

SIMILARITIES AND DIFFERENCES BETWEEN ISLAM AND CHRISTIANITY'S BELIEF SYSTEM

I. INTRODUCTION

A. Frame of Reference

Being Islamic means adhering to Mohammed's teachings, and the five pillars of Islam, Shahada (witnessing that there's no God but only Allah and Mohammed is His messenger), prayer, giving of alms, fasting, and pilgrimage. To be a good Muslim is to follow such teachings and practices to earn God's favor. Your good deeds must practically outweigh your bad deeds, and God will allow you into paradise if he is willing. That's the reason why martyrdom is tempting for Muslims because it provides a guarantee of salvation. So, with the hope of being saved, Muslims work towards being good. Being Christian method's salvation is subject to your relationship to Christ Jesus who saves you not as a result of good you have done. Christians recognize the inconceivability of being adequate for an ideal God, however, Jesus goes about as a mediator of goodness, giving salvation to the individuals who acknowledge it from him. Christians at that point try to do acts of kindness as a reaction of appreciation and love to God consequently. So being saved isn't something acquired, however something valued by doing great consequently.

Muslims accept the Quran as the strict definite expressions of God that were conveyed by the heavenly messenger Gabriel through appearances to Mohammed. They accept that to transform a single word is to ruin the book. They trust it just right in Arabic and the demonstration of interpreting makes it is debased. The whole book was initially an oral custom gave over from Mohammed to others by recitation until the third Caliph Uthman chose to have it recorded. There were errors in the oral record, however, Uthman picked what he accepted to be the right interpretation which has become the Quran of today. The first composed Qur'an (so many accept) is housed in a Museum in Turkmenistan and contains the bloodstains of Uthman who

Also, the two religions are in contrast to the crucifixion of Jesus or prophet Isah (pbuh), because Islam believes Jesus was not crucified. Someone was substituted for Jesus and He hid until He could meet with the disciples but in Christianity, they believe that Jesus was crucified (Ravi, N. 2016)

Moreover, both religions believe that day of judgment will happen and people will be judged according to how they live on the Earth. The two religions also believe in Salvation. But In Islam, they believe that salvation is achieved by submitting to the will of Allah while in Christianity salvation is a gift accepted by faith in the atonement of Jesus Christ on the Cross and provided through God's grace. And lastly, both religions believe in Angels and that angels are the messengers of God.

E. Concluding Statement

Christianity and Islam are both Abrahamic religions teaching that there is only one God. Both religions are monotheistic. They are devoted to only one God. Christianity religion believes toward Jesus is not their almighty God but a son of God wherein Islam the Jesus or prophet Isah (PBUH) is a believer and follower of Allah (S.W.T) like us but the difference is prophet Isah is one of the prophets of God (Allah). Also the holy books of two religions it may differ but the content has more similarities, the two books are both have teachings about life, a life of some prophets, teachings of major prophets and disciple, and more teachings about how people should live on the Earth and hereafter, etc.

Moreover, the commonalities of two toward their religious beliefs may route a good relationship to both person who is different religions but same in belief and the contrast of the belief of every religion should be respected.