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God Yahweh, God Allah, and God Our Father

Do Christians, Jews and Muslims worship the same God, as many claim? This topic has long been an awkward subject for many Christians, Jews and Muslims alike. To properly discuss the intricacies of this topic I have decided to go straight to the sources of scripture of each religion and examine them for comparisons and contrasts with regards to their prospective creators.

All three religions will agree on this, that their particular religious book was created directly by their God through the revelations, dreams, and conversations with His creatures. If they all share the same God then one would expect these verses to be remotely similar. After carefully reading and reviewing the Koran (the book of the Muslims) and the Holy Bible (the old testament for the Jews and the complete bible for Christians) I have found there to be quite a significant difference in the teachings between the Muslim's Allah and the Christian and Jewish God.

The Topic of Divorce

The Bible

And Jesus answered and said to them, "Because of the hardness of your heart he wrote to you this precept. But from the beginning of the creation, 'God made them male and female,' 'for this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh'; so then they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no man separate."

In the house His disciples also asked Him again about the same matter. So He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her. And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery." (Mark 10:5-12)

"Furthermore it has been said, 'whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.' But I say to you that whoever divorces his wife for any reason except sexual immorality causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a woman who is divorced commits adultery." (Matthew 5; 31,32)

The Koran

Divorce may be pronounced twice, and then a woman must be retained in honour or allowed to go in kindness. The Cow: 2:229

It shall be no offence for you to divorce your wives before the marriage is consummated or the dowry settled. The Cow 2:236

The Topic of Murder

The Bible

Thou shalt not murder. (Exodus 20:13 JPS)

Cursed be their anger, for it was fierce, and their wrath, for it was cruel; I will divide them in Jacob, and scatter them in Israel. (Genesis 49:7 JPS)

"You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not murder, and whoever murders will be in danger of the judgement.' But I say to you that whoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgement. (Matthew 5:21)

The Koran

When you meet the unbelievers in the battlefield strike off their heads and, when you have laid them low, bind your captives firmly. Then grant them their freedom or take a ransom from them, until War shall lay down their burdens. Muhammad 47:3

The Topic of Fighting

The Bible

You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.' but I tell you not to resist an evil person. But whoever slaps you on your right cheek; turn the other to him also. If anyone wants to sue you and take away your tunic, let him have your cloak also. And whoever compels you to go one mile, go with him two. Give to him who asks you, and from him who wants to borrow from you do not turn away. (Matthew 5:38-42)

The Koran

If anyone attacks you, attack him as he attacked you. The Cow: 2:193

Fighting is obligatory for you, much as you dislike it. The Cow: 2:216

Muhammad is God's apostle. Those who follow him are ruthless to the unbelievers (Jews and Christians) but merciful to one another. Victory 48:29

"You shall be called upon to fight a mighty nation, unless they embrace Islam. Victory: 48:16

The Topic of Love

The Bible

You have heard that it was said, you shall love your neighbour and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you, that you may be sons of your

Father in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust. For if you love those who love you, what reward have you? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet your brethren only, what do you do more than others? Do not even the tax collectors do so? Therefore you shall be perfect, just as your father in heaven is perfect. (Matthew 6:43-48)

Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. (1 Corinthians 13:4-7)

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Believers do not make friends with those who are enemies of Mine and yours. She Who Is Tested: 60:1

Believers do not make friends with any but your own people. The 'Imrans 3:118

Let not believers make friends with infidels in preference to the faithful - he that does this has nothing to hope for from God - except in self-defence. The Imrans 3:28

The Topic of God

The Bible

But our God [is] in the heavens: he hath done whatsoever he hath pleased. Psalms 115:3

Canst thou find out the deep things of God? Canst thou attain unto the purpose of the Almighty? It is high as heaven; what canst thou do? Deeper than the nether world; what

canst thou know? The measure thereof is longer than the earth, and broader than the sea. If He pass by, and shut up, or gather in, then who can hinder Him?

(Job 11:7-10 JPS)

Great is our Lord, and mighty in power; His understanding is infinite.

(Psalms 147:5 JPS)

And the spirit of the LORD fell upon me, and He said unto me: 'Speak: Thus saith the LORD: Thus have ye said, O house of Israel; for I know the things that come into your mind. (Ezekiel 11:5 JPS)

The LORD reigneth; let the peoples tremble; He is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake. The LORD is great in Zion; and He is high above all the peoples. Let them praise Thy name as great and awful; Holy is He. The strength also of the king who loveth justice - Thou hast established equity, Thou hast executed justice and righteousness in Jacob. Exalt ye the LORD our God, and prostrate yourselves at His footstool; Holy is He. Moses and Aaron among His priests, and Samuel among them that call upon His name, did call upon the LORD, and He answered them. He spoke unto them in the pillar of cloud; they kept His testimonies, and the statute that He gave them. O LORD our God, Thou didst answer them; a forgiving God wast Thou unto them, though Thou tookest vengeance of their misdeeds. Exalt ye the LORD our God, and worship at His holy hill; for the LORD our God is holy. (Psalms 99:1-9 JPS)

The Koran

They contrived, and God contrived. God is the supreme Contriver. God said: ' Jesus, I am about to claim you back and lift you up to Me. I shall take you away from the unbelievers and exalt your followers above them till the Day of Resurrection. Then to me you shall all return and I shall judge your disputes. The unbelievers shall be sternly punished in this world

and in the world to come: there shall be none to help them. As for those that have faith and do good works, they shall be given their reward in full. God does not love the evildoers. "The Imrans' 3:54-58

The Topic of Women

The Bible

And if men strive together, and hurt a woman with child, so that her fruit depart, and yet no harm follow, he shall be surely fined, according as the woman's husband shall lay upon him; and he shall pay as the judges determine. (Exodus: 21:22)

Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of a woman and her daughter; thou shalt not take her son's daughter, or her daughter's daughter, to uncover her nakedness: they are near kinswomen; it is lewdness. (Lev 18:17)

The Koran

Women are your fields: go, then, into your fields when you please. The Cow: 2:222

Women shall with justice have rights similar to those exercised against them, although men have a status above women. The Cow: 2:226

The Topic of Jesus

The Bible

Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name, which is

above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. (Philippians 2:5-11)

The Koran

We gave Jesus son of Mary indisputable signs and strengthened him with the Holy Spirit.

The Cow: 2:250

Jesus is like Adam in the sight of God. He created him from dust and then said to him: 'Be,' and he was. The 'Imrans 3:59

His name is the Messiah, Jesus son of Mary. He shall be noble in this world and in the world to come, and shall be one of those who are favoured. He shall preach to men in his cradle and in the prime of manhood, and shall lead a righteous life. The 'Imrans 3:47

Conclusion

The verses above clearly depict two significantly different deities. I cannot prove that Allah is the same God as the Jewish and Christian God of the Bible. The Koran describes Allah as a violent, vengeful and prejudice deity while the Bible paints a picture of a perfect, merciful and powerful God. The Koran encourages forced conversions, bloodshed and the suppression of women's rights. The Bible supports peace, truth and forgiveness. It disparages violence and promotes the equal treatment of women.

The New Testament is full of Jesus' teachings and parables that explain how to live a Godly life. The examples given, ask Christians to go above and beyond normal human attributes and live as He does – perfect. Understandably we cannot be perfect but for our short time here on this earth we should strive to be as close as humanly possible.