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Sam Solomon: Not the Same God

... notwithstanding many apparent similarities, the Allah of Islam as expressed in the Doctrine of Islamic Monotheism (i.e. Tawheed) is the **diametric opposite** of the Triune Lord God of the Bible – opposite in nature, character, knowability, description, and attributes.” (20)

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- “The Qur'an, although seemingly innocent, has as its main objective to **undo** the message and mission of Christ.” (21)

Islam is a direct attack

Islam	Christianity
Tawhid	Trinity
Jesus only a Prophet	Jesus is God
Jesus taken into heaven	Jesus actually died on the cross
The Bible has been corrupted	The Bible is the trustworthy Word of God

Ideas Have Consequences

“Faulty foundations produce faulty beliefs”

Nature of God

- “What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us.”
- A.W. Tozer

Nature of Man

- “What we believe about God has significant implications for what we believe about ourselves, and vice versa.”

James Anderson

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Nature of Allah: Tawhid

- The fundamental belief in Islam is “there is only one God”
- This is known as “تَوْحِيدٌ” (*tawḥīd*), or the “Absolute Oneness” of God.
 - God is “One” (*Al-’Aḥad*)
 - God is a “singularity” (*Al-Wāḥid*)
- Allah is “Absolutely Other”

Qur'an: Tawhid

- *In the name of God, the Gracious, the Merciful.*
- 1. Say, “He is God, the One.
- 2. God, the Absolute.
- 3. He begets not, nor was He begotten.
- 4. And there is nothing comparable to Him.”
- Q. 112:1-4

Tawhid, not Trinity

- Sura 4:171 - Say not "Trinity" : desist: it will be better for you: for Allah is one Allah: Glory be to Him: (far exalted is He) above having a son.
- **Allah cannot be a Trinity**
- Therefore, Allah cannot be the same god as Yahweh, for “how can the God of Muhammad be the Father of Jesus?”

The Greatest Sin

- The greatest “sin” in Islam, called “Shirk,” is to associate another thing with Allah.
- Christians commit “Shirk” with their belief that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.
- This is the one “sin” that can never be forgiven:

The Unforgivable Sin

- Sura 4:48:
- “God does not forgive the joining of partners with Him: anything less than that He forgives to whoever He will, but anyone who joins partners with God has fabricated a tremendous sin.”

The Same God?

Are the terms Allah and Yahweh just two names for the same God, or are they names referring to different Gods?

<i>Similarities</i>	
Ontological: Existence of God "What He does" (doingness)	
Similarities between Muslims and Christians	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Both believe there is One God • Both believe God created the universe • Both believe God is sovereign and omnipotent • Both believe that he will judge the wicked • Both believe that God has spoken to man through messengers (prophets), angels, and the written word 	

Theological	
Differences (distinguishing traits) "Who He is" (beingness) Essence	
Allah	Yahweh
God is a singularity Tawhid	God is Triune (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit); one in essence and three in persons
Allah cannot have a son (Sura 19:88-92; 112:3)	The Father has eternally begotten the Son Jesus is the Son of God and God Himself (John 1:1,14; Col. 1:15-20; Heb. 1:2-3; 1 John 1:1-3; 4:9-10)
Allah sent a written word	The Father sent his Son who is the living Word
Man must pay for his own sins (Sura 7:8-9; 21:47)	Man can never pay for his own sins, for the standard for the God of the Bible is complete perfection (Matt. 5:48; Rom 3:23)
Allah does not love those who sin and do wrong (Sura 3:140; 4:107)	Yahweh proved his love for us that while we were yet sinners He died for us. (John 3:16)

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Ideas Have Consequences	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you believe in Tawhid, then you cannot believe in the Trinity • If you do not believe in the Trinity, then you do not know the true nature of God • If you do not worship God in Spirit and Truth, then you are not worshiping the True God, but rather a counterfeit God 	 <p>"Faulty foundations produce faulty beliefs"</p>

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The Love of Yahweh

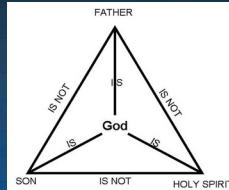
For love to exist, there must be two entities involved, the lover and the one who is loved.

If Allah is an absolute singular being, where does the love come from? Who was there to love before the creation of man? If Allah were alone, on whom did he bestow love?



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However, in the Trinity, there has always been love between the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.



Allah is Will

Allah is pure Will rather than love.

Pure Will demands submission, not love.

Islam means "submission," and a Muslim is one who "submits."

Allah can never be called Father, and Muslims can never be known as the children of God.

Where is the relationship? Where is the love?

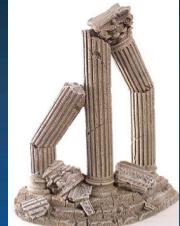


Will of Allah

- Nothing happens unless decreed by Allah
- Say: "Nothing shall ever happen to us except what Allah has ordained for us. He is our Mawla (protector)." And in Allah let the believers put their trust.
- Sura 9:51

Ideas Have Consequences

- When the prime expression from Allah is his Will, then the prime motivation from his followers will tend to be FEAR.
- When the prime expression from God is his LOVE, then the prime motivation from his followers will tend to be LOVE.



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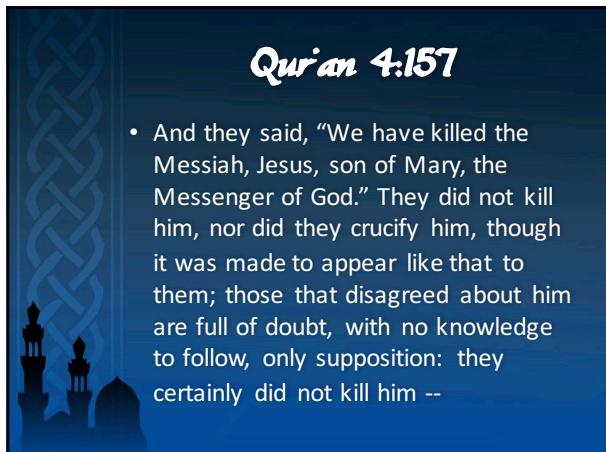
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Core Doctrine deals with the following beliefs

- Nature of God
- Nature of Jesus Christ
- Nature of the Holy Spirit
- Nature of Man
- Nature of Sin
- Nature of Salvation
- The Bible
- Nature of Heaven
- Nature of Hell
- The Future (nature of eternity)

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In the words of an eyewitness

- “There is also a coercive religion of the Ishmaelites which prevails at this time and deceives the people, being the forerunner of the Anti-Christ.”
- -- *Heresy of the Ishmaelites*

