

PRAYER STUDY #98
ISLAM-FALSE RELIGION

For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book. If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book; and, if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the tree of life and out of the holy city and from the things which are written in this book.

Revelation 22:18-19

The following is taken from *The Facts on Islam* by John Ankerberg & John Weldon

Islam: Islam is the correct name of the religion that the Muslim prophet Muhammad claimed God(Allah)revealed to him through the angel Gabriel in 610 AD. Muslim is the correct term for a follower of Islam. The Muslim Bible is called the KORAN(Qur'an). Islam is the second largest religion in the world. There are more than 5 million Muslims in the United States. There are two principal schools of Islam-90% are Sunni and 10% are Shi'ites. These branches of Islam resulted from Muhammad's failure to name a successor. Islam has one billion followers. The Islamic nations control the OPEC oil flow in the world, and they intend to bring Islamic law to every nation. They claim to be the fastest growing religion in the world. The Islamic nations are some of the worst where persecution of Christians is most severe, and they are the nations where terrorists are most likely to be trained.

Six Basic Beliefs of the Islamic Faith

1. Faith in Allah-There is only one God and his name is Allah.
2. Muslims believe in angels.
3. The Koran supersedes the Holy Bible and is the Word of God.
4. Muslims believe Allah has sent 124,000 prophets to mankind, although only 25 are mentioned in the Koran. The primary ones are Adam, the chosen of Allah; Noah, the preacher of Allah; Abraham,

the friend of Allah; Moses, the speaker of Allah; Jesus, the word of Allah; and Muhammad, the apostle of Allah. Because Muhammad's revelation is considered the greatest of all, he is called the "Seal of the Prophets" and the "Peace of the World" among other appellations.

5. Muslims believe in predestination. Everything that happens, both good and evil, is predestined by Allah.
6. Muslims believe in The Day of Judgement when all the good and all the bad a person has done will be placed on a scale. Those with sufficient righteousness will go to heaven; the others will go to an eternal hell.

Five Essential Practices of Muslims

1. They must recite the creed of Islam-"There is no God but Allah, and Muhammad is his prophet."
2. They must recite prescribed prayers 5 times each day-standing, kneeling, hands and face to the ground. The call to prayer is sounded by a Muslim muezzin(crier)from a tower called a minaret. The Muslim church is called a mosque.
3. They must observe the month of fasting called Ramadan, commemorating Muhammad's revelation in 610AD. Eating is permitted at night but not in the day.
4. Muslims must give 2.5% of their currency to the poor.
5. At least once in a lifetime Muslims who are physically and financially able must take a pilgrimage to Mecca where Muhammad was born.

A sixth duty recognized by some, although considered optional by others, is jihad or Muslim holy war. This can be internal(as spiritual struggle) or external(defending Islam). Anyone who dies in a holy war is guaranteed eternal life in heaven and is considered a martyr for Islam.

Differences in Islam and Christianity

1. Allah is not a God of love. He loves only those who do good. He is not a triune being(Muslims falsely believe Christians believe in three different gods). He is a god of power not of love. He is the author of good *and* evil. The Christian God is holy and righteous and not the

cause of evil. Muslims cannot have a relationship with their god. They cannot really know him.

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2. Muslims believe that Jesus is a prophet of God and sinless but not the Son of God and certainly not God. They also believe he did not die on the cross but someone else died in His place for Allah would never let this happen to one of his special prophets. They believe that Muslims, however, must never turn to Jesus for spiritual guidance, only to Muhammad, since Muhammad is the last prophet and messenger of Allah and is for the whole world for all time.
3. Muslims believe salvation is only available to Muslims. Forgiveness is conditional upon good works and Allah's choice of mercy. They believe that Jesus was neither crucified nor resurrected; therefore, salvation cannot possibly come through faith in Jesus.
4. Muslims cannot comprehend a God of love or a Father God. God does not need men and therefore cannot love. If He was a God of love, He would not permit sin and pain and man's insignificance in the vastness of the universe.
5. Salvation is based on obeying Islam and favor with Allah and predestination. It seems that the exception is those who bravely die in battle for Allah.
6. According to Islam, three beliefs will send one to hell: The belief that Jesus is the divine Messiah, the belief in the Trinity, and the belief that Jesus is God the Son.

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Conclusions from *Christianity or Islam: You Decide!* Sir Lionel Luckhoo

1. Mohammed was clearly collecting prose and poems and trying to edit them when he died. The narratives are disjointed and even contradictory. Surely if God sent down the Qur'an in Arabic from Heaven, He would have used better organization and an orderly sequence of facts and events. The chaos we find in the Qur'an is certainly not from a God of Order.
2. The Qur'an misquotes the Bible and makes factual, historical errors. Let us take the case of Abraham. The Qur'an says he had 2 sons when he had 8. He is credited with 2 wives, but he had 3. He did not live in Mecca but Hebron. Then comes a glaring error-he was about to sacrifice Isaac his son. The Qur'an states that it was Ishmael. The struggle between Isaac's descendants and Ishmael's continue to this

day. They each felt they would bless the world. Wrong! It was Jesus who blessed the world.

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3. The 4 promises made by God to the Arabs have been fulfilled(Genesis 17:18) “As for Ishmael I have blessed him...but my covenant I wilt establish with Isaac.” With three-quarters of the world’s oil the Arabs have been richly blessed. There are about 200 million Arabs and about 10 million are Christians. God’s promises in the Bible have been kept.
4. Similar errors could be pointed out in the Qur’an about Moses. As for example, in Numbers 1 & 2, the Bible states the cow sacrificed was red. The Qur’an uses the same concept but gives the colour of the cow as yellow.
5. The word Paracleton in the New Testament is used, says Islam, with reference to Mohammed. It is a Green word meaning comforter and is used of the Holy Spirit that came to the Apostles on the day of Pentecost. The Holy Spirit is the 3rd person of the trinity(Matthew 28:19), the inspirer of Scripture(2 Peter 1:21) and the companion of Christian Believers(John 16:9-11). It certainly was an evil deception for Mohammed to ascribe to himself as the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is God, not a mere man like Mohammed. When Mohammed wrote the Qur’an, he clearly had the Bible before him and sought to make changes which did not add to his veracity, but clearly revealed him in derogatory terms.
6. Islam teaches that you are not to befriend the Christian or the Jew. The Christian Bible is love-centered. We must love even our enemies. Of the 99 excellent names of God in the Qur’an, not one is love. Why? Not one is Father. Why? In the Bible God is presented as a loving Father who wants us all to be his sons, his children.