

DEAR PASTOR ANDERSON

My name is . I am Ms. 's neighbor. I understand that she spoke to you about me and told you that I am a muslim. You have given her an article about Islam with a copy to forward to me. She has given me my copy and I have read it. Sorry to say that I was very disappointed when I read it. I cannot think where the author got such false information especially now with resources so abundant and readily available. In an effort to correct this I have done my best to inform my neighbor of the truth and I am sending you this package. It includes a translation of the Holy Quran and some basic information about Islam which I got from the internet. I spent 12 years of my life as a student in a Christian school. I know that the message of the Church is that of peace and brotherly love. I am certain that as a man of God you will help me in correcting any misconceptions that might cause resentment and misunderstandings between muslims and other members of their community, especially at this time of crisis when we should all be united. By the way, my husband, Dr. is the former chairman of the committee on interfaith relations at the Council of Islamic Organizations of Greater Chicago. He would be happy to give a presentation at your church and help answer questions from you or your organization.

Sincerely,

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Re: Christianity and Islam

Dear Mrs. :

Thank you for your undated letter along with your documents on Islam.

Notwithstanding your efforts to indicate that Islam is a religion of peace and the like, my position as reflected on the two articles (attached for your perusal) you received from Mrs. remains unchanged.

Christianity is THE religion of God and all other religions, including Islam, are wrong. Christianity is the only one religion that teaches that: Man is a sinner who cannot do anything right that would appease the wrath of God simply because we are dead in spirit (Ephesians 2:1); and only God Himself could restore us by sending His Only Beloved Son, Jesus Christ (John 3:16), to live under the Law for us (Galatians 4:4,5, I Peter 2:24), to suffer and die on cross once with His Holy blood shed for the forgiveness of all our sins (Mark 10:45, John 1:17, Hebrews 2:14, Hebrews 9:26-28) and to arise from the dead to live forever so that we may also arise from the dead onto the everlasting life (John 14:19, John 11:25, 26, 2 Timothy 1:10).

Islam does not at all subscribe to the above wondrous good news our Heavenly Father gives to everyone of us, including yourself.

God our Savior wants all people to be saved and to come to know the truth. There is one God, and One (Jesus Christ) who brings God and men together, the Man Christ Jesus, Who gave Himself as a ransom to free all people, including yourself. (2 Timothy 2:3-6). Nowhere can you find this assurance in either the Koran or the Hadith.

Jesus Himself desires for you to believe in Him as your only true Savior and wants you to live with Him in the eternal bliss of peace and joy. Jesus is actually your only true Friend who gave Himself to you in a complete sense of salvation, the kind of assurance of which neither Allah nor Mohammed can or could offer to you. Jesus loves you unconditionally while Allah loves you conditionally.

That is the very Good News we Christians intend to share with all people regardless of their religion. That, once again, includes you.

Now, we shift to certain writings of the Hadith. As you may know, the Hadith reveals much about the man Muhammad that we do not find recorded in the Koran (Quran). For instance, unlike Jesus who was innocent in every respect, Muhammad was not innocent by any means (vol. 1, no. 711; vol. 8, no. 319; vol. 1, no. 19 et al). Moreover, Muhammad's position on women reinforces what I have said earlier that the majority of people in Hell were women (vol.1, nos. 28, 301; vol.2, no. 161) and the reason for women being in Hell were more deficient in intelligence and religion than men (vol. 2, no. 541). Finally, Muhammad never had any assurance of salvation (vol. 5, no. 266). If the prophet of Allah had no such assurance for himself, then you cannot have it either.

We Christians are assured of our salvation (Ephesians 1:3-8, Ephesians 2:4-9)

There are two questions you need to ask yourself:

Is the Hadith as inspired and authoritative as the Quran in view of the fact that there are many writings that are in serious conflict with one another in both books? If you cannot rely on the Hadith in any degree, then how can you hope to rely on the Quran and vice versa?

How is that the Constitution of the United States of America founded on Christian principles provides us the freedom of religion in the fullest sense whereas most Muslim countries allows for only one religion which happens to be Islam?

I close out in this letter that Acts 4:12 specifies that no one else (Allah and Muhammad, for that matter) can save us, because in all the world there is only one name given us by which we must be saved. That name is no other than Christ Jesus, Who is the Lord of all lords and the King of all kings. He is the Prince of peace as well.

I would like to encourage you to begin reading the New Testament of the Holy Bible so that you may come to learn how God the Lord Almighty truly loves you in Christ Jesus. That is the key ingredient that you cannot find anywhere in Islam.

Sincerely yours,

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