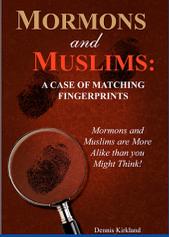


# A Comparison Between Mormons, Muslims and Christians

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Moroni



Gabriel

## Galatians 1:8

“But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach to you a gospel contrary to the one we preached to you, let him be accursed.”

1. The founders of both religions claimed to be visited by angels



Moroni



Gabriel

2. Both men claimed supernatural experiences

- JS: visits from God the Father and Jesus
- M: “Night Journey” to Jerusalem

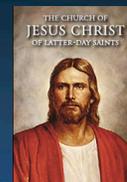



### 3. Both were told that all existing religions were false

- JS: Christianity had become apostate; only the revelation given to him was true
- M: Christianity, Judaism and Zoroastrianism were false and their scriptures were corrupted

### 4. Both leaders were told that they would restore true religions on earth

- JS: his restored church became known as the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (est. in 1830)
- M: In the early 600s, M. proclaimed that "there is no God but God and Muhammad is his prophet" (and the only one who was given the restored revelation)



### 5. Both religions teach a works salvation

- BM: 2<sup>nd</sup> Nephi 25:23: man is saved "by grace through faith after he has done all he can do."
- Q. surah 101:6-9 – If a man's good deeds outweigh his bad deeds then he will gain a place in paradise. However, if he has more bad deeds then he will "have his home in a (bottomless) pit."

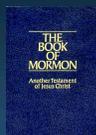


### 6. Both founders wanted to unite the various religions/sects of their day

- JS: preached that all other religions were in error and gained followers from many Christian denominations (80% are from Baptist churches)
- M: preached his warnings to the Christians, Jews and polytheists and wanted them all to follow the revelation given to him. Many did.

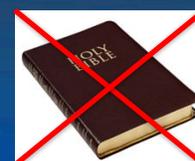
### 7. The sayings of both founders were written down and came to be viewed as "inspired" by God

- Book of Mormon "translated" from golden tablets revealed by the angel Moroni
- M. was given portions of the Qur'an to memorize and recite to his followers (23 years)



### 8. Both rejected the Bible and said it was changed by men, corrupted, and unreliable

- This is a convenient excuse when the Book of Mormon and the Qur'an contradict what the Bible teaches.



**9. Boch claimed that their holy book was the most correct and perfect book on earth**

- Book of Mormon “translated” from golden plates (from Moroni)
- Qur’an “transmitted” orally to M. by Gabriel
- Remember Gal. 1:8 – “even if an angel...”



**10. Boch claimed that their scripture was based upon a record stored in heaven**

- JS: golden plates taken back up into heaven
- M: Qur’an from an eternal tablet in heaven



**11. Boch men claimed to be God’s final prophet**

–Mormons may accept M. as a prophet, but Muslims will not return the “favor”



**12. Boch founders became military leaders**

- JS became a Lt. General in his local militia. He even ran for the Presidency of the US. He died in a gun fight when he was in jail for destroying a newspaper office.



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- M. became a Maghazzi leader and led his followers on caravan raids. He also led them up against the Meccans in several battles.



**13. Boch claimed that they were persecuted because of their pure faith**

- JS was run out of several places and then his followers settled in Nauvoo, Ill. (2<sup>nd</sup> largest city in Ill at that time)
- M. escaped from Mecca and went to Medina



**14. Both 'prophets' began as monogamists but became polygamists**

- JS is said to have had around 25 wives
- M. had at least 9 wives and some say 13 (his youngest wife was 9 when the marriage was consummated). Muslims are not allowed to have more than four.

What's your name again???

**15. Both borrowed other religious ideas of their day**

- JS adapted much of the BofM from fiction stories of the times. He also copied verbatim 25,000 words from the KJV Bible supposedly from the ancient text buried before 420 AD.
- M. apparently was influenced by apocalyptic Judaism and heretical Christian groups such as the Monophysites and the Nestorians.

**16. Both founders later received 'corrections' to their inspired scriptures**

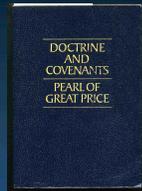
- JS received revelations that he collected in the book called Doctrines and Covenants. A number of these revelations contradicted his earlier BofM
- The Qur'an has many "abrogations" where later verses (Medinan) replace earlier ones (Meccan). A number of these verses are contradictory in nature.

**17. Both religions fought over who would lead after the founder died**

- Some Mormons stayed and followed Joseph's son, most followed Brigham Young out to Utah.
- The Muslims who followed Ali, M.'s son-in-law formed the Shi'ites and those who followed the elected leaders, but not blood-relatives, became the Sunnis

**18. Both groups are actually ruled by sayings of the founders not the key inspired books**

- Most of the Mormon distinctives are found in other books by JS (Pearl of Great Price and Doctrines and Covenants), rather than the B of M.
- The Hadith, or sayings of M. dictate the actions of Muslims as well as their Sharia law

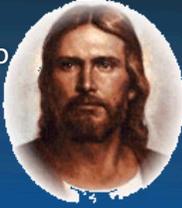


**19. Both religions have 'fundamentalists' factions who are violent and/or anti-social**

- Mormons: polygamist factions today (25,000 people); Mountain meadows massacre on Friday, Sept. 11, 1857: Mormon militias lured travelers out of their fortification and then turned and killed the men. Other hidden Mormons appeared and killed the women and children.
- Islam has perpetrated 1400 years of violence against non-Muslims. In Medina, M. approved of the death sentence of over 600 Jewish men and boys after some were accused of treason.

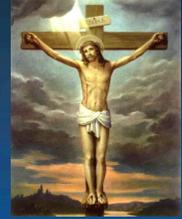
**20. Both deny that Jesus is the unique Son of God**

- JS: Jesus is our “elder brother” and just another son of Elohim, as we are, who attained godhood, as we also may do.
- M: Jesus is just a prophet, though sinless and virgin-born



**21. Both deny that Jesus' death on the Cross is Important**

- JS: Jesus' death on the cross was only the beginning point; we have to work out the rest of our salvation by what we do.
- M: the Qur'an states that Jesus did not die on the cross, but was rather translated to heaven. Someone else was nailed to the cross in his place (Judas or Simon of Cyrene)



**22. Both control the diets of their followers**

- JS: no coffee or tea (no “hot drinks”)
- M: no pork or wine or improperly prepared meat (hallal)

**23. Both require devout followers to wear specific types of clothing**

- JS: “holy” underwear
- M: women should wear veils and burqas to cover themselves up

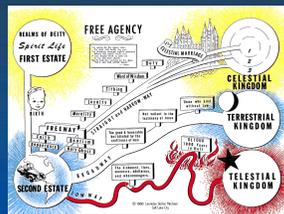


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**24. Both put women on a lower level than men**

- JS: women must depend on their husbands in order to gain the highest level of heaven

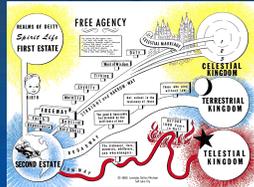


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- M: women have only half the inheritance of men and two women must witness something while only one man is needed

### *25. Both have their own versions of heaven and Paradise*

- JS: there are three heavens and the highest heaven is where the man can be a god and his goddess wives are eternally pregnant



### *25. Both have their own versions of heaven and Paradise*

- M: those who make it to heaven will have all the delights of earth (with no mention of God)



### *Conclusion*

- Both Mormons and Muslims reject true Christianity and salvation through Jesus Christ, God's Only Son.

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- Therefore, if the Law of Non-Contradiction is followed (a true statement and its opposite cannot both be true at the same time in the same sense), then both Mormonism and Islam are False religions

### *Credits*

- First vision:  
[http://www.mrm.org/files/images/first\\_vision\\_1838.jpg](http://www.mrm.org/files/images/first_vision_1838.jpg)
- Muhammad's Night Journey:  
<http://www.dealbreaker.com/images/entries/Moonahorse.gif>