

EVANGELICALS vs ISLAM

While working with Muslims over the past 35 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>EVANGELICALS</u>	<u>MAINLINE CHURCH</u>	<u>ISLAM</u>
1) God:	1) 'Yahweh' 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' Not 'Issa'	2) 'Yesuah' = 'Issa' (both are equally valid)	2. 'Issa' (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	5) Gender confusion 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 believe 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)