

MY
NEIGHBOUR'S
FAITH

Islam Explained for Christians

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Adam	<i>Safi u-llah</i>	the Chosen of God
Noah	<i>Nabi u-llah</i>	the Prophet of God
Abraham	<i>Khalil u-llah</i>	the Friend of God
Ishmael	<i>Dhabih u-llah</i>	the Sacrifice of God
Moses	<i>Kalim u-llah</i>	the Converser with God
Jesus	<i>Kalimat u-llah / Ruh u-llah</i>	the Word/Spirit of God
Muhammad	<i>Rasul u-llah</i>	the Apostle of God

Appendix

Key Qur'ānic Passages, Organised Thematically

God	2:255 Sura 112 24:35–36 2:256 59:22–24	sovereignty of God oneness of God (<i>Tawhid</i>) 'Allah is the light' – a passage that has inspired mystics 'there is no compulsion in religion' the most beautiful names of God
Creation	3:189–91; 13:2–4; 31:10–11; 32:4–9	
Heaven and Hell	2:24–25; 38:49–60; 44:47–57	
Prophets	2:124–34	
Laws	4:3 5:38 2:275–79 29:8 2:219 2:173 2:83; 2:177	about marriage about theft about usury about obedience to parents about wine about pork summary of the moral law
The Qur'ān	12:2; 46:12 33:40 5:15 2:106; 16:101; 22:52	revealed in the Arabic language Muhammad 'the seal of the prophets' Qur'ān reveals what Jews and Christians have hidden in their Scriptures abrogation (the belief that earlier recitations can be superseded by later ones)

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The Bible	2:87; 3:3 4:163 5:46–48 2:91; 3:1–4; 3:84 5:48; 18:28 10:94–95	<i>tawrat</i> or Torah recognised as revealed to Moses <i>zabur</i> or Psalms recognised as revealed to David <i>injl</i> or Gospel recognised as revealed to Jesus the message of previous scriptures confirmed by the <i>Qur'ān</i> God has protected the Scriptures Muhammad told to consult the Scriptures already revealed if he is in doubt about what is revealed to him
Accusations against Jews and Christians	2:78 2:146–59, 174; 5:15 2:75 2:79 2:85	ignorant of their Scriptures conceal their Scriptures change their Scriptures sell false Scriptures for gain believe only parts of their Scripture
About Christians	2:62, 136–37; 5:69, 82; 22:40 3:64–71; 29:46 5:14, 51; 9:29–31; 57:27	sympathetic to Christians appeals to Christians to accept Muhammad's message because it confirms the Gospel critical of and even hostile to Christians
About Jesus	3:35–47; 19:16–35 3:48–54; 5:110–17; 57:27; 61:6 3:55; 4:155–59; 5:117; 19:33 3:59; 4:171–72; 5:72–75, 116–17; 9:30–31	the annunciation and birth of Jesus the ministry of Jesus the death of Jesus Jesus, God and the Trinity

Further Reading

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