

FOR THE SERIOUS MUSLIM

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Islam teaches that the *Tanach* ('Old Testament') of the Jews and the New Testament of the Christians has been altered, and only the Koran has all the facts right about God, Abraham and Jesus, etc. The Koran is said to be the corrected version. It states that God told Father Abraham to sacrifice his son Ishmael, yet in the *Tanach* God tells Abraham to sacrifice Isaac¹—it speaks nothing of Ishmael being offered up. Isaac, not Ishmael, was the son that Yahveh,² the God of Abraham, *promised* to Abraham and Sarah. It was also Isaac, not Ishmael, whom the covenant that God made with Abraham passed on to.³ Islam speaks of Abraham offering up Ishmael. Obviously, one of the books is false. *Nothing* in secular nor Jewish nor Christian history records any such alteration. Genesis 22 was written by Moses 2,000 years *before* the Koran.⁴ The *entire Tanach* centers around the descendants of Abraham, *Isaac* and Jacob, not Ishmael nor any other person. Could it be that the Koran has falsified the story to lend authority and validation to Islam? 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 (Exodus 1–12ff.). This establishes her God as the real God, the *Tanach* as true, and the Jews as 'the Chosen People.'

Who Was Isa?

The Koran, which is also supposed to have the correct understanding of the New Testament, states that Isa (Jesus/Yeshua) of Nazareth didn't die a sacrificial atoning death for mankind, which means that Yeshua is not the Savior, nor the Messiah of Israel. Islam teaches that God does not have a son, so Yeshua can't be God the

¹ See Genesis 22:2-3, and also *Human Sacrifice and Yeshua* at <http://seedofabraham.net/Human-Sacrifice-and-Yeshua.pdf> 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.

² 'Yahveh' is the personal name of the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and appears 6,823 times in the *Tanach*. The name Yahveh comes across, in many English Bibles, as the LORD or as GOD, with small CAPS.

³ Genesis 17:19-21: Then God said: "...Sarah your wife shall bear you a son, and you shall call his name Isaac; *I will establish My covenant with him for an everlasting covenant, and with his descendants after him.* As for Ishmael, I have heard you. Behold!, I have blessed him, and will make him fruitful and will multiply him exceedingly. He shall beget twelve princes and I will make him a great nation, but *My covenant I will establish with Isaac,* whom Sarah shall bear to you at this set time next year." (See also Gen. 17:15-18, 24-26; 18:1-4; 21:1-5, 9-10)

Genesis 22:1-3: "Now it came to pass after these things that God tested Abraham, and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." Then He said, "Take now your son, your unique *son* Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you." So Abraham rose early in the morning and saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son; and he split the wood for the burnt offering, and arose and went to the place of which God had told him."

Genesis 22:9-12: "Then they came to the place of which God had told him. And Abraham built an altar there and placed the wood in order; and he bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, upon the wood. And Abraham stretched out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. But the Messenger of Yahveh called to him from Heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" So he said, "Here I am." And He said, "Do not lay your hand on the lad, or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your unique *son*, from Me." Isaac was 'unique,' not the 'only' son that Abraham had, because Sarah never had a child and was too old to have children, but God promised her a son, and so Isaac becomes the son of promise, prefiguring Yeshua is The Son of promise (Is. 11:1-11f.; Micah 5:2, etc.).

⁴ Moses wrote the first five books of the Scriptures about 1400 BC. The Koran/Quran was written after 600 AD: "Muslims believe the Quran was verbally revealed by God to Muhammad through the angel Gabriel (Jibril), gradually over a period of approximately 23 years, beginning on 22 December 609 CE, when Muhammad was 40, and concluding in 632, the year of his death." <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Quran>. December 22nd is the winter solstice; the day when there is the least light upon the Earth.

Son. Concerning Messiah Yeshua's sacrificial death the Koran states that Christians have rejected the true faith of Islam:

“...they rejected the Faith...they uttered against Mary a grave false charge...they said (in boast): ‘We killed Christ Jesus the son of Mary, the Messenger of Allah, *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...for of a surety *they killed him not*...And on the Day of Judgment, He (Jesus) will be a witness against them (Christians).”⁵

The Koran also states that Mohammed is *greater* than Yeshua, yet the New Testament states that Yeshua is God the Son.⁶ Again, there is nothing in secular, Jewish nor Christian history that speaks of the New Testament being altered to present Yeshua as God the Son or the Savior who died a sacrificial death. The alleged alteration is only taught in Islam, yet just as Islam asserts that the Jews changed Ishmael to Isaac, Islam does not have any authentic ancient references (from before Mohammed) to *prove* their assertion that Christians changed Jesus to be God the Son, the Savior. The Koran fails to persuade because it's the Koran that changed Yeshua's status.

Divorce

A third major point against the Koran, and obviously, Allah being the true God, is seen in Yahveh's law on divorce in Deuteronomy 24:1-4, which is the fifth book of Moses. It states that when a woman is divorced by her husband and then marries another man, if her second husband also divorces her she is *prohibited* from remarrying her first husband:

“then her former husband who divorced her *must not take her back to be his wife* after she has been defiled, for that is an abomination before Yahveh and you must not bring sin on the land, which Yahveh your God is giving you as an inheritance.” (Deuteronomy 24:4)

Messiah Yeshua spoke of divorce being given because of the hardness of their hearts (Matthew 19:3-9; the first book of the New Covenant that God made with *Israel*; cf. Jeremiah 31:31-34), but Yeshua said that it wasn't that way in the *Beginning*. Yeshua raised the standard, speaking of Christians not divorcing except for *sacrificial sexual idolatry* (which is spoken of as either *fornication*, in the ASV and KJV, or as *sexual immorality* in many English Bibles). The sin of sacrificial sexual idolatry, which the Christian Church mistakenly interprets to be ‘adultery’,⁷ severs the spouse involved from God by irreparably breaking the covenant with Him made in the blood of Yeshua. Divorce, then, is just the official recognition that the Christian spouse apostatized:

“The Pharisees also came to Him, testing Him and saying to Him, ‘Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for just any reason?’ And He answered and said to them, ‘Have you not read that He who made them at the *Beginning* ‘made them male and female,’ and said, ‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh’? (Genesis 2:24) So, then, they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore, what God has joined together, let not man separate.’ They said to Him, ‘Why then did Moses command to give a certificate of divorce and to put her away?’ He said to them, ‘Moses, because of the hardness of your hearts, permitted you to divorce your wives, but from the *Beginning* it was not so. And I say to you, whoever divorces his wife, except for *fornication* (sacrificial sexual idolatry) and marries another, commits adultery, and whoever marries her who is divorced commits adultery.’” (Matthew 19:3-9)

⁵ Koran 4:156-159.

⁶ Read *Yeshua—God the Son* at <http://seedofabraham.net/Yeshua-God-the-Son.pdf>, and also, *Yeshua—His Deity and Sonship* at <http://seedofabraham.net/Yeshua-His-Deity-and-Sonship.pdf>. See also John 1:1f., 8:12; 11:25; 14:6, 9-10.

⁷ For why *fornication* (ASV; KJV) and *sexual immorality* in English Bibles speak of sacrificial-sexual idolatry, and not adultery nor unchastity nor sex outside of marriage, see the chapter, *Jesus and Divorce in The Lifting of the Veil—Acts 15:20-21* at <http://seedofabraham.net/The-Lifting-of-the-Veil.pdf>.

Only fornication (sacrificial sexual idolatry) is biblical justification for divorce among two Christians, yet Mohammed, 600 years *after* Yeshua, in an alleged ‘corrected’ version of what *both* Moses and Yeshua said, allows for the wife to return to her first husband and allows for divorce, respectively. The Koran states the divorced woman *may return to her former husband*, implying that if she had married another she could return to the first husband:

“And when you divorce women and they have fulfilled their term, do not prevent them from re-marrying their (former) *wives* if they agree among themselves on an acceptable basis. That is instructed to whoever of you believes in Allah and the Last Day. That is better for you and purer, and Allah knows and you know not.” (Koran 2:232)⁸

Also, “if they decide on divorce—then indeed, Allah is Hearing and Knowing” (Koran 2:227). Again, Allah differs drastically from what the God of Israel said through Moses and Yeshua. Allah cannot be Yahveh.

Love or Murder?

The Torah (Mosaic Law) records Yahveh commanding Israel to love the stranger in the midst of Israel,⁹ and Yeshua commands Christians to love their enemy. In the Koran Allah says that the stranger in the midst must convert to Islam or pay the subjugation tax and enemies of Allah are to be murdered.¹⁰ The concept of loving the stranger in your midst, as well as one’s enemies, as taught by Yeshua, is obviously disregarded by Allah and his prophet Mohammed. Therefore, the personality, as well as the concepts and words of Yahveh, the God of Israel, and that of Allah and the Koran, are totally different at these vital central points of whom Abraham offered up; was Yeshua God the Son whose sacrificial death atoned makes a way for sins to be forgiven; can a man divorce his wife; and should we love or murder our enemies. Obviously, Allah is not Yahveh, the God of Israel.

The Name of God

The name of the God of Israel is Yahveh, which is written 6,823 times in the *Tanach*, and although there are other designations for the God of Israel (e.g. El Shaddai), the Koran speaks of Allah, something that is never used of the God of Israel in the *Tanach*, nor in the New Covenant.

The designation ‘Allah’ is said by many Muslims to be a generic term for the Hebrew *elohim* (singular *elo’ah*), which means ‘god’ in English, but this means that either Muslims have no personal name for their god, or that ‘Allah’ is actually the name of their god. Either way they are caught in a dilemma. If the former, if there is no personal name for the Muslim god, 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 He not speak of Himself like that in the Koran? If, on the other hand, the generic term ‘Allah’ is the name of the god of the Muslims, this too, proves

⁸ This last concept on divorce I credit to Robee May who emailed me with the citations from the Koran.

⁹ Lev. 19:10, 33-34; 23:22; 24:22; Dt. 10:18-19; 24:17, etc.

¹⁰ “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* ye 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.

“Against them make ready your strength to the utmost of your power, including steeds of war, to strike terror into (the hearts of) the enemies, of Allah and your enemies, and others besides, whom ye may not know, but whom Allah doth know. Whatever ye shall spend in the cause of Allah, shall be repaid unto you, and ye shall not be treated unjustly,” from <http://www.orst.edu/groups/msa/quran/quran/8.html#60>>Surah 8:60.

that Allah is not the God of Israel does not use that as His name. Allah, then, is just another name for Satan, like Zeus or Apollo, but whereas the latter two had other gods alongside of them, Allah allegedly has none. Mohammed wasn't the first to say that his god was the only true God. Alexander Hislop writes that every ancient *pagan* religion, at first, taught the same thing:

“The ancient Babylonians...recognized in *words* the unity of the Godhead, and while worshipping innumerable minor deities as possessed of certain influence on human affairs, they distinctly acknowledged that there was *One* infinite and almighty Creator, supreme over all.¹¹ Other nations did the same. ‘In the early ages of mankind,’ says Wilkinson in his *Ancient Egyptians*,”

‘The existence of a sole and omnipotent Deity who created all things seems to have been the *universal belief*.’¹²

The same God could not have inspired both the Bible and the Koran. It's clear to see that the God of Israel **did not** inspire the Koran and that Yahveh isn't Allah, as Al-Kindi and others declare:

“Al-Kindi, one of the early Christian apologists against Islam, 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. Dr. Newman concludes his study of the early Christian-Muslim debates by stating, ‘*Islam proved itself to be...a separate and antagonistic religion, which had sprung up from idolatry.*’ Islamic scholar Caesar Farah concluded, ‘*There is no reason, therefore, 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. While the Moon-god was greater than all other gods and goddesses, this was still a polytheistic pantheon of deities. 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.* Is it any wonder then that the symbol of Islam is the *crescent moon*? That a crescent moon sits on top of their mosques and minarets? That a crescent moon is found on the flags of Islamic nations?”¹³

The symbol of a crescent moon links ‘Allah’ to his former position as the moon god, worshipped by the Arabians and others in the ancient Middle East before Mohammed was born. Islam is not the continuation or greater revelation of Judaism and Christianity. It is a deception from Satan. Yeshua said that unless one is Born Again he cannot *enter in* nor even *see* the Kingdom of God (John 3:3, 5).

If you are a Muslim please read the Gospel of John and the Book of Acts (in the Bible/Scriptures) and find out who Yeshua really is—He died so you could have your sins forgiven, be filled with the Holy Spirit, have a *real* relationship with Yahveh and have eternal life. Ask the true God to reveal His Truth to you; then renounce Islam and ask Yeshua to forgive your sins, that you want to be Born Again and for Him to fill you with His Spirit. “Then Yeshua spoke to them again, saying, ‘I am the Light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the Light of Life.’” (John 8:12)¹⁴

¹¹ Alexander Hislop, *The Two Babylons*, 2nd American edition (Neptune, NJ: Loizeaux Brothers, 1959), p. 14, note *: Jamblishus, sect. viii. chap. ii. Macrobius, *Saturnalia*, p. 65. Read *The Two Babylons—The Full Hislop* at <http://seedofabraham.net/The-Two-Babylons.pdf>.

¹² Ibid., note †: Sir J. Gardner Wilkinson, *Manners and Customs of the Ancient Egyptians*, vol. iv. p. 176.

Hislop, in speaking of the ‘innumerable minor deities,’ alerts us to the problem that the Apostle Paul had with the Colossians who were being told that Messiah wasn't ‘enough’ to get them to God the Father (i.e. salvation); they had to also seek the *intermediaries* (that were part of Gnosticism; see Col. 1:15-23; 2:2-4, 8-10, 22-23). Judaism, too, has the same thing with their different ‘spheres’ or intermediaries in Kabbalah. For why Kabbalah is Babylonian mysticism dressed in Jewish clothes, see *Kabbalah* at <http://seedofabraham.net/Kabbalah.pdf>.

¹³ <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>.

¹⁴ Revised on 7 March 2017.