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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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Gary Campbell says

When I first read “Seeking Allah, Finding Jesus” a couple of years ago, a gripping and often heart-wrenching personal journey of a somewhat reluctant conversion to Christianity from Islam by Nabeel Qureshi, I was struck by how this young man had put himself “out there”, in particular at a time when we’d seen the growing strength and scope of radical Islam in our world, most notably embodied in ISIS. Clearly his very life was at risk in writing and publishing these words and his story. I still feel this same vulnerability for Nabeel after now having read his next two books, and watching the videos that he shares online. I have to be honest, I hesitate at times to share these posts, as I have friends who are moderate Muslims, I also have friends, who have family who are Muslims, and I don’t want anything I share to be misconstrued, or taken out of context on social media, which it most certainly will be I am sure. In short, yes, I don’t want to offend. But here is Nabeel, who has given up so much for the cause of Christ, and who unflinchingly puts it on paper, and his face on video. How much I have been challenged by his faith and testimony, to the Glory of God!

Last winter when “Answering Jihad” was released in record time following the San Bernardino Shooting, I got on the launch team almost by accident. I wanted to educate myself as to how the Body of Christ should respond to the growing threat of radical Islam, and more importantly how I, as a Christian, should treat those peaceful, moderate Muslims in our communities, etc. I had no idea how exactly this book answered those two questions. This short volume reads like a glossary of Islamic terminology- on steroids, or perhaps Islam for Christian Dummies, helping us to understand the language of the Islamic religion, the roots of ISIS and other groups, and it culminates with how we ought to minister and interact with our Muslim neighbors, coworkers, and friends. I cannot overstate the value of this book, but it’s probably enough to say that I purchased one for each member of our church staff immediately after reading it myself.

Both of these reads contain so much heart and sensitivity, seemingly for every possible perspective at which people might be coming to these books— from the seeking Muslim, to the paranoid conservative Christian, both readers (I presume) find answers to their questions and frustrations in these pages.

By the time that "No God But One: Allah or Jesus?" arrived at my door I was admittedly curious about what additional material Nabeel might be putting forth in this new offering, and who the intended audience might be.

As it turns out “No God But One: Allah or Jesus?” is written to both the Muslim and the Christian reader desiring to know more, and clearly Mr. Qureshi wants to provide fodder for productive conversation in Islamic/Christian relations. In fact I think this is perhaps the greatest strength of Nabeel’s testimony and his writing, and is no doubt one of the goals of his books, namely, that the exposure of these volumes to both the Muslim and Christian world, might foster healthy dialog and eyes-wide-open objective investigation into the world’s two largest faith communities. But make no mistake about it, Nabeel also does not shy away from his desire to bring Glory to King Jesus, and many to faith in Christ through these works.

Nabeel writes on page 20:

“I left my religion of twenty-two years and became a follower of Jesus in 2005. In 2009, after graduating from medical school, I decided to leave medicine in order to share what I had learned about the gospel, the message of Christianity. I sincerely believe that this message has the power to transform hearts and change the world. The God it proclaims is unlike any other, and it is an unfathomable honor that we get to be a part of His story and introduce people to Him.”

A few specific thoughts about “No God But One: Allah or Jesus?”

First, this book, on the one hand is a comprehensive, and objective dissection of the core components of both the Islamic and Christian faiths, while, on the other hand, it is clear that Mr. Qureshi did volumes of research for this book, (his own Muslim upbringing being perhaps his greatest resource), each chapter elicits more and more questions, and the desire (at least I found) to read some of Nabeel's source material for more perspective and understanding of these topics, of which he admittedly only scratched the surface.

This comprehensive/only-scratching-the-surface dichotomy of Mr. Qureshi's latest book is not a criticism, but it truly has convicted this reader of the need for vigilance in both understanding the perspective of others, and also the tenants of our own faith more objectively—the need for greater apologetics, if you will. This appeal to Christian apologetics may in fact be the most compelling reason for some who might feel that the concerns of Islam haven't really affected their world to read this book.

Probably the single most eye-opening truth that was like a key turning in the lock of understanding for me was the juxtaposing of the Muslim and Christian worldviews (and theologies) in Nabeel's exposition of the reality that the analog to the Quran in Islam is not the Bible, but in fact is Jesus Himself. This concept is revolutionary for the Christian understanding of our Muslim friends, and of course, upon having it laid out for us, it makes sense too.

On page 114 we read:

“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 let's put it together: To comprehend the insult of burning of a Quran, a Christian would have to imagine someone burning Jesus.”

Further teaching on this idea that the Quran is the very Word of God in Islam, in much the same way that Jesus is the “logos”, God's incarnate Word in Christianity can be found on pages 89-90, but the corollary is so helpful, and changes the dialog for both Muslims and Christians. Now the discussion of the Bible and its translation verses the eternality of the Arabic Quran is essentially irrelevant, at least as a parallel conversation, the real dialog ought be about whether Jesus, the God-Man really was/is the logos?

Finally, on page 174, Nabeel just lays it out saying:

“To understand my journey, and to understand the fundamental incompatibility between Islam and Christianity, it is absolutely critical to internalize this point: The central claims of Christianity are explicitly rejected by Islam. Islamic doctrine is antithetical to the core message of Christianity. Evincing the case for Christianity disproves Islam and vice versa.

As we have already explored, there are many points of agreement between Islam and Christianity, even regarding the life of Jesus, such as His virgin birth and ability to work miracles. But none of these points of agreement are the central proclamation of the gospel; the Scriptures do not say, ‘If you believe in the virgin birth, you will be saved.’ It does say we need to believe Jesus is God, that He died, and that He rose from the dead. Islam categorically denies these beliefs.”

While this quote ought not necessarily result in one converting from Islam to Christianity, its circulation and

the subsequent dialog it generates ought to dispel the notion that Islam and Christianity are essentially the same, or are “faith cousins” or something. As Nabeel makes clear here, and in the opening chapter of NGB1, yes there are some similarities, but when it comes down to core teachings, and certainly the Person and Work of Jesus, the Christian faith honors Him as God, the Islamic faith sees that very notion as blasphemy.

Nabeel says it best in his final words of “No God But One: Allah or Jesus?” after investigating the core tenants of both faith’s personally, and now with his readers along for the ride, he says:

“When we consider the gospel, we find the deep secrets of the world unfolded. We find a Triune God because of whom love is eternal and absolute. Who did not need the world but created it out of an overflow of His love. In Him, Yahweh, we have the Father who loves us unconditionally, who offers us extravagant grace, who runs to us when we return to Him, who makes us with a purpose and orchestrates all things for the good of those who love Him. In Yahweh we find the Son who is willing to shoulder our pains, who leads us in exemplary humility by suffering for us, making our burdens light and forging a way for us to live life to the full even though we die. In Yahweh, we receive the Holy Spirit, our Comforter who fills us with grace, transforms our hearts, renews our minds, and sends us into the world as God’s hands and feet to serve others as he served us. The gospel is the answer to our individual pains, to the world’s sufferings, and to life’s mysteries. ?There is no God but one, and He is Father, Spirit, and Son. There is no God but one, and He is Jesus.”

Amen and amen.

In conclusion, I cannot recommend the reading of this book enough! Nabeel Qureshi’s voice in our time is an important one, and clearly the LORD has raised Him for (at least) the very purpose of bringing clarity regarding Islam to the Christian community and freedom for the Muslim community in discovering the historical Jesus. I come back to my original response of awe for his boldness, and concern for his safety, and I am left with the conviction to pray for this brother, but also to emulate his example in living out the gospel of Jesus Christ, no matter the cost.

Lincoln Forlong says

An outstanding read of unparalleled value

Nabeel Qureshi writes from an uncommon perspective, as one who has been reborn from Islam to the Lord Jesus Christ. He skilfully documents history, verbal and written tradition, as well as persistently highlighting the supremacy of the Bible and the Lord Jesus Christ.

The author's narrative is compelling, and rare in its explanation of his long and turbulent transition. Not only so, he is also encouraging in his intellectually challenging investigation of truth. Nabeel masterfully uses everyday language to explain complex arguments with remarkable simplicity.

Few readers, if any, who read with genuine interest, will not be drawn into the compelling certainty of the truths presented.

I strongly recommend this read, particularly to all who would call themselves either Muslim or Christian.

Roger Feenstra says

This book points out many of the similarities and the stark differences in Islam vs. Christianity, and in particular Allah and Jesus.

Both Islam and Christianity are monotheistic, believing there is "no God but one" but they differ fundamentally on who that God is: Allah or Jesus. The author asks the questions, "Can we be confident that Christianity or Islam is true? Is the truth worth dying for?

In order to be a Muslim, the minimal requirement is to proclaim and believe the "Shahada" which states, "There is no God but Allah, and Muhammad is his messenger." According to Islam, the way to paradise is "sharia". Sharia is the teaching and the laws of the Quran. This is where Muslims and Christians part company. In Islam, sharia is the way, and in Christianity, Jesus is the way.

Islam diagnoses the world with ignorance and offers the remedy of sharia, a law to follow. Christianity diagnoses the world with brokenness and offers the remedy of God himself, a relationship that leads to a heart transformation.

While Islam states there is only one God, Christians believe there is one God who manifests himself in three persons or personalities. The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Consequently, there is only one God, but Jesus too is God and the Bible makes this clear; There is only one God (e.g., Rom. 3:30) The Father is God (e.g., John 6:27) Jesus is God (e.g., John 20:28; Rom. 9:5; 2 Peter 1:1) The Holy Spirit is God (e.g., Acts 5:3–5) These three are distinct persons (e.g., John 14:16–17).

The author goes on to state, 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 (5:72). For the Christian, belief in the lordship of Christ is necessary for salvation (Rom. 10:9). What wider divergence could there be?

In Islam, Muhammad is revered as a prophet, but was he? Qureshi proves via the Quran (and other traditions and writings of the Hadith) that he could not have been. Imagine a prophet of God like this:

Muhammad allowed for prostitution through the institution of temporary marriage;26 when fifty-two years old he consummated his marriage with his nine-year-old bride Aisha, who was still playing with dolls;27 Muhammad allowed his men to have sex with female captives and slaves, unconcerned if they became pregnant or were to be sold;28 Muhammad declared women to be mentally deficient compared to men;29 and Muhammad said women will be the majority of hell's inhabitants because they are ungrateful to their husbands.

Unlike Jesus and his life, there is almost nothing we can know with certainty about the historical Muhammad. Did he really even exist? Some say perhaps not. Yet, with Jesus, the evidence for his life, his death on the cross, and his resurrection is overwhelming.

The author, being a former Muslim, presents the case of Allah vs. Jesus clearly and provides much evidence to show the superiority of Jesus. It was enough evidence to compel him to turn to Jesus Christ for everlasting life. His conclusion did not come without cost.

He states, Leaving Islam can cost you everything: family, friends, job, everything you have ever known, and maybe even life itself. Is it really worth sacrificing everything for the truth? For Qureshi, it was.

Terry Barnes says

An excellent apologetic and comparison between Islam/Christianity. Well written. Good job, Nabeel.

Ruth says

Many thanks to Zondervan Academic and Netgalley for the Advanced Reader Copy!

For someone to write a book like this with such authority and empathy, he would need not just to have studied one side or the other with the idea of disproving it, but he would need to live and love on both sides, subjecting both to the same manner of sharp criticism and open-hearted generosity. Qureshi is just such a person, and he has the intellectual and theological chops (as well as the emotional fortitude) to tackle such a topic with competence and compassion. Throughout the read, I grew to appreciate Qureshi's even hand, fair-mindedness, and intellectual rigor. Although his knowledge of history and sacred texts is broad as well as deep, he's rendered the central concepts in a simple, achievable style. Recommended.

JonathanT says

THIS WAS QUITE IMPRESSIVE. I didn't enjoy it nearly as much as *Seeking Allah, Finding Jesus*, but it was still well worth the read. :D

So. Much. Research. Good gracious. XD The author has a knack for presenting the facts as objectively as possible in a winsome, almost exciting sort of way. Plus, I looooved how he represented both sides of the debate for each issue- taking a look at both the Muslim case and the Christian case.

The book was also super well organized!!! And when you've got a book with this much information in it, ORGANIZATION IS A MUST. The first half deals with the differences between Islam and Christianity, and the second half addresses the reliability of each religion. And each half is subdivided into questions ("Is Muhammad a prophet of God?" For example)- and each question has chapters presenting the information. All of it make this an easy to use resource!

Plus, the chapters aren't very long at all. Which is good, because it would be really easy to get overwhelmed by all the information here if it wasn't divided into bite-sized chunks.

I *will* mention that there's some things in here that probably are a little mature for younger readers. I think I'd recommend it to 16+. And I didn't agree with ALL the theology in this (pretty sure this guy's theology is a little off- don't quote me on that though haha) but there wasn't enough of it in here for it to be a consistent distraction.

All in all, this was definitely an informative, easy to use, and engaging read! If you've got Muslim friends then this is a must. :D

Jason says

No God but One: Allah or Jesus by Nabeel Qureshi is a wonderful, apologetic follow up to his personal story, Seeking Allah, Finding Jesus. In this work, Qureshi investigates and lays out the critical, apologetic differences between the faith he was raised in and the Christianity he has accepted.

This book is divided into two major sections that are accessible to the general public, whether Christian, Muslim or even a general skeptic. These deal with differences between Islam and Christianity and how the truthfulness of each's claims can be made. The initial section deals with Qureshi's investigation and debates with Muslim scholars about the meaning and practical application of sharia, how the doctrine of the Trinity really is a stark difference with the Islamic Allah, and the ways that Jesus and Muhammed taught, acted and advocated differently.

The final section, the truthfulness of each faith, is examined in turn. Jesus role as a divine mediator and the Koran's claim to be the final word of the prophet are examined.

Qureshi, a Canadian pastor who has studied at Duke, Biola and Oxford and who also has a MD, and who works with Ravi Zacharias Ministries is certainly qualified and able to examine this subject fairly, calmly, and with real kindness. His attempt to be irenic, yet have a warm approach among Muslim scholars he debates with is a model of engagement worth paying attention to. This volume is well recommended.

Lucas says

My thoughts on this book continually changed as I worked through it. Perhaps, I should have finished the book before I made judgments! My first thoughts were how basic and broad the book was, but that definitely changes. The first several sections of the book are probably not necessary to the final discourse on Islam and Christianity, the evaluation of each religion's "statement of faith," but they are very helpful.

Overall, though, it is that last section where Nabeel makes the book worth it. He plumbs the depths of each religion in a very fair and loving manner. He comprehensively dissects the shahada and Romans 10:9 as the basic claims of each religion. In this section he exhausts the possible interpretations and scours the evidence. He does a great job of citing sources and explaining what has little support versus what is heavily evidenced.

This book, while long, is an easy read and it is a worth the time. Nabeel approaches the subject with a loving apologetic - something that is so essential to an immensely personal debate. I would recommend this book to anyone given our current cultural setting.

Todd Miles says

More great work from Nabeel Qureshi. This is must reading for Christians to understand the critical differences between Christianity and Islam. It is must reading for Muslims seeking to same understanding.

The book is written by a former Muslim who knows what he is talking about and is very respectful and sympathetic. Pray for Nabeel and his battle with cancer.

Laila Kanon says

*Will reread and recommend to others.

Why did I read this book? Because I'm an ex-Muslim. I'm curious as to which paths do those who dare to leave Islam decided to go with post-Islam. Thus far, I am well aware the common routes: 1) Atheism; 2) Humanism; 3) Agnosticism; 4) Pantheism; 5) Christianity. While Judaism is an option, I'm yet to meet one or heard an ex-Muslim convert to Judaism.

The conclusion on this book resonate profoundly with me: "Leaving Islam can cost you everything: family, friends, job, everything you have ever known, and maybe even life itself. Is it really worth the sacrificing everything for the truth? The answer is simple: It depends on the value of the truth." (pg. 294) This is the fact that if you are not from this background it's very hard for you to appreciate the act of leaving and what's the cost you had to pay by so doing. In a way, the author through this book validate that experience.

This book is not an easy topic to address and bravo for writing this book. It's cleverly written and I could see the depth and length the author had labored his heart and soul into this book and what a blessing it has been for readers like me. So thank you so very much.

It's ironic that I learnt a heck of lot more about Islam since I left Islam like the history, the Quran, the Hadith and Muhammad from reading this book and others alike (from different angles and experiences - Infidel by Ayaan Hirsi Ali, Now The Call Me Infidel by Nonie Darwish.)

The valuable take away from this book for me is this: we ought to focus on Jesus Christ as God incarnation as Son of Man, his Crucifixion and his resurrection and the Bible while it is important is secondary to Jesus and not the other way around.

Kassandra Schobel says

Nabeel has done it again! I have been very interested in apologetics since before I became a Christian, to me, it was important to not have blind faith, to know that my beliefs were credible, had proven evidence. I originally became acquainted with Nabeel's work through Ravi Zacharias International Ministries, it was through his book Jesus Amongst Other Gods that Jesus worked on my heart and I left Wicca for Christianity. After reading Seeking Allah, Finding Jesus, I was left in love with Muslims, but also thankful that I knew Jesus. However, loving apologetics, I was left wanting to know the evidence behind why Nabeel left Islam for Christianity, now that I understood his heart. No God but One: Allah or Jesus, was the answer to these questions. Whether you are a Muslim or a Christian this book is theologically sound, there is a lot to be learned through Nabeel's journey. After reading this book I was even more in love with Jesus, and felt my faith was even stronger than it had been before. There is something about apologetics, about the evidence that just lights a fire for me. Knowing that my God was so thoughtful, so purposeful is amazing. Also, I left with a different understanding of Muslims, of Islam, of Christianity, of history that really pushed me to pursue being more intentional with my life, being more intentional with the people around me, truly

understanding love, and what it means to love others. I feel bolder to proclaim the truth as eternal lives really do hang in the balance. This book is not just a nice read, you cannot just read it, put it down and expect your life to stay the same, it really calls us to action. Personally and relationally you will be challenged in the best sort of way. I cannot recommend it enough. If you are on the fence, just buy it, if you ended up here on accident, please, just buy it, read it, you will not be disappointed.

Dane Cramer says

This book is a surprisingly comprehensive comparison of Islam and Christianity. Qureshi deals carefully and compassionately with seemingly every topic that a Muslim might be considering as he or she compares the two faiths.

Drawing from his own experience, Qureshi walks the reader through an objective investigation of both the Christian and Muslim faith. His goal is to use the same criteria to measure each faith's claims, so that the reader can make an informed decision on the reliability of these two faiths. If you consider yourself an objective, fair thinker, then you will benefit from reading this book. I learned many things about my faith that I had previously not known. This is a solid piece of work.

Aaron Bashore says

Best testimony/Out-of-Islam book in the world!

Rod says

Nabeel has done it again: He has taken us into the depths of Islam and shown us the truth of Christianity at the same time. And it's not always pretty.

I've read many great books on Islam: But this one simply beats them all. And I mean SIMPLY. Nabeel has the gift of clarity and focus. He doesn't give us 100's of issues between Islam and Christianity (like most books on the topic), he seems to focus on a few of the major claims at the core of each world religion: then he compares them scholarly.

His chapter on the historic truth of Muhammad should have every Muslim on the planet running crying into the desert. I even learned some new things during this comparison of Jesus Vs. Muhammad. We all know that historic Christian scholarship and the Bible easily shows that Jesus is God himself (yes, the Trinity in action), but when comparing Islam's prophet and founder: well... the honest historic scholarship is extremely rare. The Quran and the Hadiths are horrifically unreliable and inconsistent. If a muslim accepts any good that Muhammad may be tagged with - then they must accept the brutality and sexual abuse that are written along side it. OR: possibly claim that there is NO reliable accounts of Muhammad at all.

Strangely, outside of Islam there are basically no records of the founding of Islam, or its doctrine, or its locations, or even its language or prophet. Apparently this stuff all popped up many years after the founding of Islam. Unlike Jesus and Jerusalem and the Christian church - YES, which has many many writings and references just a few decades after Jesus' visit.

much more to say...

Rebekah Rodda says

So sad about Nabeel's death. This book of his is excellent. In riveting detail, he respectfully examines the evidence for both Christianity and Islam, contrasting them so they illuminate each other. You'll learn how different the Bible is from the Quran, Jesus from Muhammad, the Triune God from Allah. This book empowers you to more effectively share your faith. All I can say is read this!
