

FOR THE SERIOUS MUSLIM

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There is only one true God, as both Muslims, Jews and Christians declare, but is Allah the true God or is Yahveh the true God? ('Yahveh' is the personal name of the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, commonly called 'the Lord;' e.g. Genesis 2:4, 7). They both cannot be the same God, as these seven points bring out:

1. The name of the God of Israel is Yahveh, which is written 6,823 times in the *Tanach* (Hebrew Bible). The Koran, though, speaks of Allah, a name that is never used of the God of Israel in either the Hebrew Bible or the Christian New Testament. Yahveh and Allah cannot be not same God.
 - a. The designation 'Allah' is said by Muslims to be a generic term, 'god' in English, but this means that either Islam has no personal name for its god, or that 'Allah' is actually the name of the god of Islam.
 - b. Either way there is a dilemma. If there is no personal name for the god of Islam, just a generic designation, 'god,' then this cannot be connected to the God of Israel because He obviously has a primary personal name. Why would Yahveh not speak of Himself as Yahveh in the Koran?
 - If, on the other hand, the generic term 'Allah' is the name of the god of the Muslims, this too, proves that Allah is not the God of Israel because Yahveh does not use that as His name. Therefore, Yahveh and Allah are not the same God, and the Bible and the Koran were not inspired by the same God.
2. Allah was actually the name of the Arab moon-god before Mohamed made Allah the god of Islam. "Al-Kindi...pointed out that Islam and its god Allah did not come from the Bible, but from the paganism of the Sabeans. They did not worship the God of the Bible, but the moon-god and his daughters al-Uzza, al-Lat and Manat...Islamic scholar Caesar Farah concluded, '*There is no reason...to accept the idea that Allah passed to the Muslims from the Christians and Jews.*' The Arabs worshipped the moon-god as a *supreme deity*, but this was not biblical monotheism. Now that we have the actual idols of the moon-god, *it is no longer possible to avoid the fact that Allah was a pagan god in pre-Islamic times.*"¹
 - a. The symbol of the moon-god was, understandably, the crescent moon, which is also the symbol of Allah, found on mosques, minarets and flags. Yahveh does not have the symbol of the crescent moon. Yahveh and Allah cannot be the same God.
3. Yahveh forbids certain sea creatures and calls them an abomination (e.g. shrimp, swordfish, catfish and lobster, etc.; see Leviticus 11:10-12). Allah allows his people to eat those sea creatures. Again, Yahveh and Allah cannot be the same God.
4. Yahveh, in the Torah (Mosaic Law) commands Israel to love the stranger,² and Yeshua in the New Testament (Jesus/Isa) amplifies that command and tells Christians to love their enemy. In the Koran, though, Allah says that the stranger must convert to Islam or pay the subjugation tax, and enemies of Allah are to killed.³ The concept of loving the stranger, as well as one's enemies, is obviously disregarded by Allah and Mohamed. Therefore, the personality and character of Yahveh and Allah, are totally different in this vital area.
5. Yahveh commands Father Abraham to offer up his son Isaac⁴ (Genesis 22), but the Koran says that Abraham

¹ <http://www.biblebelievers.org.au/moongod.htm>. See also <http://www.billionbibles.org/sharia/allah-moon-god.html> and <http://www.faithfreedom.org/Articles/skm30804.htm>.

² Lev. 19:10, 33-34; 23:22; 24:22; Dt. 10:18-19; 24:17, etc.

³ "Fight those who do not believe in Allah, nor follow the religion of truth, out of those who have been given the Book (the Bible), until they pay the tax in acknowledgment of superiority and they are in a state of subjection," from <http://www.orst.edu/groups/msa/quran/quran/9.html#29>>Surah 9:29. "But when the forbidden months are past, then fight and slay the pagans *wherever* you find them, and seize them, beleaguer them, and lie in wait for them in every stratagem (of war)," from <http://www.orst.edu/groups/msa/quran/quran/9.html#5>>Surah 9:5.

⁴ See Genesis 22:2-3, and also *Human Sacrifice and Yeshua* at <http://seedofabraham.net/Human-Sacrifice-and-Yeshua.pdf>

offered up Ishmael. Again, Yahveh and Allah cannot be the same God.

6. In the Christian New Testament Yeshua is seen as God's Son who is crucified, dies and resurrected to glory; His death being a sacrifice for the sins of mankind (Matthew 20:28). Islam, though, teaches that Isa was not God's Son and He didn't die.⁵ Obviously, the two holy Books were not inspired by the same God.
7. Islam teaches that the Hebrew Bible (*Tanach*) of the Jews and the New Testament of the Christians has been altered, and that the Koran is the corrected version and has all the facts right about God and Jesus, but...
 - a. Moses wrote Mosaic Law (with Isaac being the one offered up by Abraham, and the dietary laws, etc.), 2,000 years before the Koran was written by Mohamed.⁶ The entire Hebrew Bible (*Tanach*) centers around the Jews; the descendants of Abraham, *Isaac* and Jacob, not Ishmael nor his descendants.
 - b. The Christian New Testament states that Jesus is God the Son, the Savior who was crucified so that a person's sins could be forgiven and have eternal life, but the Koran says that Isa was only a prophet—not the Son of God and He didn't die for humanity.
 - c. The Koran, although written a long time ago (609-632 AD), is the new religion of the three religions. In saying that both Jewish and Christian Bibles were dramatically altered at those major points (Isaac vs. Ishmael, and Jesus as the crucified Son of God or not; and also dietary laws and Feast days, etc.), is very easy for the newcomer (Islam) to say, but where is proof?
 - There is nothing in Jewish, Christian or secular history that supports the Jews changed Ishmael to Isaac, nor Jesus from being 'just a prophet' to God the Son. Could it be that the Koran has falsified the stories so it can claim authority and validation for Islam and Mohamed?

These seven points reveal that Yahveh, the God of Israel, commonly called 'the LORD' in English Bibles, is not Allah, the god of Mohamed. The same God could not have two diametrically opposed holy books (the Bible and the Koran). Also, the Jews are the only people in the history of the world who were taken out of the midst of another nation (Egypt), without rebelling against that nation. All ancient people have the story of Creation and the Flood, but only Israel came into being through the mighty acts of her God (Gen. 12:1ff.; Exodus 1–12ff.). This establishes her God as the true God, the *Tanach* (Old Testament) as true, and the Jews as 'God's Chosen People,' forever, in spite of their unfaithfulness, sins and rejection of Jesus.⁷

In the *Tanach* the Messiah (Christ) was prophesied to come to deal with man's sins and nature (Isaiah 52:13–53:12; Ezekiel 36:24-27; cf. Romans 7:1–8:1ff.).⁸ Yeshua is truly God the Son and belief in Him, which causes one to be Born Again (John 3:3, 5), is the beginning of eternal life in this world and the next.

You can read how I came to give my life to Jesus at *The Journey Begins* at <http://seedofabraham.net/The-Journey-Begins.pdf> and you can see the mathematical certainty of both the God of Israel and Yeshua at *Proof of God and Jesus* at <http://seedofabraham.net/Proof-of-God-and-Jesus.pdf>. If you have any questions you can contact me at my website The SeedofAbraham.net.

Also, many Muslims are giving their lives to Jesus. Here is a former imam who did so and why in *Jesus Knocks on Muslim Imam's Door—Zak Gariba* <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5ik44QY3EPQ> and <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uHgzGfeSgrQ>. Please also see Ali at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FylmW4TzP4> and Nabil at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NGJzkm8lZjU>.

to realize that the God of Israel told Abraham to sacrifice his son Isaac because Isaac is a picture of Yeshua being sacrificed for our salvation by His Father, even though Mosaic Law forbids human sacrifice.

⁵ *But the Jews "killed him not, nor crucified him, but so it was made to appear to them...for of a surety they killed him not...And on the Day of Judgment, He (Jesus) will be a witness against them"* (Christians); Koran 4:157-159.

⁶ Moses wrote the first five books of the Hebrew Bible (Torah) about 1400 BC. Jesus lived 600 years before the Koran was written: Islam teaches that the Koran was verbally given by Allah to Mohamed "through the angel Gabriel (Jibril), gradually over a period of approximately 23 years, beginning on 22 December 609 CE, when Mohamed was 40, and concluding in 632, the year of his death;" from <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Quran>.

⁷ Gen. 17:15-18, 24-26; 18:1-4; 21:1-5, 9-10; Isaiah 44:21; 46:13; Jeremiah 31:31-34; 32:36-42; Romans 11:25-29.

⁸ Revised on 9 September 2018.