Islam

After the terrorists attacked Israel this week, a man in New York City was ranting in the street. Here's what he was saying.

"We're done being tortured and hurt and judged. This is the correct religion. This is the religion that all of humanity needs to be — Islam."

"We will not stop until it enters every home. So I want you to repeat after me. I want to hear it in every single district. It should tremble—Brooklyn should hear it. The Bronx should hear it. Queens should hear it. Say it — There is no God worthy of worship except Allah. The God of Jesus, the God of Moses, the God of Abraham, and the God of the last and final prophet, Muhammed..."

We must always check the Bible, whenever someone tells us something. Is Allah the same as the God we worship? Was Muhammad really a prophet? We need to be like the Bereans, to search the scriptures whether those things are so.

Acts 17:10-12

And the brethren immediately sent away Paul and Silas by night unto Berea: who coming thither

went into the synagogue of the Jews. These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so. Therefore many of them believed; also of honourable women which were Greeks, and of men, not a few.

Are God and Allah the same being?

God

God is known as the Holy Trinity; the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

1 John 5:7

For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.

God saved His people by the sacrifice of His Son Jesus, who became one of us and died for our sins. Simply believing this fact is all we need to do to be saved.

Romans 5:8-9

But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.

Romans 8:32

He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?

Romans 3:20-23

Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin. But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets; Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference: For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

Allah

Allah is a single entity, not a trinity of three persons, and so does not have a son who was crucified to save all men. In fact, if a Muslim

believes in the Trinity, he has committed "shirk" which is a denial of the unity (one-ness) of Allah. It is the unpardonable sin!

Verily, **Allah** is Odd (He is one, and it is an odd number) and He loves odd number.."
(Sahih Muslim Book-48 Hadith-5)

The Lord Jesus Christ

The Bible makes it clear that Jesus is the second person of the Trinity, co-equal with God and the Holy Ghost (see 1 John 5:7.)

Philippians 2:5-11

Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under

the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The Qur'an is so opposed to this belief that Jesus is God it condemns Jesus worshipers to Hell ([Qur'an] 5.72).

Muslims put Jesus on the same level as Moses and other prophets, making no distinction between "what was revealed to Abraham, Ishmael, Isaac, Jacob, and his descendants; and what was given to Moses, Jesus, and other prophets from their Lord." (Surah Al-Baqarah; 2:136)

Muslims are on their own when it comes to their salvation. Allah determines entrance into paradise through works/righteousness. A Muslim must live a life that is in total submission to Allah and his commandments. Then, at judgment day, if the good works have outweighed the bad, Allah will accept the person into heaven.

This means that the Qur'an teaches "another Jesus" from the One we know as our Savior.

2 Corinthians 11:3-4

But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ. For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or if ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him.

God's Name

God's name is Yahweh, which is Hebrew for "I AM."

Exodus 3:13-15

And Moses said unto God, Behold, when I come unto the children of Israel, and shall say unto them, The God of your fathers hath sent me unto you; and they shall say to me, What is his name? what shall I say unto them? And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you. And God said moreover unto Moses, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, The LORD God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob,

hath sent me unto you: this is my name for ever, and this is my memorial unto all generations.

Allah's Name

In many languages, "allah" is the word for "god." Abu Huraira reported Allah's Messenger as saying: There are ninety-nine names of Allah; he who commits them to memory would get into Paradise. For example: "The Most" or "Entirely Merciful," and "The Bestower of Mercy". None of the 99 names for Allah is "I AM."

Abraham of the Qur'an

Abraham is considered the first Muslim. In the Qur'an, God calls upon people to "follow the religion of Abraham" (Qur'an 3:95). Abraham is the "model" of obedience to God (Qur'an 16:120) and the "friend of God," and no one can be "better in religion" (Qur'an 4:125) than those who follow him.

The Qur'an does not identify the name of the son whom Abraham is commanded to sacrifice.

Muslim traditions clearly identify the son to be sacrificed as Ishmael, the ancestor of the prophet Muhammad.

Moses of the Qur'an

Christians know that Moses wrote the first 5 books of the Bible, also known as the Torah, by inspiration of the Holy Ghost.

2 Peter 1:20-21

Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

Muhammed is said to have gotten his information for the Qur'an from the Archangel Gabriel, not the Holy Ghost.

The Story of Muhammad

When he was forty, Muhammad began having visions and hearing voices. He would sometimes meditate at Mount Hira, near Mecca. On one of these occasions, the Archangel Gabriel appeared to him and instructed him to recite "in the name of [your] lord." This was the first of many revelations that became the basis of the Qur'an, the holy book of Islam.

God has promised us that He would preserve His word. He will not issue "updates" through the angel Gabriel or anyone else.

Psalms 12:6-7

The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever.

But Muslims say the Qur'an supersedes the Torah since the Qur'an is the final revelation of Allah. (Muhammad died in 632.)

We know that Paul finished the New Testament, so we know that Muhammed had no new information from our God.

Colossians 1:25-27

Whereof I am made a minister, according to the dispensation of God which is given to me for you, to fulfil the word of God; Even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints: To whom God would make known what is the riches of the

glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory:

There are a lot of warnings in the Bible about the presentation of angels and spirits. It is possible that an angel did present himself to Muhammad. Isn't it interesting that Paul mentions an angel from heaven that would pervert the Gospel of Christ, about 600 years before Muhammed?

Galatians 1:6-9

I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ. But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed.

Paul also included the most infamous angel in his warning.

2 Corinthians 11:13-15

For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.

Is Islam a peaceful religion as we sometimes hear?

No, the Qur'an has a lot of verses directing Muslims to violence. Muslims must persist until all non-Muslims are either all converted to Islam or killed.

Surah 3:151: "We shall cast terror into the hearts of those who disbelieve (all non-Muslims) ..."

Surah 2:191: "And kill them (non-Muslims) wherever you find them ... kill them. Such is the recompense of the disbelievers (non-Muslims)."

Surah 9:5: "Then kill the disbelievers (non-Muslims) wherever you find them, capture them and besiege them, and lie in wait for them in each and every ambush ..."

Compare that to our instructions from Jesus Christ to Paul.

2 Timothy 2:24-26

And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient, In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth; And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will.

We are also told that we are to avoid people who purposely choose not to accept the doctrine given to Paul by Jesus Christ, not fight with them.

Romans 16:17-20

Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them. For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the

simple. For your obedience is come abroad unto all men. I am glad therefore on your behalf: but yet I would have you wise unto that which is good, and simple concerning evil. And the God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.

Once we know what the Bible says about what Muslims believe, it is obvious that Muslims and Christians do not worship the same God.

The Qur'an has many of the same men who are in the Bible, but the information about them is not the same. The most important of all is the Lord Jesus Christ. We trust in His death, burial, and resurrection for our salvation. Muslims preach another Jesus, who cannot save them.

We know the Bible is truth, so the Qur'an is false.

John 17:17

Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.

Islam is a perversion of Christianity. It is a false teaching, contrary to the doctrine we have learned. We need to avoid those who preach it.