

COMPARISON: GOD AND ALLAH

THE TRUE AND LIVING GOD	THE GOD OF THE MUSLIMS
<p>GOD LOVES SINNERS! I John 4:8 . . . <i>God is love.</i> I John 4:10: <i>In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be an atoning sacrifice for our sins.</i></p>	<p>Allah loves not transgressors (Sura 2:190). Allah bears no love for the impious or sinful (2:276). God loves not the evil doers (3:57). God loves not arrogant and boastful men (4:36).</p>
<p>GOD IS NO RESPECTER OF PERSONS! John 3:16: <i>For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him (Christian, Jew, Muslim, Hindu, Buddhist, Shinto, New Age, Atheist, Animist, Tribal religion, etc.) should not perish, but have eternal life.</i></p>	<p>Islam has no Savior. Allah is said to have brought God's laws to men, and they, by keeping those laws, must satisfy God's requirements and win His approval. A Muslim facing death does not know whether he will go to paradise or hell. The decision is made by the arbitrary will of God and no one can predict what that decision will be.</p>
<p>GOD CAN BE KNOWN INTIMATELY. He desires to reach every individual in the world with the truth of the gospel of Christ. I John 17:3: <i>And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.</i> I Tim 2:4: <i>Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.</i></p>	<p>It is impossible to be in relationship with Allah. He is distant and removed from creation and creatures. Not only is he personally unknowable; they do not know anything positive about him. He can lead astray those whom he chooses. He deceives and misguides those he chooses. The only human response to the god Allah must be total submission.</p>
<p>GOD MAKES AND KEEPS COVENANT WITH MAN. Examples are: Adam, Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, David, and the people of Israel. The Old Testament is actually the "Old Covenant," and the New Testament is the "New Covenant."</p>	<p>Allah does not make covenant. He is seen as separate and independent of creation and has no association with human beings. Muslims believe that Allah did not reveal himself but revealed only his will; his will is limited to Islamic law.</p>
<p>THROUGHOUT THE BIBLE THE CHARACTER OF GOD, HIS QUALITIES AND ATTRIBUTES ARE REVEALED. He is a God of holiness, truth, long-suffering, impartiality and perfect justice.</p>	<p>There is little Muslim scholarship on the subject of Allah's essence and character. The basic relationship between Allah and humankind is Allah as Lord and humankind as slave servants.</p>
<p>GENESIS 1:27 TELLS US THAT MANKIND IS MADE IN THE IMAGE AND LIKENESS OF GOD.</p>	<p>Man is not created in Allah's image.</p>
<p>GOD IS THE FATHER OF THOSE WHO HAVE RECEIVED CHRIST AS LORD (Rom. 8:15).</p>	<p>Allah has no son and is above having such a relationship. He cannot be called Father.</p>
<p>GOD IS RICH IN MERCY (Eph. 2:4).</p>	<p>Allah is merciful.</p>