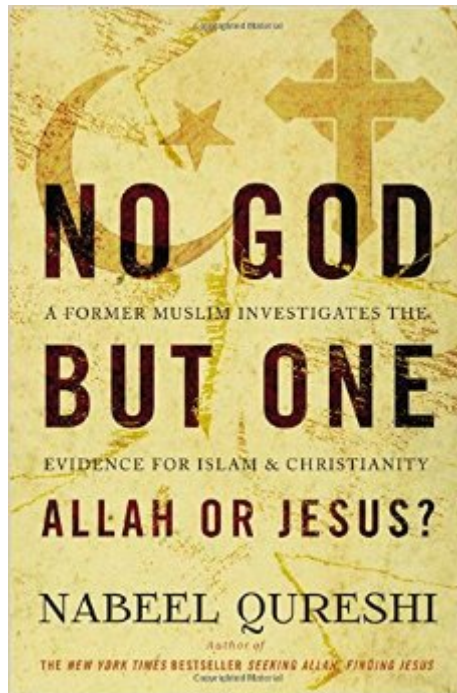


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No God But One: Allah Or Jesus?: A Former Muslim Investigates The Evidence For Islam And Christianity



Synopsis

Having shared his journey of faith in the New York Times bestselling *Seeking Allah, Finding Jesus*, Nabeel Qureshi now examines Islam and Christianity in detail, exploring areas of crucial conflict and unpacking the relevant evidence. In this anticipated follow-up book, Nabeel reveals what he discovered in the decade following his conversion, providing a thorough and careful comparison of the evidence for Islam and Christianity--evidence that wrenched his heart and transformed his life. In *Seeking Allah, Finding Jesus*, Nabeel Qureshi recounted his dramatic journey, describing his departure from Islam and his decision to follow Christ. In the years that followed, he realized that the world's two largest religions are far more different than they initially appeared. *No God but One: Allah or Jesus?* addresses the most important questions at the interface of Islam and Christianity: How do the two religions differ? Are the differences significant? Can we be confident that either Christianity or Islam is true? And most important, is it worth sacrificing everything for the truth? Nabeel shares stories from his life and ministry, casts new light on current events, and explores pivotal incidents in the histories of both religions, providing a resource that is gripping and thought-provoking, respectful and challenging. Both Islam and Christianity teach that there is No God but One, but who deserves to be worshiped, Allah or Jesus?

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Customer Reviews

In *NO GOD BUT ONE ALLAH OR JESUS*, Dr. Nabeel Qureshi explains his journey from Islam to Christianity, and details his reasons for doing so. The author paid dearly for his conversion of 2005. He quickly became an outsider: "Soon after, my family was shattered, and the next year of my life

was by far the most harrowing I have ever endured. I was now an outsider, both to my family and to all my friends in the Islamic community."It seems to me, Nabeel Qureshi is a discerning, yet a humble man. And I would also add "first rate intellect." Here's why: In describing his analysis of the two faiths, he admitted it is nearly impossible to be objective: "It is virtually impossible to study these matters objectively. Not only do we all have a vested interest in defending the faiths we and our social circles have believed for years, but our beliefs color the way we receive information. The same data will be interpreted differently by people from disparate worldviews...our presuppositions affect the way we interpret the evidence, and we often see what we want to see."Wow! After reading the above lines, I realized I had terribly underestimated the intellect of the author.The author was for many years a dedicated believer in Islam, but he discovered that his reasons for rejecting Christianity were not nearly as solid as he had been told: "Examining the claims of Islam and Christianity over four years, I went from utter conviction in Islam to reluctantly embracing the gospel." Dr. Qureshi took special interest in the historical claims of each religion, and decided to thoroughly examine the claims of each religion. "What I discovered time and time again was that Christian doctrines held firm whenever they could be tested historically."The format of the book makes it easy to follow: Dr. Qureshi presents a major issue, then presents both sides of each doctrine, followed by a detailed critique. Of course, the author is good at this type of critique, since he has lots of experience from the OTHER side not too long ago. He explains, "I had to follow the evidence and the truth, no matter the cost. I left my religion of twenty -two years and became a follower of Jesus in 2005."Before reading NO GOD BUT ONE, I assumed there were substantive differences between the two religions--but still, some of the differences surprised me. Most importantly, I had no idea that Islam teaches that Jesus did NOT die on the cross. Of course, this sets a major divide between the two religions: "At no point is the schism between Christian and Islamic theologies broader than on the person of Jesus. For Muslims, the doctrine of a divine Christ is anathema, and the Quran teaches that he who subscribes to it will make his home in the flames of hell."The author emphasizes that "the central claims of Christianity are explicitly rejected by Islam." It's not just a little difference--it's a "fundamental incompatibility between Islam and Christianity...the central claims of Christianity are explicitly rejected by Islam."As another example, the crucifixion is central to Christianity, but this very core of the Christian faith is explicitly rejected by Islam: "The Quran teaches the exact opposite: Jesus was not killed, nor was he crucified...He either died by crucifixion or he did not. Either Islam or Christianity has to be wrong."Okay, I get it. These are HUGE differences, which cannot just be papered over.Besides the doctrinal difference, the author clarifies certain things that Muslims hold dear. I thought this was an important section. I

certainly want to avoid needlessly insulting people of other faiths because of my ignorance. In particular, Islam teaches that the Quran is like God incarnate. That's why desecrating the Quran is a horrific affront: "The Quran is, to Muslims, the eternal Word of Allah himself. It is the closest thing to God incarnate. To Christians, the eternal Word of Yahweh is Jesus. The Quran holds in Islam the place that Jesus holds in the Christian faith. So to comprehend the insult of burning a Quran, a Christian would have to imagine someone burning Jesus." I likewise did not know that the term, "prophet" has a different meaning in Islam: "The concept of prophet in Islam does not mean the same thing that it does in the Bible. Prophets in Islam have a higher status than all other people, being men chosen by God to lead mankind. The Quran uses the term to mean a divinely appointed leader, not necessarily one who prophesies." In summary, I found NO GOD BUT ONE ALLAH OR JESUS to be a well-researched, helpful explanation of the most significant differences between Islam and Christianity. The author discusses these issues in a calm, yet scholarly fashion. I appreciate his attention to detail and his scholarly, yet friendly, approach. Advanced Review Copy courtesy of NetGalley.

As a former atheist, this book was absolutely refreshing. If you enjoy historical, objective, and accurate evidence that provides reasons for faith and support to the claims of Christianity -- then this book will be one you enjoy. Qureshi shares his personal story about his journey from Muslim to Christian, but does it from the chair of an objective observer/investigator. This book provides compare/contrast of Islam to Christianity, and does a fine job of it. Even as a believer I would venture to say you will add to your faith in Jesus Christ. There are several quality points that I would recommend any believer should know when befriending a Muslim. As Qureshi states in his testimony, a strong relationship is very important when dealing with the weight of religion and eternal life. There are many suggestions throughout this book on how to handle yourself and avoid offending your Muslim friends. You won't be disappointed in this purchase. I received this book as part of the launch team in return giving my honest review. I enjoyed this book enough to purchase 10 more to give to others!

I don't know Nabeel Qureshi personally, but I can say that he has made a significant impact on my faith walk. I speak of his books and testimony to anyone willing to listen. Nabeel's strong desire to know God and to seek answers to the hard questions has moved me to really know my faith and My God. More importantly, his love and concern for the Muslim people is genuine and contagious in a time where mistrust dominates many conversations. I have

read through this book twice now and continue to ponder so much of the information Nabeel has so carefully and thoughtfully provided. It's important to read it with an open mind, a soft heart, and a desire to learn and grow. No God But One is written from a historical lens and research based perspective where we are to examine all the evidence, the context and the period in which it was written. This is not a book that preaches at you from one side but provides the viewpoints and thoughts of both Christians and Muslims, even atheist authors where applicable. Nabeel covers the hard, the confusing, and the all-out misinterpretations that exist in the Western and Eastern societies and he provides a foundation to start from, to learn from and to ponder. Some of the challenging topics discussed include, Tawhid or the Trinity, Muhammad or Jesus, Jihad or the Crusades, Sharia or the Gospel, the Bible vs the Quran. Maybe you know one side of these topics, why not learn about the historical evidence provided for the other? No God But One not only provides citations for the various topics, but heartfelt analogies and examples to help you apply, understand and empathize with what Nabeel is teaching. With all that is going on in the world today and the constant misinterpretations of the media, No God But One is the perfect resource to bring clarity to topics the average person does not know or understand. With a prayerful heart and an open mind, God will hopefully draw you closer and help you to see that knowing your own faith is a blessing and knowing another's faith opens doors, builds bridges and allows Him to use you in unexpected and incredible ways.

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