



PEACE from God or PEACE from the world?



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As an American citizen, I was born in New England, in the state of Maine. God's unconditional love brought me to faith in Christ at age 13. Who would have thought that my own encounter dating a Muslim in NY and eventual Biblical counseling experience in church & crisis pregnancy centers would lead me to counsel other American and Christian women deceived to marry Muslim men? Email me if I can help you or a friend to overcome this bondage.
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The USA was founded under God Almighty's laws. The Pilgrims who were freed by fleeing (Matthew 10:23) from the tyranny of King James in England learned that the government of Christ begins in the heart of the individual. True religious liberty can only be built upon the genuine practice of self-government. In other words, every man is accountable to the One True God. In England, the powers that be were in this order: God, the king, and then the people. The new order of rule for our nation under the Mayflower Compact established in 1606 is God, the people, and then the government (the king). The reason is simple: Self-government, by its very nature, yields **PEACE** with everyone living in safety – "every man under his vine and his fig tree" (1 Kings 4:25). See *The Founders' Bible* by David Barton, p. 186.

This form of rule in the USA allowed me the free choice to follow Christ in a country with the freedom to choose my own religion. Prior to choosing Christ, I was free to choose no religion at all. I chose the religion this nation was founded on because I needed Christ's unconditional love. Eventually, I learned that Christianity is not just a religion but is truly a relationship with the loving and just God! No other religion offers this beautiful relationship. As Christians, we know the only answer for people to enter Paradise is through Christ. By their own God-given free will, they can choose the Truth of God's Word or reject Him.

A Common Word: It has come to my attention that "Christian leaders" responded to a Muslim open letter titled, "A Common Word" with a public reply contrary to God's Word and obviously it has now been several years, many of them still uphold the Muslim document and shake hands with Muslims in an unbiblical way of compassion and love. They do not understand Islam and need to be equipped on Islam to "know our enemy" before entering into such contexts and dialogue. I must address this grave concern because Jesus Christ teaches that if I see my brother stumble/sin, I need to point it out for the benefit of the Church (Matthew 18:15-17). Since I cannot meet with them in person, I am addressing the issue in this newsletter, which goes to the body of Christ that desires to be equipped in order to reach Muslims with the Gospel. Please also see Steven's longer (about 14 pages) theological answer on our website (www.JesusToMuslims.org) as "**A Common Word???**"

A Peace initiative? I submit to you that these responders from Yale in their response titled as 'Loving God and Neighbor Together' have not used spiritual discernment, but rather used human understanding. The **PEACE** of God is beyond human understanding (Philippians. 4:7). 1 Corinthians 2:14 says, "But the natural man receives not the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness unto him; neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned." Isaiah 55:8-9 clearly expresses that the LORD's thoughts and

ways are higher than ours. I Corinthians 1:19-29 teaches the important truth of how God made foolish the wisdom of this world, destroying the “wisdom of the wise” because “God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe... God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. He chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things--and the things that are not--to nullify the things that are, so that no one may boast before him.”

The signing of the response to “A Common Word” shows me that these ‘Christian’ prominent leaders have been lulled to sleep by our enemy, Satan. Yes, Satan is prowling around like a roaring lion looking to devour us (1 Peter 5:8-9). Therefore, we all must be on guard for our enemy and resist him, not allowing ourselves to be lulled into complacency for our destruction. Biblically speaking, whoever does not choose Christ and God’s free gift of eternal life through Him chooses by default to follow Satan to the place God created for him and all his followers: Hell (Matthew 25:41). God is clearly righteous and just. A young boy who was baptized Sunday said it best, “If you don’t choose Jesus, you’re not going to Heaven!” Out of the mouth of babes! Jesus said that unless we change and become like little children, we will not enter the Kingdom of God (Matthew 18:3).

The One and Only God

I have learned from my last nine years of study under my husband, who is a scholar of both Islam and Christianity, that the one and only God Christians follow is not the same god that Muslims follow. While there are some words in common in Christian dialogue with Muslims and the terms may sound the same, the Islamic dictionary has entirely different meanings. How cunning the enemy is! This is how the Great Deceiver operates, disguising himself as “an angel of light” (2 Corinthians 11:13-15).

For instance, in using the common word GOD, we find today that Satan has deceived so many people with different meanings of God. Be informed that Allah is Arabic for god. There is no other Arabic term for god. Muslims may give you the impression that your God’s name is Allah but that is not true. Let us compare the god of Islam and the One and Only God, the God of Christianity:

1. The god of Islam is aloof – doesn’t much care about people.
2. Islam’s god does whatever he wants and changes his mind for whatever reason.
3. Muhammad’s god is not relational at all; such a concept is blasphemous to a Muslim.

Prayer and praise points

- ❖ Please pray with us for ‘safety’. It is not always easy to find if the person who is seeking is genuine. There has been several mishaps in the past years that the ‘seeker’ was only finding out about ‘Christians’ trying to ‘convert’ Muslims in his/her country.
- ❖ Please pray with us for several Muslims who are very serious to know the Truth about Jesus. Sulaiman, Aziz, Iqbal, Saeed, Abu Hamza, and Aamir
- ❖ We pray for Ibrahim, Zafar, and several others who continue to ‘debate and argue’ that their hearts will be touched by the Truth and love of Jesus. Also pray with us for those who directly and indirectly try their best to annoy us by sending us abusive e-mails and try to demolish our websites.
- ❖ We pray that those who have accepted Jesus, the Lord will protect them and that they will be *discipled* by our friends around the world in a Biblical manner.
- ❖ We pray for several ladies married to Muslims and are now following Christ for safety and that their lives will touch their husbands’ hearts and they will know Christ.
- ❖ Praise God for travel mercies and speaking appointments.
- ❖ We thank Him for providing and directing us to friends and contacts to share the Word
- ❖ We thank Him for many seekers to know about the assurance that Muhammad fails but Jesus gives.
- ❖ We seek His guidance and wisdom as we build believers on a biblical approach and response to Islam.
- ❖ That the Lord will bring more partners needed in outreach to Muslims & more appts.
- ❖ **We need an administrator with a passion for our mission to look after day to day appointments and organization. For example: to send follow-up letters before and after our speaking appointments; to organize office with easy access filing system; to use our database (Servant Keeper etc.) efficiently. Please pray with us that the Lord will bring that person our way.**

4. The god of Islam will not be in paradise with a person who achieves this paradise through works; he is anywhere else except with a mere human being.
5. This god of Islam cannot and has not begotten anyone; he has no Son.
6. The god of Islam is not our Father in Heaven.
7. The god of Islam is not Triune and therefore is not equal to Jesus or the Holy Spirit. Tawhid means the unity of god, which Muslim state as “Allah is one and Muhammad is his prophet.”

Does any of the above sound like the same God as our God, the God of the Christians? Absolutely not!

1. The Christian God first loved every human being and created mankind for relationship with Him.
2. God never changes, and is the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow. His Word is unchanging Truth.
3. God created man in His own image to be eternal living beings in relationship with Him forever.
4. The Christian God dwells with His people at all times and always will, even in Heaven forever.
5. Our Creator Father God loves us so much that He sacrificed His only begotten Son as the perfect sacrifice for us, His adopted children. He restored the relationship we had before Adam and Eve’s sin. After Jesus paid the cost for our sins and victoriously resurrected from the dead, God sent the Holy Spirit to dwell with us always, to keep His promise to be with us to the ends of the earth!
6. God is our perfect Father who knows what is best for us. Through faith in Christ, we are adopted into His family as His children.
7. The true God our Creator is Triune – One in three persons: the Father, the Son (Jesus Christ), and the Holy Spirit. God is omniscient, omnipresent, omnipotent, loving, and just. Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life –the only way to the Father (John 14:6).

I am sure you already understand from just this much information that Muslims and Christians do NOT worship the same One God. Sadly, many “Christians” do not truly know God. In order to get on the same page with the people with whom we are talking, we must ask them first what they mean by God. When having one-on-one dialogue with a Muslim, it is important to ask the appropriate questions to every person with whom we are sharing Christ, to find out their own understanding of God.

The Bible is God’s Word that can never be changed, replete with everlasting promises that are true. In Matthew 24, Jesus gives signs of the end of the age. He says, “For false messiahs and false prophets will appear and perform great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect.” The Muslim clerics who wrote “A Common Word” even noted that they believe that Jesus was a Prophet and the Messiah, yet they deny Jesus being the Son of God. According to the Scriptures, denying the Father and the Son is the spirit of the Antichrist (1 John 2:18-23).

Love of Neighbor: How does one love their neighbor as themselves if they don’t love themselves?

Have you ever gotten into an argument with someone who does not believe the same thing you do? I am sure most of us have. Have you ever truly analyzed what went wrong? I grew up in a hostile household in which my parents didn’t go to church but simply dropped us kids off for a free babysitting service. As we all know, God uses everything that Satan meant for evil and turns it to be used for His good (Romans 8:28). At age 13, I discovered I needed a Savior to free me from the guilt I incurred by stealing a bracelet, enticed by my

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best friend. The guilt of this sin plagued my mind for 4 nights in a row, causing me to lose sleep over it.

Low and behold, at youth group I learned that Jesus could wipe my sins away, tossing them as far as the east is from the west and remembering them no more! I accepted Christ as my Savior; I repented of my sin and turned away from it, never to do that again. It would be many more years before I was convicted in other areas of my life, which finally brought me face to face with Jesus again when I truly made Him LORD of my life! It wasn't until 11 years ago that I heard the full council of God from a preacher, convicting me to want to live a righteous life like Jesus. Many have ignored God's righteousness for their own. (Rom 10:3)

Funny thing is that I really thought I was a Christian for all those years, yet I was not "set apart" from the rest of the world. I lived like everyone else around me. For years, my deep-rooted issues were not discovered or brought to the cross of Jesus for healing. I was not yet delivered from the bondage Satan had on me that caused my testimony to be useless for the Kingdom of God. How could I love my neighbor if I did not love myself? How can any person who does not KNOW the ONE TRUE GOD really truly love their neighbor? Because of man's sin nature, we cannot. We are naturally selfish and self-centered.

Islam's holy books (the Qur'an and hadiths) actually teach in full context for Muslims to only love their Muslim neighbors. How then should they live among their Non-Muslim neighbors? If a Muslim has been raised with an indoctrination of lies about who GOD is and has never heard who He truly is in order to have that free choice whether to accept truth or not, how can they love their Non-Muslim neighbors or themselves? Just like any man without Christ, his selfish sin nature rules, which is as Satan would have it.

World Peace

Is World Peace really possible according to the Bible? What I find in the Bible is that there will never be peace in this fallen world until every person makes peace with God, our Creator, through repentance and submission to Him, the ONE and ONLY God. He is our loving but just Creator who unconditionally gives us all free will choice moment by moment. **PEACE** is only found through the Prince of Peace in living a life worthy of Him. Jesus Christ says, "**PEACE** I leave with you; my **PEACE** I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid." (John 14:27)

Do you think that an alliance between Muslim and Christian Leaders is truly going to create **PEACE** in this world? I believe that these church Leaders who responded in the Yale response are either ignorant to what they have done because they are ill-equipped, or they have succumbed to intimidation by these Muslim world leading clerics and their rhetoric from the evil one. Maybe they even think there is something in it for them. God certainly knows their hearts. Anyone can put on a show for people or say they do a lot of good things, but Jesus says accounted in Luke 12:2-3, "There is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed, or hidden that will not be made known. What you have said in the dark will be heard in the daylight, and what you have whispered in the ear in the inner rooms will be proclaimed from the roofs."

I love you, my friends, too much to allow ignorance of the truth! Know the truth and the truth will set you free (John 8:32)! Do not be afraid or intimidated by the enemy! Jesus says accounted in Luke 12:4-5, "I tell you, my friends, do not be afraid of those who kill the body and after that can do no more. But I will show you whom you should fear: Fear him who, after your body has been killed, has authority to throw you into hell." Let us unite and pray for these leaders and this nation! Join me on September 11, 2013 at Village View Community Church for just one hour, 12-1 PM, to CRY OUT to GOD to CHANGE this nation one soul at a time! Or, you can get involved in your county: <http://www.awakeningamerica.us/index.php/county>

Let us never forget 9/11/01 when God allowed our nation to be judged and allowed this attack of Satan through the ideology of Islam. Dear Christian sisters and brothers, God is looking for our sincere repentance and humbleness before Him so He can heal our land (2 Chronicles 7:14). Let us unite as one body, the body of Christ, as Jesus prayed for us in John 17:11, "I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one." Jesus prayed here for you and me to unite!

Please ask God to humble these Christian leaders so they will seek God's answers and not their own human wisdom, for Him to open the doors of their hearts and churches to learn the truth about Islam. Please pray for all those who follow this foolish human wisdom and lift up their leaders over Christ, that the Holy Spirit will lead them out of these sheep folds in order to find Christ alone!