

God's View of Islam

In the children's book, *The Blind Men and the Elephant*, Lillian Quigley retells the ancient fable of six blind men who visit the palace of the Rajah and encounter an elephant for the first time. As each touches the animal with his hands, he announces his discoveries.

The first blind man put out his hand and touched the side of the elephant. "How smooth! An elephant is like a wall." The second blind man put out his hand and touched the trunk of the elephant. "How round! An elephant is like a snake." The third blind man put out his hand and touched the tusk of the elephant. "How sharp! An elephant is like a spear." The fourth blind man put out his hand and touched the leg of the elephant. "How tall! An elephant is like a tree." The fifth blind man reached out his hand and touched the ear of the elephant. "How wide! An elephant is like a fan." The sixth blind man put out his hand and touched the tail of the elephant. "How thin! An elephant is like a rope."

An argument ensued, each blind man thinking his own perception of the elephant was the correct one. The Rajah, awakened by the commotion, called out from the balcony. "The elephant is a big animal," he said. "Each man touched only one part. You must put all the parts together to find out what an elephant is like."

Enlightened by the Rajah's wisdom, the blind men reached agreement. "Each one of us knows only a part. To find out the whole truth we must put all the parts together."

According to many, this is analogous to the different religions of the world -- they are describing the same thing in radically different ways. Thus one should conclude that no individual religion has a corner on truth, but that all should be viewed as essentially equally valid. And that all are basically teaching the same thing just from a different angle.

Is this true, are all religions basically describing the same thing but from different angles?

Today I want us to ask, what are we to think of Islam?

Wheaton college situation: earlier this month there was a professor from a prominent Evangelical college who was just suspended from her position for claiming Christians and Muslims worship the same God.

This message is for Christians, this is not an evangelistic or apologetic for Muslims so the way you are learning today might be highly offensive to Muslim but this message is not for Muslims, if I was preaching or teaching to a room full of Muslims I would probably be saying different things for different reasons, this message is for Christians, it is at church. Additionally we will not cower in fear from preaching the truth.

Christian approaches

1. Don't offend in any way in order to build bridges for evangelism. "If we expose the truth about the teachings and history of Islam, we will not be able to build the bridges that enable us to

reach out to the Muslim community. To be critical of Islam is to build walls, not bridges.” - Lutzer

2. Only speak of Islam in positive terms by leaving out the whole picture. This is thought to minimize protests, death threats and potential terrorism. Don’t shake the soda can, just polish it up and don’t worry about what’s inside.

3. Insider Movement approach teaches that Muslims can come to faith in Christ without leaving Islam. They should continue on in Islam while somehow worshipping Jesus.

Significance of Islam in the World

We are probably most aware of Islam because of terrorist attacks and Mideast conflicts. 9/11, Paris attacks, Isis, Osama Bin Laden.

By 2050, followers of Islam will match those following Christianity, with the number of Muslims surpassing Christians globally by 2070, the Pew Research Center projects, citing current differences in fertility rates, youth populations and conversions.

The study said that Christianity was the world’s largest religion in 2010, with an estimated 2.2 billion followers representing nearly a third (31 percent) of all 6.9 billion people on Earth. Islam had 1.6 billion followers representing 23 percent of the global population. If current demographic trends continue, however, Pew said that by mid-century, the Muslim population is projected to increase by 73 percent and make up 30 percent of the world’s population (2.8 billion). Christians will make up 31 percent of the population (2.9 billion).

62% of the world's Muslims live in Asia, with [Indonesia](#), [Pakistan](#), [India](#) and [Bangladesh](#) having the four largest [Muslim](#) populations in the world.

Middle East-Northern Africa 91% with many countries close to 100% Muslim

South & Southeast Asia	1,005,507,000	24.8	62.1		
Middle East-North Africa	321,869,000	91.2	19.9		
Sub-Saharan Africa	242,544,000	29.6	15.0		
Europe	44,138,000	6.0	2.7		
Americas	5,256,000	0.6	0.3		

World Total	1,619,314,000	23.4	100.0	
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United States 2.6 million .08%

Basics

Islam-Religion

Islam means submission to God

Muslim- A person who follows Islam: A Christian is someone who follows Christianity

Allah is the word for God

Mohammed the prophet of Islam, similar to Joseph Smith for the Mormons

Quran- Muslim holy book, similar to the book of Mormon for the Latter day saints-Mormons

Not all Middle-Easterners are Muslim. Not all Muslims are from the Middle East.

Two main groups following the death of Muhammad

Sunni 85% abu Bakr Isis, Al Qaeda, Osama Bin Laden

Shiite 15% Son in law Ali, Ali's son was killed by Sunni, Hezbollah, Iran

What do Muslims think of Islam

Islamic understanding of Islam's origins. This is what they believe about what they believe.

Islamic teaching believes Islam goes all the way back to Adam. They believe that Islam is the original religion and are the true worshipers of God, and Mohammed the prophet of Islam revealed and restored worship of the true God for mankind. Muslims believe that throughout history every community has had a prophet of God and tradition holds that there have been 124,000 prophets with 25-28 of them being mentioned in the Quran. Included in their list of prophets are Adam, Noah, Abraham, Moses, Jesus and Mohammed. For the Muslim Mohammed is the final and superior prophet with a final and universal message, all of the other 124,000 prophets who came before him spoke truthfully but the record of what they have said has been corrupted. One Muslim apologist puts it this way,

“The first five books of the OT do not constitute the original Torah, but parts of the Torah have been mingled up with other narratives written by human beings and the original guidance of the Lord is lost in the quagmire. Similarly the four Gospels of Christ are not the original Gospels as they came from the Prophet Jesus... the original and the fictitious, the Divine and the human are so intermingled that the grain cannot be separated from the chaff. The fact is that the original Word of God is preserved neither with the Jews nor with the Christians. Quran, on the other hand, is fully preserved and not a jot or tittle has been changed or left out in it.”-Ajjola, 79: Answering Islam.

The Muslim believes that they are following the one true God that has been from the start and Mohammed is the final and ultimate prophet who puts things straight.

In fact in order from someone to be a Muslim they must say with belief The *kalima*, or Muslim creed, is that “there is no God but Allah, and Muhammad is His prophet.”¹

This is the core of Islam.

Despite their belief that things were lost and Mohammed put things straight the truth is Islam did not start with Adam but with Mohammad in 610AD. Mohammad is connected to the prophets of the Bible in the same way Joseph Smith is connected, and that is not at all. Mohammad was not a prophet of God and the Quran is not a book from God. Mohammed was born in 570AD in Mecca Saudi Arabia and 632AD he died in and was buried in Medina about 200 miles north of Mecca. His tomb is under a green dome and visited by million each year, right next to his tomb the Muslims left space for Jesus to be buried after his return.

They believe Jesus will return to defeat the anti-christ and reign for some time, during this time Jesus will clear up the misunderstanding that He was the Son of God, equal with God. Islam is not on par with Christianity, Islam is a lie.

Islam started in 610AD when Mohammad, claiming to have received a message from the angel Gabriel was able to have the messages recorded and what he received is contained in the Quran. Mohammad was in the hills near Mecca and either in one night or over 22 years he received piecemeal the revelations from Gabriel. It seems that early on Mohammad was more agreeable with Jews and Christians and looked more favorable on the Bible but as the Jews and Christians rejected him as a prophet his writing turned against them, and this is where Jihad comes into the Islamic system.

As a Christian how are you supposed to view Mohammad? Is he a prophet? We accept the role of prophet so is Mohammad one? Do we need Mohammad?

Galatians 1:6-9 if there is revelation it is demonic and satanically given

Revelation 22:6-21-Islam claims corruption of the Text

-Islam claims the Bible has been corrupted, the bible states that anyone who changes the message is cursed. They are not the same

What are we to think of Mohammad? He's a false prophet

Ancestry of Mohammad/Islam

Some claim commonality between Jews, Christians and Muslims because all look to Abraham as a common ancestor. I would agree with this but let's look at the connection between Abraham and Mohammad to help have a Biblical view of Islam.

Muslims trace themselves to Abraham but through Ishmael² Muslims developed the idea that Ishmael was the beginning of the Arabs³ Mohammed also traces his ancestry to Ismael.

¹ David S. Dockery, Trent C. Butler, et al., *Holman Bible Handbook* (Nashville, TN: Holman Bible Publishers, 1992), 885.

² David S. Dockery, Trent C. Butler, et al., *Holman Bible Handbook* (Nashville, TN: Holman Bible Publishers, 1992), 886.

³ Michelle J. Morris, “Hagar,” ed. John D. Barry et al., *The Lexham Bible Dictionary* (Bellingham, WA: Lexham Press, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015).

Who was Ismael? Gen 16, 17:15-21, 21:8-21, 25:12-18, we can learn that a major source of Arab conflict stems from this prophecy. What has the last 4000 years of Mideast history taught us? there is a will be conflict with the offspring of Ismael.

What are we to think of Islamic Conflict: God foretold it would happen

Mecca

Kaabah

Mohammad was in the hills near Mecca when the revelation for the Quran came, Mecca was known at the time as a place of idol worship and at the heart of the pagan worship was the Kaabah a stone box supposedly build originally as a tent by Adam but latter built out of stone by Abraham and Ishmael and then rebuild numerous times since. In Muhammad's day there were 360 idols inside, one for each day of the lunar year but Muhammad fought and insisted that there is only one God and was able to overcome Mecca and destroy the idols. The kaabah still stands today in the heart of Islam's grand mosque in Mecca, a city which forbids entrance to any non-Muslim, it is the center point of their religion. Each dutiful Muslim is to pray five times a day in the direction of the kaabah and each mosque has for its interior reference point the Kaabah. In fact all Muslims are required to travel at least once in their life to the Kaabah in Saudi Arabia and circle it 7 times. This is done by millions of Muslims each year. Mecca is consider the city of Allah.

What is a Christian to think, is Mecca the place of worship? John 4:19-26

What are we to think of Mecca: it is not the house of God

ZamZam well

This well is located about 60 feet away from the Kaabah

The well marks the site of a spring that, miraculously, had issued forth from a barren and desolate wadi (non perennial stream) where the Prophet Ibrahim, under Allah's command, had left his wife Hagar and their infant son Ishmael. In her desperate search for water, Hagar ran seven times back and forth in the scorching heat between the two hills of Safa and Marwa to provide water for Ismail, who was dying of thirst. Allah, in His mercy, sent the Angel Gabriel, who scraped the ground, causing the spring to appear. On finding the spring, and fearing that it might run out of water, Hagar enclosed it in sand and stones. The name Zamzam originates from the phrase Zomë Zomë, meaning 'stop flowing', a command repeated by Hagar during her attempt to contain the spring water. The area around the spring, which was later converted to a well, became a resting place for caravans, and eventually grew into the trading city of Mecca, birthplace of Muhammad .

One of the miracles of ZamZam water is its ability to satisfy both thirst and hunger. One of the Companions of the Prophet said that before Islam, the water was called 'shabbaa'ah' or satisfying. It was filling and helped them nourish their families.

Mohammed said it has healing effects. This is why pilgrims to Mecca to this day collect it in bottles, to bring back for relatives and friends back home who are ill.

It is also reported also that the Prophet rubbed the gums of his two grandchildren - Hassan and Hussain - with dates and ZamZam. It was also reported that the Mohammed used to carry the water of ZamZam in pitchers and water skins back to Madina.

He used to sprinkle it over the sick and make them drink it.

In some Hadiths, it has been reported that the water of ZamZam has healing effects. In one Hadith it is said: Narrated by Jabir that the Prophet Mohammed (pbuh) said: "Water of ZamZam is good for whatever purpose it has been drunk. In another Hadith the Prophet said "Water of ZamZam is a healer of every disease. Muslims throughout the world do believe that the water is blessed and accordingly it is considered as one of the best gift to be offered.

What is a Christians to think about this water? Where is it located: Gen 21:8-21, John 4:4-14, it will not satisfy on Jesus will, they are without hope.

What are we to think of the ZamZam well, it will not satisfy the soul

Islamic View of Jesus vs the Biblical view

Muslims will point out that they revere Jesus, they believe he was a virgin-born, miracle-working prophet and will return to make war on the anti-Christ. But is this the same Jesus as the Bible? How serious is misunderstanding who Jesus is. 1 John 4:1-3

1. Jesus of Islam was created and not eternal

The similitude of Jesus before Allah is that of Adam: he created him from dust, then said to him, "Be": and he was. Koran: Sura 3:59
vs.

Jesus of the Bible who is eternal

1 John 1:1-2

Micah 5:2 But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah,

who are too little to be among the clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
one who is to be ruler in Israel,
whose coming forth is from of old,
from ancient days.

Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am. John 8:58

2. Jesus of Islam is a created human

He created him (Jesus) from dust, then said to him: "Be". Koran: Sura 3.59
vs.

Biblical Jesus is the Creator of everything that is

John 1:3 All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.

Col 1:16-17 For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. ¹⁷ And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

3. Jesus of Islam is not the Lamb of God who was slain

That 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, but only conjecture to follow, for of surety they killed him not: Koran: Surah 4.157

vs.

Biblical Jesus is the Lamb of God

Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world. Gospel of John 1:29

4. Jesus of Islam sent Mohammed (not the Holy Spirit)

And (remember) when 'Eesa (Jesus), son of Maryam (Mary), said: 'O Children of Israel! I am the Messenger of Allah unto you, confirming the Tawraat [(Torah) which came] before me, and giving glad tidings of a Messenger to come after me, whose name shall be Ahmad.' But when he (Ahmad, i.e. Muhammad) came to them with clear proofs, they said: 'This is plain magic'. [al-Saff 61:6]

vs.

Biblical Jesus sent the Holy Spirit (Comforter) which came at Pentecost 50 days later NOT five hundred years later (Mohammed)

John 14:15-26 But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.

But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, [even] the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me: John 15:26

Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you. John 16:7

For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now. Acts 1:5

5. Islam which says Salvation is found only in the Five Pillars of Islam

Salvation can only be found in the Five Pillars of Shahada (Testifying of God's Oneness), Salat (Prayer), Saum (Fasting), Zakat (Charity), and Hajj (Pilgrimage). (KORAN: Surah Al-Maa'idah 5:116)

vs.

Biblical Jesus: Salvation is found in none other than himself

Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved. Acts 4:12
and

That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. Romans 10:9

And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house. Acts 16:31

6. Jesus of Islam was never crucified and therefore was not resurrected

And because of their saying (in boast), ‘We killed Messiah ‘Eesa (Jesus), son of Maryam (Mary), the Messenger of Allah,’ — but they killed him not, nor crucified him, but it appeared so to them the resemblance of ‘Eesa (Jesus) was put over another man (and they killed that man)], and those who differ therein are full of doubts. They have no (certain) knowledge, they follow nothing but conjecture. For surely; they killed him not [i.e. ‘Eesa (Jesus), son of Maryam (Mary)]: But Allah raised him [‘Eesa (Jesus)] up (with his body and soul) unto Himself (and he is in the heavens). [al-Nisaa’ 4:157-158]

vs.

Biblical Jesus which (by his death and resurrection) saved his people from their sins

Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: John 11:25

And if Christ be not risen, then [is] our preaching vain, and your faith [is] also vain.

I Corinthians 15:14, 12-19, the core of Christianity is at stake

7. Islamic Jesus is not the God in the flesh as the Messiah

Surely, they have disbelieved who say: Allah is the Messiah [‘Eesa (Jesus)], son of Maryam (Mary)’ [al-Maa’idah 5:72]

Surely, disbelievers are those who said: ‘Allah is the third of the three (in a Trinity).” But there is no Allah (god) (none who has the right to be worshipped) but One Allah (God —Allah). And if they cease not from what they say, verily, a painful torment will befall on the disbelievers among them. [al-Maa’idah 5:73]

Islamic Jesus is not the Son of God (whoever believes this will be thrown into the fire)

Then the sects differed [i.e. the Christians about ‘Eesa (Jesus)], so woe unto the disbelievers [those who gave false witness by saying that ‘Eesa (Jesus) is the son of Allah] from the Meeting of a great Day (i.e. the Day of Resurrection, when they will be thrown in the blazing Fire) [KORAN: Maryam 19:34-38]

That they ascribe a son (or offspring or children) to the Most Gracious (Allah). But it is not suitable for (the Majesty of) the Most Gracious (Allah) that He should beget a son (or offspring or children). There is none in the heavens and the earth but comes unto the Most Gracious (Allah) as a slave [Maryam 19:88-93]

Glory be to Him: (far exalted is He) above having a son. KORAN: Surah 4.171

vs.

Biblical Jesus who is the Word Made Flesh and dwelt among us and is the Son of God

And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth. John 1;14

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. John 3:16

8. Islamic Jesus cannot be worshipped

And behold, Allah will say--O Jesus Son of Mary, did you say to men, worship me and my mother as gods beside Allah? He will reply--Glory to you, I could never say what I had not right [to say] KORAN Surah al-Maa'idah 5:116

Christ the son of Mary was no more than a messenger: many were the messengers that passed away before him.. KORAN: Sura 5:75

vs.

Biblical Jesus who is commanded be worshipped (by both men and angels)

Phil 2:10-11 so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Heb 1:6 And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says,

“Let all God’s angels worship him.”

9. Jesus of Islam is simply another prophet

Jesus, and that given to (all) prophets from their Lord: We make no difference between one and another of them: KORAN Surah 2.136, 2.84

vs.

Biblical Jesus who is the name above all names

Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: Ephesians 1:21

10. Islamic Jesus Returns in yellow garments

Jesus (peace be upon him). He will descent (to the earth). When you see him, recognize him: a man of medium height, reddish fair, wearing two light yellow garments, (Sunan Abu Dawud

Book 37, Number 4310)

vs.

Biblical Jesus returns in arrayed in a robe dipped in blood

Rev 19:11-13

11. Jesus of Islam lands near a Minaret in Damascus, Syria

Most Muslims believe that Jesus descent from heaven will be accomplished by resting his hands on the wings of two angels. He will descend onto the white minaret, situated in the eastern part of Damascus. He will invite the whole world to be Muslim including Christians and Jews. (Mawdudi, A.A, Finality of Prophethood, pp. 58-61), and (Vol 18, Hadith No. 814)

Hadrat Hudaifa b. Yama relates (with reference to Dajjal),

When the Muslims will fall in lines to offer prayers, Christ son of Mary shall descend from heaven before their eyes. He will lead the prayers. When the prayers are over he will say to the people: "Clear the way between me and this enemy of God." God will give victory to the Muslims over the hosts of Dajjal. The Muslims will inflict dire punishment upon the enemy. Even the trees and stones will cry out, "O Abdullah, O Abdul Rahman, O Muslim, come, here is a Jew behind me, kill him." In this way God will cause the Jews to be annihilated and Muslims shall be the victors. They will break the Cross, slaughter the swine and abolish Jizya (levied on non-Muslims). (Mustadrak Hakim - A brief version of this tradition has been recorded in Muslim. Hafiz Ibn Hajar in Fath-ul-Bari Vol. VI, p. 450 declares this tradition to be authentic.)

vs.

Biblical Jesus descends and lands on the Mount of Olives near Jerusalem

And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which [is] before Jerusalem on the east, Zechariah 14:4

Acts 1:11 Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Rev 19:14-21

12. Islamic Jesus returns on the wings of two angels

(Mawdudi, A.A, Finality of Prophethood, pp. 58-61).

vs

Biblical Jesus is accompanied by the armies of heaven and the saints and all of his holy ones with him

and the Lord God shall, and all the saints with thee Zechariah 14:5

And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses... Revelation 19:14

13. Jesus of Islam destroys Antichrist with his lance at Mount Afiq (near City of Fiq, Syria)

Christ will advance with the Muslims for fighting against Dajjal (Antichrist). The enemy will retreat before the powerful assault of Christ son of Mary, and Dajjal will run away towards Israel by way of the slope of Afiq (Reference to Tradition No. 21). Christ will pursue Dajjal and destroy him on the airfield of Lydda (Traditions No. 10-14- 15). A great slaughter of the Jews will ensue and every one of them will be annihilated. The nation of Jews will be exterminated (Traditions No. 9-15-21). At the proclamation of truth by Christ, the Christian religion will become extinct (Traditions No. 1-2-4-6).

vs.

Biblical Jesus destroys Antichrist with his breath at his return to the Mount of Olives

2 Thess 2:3-12

14. Islamic Jesus which returns will not be pierced

They killed him not nor crucified him, (Koran: Surah 4.157)

vs.

Biblical Jesus who was pierced for our transgressions

They shall look upon me whom they have pierced...Zechariah 12:10

15. Jesus of Islam will marry and have children

He (Jesus) will live for forty years during which he will marry, have children, and perform Hajj (pilgrimage). (Wali ad-Din, Miskat Al-Masabih, (tr. James Robson), Vol.II, p.1159; Sahih Muslim, Vol.1, p.92).

vs.

Biblical Jesus who will marry his Bride Christ (the Christian Church) at the Wedding Supper of the Lamb

Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come and his wife hath made herself ready. Revelation. 19:7

16. Jesus of Islam will die forty years after his return

He (Jesus) will perish all religions except Islam. He (Jesus) will destroy the Antichrist and will live on the earth for forty years and then he will die. (Sunan Abu Dawud Book 37, Number 4310). After his death, he will be buried beside the grave of the Prophet Muhammad (Wali ad-Din, Miskat Al-Masabih, (tr. James Robson), Vol.II, p.1159; Sahih Muslim, Vol.1, p.92).

vs

Biblical Jesus is alive forevermore

Revelation 1:12-18

I [am] he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.⁴

I ask you again, how serious is it to have a flash view of Christ: 1 John 4:1-3

:What are we to think of the Islamic Jesus-he is an anti-Christ

If you think that Islam and Christianity are basically the same thing you offer no hope for those in darkness. In an attempt to make peace and stay politically correct you silence the only truth that can save someone from destruction and truly knowing God. Christians we are called to preach the truth when it is popular and when it will cost us something.

The idea that Islam and Christianity worship the same God would have been and has never been a question in the history of the church, it is only this generation who has been blinded by pluralism that would even ask such a stupid question. Show me Calvin, show me Luther, Whitfield, Spurgeon, show me the great missionaries who sacrificed it all who thought such ideas. If Christianity and Islam are equal why reach the nations? Why make disciples? This pluralistic smoke screen has our culture chocking on its fumes so numbed out it can't even think, but for you Christ sober up and be unashamed of the gospel, the truth will not bow to pluralism, the truth will not bow to Islam, the truth will not bow to political correctness and neither will we. Our knees will bow to the king of kings and lord of Lords, Jesus Christ the Son of God, the redeemer, the savior of the world, the one who pulls us out of darkness into the Light.

What is a Christian to think of Islam.

-Mohammed is a false prophet, the Quran a false book

-Islamic Conflict was prophesied by God

-Mecca is not the house of God

-The ZamZam well will not satisfy the soul

-The Jesus of Islam is an anti-Christ

-Islam is a false religious system. Any and all who hold to Islamic teaching are in opposition to the truth and unless they repent of their ways and believe in the Jesus of the Bible they will suffer eternal torment in hell.

-Do not be surprised at the violence that comes from Islam, Muslims who take upon themselves to destroy their alleged enemies in the name of God can rightly claim to be following the commands of God in the Qur'an and imitating their prophet as their role model. Not all will or do but false beliefs lead to wrong actions.

-We need to view those under the spell of Islam as lost souls in darkness who need the light of the gospel to shine forth. With every veil that covers their face you should be reminded that darkness covers their heart and they need to know the true Christ of Scripture.

⁴ List adapted from arabicbible.com

How are we to engage with Muslims

-Be part of spreading the gospel. We want to reach out to the lost, we are strategic in Uganda and this summer Jordan. Consider being a part and continue support the work of the church.

-Learn to engage. You cannot just walk over to your Muslim neighbors and tell him his belief system is wrong and will send him to hell and expect him to jump right on board but you can learn to talk with him and share your concerns.

-We are not in a physical battle but a spiritual battle. We are not to wage war with weapons and Muslims are not our enemies but our mission field.

-We are Christians and Christ is our example

1 Peter 2:21-23 For to this you have been called, because Christ Also suffered for you, leaving you an example so that you might follow in his steps. He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly.

We are to love our neighbors and our enemies. Matt 5:44 “But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.”

We also need to know that Muslims are just as lost the kid across the street. They are not a separate type of person, there are only two types of people in the world, those who have been born again and those who have not. Children of God and Children of the devil.

Islam is a religion of darkness and those within it need the light of Christ. When you think of Islam I want you to think of the gospel. They need it. Whole nations are blinded and heading to a Christ-less eternity. They are caught in a great sand storm that stretches as far as the eye can see and reaches to the sky, its filled with suffocating heat, with the wind raging from every direction, the light from the sky has been covered, their eyes can't open, their ears filled with grit and their mouths sealed shut for fear of asphyxia from all that is in the air. You must go search from them, grab their hand and pull them back to the tent of safety, show them who can clean them, and who offers the cool, pure, refreshing waters of eternal life. May you be willing to face the storm knowing that billions remain lost unable to find their way to Christ.