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2 Corinthians 10:5

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ISLAM and CHRISTIANITY: Do they worship the same GOD?

The following is a portion of a letter to an Islamic follower: I have read the literature which you have given to me with great interest. As you know I have studied Islam while in college, so I am not totally unfamiliar with its teachings. However, your two brochures have helped to prompt my memory. Thanks for giving them to me.

The literature you gave to me speaks of Muhammad and the teachings of Islam. In your own literature it states that this "new message" was given to the Prophet by the angel Gabriel over a period of 23 years. It states that this new revelation "confirms the truth in the Torah, the Psalms, and the Gospel."

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This is simply not true. I am not going to sit in judgment on Islam or Muhammad, for that is Allah's sole prerogative according to our (the Christian's) sacred text. See Romans 14:7-13 and Revelation 20:11-15 in the Holy Bible. [Islam, of course, also holds to the teaching that man will give an account of himself to Allah - Surah 101 of the Koran]. However, I will explain to you how what we believe is different from what your literature claims to be true of God and His message to us.

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Christ created all things. See John 1:3, Colossians 1:16, and Hebrews 1:2 along with Isaiah 44:24. This makes Jesus unique and sovereign. Furthermore, Jesus is declared to be the One Who sustains the creation. See Colossians 1:17. [In

contrast to this revelation, Islam claims that Jesus is but a man, even though He was born supernaturally. See Surah 5:17, 72]

As a Christian I believe that Jesus Christ lived the one sinless life on earth. See 2 Corinthians 5:21; 1 Peter 2:22; 1 John 3:5. In contrast to Him, there are no good people, for all have sinned and come short of the glory of God - Romans 3:23. Thus, all men are destined for HELL unless they repent and believe in Jesus Christ as their own personal sin-bearer. See Isaiah 53:5-6 along with 1 Peter 2:24-25 and 2 Corinthians 5:21. [In contrast to this, Islam claims that a man will be blessed or cursed based upon his own deeds of righteousness or evil. See Surah 2:62; 27:89-90; 30:14-16; etc.]

As a Christian I believe that Jesus Christ was crucified in my place and rose from among the dead for my justification before God. See Romans 4:25 and 1 Corinthians 15:3-4. This is the core teaching of our faith. Now, while on earth Satan and Jesus'

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disciples tempted Him in regard to bypassing the cross yet establishing His kingdom over the whole earth. See Matthew 4:8-10; 16:21-23. As you can see, the cross was the offense! This is still true today. [In

contrast to this, the Koran teaches that Jesus was not crucified but that He was taken up to God. See Surah 4:157-159]

As a Christian I believe that Jesus Christ is returning to earth to establish His kingdom for one thousand years before He totally renews all things for all eternity. See Revelation 19 through 22. At the end of all things, Jesus Christ Himself will be the Judge of all flesh. See John 5:22. This is one further evidence that Jesus Christ is God. See Philippians 2:5-11 along with Isaiah 45:20-25. [In contrast to this truth, the Koran teaches that Jesus is only a prophet and an apostle of Allah. He is not Allah. See Surah 4:171.]

Now, as you can see, Islam does not teach a true belief in Jesus Christ or the sacred texts of the Jewish and Christian people. To say that it does is to speak a falsehood. Islam was a "new message" that did not agree with the prophets and apostles of the Holy Bible. You have a choice today to trust in one or the other, but not both. Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me." (John 14:6) To not believe this is to say that Jesus lied. If He lied, He could not be a prophet of God or God Himself as He claimed. According to the teachings of Jesus and those He committed His message to, He is the only Savior and Lord. To reject Him is to be sentenced to HELL forever. To receive and follow Him is to be a citizen of HEAVEN forever. Since Islam also teaches an exclusive message, that is, a

person must submit to the confession that "there is no

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God except one God and Muhammad is the messenger of God," both cannot be true. While I will show respect for all men including Islamic followers, I must stand alone with Jesus Christ as my Savior and Lord, the One sent from Heaven to tell us the

truth about God and the world in which we now live. May the Father in Heaven give you eyes to see.

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