

# ARE ALLAH AND JEHOVAH THE SAME GOD

## Series: JESUS vs JIHAD

"What Bible Prophecy says about World Events"

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### INTRO:

The purpose of this series is to identify the enemy (Satan), by comparing Jesus and His teachings against Radical Islam. So--We will begin with the question...

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- Judaism, Christianity, and Islam---All find their origin with **ABRAHAM**
- All THREE RELIGIONS---Are what is called "**Monotheistic**" religions (The belief in one God) But there is where the similarity ends...
- Allah of Islam **IS NOT** THE SAME GOD AS JEHOVAH of Judaism and Christianity.

## What Muslims believe about the deity they call Allah?

### 1. Who is Allah

#### Word Study:

- "**Islam**" derives from the Arabic word "**aslama**". Which means "**total surrender**" or "**total submission**."
- "**Allah**" comes from pre-Islamic times, and it corresponds to the Babylonian name "**Bel, Baal**". Balaam becomes a personification of evil a Satanic Figure.

#### Remember, Jesus's words to two churches

**PERGAMOS**--- "The Compromising Church" **Rev. 2:12a, 14**

**THYATIRA**---"The Dysfunctional Church" **Rev. 2:18a, 20**

**Jezebel**=in the OT was an adulterous Queen of the Northern King of Israel (*1,2 Kings*)

She established Baal as the official religion of Israel,

The "**crescent moon**", the symbol of pagan moon worship, is also the symbol of Islam

### 2. How is Allah different from Jehovah?

#### Allah--

- Islam describes Allah as being neither wholly a spirit nor a physical entity, remote, aloof, and distant. The Koran presents Allah as being forever hidden from humanity.
- Islam requires Muslims to take revenge whenever Allah is insulted. --Muslims are commanded to fight for Allah
- Islam claims that the angel Gabriel revealed Allah's will to Muhammad---He gave through Mohammad the human race a set of instructions---but He didn't give Mohammad any insight into the nature, character, or personality of Allah. That is why the Allah of the Koran remains hidden and mysterious.

#### Jehovah—

- Jehovah is continually seeking a relationship with humankind. "*you will be my people, and I will be your God*" (**Jer. 30:22**)
- The bible shows that humanity hides from God, not God hiding from humanity. "*Where are you*" (**Gen. 3:9**)

- The bible never says man is to seek revenge for God---But that God avenges us.(**Ex 14:14, 2 Cor 5:20**)
- Jesus taught us that instead of beheading our enemies, we are to pray for our enemies, do good to them, and turn to them the other check  
(**Note: this is a command of believers—NOT GOVERNMENT**)
- Jehovah is personal and knowable. He revealed himself to:
  - **Abraham**—(James 2:23)
  - **Moses**—“I Am” (Ex 3:14)
- Jehovah reveals Himself to humanity by telling **His names**—names that describe His character and attributes.

### 3. How humans are to relate to:

**Jehovah**— Jesus revealed God’s truth by His life as the incarnate Son of God. **John 1:1-3, 14 John 14:6** “*I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me*”

**Allah-- Muslims view the issue of “Sin” very differently from Christianity.**

- Islam states that human beings were created for the service, absolute obedience of Allah.
- If they obey Allah, their **good works will counterbalance their evil works.**

Koran 11:114—“*For those things, that are good remove those that are evil*”

**In other words---**The Koran does not view the sin of Adam and Eve as having caused humanities fall, so Islam has no doctrine of original sin or sin nature.

**Instead---****Islam classifies various “misdeeds”** as being great or small for the purpose of determining the degree of punishment to be meted out.

### 4. Classifications of “Sins”

- a. “**Little Sins**” (**saghira**) -Lying, Deception, Anger, Lust

**This sins are easily forgiven if the greater sins are avoided and if compensatory good works are performed. In fact---**a lie may actually be a good deed if it helps someone or advances the cause of Islam. The doctrine of “**Abrogation**”

- b. “**Great Sins**” (**kabira**) Murder, Adultery, Disobeying God, Disobeying one’s parents, Drinking to excess, \*Practicing “usury” , \*Neglecting Friday prayers, Not keeping the fast of Ramadan, Swearing by any name other than Allah’s, Performing magic, Gambling, \*Dancing, \*Shaving one’s beard

**These sins can only be forgiven after repentant Deeds have been done.**

- c. “**Unpardonable Sin**” (**shirk**)--The association of other deities with Allah.

### 5. What Does Allah Do About Sin

**There are important distinction between Islam and Christianity---**

- **Muslims believe** Allah is remote and unknowable, so there is no way a human can have assurance of forgiveness. There is no promise of grace and forgiveness
- **Christianity teaches** that humans have a sin nature from birth, and that sin must be cleansed.
- **For Jews----**Jehovah provided a means of atonement through the blood sacrifice of the Law.

- **For Christians**---the ultimate atoning sacrifice was the death of Jesus on the cross, which was foreshadowed by the OT sacrifices.
- **In Islam -- There is no** atonement for sin, sacrifices pointing to an atoning Messiah, atoning blood of Jesus to cover the sins of a believer once and for all, assurance of salvation. Although Allah is called "*merciful*" in the Koran, **he dispenses mercy or punishment according to his whim.**

## 6. The Islamic View of Jesus (Isa)

The incarnation of Christ is a major stumbling block for Muslims. Because Muhammad's illiteracy and limited contact with Christian theology, he mistakenly thought that the Christian believe in the Trinity, was composed of: **God, Jesus and Mary**, Many Muslims hold this misconception still today.

**Important Note:** Muslims view the Koran itself as the completion of the revelation that was begun in the OT and NT.

### Islam views Jesus (Isa) as:

- A prophet of God, They accept Jesus' miracles, But **do not believe** Jesus was God in human flesh.

**Koran 9:30**— "*The Jews call Uzair (Ezra) a son of Allah, and the Christians call Christ the son of Allah. That is a saying from their mouth; (in this) they but imitate what the unbelievers of old used to say. Allah's curse be on them, how they are deluded away from the Truth!*"

**One of the aspects of Christianity most difficult for Muslims to grasp is the Cross of Christ.** The purpose of the cross eludes Muslims because they see no need for a sacrifice for sin. **They don't believe that Jesus died on the cross.** They believe that the when the roman soldiers came to Jesus by night in the Garden of Gethsemane, God took Jesus up to Heaven before the soldiers even laid hands on Him. **Therefore, Jesus was never crucified**

- He simply ascended directly to Heaven.

### Islamic scholars offer different theories, Some say it was:

- **Judas Iscariot** was crucified in Jesus' place.
- **Simon of Cyrene**—the one who carried Jesus' cross for Jesus.
- **One of the Disciples** volunteered to be crucified in Jesus' place.
- Each theory involves the idea of **someone with a "likeness" of Jesus** was supernaturally transferred to the man who died in Jesus' place.

**In Christianity**---The bible teaches that Jesus voluntarily humbled Himself and submitted to death on the cross out of love of us.

**In Islam**-----that kind of self-sacrificing love is seen as a sign of weakness.

- To love is to be vulnerable!
- Islam has no concept of the strength of Love.

## 7. How Islam's View of Allah affects Muslims Behavior

### Muslims---

- Are taught to view the giving of alms (charitable donations) as a religious duty---(not a heartfelt act of compassion and love for others, Are taught to Judge, Condemn, Even exterminate---- Those who fail to measure up to the highest standards of faith and religious practice

**WHY?**—because that is how they expect Allah to deal with them if they disobey his commands.

**In Islam**---there is no recognition of God's goal of reestablishing a love relationship with the human race. The theme of friendship and fellowship with God **is completely absent from the Koran.**

## **8. A Muslim's Greatest Hope: To avoid Allah's Wrath**

**One big question Muslims ask is:** "How could God enter into human life and remain God?"  
**1 Tim 3:16** (NASB) "*By common confession, great is the mystery*". **We accept it by "Faith But understand---This mystery is impossible for Muslims to accept!!**

### **To the Muslims---**

- The idea that we are created in God's image—is blasphemy
- Creation of humanity was an act of Allah's absolute power
- Allah created us not to have fellowship but to simply serve him.
- Humans are to submit to his divine will
- Allah exercises arbitrarily as he pleases, according to his infinite power.

### **According to the Koran---**

- Allah often misleads and deceives people—based on his whim
- Adherents to Islam are not invited into a relationship with Allah—
- They are commanded to practice religious rites and duties.

**Muslims motivation is not a love for the Creator but a fear of punishment.**

### **Islamic theology---**

- Humanity was created in a state of moral goodness
  - This mind-set constitutes a rejection of the creation story of Genesis.
- But we are prone to stray away when tempted
- Humanity **is not** radically estranged from God and our fundamental nature is not sinful.
- Muslims cannot image a life of fellowship with Allah, The best they can hope for is to avoid his wrath.

**To the Christian---** **Our God does not mislead us**—that would violate His very nature

**John 3:33** <sup>33</sup> *whoever has accepted it has certified that God is truthful.*

**Heb 6:18** *God did this so that, by two unchangeable things in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled to take hold of the hope set before us may be greatly encouraged.*

**Titus 1:2** *in the hope of eternal life, which God, who does not lie, promised before the beginning of time,*

**We believe the fall radically damaged human nature**

- Although we were made in the image of God---we became lost in sin, alienated from God, incapable of pleasing God through our own works.
- Though we are fallen, our original purpose remains the same:
  - We were created to have fellowship with our loving God

**He has restored that broken relationship through Jesus Christ.**

- By His death upon a cross, Jesus saved us, redeemed us from sin and death and fulfilled our longing for a meaningful life.
- By dying in our place, Jesus enables us to reflect again God's image on this earth.

## Conclusion:

- **Are Allah and Jehovah—the same God-----NO**
- **Islam's origin** is found in the Worship of Baal
- **Jehovah**—is approachable, loving, immutable (absolute truth)
- **Allah**---is aloof, unpredictable, and deceitful.
- **Islam**—has no concept of the Atonement for sin
- **Christianity**---is based on the Atoning act of Jesus on the cross.
- **Islam**—has no understanding of a fellowship relation with Allah
- **Christianity**---our greatest hope---is to be in right relation with God—through Jesus' blood.

## Definitions

1. **Abrogation:** The principle of abrogation of an older verse by a new verse of Quran, or within the Hadiths is a well-established principle in Sharia. It is a term used in Islamic legal exegesis for seemingly contradictory material within or between the two primary sources of Islamic law: the Quran and the Hadith. Several Qur'anic verses state that some revelations have been abrogated and substituted by later revelations.<sup>[1][2]</sup> Which are understood by most Muslim scholars as pertaining to the verses of the Quran.
2. **"Allah":** the name Muhammad gave to the creator (God)
3. **"Aslama"**, which means "total surrender" or "total submission"---especially to God
4. **Baal:** became synonyms with "Satan"— Jezebel's idolatrous form of worship.  
Smith's bible dictionary: the supreme male divinity of the Phoenician and Canaanitish nations, as Ashtoreth was their supreme female divinity. Some suppose Baal to correspond to the sun and Ashtoreth to the moon; others that Baal was Jupiter and Ashtoreth Venus. There can be no doubt of the very high antiquity of the worship of Baal. It prevailed in the time of Moses among the Moabites and Midianites, ( Numbers 22:41 ) and through them spread to the Israelites. ( Numbers 25:3-18 ; 4:3 ) In the times of the kings it became the religion of the court and people of the ten tribes, ( 1 Kings 16:31-33 ; 1 Kings 18:19 1 Kings 18:22 ) Regard the Babylonian Bel, ( Isaiah 46:1 ) or Beaus, as essentially identical with Baal, though perhaps under some modified form of The plural, **BAALIM**
5. **Crescent moon**, the symbol of pagan moon worship, is also the symbol of Islam.
6. **"Isa":** Islam's name for Jesus
7. **Jezebel:** in the OT was an adulterous Queen of the Northern King of Israel (*1,2 Kings*)
8. **Monotheistic:** The belief in one God
9. **"kabira"** "Great Sins"
10. **"saghira"** Little Sins"
11. **"shirk"** Unpardonable Sin"