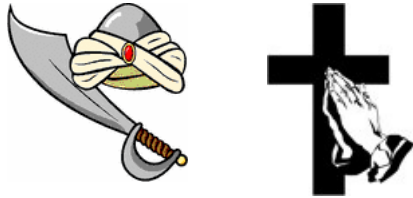


POINT/COUNTERPOINT

ISLAM AND CHRISTIANITY

An outline view of apparent fundamental cultural factors



Tolerance

Islam: None extended to the nonIslamic peoples.

Christianity: Love and brotherhood extended to all peoples.

Spreading the Faith

Islam: through barbaric violence and terror

Christianity: through preaching, love, prayer, and example.

Assimilation

Islam: Very difficult in Western, European cultures.

Christianity: Possible in any location.

Origins

Islam: Invented by Mohammed.

Christianity: Jesus is the fulfillment of Jewish prophecies.

Scriptural Authority

Islam: The Koran was dictated by Mohammed.

Christianity: The Bible consists of the Old and New Testaments.

Under Democracy

Islam: Does not fair well because questioning of religious authority is not allowed.

Christianity: Thrives because The Lord Jesus Christ has set His people free.

Form of Worship

Islam: Formal prayers offered 5 times a day; men and women are separated.

Christianity: Family and community worship is encouraged.

Interpreters of Faith

Islam: The mullahs and imams who were originally under the direction of a Caliph.

Christianity: The priests and ministers under independent hierarchies.

Family Life

Islam: Women are inferior.

Christianity: Women have equal value.

Society

Islam: All laws favor men.

Christianity: Laws apply equally.

Education

Islam: Systematic formation of religious fervor.

Christianity: Embraces all the arts and sciences and freedom to worship.

Conclusion

An apparent stumbling block for the Muslims is their view of The Lord Jesus Christ. On the one hand they say He was a great prophet; we know that a prophet cannot lie. On the other hand they do not know how to respond to Jesus' Words "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life. No man comes to the Father but by Me." (John 14:6)

I would beseech you to seek the Lord Jesus Christ (read the Bible), repent of your sins (for all have sinned and come short of the glory of God), and bring forth fruits meet of repentance: for how shall you escape if you neglect so great Salvation? Your won't