

THE CROSS AND THE CRESCENT
(A Study of Islam in Light of the Scriptures)

Is God and Allah the Same?

- Intro:
- A. Both Christianity and Islam are monotheistic religions.
 - B. Many people believe Jehovah of the Bible and Allah of the Quran are the same God.
 - C. God of the Bible is many times called Jehovah in the Old Testament but in the New Testament He is referred to as God.
 - C Allah, the name of the one god in Islam, was being used by Arab tribes to refer to their personal "high god" among 360 different idols at the Kaaba in Mecca.
 - D. Muhammad destroyed all the idols in Mecca and accepted the name Allah as the only true god.
- I. THE GOD OF THE BIBLE CAN BE KNOWN
- A. Through the universe (Psalm 19:1)
 - B. Through Christ (John 3:16; 1:1-4; Philippians 2:5-8)
 - C. Through mankind (Genesis 1:26; Psalm 8)
 - D. Through the Bible (John 1:1-4; 12:48)
- II ALLAH CANNOT BE KNOWN
- A. He is transcendent
 - B. No man can personally know him.
 - C. He is abstract, distant and high above man
- III. THE GOD OF THE BIBLE IS ONE
- A. He is one essence (Deuteronomy 6:4; Isaiah 45:5; 1 Corinthians 8:6)
 - B. The Godhead (Genesis 1:26; (1John 5:7)
 - C. The Father the Son and the Holy Spirit.
- IV ALLAH OF THE QURAN IS SINGULAR
- A. The Quran denies the trinity concept: "They disbelieve who say: Allah is one of three (in a Trinity:) for there is no god except one God" (Surah 5:73)
 - B. The Quran denies the concept of the Holy Spirit
 - C. The Quran admits to the existence of Jesus but denies His Divinity. "Christ, the son of Mary was no more than a Messenger, many were the Messengers that passed away before him" (Surah 5:75)
- V. THE GOD OF THE BIBLE IS A PERSONAL GOD
- A. He is a God of love (John 3:16; 1 John 4:19)
 - B. We have fellowship with Him (1 John 1:1-10)
- VI. ALLAH OF THE QURAN IS NOT PRESENTED AS A PERSONAL GOD

- VI THE GOD OF THE BIBLE IS A SPIRIT (JOHN 4:24)
- VII ALLAH OF THE QURAN IS NOT VIEWED AS A PERSONALITY
- VIII THE GOD OF THE BIBLE IS LIMITED BY HIS NATURE
- A. He cannot lie (Titus 1:2)
 - B. He cannot deny himself (2 Timothy 2:13)
- IX THE ALLAH OF THE QURAN IS NOT LIMITED
- X HOW CAN ALLAH AND GOD BE THE SAME?
- A. Some people think they are the same because both Islam & Christianity are monotheistic.
 - B. Monotheism does not identify the one god who is to be worshipped.
 - C. The God of the Bible has always been one.
 - D. Allah was one among many until Muhammad destroyed all the other idols.
- XI THE WORD ALLAH IS NOT FOUND IN THE BIBLE
- A. Some Muslims claim the word Allah is found in the Hebrew word allelujah based on the first part of the word "alle" but the word allelujah is a single word and means "praise Jehovah."
 - B. Another claim made is that the words of Jesus on the cross "Eli, Eli" can be understood as "Allah, Allah" but the Greek New Testament uses the Aramaic here to give a translation of Psalm 22:1. Jesus was saying, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me."
 - C. Until the seventh century Allah was a pagan god.
- XII THE ARABIC BIBLE USES THE WORD ALLAH INSTEAD OF GOD
- A. Muhammad didn't have an Arabic Bible
 - B. The Bible was not translated into Arabic until the ninth century AD.
 - C. By this time Islam so dominated the Arab world that the word Allah was substituted for the word God in the Arabic translation of the Bible
- Conclusion:
- A. The Bible and the Quran are two entirely different documents that offer totally different views of God.
 - B. Christianity and Islam are totally different religions with competing teachings.
 - C. Political correctness would have us believe the two are very similar.
 - D. A look at the histories of the both Christianity reveals the true story.