

BIC vs ISLAM

While working with Muslims over the past 38 years, I have noticed that my Brethren In Christ (BIC) doctrines have helped me tremendously in my engagements with them, so much so, that I believe we have the best doctrines to introduce the Gospel to them, and help them 'come home'

| <u>CATEGORY:</u> | <u>BIC</u> | <u>US Church</u> | <u>ISLAM</u> |
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| 1) God: | 1) 'Yahweh' ≠ Allah Exodus 3:5-6, 13-15 John 8:58 | 1) 'Yahweh = Allah' (i.e. Larissa Hawkins – Wheaton College) | 1. 'Allah' (distant, impersonal) |
| 2) Jesus: | 2) 'Yesuah' ≠ 'Isa' Not 'Isa' | 2) 'Yesuah' = 'Isa' (both are equally valid) | 2. 'Isa' (Powerful child, but weak adult) |
| 3) Revelation: | 3) O.T. → N.T. 'Progressive Revelation' Violence → Peace Matt.5:17, 38-39, 43-44 | 3) Old Test. = New Test. (i.e. Messianic Jews) | 3. Qur'an + Traditions (Peace → Violence) Surah 9:5, 29; 8:39; 47:4-6 |
| 4) Peace: | 4) Peace = Christ's Model Luke 19:27 = 'Kill then in front of me' (note verse 11 = parable) Luke 22:36-38 = 'The Last Supper' (Garden of Gethsemane – Mt.26:52) John 2:13 – 17 = Jesus in the Temple (note he only whips the animals) Matt. 10:34 = 'Not Peace, but a sword' (look at the context of the chapter) | 4) Violence & Peace = O.T. & N.T. Joshua 6:21 (?) (‘God and Country’) (Support for the Military) | 4. Violence = Muh. Model (Peace Verses?) Surahs 2:252; 2:190-193; 5:31-33 |
| 5) Women: | 5) Women = Men Polygamy = Gen. 2:24; Mt. 19:5 Testimony = Matt. 28:9 Equality = 1 Pet.3:7; Gal.3:28; Eph.5:25; 1 Cor.7; Heb.4:14-16 (BIC Women Pastors and Bishops) | 5) Male ≠ Female Leadership 1 Tim. 2:12 = No auth. over men (1 Cor.11:15 = Short hair?) | 5. Women ≠ Men Allah' (Surahs 4:3, 11, 24, 34; 2:282, 223, 230) |
| 6) Church: | 6) '2 or 3 Gathered in my name' (Matthew 18:19) 'The Priesthood of all Believers' (1 Peter 2:5) | 6) Priest ≠ Laity Hierarchical (church = the building) | 6. 'Khilafa' (Theocracy = Hierarchical model) |
| 7) State: | 7) 'Separation of Church and State' Matthew 22:21 | 7) Church = State (‘God and Country’) (American Flag in the sanctuary) | 7. Mosque = State (Politics = a Religious act) |
| 8) Simple life style: | 8) Non-Conformity with the World 1 John 2:15-17 ("In the world, but not of the world") | 8) Conforms with the World (‘Prosperity Gospel’) | 8. Opulent Lifestyle (Oil wealth = power and strength) |
| 9) Washing Feet: | 9) Washing the Disciple's Feet John 13:4-5 | 9) what's best for God's Children (Biggest is best) | 9. 'Might is Right' (Arabs are superior) |
| 10) Salvation: | 10) Personal 'Free' Choice John 3:16 'Those who <u>believe</u> in Him' Luke 15:11-32 'The Prodigal Son' | 10) Predestination & Election (Eph.1:4 = He chose us to be <u>HOLY</u>) | 10. 'Inshallah' (Allah controls all actions & decisions) |