



SAME, SAME BUT *different*

teaching.
& training
women

Saturday 5th March, 2016. Wentworthville Presbyterian Church

Sue's Talk

Judy Rowlands' Talk

Rachel's Talk

Worldview

Cleanness

Sin

Shame/honour vs

Guilt/innocence vs

Power/fear

Discussion

Similarities in belief

Discussion points

additional points – later in talk

Differences in belief

Discussion points

additional points – later in talk

Beliefs and Pillars of faith overview

BELIEFS IN ISLAM

1. One God – the creator but impersonal.

Names of Allah

The compassionate, the source of peace, protector, mighty, majestic, the great forgiver, the sustainer and provider, the all-knowing, all-hearing, all-seeing, the judge, the just, the forbearing, the affectionate, the most high, the vast, the truth, the praise-worthy, the eternal, the first, the last, the light, the everlasting, the patient...

2. Angels and Spiritual beings – sometimes called Jinn or genies
3. Prophets – Adam, Noah, Abraham, Moses, Jacob, Job, Elijah, Jonah, John the Baptist and **Jesus**

Orthodox Islam – Mohamed is the last prophet

4. Books or messages –

Tawrat – Torah or books of Moses

Zabur – Psalms or book of David

Injil/Injeel – Book of Jesus

Qur'an – Book of Mohamed



5. Judgement day - good deeds vs bad...no assurance
God is still not present in paradise

PILLARS OR RITUALS OF ISLAM

1. Creed – “I testify that there is no god but Allah, and Mohamed is his messenger”
2. Prayer – 5 times a day at specific times facing Mecca
3. Fasting – month of Ramadan – when the first verses of the Quran were revealed.
4. Almsgiving – between 2.5 and 5% of wealth given to the needy.
5. Pilgrimage – to Mecca and Medina to circle Kaaba 7 times plus other traditional activities

So what?

- God's image
- Slaves
- God's compassion
- No place for hatred, anger or fear
 - God only should be feared and he cares for us
 - Our fight is not against flesh and blood.

2 Corinthians 5. 20

²⁰We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God.

How?

- Be aware
- Be praying
- Be involved in politics, business, education, and media, and standing up for Christian values
- Be always acting in peace and love Eph 4:1-2, 15.



Many Muslims will hear the gospel many times before they accept it. We might be just a link in the chain of their journey

- by showing we care about personal Holiness

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- Meet people of other faiths and build friendships

Ideas...

- Build Bridges in respectful discussions...for example

Trinity – *not God, Jesus and Mary, but*

God, his Word and his Spirit – one being, 3 persons

God is holy – *no one is equal to him so*

he would not be Jesus' father in a human way

God protects His Word – *no one could change it*

and the evidence is clear that it is the same

God is glorified through Jesus' death (miracles) and resurrection,

not through deceptively helping him to escape

God is loving, holy, just, merciful and forgiving all at once!

sin, He must be removed from our imperfection, he must punish

he doesn't want us to go to hell, he makes a way to forgive
and make us clean – by Christ becoming the true Adha

God changes His people to become more holy and to want to honour him

We're not about cheap grace

People to network with...

Glossary

Allah – equivalent to our use of generic word God

Hajj – pilgrimage to Mecca

Injil/Injeel – Gospels (some say New Testament)

Isa – Arabic pronunciation of Jesus

Kaaba – black boxlike tent in the centre of a large mosque in Mecca.

Masih – Messiah – the Quran equates Jesus with the Messiah

Tawrat – Torah – first 5 books of the Old Testament

Zebur – Psalms (possibly just those written by David)

Websites

20 filmclip <https://www.crescentproject.org/index.cfm/PageID/4802/index.html>

5 questions <https://www.crescentproject.org/index.cfm/PageID/4274/index.html>

Adha in the Injil – Muslims believe that Abraham was asked to sacrifice his son, but tat God provided the sacrifice. This is a significant bridge. You can read more here

<http://injil.org/Books/adha.htm>

Watch the Jesus film and others in many languages www.JesusFilmMedia.org

Pilgrimage or hajj. This site shows you the bridge between the Muslim Hajj with the Jewish Feast of Tabernacles and pilgrimage to Jerusalem <http://al-injil.net>

What the Quran says about the Bible <http://al-injil.net/blog/2012/04/24/the-injil-corrupted-what-does-the-quran-say/>

Helpful answers http://www.gotquestions.org/questions_Jesus-Christ.html

Booklist

These are some of the books that I have read and recommend for anyone who wants a deeper understanding of Islam and how to connect with Muslim people...especially women

Miriam Adeney. **Daughters of Islam: Building Bridges with Muslim Women** 2002

Cate & Downey. **From Fear to Faith: Muslim and Christian Women** 2002

Colin Chapman. **Cross and Crescent: Responding to the Challenges of Islam** 2007

Edward Hoskins. **A Muslim's Heart: What every Christian Needs to Know to Share Christ with Muslims**

Christine Mallouhi. **Miniskirts, Mothers and Muslims: A Christian Woman in a Muslim Land** 2004

Carl Medearis. **Muslims, Christians and Jesus. Gaining understanding and Building Relationships** 2008

David Garrison. **A Wind in the House of Islam** 2014

Nabeel Qureshi **Seeking Allah, Finding Jesus** 2014

Mark Gabriel **Jesus and Muhammad** 2004

Bill Musk **The Unseen Face of Islam** most recently published 2005?

Fouad Masri **Connecting with Muslims** 2014, **Ambassadors to Muslims** 2011

Extra Notes

Prayer points

Give thanks –

God calls people from all backgrounds and the gospel and powerful to save everyone

Jesus is supreme over all powers, governments and gods and He is working out His purposes in our world

Pray for our world –

That God's grace and love will be seen throughout the world.

That there will be respect and care for all people but particularly for children, the poor, sick and homeless.

Pray for those working overseas–

That Christians will be kept safe in areas that are antagonistic towards Jesus.

That Christians will be free and effective in sharing the gospel of Jesus to all people groups.

Pray for one another -

We will express Jesus' love to those we encounter from different cultures and faiths.

We will be sensitive, thoughtful and pro-active in how we care for those we meet who are different from us.

We will become Christian communities where we welcome and care for those with different backgrounds to us.

Up coming event

29 October, 2016:

One Person at a Time Ordinary women building extraordinary relationships

Meeting women “one on one” takes place in many different contexts and for many different reasons. We may visit someone in hospital or read the bible with a friend. Perhaps we want to share the gospel with a colleague or establish an intentional mentoring relationship. Whatever the situation, because God works through relationship, each of these encounters can be meaningful.

Join us at our next TTW to explore how we can make our “one on one” relationships intentional and a blessing.

Anna Yu will bring us the bible talk and various others will be presenting seminars.

What is Teaching and Training Women?

In order to build up the body of Christ, we provide opportunities for women in the Sydney region to receive Bible teaching and training in ministry skills from other women.

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