

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)

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)

The Same God?

How God as described in the Bible

differs from

Allah as described in the Qur'an

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 begotten. 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)

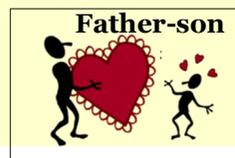
Why did He create us?

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 worshippers. 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 happen 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 tempted 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, mutually share with them wealth and children, and **make promises to them.**" (Qur'an 17:64)