

# Je islám náboženstvím tmářství nebo osvobození?, Kevin Barrett – The Unz Review

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Čtenář Robert Tate mě požádal o odpověď na [jeho dlouhý komentář](#) . Nastolil několik zajímavých problémů.

**„Arabové kolonizovali Španělsko několik staletí a tolerance byla relativní. Záleželo na tom, která dynastie a vládce Almohadové přinutili domorodce konvertovat k islámu.“**

Krátká epizoda pronásledování Židů a křesťanů za Almohadů byla velmi neobvyklou výjimkou. Během naprosté většiny 700 let muslimské vlády v al-Andalus vládci dodržovali zákaz vynucených konverzí podle

Koránu. Islámský vědecký konsensus souhlasí s tím, že „žádné donucení v náboženství“ (al-Baqara 256) zakazuje nucené konverze. To platí nejen pro al-Andalus, ale všude jinde, kde vládli muslimové. Islamofobové si vybírají extrémně vzácné výjimky. Takové neoficiální argumenty jsou zjevně mylné a všichni učenci souhlasí s tím, že islám teoreticky zakazuje nucené konverze a v praxi provedl mnohem méně násilných konverzí než křesťanství.

**Vzpoury křesťanů jako v Toledu byly nemilosrdně potlačeny s tisíci sťatými hlavami.**

Všechny revolty proti vládcům obvykle končí strašlivou smrtí rebelů (nebo velmi zřídka vládců). To nemá nic společného s náboženstvím. V každém případě jsem nikdy neslyšel o incidentu, který popisujete, a nemohu ho snadno najít hledáním „tisíců rebelů sťatých ve španělském Toledu“. Můžete uvést zdroj?

**V muslimských zemích křesťané nikdy nemohou mít stejná práva, protože islám je považován za nejvyšší, což je jeden z hlavních důvodů konverzí v Bosně a Egyptě. Byl to způsob, jak platit nižší daně.**

Je pravda, že v islámské společnosti nemají křesťané a muslimové stejná práva a povinnosti. Je také pravda, že v sekulární společnosti nemohou mít věřící lidé nikdy „rovná práva“ (což znamená, že jejich názory určují společenská pravidla stejně jako názory sekularistů). Takže každá společnost má konsenzus a ti mimo konsenzus nikdy nemohou mít „rovná práva“.

Křesťanské a židovské menšiny však pod islámskou vládou obvykle prosperovaly, přestože mají odlišná práva a povinnosti než muslimové. Za islámské nadvlády mohou křesťanské komunity většinou stanovovat a prosazovat svá vlastní pravidla. Mohou například pít alkohol a jíst vepřové maso, i když Korán tyto produkty zakazuje a považuje je za ohavnosti. A křesťanům bude za islámské vlády jistě dovoleno zakázat praktiky, jako jsou potraty, sodomie, obscénnost, pornografie, ohýbání pohlaví, urážení Ježíše a tak dále. Křesťané a Židé jsou navíc

osvobození od islámské 2,5% zakátové daně z příjmu a majetku – obrovské daně. (Pokud by to bylo aplikováno na americké miliardáře dnes, jejich daně by se značně zvýšily.) Místo zakátu platí křesťané a židé daň džizja, která by teoreticky měla být víceméně ekvivalentní zakátu. V praxi to někdy bylo více, ze zjevných politických důvodů, ale také proto, že křesťanské a zejména židovské komunity byly v přepočtu na hlavu typicky bohatší než muslimové! Ale džizja byla často menší, než kolik platili stejní křesťané a židé pod křesťanskou vládou. Z toho důvodu mnoho Židů a křesťanů podporovalo islámské převzetí zkorumpovaných, pronásledujících a vysokých daní vybírajících křesťanských vlád, jako byli Byzantinci ze 7. století a Vizigóti ve Španělsku v 8. století. Muslimští vládcí přebírají vládu, snižují daně a chrání před sebou všechny hašteřící se sekty. Co se ti nelíbí?

**Nikdy jsem nebyl schopen zjistit, zda je islám náboženstvím tmářství nebo osvobození, jednou mi to budete muset vysvětlit.**

Rozhodně to není tmář, i když bohužel existuje spousta nominálních muslimů, kteří jsou tmáři. Pokud jde o osvobození, záleží, co tím myslíte.

Světské osvobození? Bez ohledu na to, jak dobré je v teorii (a islám je velmi dobrý), v praxi je náboženství jen tak dobré, jak dobré jsou jeho vyznavači. Stejně jako ne každá křesťanská společnost vždy obrátila druhou tvář a následovala svého proroka míru, stejně tak ne každá muslimská společnost žila podle islámských ideálů spravedlnosti. I když islám rozhodně upřednostňuje spravedlnost na Zemi a dokonce na ní trvá, jeho úspěchy byly relativní a dočasné.

Ale každé autentické zjevené náboženství je více o duchovním osvobození než o osvobození světském. Jak si Buddha všiml, osvobození od světské tyranie je triviální ve srovnání s osvobozením od utrpení a smrti. Zde je to, co jsem před chvílí napsal na Quora:

**Otázka: Jestliže „A mé milosrdenství zahrnuje všechny věci“. (Al-A`raf 7:156) Proč tedy trpí nevinní?**

Odpověď: Na tuto otázku existují dvě teologické odpovědi. Prvním je netradiční přístup procesní teologie. Podle procesní teologie je Bůh svrchovaně mocný (mocnější než cokoli, co není Bůh), ale není všemocný. Kdyby byl Bůh plně všemohoucí, říkají procesní teologové, nedovolil by utrpení nevinných, protože je absolutně Dobrý.

Druhá a tradičnější odpověď, kterou přijímám, protože je v souladu s Koránem a mou intuicí a zkušeností, je, že utrpení a jeho protiklady (extáze, vnitřní mír atd.) jsou součástí kontinua a že Bůh v jeho nekonečná milost naklonila hřiště od prvního k druhému. Stvoření je spravedlivé a milosrdné, ale kloní se k milosrdenství: „A mé milosrdenství zahrnuje všechny věci. (Al-A`raf 7:156) "Moje milosrdenství vítězí nad mým hněvem." "إن رحمتي سبقت غضبي" (Bukhari-Hadith Qudsi)

Ale jak může Boží milosrdenství obsáhnout i nevinné, kteří trpí? Protože nevidíme celou realitu. Stejně jako Ježíšovo utrpení a smrt byly nakonec iluzí, tak je i veškeré utrpení a smrt. Život v dunyi je poměrně triviální, „hra a rozptýlení“. „Každá duše okusí smrt. A zkusíme vás, ó lidstvo, dobrem a zlem jako zkoušku, pak Nám budete všichni vráceni. (Al-Anbya: 21:35)

Naše chuť smrti je zároveň zkouškou (jako vše ostatní v lidské zkušenosti) a nakonec i požehnáním. Opouštíme relativní triviality tohoto života pro seriózní záležitosti příštího světa. Ale pochop toto: Jak jsme se vypořádali s hrami a rozptýlením tohoto života, určuje, jak prožíváme věčnost v tom příštím! Jinými slovy, dunya (tento pozemský svět) BYL důležitý! Ale jak můžeme sladit důležitost dunyi s její triviálností? Odpověď: Důležité je rozpoznat triviálnost dunyi, dokud jste stále naživu. Buddhisté tomu říkají „nepřipoutanost“. Je naprosto klíčové, abyste si rozvinuli nepřipoutanost k dunyi, když jste v dunyi. To je to, kvůli čemu jste tady. To je jádro zkoušky, kterou vám Alláh dává. Pokud se můžeš pustit بِسُوءِ لِنَفْسٍ لَأَمَّارَةٌ (duše, která přikazuje zlo) a odevzdáš se لِطَمَئِنَّةٍ اسْلَاسِلْ (pokojná duše) a nakonec se vraťte k Bohu dobrou cestou, ne tou špatnou a zažijte zahradu ne oheň.

Nevinní, kteří trpí, jak se ukazuje, mohou v tomto světě zažít hrozná věci, ale také zažijí ohromnou dávku Božího milosrdenství, když přejdou do lepšího a trvalejšího příštího.

**Vždy rád poslouchám vaše pořady a čtu vaše články.**

Děkuji, vždy (dobře, někdy) rád zodpovím vaše otázky; –)

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Andrew Anglin



Muslimská poptávka po respektu platí na současném neliberálním Západě, který nemá smysl pro svobodu slova, individuální svědomí,...  
Jung-Freud



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1. Notsofastříká:

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hej Kevine, tvůj oblíbený hloupý unz komentátor zde. jako outsiderovi abrahamských náboženství se mi vždy zdálo, že všechna tato tři náboženství si nárokují stejného boha a všechna tvrdí, že jejich verze téhož boha je nejvyšší a ostatní verze jsou rouhavé nebo nesprávně interpretované.

století válčení a nevýslovných hrůz spáchaných ve jménu boha a údajně téhož boha. přemýšlel jsi někdy o tom, že by bůh Izraele byl sám ďáblem?

• **Odpovědi:** @Chris Moore

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2. Anon[175] • Zřeknutí se odpovědnosti říká:

@Pan. Barrette, vím, že to není podstata těchto stránek, ale vždy oceňuji váš západní islámský pohled.

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3. Vergissmeinnicht říká:

26. října 2023 v 23:54 GMT • před 1,3 dnem • 100 slov ↑

Jako vědecky smýšlející hardcore Darwinista říkám, že lidé nejsou „lepší“ nebo „nadřazení“ *např.* bakteriím, ani „horší“ nebo „méněcenní“ ...

Islám se zdá být spolehlivou „evoluční strategií“ pro lidi, kteří jsou inbrední (proto kolektivní a nepotističtí) a mají nižší než průměrné IQ. (Nedělám **hodnotové** soudy, hodnotím neutrálně.)

Mnoho současných bílých je *v podstatě* jako Egypťané a mohli by URČITĚ těžít z islámské „asabiyyah“ – BTW, není většina Albánců a Bosňanů muslimové?

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Were I the “Founding Father” of a country, I’d *personally* ERASE such persons from my territory via ethical and humane methods such as Eugenics and Population Transfer.<sup>1</sup>

1. BOTH programmes would be **non-compulsory**, obviously.

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4. Man Of East says:

October 27, 2023 at 1:47 am GMT • 1.2 days ago • 100 Words 

Kevin, may I ask, why Islam, and not Christianity? What do you see in it that Christianity fails to offer or Islam offers more of?

What do you believe is uniquely and quintessentially Islamic as a religion, theology, faith, and spiritual practice?

For Christianity, for instance, in the most simplest sense, I would say it is its idea of salvation by faith (as opposed to works), notion of grace, forgiveness, and belief in universal charity. I think its idea of the trinity is also interesting and unique among Abrahamic religions.

And what is the Islamic vision of the “afterlife?”

5. Opps says:

Islam: A religion where an omniscient god changes his mind repeatedly.

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6. Ayax says:

October 27, 2023 at 6:15 am GMT • 1.1 days ago • 100 Words ↑

In my view, religions are like Operating System (OS) for computers and other electronic devices where the latest OS is not only backward compatible but also the greatest that fixes all previous anomalies (i.e. Bugs).

So Islam is the latest devine revelation (i.e. latest OS from GOD ) for all of humanity. It is backward compatible to othe Abrahamic religions as it fixes a lot of misconceptions (bugs) in previous holy books.

• **Thanks:** Kali

• **Replies:** @Kevin Barrett, @Face The Truth

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7. Dumbo says:

October 27, 2023 at 6:16 am GMT • 1.1 days ago • 100 Words ↑

Neither.

It's an Abrahamic religion and an extension of early Arabic imperialism. Fine for those who chose it or were born into it, but annoying for those who are not. I don't want to hear mosque calls or see Arabic everywhere.

I'm familiar with Spain and Sicily. Despite the occasional nice architecture that the Muslims left, I'm rather glad those regions were reconquered (at least for the time being) by Christian rulers. Otherwise, today they would be more like Morocco or Algeria — nothing against those countries, which I never visited nor plan to, but I prefer Spain and Sicily.

Also — I am not sure if it's related to the centuries of Arab/Muslim occupation or not, but Andalucia and Sicily are respectively the poorest and more disorganized parts of each respective country.

• **Agree:** ivan

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8. Lucky Jackson says:

October 27, 2023 at 7:57 am GMT • 23.6 hours ago • 100

Words ↑

@Man Of East

Islamic afterlife, well from what I heard they got bunch of smoking hot, horny virgins and they got these three rivers, one of milk, one of honey and the third wine. I don't think they can drink wine on earth, but I guess it's cool to catch a buzz in heaven. After all the hassles those Jews been putting them through sounds like a kickass place to chill for eternity.

• **Replies:** @Man Of East

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9. ivan says:

October 27, 2023 at 8:21 am GMT • 23.2 hours ago • 200

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As far as I can recall, both the Jews and Muslims tagged-teamed to reduce the conditions of the Visigoths. The Christians took 700 years to throw off the Muslim yoke. Isabella then made damned sure that they stayed out by throwing out both the Muslims and their Jewish sidekicks. BenZion Netanyahu, Bibi's father carried the butthurt of the Jews over Iberia into Bibi's head and we see the results today in the Middle-East. Jews never having to say sorry for anything. What a single Christian artist such as Velasquez accomplished puts everything the Jews and Muslims did in the shade.

This book gives the lie to the al-Andalus of the memory of ben Laden and his ilk

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10. Jack McArthur says:

October 27, 2023 at 9:07 am GMT • 22.5 hours ago • 400

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For instance, they are free to drink alcohol and eat pork, even though the Qur'an bans those products and views them as abominations

This line illustrates what I take to be a main difference between Christianity, Islam and Judaism at an idealised level.

Christianity is centred on the indwelling God, the Holy Spirit, that informs and empowers the person in the good path. Despite it being widely regarded as being a religion of the book there is no declaration by Jesus in the gospels that such a written book is to be foundational, instead it is the promise of the Holy Spirit and a Church. Hence Roman Catholics declare, ironically in a book of instructions – the Catechism, that:

“The Christian faith, however, is not a ‘religion of the Book’. Christianity is the religion of the ‘Word’ of God, a word which is not a written and mute word, but the Word which is incarnate and living. If the Scriptures are not to remain a dead letter, Christ, the eternal Word of the living God, must through the Holy Spirit open our mind to understand the Scriptures.”

The liquor trade at shop level can be a virtual monopoly of apparently practising Muslims who have no scruples about selling to others what they believe to be an abomination.

The written word can be a firm anchor but people can be very industrious in seeking to circumvent and find loopholes. People who declare they are spirit led Christians can be approving of things which are an abominations to their ancestors and what their sacred texts say. Books, teaching authority and guiding spirit converge and inform a conscience

Maybe in this time and place the issue is finding “home” in the eternal sense. It is not uncommon for people who have had some kind of conversion experience to use such terminology and it is not just some emotional or psychological state, though it does indeed register at those levels of existence as well. It is not always clear the distinction between the purely human group affinity, ancestral spirit and divine spirit at work but feeling part of a community with shared values **and in good conscience** seems like “home” .

Acting against conscience is self condemnation but not everyone appears to have this faculty in working condition and this goes back to the spirit at work in a person.

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11. Kali says:

October 27, 2023 at 9:49 am GMT • 21.8 hours ago • 500

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Nice.

Whilst I abhor all centralised power structures, including religious ones, I have always recognised the truth of the essential teachings contained in most religions – beginning with christianity, because that was the religion I was born into.

Transcendence of earthly suffering (ie, “letting go”) is crucial to our healing, and to our spiritual journey, our return to the Divine.

In your previous essay, Kevin, you discussed the trauma of infant circumcision and its resultant impact on the jewish people, and by extension, its impact on the wider world.

My own personal experiences in life (beginning at 4 days old, when I was strapped into a steel frame for 6 weeks, and denied the touch/warmth of my mothers skin and continuing throughout my childhood, with one extreme trauma after another) have taught me the truth, that if we hold on to suffering, then suffering is amplified. But once we make the choice to let go of that suffering in order to heal ourselves and live a fulfilling life, then suffering itself is replaced by great love and compassion.

The “secret” (which is not a secret at all) is to realise that nothing in this life is personal! Even the collective punishment of our Palestinian brothers and sisters is not personal. God is Love, and Love lies at the heart of every soul willing to experience it. – That is, to let go of suffering.

One of the big problems with judaism, and its followers, is that it clings to its suffering (real or imagined) as a talisman of separateness/choseness. As long as this is the case the followers

of judaism (cultural and religious) can never heal, and will continue to inflict their wrath (“righteous anger” and vengeance) on whomever it may, and will continue to hinder Mankind on our journey back to God.

Some on this forum call for the extermination of “the jews” as a solution to the jewish problem, mostly out of fear, with a hint of “righteous anger” thrown in for good measure. I wholeheartedly disagree.

What our species needs more than anything right now is deep healing – to let go of suffering. This includes the followers of judaism, who simply need to hear the truth, that they are people like any other, that there is nothing special or unique about their perceived suffering, and that ALL are chosen by God to partake of this Divine Existence.

The great suffering endured by our Palestinian brothers and sisters (both muslim and christian) may prove to be the key to the healing of the jewish people of their inculcated cultural psychopathy once the violence is ended and Palestine is free.

May they heed the message of their prophets and help to guide mankind into a reverence for all life, all of God’s creation. And may all ideologies which cling to suffering and separation be erased from our minds and hearts.

Sending love to all,  
Kali.

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12. Kevin Barrett says:

@Ajax

Exactly. Islam is Monotheism 1.3.

• **Replies:** @Sollipsist

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13. Jack McArthur says:

October 27, 2023 at 2:07 pm GMT • 17.5 hours ago • 600

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Just to clarify, not in an apologetics sense, the point that Kevin made about suffering and Jesus with a look backwards to a more ancient time:

The gospels describe in explicit detail how Jesus suffered. They also describe Jesus telling his followers that they too will suffer because they are not of the world and the world will hate them because of it. The suffering of Jesus, which permeates the entire NT (no way can it be construed as a textual corruption), is linked to the prophecy of the Suffering Servant in the Book of Isaiah.

“See, my servant will act wisely;  
he will be raised and lifted up and highly exalted.  
Just as there were many who were appalled at him—  
his appearance was so disfigured beyond that of any human being  
and his form marred beyond human likeness—  
so he will sprinkle many nations...

He was despised and rejected by mankind,  
a man of suffering, and familiar with pain.  
Like one from whom people hide their faces  
he was despised, and we held him in low esteem.  
Surely he took up our pain  
and bore our suffering,  
yet we considered him punished by God,  
stricken by him, and afflicted.  
But he was pierced for our transgressions,  
he was crushed for our iniquities;  
the punishment that brought us peace was on him,  
and by his wounds we are healed...

he was led like a lamb to the slaughter,  
and as a sheep before its shearers is silent,  
so he did not open his mouth...

for the transgression of my people he was punished.

Yet it was the Lord’s will to crush him and cause him to suffer,  
and though the Lord makes his life an offering for sin...

my righteous servant will justify many,  
and he will bear their iniquities.

—Isaiah 52:13-53:12

<https://zondervanacademic.com/blog/suffering-servant-isaiah-53>

Christians are not taught in the NT to wallow in victimhood but to be “Rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation” (Rom 12:12), indeed to do good to their persecutors – this is radically different from Talmudic Jews today. As best I know it is the only one of the three Abrahamic religions which places a positive value on suffering through union with Jesus and what fruits come with that.

The Egyptologist Samuel Mercer at the beginning of the 20th century wrote that “There is no evidence that the [Ancient] Egyptians considered suffering in any sense desirable” which I believe is more like Islam. Yet it was the killing and resurrection of Osiris which opened up a well defined path to a happy afterlife following judgment. One of his epithets is “Lord of Love” but another is “Lord of Suffering” yet they did not wallow in the latter. Mercer summed them up:

But taking all things into consideration they were, as we shall have occasion to see, a pious and god-fearing people. They were not puritanical. Their religious philosophy was not of that type. Their conception of god would not tolerate it. But whether at their feasts, in their daily occupations, in their sports, or in their devotions to their dead and to their gods, they were not only serious and earnest, but also happy and gay, light-hearted and joyous. In spite of their devotion to the good things of this life, there was a good deal of the visionary about the Egyptians.

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14. Kevin Barrett says:

October 27, 2023 at 3:05 pm GMT • 16.5 hours ago • 200

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@Man Of East

Submission or ecstatic self-surrender (islam) to the oneness of God (tawhid) works for me. I experience it directly, not just intellectually, through the rituals of salaah prayer, fasting, and dhikr (meditation on the 99 names of God).

The only thing close to religious experiences I've had during church services came in African-American churches with great music, like the old Church of John Coltrane in San Francisco. "Allah Supreme, Allah Supreme!" But white church services, whether fundamentalist Protestant or Unitarian (both with bad music) or Catholic (where they eat the flesh and drink the blood) never really connected with me. Praying in congregation in the mosque is so much better and cleaner and more intense.

So Islam appeals to me both intellectually, in its reasonable interpretations and corrections of Christianity and Judaism, and in its efficacious rituals.

But I have much respect and affection for various Christianities including those of Dostoevsky and Tolstoy, my former Amish and Mennonite neighbors, the peacenik Quakers and especially Marshall Hodgson, my truth jihadi trad-Catholic friends like E. Michael Jones and Peter Simpson and Thaddeus Kozinsky, the Process people starting with John Cobb and David Ray Griffin, my Unitarian ancestors <https://crescent.icit-digital.org/articles/enlightenment-unitarianism> and many more.

15. Liborio Guaso says:

October 27, 2023 at 4:20 pm GMT • 15.3 hours ago • 100

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The Arabs colonized Spain in response to the crimes of the Christian Crusades and in reality they are very far from the criminal record of the European Christians which reached its maximum starting in 1492 when the Arabs were expelled from Spain.

Starting in 1492, Christians began the Genocide of Indigenous and African People, the greatest crime in Christianity, estimated at more than a billion human beings murdered to rob them.

And it is a historical fact that the massacres were carried out “with the sword and by the cross” and that even the Christian Churches collected a tithe of the loot generated by these crimes.

That is why you must think very carefully about where the true obscurantism is.

16. [LaraCraft339](#) says:

October 27, 2023 at 4:22 pm GMT • 15.2 hours ago • 100

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Mr. Barrett,

So there is no separation between church and state in Islam? Is this correct? Islam is political?

Most of the early republicans during the earlier years (tea party, Ron Paul movement, even other Republicans more mainstream) were for less government not more and most of them were Christians. We recognized the separation between church and state and we could no longer teach Christian faith in schools. I notice the left readily burns a Bible but would they burn a Kuran with the same zeal? Would the Southern Poverty Law Center ever go after someone for trying to burn their faith if the subject is Christianity? Would you say that minimalist government religions are incompatible with a political religion? Would you say that maybe the minimalists would get walked on by the political big government types?

Just asking?

• **Replies:** [@Kevin Barrett](#)

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17. [Sollipsist](#) says:

[@Kevin Barrett](#)

Despite numerous bugs in the code, the devs seem to have stopped updating the software several centuries ago, aside from various forks still in beta.

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18. Sollipsist says:

October 27, 2023 at 4:31 pm GMT • 15.1 hours ago • 100

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If Frank Herbert (et al) was right, some version of Islam will become the dominant theology in the future. It makes perfect sense, looking at its core tenets and historical growth.

I'm not necessarily in favor of it, any more than I'm in favor of most other likely future developments, but it will provide a nice counterbalance to some of the other trends. Herbert's narrative predicted a win against AI, for one thing, and a return to more local and isolated governance (of a sort).

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19. LaraCraft339 says:

Couple more question was Saddam Hussein, Sunni or Bathist?

Would you consider that Islams move is akin to colonialism?

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20. GibraltarRock says:

@Liborio Guaso

The Arabs colonized Spain in the eighth century. The first crusade wasn't until 1099. Crusades, if anything, were the response to jihad, not the other way around.

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21. RadicalCenter says:

October 27, 2023 at 6:54 pm GMT • 12.7 hours ago • 200

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@Man Of East

In addition to kevin's response in #14, I'll add that while I'm not a Muslim, Islam at least does not suffer from the incoherent defining doctrine of "the trinity."

Nor does Islam endorse the vicious cruel pagan notion that human sacrifice is needed to appease God or be forgiven one's sins ("the crucifixion" and "jesus died for our sins").

Nor does Islam teach that innocent babies and toddlers are morally guilty due to the asinine notion of "original sin."

Nor does Islam teach, as the "old testament" does, that God wants the Jews or anyone else to intentionally murder babies, toddlers and children.

Nor does Islam teach, as the OT does, that people should be made to suffer torment and die because of things their ancestors did before they were even alive.

So Islam doesn't require you to believe, or pretend believe, quite as many absurd or needlessly cruel things as christianity.

22. Face The Truth says:

@Ajax

What divine revelation?

When you “TALK” to someone fictitious in your head, that is one kind of symptoms you have like the Muslim-convert Dr. Kevin Barrett does.

BUT WHEN your fictitious one and only “ALMIGHTY” G-d “TALKS” to you, that is mental illness (e.g., Psychiatric disorder of hearing voices).

Furthermore, Islamic al-Quran is full of forgeries.

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23. TG says:

October 27, 2023 at 7:14 pm GMT • 12.4 hours ago • 300

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One is reminded that there is the formal religion, and then there is the entire culture around it. These things might not be the same.

“The Devil can Quote Scripture” and all that. I mean, Torquemada and Sister Teresa were both Christians, yes?

To me the issue is not Islam as some scholar who only refers to the Koran would have it, but modern Wahhabist culture, which is vile. These people breed like rodents, they treat their women like slaves and their children like livestock, they foul their own nest and create hotbeds of extreme poverty and misery and violence. They deny young men the outlet of having a beer, chasing women, or listening to music, but only push to turn this bottled frustration out at the world. They hate Christians, atheists, Hindus, other sects of Islam, homosexuals (except sometimes not pederasts, I don't know why), Jews (some might say a silver lining, but you would never catch me saying that)... Indeed, forcing a muslim to live in their own society is widely seen as a violation of basic human rights. By their fruits shall ye know them.

Islam is a religion of peace and all who say differently must be killed. Muslims also don't have much of a sense of irony, IMHO.

And yet: Islam has one feature that is not widely recognized: by insisting that people read the Koran in the original Arabic, and worship together in person, they are to a great extent immune to the propaganda and misdirection and social corruption that so many other modern internet-connected cultures are prey to. Perhaps when the rest of the world has fallen into hopeless corruption, Islam for all its faults will be the last culture standing after all.

• **Agree:** [Legba](#)

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24. [Myview](#) says:

[October 27, 2023 at 7:27 pm GMT • 12.1 hours ago](#) • 100

Words [↑](#).

[@Kevin Barrett](#)

The Koran is a derivative of the Babylonian Talmud and both books explicitly express hate for the Bible. When the Muslims refer to Jews as people of the Book, they are referring to the Talmud.

The Jews killed Christians but failed to suppress the popularity of Christianity. The Jewish Vatican then created the Koran to kill Arab Christians. The Koran is wrong every time it made a physics declaration, such as the sun sets in a pond, etc. That's why there is no Koranic or Talmudic study on TV or the Internet. Notice how Muslim women dress like Catholic nuns.

Under the Koran and Talmud, women and infidels are second-class citizens.

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25. blaqua says:

October 27, 2023 at 7:29 pm GMT • 12.1 hours ago • 200

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Of obscurantism, backwardness and Violence, from the very first day of its inception until present.

<https://thereligionofpeace.com/attacks/attacks.aspx?Yr=Last30>

Hurting others in the name of Allah is encouraged by the so-called 'Prophet'.

Quran (8:12)"I will cast terror into the hearts of those who disbelieve. Strike off their heads and strike off every fingertip of them" (8:67) "It is not for a Prophet that he should have prisoners of war until he had made a great slaughter in the land"

Quran (9:14)"Fight against them so that Allah will punish them by your hands and disgrace them." (9:73)"O Prophet! strive hard against unbelievers and hypocrites, be harsh against them, their abode is hell, and evil is the destination."

Quran (9:123) "O you who believe! fight those of the unbelievers who are near to you and let them find in you hardness." (48:29) "Muhammad is the messenger of Allah. And those with him are severe against the disbelievers and merciful among themselves"

• **Replies:** @Face The Truth

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26. Face The Truth says:

@blaqu

You will notice that, Muslim-converts like Dr. Kevin Barrett do not go to live in Pakistan, Somalia or Nigeria to tell the violent Muslims (i.e., Islamic Jihadists) to stop cutting off limbs of Christians or to stop abducting Christian girls for forced marriage and conversion to Islam or to teach the violent Muslims (i.e., Islamic Jihadists) how beautiful and peaceful original Islamic doctrines are.

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<https://www.islam-watch.org/>

• **Replies:** @blaqu

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27. Kevin Barrett says:

October 27, 2023 at 8:26 pm GMT • 11.2 hours ago • 100

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@LaraCraft339

How are church and state separate in Christian countries? The Church of England is the state church. Not much separation there!

So what does this “separation” really mean? It means that in Christianity there are often two different bureaucracies, a state bureaucracy and a church bureaucracy. In traditional Islam there is neither. In other words, there is no imaginary entity called a “state” (when crimes are prosecuted it’s always victim vs. criminal, because there is no such thing as a state prosecutor because there is no state), and there is no imaginary entity called a “church” (with bishops and prelates and priests and popes etc. etc.) Religious authority is not institutionalized and bureaucratic. Instead it is informal, like scholarly authority is supposed to be in today’s academy.

If you want a longer explanation become a paid subscriber to <http://www.KevinBarrett.substack.com> and ask me there!

• **Replies:** @Catdompanj

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28. [blaqu](#) says:

October 27, 2023 at 8:46 pm GMT • 10.8 hours ago • 100

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[@Face The Truth](#)

The same could be said about feminazis in western countries who rally for more and more rights abusing freedom of speech, foster islamization and white misandry, and yet they don't dare live in Islamic lands and stay silent when Muslim migrants hurt or kill women or members of the lgbt community.

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29. Jack McArthur says:

October 27, 2023 at 9:09 pm GMT • 10.4 hours ago • 300

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@RadicalCenter

I think the biggest one has been left out.

Islam like Christianity and Talmudic Judaism (which teaches that Jesus is in hell) all believe in eternal punishment for a finite crime for man created imperfect and weak.

“not only did Jesus not rise from the dead, he is punished in hell forever” (Jesus In the Talmud, Schafer, p. 32, Princeton University Press)

<https://islamqa.info/en/answers/45804/the-people-of-hell-will-abide-therein-forever>

The covenant given to the Hebrews in the OT has no promise of eternal life and hence no hell : “In the Bible the doctrine of reward and punishment – individual, national, and universal – **is of this world.**”

<https://www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org/reward-and-punishment>

When divine judgement first appears in history in Ancient Egypt the righteous are described as inheriting eternal life but the rest are first punished for their sins and then annihilated. As the scholar who authored a standard work on divine judgment wrote “Eternal torment is not suggested”. If I can add that this would have been so because it would have been manifestly unjust to attribute evil to the Creator.

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Osiris#Judgement>

<https://www.independent.co.uk/voices/letter-hell-in-the-ancient-world-1470076.html>

The issue of trinity and unity in plurality posed no great issues in Roman Egypt as they had texts, non-dogmatic, describing gods as forms of Re. Coincidentally there was also a belief that “all gods are three” but that can be understood in different ways.

Furthermore divine transcendence and immanence was taken for granted. There was no book of rules to say that it should be an issue for people to parrot. The NT declares “God is Love” and that implies relationship.

All three Abrahmic religions have a powerful spirit at work in them but they are not reconcilable theologically save perhaps the OT and NT through the latter having numerous back references to prophecies in the former. In my opinion it is more like different forms of the Creator and is a product of differentiation (in which we have existence) descended from the mystery of an original singularity.

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30. Man Of East says:

October 27, 2023 at 9:16 pm GMT • 10.3 hours ago • 100

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@Kevin Barrett

Submission or ecstatic self-surrender (islam) to the oneness of God (tawhid) works for me. I experience it directly, not just intellectually, through the rituals of salaah prayer, fasting, and dhikr (meditation on the 99 names of God).

Thanks, Kevin. I can see how that may be. Solemnity, ritual and codified prayers (like mantra) can help one achieve deeper states of spiritual experience. I think Catholicism and Eastern Orthodox may have something like that, but Protestantism has more or less lost it, and instead regressed into superficial “evangelicalism” and lots of singing. (Which is okay, but it’s more emotional rather than spiritual)

I’m not familiar with Islamic theology, but it seems Islam may provide a firmer religious “structure” that helps aspirants on their spiritual journey and it is something that mainline Christianity generally lacks.

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31. Man Of East says:

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@RadicalCenter

I'm not Christian, but I think the "trinity" is pretty clever and has deep meaning, although my interpretation (coming from a more Buddhistic perspective) is probably unorthodox and even heretical.

In short, the triune notion of God symbolizes the unity of God, spirit and the everyday world of duality. God (the ultimate force of cause and creation) is personified in "God the Father", the "spirit" (God's creative energy that transforms his will into creation) is "God the Spirit", and the everyday dual world of flesh and things is personified in "God the Son", ie, Jesus Christ.

The God is a trinity because EVERYTHING is subsumed in God, is God, and part of God, including things that are seen and not seen.

The death of Christ ("human sacrifice") teaches that only when we "die to ourselves" (our ego) can one realize one's "true nature", which is that one is the "Son of God" and "pure and perfect", ie, without sin.

The doctrine of "original sin" is merely Christianity's way of explaining why there is "evil" in the world. But when one dies to one's ego (human sacrifice) and attachment to flesh/world, one comes to realize that one is the "Son of God."

Unfortunately, I'm not aware of any Christian doctrine that teaches the trinity in this way or any denominations that teach it this way. I think it would be useful if they did. Of course, then it would open the idea to the notion that "we are God", and that would be heretical.

• **Replies:** @ivan

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32. Man Of East says:

@Lucky Jackson

Islamic afterlife, well from what I heard they got bunch of smoking hot, horny virgins and they got these three rivers, one of milk, one of honey and the third wine.

I'd be surprised if that were really so. Too superficial.

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33. LaraCraft339 says:

October 27, 2023 at 10:29 pm GMT • 9.1 hours ago • 100

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@Man Of East

Wow, what an intriguing comment. Learning the 99 names of God is similar to Egyptian mythology that you must know the names of the Gods to pass. But who would believe in Egyptian mythology? That's like believing in Zues or Odin. No one would believe something so silly. Besides there are only 12 constellations in the calendar. One sun, one moon 99 or 70 good grief who could remember all that for Anubis?

If only I weren't so poor I just might have joined a substack. Already, a widow below poverty, and 70 dollars just for internet.

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34. October 27, 2023 at 11:23 pm GMT • 8.2 hours ago • 100

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@Notsofast

| have you ever given any thought to the god of israel being the devil himself?

Jesus Christ did. He said of the Jews, “Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.”

Liars and murderers “from the beginning,” meaning Genesis, and their 6k year old earth claims?

Only since the “Jewish Century” has formerly antisemitic Christendom been widely reinterpreted by Zionists as the “younger brother” religion of Judaism.

Orwell warned us exactly what was going on in *1984* with, you guessed it, Big Brother.

• **Replies:** @LaraCraft339

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35. LaraCraft339 says:

October 28, 2023 at 12:02 am GMT • 7.6 hours ago • 200

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@Chris Moore

I love the movie the Lord of the Rings. I had read the Hobbit and some of the other books when I was about 15. But the movie brought out a lot. A time of elves, hobbits, Men and gold and rings and ancient things. There was a time of Futhorcs and Futharcs, or Orcs and Arcs. There were plenty of great battles. There is some truth in things you read and think are pure fantasy. Family infighting and deception are very real going back biblical and before. Where in the bible Adam and Eve are thrown out of the garden and no longer have access to the tree of life because they have been enticed by the tree of wisdom, and age. Where there kin and the kin of the other will live in enmity forever.

There were two creations in Genesis of that religion, one was older and one was newer.

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36. LaraCraft339 says:

This age is the illusion.

God only wiped out one creation in the flood not the other. or so he thought

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37. [ivan](#) says:

October 28, 2023 at 12:52 am GMT • 6.7 hours ago • 100

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[@Man Of East](#)

If one accepts the doctrine of Trinity, one can see it reflected in the structures of the world. For example in the tricameral nature of say the ruling power of the Western institutions. In the US its the Congress, the Presidency and the Judiciary. When these are held in balance it indicates that all is well.

But any one of them, can in times of trouble run the country. The analogy is of course not exact, but the “Potter’s mark” is all over His Creation.

The Muslims though cannot fathom this doctrine and thus their ideal form of government is under a Caliph or a Sultan a unitary source of power. It is quite noticeable that if one minds one’s own business it is in the countries under Sultans that the religious minorities thrive.

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38. [Catdompanj](#) says:

[@Liborio Guaso](#)

Muslims took over Spain 3 centuries before the first Crusade liar.

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39. [Catdompanj](#) says:

[@Kevin Barrett](#)

Možná jste opravdu Žid? Šekelů Šekelů Šekelů.

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