

Christianity and Islam

Before we are tempted to soften the relationship between Islam and the Christian faith, we had best come to terms with what Islam believes which is in total conflict with what the Christian believes.

1.

In **John 18:36**, Jesus said, *“My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jews. But now my kingdom is from another place.”* This makes it very clear and conclusive that Christianity and Islam are worlds apart and irreconcilable. For Islam this whole world must by force and warfare, if necessary, come to worship Allah. Jesus stated that this world is under the control of satan. *And the devil said to Him, “All this authority I will give You, and their glory; for this has been delivered to me, and I give it to whomever I wish. Therefore, if You will worship before me, all will be Yours.”* **Luke 4:6-7**

2.

Jesus Christ is not a prophet as the Muslims claim. Prophecy was until John the Baptist who was the last prophet sent by God. *“The Law and the Prophets were proclaimed until John. Since that time, the good news of the kingdom of God is being preached.”* **Luke 16:16**

3.

Many parts of the Old Testament are taken over by Islam. This conflicts with the teaching of the Lord Jesus Christ. Again He makes a definitive statement as to why He came into this world: *“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfil them”* **Matthew 5:17**. That means He came to fulfil the purpose for which the “Law and the Profits” were given to us. We could never obey these. At best our hearts remained far from God and we were too corrupt to do anything good, and everything we touched turned bad. The ways of peace, like in Islam, cannot be grasped. It is only by Christ ruling our life inside us that the impossible is made possible. The purpose of the Law and the Prophets was to bring us to God and for us to know God. Jesus fulfilled this purpose completely and gloriously — but only for those who fully accept Christ’s Pardon: for, *“if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.”* **2 Corinthians 5:17**

4.

Why does Islam find so much acceptance in many so-called traditional churches? These “churches” have for several decades belonged to the Ecumenical Movement. This Movement is part of the World Council of Churches. About six decades ago, while addressing an organization called Liberation in London, Pauline Webb, vice president of the World Council of Churches, was asked what the Ecumenical Movement was about. She answered them truthfully, saying that it was working for the unification of all people.

The task of the ecumenical movement was to create a ONE-WORLD RELIGION. This has been its aim since its beginning in 1948. The word “ecumenical” is derived from “oikoumenh” and this is what satan offered Jesus Christ if He would only worship satan. Jesus commanded satan to leave Him and in doing so, rejected all the inhabitants of the world worshipping Him. But now and over the last sixty years, most of the mainline “churches” and many charismatic “churches” who are connected to the World Council have accepted satan’s offer, which Jesus rejected. This is based on the following text in Greek *pasa” ta” basileia” th” oikoumenh”*. From this it is clear that the ecumenical Churches are defacto the anti-Christ.

The present and extreme falling away from Christ and His Church, and the many Christians unwittingly denying Christ, as well as others who turn to the fables of Islam is sad. Note that Islam has taken Christians who accommodate them back to the days of Nimrod who unified the world in the Tower of Babel where all were speaking the same language. Read Genesis 6:5-13 and 11:1-9. The Koran which is the Islamic sacred book gives much attention to Nimrod. He is also a god to some of them. Isis is an Egyptian goddess and Queen of heaven. All these pagan and mythical gods and goddesses are excluded from Christianity. The Catholic Church did redo some of them but gave them a Godly and Christian substance.

Today we have within both protestant and catholic ministers those who are anti-Christ. They are ready to work with and worship with Muslims and therefore have deceived nations of would-be believers. These are those who

have fallen for their lies and deception. *“Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition, who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.”* **2 Thessalonians 2:3-4.** Jesus Christ is not of this world - Mohammed is. The Septuagint and book of Hebrews clearly state concerning the birth of Christ that His body was prepared in heaven. Jesus says I am from above, you are from below. His incarnation is not from Mary or an Angel, but was given to Him from the Holy Spirit, and His entire genetic make-up is not of this world, neither from Mary or Joseph. Many times Jesus reiterates that He is not of this world but that He is from above. We have to accept thus as final and authoritative.

5.

Islam is entirely driven by the opposite, namely a conquest of this world for Allah. Allah is therefore different from the God we worship. When his disciples wanted Jesus to summon a thousand angels to overcome Pilot's intentions, he made a very important statement. He said if my Kingdom were of this world my disciples would fight. This is completely opposite to the Muslims who are forever fighting and do not know the ways of peace.

6.

Islam considers this world suitable for conquest. Jesus Christ says this world is under the control of satan. This makes one wonder concerning who is the god of the Islamic movement. We note that Nimrod was very important in the building up of Islam. The systems of satan's kingdom were manifested in Nimrod and we find this in the church of Laodicea. We also find in Islam this destructive element that comes from satan who is called the destroyer.

7.

For the Muslim, their own belief leaves them without any doctrine for atonement. The Muslims must admit that by the force of human nature, they are not getting better or more pure as the years go by. Their lives get riddled with deception, lies and fraudulent claims. Lies are pretty evident when people separate from Jesus Christ who is the way, the truth and the life. If this is true of all human beings that they are prone to wander from the God they love, who atones then for the sins of the Muslims?

8.

We have the Lord Jesus Christ who makes

that which is impossible for us possible by Him dwelling in our lives and restoring our relationship with God. For us, our salvation is not a matter of works, but of surrendering to the Lord Jesus Christ. Seneca, a Roman philosopher, in his study of human beings declares without knowing it something that speaks loudly about the role of the Lord Jesus Christ. He pictures humanity as a people caught in the quicksand: the more they try to get out, the deeper they sink. He believes that humanity needs a hand stretched out from above. Islam has no such hand.

9.

We cannot reconcile the Lord, who said, *“my peace I give you . . . not . . . as the world gives”* **John 14:27**, with the wars of Islam. It is clear that Islam does not know peace which makes it impossible for us to join with them. Man in his natural state does not know the meaning of peace. People who hold grudges, hatred and have revenge in their hearts do not know the peace of Christ and need the Lord Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit to operate in their lives. When they confess their sin to the Lord Jesus Christ, the burden that causes them so much depression and restlessness is miraculously removed. They subsequently testify how free they are. If the Son will set you free, you will be free indeed.

10.

We strongly reject the statement of the Muslims, put out in their books of propaganda, that the cross of Jesus Christ is a fiction, not a crucifixion. This lie is certainly the final straw, and makes it impossible to reconcile with Islam - we must totally reject them and see them as the anti-Christ. There is also no hope for those who view Christ and his crucifixion as simply a historical event.

11.

The fasting and ceremonies of Islam are often a disgrace because of their lack of discipline in upholding them. One learns from many who have been involved with Islam that their devotions and prayers are a pretence. This has always been common to those who present their people with rituals and ceremonies. Christianity is a living relationship with God. Religion breeds hypocrisy.

12.

Those Christian churches that work under the banner of “a God with Many Names” are totally wrong and are part of the anti-Christ.

May God rescue us from Islam, if we had any other idea concerning them.

— **Rev Fred Shaw**