What TBFers Need To Know

Week 2: About Islam

1: Christianity and Islam are NOT Different Paths Up the Same Mountain

The Mountain/Problem

Christianity: Our Spiritual/Relational Separation from God Because of Our Sin Islam: Our Ignorance and Lack of Proper Submission to Allah

The Summit

Christianity: Salvation thru Christ (Forgiveness of Sins, a +R Standing and Everlasting Life) Islam: Admission of One's Soul to Heaven after Death

The Assent

Christianity: Faith Alone in Christ (SAS/LBSR) in Christ Alone Islam: Merit before Allah Based on Living "Islam/Submission" Now

2: Christianity and Islam ARE Different on All Seven Major Doctrines

Who God Is One God in One Person...the Doctrine of the Trinity is an Evil Heresy/Blasphemy

Who Jesus Is

A Pre-Muslim Human Prophet Who Predicted/Prepared the Way for Muhammed

Who We Are

Ignorant (in Need of Information) Able to Save Ourselves by Submission to Allah/Islam

What Christ Did

He Prepared the Way for Muhammed...and He Did NOT Die on the Cross

What We Must Do

We Must Properly Submit to Allah by Living Islam Centered on the Five Pillars 1: Affirmation: There is No God But Allah and Muhammad is His Prophet 2: Prayer 5x a day 3: Gifts to the Mosque for the Poor 4: Fasting During Ramadan 5: The Hajj to Mecca

What Christ Will Do

(Most Muslims Believe) Jesus/Issa Will Return to Earth in the End-Times to Put Down the Enemies of Islam and to Prepare for the Return of Muhammad

What the Bible Is

Originally Inspired and Holy.....but It Has Been Corrupted and Has Been Trumped by the Quran (Information received by Muhammad and written down perfectly after his death)

Historical Background of Islam

Muhammad Lived 570-632 AD

He Established the First Muslim Society in 621 AD

His Teaching/The Quran: Embrace Yet Explain Away Judaism and Christianity

By 700 AD Muslims Controlled the Middle East and North Africa Thru Military Missionary Work

Today according to Dr. Pat Cate Only 5% of Muslims are Violent Fundamentalist The Good News: 5% is a small subunit of the whole (1/20th) which means 95% are not a direct physical/violent threat to Other Muslims, to Jews or to Christians

The Bad News: 5% of 1.8 Billion is a LARGE number = 90 Million People While all of these would have a "motive" to be a violent threat, most of these do not have the means or the opportunity to do so

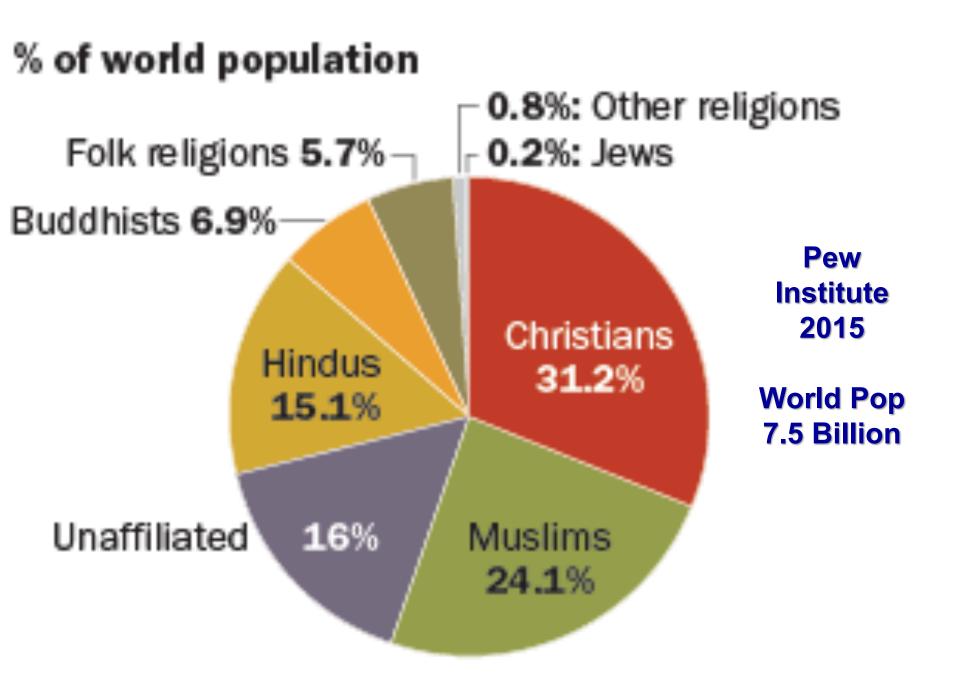
The Biblical Bottom Line

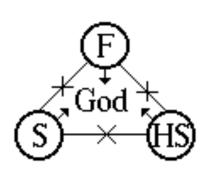
Galatians 1:6-9 (1 Corinthians 15:3-4); Galatians 2:20 and 3:20 (Romans 4:5)



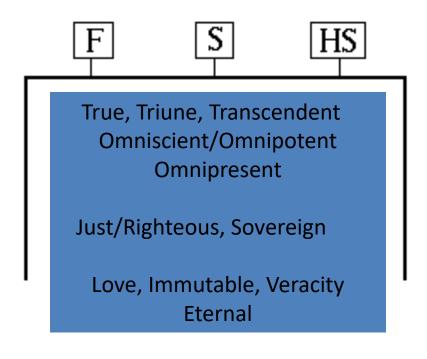
What Christ Has Done

2/17 What TBFers Need to Know about God 2/24 What TBFers Need to Know about Islam 3/3 What TBFer Need to Know about JWs 3/10 What TBFers Need to Know about The Church of LDS 3/17 What TBFers Need to Know about Judaism 3/24 What TBFers Need to Know about King James Only 3/31 What TBFers Need to Know about the "Lost Gospels" 4/7 The Life of Joseph (Genesis 37–50)





In the Being of the One God there are Three Persons, Equal in Essence/Attributes, Distinct in Subsistence



All Three Persons of the Trinity are Co-Equal and Co-Eternal. But they are NOT the same Person. And they do have different roles in the outworking of the overall Plan of God

1: Christianity and Islam

NOT Climbing the Same Mountain ARE Different in All Seven Major Doctrines

2: Historical Background of Islam

3: The Biblical Bottom Line

Christianity

Problem: Sin/Spiritual Separation from God Solution: Salvation through Jesus Christ (Relationship) Technique: Faith Alone in Christ Alone (GW = Fruit)

Islam

Problem: Ignorance/Self-Sufficiency-Condemns Us Solution: Earning Admission to Heaven (No Relationship) Technique: Merit before Allah Based on Islam (GW = Root)

Doctrine/Belief The 7 AIMs of Orthodox Christianity

What Christ Has Done

Who We Are

What We Must Do

Who Christ Is

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What Christ Will Do

What The Bible Is

Who God Is

Christianity



God is Triune (3 in 1)
Jesus is the God-Man
HBs are GIs
Cross: Basis of Salvation
Salvation: Grace/Faith
Jesus Will Return...
The Bible is God's Word

God is Unitary/One
Jesus a Human Prophet
HBs Can/Must Save Ourselves
Jesus: Did NOT Die/Cross
Salvation: Merit/Works
Jesus Will Return...
The Bible Has Been Corrupted

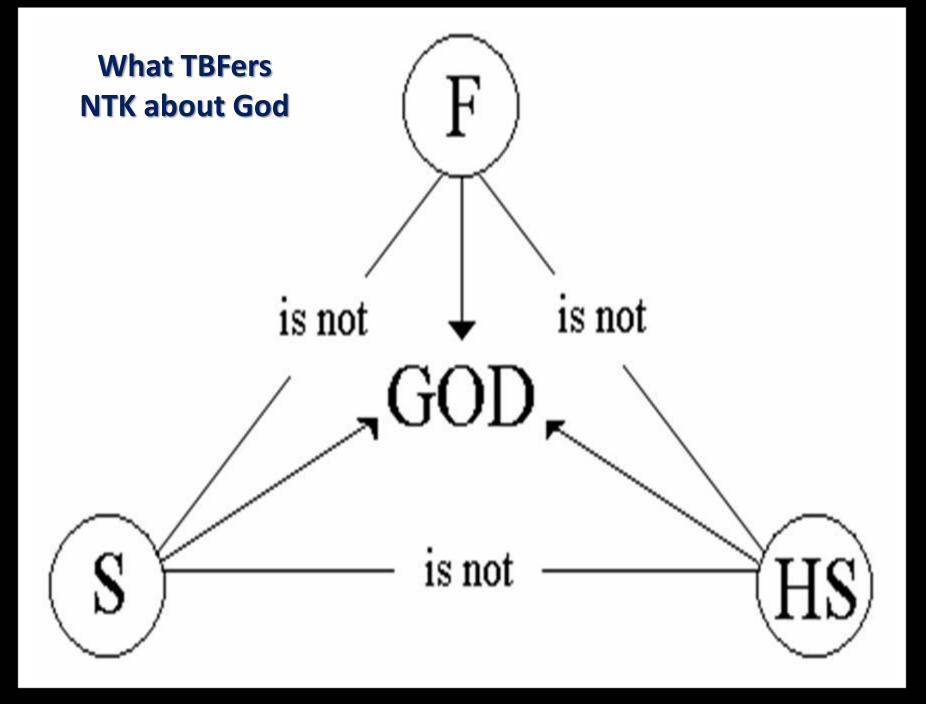
Only-Quran is God's Word

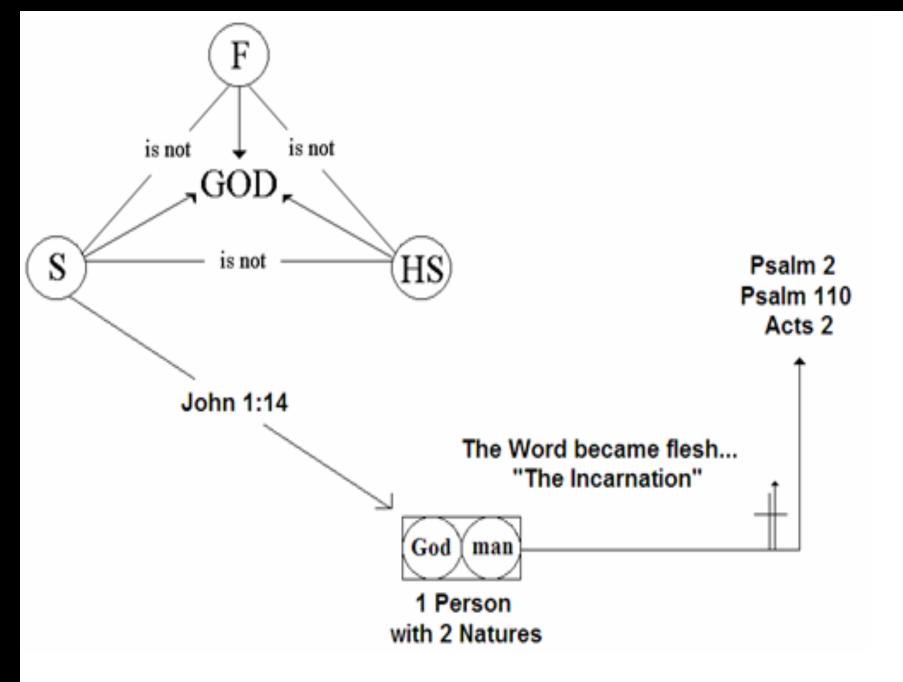
The Quran is about the size of the New Testament, it has 114 Chapters (Suras) Surah 4:171

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The Five Pillars of Islam



Confession of Faith

Prayer Five Times Daily facing Mecca \$\$\$ to the Mosque for the Poor Fasting During Daylight Hours of Ramadan The Hajj: Religious Pilgrimage to Mecca

Titus 3:4-7

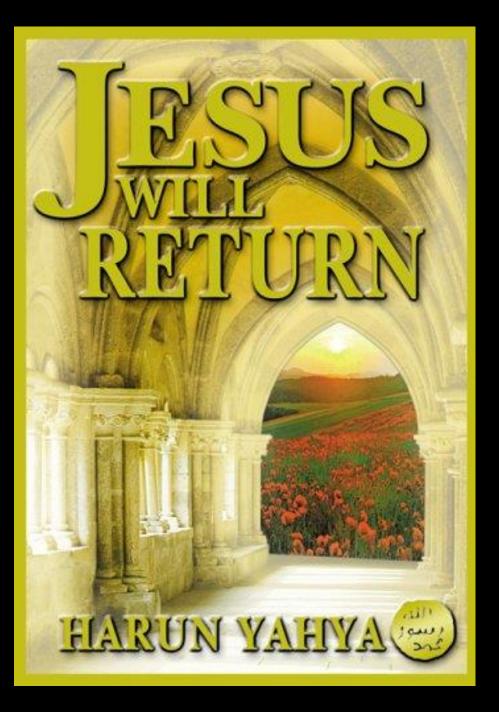
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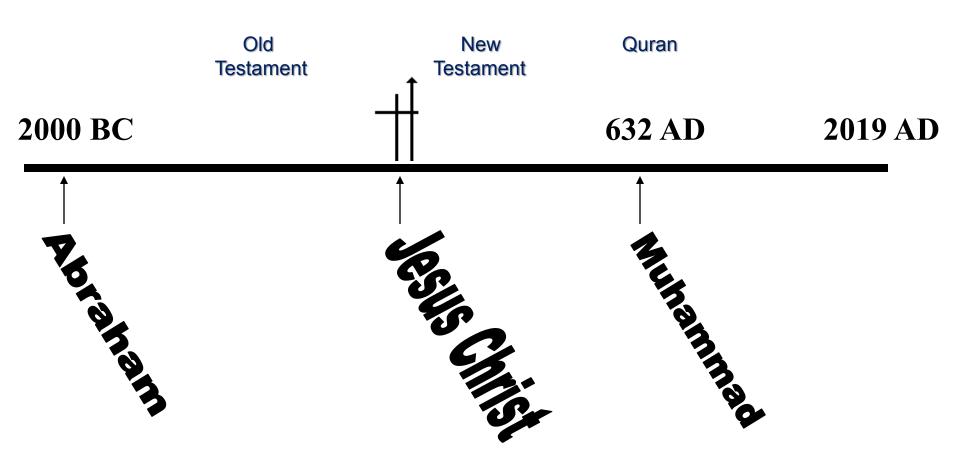
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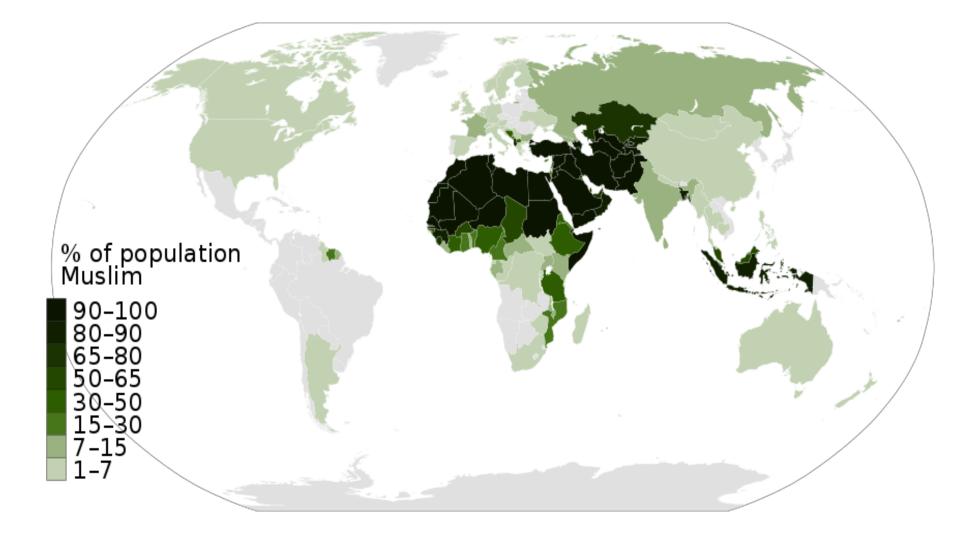
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From amazon.com In the Qur'an there is an explicit reference to the second coming of Jesus, peace be upon him, to the world. This is also confirmed in the Hadith. The realization of some of the information revealed in the Qur'an about Jesus can only be made possible when Jesus returns.



- There are **340 million Arabs** (US Population 325M)
- To be an Arab is a CULTUAL/Linquistic trait rather than a racial or ethnic characteristic
- Arabs can be Jewish, Christian, Agnostic or Atheist
- However the vast majority (98%) of Arabs are Muslim
- The World's Largest Muslim Country is NOT an Arab Country-it is Indonesia (in the Pacific not the Middle East)
 – Only 24% of the 1.8 billion Muslims in the world are Arabs





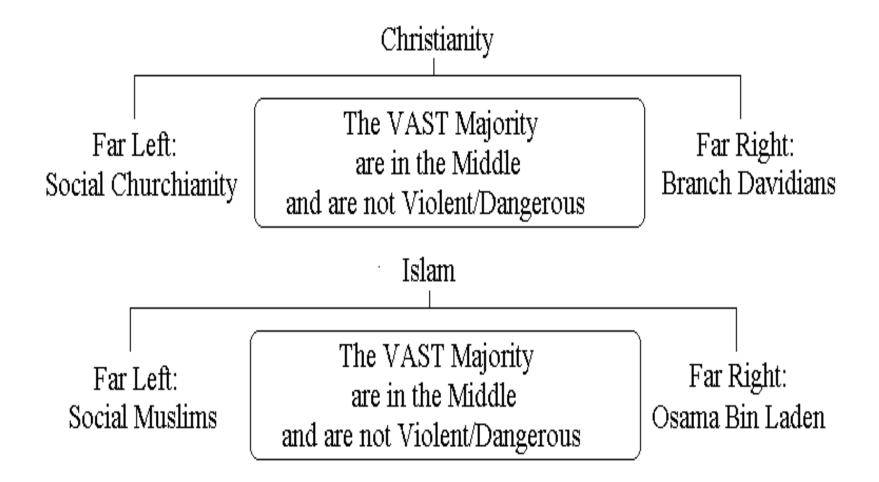
Dr. Patrick Cate's Categories

• Social/Moderate Muslims 20%

• Traditional Muslims 50%

• Non-Violent Fundamentalists 25%

• Violent Fundamentalists 5%



Jihad (Struggle): can be understood as personal spiritual struggle OR can be understood as life/death struggle vs Infidels









Galatians 1:8-9

But even though we, or an angel from Heaven, should preach to you a Gospel contrary to that which we have preached to you, let him be accursed. As we have said before, so I say again now, if any man is preaching to you a Gospel contrary to that which you received, let him be accursed.