

Who opens and closes eyes?

“I [God] am sending you ... **to open their eyes** and turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, so that they may receive forgiveness of sins.” (Acts.26:17,18)

“Those who disbelieve ... **Allah** has set a seal on their hearts and on their hearing, and **on their eyes is a covering.**” (Qur'an 2:7; 45:23)

Who blinds unbelievers?

“The god of this age [Satan] has blinded the minds of unbelievers. (2 Corinthians 4:4)

“We [Allah] have put a barrier in front of them & a barrier behind them & further We have covered them up; so that they cannot see.” (Qur'an 36:9)

Who is slow to condemn?

“I [God] **take no pleasure in the death of the wicked**, but rather that they turn from their ways and live. Turn! Turn from your evil ways! Why will you die, O house of Israel?” (Ezekiel 33:11)

“On that Day We [Allah] **will say to hell: “Are you filled?”** It will say: “Are there any more (to come)?” (Qur'an 50:30)

Who wants to save us?

“The Lord ... is patient with you, **not wanting anyone to perish**, but everyone to come to repentance.” (2 Peter 3:9)

“If We [Allah] had so willed We could certainly have brought every soul its true guidance: but the Word from Me [Allah] will come true. **“I will fill Hell with Jinns and men all together.”** (Qur'an 32:13)

Who speaks the truth or deceives?

“I, the LORD, **speak the truth**; I declare what is right.” (Isaiah 45:19)

“The unbeliever deceives, and Allah deceives, and **the best of deceivers is Allah.**” (Qur'an 3:54; 8:30; 10:21- Literal translation of خَيْرِ الْمَاكِرِينَ)

What languages does He use?

God uses all languages: “Each one [in the crowd in Jerusalem] heard [the followers of Jesus] speaking in his own language. Utterly amazed, they asked: “Are not all these men who are speaking Galileans? Then how is it that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs--we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!” (Acts 2:6-11)

Allah uses only Arabic: “We [Allah] have sent it down as an Arabic Qur'an in order that you may understand.” (Qur'an 12:2)

What is His plan of salvation?

“For **God so loved the world** that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. **For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.**” (John 3:16-17)

“If Allah had so willed He could have made them a single people; but He admits whom He will to His Mercy; and the wrongdoers will have no protector nor helper.” “And he whom Allah has **made to go astray, you will never find for him any way** (of guidance).” (Q.42:8; 4:88)

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The Same God?

Islam & Christianity

How God as described in the Bible

differs from

Allah

as described in the Qur'an

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GOD OR ALLAH

Some significant differences

God as described
in the Bible

Allah as described
in the Qur'an

What is the divine nature?

God is a
Complex Unity:
Tri-Unity or Trinity
Jesus spoke of "the
name [singular] of the
Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy
Spirit." (Matthew 28:19)

Allah is a
Simple Unity
'He is Allah, One. Allah
the eternal. He does not
beget, nor is He begot-
ten. And there is no-one
comparable to
Him." (Qur'an 112:1-4)

How does God relate eternally?

The Father, Son and
Holy Spirit have
always existed in an
eternal relationship of
fellowship, love and
harmony

Allah was eternally
alone before the
world was created
with no-one to share
love with

How was the world when He created it?

It was perfect. At the
end of the creation,
"God saw all that He
had made and it was
very good."
(Genesis 1:31)

It contained evil.
Muhammad said: "I
seek refuge from **the
evil of what He
[Allah] created.**"
(Qur'an 113:2)

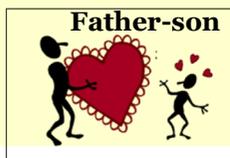
Why did He create us?

Due to love. "But
**because of his great
love for us**, God, who
is rich in mercy, made
us alive with Christ."
(Ephesians 2:4-5)

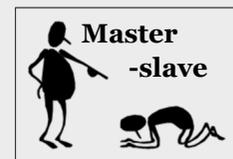
He wanted worship-
pers. Allah "only
created man and jinn
[spirits] **in order to
serve or worship
Him.**" (Qur'an 51:56)

How does He view us?

"You are **no longer a
slave, but a son**; and
since you are a son, God
has made you also an
heir." (Galatians 4:7)



"No-one comes to
[Allah] **except as a
slave.**"
(Qur'an 19:93)



Where does evil come from?

"But **each person** is
tempted when, by **his
own evil desire**, he is
dragged away and
enticed. Then, after
desire has conceived,
it **gives birth to sin.**"
(James 1:14-15)

"No misfortune can hap-
pen on earth or in your
souls but is recorded in a
decree before We
[Allah] **bring it into
existence:** that is truly
easy for Allah."
(Qur'an 57:22)

What is His attitude to sinners?

Jesus was called the
"**friend of sinners**"
(Matthew 11:19;
Luke 7:34)

"Allah is an **enemy to
the disbelievers.**"
(Qur'an 2:98)

Who tempts/causes us to sin?

"When tempted, no
one should say, "God
is tempting me." For
God cannot be tempt-
ed by evil, **nor does
he tempt anyone.**"
(James 1:13)

"Allah sends astray
whom He wills and
He guides on the
Straight Path whom
He wills." (Qur'an 6:39;
7:155; 13:27; 14:4; 16:93;
28:56; 35:8)

Why does He send angels or devils to humanity?

"For he [God] will
command **his angels**
concerning you to
guard you in all your
ways; they will lift
you up in their hands,
so that you will not
strike your foot
against a stone."
(Psalm 91:11-12)

"And We [Allah] have
**assigned for them
(devils as) intimate
companions** (in this
world), who have
made fair-seeming to
them what was before
them and what was
behind them."
(Qur'an 41:25; 43:36)

What does He say to Satan?

God censures the
devil. "The LORD
said to Satan, '**The
LORD rebuke
you, Satan!** The
LORD, who has
chosen Jerusalem,
rebuke you!' "
(Zechariah 3:2)

Allah gives advice to Satan
on how to tempt humanity:
"And **befool them gradually**
those whom you can among
them with your voice, **make
assaults on them** with your
cavalry and your infantry, mu-
tually share with them wealth
and children, and **make
promises to them.**" (Qur'an
17:64)