

Can Abrahamic religions, Jews, Christians, and Muslims, live in peace together?

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To answer this question we must understand the history behind the Abrahamic religions. And I am not talking about the history according to the historians but according to the Scriptures that are known as Abrahamic Scriptures (The Bible and the Koran). This search for answer will serve as a valid documentary to those who either believe in the Koran, the Bible, or like me in both of them.

I am going to recount the history and quote both books in parallel to show it is all the same quoting from the Bible or the Koran about what I will discuss in this article. These simple quoting of both books will show exactly where the tension between these religions started and what is predicted in these books about the future of these three religions.

History behind Abrahamic religions as was told in the Bible and the Koran.

All dates given in this articles are taken from the Bible accounting of all these events. For summary please visit www.abiblestudy.com/part1.html .

1) It all started when God said: “Let there be light”

Bible-Genesis 1:3 Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light.

Koran 30:27 It is He Who begins (the process of) creation;

2) After many creations, God created Adam

Bible-Genesis 2:7 And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.

Koran 38:71 Behold, thy Lord said to the angels: "I am about to create man from clay: **72** When I have fashioned him (in due proportion) and breathed into him of My spirit, fall ye down in obeisance unto him."

3) Around 2944 BC, Prophet Noah was born

Bible-Genesis 6:9 This is the genealogy of Noah. Noah was a just man, perfect in his generations. Noah walked with God. **10** And Noah begot three sons: Shem, Ham, and Japheth. **11** The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence.

12 So God looked upon the earth, and indeed it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted their way on the earth. **13** And God said to Noah, "The end of all flesh has come before Me, for the earth is filled with violence through them; and behold, I will destroy them with the earth.

Koran 71:1 We sent Noah to his people: "You shall warn your people before a painful retribution afflicts them."

Koran 69:11 We, when the water (of Noah's Flood) overflowed beyond its limits, carried you (mankind), in the floating (Ark) ...

Bible-Genesis 9:28 After the flood Noah lived 350 years. **29** Altogether, Noah lived 950 years, and then he died.

Koran 29:14 We (once) sent Noah to his people, and he tarried among them a thousand years less fifty: but the Deluge overwhelmed them while they (persisted in) sin.

4) Around 1991 BC Abram was born. Abram's name was changed to Abraham (Genesis 17:5), which means the father of many nations (who believed in the one and only one God). So he was ordered by God to leave to a new land where his descendents are to be away from idol worshipers and form their own community.

Bible-Genesis 12:1 The Lord had said to Abram, "Leave your country, your people and your father's household and go to the land I will show you.

Bible-Genesis 12:4 So Abram left, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him.

Koran 19:47 Abraham said: "Peace be on thee: I will pray to my Lord for thy forgiveness: for He is to me Most Gracious. **48** And I will turn away from you (all) and from those whom ye invoke besides God: I will call on my Lord: perhaps, by my prayer to my Lord, I shall be not unblest."

Koran 21:70 Then they sought a stratagem against him: but We made them the ones that lost most! **71** But We delivered him and (his nephew) Lot (and directed them) to the land which We have blessed for the nations.

4a) Abraham has a son (Ishmael) from his wife's maidservant, Hagar (a slave woman):

Genesis 16:2 So Sarai said to Abram, "See now, the Lord has restrained me from bearing children. Please, go in to my maid; perhaps I shall obtain children by her." And Abram heeded the voice of Sarai. **3** Then Sarai, Abram's wife, took Hagar her maid, the Egyptian, and gave her to her husband Abram to be his wife, after Abram had dwelt ten years in the land of Canaan.

Genesis 16:11 And the Angel of the Lord said to her(Hagar): "Behold, you are with child, And you shall bear a son. You shall call his name Ishmael,

Koran 19:54 Also mention in the Book (the story of) Ishmael: He was (strictly) true to what he promised, and he was a messenger (and) a prophet.

4b) Abraham has another son (Isaac), this time from his own wife (a free woman):

Bible: Genesis 18:9 “Where is your wife Sarah?” they asked him. “There, in the tent,” he said. **10** Then the Lord said, “I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife will have a son.” Now Sarah was listening at the entrance to the tent, which was behind him. **11** Abraham and Sarah were already old and well advanced in years, and Sarah was past the age of childbearing. **12** So Sarah laughed to herself as she thought, “After I am worn out and my master is old, will I now have this pleasure?”

Koran 11:69 There came Our messengers to Abraham with glad tidings. They said, “Peace!” He answered, “Peace!” and hastened to entertain them with a roasted calf. **70** But when he saw their hands went not towards the (meal), he felt some mistrust of them, and conceived a fear of them. They said: “Fear not: We have been sent against the people of Lot.” **71** And his wife was standing (there), and she laughed: But we gave her glad tidings of Isaac, and after him, of Jacob. **72** She said: “unfortunately for me! Shall I bear a child, seeing I am an old woman, and my husband. This son (Isaac) is the one God makes covenant with and not Ishmael

5) The fight between Jews and Arabs starts in this year (about 1904 BC). This fight has never died down.

Bible-Genesis 16:1 Now Sarai, Abram's wife, had borne him no children. And she had an Egyptian maidservant whose name was Hagar. **2** So Sarai said to Abram, "See now, the Lord has restrained me from bearing children. Please, go in to my maid; perhaps I shall obtain children by her." And Abram heeded the voice of Sarai. **3** Then Sarai, Abram's wife, took Hagar her maid, the Egyptian, and gave her to her husband Abram to be his wife, after Abram had dwelt ten years in the land of Canaan. **4** So he went in to Hagar, and she conceived. And when she saw that she had conceived, her mistress became despised in her eyes. **5** Then Sarai said to Abram, "My wrong be upon you! I gave my maid into your embrace; and when she saw that she had conceived, I became despised in her eyes. The Lord judge between you and me." **6** So Abram said to Sarai, "Indeed your maid is in your hand; do to her as you please." And when Sarai dealt harshly with her, she fled from her presence.

5a) From Isaac came Jacob and Jacob's name changes to Israel and that is the beginning of the big promise God made to Abraham. The birth of Children of Israel

Bible-Genesis 25:21 Isaac prayed to the Lord on behalf of his wife, because she was barren. The Lord answered his prayer, and his wife Rebekah became pregnant. **22** The babies jostled each other within her, and she said, “Why is this happening to me?” So she went to inquire of the Lord. **23** The Lord said to her, “Two nations are in

your womb, and two peoples from within you will be separated; one people will be stronger than the other, and the older will serve the younger.” **24** When the time came for her to give birth, there were twin boys in her womb. **25** The first to come out was red, and his whole body was like a hairy garment; so they named him Esau. **26** After this, his brother came out, with his hand grasping Esau’s heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when Rebekah gave birth to them. **27** The boys grew up, and Esau became a skillful hunter, a man of the open country, while Jacob was a quiet man, staying among the tents. **28** Isaac, who had a taste for wild game, loved Esau, but Rebekah loved Jacob.

Koran 6:84 We gave him Isaac and Jacob: all (three) guided: and before him, We guided Noah, and among his progeny, David, Solomon, Job, Joseph, Moses, and Aaron: thus do We reward those who do good:

Koran 19:49 When he had turned away from them and from those whom they worshipped besides God, We bestowed on him Isaac and Jacob, and each one of them We made a prophet.

6) For the next 1900 years all God’s communication is only with the Children of Israel.

They are the chosen ones and they get all the prophets and all the books of God (39 books) were sent to the Children of Israel. The land of Israel is recognized by God from the day Abraham passes through the land of Canaan, and it is talked about all through the Bible and the Koran:

Koran 45:16 We have given the Children of Israel the scripture, wisdom, and prophet hood, and provided them with good provisions; we favored them above (all) peoples;

Koran 5:20 Recall that Moses said to his people, "O my people, remember God's blessings upon you: He appointed prophets from among you, made you kings, and granted you what He never granted any other people. **21** "O my people, enter the holy land that God has decreed for you, and do not rebel, lest you become losers."

Koran 44:32 And We chose them (the Children of Israel) aforetime above the nations, knowingly,

Bible-Genesis 12:5 So they came to the land of Canaan. **6** Abram passed through the land to the place of Shechem, as far as the terebinth tree of Moreh. And the Canaanites were then in the land. **7** Then the Lord appeared to Abram and said, "To your descendants I will give this land."

Bible-Exodus 6:2 And God spoke to Moses and said to him: "I am the Lord. **3** I appeared to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, as God Almighty, but by My name Lord I was not known to them. **4** I have also established My covenant with them, to give them the land of Canaan, the land of their pilgrimage, in which they were strangers. **5** And I have also heard the groaning of the children of Israel whom the Egyptians keep in bondage, and I have remembered My covenant. **6** Therefore say to the children of Israel: 'I am the Lord; I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, I will rescue you from their bondage, and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with great judgments. **7** I will take you as My people, and I will be your God. Then you shall know that I am the Lord your God who brings you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians. **8** And I will

bring you into the land which I swore to give to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; and I will give it to you as a heritage: I am the Lord."

7) Then God sends the fulfillment of all the Abrahamic

religions, the teaching of grace, Love, greatness, a masterful teaching that comes down from God through Jesus Christ, his chosen prophet.

Koran 5:46 Subsequent to them, we sent Jesus, the son of Mary, confirming the previous scripture, the Torah. We gave him the Gospel, containing guidance and light, and confirming the

previous scriptures, the Torah, and a guidance and light to enlighten the righteous.

Koran 57:27 Then We made our messengers to follow in their footsteps, and We sent Jesus son of Mary afterwards, and We gave him the Injeel(Gospel), and We put in the hearts of those who followed him kindness and mercy; ...

Bible-Matthew 5:17 "Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill.

8) About 600 years after Jesus, God remembers his promise to Abraham, regarding Ishmael.

Bible-Genesis 16:11 "Behold, you are with child, And you shall bear a son. You shall call his name Ishmael, Because the Lord has heard your affliction. **12** He shall be a wild man; His hand shall be against every man, And every man's hand against him. And he shall dwell in the presence of all his brethren."

Bible-Genesis 17:20 And as for Ishmael, I have heard you. Behold, I have blessed him, and will make him fruitful, and will multiply him exceedingly. He shall beget twelve princes, and I will make him a great nation.

8a) To fulfill the above promise God sent a prophet to Arabs, Prophet Mohammad.
And God gives the reason for sending him.

1) To Arabic people of Mecca and surrounding because:

Koran 6:155 This (the Koran) too is a blessed scripture that we have revealed; you shall follow it and lead a righteous life, that you may attain mercy. **156** Now you can no longer say, "The scripture was sent down to two groups (the Jews, and the Christians) before us, and we were unaware of their teachings." **157** Nor can you say, "If only a scripture could come down to us, we would be better guided than they." A proven scripture has now come to you from your Lord, and a beacon, and a mercy. Now, who is more evil than one who rejects these proofs from God, and disregards them? We will commit those who disregard our proofs to the worst retribution for their heedlessness.

Koran 32:3 They said, "He fabricated it." Indeed, this (the Koran) is the truth from your Lord, to warn people who never received a warner before you, that they may be guided.

2) To Arabic people with a message to the Children of Israel:

Koran 27:76 Surely this Koran do explain to the Children of Israel most of the matters in which they disagree.

Koran 5:15 O people of the scripture, our messenger has come to you to proclaim for you many things you have concealed in the scripture, and to pardon many other transgressions you have committed. A light has come to you from God, and a clear Book.

Koran 5:19 O people of the scripture, our messenger has come to you, to explain things to you, after a period of time without messengers, lest you say, "We did not receive any preacher or warner." A preacher and warner has now come to you. God is Omnipotent.

9) Now Islam grows and the same thing that happened to the Children of Israel happens to them:

Koran talks about God anger with those who twist the words of God to insert their own words in to God's scriptures:

Koran 2:78 Among them are illiterates who do not know the scripture, except through hearsay, then assume that they know it. **79** Therefore, woe to those who write the scripture with their own hands, then say, "This is what God has revealed," seeking a cheap material gain. Woe to them for what their hands do write, and woe to them for their illicit gains.

Koran 3:78 Among them are those who twist their tongues to imitate the scripture, that you may think it is from the scripture, when it is not from the scripture, and they claim that it is from God, when it is not from God. Thus, they utter lies and attribute them to God, knowingly.

Jesus also adamantly tells the Jewish religious leaders about this awful act:

Bible-Matthew 15:3 He (Jesus) answered and said to them, "Why do you also transgress the commandment of God because of your tradition? ... **6** ... Thus you have made the commandment of God of no effect by your tradition.

Bible-Mark 7:8 For laying aside the commandment of God, you hold the tradition of men, the washing of pitchers and cups, and many other such things you do." **9** He said to them, "All too well you reject the commandment of God, that you may keep your tradition.

Jesus adds, the above act will be avenged by God from the religious leader's generation:

Bible-Luke 11:46 And He said, "Woe to you also, lawyers! For you load men with burdens hard to bear, and you yourselves do not touch the burdens with one of your

fingers. **47** Woe to you! For you build the tombs of the prophets, and your fathers killed them. **48** In fact, you bear witness that you approve the deeds of your fathers; for they indeed killed them, and you build their tombs. **49** Therefore the wisdom of God also said, 'I will send them prophets and apostles, and some of them they will kill and persecute,' **50** that the blood of all the prophets which was shed from the foundation of the world may be required of this generation, **51** from the blood of Abel to the blood of Zechariah who perished between the altar and the temple. Yes, I say to you, it shall be required of this generation. **52** "Woe to you lawyers! For you have taken away the key of knowledge. You did not enter in yourselves, and those who were entering in you hindered."

10) The betrayal of the Koran and prophet Mohammad is catastrophic:

Let us give one obvious example of betrayal of the Koran by fanatics, and there are literally hundreds of examples like this:

KORAN'S VIEW POINT

God forbids Prophet Mohammad and his followers to attack and kill his most fierce enemy of several years because there were innocent people among them and they could have accidentally harm them:

Koran 48:25 It is they who disbelieved and barred you from the Sacred Mosque, and even prevented your offerings from reaching their destination. There were believing men and women (within the enemy camp) whom you did not know, and you were about to hurt them, unknowingly. God thus admits into His mercy whomever He wills. If they persist, He will require those among them who disbelieve with a painful retribution. **26** While those who disbelieved were enraged, and their hearts were filled with the pride of the days of ignorance, God blessed His messenger and the believers with peaceful contentment, and directed them to uphold the word of righteousness. This is what they well deserved. God is fully aware of all things.

Furthermore God forbids killing of innocent people:

Koran 4:94 Anyone who kills a believer on purpose, his retribution is Hell, wherein he abides forever, God is angry with him, and condemns him, and has prepared for him a terrible retribution.

The twisted VIEW POINT that has betrayed the Koran

“Kill Americans (who are about 80% Christians) wherever you find them, innocent or not”

The other obvious example of Muslim's betrayal of Koran is their outraged hate for Israel. The Children of Israel is the most loved by God and 33% of the world population of Christianity is predicted by the Koran to be above the non-believers until resurrection day. But yet little has been done in the world of Islam to recognize Israel and embrace USA, who has the largest Christian population in the world.

Koran 3:55 Thus, God said, "O Jesus, I am terminating your life, raising you to Me, and ridding you of the disbelievers. I will exalt those who follow you above those who disbelieve, till the Day of Resurrection. ...

Koran 29:46 Do not argue with the people of the scripture (Jews, Christians) except in the nicest possible manner ...

The above sayings are from the book that was supposed to spread love among the followers of this book and their Jewish and Christian brothers and sisters. But yet the above words were twisted and diverted to the opposite of what the above stated.

The very small amount of tolerance that is in today's world of Islam can be changed to the love God has demanded in the Koran. This is only possible through Koran's education.

Koran 41:34 And not alike are the good and the evil. Repel (evil) with what is best. Thus, the one who used to be your enemy, may become your best friend. **35** And no one will be granted such goodness except those who exercise patience and self-restraint,- none but persons of the greatest good fortune.

The above verses (if uphold) will free the world from fanatics and will give confidence to all Muslims to stand against the manmade laws.

Another benefit of this education (for Iranian Muslims) will be a free Iran from the hands of religious leaders who have no regards for the Koran but their own agenda.

Today's Islam needs the gentle touch of the Prophet Mohammad, which is the same touch that Prophet Jesus brought for Children of Israel to take them away from harshness and bring them to kindness and love. Imagine after 10 years of persecution prophet Mohammad captures the city that hated him and his followers and killed many of their relatives, without bloodshed. Imagine Muslim's learn the teaching of "forgiveness", that is all over the Koran, but only elegantly talked about in the New Gospel.

May Jews, Christians, and Muslims reunite as Isaac and Ishmael did when they both grieved for the lost of their father Abraham and they buried him together and they comfort each other:

Bible-Genesis 25:8 Then Abraham breathed his last and died in a good old age, an old man and full of years, and was gathered to his people. **9** And his sons Isaac and Ishmael buried him in the cave of Machpelah, which is before Mamre, in the field of Ephron the son of Zohar the Hittite, **10** the field which Abraham purchased from the sons of Heth. There Abraham was buried, and Sarah his wife.

If the Koran and the Bible are united, no false thoughts, can enter the Judaism, Christianity, or Islam. **AND THIS IS HOW WE STOP THE TENSION IN THE WORLD OF ABRAHAMIC RELIGIONS.**