in unbelief.

1Ti 1:14 And the grace of our Lord was exceeding abundant with faith and love which is in Christ Jesus.

3. Mohammed's followers are encouraged to kill for the faith: Christ's disciples were killed for their faith.

Acts 12:2 And he killed James the brother of John with the sword.

Acts 12:3 And because Herod saw it pleased the Jews, he proceeded further to take Peter also. (Then were the days of unleavened bread.)

4. Mohammed was a prophet of war for the propagation of Islam: Christ was designated the Prince of Peace.

Isa 9:6 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

5. Mohammed was a taker of life: Christ was the giver of life.

Joh 10:27 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:

Joh 10:28 And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.

Joh 10:29 My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand.

6. Mohammed and his followers murdered thousands: Christ murdered none but saved many.

Joh 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.

7. Mohammed's method was compulsion: Christ's method was voluntary conversion.

Acts 16:30 And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved?

Acts 16:31 And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.

8. Mohammed practiced force and used the warrior's sword: Christ used the Word of God as His sword.

Heb 4:12 For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

Eph 6:12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

Eph 6:13 Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

Eph 6:14 Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;

Eph 6:15 And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;

Eph 6:16 Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

Eph 6:17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:

9. Mohammed said to the masses "convert or die." Christ said, "believe and live."

Joh 6:47 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life.

Joh 11:25 Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:

10. Mohammed was swift to shed blood: Christ shed His blood for the salvation of many.

Spiritual Blessings in Christ

Eph 1:7 In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;

11. Mohammed believed in jihad against those who resisted him: Christ forgave those who resisted Him.

Luk 23:34 Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. And they parted his raiment, and cast lots.

12. Mohammed ordered death to all Jews: Christ ordered that the gospel be preached first to the Jews.

Rom 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

13. The Koran says fight and slay all unbelievers wherever you find them: the Bible says take the gospel to the world.

Mat 28:18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

Mat 28:19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit:

Mat 28:20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.

14. Muslims all over the world kill in the name of Allah, not only unbelievers but their fellow Muslims, and they use the Koran as their authorization for murder: the Bible is a missionary manual for all who desire to believe in Christ.

Joh 1:11 He came unto his own, and his own received him not.

Joh 1:12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:

Rom 10:13 For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

Rom 10:14 How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?

Rom 10:15 And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!

15. Mohammed claimed there was but one god--Allah: Christ claimed that He was God.

Joh 10:30 I and my Father are one.

Joh 8:58 Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am.

16. Mohammed's tomb is occupied: Christ's tomb is empty.

Mat 28:5 And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified.

Mat 28:6 He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord previously lay.

17. Muslim men throw acid in the faces of young girls who go to school or have boy friends: In the U.S. we encourage women to improve themselves through education.

18. Muslims cheered when the Saudis flew an airplane into the the World Trade Center and killed some 3000 Americans; in fact, the Palestinians who beg us for aid and assistance, flooded the streets of Gaza firing guns into the air when they heard of our tragedy: the U.S. sent armed forces into Kosovo to protect the Muslim minority from the Serbs, and when the Muslim nations of Indonesia and Pakistan were hit with hurricanes, the U.S. rushed to their aid.

19. God made a special prophecy about the birth of Ishmael--the promised child of Islam.

Gen 16:11 And the angel of the LORD said unto her, Behold, thou art with child and shalt bear a son, and shalt call his name Ishmael; because the LORD hath heard thy affliction.

Gen 16:12 And he will be a wild man; his hand will be against every man, and every man's hand against him; and he shall dwell in the presence of all his brethren.

20. God made a special prophecy about the birth of Christ--the promised child of Israel and the object of the Christian's faith.

Mat 1:21 And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.

Mat 1:22 Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying,

Mat 1:23 Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.

21. Let's look at a brief history of Islam.

21.1 Islam, a major world religion, is customarily defined in non-Islamic sources as the religion of those who follow the Prophet Mohammed. Mohammed was a prophet who lived in Arabia in the early 7th century. He initiated a religious movement that was carried by the Arabs throughout the Middle East. Today, Islam has adherents not only in the Middle East, where it is the dominant religion in all countries (Arab and non-Arab) except Israel, but also in other parts of Asia, Africa and to a certain extent Europe.

21.2 In the Koran, Abraham is the patriarch who turned away from idolatry, who "came to his Lord with an undivided heart," who responded to God in total obedience when challenged to sacrifice his son, and who served God uncompromisingly. For Muslims, therefore, the proper name of their religion expresses the Koranic insistence that no one but God is to be worshiped.

21.3 Estimates of the world population of Muslims range from a low of 750 million to a high of 1.2 billion; 950 million is a widely used medium. Notwithstanding the significant variations in these estimates, many observers agree that the world population of Muslims is increasing by approximately 25 million per year.

21.4 While many Muslims vehemently oppose the idea that the Prophet Mohammed is the "founder" of Islam--an expression which they interpret as an implicit denial of God's initiative and involvement in the history of Islam's origins--none would challenge that Islam dates back to the lifetime (570-632) of the prophet and the years in which he received the divine revelations recorded in the Koran.

21.5 At the same time, however, most of them would stress that it is only in a sense that Islam dates back to the 7th century, since they regard their religion not as a modern 7th-century innovation but as the restoration of the original religion of Abraham. They would also stress that Islam is a timeless religion, not just because of the "eternal truth" that it proclaims but also because it is "every person's religion," the natural religion in which every person is born.

21.6 The Prophet Mohammed was born in 570 in Mecca, a trading center in modern Saudi Arabia. Historians tell us he suffered from epilepsy. In about 610 he received a vision. The prophet was confused as to the source: was it God or the Devil? His wife, who was 20 years his senior, convinced him it was God. He began to preach the message entrusted to him--that there is but one God, to whom all humankind must commit themselves. The polytheistic Saudis living in Mecca resented Mohammed's attacks on their gods, but finally by military force he won acceptance.

21.7 The Koran records that Mohammed was the Seal of the Prophets, the last of a line of God's messengers that began with Adam and included Abraham, Noah, Moses, and Jesus.

21.8 Within a few years Mohammed had established control of the surrounding region, and in 630 he had conquered all of Mecca, enforcing Sharia law. He had laid the foundation for a community ruled by the laws of Allah, these being taken from the Koran. Freedom vanishes under Sharia law--people are subjects of a dictatorial state, a "contorted theocracy."

22. As you can see there are major differences between Christianity and Islam.

23. President Obama has recently declared on more than one occasion that America is not a Christian nation and that it could be said, given the large number of Muslims living in our land, "we are a Muslim nation!" He has asserted there are seven million Muslims living within our borders--even though the Census Bureau reports there are only four million. Even assuming that seven million is correct, that number hardly makes America a Muslim nation. Today with more than 300 million citizens--seven million Muslims hardly qualifies the U.S. as a Muslim country.

24. Though our country was not founded to advance Christianity, the country's laws were heavily influenced by both the Old and New Testaments. Patrick Henry declared, "America was not founded by religionists but by Christians. It was not founded upon religion but upon the gospel of Jesus Christ."

25. Christianity was seen in the actions and words of American settlers from the very beginning. Jamestown, the first permanent English colony, included in their charter the following: "providence of the almighty God" and "the glory of His Divine Majesty" is to deliver the "Christian religion to those ... as yet who live in darkness and miserable ignorance of the true knowledge and worship of God."

26. A Christian influence was found in the Mayflower Compact, with the words “In the name of God, Amen. We whose names are underwritten, the loyal subjects of our dread sovereign lord King James, by the grace of God, of Great Britain, France and Ireland, king, defender of the faith ... having undertaken for the glory of God the advancement of the Christian faith, and the honor of our king and country, a voyage to plant the first colony in the northern parts of Virginia.”

27. The Puritan John Winthrop, who helped establish and later govern the Massachusetts Bay Colony, while on his voyage to New England said of their mission, “... wherein our Holy Lord hath planted His most true and Holy Word ... me thinks I heare the Lambe of God thus speak. Come my deare little flocke, who for my sake have left your Country ...” Winthrop later cautioned the colonists: “wee must consider that wee shall be as a city on a Hill, the eyes of all people are upon us; soe that if we shall deale falsely with our God in this worke wee have undertaken and soe cause him to withdrawe his present help from us, we shall be made a story and a byword through the world.” As was not uncommon for the leaders of our infant nation, Winthrop was drawing from the words of Scripture. His reference to “a city on a hill” came from Matthew 5:14-16.

28. Not long after John Winthrop had finished penning these telling words, several other colonies expressed their Christian heritage through their charters and laws.

29. Ben Franklin wrote of the importance of God and religion to society. In his book, *The Art of Virtue*, Franklin wrote, “... there is one God who made all things. That he governs the world by his providence. That he ought to be worshipped by adoration, prayer and thanksgiving.” At the Constitutional Convention Franklin spoke to the delegates, “I have lived a long time, and the longer I live, the more convincing proofs I see of this truth--God governs in the affairs of men. And if a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without his notice, is it probable that an empire cannot rise without his aid? We have been assured, Sir, in the sacred writing, ‘that except the Lord build the House they labor in vain that build it.’”

30. I could go on and on quoting how Christ influenced our founder’s thinking. Clearly they relied upon Christian principles as the rock upon which our nation was built. From the colonization of our land to emancipation from the British, Christianity’s ideals were guiding our founder’s paths. Our forefathers were unashamed of their beliefs, and with great resolve and determination they chose to fight for their freedom. The founders of our country believed God had given them certain inalienable rights which were theirs to keep and preserve at all costs.

31. These great men were convinced government did not give them their rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, but rather God Himself in eternity past was the originator who invested them with a special kind of freedom. If our rights as human beings come from the state, as many believe today, then the state can certainly take away our civil rights, parental rights, First and Second Amendment rights or any other rights, just as King George did in the eighteenth century.

32. So today as we see the ominous cloud of Islam with its Sharia law approaching, Christians everywhere must recall our heritage and not be duped by politicians and jurists who claim America was born of secularists and agnostics. False teachers abound in our country claiming Christianity is a disease, never to be mentioned in polite circles. Accordingly, as your pastor-teacher, I would urge you as Paul urged the church at Ephesus "I therefore ... beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called," ...

33. Let us pray.

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