

Jesus Christ and Muslims

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I strive to agree with Jesus Christ in all things, because He loved me and suffered the punishment of my sins. It is possible that I have been mistaken in some matters. However I trust that He will correct me, if I have misunderstood something. I love His reprimand and His comfort because without them I cannot remain in truth. Thus, if there is something wrong in these writings it is the fault of Erkki Kuisma. Jesus deserves the credit for everything that is right.

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Israel and Ishmael

Israel and Ishmael are the ancestors of two big nations. Judaism is from Israel and Islamism is from Ishmael. Jesus Christ is the promised Messiah for Jews as well as for Islamic nations, and not only for them, but for all nations.

Islam, Ishmael and Israel

The word Islam means "surrender to the will of God". So Islamism would be a good thing, if it would be surrendering to the real will of God.

Ishmael was the son of Abraham and Hagar. The angel of the Lord named him Ishmael, "God hears". Islamites say that through Ishmael Abraham's offspring will be reckoned and not through Isaac. The angel said to Hagar about Ishmael the next prophecy: *"He will be a wild donkey of a man; his hand will be against everyone and everyone's hand against him, and he will live in hostility towards all his brothers."* Gen.16:12 This prophecy has come true in the history of Near East.

God named Jacob, a son of Isaac, as Israel after he had wrestled with God. The word Israel means "he struggles with God". Judah is the most remarkable of the sons of Israel. From his name comes the name of the religion, Judaism. Before his death Jacob blessed his sons. He says about Judah that *"the sceptre will not depart from Judah, nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, until He comes to whom it belongs and the obedience of the nations is his."* Ge.49:10 This is a prophecy of the Messiah, who is Jesus Nazarene.

Jesus is the Messiah

God hears the Messiah in all cases, whatever He asks. He knows completely the will of God and is surrendered to it totally. He struggled with God in Gethsemane and Golgotha and won.

He paid our debts of sin to God. He won to us the blessing of God. Jesus proved to us that God loves all people, whatever is their race or religion.

In Jesus Christ God gave the testimony that He loves as much Ishmael as Israel. The sacrifice of Jesus confirms to us that an Arab is as valuable to God as a Jew, or a Finn or whoever other man.

Judaism and Islamism and the public Christianity are cult-religions, in which the salvation is got through mystic rituals and is made sure with good deeds. These religions have brought about something morally good. Therefore also governments are interested in them. However their deeds are far from the deeds of Jesus, who offers a personal love affair with God.

How could a compulsive religion represent love? A religion that is based on obedience of the law can keep moral high for a moment, but its reaction has always been immorality.

A follower of Jesus stays outside of politics that he could be able to live in the spirit of the gospel. The church of God and the governments of states cannot have any co-operation, because the congregation is not of the world, even as Jesus is not of it. God's gospel makes impartial.

Converting to the Jesus' faith is done in the spirit of the next text of the Bible: *"Do not arouse or awaken love until it so desires."* Songs.2:7 . A disciple of Jesus is like a speaker of a bridegroom. He is sent to propose the bride instead of the bridegroom. In this job we, believers have made many mistakes. Love is awakened so eagerly that it has been forcing.

A man himself must want to enter into the alliance with Jesus when he heard the gospel. Paul describes his mission: *"I am jealous for you with a godly jealousy. I promised you to one husband, to Christ, so that I might present you as a pure virgin to Him."* 2Cor.11:2

The virginal pure mind to God is actually a dream of every person. Islamism, Judaism, Lutheranism, Hinduism, Catholicism, Buddhism and other religions are reaching for the same dream, which they never can achieve with their own efforts. If they give up their religion, they will hear God calling in Jesus Christ. If they answer to Jesus: "I will", they will get as a gift that what they couldn't get on their own initiative.

The Battle of Jerusalem

Islamites refuse to give Jerusalem to Jews and Jews cannot give it away. Why has Jerusalem no peace?

Descendants of Abraham

God is the only landowner. As a matter of fact no man owns any bit of this planet. God has given us a place where we can live. He promised to Abraham's descendants the land of Canaan, where also Jerusalem is. *"To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the Euphrates."* Gen.15:18 *"The whole land of Canaan, where you are now an alien, I will give as an everlasting possession to you and your descendants after you; and I will be their God."* Gen.17:8

As well Ismael as Isaac are descendants of Abraham. Islamites are descendants of Ismael and Jews are descendants of Isaac. They are quarrelling about the inheritance of Abraham.

Ismael was born from the maidservant of Abraham. Because Ismael was an illegitimate child, he and his mother were driven away from the family. God said to Abraham: *"It is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned. I will make the son of the maidservant into a nation also, because he is your offspring."* Gen.21:12-13 Where did Ismael live then? *"He was living in the Desert of Paran."*

Gen.21:21

So Jerusalem is still suffering because of the adultery of Abraham.

Deportation from the Promised Land

Although God has promised that land to the descendants of Abraham He has already two times driven the Israeli away from their land. When they got the land for the first time God set the condition which they should fulfil so that they could keep the land. They had to live according to God's law and commands or they would be driven away from the land. They trespassed very badly against the law and God sent the King of Babel to destroy Jerusalem. He captivated the people and took them away from the land that God had promised to them.

After 70 years they were allowed to return to their land. Was it because they were now better? No, but God did it for the sake of His own name. The Israeli had to live in their own land because the Messiah was to be born among them. The Messiah came but they didn't know Him but crucified Him.

The tears of the Messiah welled up in His eyes when He saw Jerusalem. *"As He approached Jerusalem and saw the city, He wept over it and said, 'If you, even you, had only known on this day what would bring you peace - but now it is hidden from your eyes. The days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment against you and encircle you and hem you in every side. They will dash you to the ground, you and the children within your walls. They will not leave one stone on another, because you did not recognise the time of God's coming to you.'*" Luke 19:41-44 This prophecy was fulfilled in the year 70.

Jews were driven away from their land the second time because they rejected the Messiah. In our times God has allowed them to return to their land. So, are they better? No, but God has done this for the sake of His own name. The Israeli must live in their own land, because Jesus is coming back onto the earth.

UN encircles Jerusalem

The Islamite refuse to give Jerusalem to Jews and Jews cannot give it away. Their fanatical attitude surprises all nations. People are drunk because of Jerusalem and like a drunkard they don't care about the safety of other people though the destiny of the whole world is in danger.

This word of God is coming true in our days: *"I am going to make Jerusalem a cup that sends all the surrounding peoples reeling. Judah will be besieged as well as Jerusalem. On that day, when all the nations of the earth are gathered against her, I will make Jerusalem an immovable rock for all the nations. All who try to move it will injure themselves."* Zech.12:2-3

The United States has tried "to move this immovable rock". God has foretold us that USA will injure itself because it has involved in this matter. Finally UN will send its army to Jerusalem.

Jerusalem belongs to Jesus Christ

At last God Himself steps down onto the earth. *"On that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, east of Jerusalem, and the Mount of Olives will be split in two from east to west, forming a great valley, with half of the mountain moving north and half moving south."* Zech.14:4

Jesus is the Messiah and He will come and conquer Jerusalem. It is not until then that the city will have peace.

Jerusalem belongs to me through Jesus Christ, for also I have the same faith as Abraham.

The Bible version used in references is NIV

Islam

In this world Muslims usually are not Muslims and Christians usually are not Christians. It is in this way because those who bear the name of a Muslim have not totally submitted themselves to God and those who bear the name of a Christian don't totally obey Jesus Christ. They are not what their names say, but God is. He can change Muslims and Christians so that they are what their names say by allowing them to know God. Jesus Messiah has come for knowing God. He is the exact representation of God's being. You can totally submit yourself to God only through Jesus Messiah.

True believer

According to the Quran an Islamite means a person who has totally submitted himself to God. Islam means submitting. An Islamite is the same as a submitter. So do not look at Islam as a religion and as a human organisation, but see its real content: Submitting totally to God's will.

Christianity means the doctrine of Jesus Christ. A Christian is a person who lives for Jesus. So do not look at Christianity as a religion and a human organisation, but see its real content: Jesus Messiah is the Saviour.

Islamic and Christian faith

The Quran says: *"The only religion approved by God is Submission (= Islam)."* Sura 3:19 The Quran stresses that the submission is the base for the whole relationship with God. *"Anyone who accepts other than Submission (= Islam) as his religion, it will not be accepted from him, and in the Hereafter, he will be with the losers."* Sura 3:85 So what is it that saves? Is it totally submitting to God or becoming a member of the Islamic community?

The Bible says: *"Jesus answered, 'I am the way and the truth and the life. No-one comes to the Father except through me.'"* John.14:6 *"In the same way, any of you who does not give up everything he has cannot be my disciple."* Luke 14:33 So what is it that saves? Is it totally submitting to Jesus or becoming a member of the Christian church?

I don't believe that the Quran is from God, but I have submitted myself totally to God through Jesus Messiah. Is it so that I am a Muslim because I am a submitter? I think that he who calls himself a Muslim considers me a disbelieving person. I answer to him using the words of the Quran: *"If they argue with you, then say, 'I have simply submitted myself to God; I and those who follow me.'" Sura 3:20*

Where is the difference between us? Nobody can submit oneself to something that one doesn't know. The Islamic nation of the Quran has submitted itself to God of Muhammad. The Jesus people of the Bible have submitted itself to God of Jesus. Whose God is the real One, Jesus' or Muhammad's? Although their testimonies have some common things there is the irreconcilable conflict between them.

Motive of submission

The motive of submission is important. The Quran's god tries to get people to submit themselves with fear of retribution or hope of reward. *"O you who believe, let Me inform you of a trade that will save you from painful retribution. Believe in God and His messenger and strive in the cause of God with your money and your lives. This is the best deal for you, if you only knew. In return, He forgives your sins, and admits you into gardens with flowing streams, with beautiful mansions in the gardens of Eden. This is the greatest triumph."* Sura 61:10-12 So the salvation promised by the Quran is the trade between God and man.

The Bible's God tries to get people to submit themselves to the truth that God is righteous and they themselves are sinners. After they have experienced God's love in the forgiveness of their sins they submit themselves to God - through the power of His love.

God has demonstrated His own love for us in Jesus, so that we could submit ourselves to Him. Jesus died on the cross instead of us.

The salvation that the Bible promises is not a trade between God and man, but it is the gift of God. *"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith - and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God - not by works, so that no-one can boast."* Eph 2:8-9

The Quran denies the death of Jesus so that you could not experience God's love. *"They are condemned for disbelieving and*

uttering about Mary a gross lie. And for claiming that they killed the Messiah, Jesus, son of Mary, the messenger of God. In fact, they never killed him, they never crucified him-they were made to think that they did. All factions who are disputing in this matter are full of doubt concerning this issue. They possess no knowledge; they only conjecture. For certain, they never killed him. Instead, God raised him to Him." Sura 4:156-157

Without the Gospel of the death and resurrection of Jesus nobody can submit oneself to God - by love. On the other hand nobody can understand the greatness of the atoning sacrifice of Jesus, if he doesn't receive the fact who Jesus is. The name of God, Most Gracious, Most Merciful is Jesus!

Loving God makes one submit to Him totally. Apostle Paul describes his experience of submitting to God as follows: *"For through the law I died to the law so that I might live for God. I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me."* Gal.2:19-20

God's name

Only one God exists. He is so great that it is obvious that He has many names. Does it matter what name is used of Him? It depends on who has given the name. If human beings call God with the names that they themselves invented, it is objectionable. The name that God Himself uses of Himself is His real name. This should be obvious to all who believe in one God.

It is said in the Quran: *"God: there is no other god besides Him. To Him belong the most beautiful names."* Sura 20:8 I would expect that the Quran after the previous verse would tell us one of those names, but it doesn't. This case is odder to me when I notice that the next verse tells about Moses, who saw God's fire in the desert. The Bible tells about the same event. There it happens that God exposes His name to Moses. The Quran tells also other biblical stories more unclearly than the Bible.

God said to Moses that His name is, *"I AM."* Exodus3:14 From this name becomes the name Jahveh or Jehovah or Lord. Jesus Messiah

said that if we don't believe that He is "*I AM*" John 8:24,28 , we will die in our sins. So Jesus Messiah is Lord or Jahveh.

The word allah comes from the Arabic word al-ilah which means divinity (ilah = god). So the word Allah has not very personal meaning, though it is the name of God for Islamites. If it is compared the names "divinity" and "I am" it is easy to recognise which expresses a person.

Islamism is a religion of an unknown god. Indeed in the header of a sura it is said one name for God: "In the name of God, Most Gracious, Most Merciful". The Quran often uses names of God which leave Him distant, like Omniscient and Omnipotent. They tell something about His character or His position, but not until in Jesus the person of God, "I AM" comes near us.

If God is only one person, why does He often say in the Quran, "We", when He tells what He has done? For instance: "*He said, 'We have put your people to the test after you left.'*" Sura 20:85 So God is also in the Quran at the same time I and We.

Who is a polytheist?

In the Quran it is also spoken about Jesus, but it has been done in the way that doesn't give a proper picture of Him. Although the Quran speaks about Jesus as Messiah, it denies that Jesus is the Son of God: "*The Christians said, 'Jesus is the son of God!' These are blasphemies uttered by their mouths. They thus match the blasphemies of those who have disbelieved in the past. God condemns them. They have surely deviated. They have set up their religious leaders and scholars as lords, instead of God. Others deified the Messiah, son of Mary. They were all commanded to worship only one god.*" Sura 9:30-31

Jesus says in the Bible: "*My Father, whom you claim as your God, is the one who glorifies me.*" John 8:54 Jesus calls God as His Father. He is not a polytheist, who worships one God as the three persons, but he is a polytheist, who in practice worships many gods. All people are polytheists, if Jesus has not saved them. God is Omniscient!

I understand the feelings of Muhammad, when he has seen the renounced Christianity, which really worships idols. Many who are called Christians honour Jesus only as an idol as they also worship Mary, the Bible or the Church or Pope or money and property or fatherland. In the same way many Islamites worship Muhammad, Mecca, the Quran, money and property and their fatherland as idols.

Many who say that they are monotheists are in practice polytheists. God is the Hearer, the Seer!

Jesus can save a Muslim

If a Muslim wants to submit himself totally to God, he can experience it only by turning to the Jesus of the Bible. It is maybe most difficult for him to admit that the Jesus of the Quran is a lie and a wrong testimony. Every Muslim can test himself which Jesus is the real one. If he calls on the Jesus of the Bible he will experience the power of the Holy Spirit in his life.

When you bow down and worship God, confess your sins against Him and praise Him that He is righteous and good. Say thanks to God that He punished Jesus on the cross for the sake of your sins so that you could get forgiveness and be saved from the Hellfire. Ask God to accept you through that sacrifice. Surely your heart will be cleansed, if you approach God honestly wanting your sins to be washed away. God is waiting for you that He could give you His gift.

When you have experienced the peace given by Jesus bow down and worship God. Don't bow down towards Mecca neither towards Jerusalem, but towards Jesus Messiah. Submit yourself to Jesus Messiah and say to Him: From now on, in my life, let your will be done and not mine.

If Allah is God, then Jesus Messiah is Allah!

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The Bible version used in references is NIV

The Quran and the Bible

What are the similarities between the Bible and the Quran and where do their messages differ? The most important similarity is that the both say that it exists only one God and He has created the heaven and the earth. The most remarkable difference concerns who Jesus the Nazarene is and how man is saved from the judgement of God.

The Scriptures witness for God

In some cases the Quran says almost in the same way as the Bible. In many cases the Bible says the opposite of the Quran. In the same way as your tongue can test the taste of foods your spirit can test the messages. So compare and test the spirits of these messages.

Creation

The Quran: *"Praise be to God, who created the heavens and the earth, and made the darkness and the light."* Sura 6:1

The Bible: *"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth."* Gen.1:1

The one God

The Quran: *"Your god is one god; there is no god but He, Most Gracious, Most Merciful."* Sura 2:163

"Say, 'O followers of the scripture, let us come to a logical agreement between us and you: that we shall not worship except God; that we never set up any idols besides Him, nor set up any human beings as lords beside God.'" Sura 3:64

The Bible: *"Jesus answered: 'The most important one is this: 'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one'."* Mark 12:29

Jesus said: *"Worship the Lord your God, and serve Him only."*

Matth.4:10

Apostle Paul said: *"We know that an idol is nothing at all in the world and that there is no God but one."* 1Cor.8:4

Who gets grace from God?

The Quran: *"Repentance is acceptable by God from those who fall in sin out of ignorance, then repent immediately thereafter."* Sura 4:17

The Bible: *"God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."*

James 4:6

The book says about itself

The Quran: *"The book is, without a doubt, a revelation from the Lord of the universe."* Sura 32:1

"We have cited for the people every kind of example in this Quran, that they may take heed. An Arabic Quran, without any ambiguity, that they may be righteous." Sura 39:27-28

The Bible: *"Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation. For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit."* 2Peter 1:20,21

Muhammad and Jesus

The Quran: *"You shall believe in God and His messengers. You shall not say, 'Trinity.' You shall refrain from this for your own good. God is only one god. Be He glorified; He is much too glorious to have a son."* Sura 4:171

"Pagans indeed are those who say that God is the Messiah, son of Mary." Sura 5:72

"Muhammad was not the father of any man among you. He was a messenger of God and the final prophet." Sura 33:40

The Bible: *"If He called them 'gods', to whom the word of God came - and the Scripture cannot be broken - 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'?"*

John 10:35-36

Jesus says: *"If anyone chooses to do God's will, he will find out whether my teaching comes from God or whether I speak on my OWN."* John 7:17

The atonement of sins and getting forgiveness

The Quran: *"If you refrain from committing the gross sins that are prohibited for you, we will remit your sins, and admit you an honourable admittance."* Sura 4:31

"Proclaim: 'If you love God, you should follow me.' God will then love you, and forgive your sins." Sura 3:31

The Bible: *"For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."* John 3:16

"This is love: not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins." 1John 4:10

"We love because He first loved us." 1John 4:19

How are we saved?

The Quran: *"O you who believe, let Me inform you of a trade that will save you from painful retribution. Believe in God and His messenger and strive in the cause of God with your money and your lives. This is the best deal for you, if you only knew. In return, He forgives your sins, and admits you into gardens with flowing streams, with beautiful mansions in the gardens of Eden. This is the greatest triumph."* Sura 61:10-12

The Bible: *"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith - and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God - not by works, so that no-one can boast."* Eph 2:8-9

"If you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord (= God)' and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved." Rom.10:9-10

Good deeds

The Quran: *"If you declare your charities, they are still good. But if you keep them anonymous, and give them to the poor, it is better for you, and remits more of your sins."* Sura 2:271

The Bible: *"But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving may be in secret. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you."* Matth.6:3-4

Revenge

The Quran: *"O you who believe, equivalence is the law decreed for you when dealing with murder..."* Sura 2:178

"Equivalence is a life saving law for you." Sura 2:179

"And if you punish, you shall inflict an equivalent punishment. But if you resort to patience (instead of revenge), it would be better for the patient ones." Sura 16:126

The Bible: *"You have heard that it was said, 'Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth'. But I tell you. Do not resist an evil person."* Matth.5:38-42

"Do not take revenge, my friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: 'It is mine to avenge; I will repay, says the Lord'."

Rom.12:19

War

The Quran: *"You may fight in the cause of God against those who attack you, but do not aggress. God does not love the aggressors. You may kill those who wage war against you, ..."* Sura 2:190-191

"Unless these people leave you alone, offer you peace, and stop fighting you, you may fight them when you encounter them. Against these, we give you a clear authorization." Sura 4:91

"Those who readily fight in the cause of God are those who forsake this world in favor of the Hereafter. Whoever fights in the cause of God, then gets killed, or attains victory, we will surely grant him a great recompense." Sura 4:74

The Bible: *"But I tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you"* Matth.5:44

"But I tell you who hear me: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who ill-treat you. If someone strikes you on one cheek, turn to him the other also. If someone takes your cloak, do not stop him from taking your tunic." Luke 6:27-29

"Jesus said to him: 'Put your sword back in its place, for all who draw the sword will die by the sword.'" Matth.26:52

Divorce

The Quran: *"Those who intend to divorce their wives shall wait four months; if they change their minds and reconcile, then God is Forgiver, Merciful. If they go through with the divorce, then God is Hearer, Knower. The divorced women shall wait three menstruations."* Sura 2:226-228

The Bible: *"Anyone who divorces his wife and marries another woman commits adultery, and the man who marries a divorced woman commits adultery."* Luke 16:18

"A woman is bound to her husband as long as he lives. But if her husband dies, she is free to marry anyone she wishes." 1Cor.7:39

Treatment of a woman

The Quran: *"If you experience rebellion from the women, you shall first talk to them, then deserting them in bed, then you may beat them. If they obey you, you are not permitted to transgress against them."* Sura 4:34

The Bible: *"Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave Himself up for her."* Eph.5:25

Hell

The Quran: *"Surely, those who disbelieve in our revelations, we will condemn them to the hellfire. Whenever their skins are burnt, we will give them new skins. Thus, they will suffer continuously."* Sura 4:56

The Bible: *"If anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire."* Rev.20:15

"But the cowardly, the unbelieving, the vile, the murderers, the sexually immoral, those who practise magic arts, the idolaters and all liars - their place will be in the fiery lake of burning sulphur. This is the second death." Rev.21:8

Heaven

The Quran: *"As for those who believe and lead a righteous life - we never burden any soul beyond its means - these will be the dwellers of Paradise. They abide in it forever. We will remove all jealousy from their hearts. Rivers will flow beneath them, and they will say, 'God be praised for guiding us. We could not possibly be guided, if it were not that God has guided us. The messengers of our Lord did bring the truth.' They will be called: 'This is your Paradise. You have inherited it, in return for your works.'" Sura 7:42-43*

The Bible: *"Nothing impure will ever enter it, nor will anyone who does what is shameful or deceitful, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life. Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. No longer will there be any*

curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and His servants will serve Him. They will see His face, and His name will be on their foreheads." Rev.21:27-22:4

Muhammad or the apostles of Jesus

Muhammad disbelieves the two great truths of the Bible's Jesus: Jesus is the Son of God and only His atoning sacrifice opens for us the acceptance of God.

The apostles of Jesus have written for us the teachings of Jesus, which are conflicting with the teachings of Muhammad. Who tells the truth? Isn't it easier to trust in the apostles who lived together with Jesus than to trust in Muhammad who lived 600 years later? Either Muhammad lies or the Apostles, but the both cannot be the witnesses of the same God.

If you are a Muslim, I urge you to appeal to Jesus of the Bible. You can get the forgiveness of your sins only from Him, because only He can pay to God the wages of your sins. If you hold on to the good and give up the bad, one day you will confess that Jesus is your Lord.

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Muhammad and John

John and Muhammad testify to Jesus. Whose testimony do you believe? John was the closest disciple of Jesus and eye-witness of His death and resurrection. Muhammad lived 600 years after Jesus and got his Jesus knowledge from the revelation given by an angel.

John against Muhammad

I have collected from the Bible and from the Quran a debate between the apostle John and the prophet Muhammad. Let John start.

John

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through Him all things were made; without Him nothing was made that has been made. The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth." John.1:1-3,14

Muhammad

"The example of Jesus, as far as GOD is concerned, is the same as that of Adam; He created him from dust, then said to him, "Be," and he was. This is the truth from your Lord; do not harbor any doubts." Sura 3:59-60

John

"That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have looked at and our hands have touched - this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. We know also that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know Him who is true. And we are in Him who is true - even in His Son Jesus Messiah. He is the true God and eternal life. Dear children, keep yourselves from idols." 1John 1:1,5:20-21

Muhammad

"Pagans indeed are those who say that GOD is the Messiah, the son of Mary." Sura 5:17

John

"Everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world? Only he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God." 1John 5:4-5

Muhammad

"The Jews and the Christians said, 'We are GOD's children and His beloved.' Say, "Why then does He punish you for your sins?" Sura 5:18

John

"If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. If anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defence - Jesus Messiah, the Righteous One. He is atoning sacrifice for our sins..." 1John 1:8-9, 2:1-2

Muhammad

"And for claiming that they killed the Messiah, Jesus, son of Mary, the messenger of GOD. In fact, they never killed him, they never crucified him - they were made to think that they did. All factions who are disputing in this matter are full of doubt concerning this issue. They possess no knowledge; they only conjecture. For certain, they never killed him. Instead, GOD raised him to Him." Sura 4:157-158

John

"But when they came to Jesus and found that He was already dead, they did not break his legs. Instead, one of the soldiers pierced Jesus' side with a spear, bringing a sudden flow of blood and water. The man who saw it has given testimony, and his testimony is true. He knows that he tells the truth, and he testifies so that you also may believe." John 19:33-35

Muhammad

"Everyone among the people of the scripture was required to believe in Jesus before his death. On the Day of Resurrection, he will be a witness against them." Sura 4:159

John

"On the Lord's Day I was in the Spirit,... and I saw 'like a son of man'. When I saw Him, I fell at His feet as though dead. Then He placed His right hand on me and said: 'Do not be afraid, I am the First and the Last. I am the Living One; I was dead, and behold I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades.'" Revelation 1:10, 17-18

Muhammad

"The Messiah himself said, 'O Children of Israel, you shall worship GOD; my Lord and your Lord.' Anyone who sets up any idol beside GOD, GOD has forbidden Paradise for him, and his destiny is Hell. The wicked have no helpers. Pagans indeed are those who say that GOD is a third of a trinity. There is no god except the one god. Unless they refrain from saying this, those who disbelieve among them will incur a painful retribution." Sura 5:72-73

John

"There are three that testify: the Spirit, the water and the blood; and the three are in agreement. We accept man's testimony, but God's testimony is greater because it is the testimony of God, which He has given about His Son. Anyone who believes in the Son of God has this testimony in his heart. Anyone who does not believe God has made Him out to be a liar, because he has not believed the testimony God has given about His Son. And this is the testimony; God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life." 1John 5:7-12

Muhammad

"The Christians said, 'Jesus is the son of GOD!' These are blasphemies uttered by their mouths. They thus match the blasphemies of those who have disbelieved in the past. GOD condemns them. They have surely deviated." Sura 9:30

John

"Who is the liar? It is the man who denies that Jesus is the Messiah. Such a man is the antimessiah - he denies the Father and the Son. Do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the

world. This is how you can recognise the Spirit of God: Every spirit that acknowledges that Jesus Messiah has come in the flesh is from God, but every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus is not from God." 1John 2:22-23, 4:1-3

Muhammad

"O people of the scripture, do not transgress the limits of your religion, and do not say about GOD except the truth. The Messiah, Jesus, the son of Mary, was a messenger of GOD, and His word that He had sent to Mary, and a revelation from Him. Therefore, you shall believe in GOD and His messengers. You shall not say, 'Trinity.' You shall refrain from this for your own good. GOD is only one god. Be He glorified; He is much too glorious to have a son." Sura 4:171

John

"Anyone who runs ahead and does not continue in the teaching of Messiah does not have God; whoever continues in the teaching has both the Father and the Son." 2John 9

Muhammad

"O you who believe, obey GOD and His messenger, and do not disregard him while you hear. This Quran could not possibly be authored by other than GOD. It confirms all previous messages, and provides a fully detailed scripture. It is infallible, for it comes from the Lord of the universe." Sura 8:20,10:37

John

"Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name." John 20:30-31

A question to a muslim

Jesus of the Quran says about himself: "And peace be upon me the day I was born, the day I die, and the day I get resurrected." Sura 19:33

The second text of the Quran says that he was not crucified, but "GOD raised him to Him". Sura 4:157

The third text of the Quran says that "Everyone among the people of the scripture was required to believe in Jesus before his death." Sura 4:159

When will be the day when Quran's Jesus will die and when will he be resurrected?

The Bible version used in references is NIV

Israel and Ishmael are the ancestors of two big nations. Judaism is from Israel and Islamism is from Ishmael. Jesus Christ is the promised Messiah for Jews as well as for Islamic nations, and not only for them, but for all nations.

Islamites refuse to give Jerusalem to Jews and Jews cannot give it away. Why has Jerusalem no peace?

In this world Muslims usually are not Muslims and Christians usually are not Christians. It is in this way because those who bear the name of a Muslim have not totally submitted themselves to God and those who bear the name of a Christian don't totally obey Jesus Christ. They are not what their names say, but God is. He can change Muslims and Christians so that they are what their names say by allowing them to know God. Jesus Messiah has come for knowing God. He is the exact representation of God's being. You can totally submit yourself to God only through Jesus Messiah.

What are the similarities between the Bible and the Quran and where do their messages differ? The most important similarity is that the both say that it exists only one God and He has created the heaven and the earth. The most remarkable difference concerns who Jesus the Nazarene is and how man is saved from the judgement of God.

John and Muhammad testify to Jesus. Whose testimony do you believe? John was the closest disciple of Jesus and eye-witness of His death and resurrection. Muhammad lived 600 years after Jesus and got his Jesus knowledge from the revelation given by an angel.