



DEFINITIONS

Islam Name of religion founded on the revelations of Muhammed. Arabic term for submission.

Muslim One who follows teaching of Islam. One who submits.

Muhammed, Mohammed The founder of the Islam. The Koran is a compilation of his revelations.

Koran, Qu'ran The "bible" of the Muslim. A book of revelations Muhammed received while in a state of trance. He received these writings over a period of time. At first he thought he was possessed by a "jinn," demon. He considered taking his life until his wife assured him it may in reality be visions from God.

During these revelations that supposedly came from the angel Gabriel, Muhammed would have convulsions that resembled epilepsy. He would sweat and roll on the ground uncontrollably.

NOTE: It was said by Muhammed and his followers that he was illiterate. This in order to prove his writings were inspired. However, this seems unlikely due to the fact that before his so called encounter with Gabriel, Muhammed was a trader, and was hired by a wealthy widow to handle her business affairs. She later became Muhammed's wife.

Hadith shariff Collected sayings and thoughts, tradition. Many of which have their origin in the Koran. (Christ condemned this practice of tradition mixed with religion because it loses all truth. Matthew 15:3-9 also Colossians 2:8 1 Peter 1:18)

Allah The Islamic name for the god of the Koran. The Koran rejects the trinity, along with most of the teachings of the Bible. Therefore, the God of the Bible and Allah are not the same God/god.

Caliph Leader

Ayatollah A spiritual master or leader in Islam

Imam A spiritual leader

Jihad A holy war. Certain quotes from the Koran are used to support the idea of, "fighting for Allah."

Surah Divisions in the Koran

Hajj A pilgrimage to Mecca, the holy city, which a Muslim must take at least once in their lifetime

Umma Islamic for the over-arching religious and political community.

to beat them into submission or to take their life. God is powerful enough to defend himself. (Romans 12:19)

We may consider what we may call false religion damnable, yet, it is our duty to tolerate ideology and put it in the hands of Jesus Christ the Lord.

We are responsible to be a witness for Christ. It should be an honor and a privilege for us to do so. (Acts 1:8)

We are obligated to "earnestly contend for the faith." (Jude 3) The word contend in the Greek indicates a battle. However, that is a spiritual battle based on words, not guns and swords.

As we witness for Christ there will be those who disagree, get angry, have their own belief system, or just simply reject the gospel message. In any case, the thing to do is wish them a nice day and walk away

We have fulfilled our duty as a Christian in an ethical way.

One of the most detestable human quality, or rather lack of quality, is hypocrisy. Religious hypocrisy is the worse kind. In our daily walk we must avoid hypocrisy in our actions and speech. (ref. Matthew 23)

Arabia. His father died before he was born, and his mother died when he was six. He was brought up by his uncle Abu Talib. He is said to have been withdrawn and morally sensitive, and was known as al-amin (the sensitive one)

He became a trader and made several journeys to Syria. He began to manage the business of a rich widow by the name of Khadija and she was so impressed with his honesty and ability that she offered him marriage and he accepted at the age of 25.

He heard Christians and Jews expound their beliefs and seemed troubled by confusion. He also wondered why the Arabs did not have their own religion. He periodically withdrew to a cave outside of Mecca to meditate and pray for guidance.

During one of his meditations he experienced a vision that claimed to be the archangel Gabriel, and told Muhammed he was a prophet of God. At first he was troubled by the visions and thought it was a Jinn (demon). His wife assured him it might actually be from God.

He finally accepted his role as a prophet. His revelations were put in writing and Islam was born. Muhammed began to spread his message. As it is with anything new, especially religion, there is always opposition. The new Christians suffered opposition, even unto death, and it is recorded in the book of Acts.

Muhammed suffered opposition in his home town of Mecca as his enemies were prepared to murder him. The reason is the heart of worship in Mecca was the *ka'bah*, (*shrine*) or the black stone. There was a long traditional story behind the shrine which centered on Abraham's first born son Ishmael and his mother Hagar. Muhammed was against the idol worship in the shrine. Jesus and Mary were among the images in the shrine, along with the goddess of fertility and power.

Muhammed preached against this type of idolatry, and rightfully so. However, those who made money on the worship of idols became incensed at Muhammed, and under the threat of murder, escaped to Medina.

Finally, after winning a few spiritual and physical battles, the message of Muhammed began to find a following. The Arabs spent most of their time in family, tribal, and land disputes. Now they had something they could identify with. Muhammeds ideology of religion and politics seemed to work for the many Arab communities.

HISTORY OF MUHAMMED

Hostilities with Mecca continued as Muhammed raided caravans traveling north. Finally the battle of Badr proved decisive for Islam (624). By 630 Muhammed returned to Mecca in victory.

In 622, after the death of his wife and uncle, Muhammed moved to Medina to form a new base of activity. This proved to be the right thing for him to do as Islam flourished.

IDENTIFICATION

It should be easy to see how Islam grew, and continues to grow at an astounding rate. This writer calls it "identification." It gives a person who refuses to identify with Christ and the Cross an identity. Statistics show that one of fifteen African Americans identify with, and become Muslims. Particularly if that person is prejudice against other races.

Once I identify with Islam and call myself a Muslim, I now have the right, according to my interpretation of the Koran, to be at odds with those I dislike. I may even become radical like Louis Farakan.

The Christian community is a good example. We have Baptists, Methodists, Lutherans, and etc. When we join a denomination we identify with something. Even the Muslims themselves have an identity crisis. They have divided into "sects."

Sunnites - Practice a more moderate form of Islamic interpretation. Make up roughly 90% of Muslim population

Shai'ite - Practice a more liberal interpretation and application of the Koran, and are much more militant and fanatical.

Ahmadiyan - Make up the more modern interpretations of the Koran and are considered the modern day scholars we find in campuses around the world.

There are an estimated 800 million Muslims worldwide. 6 million of those are in the United States. At a recent Muslim missionary conference they claim to "target 75 million Americans for Islam."

CONFLICT AND THE COMMON ENEMY

The identification process works especially well if we create a conflict with a common enemy. It always has and always will. Great conquerors of the past have been successful when they find followers with a conflict and a common enemy.

CONFLICT AND THE COMMON ENEMY

In the late 1930's, following World War I, Germany was suffering a severe depression. Adolph Hitler provided relief and hope for the German people by supplying war with a common enemy, Everybody.

In reality, the enemy was Russia and the Jewish people. After acquiring funds from wealthy bankers he declared war with Russia. However, he declared war with all of Europe and everyone became his common enemy. The same bankers who funded Hitler had to fund other nations in order to stop his madness.

Assuring his followers, which seemed to include all of the German people, they were a superior race. It was easy to proclaim the common enemy. In this case it was anyone Hitler proclaimed to be inferior to the white, blue eyed, fair haired Germans.

Most of all, however, the common enemy became Russia and the Jew. Since the Jew was intermingled with all of Europe, and most of the world, the common enemy became the world. Therefore, the conflict and the common enemy.

Also, since the United States became involved in the war, the common enemy for the American people became Hitler and the Germans. It does not take a genius to understand where this is going.

The common enemy unites us together with a common goal which allows a conflict to exist.

Families, because of hostilities toward others, or prejudice toward other races and religions, have instilled in their children and relatives the conflict with a common enemy.

The late Palestinian leader Arafat remained in power and authority because of conflict and the common enemy. He was rewarded with large amounts of money from the United States and the U.N. if he maintained peace in the region.

Usually, he did not. If he did there would be no more conflict with the common enemy, which was Israel. If no more conflict he would no longer be important. Get the picture?

Politicians create the common enemy in order to stay in power and authority. With the Democrats, the common enemy is the Republican. With the Republican the common enemy is the Democrat. Therefore, the conflict in the House and Senate never end.

The American people seem to get all wrapped up in the conflict through lack of discernment.

CONFLICT AND THE COMMON ENEMY

With the world the common enemy is the church. Under the influence of Satan, the world hates the church and Israel because they identify with Christ and the Word of God. In the book of Acts we have the record of the persecution of the church. (this new thing.)

1 Corinthians 1:18 For the preaching of the Cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us who are saved it is the power of God.

Identity and the common enemy. The Christian is called a right wing fanatic, and intolerant.

Conflict is one thing, yet when it leads to violence it is another. Christ said, "the kingdom of heaven suffered violence." (Matt. 11:12).

ENTER MUHAMMED

Muhammed thought he would be accepted with his new message. However, when he felt rejected, the Koran took on a new message of violence. It remains the same today. The violence suffered by the church and Israel is really an attack on the person of the Bible, the Lord Jesus Christ and his Word.

The Qu'ran Surah 11:106 And they say, "None but Jews or Christians shall enter Paradise." This is their wish, Say: "Give your proofs if ye speak the truth."

Surah 1X 52 Say: "Await ye for us, other than one of the two best things? But we await for you the infliction of a chastisement by God, from himself, or at our hands. Wait ye then; we verily will wait for you."

The Koran states that the Jews and Christians claim they are the only ones who will enter Paradise. Then, it states it is only a wish.

Then we read that if we do not accept the Koran and Muhammed a chastisement will come at the hand of God or at the hand of the Muslim himself.

Conflict and the common enemy is promoted by the Koran, and it is adhered to with violence.

Romans 12:18 If it be possible as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men.

The God of the Bible tells us to live at peace with all men if at all possible. We do not have to like their religion or doctrine, but we are not told to kill or persecute them.

TRADITION

*Matthew 15:8,9 This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoreth me with their lips, but their heart is far from me.
But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrine the commandments of men.*

The Muslim follows the oral teachings handed down from their ancestors. (Hadith) The Jews followed their teachings handed down through the centuries. They call it "the oral law of Moses, or, the Talmud."

The churches today have their laws and traditions. The Catholic church has it's councils. Other churches and denominations have their man made rules and regulations.

Most Baptist churches, along with other denominations, have a church constitution. When they are through with their rules and regulations, we may as well throw away the Cross of Calvary.

It is one thing to have traditions handed down from generation to generation, but we should never build a doctrine upon them. (ref. Galatians 1:14 Colossians 2:8 1 Peter 1:18)

Many Muslims have no idea what the Koran really teaches. Many Christians have no idea what the Bible teaches. The rest of the world have no idea what anything teaches.

DEFENDING THE TRUTH

Isaiah 8:20 To the law and to the testimony; if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them.

John 17:17 Sanctify them through thy truth; thy word is truth.

" Therefore, thus saith the Lord God of Israel"

Throughout the Old Testament are the words, "thus saith the Lord." God said his word is truth, and if anything does not agree with his word, the Bible, it is not truth because there is "no light in them."

There are two reasons why the world defends the Muslim over the truth.

1. We live in an antichrist society with an antichrist mentality. Even our so-called religious community has an antichrist mentality.

the differences. This is extremely unfortunate. Man should never be the ultimate judge of a persons relationship with God.

The Muslim, however, has taken it upon himself (or herself) to be the judge, even to the point of murder.

This is nothing new, as we have already pointed out. False doctrine always seems to hate the truth with a vengeance. Consider humanity long before there were religious and racial differences.

Genesis 4:8 And Cain talked with Abel his brother: and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel, his brother, and slew him.

Why did Cain kill his brother Abel? Religious differences!!

Genesis 4:3-6 And in the process of time it came to pass, that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto the Lord.

And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. And the Lord had respect unto Abel and his offering.

But unto Cain and his offering he had no respect. And Cain was very wroth, and his countenance fell.

And the Lord said unto Cain, Why art thou wroth? And why is thy countenance fallen?

Is God unjust? Is he prejudice? Why would he choose the offering of Abel over Cain? Maybe God likes meat and no potatoes? Strictly a meat diet. The answer is none of the above.

It was not the offering, it was the attitude. Cain's offering was founded on a works righteousness. Abel's offering was founded on looking toward his Savior who the Lord would provide. Therefore, Abel slew the animal and shed the blood, symbolic of Christ the Lamb of God. (ref. Hebrews 11:4 1 John 3:8-12)

The enemy is not each other, the enemy is a lie promoted by Satan, and adhered to by self righteousness. (works)

THE BIBLE vs. THE QU'RAN

In the following few pages we will examine the differences between the Muslim religion founded on the Koran and the Bible. We will be brief, yet informative. We will look at doctrines such as God, salvation and heaven, God's chosen people and the origin, and so forth. We will only quote passages that are necessary.

THE BIBLE

Written over a period of some 1500 years, the last book, Revelation, inspired in 95 A.D. There are 66 books in the Bible, written by approximately 39 different men and they were all Jewish. (Romans 3:1,2)

The only exception might be Luke, who was a Greek. However, being a Greek physician, did not exclude him from being a Jew. Paul the apostle was a Roman citizen living in Tarsus, but he was Jewish. (Acts 22-24)

These men did not write their own words, they were divinely inspired by the Holy Spirit, and the Bible, from beginning to end is in perfect harmony. (2 Timothy 3:16,17 2 Peter 1:19-21)

The Bible claims to be the Word of God and is "truth." (John 17:17) It is also not to be added to. (Revelation 22:18,19 with Deuteronomy 4:2 12:32 Proverbs 30:5,6)

QU'RAN / KORAN

The Koran was written by one man over the period of his adult lifetime. Unlike the men of the Bible, who knew God was talking to them, Muhammed thought he was possessed with a devil when he first began hearing voices.

There is no reason to assume that the Koran agrees with anything other than itself. The Koran acknowledges that the Bible is Scripture, yet it contradicts the Bible over and over.

Yet, the Koran claims there are no contradictions. (Sura IV 84)

When it comes to doctrinal issues the Koran and the Bible are in total disagreement. They cannot both be divinely inspired because they are in total contradiction on every issue.

NOTE: Every religious movement that claims new revelations is against the Bible and even anti-christ in it's doctrine. The Book of Mormon, even though it quotes the Bible, is in disagreement with the Bible. The Pentecostal movement with it's so called revelations must evaluate their position.

Isaiah 8:19,20 And when they shall say unto you, Seek unto them that have familiar spirits, and unto wizards that peep, and that mutter; should not a people seek unto their God? Should they seek for the living to the dead?

To the law and to the testimony; if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them.

In other words, if it is not according to, or in agreement with the Bible, there is no light in them. It is wizardry. It is drummed up demonology. That may be hard for some people to grip. After all, we are told, "we are all God's people," and we should acknowledge everyone's right to their own belief and etc.

As Christians we do not accept anything that does not agree with the Bible. The Koran does not agree with the Bible, and we do not accept it as from God. However, we acknowledge anyone's right to their belief.

THE GOD OF THE BIBLE vs. THE GOD OF THE KORAN

There are two basic names used for God in the Bible. They are God and Lord. They are translated God and Lord from Hebrew words that describe the context.

1. *Elohim* = plural of the supreme God; exceeding, magistrate
2. *Jehovah* = the self existent or eternal one

There are other words such as, Adonay, Adown, Elahh, but they all mean "the sovereign supreme ruler, the almighty, Deity, or just plain God.

The Christian believes in a trinity. We believe the Bible teaches that God is the Father, the Son, (Jesus Christ) and the Holy Spirit. (Ref. Matthew 28:19)

Jesus Christ is the manifestation of God in the flesh. (1 Timothy 3:16) He is the Savior promised to Abraham. (Genesis 22:8) Jesus Christ is the Messiah, the Lamb of God, and the Savior promised in the Old Testament and revealed in the New Testament. (ref. Daniel 9:24-27 Isaiah 7:14 9:6 Zechariah 12:10)

The Koran

The God of the Koran has one name.

1. *Allah* The Muslim has 99 names for God but none of them convey the meaning of Allah. The Muslim prayer is... "there is no God but Allah"

According to the Muslim scholar the word Allah does not come close to explaining the personality of the true God. He is to Good, to powerful, to mighty, to high, and superior for man to know him.

The Koran however, tells us all we need to know and how to respond as we read.

THE 'PEOPLE OF THE BOOK'

"The people of the book," is an expression used by Muslims in reference to the people of the Bible. Islamic tradition states that Abraham's son Ishmael and his mother Hagar, after being banished by Sarah, ended up in Mecca. Later, Abraham visited them there and he and Ishmael built the Ka'bah. The Muslim believes they are the true heirs through Ishmael.

At the Ka'bah is where people worshipped statues to Jesus, Mary, and many statues to idols. Muhammad put a stop to all of that religious garbage.

Muslim tradition teaches that it was Ishmael that Abraham offered instead of Isaac, and that it was Ishmael's insistence that Abraham carry it out.

The only real reference to Abraham in the Koran is Sura XIII. The Koran mentions the "people of the book," or the people of the Bible as Jews and Christians. (Sura IX 30)

The people of the Koran are those who believe the Koran and accept Muhammad as the last and true prophet of God. More on the religious aspects of Islam later.

PEOPLE OF THE BIBLE

There are only two ethnic groups in the Bible. They are Jew and Gentile. (Gentile is sometimes referred to as Heathen, Nations or anyone other than Jewish) Ironically, according to the Bible the Arabian is a Gentile, a Heathen.

Even though different nations are mentioned in the Bible, nationality's, race, color, and so forth, there is either Jew or Gentile. (ref. Isaiah 42:1 49:6 Matthew 10:5 Romans 3:29)

In the New Testament there is only Jew and Gentile. However, out of those two there is either those who are saved, and those who are lost. (ref. 1 Corinthians 1:18)

In this dispensation God is calling out his church. The church is made up of those who have trusted Christ as their Savior. The church is either Jew or Gentile.. (Romans 9:24)

ISRAEL THE CHOSEN

Israel is the chosen Nation. It is not the Arab or the Muslim, according to the Bible, which is the complete Word of God. God chose Israel through Abraham's son Isaac.

Genesis 21:12 And God said unto Abraham, Let it not be grievous in thy sight because of the lad, and because of the bondwoman; in all that Sarah hath said unto thee, hearken unto her voice; for in Isaac shall thy seed be called. (ref also Hebrews 11:18)

The seed promised to Abraham was the Savior, the Messiah, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Galatians 3:16 Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ.

Jesus Christ is the seed. However, the seed came through the line of Abraham, the father of the Jewish nation; Israel.

Genesis 12:1,2 Now the Lord had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will show thee.

And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing.

(ref. also Genesis 12:1-7 13:14-18 15:1-6 17:1-8)

Genesis 17:20,21 And as for Ishmael, I have heard thee: behold, I have blessed him, and will make him fruitful, and will multiply him exceedingly; twelve princes shall he beget, and I will make him a great nation.

But my covenant will I establish with Isaac, whom Sarah shall bear unto thee at this set time in the next year.

God told Abraham that his son Ishmael, born to the bond woman Hagar, would be a great nation of twelve princes. He would be the father of the twelve tribes of the Arabian nations.

But the covenant would be with Isaac! Isaac begot Jacob and Jacob was renamed Israel by God, and Jacob begot the twelve tribes of Israel, of which line the Christ was born.

Isaiah 41:8 But thou, Israel, art my servant, Jacob whom I have chosen, the seed of Abraham, my friend.

(ref also Isaiah 41:11 44:6)

The people of the book, the Bible, are those who inherit the promises of Abraham through his seed Jesus Christ the Lord. That is done by faith in Christ as Savior. When we trust in Christ as Savior we become part of "the seed."

The God of the Bible and the "so called," god of the Koran are not the same God. If they were God would be a hypocrit and a liar. HE IS NOT!!!

As we progress in our study of the Bible vs. the Koran we will tie of these basic differences together. There is more to it than just denying the Bible. Jesus Christ is more than just a prophet.

He is God made manifest in the flesh. Satan would love to have the world believe otherwise.

BIBLE - KORAN -HEAVEN AND HELL

The Koran supports the Bible teaching on heaven and hell, judgement, the last days, and so forth. However, the Koran disagrees with the Bible on how to get there. The Bible and the Koran confirm that there is no sin allowed in heaven, or, in the presence of God.

Yet, there is a very large gap between the Bible and the Koran on how one becomes good enough to enter heaven. (this subject will lead us back to Isaac and Ishmael)

The Koran

Sura iv:103 But whoso doth the things that are right, whether male or female, and he or she a believer,- these shall enter Paradise, nor shall they be wronged the skin of a date stone.

(we have only quoted one verse out of hundreds in the Koran)

The Koran teaches that heaven is attained by good works and believing in the Koran, which teaches that heaven is attained by good works. (notice the circle)

The Muslim also believes they must keep the five pillars of faith. These pillars are taken from the book as a whole. (Sura 10:109)

Pillar 1. "shahadah" making the public confession that there is no god but Allah.

Pillar 2. "salah" turning toward Mecca and praying five times a day, seven days a week at the call of the minaret.

Pillar 3 "sawm" fasting during Ramadan; the month Muhammad first received the Qu'ran.

Pillar 4. "zakat" setting aside 2.5 percent of one's earnings to benefit the Muslim community.

Pillar 5 "hajj" Making one pilgrimage to Mecca during the month designated for the journey.

The Muslim must adhere to these five pillars of faith and believe the Koran, then be good in their works, to attain heaven.

The Bible

Romans 3:10 As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one:

(ref also Psalm 14:1-3 53:1-3 Eccl. 7:20 Romans 3:23)

According to the Bible there is none righteous, none good enough.

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.

(ref. also Titus 3:5)

Heaven cannot be earned by good works. "lest any man should boast" There are no bragging rights in heaven.

Isaiah 64:6 But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.

The Qu'ran (Koran) states that one may do good works and believe the Koran and attain a place in heaven.

The Bible states that heaven is not of works and all our righteousnesses (righteous acts) are as filthy rags.

We do not worship the same God. If the god of the Koran and the God of the Bible were the same God he would be a hypocrit and a liar.

NOTE: Every false religion, or every religion that is contrary to the christian belief, will deny the following

1. The Deity of Christ. Christ is God manifest in the flesh.
2. Salvation by grace through faith in the finished work of Christ on the Cross
3. The rapture of the complete church at the same time. (denial of rapture period)

Because man is sinful by nature, and cannot be good enough to save himself from his sins, God himself has provided a Savior. He is Jesus Christ the Lord. God took on human flesh and died on the Cross for mans sins. To prove he was God, and to provide a resurrection in fulfillment of prophecy, he rose again the third day.

BACK TO BASICS

This leads us back to the basic and most important difference between the Koran and the Bible; is it the same God?

The Christian believes the Bible teaches that God is a trinity. Christ taught that God is a trinity.

Matthew 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 Ghost,

The Bible states that Christ is God manifest in the flesh. (1 Tim. 3:16)

Isaiah calls Christ the Immanuel, which means God with us. (ref. Isaiah 7:14 with Matthew 1:23) Isaiah also calls Christ the "Mighty God and Everlasting Father." (Isa. 9:6 with John 8:58 10:30)

THE KORAN

The Koran acknowledges Christ, but not as the Savior or God in the flesh. (Sura 2:81)

The Koran even denies Christ died on the Cross. The Koran states it was a likeness of Christ. (Sura 4:156)

The Koran also states Christ was only an apostle, along with the other apostles, the most important of whom was Muhammed. (Sura 4:169 5:19-21)

The Koran states that they who call themselves Christians by claiming Christ are infidels. The Koran contradicts every claim the Bible makes. There is no need to go in depth into the various teachings of the Koran.

However, we need to look at a few of the different positions taken by the Koran against the Bible.

ISAAC OR ISHMAEL

Either the Bible is the Word of God, or it is not. If it is, then the Koran is totally off course. It is true that Abraham was the Father of Ishmael. Ishmael became the father of the 12 tribes of the Arabian nations.

We have already given a brief account of the call of Abraham and the promises made to him. Yet, we need to make known the importance of the seed of Abraham.

As you will see, it is a simple matter of the important doctrine of grace and works.

Birth of Ishmael

God made a promise to Abraham and his seed. Abraham had no seed at the time and was very old. Instead of trusting in the Lord to fulfill his promise Sarah took matters into her own hands and sent Abraham into her maid, Hagar, to have a child. (Genesis 16)

This was a big mistake. It is always a mistake when we do not listen to the Lord and trust him.

God told Abraham the promise was made to his seed. He should have known if he did not have a son, God would give him one.

Then, in Genesis chapter seventeen God tells Abraham he would have a son. He even tells Abraham what his name would be. "thou shalt call his name Isaac." (Gen. 17:19)

We pick up the story once again in the New Testament. We go to Hebrews 11:17-19 and Galatians chapters three and four, in order to see the importance of this doctrine.

The church at Galatia had begun by faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. That is how a person is saved out of hell. Not of works. There is nothing one may do to be saved but believe on Christ as Savior.

Soon, they had been taken in by false prophets, and came to believe that works were involved in their salvation. Paul admonished them. (Gal. 1:6-10 3:1-5)

Paul explains in the letter to the Galatians that Abraham was justified by Faith, and the seed promised to Abraham was Christ, through Abrahams son Isaac. Isaac was the son of promise, Ishmael was the son of works. Unfortunately when we do not listen to God, everybody gets hurt.

In Galatians 4:19-31 the account is given of Hagar, Ishmael, and Isaac. Hagar is called "bond woman, and bondage." The word bondage usually is symbolic of a works religion, or a works righteousness. Bondage = works

In Hebrews 11:17-19 we have the account of Abraham offering up Isaac as a sacrifice because he thought Isaac would rise from the dead. The reason he thought so was because God promised a Savior. A seed. "Abraham believed God and he counted it to him for righteousness."

Ishmael is a type of our works for salvation, and Isaac is a type of salvation by faith. Salvation by faith is the only one that works. (Romans 4:1-8 Galatians 2:16 Ephesians 2:8,9)

There are many false religions in the world. Some, like Islam, have been founded on some man's visions, or so called revelations.

All of these religions deny the deity of Christ and salvation by grace through faith. The Koran and the Muslim religion is the ultimate of a works righteousness.

PEACE AND WAR

Galatians 4:28,29 Now we, brethren, as Isaac was, are the children of promise.

But as then he that was born after the flesh persecuted him that was born after the Spirit, even so it now is.

The God of the Bible is a God of peace. The god of the Koran is a god of violence.

Romans 12:18 If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men.

Some times it is not possible, yet we must try to be at peace with all men, even if we disagree doctrinally. We should be able to walk away without anger. (see also Hebrews 12:14 1 Peter 3:11)

King David tried to live at peace with the Arabian but it was hopeless.

Psalms 120:7 I am for peace; but when I speak, they are for war.

The Koran promotes violence and hatred for those they do agree with, or rather, those who do not agree with them.

Sura VIII: 68 No prophet hath been enabled to take captives until he had made great slaughter in the earth.....

(ref also Sura 3:139 9:5 9:40 and many more)

Not only does the Koran teach salvation by works, Christ was just a man, he did not die on the cross it was a substitute, war and violence, which are all contrary to the Bible, it gives different historical accounts of Old Testament events.

CREATION

Genesis 2:7 And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

The Bible state that God created man of the dust of the ground and breathed life into him. The Koran makes at least three different statements concerning creation of man.

Sura XV:26 We created man of dried clay, of dark loam moulded.

Sura XVI:4 Man hath he created from a moist germ; yet lo! Man is an open caviller.

Sura XCVI:2 Created man from clots of blood.....

The Bible was given by inspiration of the Holy Spirit. It was written over a period of 1500 years by 39 different men and is perfect harmony.

The Koran was given by one man over his adult lifetime, and is not in harmony with the Bible or with itself. Yet, Islam is the fastest growing religion in the world.

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