

# Who is this god they call Allah?

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There is much confusion and even more deception about Allah these days because of the events of September 11, 2001 and the involvement of many Islamic zealots in those heinous acts; zealots who performed their murderous missions in the name of this god, Allah.

Because several in our congregation have asked me questions regarding this alleged deity, having been confronted by co-workers, neighbors, relatives and friends, I thought it best to share with you some of the results of my investigation into the nature of this god.

All meaningful inquiries and investigations should answer the basic questions, who, what, when, where and why? In this monograph I have attempted to briefly answer those queries in regard to Allah.

## Who?

Who is this god whose name is evoked by one billion six hundred thousand Muslims worldwide; 18% of the worlds population. Who is this one upon whose authority national theocracies have been established? Who is this god that demands the suppression of women's rights?

To Muslims everywhere this god is the Supreme Being. In fact his name is a compound word; al (the) and ilah (god); the god. One of the five pillars of Islam requires a Muslim to repeat several times a day this Creed; "There is no god but Allah and Muhammad is the Apostle of Allah."

Islamic tradition assigns ninety-nine different names to Allah. These include The Omniscient, The One, The Mighty, The Unique, The Forgiving, The Wise, The Provider, The Slayer, The Avenger, The Merciful, and The Compassionate.

You have no doubt noted the similarity between Allah's various names and those of the only true God, Jehovah. This is not surprising since as you will see below, a particular created being has made a practice of mimicking the Sovereign God of the universe.

It is interesting that assigning the name Merciful to this god is in no way commensurate with his character. Mercy means not getting what you deserve (Hell), while grace means getting what you don't deserve (Heaven). We Christians are saved by grace not by works; our God is truly merciful. Muslims on the other hand must earn heaven, according to Islamic law. The requirements for that reward include obedience to the five pillars of the faith. They are: (1) The Creed, mentioned above, (2) daily prayers toward Mecca and Friday worship, (3) Almsgiving, (4) observing The Fast of Ramadan, and (5) a Pilgrimage to Mecca at least once during one's life. Some add a sixth pillar, the Jihad or Holy War, which is waged against all infidels (Christians and Jews). The sad truth in all of this "obedience" is that, just like all works based religions; all that it ever earns is Hell. "The wages of sin is death." (Romans 6:23)

The Quran or holy book of Islam, written after Muhammad's death and comprising his many sayings, focuses on the absolute unity of this god Allah and it emphatically denies the doctrine of the Trinity. Jesus it says is not God, but rather merely one of the many prophets of God.

Allah is not a father, like our God, and he thus has no son.

## **What?**

What is Allah? Simply put he is a false god. Most likely he is Satan himself. The Islamic religion teaches about angels, in fact one visited Muhammad (see below), and the notion of faithful and fallen angels is taught. The chief of the fallen ones is named Shaytan (sounds familiar?). Paul warned us about the visitations of angels who might preach "another gospel" in the first chapter of his epistle to the church in Galatia.

While he was still residing in Heaven, and still the chief of all cherubs, Satan developed a superiority complex and decided that he would make himself “like the Most High”. (Isaiah 14:14) Heaven being infinitely large but too small for more than One Supreme, Infinite, Personal, and Sovereign God, Jehovah promptly sent Satan, and those myriads of other angels whom he had deceived, plummeting to earth.

One day in the early days of the 7<sup>th</sup> century a fallen angel, possibly Satan himself, calling himself Gabriel [obviously a deception] visited a man named Muhammad and told him to start a new religion in which Allah was to be revered, obeyed, and worshiped. I say that it may have been Satan because Paul said, “Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light.” (II Corinthians 11:14)

Only a religion orchestrated by the Devil himself could have the sole purpose of ridding the world of both Judaism and Christianity, while at the same time converting the masses to the false religion of Islam.

## **When?**

While the name of Allah had been familiar to many Arabic tribes before the 7<sup>th</sup> century, it was Muhammad and his teachings, recorded in the Quran, that really got the religion of Islam started. Prior to that time the only monotheistic religion of any consequence was that of the Jews, having been in existence since the time of Abraham; circa 2000 BC. Christianity had spread throughout the known world over the preceding 600 years.

Almost immediately following Muhammad’s “revelation” from his god, through “Gabriel”, he began a series of wars against the Jews, the first of which was at Medina, Arabia. This militant action ultimately spread to many Christian nations following the death of Mohammad, as his followers took up the cause of the Jihad. The much-maligned Crusades of the 11<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> centuries were for the most part an effort to restore Christianity to nations that had been subdued by Islamic rule.

## Where?

Muslims believe that Allah is omnipresent, that he exists everywhere: However there is but one God who possesses the attribute of ubiquity and that is Yahweh (Jehovah) Himself. In Jeremiah 23:24 we read of Him saying, “Do I not fill heaven and earth?”

Allah is at best the counterfeit “god of this age” who “has blinded” (II Corinthians 4:4) over one billion humans in the 21<sup>st</sup> century to the truth of who the True God of Heaven and Earth really is. As such he is “walking about like a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour.” (I Peter 5:8) At this point, with over a billion adherents to this false religion, his belly must be quite full.

He is not ubiquitous like Yahweh. He is a mere creature, a created being, which though very powerful, is only able to be in one place at a time. He is tremendously swift however and as such is able to move from one place to another faster than the speed of light. We learn of this fact from the book of Job where having presented himself before God in heaven, he states that he has just come from “going to and fro in the earth and walking back and forth in it.” (Job 1:7) Further more he again makes this cosmic transition as recorded in Chapter Two.

Swift as he is, he still has the limitation of spatial law; he can only be in one place at a time. Thus he accomplishes his many diabolical schemes only with the aid of his fellow fallen angels; the demons.

## Why?

The whole purpose of Islam and all other false religions is to keep people from learning the truth. This is in total agreement with Satan’s over all plan as the ruler of this world [John 12:31]. When speaking to a group of religious leaders of His day, Jesus said, “ You belong to your father the devil, and you want to carry out your father’s desire. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies.” [John 8:44]

“From the beginning” refers to Satan’s initial impact on humanity and his deceiving of and power over Adam and Eve. They believed Satan’s lie when he told them that they could become like God and as a result they became less like Him, caused the fall of the entire human race, and brought on the universal penalty of death.

This animosity of Satan’s toward Jews and Christians began in the Garden of Eden where we are told that God said to the serpent (the Devil) “I will put enmity between you and the woman, between your offspring and hers...” (Genesis 3:15) The woman in the context of the Old Testament is Israel, of whom God said “Your Maker is your husband.” (Isaiah 54:5) In the New Testament it refers to the Virgin Mary and to the Church universal, the bride of Christ.

Satan’s offspring include all people that have and always will reject the Truth of Christ as revealed in both the Old and New Testaments. Jesus said to a group of unbelievers, “You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father’s desire...” (John 8:44) The woman’s off spring include the Jews, the Lord Jesus, and all Christians.

The enmity began to be displayed immediately as Cain murdered his own brother for his (Abel’s) true faith; the first religious war (Jihad?). The Old Testament depicts one warring tribe after another trying to eliminate the Jews and that continued into the 7<sup>th</sup> century through Muhammad, into the 20<sup>th</sup> century with Hitler and Stalin, and now in the 21<sup>st</sup> century with the likes of Arafat and Hussain.

Satan’s attempt to destroy Christianity began with Herod’s plot to kill Christ by having all male babies two years of age and younger slain and is continuing in our day by the diabolical schemes of the ACLU.

Jesus warned us about the future coming of false prophets and said “They come to you in sheep’s clothing but inwardly they are ferocious wolves.” One look at the members of those Al-Qaeda bands of warriors and their demon possessed chieftain Usma-bin Laden will give ample evidence that both they and their patron called Muhammad are the false prophets of a false god whom they call Allah; but whom we really know as Satan.

Don't ever allow anyone to fool you into believing that Allah and Jehovah (Yahweh, the I AM) are one and the same; merely different names for the same God. In Deuteronomy 6:4 we read, "Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God, the Lord is One." On that basis alone the Jews believe in a monotheistic God, but not His Trinitarian personage. Christians believe however, that He is One in Essence and Three in Person; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The Bible is clear on this teaching. Most Jews simply ignore it. Messianic Jews have come to the knowledge of this marvelous truth.

In Genesis 1:26 we read of God saying, "Let *us* make man in *our* image." [Emphasis mine]. In Genesis 3:22 He said, "The man has now become like *one of us*..." Finally in Genesis 11:7, "Come let *us* go down and confuse their language..." On each of those occasions God the Father was speaking to at least one other Person of the Trinity, for that is evident in His use of the pleural personal pronouns *us* and *our*.

In Jesus' issuance of the Great Commission He said that we Christians should make disciples, teach them His Word, and baptize them "in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." Note that He said Name, not names, of three separate Persons. He thus codified the doctrine of the trinity in that one simple statement; One in essence, Three in Person.

In Psalm 100:3 it says, "Know that the LORD (*Yahweh*) is God..." Yahweh, Jehovah, the great I AM is God not this false god called Allah. Jesus said quite emphatically, "I and the Father [*Yahweh*] are One" and anyone who denies that fact is destined for eternal damnation.

Muslims are a deceived people and they need our prayers. We should accept and respect them as fellow humans made in the image of God but their religion and their god are false and we must never forget that. God in His grace has seen fit to bring many Muslims to faith in Christ and whenever He calls us to be instruments in that salvific process we should be quick to respond, "Here I am Lord, send me."