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Are Allah and Jehovah the Same God?

Grab your Qur'an if you would. Actually, a couple of folks brought their Qur'ans with them tonight. They showed them to me. I said, "Yeah." Nobody had the *Thompson Chain* version of the Qur'an though, I noticed. I don't think there is one. I'll be using one that's from the Islamic Society of Houston. A little bit of disclaimer here: What we're going to look at tonight is the question...*Are Allah and Jehovah the same God?*

I had a friend who was a Muslim. Many, many years ago, he and I were neighbors. He told me... and so I didn't know any better... He said, "Well you know Muslims and Christians worship the same God. Muslims and Jews worship the same God. I thought, *Well I don't know any better. I guess so.*

A few years ago I began to study the Qur'an some, and I began to have questions to that. I just assumed we worshiped the same God. You know the Catholics believe that. Do you know the Catholic Catechism literally says, "Muslims profess to hold the faith of Abraham, and together with us..." I'm quoting the Catholic Catechism, "...together with us they adore the one merciful God, mankind's judge on the last day." According to the official Catholic Church, Muslims and Christians (Catholics) worship the same God.

I just assumed that was true until I started studying the Qur'an. Then I began to run into some problems. I thought, *Wait a minute. Let's see if this is really true.* What I want to examine tonight is...*Are Allah and Jehovah the same God based upon the writings of the Qur'an and comparing those to the writings of the Scripture?* That's what we're going to look at a little bit tonight.

First of all just a brief history of Islam. It's important you have it in its historical setting. It turns out in 570AD... Okay get that in your mind. That's almost 600 years after Jesus is when Muhammad was born. On the scene of the three major world religions...of Christianity, Judaism, and Islam...Islam is the newest. It's the new guy on the block. It came around 600 years after the founding of Christianity. To put that in perspective the US has only been around a couple of hundred years, so it was much longer than that when Islam came on the scene.

Muhammad was born. At the age of 40 he began having revelations. Now Muhammad was illiterate. I'm not bashing Muhammad. Muslims are very proud of the fact Muhammad was illiterate. He could not read. He could not write. They use that as a confirmation his revelations had to have been from God because he could not read or write.

At the age of 40, he started having revelations. An angel appeared to him and said (claimed to be the angel Gabriel) and began to give him these revelations. He couldn't read. He couldn't write. So he would recite these to scribes who would then take them down. At his death, these revelations were then compiled into a book. From the age of 40 until the time he died, he continually had these revelations. These revelations are what comprise the Qur'an today, the revelations of Muhammad during his lifetime. That basically is where the Qur'an comes from.

In comparing these two...the Bible and the Qur'an...we need to understand the Qur'an claims to be written by the God of Jesus, the God of Moses, and the God of Abraham. I'm going to just be quoting some here. If you're interested later I can give you the quotes in the Qur'an so you can look them up, but since they won't mean anything to us, basically, I'm just going to read some of the quotes from the Qur'an.

The Qur'an says this: "To Moses we..." Now let me explain one other thing. In the Qur'an when Allah is referring to himself, he refers to himself in the plural of *we*. It has nothing to do with two gods or anything like that. Islam is monotheistic, very radically monotheistic. I asked a Muslim, "Well why does Allah refer to himself as in the plural, as *we, we, we, we?*" He said, "Well it's because of his transcendency. The fact he's greater than one, he's greater than all, and so he refers to himself as *we*." When I'm reading this you'll be seeing *we*. That's a reference to Allah speaking of himself.

Here is what Allah says in the Qur'an. He says, "We gave Moses the Torah, the Holy Book." Allah claims to have given the revelation on the mountain to Moses, the same God, Jehovah God. He claims to be that. "To Moses we gave the book, the Torah, and we sent after him other prophets [or rasuls] in succession. We gave Jesus, the Son of Mary, clear signs and we strengthened Him with the Holy Spirit."

Muslims believe in Jesus. They even believe in His virgin birth of Mary. Allah is saying, "We sent Jesus. We sent him through Mary. We sent other prophets after Moses. Now when there has come to them a book from Allah confirming the holy books of Torah and the Gospels..."

What the Qur'an claims is the Qur'an was sent to confirm the Torah...the Old Testament and the Torah which was given through Moses...and to confirm the Gospels that were given through Jesus. In other words they're saying the Qur'an says the Old Testament, the Torah, was given by God, the New Testament was given by God, and now God comes along and He has one more book to give to confirm the writings of these other two. That is the Qur'an. The Qur'an...by its own declaration...is to confirm the writings of the Torah and to confirm the writings of the New Testament.

Just a few more quotes here..."Allah, there is no god but him, the living, the eternal. He has revealed to you this book with the truth..." speaking of the Qur'an, "...confirming the Scriptures which preceded it, as he revealed the Torah and the gospel before this as guidance for mankind."

So again, this isn't just one time in there. Throughout the Qur'an it says, "The purpose for this book is to confirm the Gospels and to confirm the Torah, the Old Testament." Great. Okay. That's fine.

The problem I had is when I began to read these, I'm saying, "If this is given to confirm the writings of the Gospels and the writings of the Torah, then they should say the same thing. Shouldn't they if they're given to confirm by the same God?" That's where I started running into problems as I start reading.

The first thing we read is...the first little problem we run into is what it says about this: about Jesus. The Qur'an says, "We..." again, Allah, "We sent Jesus, the Son of Mary, and we gave Him the Gospels wherein was guidance and light." In other words, "Just like I, Allah, revealed to Moses the Torah, I, Allah, revealed to Jesus the Gospels."

Now wait a minute. That might make sense if you're illiterate and cannot read the Gospels, but if you know the Gospels were not give by Jesus...not like Moses received the Law and he brought it down to present it to people. Muhammad received his revelation, brought it down to present it to people. It's saying, "In the same way we gave the Gospels to Jesus, and He brought it down to present it to people."

That's not how it happened. The Gospels weren't written until after Jesus was dead and rose again. The Gospels were written years later. They were not a revelation to Him. That's an easy mistake for somebody to make who cannot read the Gospels and know what they're really about, who is only hearing from hearsay.

Remember, Muhammad was greatly influenced be the Jews who lived around him, and he was greatly influenced by the Christians. Christianity at this time had spread across the whole face of the earth. It was 600 AD. It had spread across the face of the earth. The writings of the Christians, the practices of the Christians were well known. Even an illiterate man who could not read them could understand, could know, what they were about. He was very impressed with the Jews and their lifestyle. He was very impressed with the Christians and their lifestyle.

It would make sense he would make this mistake that somehow Jesus received the Gospels and they were revealed. Okay, but that's a tiny thing. Let's cut them some slack on that. Maybe we're just straining at the gnat, swallowing the camel on that.

Let's move on. Are there other discrepancies? Yes there are major discrepancies. For example: *Does God have a Son?* Now if the Qur'an is sent to confirm the Gospels and to confirm the Torah, to confirm the Old Testament, what do the Gospels say about...*Does God have a Son?* Most definitely.

Matthew 3:17, **"Lo a voice from heaven said..."** and you might want to just jot these passages down real quickly. If you want to I'll just read them. You can just jot them down. Matthew 3:17, **"Lo a voice from heaven, said, 'This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased'"** Clearly a declaration that God has a Son.

Mark 1:1, **"The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God"** Clearly God has a Son.

Luke 1:32, **"He shall be great..."** This is the revelation of Gabriel, **"He...shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto Him the throne of His father David."**

Luke 1:35, a few verses later, **"And the angel answered and said unto her, 'The Holy Ghost shall come upon you, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow you: therefore...the holy thing which shall be born of you shall be called the Son of God.'"**

I could go on. John 3:16, Jesus Himself declared, **"For God so loved the world that He sent..."** Who? **"...His only begotten Son."** God sent His Son.

The Bible clearly, clearly, clearly declares God has a Son. What does the Qur'an...and there are other Scripture I gave out. Let's go to the Old Testament first of all. The Old Testament certainly doesn't say anything about God having a Son. Does it? Yes it most certainly does.

In Psalms, chapter 2 it says this, verse 12, **"Kiss the Son, lest He be angry, And you perish in the way, When His wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all those who put their trust in Him."** Kiss the Son, blessed are all who put their trust in Him. Who, of course, is that referring to? It's referring to Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

Also in Proverbs it says this, **"Who has ascended unto the heavens or who has descended? Who has gathered the wind in His fists? Who has bound the waters in His garment?"** Who would that be talking about? Who has done this? **"Who has established the ends of the earth?"** Who's it talking about? Obviously it's talking about God.

Then it goes on to say, **"What is His name and what is His Son's name? Tell me if you know."** You see Solomon, the writer of this Proverb, didn't know. We do know. We know His Son's name: Jesus Christ.

Even the Old Testament talks about God having a Son. Old Testament, New Testament...God has a Son. What does the Qur'an say? The Qur'an was sent to confirm the Old Testament, to confirm the New Testament. What does the Qur'an have to say?

Let me just read a few of them. "They say that Allah has taken to himself a son. Allah is above such things. It is not befitting to the majesty of Allah that he himself should beget a son."

Another quote: "Those who say the compassionate god has begotten a son certainly preach such a monstrous falsehood that the very heavens may crack, the earth might cleave asunder, and the mountains crumble to pieces at their ascribing a son to the compassionate god. It is not befitting the compassionate god that he should beget a son."

Another quote: "Never has Allah begotten a son, nor is there any god besides him. How would god have a son when he has no consort?" When he has no partner.

Finally, even more clearly the Qur'an declares, "They..." the Jews and Christians, "...say, 'Allah has begotten a son.' Have you any proof of what you say? Oh prophet, tell them! Those who ascribe false things to Allah will never prosper. Well may they have little enjoyment in this world, but eventually they have to return to us, and then we will make them taste the severest punishment for their unbelief."

The Qur'an says those who declare God has a Son will taste the severest of punishments. Well that would include Jesus Christ because Jesus Himself declared, **"God so loved the world He sent His only begotten Son."**

Now if you present these contradictions...just as I'm doing here...to a Muslim, the answer they will give you is, "You don't understand. Christians and Jews, since the writing of the Qur'an, have perverted, have changed their Gospel just to make the Qur'an look bad. The Jews have changed the wordings of their Scriptures, and the Christians have changed the wordings of their Scriptures just to make the Qur'an look bad." You look at that logically and there's no way that's possible. We'll get into that a little bit more. A little later I'll show you how we know that's not the truth.

Let's look at a couple of more contradictions. Does God have a Son? Does God not have a Son? The Gospels and the Torah, the Old Testament, confirm God has a Son. The Qur'an says, "God has no son and couldn't have a son. Those who claim he has a son will face the severest of punishments."

Let's look at the next one. Was Jesus just a prophet or was He more than a prophet? What do the Scriptures say? In John 1:1, very powerful, **"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."**

John 1:14, **"And the Word was made flesh, and He dwelt among us."** The *Word* it's talking about...He's not just a prophet. He is God. **"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."** So He is God Himself, in the flesh. How we understand that...we don't know exactly how He can be God and was a God and is God, but that's what the Scriptures declare.

John 1:29, the next day John the Baptist sees Jesus coming and he says, "**Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!**" Prophets don't take away the sin of the world, they just speak for God. "**...Who takes away the sin of the world...And I saw, and bare record that this is the Son of God.**" John the Baptist declared Him to be that.

Hebrews says this: "**His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things...**" Hebrews 1:1-5, "**...by whom also He made the worlds.**" God made the worlds through His Son Jesus. "**...Who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person...**" Jesus is the express image of God the Father, the perfect reflection and image of God the Father. He is not just a prophet according to Hebrews. He is the express image of God the Father. "**He...**" Jesus, "**...purged our sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high...**" and God said to Him, "**'You are My Son, this day have I begotten You?' And again, 'I will be to Him a Father, and He shall be to me a Son?'"**

The Scripture clearly declares Jesus is not just a prophet. He is the Son of God. He is the Lamb of God sent to take away the sins of the world. He is more than just one who proclaims God's Word. He *is* the Word of God. He is God, and was God, and is with God. "**In the beginning was the Word.**" He is much more than just a prophet.

What does the Qur'an declare? "The Messiah..." Which I think is an interesting term. It says, "The Messiah..." calls Him the Messiah, "...Jesus, the Son of Mary, was no more than a prophet of Allah and his word. Do not say *trinity*." Saying, "It's better for you not to say that. Allah is one deity. He is far above the need of having a son. 'Allah is Christ, the Son of Mary.' Certainly those who say such things are unbelievers, and those who say that Allah is one of three in a trinity, there's no God except Allah. If they don't stop saying what they're saying, a painful punishment will befall them for being disbelievers."

Again, the Bible, the Gospels...that the Qur'an was sent to confirm...declare one thing. The Qur'an not only declares something different, but declares harsh punishment on any who declare what Jesus and John the Baptist himself declared, that He is the Son of God.

One other claim: The Qur'an claims on the day of judgment, Allah will ask Jesus if He ever told people to worship Him and to worship His mother...a direct reflection of Catholicism that was even happening at that time...as God and Jesus will say, "No I never told anybody to worship me." That's what the Qur'an says.

The Bible clearly says, "**At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow, every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father.**" The two...again...totally contradict. Yet there's a claim they're written by the same God.

Let's look at one other contradiction, and then we're going to move on. This is the heart of it all. The heart of the gospel...*Did Jesus die? Was He buried? Did He rise again from the dead?*

Paul says if He didn't rise again our whole faith is in vain. It's nothing if Jesus didn't rise from the grave. You're wasting your time. Go find something else. Find a rock to worship, or cut you up a stone, or whatever you want to do, but you're wasting your time with Jesus if He didn't rise from the dead. Our whole faith is in vain.

The Bible clearly declares in 1 Corinthians 15, "**Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures...He was buried, and...He rose again the third day according to the Scripture.**" 1 Corinthians 15:3-4, that's what the New Testament says. What does the Qur'an say about that?

It says here, "They even say we have killed the Messiah, Jesus, the Son of Mary, the prophet of God. Whereas in fact they didn't kill Him. They didn't crucify Him, but they thought they did because the matter was made dubious for them." That's in italics. I'm really sure how that should have been translated. I'm sure the translators weren't sure how to translate that from the Arabic.

"It was made dubious for them. They have no real knowledge. They follow nothing but merely a conjecture. Certainly they didn't kill Jesus. No the fact is that Allah took Him up to himself. There is none of the People of the Book..." referring to Christians and Jews who were called *People of the Book*, "There is none of the People of the Book who will believe this fact before His death, but on the day of resurrection, Jesus will bear witness against them that He didn't die, that He didn't get put in the grave, He didn't rise again, but that Allah took Him before he could be crucified." Again we have a direct contradiction here about the heart of the gospel.

Here's the point: They say contradictory things. The Qur'an says it was sent to confirm these, but these two agree...and by the way, if you want to look in the Old Testament, yes there's talk of the Messiah being crucified. There's talk of a suffering Messiah. You look in Isaiah. You look in Isaiah 53, Psalm 22, and Zachariah 12. There's talk of the Messiah being crucified, of the Messiah dying, of the One chosen of God dying. Again the New Testament, the Old Testament confer and lock just like that and agree with one another. The Qur'an is totally, diametrically opposite.

Again as I said, the Muslims today would tell you, "Well that's because Christians and Jews have changed their gospel since 600 AD." Now wait just a minute. First of all, by 600 AD the Gospels and the Torah and all the writing had been circulated around the world. If they had been changed we would find thousands of documents that contradicted what we found today.

We can go back, and we have over 5,300 manuscripts in the Greek, old manuscripts that predate, that go back before the birth of Mohammed and those manuscripts of the Christian Scriptures line up with the manuscripts we have today. We see there was no change. We have over 80,000 quotes from the first century and second century believers where they hold to Scripture that line up with the same Scriptures we have today, the same understanding. There were no changes.

If you wanted to put the nail really into the coffin, you go to the Qumran scrolls which date to 100 AD...that's like way before Mohammed...100 AD. You can go to Israel and see in the Shrine of the Book a manuscript of the book of Isaiah, a scroll of Isaiah, from 100 AD. Other than a period here or a dot there or a jot or a tittle here, it is the exact same as if you were to open your Bible and read a translation of it today. The Bible has been preserved by God. It has not been changed.

The final confirmation that there's been no change is when Mohammed started giving these revelations he was even ridiculed by the people of his day about the inaccuracies, historically, in the Qur'an. You see the Jews didn't change their Scripture. The Christians didn't change their Scriptures. If the Jews had tried to change their Scripture, the Christians would have been all over them. If the Christians had tried to change their Scriptures, all the critics of the church would have been all over them. The critics actually keep us true and keep us from being able to do that. Thank God for the critics out there who keep us and verify the Scriptures have not changed.

From the beginning we have a Qur'an which makes one statement...saying it was sent to confirm two books it diametrically disagrees with...yet these two agree. We're left with one conclusion. Either there is one God, and He's kind of schizo, kind of confused... Neither Muslims, Christians, nor Jews are willing to accept that. Would you agree with that? We don't serve a schizo God. We don't serve this guy who's kind of mushy up, and after 600 years He changed His mind and He decided Jesus wasn't His Son. That's not an option.

The only other option then is we're talking about two different authors here. We're talking about two different authors. Jehovah God and Allah are not the same because if you want to agree they're the same then you have a schizoid God who is just totally confused. We have to come to the conclusion they are not the same God.

Now I believe Mohammed literally was given divine revelation. I believe he really did. An angel really appeared to him. An angel gave him these. When you read the book there are some incredible writings in here. I do believe they were revealed from a supernatural force. I do believe Mohammed was serious.

He had some serious problems as well in his moral life, and a man's morality will dictate his theology. You find the writings of the Qur'an change as he goes along, as he gets rejected by the Jews. He initially thought the Jews would all come in and become Muslims. When he's rejected by the Jews you find his mentality changing a little bit toward them. Again, a man's morality will dictate his theology...very important understanding of that. His morality did indeed influence his theology.

I do believe though he was sincere in what he was trying to do, and I do believe he did have revelations. We have clear understanding in Scripture as to the source of those revelations

because the Bible clearly tells us Satan himself appears as an angel of light. What better way than to create a religion that is minus the blood of the cross? I don't care how good you are, I don't care how well you live, I don't care what you do minus the blood of the cross, Jesus said, "Without Me you cannot come to the Father."

The finest religion...I don't care how moral it produces people. I don't care how good it produces people. I don't care what it does. If it's minus the cross of Jesus Christ, if it's minus the sacrifice of Jesus and His paying the price for our sin, it will lead you straight to hell.

You'll be a good person. You'll be a moral person. You may be the best person on earth. There will be people who are dirty rotten, stinking sinners who have trusted Jesus Christ who'll be going to spend eternity with Jesus. Apart from the cross of Christ, anything else is a devilish lie from hell that will send you straight there.

Yes I believe there was a divine revelation, but it was not a revelation from Jehovah God. There was a divine revelation, but it was from another divinity. It was from a false god. We just see it cannot possibly have been written by the same God.

Hopefully now you can see they do contradict. If somebody begins to tell you, "Well we do worship the same God." "But, you know, doesn't the Qur'an declare God couldn't have a Son? The New Testament declares Jesus is the Son of God, and Jesus Himself declared that. Doesn't the Qur'an declare Jesus was only a good prophet? The Bible declares He was God Himself. **'In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God.'** Doesn't the Qur'an declare...first of all, it was sent to confirm these Scripture? Then how, if it's sent to confirm, does it totally contradict?"

We know the Old Testament and New Testament have stood established. We have documents that date way back before Mohammed that show it has not changed in all of these years. Hopefully that will empower you a little bit. You know what? God loves Muslims. God loves these people. They are caught in a system where they are trying to please God. They want to please God. Many of them do. Many of them are very serious about wanting to please God, yet they have been led down a false path. We need to love them as well.

We need to do everything we can do share the gospel with them in a loving, in a kind, in an understanding, in a respectful way because Jesus...the only people Jesus ever got disrespectful with were those who thought they had it all figured out, the religious people. Those who were seeking in humility to please God...and though they may have been on the wrong track...He was always kind to them. He was always courteous to them if they came in humility. It was only those who came with an attitude of a religious spirit that He was just harsh with and just cut them no slack.

Somebody said He was sent to comfort the afflicted and to afflict the comfortable. I just want to encourage you if you have Muslim friends...you can share this tape with them. We've made a CD of this, a DVD of this. You can share this with them. You can just talk with them, but whatever you do show the love of Jesus to them. Show the love of Christ to them. They need to know there's forgiveness of their sins. They need to know only through Jesus Christ can they come to the Father. By Jesus' own declaration, "**No man comes unto the Father except through...**" Him.

Let's take a moment and pray right now. Let's just pray for those who are caught in this religion of Islam that they might just have the truth revealed to them.

Father we just thank You for the truth of Your Word. Lord we thank You that Your Word stands firm and is established. We can build our lives and base our eternities on it, Lord. Father we just thank You for the light You have sent through Jesus Christ.

Lord we just pray, Father, for those who are in this darkness of Islam, who, God, who really are seeking and many desire to please you Lord. Lord You say all who call on the name of the Lord will be found. Lord those who seek You will find You, even if they are seeking You in a wrong name, oh God, You have a way of revealing yourself.

Lord You're doing that over and over and over again in Muslim countries around the world. You are revealing Yourself not just as Jesus, the rasul, the prophet of God, but you are revealing Yourself as Jesus the Son of God and God Himself come in the flesh. Lord we just ask You to continue Your work of redeeming back those from Islam, redeeming them back to the true knowledge of salvation through Jesus Christ. We thank You, Lord, for Your love, for Your kindness, Your mercy to us. In Jesus glorious name, Amen, Amen.