

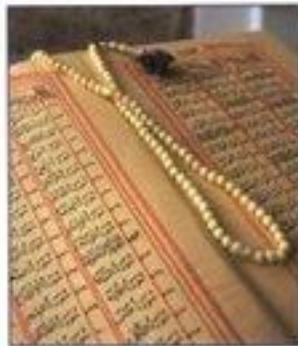
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THE COMPLETE IDIOT'S GUIDE[®] TO

Understanding Islam

- ♦ A complete introduction to the theological principles of the Islamic faith
- ♦ Thoughtful exploration of facts and fallacies about this misunderstood religion
- ♦ Enlightening insights on how Islam relates to both Judaism and Christianity

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"Presents a birds-eye view of the Islamic tapestry in a logical and easy-to-understand format."

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“We all have the same God” (p. 18).

“Jesus holds a particularly high place in Islam, and he is honored in many verses in the Qur’an” (p. 205).



Islam

The Same God/Jesus?

Islamic Argument About God



**Muslim Claim:
Allah is the God of the Bible!**

**Answer:
Saying it does not make it so.**

**Exo. 32:1-4 – Was the calf the God who
brought Israel out of Egypt?**

Luke 11:14-15 – Was Jesus' power from Beelzebub?

**“When Jews or Christians invite you to their religion,
say, ‘Nay’” – sura 2:135-136.**

God of the Qur'an/ God of the Bible



Their NAMES are different: ALLAH

“Allah is not only just a meaning of God, it is also a personal name for God, both a reference to God and His personal name. This is beautiful in a sense. You don’t just say God but you can also say Lord but when you say Allah you’re invoking the name, the personal name, of God. It establishes a personal touch or a pull between the human being and the creator.” (Dr. Jamal Badawi, whyislam.org)

God of the Qur'an/ God of the Bible



Their NAMES are different: ALLAH

“The unique usage of Allah as a personal name of God is a reflection of Islam’s emphasis on the purity of the belief in God that is the essence of the message of all God’s messengers.” (islamreligion.com)

God of the Qur'an/ God of the Bible



Their NAMES are different: YHWY

Psa. 83:18 – “That they may know that You, whose name alone is the LORD (YHWH), are the Most High over all the earth.”

Isa. 42:8 – “I am the LORD (YHWH), that is My name.”

Jer. 46:18 – “As I live,’ says the King, whose name is the LORD (YHWH) of hosts.”

YHWY = Jehovah

The personal name of God in the Bible.

God of the Qur'an/ God of the Bible



Their ESSENCES are different: 1 PERSON

“Say, He is God, the One and Only; God, the Eternal, Absolute; He begetteth not, nor is He begotten; And there is none like unto Him.” (Qur’an 112:1-4)

“Islam preaches the pure and simple unity of God. It rejects not only the plurality of gods, but also the plurality of persons in Godhead . . . It affirms the uniqueness that He has no partners in His Godhead. He is One in substance and One in Person . . . Nothing can emanate from Him and become His equal and partner in His Godhead.” (Ulfat Samad, aail.org)

God of the Qur'an/ God of the Bible



Their ESSENCES are different: 3 PERSONS

“There are three that bear witness in heaven: the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one” (1 John 5:7).

“One Spirit . . . One Lord . . . One God and Father of all” (Eph. 4:4-6).

“The name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit” (Mat. 28:19).

The three are one in nature and authority.

Jesus of the Qur'an/ Jesus of the Bible



In Qur'an:

**Holds title of prophet, was born of a virgin,
performed miracles, BUT:**

***“Christ the son of Mary, was no more than an Apostle;
many were the Apostles that passed away before him.
His mother was a woman of truth. They had both to eat
their (daily) food” (5:78).***

Jesus of the Qur'an/ Jesus of the Bible



In Qur'an:

**Holds title of prophet, was born of a virgin,
performed miracles, BUT:**

“Oh People of the Book! Commit no excesses in your religion: nor say of God aught but the truth. Christ Jesus the son of Mary was (no more than) an apostle of God . . . Say not “Trinity”: desist. It would be better for you, for God is One God: glory be to Him: (Far Exalted is He) above having a Son” (4:171).

Jesus of the Qur'an/ Jesus of the Bible



In Qur'an:

**Holds title of prophet, was born of a virgin,
performed miracles, BUT:**

***“They say: ‘(God) Most Gracious has begotten a son!’
Indeed ye have put forth a thing most monstrous! At it
the skies are ready to burst, the earth to split asunder,
and the mountains to fall down in utter ruin, that they
should invoke a son for (God) Most Gracious. For it is not
consonant with the Majesty of (God) Most Gracious that
He should beget a son” (19:88-92).***

Jesus of the Qur'an/ Jesus of the Bible



In Qur'an:

About His existence before His birth:

“The similitude of Jesus before God is as that of Adam; He created him from dust, then said to him, ‘Be,’ and he was” (3:59).

“After a description of the high position which Jesus occupies as a prophet, we have a repudiation of the dogma that he was God, or the son of God, or anything more than a man” (Footnote to 3:59).

Jesus of the Qur'an/ Jesus of the Bible



In Qur'an:

About His death on the cross:

“That they said (in boast), ‘We killed Christ Jesus the son of Mary, the Apostle of God:’ – but they killed him not, nor crucified him, but so it was made to appear to them, and those who differ therein are full of doubts, with no (certain) knowledge, but only conjecture to follow, for of a surety they killed him not” (4:157).

Jesus of the Qur'an/ Jesus of the Bible



In Qur'an:

About His death on the cross:

“The Qur'an claims that Jesus was not killed or crucified, but that it was made to appear so to (the leaders of the Jewish community) . . . Islam is uncompromising on this issue. God saved Jesus and took him to be in Paradise until the hour would come to complete his mission in the end-times. So from the point of view of Islam, the Christian doctrine that Jesus is God is moot, because Jesus didn't die anyway, and certainly not for the sins of humanity . . .

Jesus of the Qur'an/ Jesus of the Bible



In Qur'an:

About His death on the cross:

... Who was crucified on that fateful day? If anyone was executed, it may have been the man who betrayed Jesus. If he looked sort of like Jesus, in the confusion the Caucasian Romans may have grabbed him and killed him, thinking all Semites look alike. In any case, Islam says the method of deception is unimportant. What matters is that people thought Jesus died, when he didn't."

(TCIGTUI, p. 207).

Jesus of the Qur'an/ Jesus of the Bible



In Bible:

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

“And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth” (John 1:14).

“Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin will conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel (God-With-Us)” (Isa. 7:14).

Eternal Deity!

Jesus of the Qur'an/ Jesus of the Bible



Son of God!

John the Baptist: *"I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God"* (John 1:34).

Nathanael: *"Rabbi, you are the Son of God!"* (John 1:49).

Martha: *"Yes, Lord, I believe that You are the Christ, the Son of God"* (John 11:27).

Jesus of the Qur'an/ Jesus of the Bible



Son of God!

Paul: *“Immediately he preached the Christ in the synagogues, that He is the Son of God”* (Acts 9:20).

Paul, Sylvanus, Timothy: *“For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who was preached among you by us”* (2 Cor. 1:19).

Jesus Himself: *“Then they all said, ‘Are You then the Son of God?’ So He said to them, ‘You rightly said that I am’”* (Luke 22:70).

Jesus of the Qur'an/ Jesus of the Bible



Death on the cross?

Yahiya Emerick: *“The Christian doctrine that Jesus is God is moot, because Jesus didn’t die anyway.”*

The Apostle Paul: *“Concerning His Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who was born of the seed of David according to the flesh, and declared to be the Son of God with power according to the Spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead” (Rom. 1:3-4).*

Yahiya Emerick – *“Huh, must be Judas!”*

Thomas – *“My Lord and my God!”*

Ultimate Test Of Islam



What does it say about Jesus?

“Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God.”

(1 John 4:15)

“He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life.”

(1 John 5:12)