

There are many problems with why Jews, Christians and Muslims are not able to just respect the three faiths and call to a type of universalism. There are many things standing in the way of that, some of which we will cover in the foregoing lines. These three religions have little in common, despite claims to the contrary. Let us look at those differences.

### **The Abrahamic faiths?**

Muslims, Christians and Jews all revere and believe in the prophetic importance of the Prophet Ibrahim AS. There have been some today, particularly Muslims in the mode of attempting to draw Christians and Jews towards them, which have stated that all three of these religions are the Abrahamic faiths. But is this true? Do we all share this Patriarch in common? We will allow Allah SWT to speak of this matter in His Words, which will make things clear.

**Ibrahim was neither a Jew nor a Christian, but he was a faithful Muslim. And he was not an idol worshipper.**

[Surah Aali `Imraan (3), ayah 67]

For a fact, Ibrahim was neither a Jew nor a Christian, much less an idol worshipper. Indeed, there can be no dialogue or trilogue of Abrahamic faiths. Such a thing is impossible. In fact, Allah would say further,

**They say, ‘Become Jews or Christians so that you will be guided.’ On the contrary, it is the religion of Ibrahim the true in faith. And he was not an idol worshipper.**

[Surat ul-Baqarah (2), ayah 135]

Thus the Lord Almighty is telling us that salvation does not lie except in that which Allah has revealed, that being the faith of Islam. There is nothing to be found in the other two religions, as has been shown clearly,

**People of the Book! Why do you dispute about Ibrahim while the Tawrah and the Injil were not revealed until after him? Have you no sense?**

[Surah Aali `Imraan (3), ayah 65]

### **Prophets?**

Both Jews and Christians do not truly believe in the infallibility of the prophets, which is why there are often misunderstandings between them and Muslims. First let us look at what the Jews have said of the Prophet Sulaimaan,

**For it came to pass, when Solomon was old, that his wives turned away his heart after other gods; and his heart was not perfect with the Lord his God, as was the heart of David his father. For Solomon went after Ashtoreth the goddess of the Zidonians and after Milcom the abomination of the Ammonites...Then did Solomon build a high place for Chemosh, the abomination of Moab, in the hill that is before Jerusalem and for Molech, the abomination of the children of Ammon.**

[1 Kings 11:4-7]

We answer this with the words of the Lord,

**Sulaimaan did not do unbelief.**

[Surat ul-Baqarah (2), ayah 102]

The Prophet Sulaimaan received prophecy,

**Truly We have revealed to you, just as We have sent revelation to Nuh and the prophets after him; We gave revelation to Ibrahim, Ismaa`il, Ishaq, Ya`qub, the tribes, `Isa, Ayyub, Yunus, Harun and Sulaiman. And We gave the Zabur to Dawud.**

[Surat un-Nisaa' (4), ayah 163]

The Christians are no more loving towards the prophets, going so far as to state that Satan and the angel of the Lord were disputing with where to take the body of one of the great prophets of our Lord. Please read carefully,

**Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil, he disputed about the body of Moses...**

[Book of Jude, v. 9]

Even the very speech of this prophet with the Lord Almighty at the burning bush is denied!

**This Moses whom they refused, saying, who made you a ruler and a judge? The same one did God send to be a ruler and a deliverer by the hand of the angel which appeared to him at the bush.**

[Book of Acts 7:35]

Indeed, if the salvation of a prophet is not assured and there was confusion as to where his body belonged, how could there be any hope for the normal followers of that religion? There is no hope if the prophets are not infallible and safe from the wrath of Allah and the misguidance of the Devil (Satan).

### **The Lord is unknowable**

Both Jews and Christians cite the following text as proof of the unknowability of the Lord,

**You can not see Me, for no one may see Me and live.**

[Exodus 33:18]

Christians go further and state that Spirits cannot be seen (see Luke 24:39), therefore God (the ‘Father’) will never be seen as this is the position of Christianity, both Protestant and Catholic forms.

However, the Lord had stated in the Qur`an,

**And to those who have ihsaan is goodness and something additional.**

[Surah Yunus (10), ayah (verse) 26]

The Prophet Muhammad SAW said about this verse:

**‘The veil will be removed and they will gaze at Him. Nothing that He has bestowed on them will be dearer to them than gazing at Him. And that is the something additional.’**

[Collected by Imaams at-Tirmidhi, Ibn Maaajah, ad-Daraqutni and Ahmad]

**On the day that faces will be radiant, gazing at their Lord.**

[Surat ul-Qiyaamah (75), ayaat (verses) 22-23]

## Works for salvation

Both Jews and Christians believe deeds are part of salvation. Jews tend to focus on the goodness of their deeds being acceptable as salvation.

As for Christians, they depend on the works of someone else,

**For what I received I passed onto you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures...**

[1 Corinthians 15:3]

There is no way to depend on the deeds of others. Allah has not allowed that in any manner whatsoever,

**That no one may carry the burden (sin) of another; that man will have nothing but what he strives for in life.**

[Surat un-Najm (53), ayaat (verses) 38-39]

The Prophet Muhammad saw also said,

**No one will ever enter Paradise with their deeds.**

[Sahih al-Bukhaari, Sahih Muslim, Suyuti #5222, an-Nabahaani #1689 and classed as sahih]

**You will not enter Paradise until you believe and you will not believe until you love one another. Shall I show you something that if you do so, you will love one another. Spread salaam amongst yourselves.**

[Sahih Muslim #54, Sunan Abu Dawud #5193, Sunan at-Tirmidhi #2689 and classed as sahih]

The Salaam, meaning as-Salaamu Alaikum, is only known in the faith of Islam.

## Primordial Prophet

Both Jews and Christians fail to recognise the primordial and pre-eminent status of the Prophet Muhammad saw. Although they recognised him clearly, they still rejected him,

## **Is it not a sign to them that the scholars of the Children of Israel knew it to be true?**

[Surat ush-Shu`araa' (26), ayah (verse) 197]

These rabbis, such as `Abdullah bin Salaam, Ka`b ibnal-Ahbaar and Wahb ibn al-Munabbih raa, clearly knew the truth and became Muslims. The truth they bore witness to was the one created before all of the other prophets.

**And remember when Allah took the Covenant of the Prophets, saying, 'Take what I have given you of the Book and the Wisdom and afterwards there will come to you a messenger confirming what is with you; you must then believe in him and help him.' Allah said, 'Do you affirm and take up the covenant?' They said, 'We affirm.' He said, 'Then bear witness, for I am with you amongst those who have bore witness.'**

[Surah Aali `Imraan (3), ayah (verse) 81]

If you are a Muslim, you should tell your Jewish and Christian colleagues the truth, as concealing knowledge make you an accessory to the crime of withholding the knowledge of eternal salvation. How could you hold this in your conscience?

If you are a Jew or a Christian, consider the fact that Islam and your faith is different. Those that insult or reject a prophet have rejected all of them, even if they claim to respect them. Those that will not affirm the primordial prophet, promised before the laying of the foundations of the Earth, have subsequently denied not only all the other prophets, but the Lord Himself. Are you truly willing to face his wrath?

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