

Who Believes This??????

Below are several Jewish, Christian and/or Islamic belief statements based on their respective Holy Book and tradition. Following each belief statement, please indicate which faith holds that belief to be true. Each statement may be a belief of more than one faith.

A = This is a belief of Judiasim **B** = This is a belief of Christians **C** = This is a belief of Islam
D = This is a belief of All three faiths **E** = None of the above (none of these faiths believe this statement)

Example: There is only One God (monotheism) Answer: D

Q2:163 "Your God is God Alone; there is no deity except him"/ 1st commandment

Belief Statements

1. God is the Creator and Designer of the world. **D**

Q20:1 refers to God as "The One who created the earth and the highest heavens".

2. God created the first humans (Adam and Eve) and placed them as caretakers of God's creation, a special garden which would provide for all their needs. **D**

Q2:36 "God said: "Adam, settle down in the Garden, both you and your wife, and eat freely from it anywhere either of you may wish. Yet do not approach this tree lest you become wrongdoers"

3. Prayer is an important part of life. **D**

Q2:43-44 Children of Israael...Keep up prayer and worship along with those who bow their heads. Seek help through patience and prayer, since it is exacting except for the submissive who assume they will meet their Lord, and that they will return to Him."

4. God sent a flood to wash away the evil people of Earth, saving only Noah and his family **D**

Q21:76 "When Noah had cried out previously, We responded to him, and saved him and his family from serious distress. We delivered him from a folk who had rejected Gods signs. They had been such evil folk that God drowned them all. (drown world = flood)

5. Believe that Abraham and his decedents (Israelites) were chosen by God as His people. **D**

Q2:122 "O children of Israel, remember my favor which I bestowed on you and how I preferred you over everyone in the Universe" (Israel is another name for Abraham).

6. Consider the following to be prophets from God (those who God sent to bring his word to Man to correct mankind when they had gone astray): Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Noah, Moses, David and Solomon. **D**

Q6:85-87 list the following prophets who had received the one true religion: Abraham, Issac, Jacob, Noah, david, Solomon, Job, Joseph, Moses, Aaron, Zachariah, John the Baptist, Jesus, Ishmael, Elisha, Johan.

7. God gave Moses “the book” or law to guide His people. People need to still follow this guide (the Torah) as it is the Truth of God. **D**

Q5:44 “God sent down the Torah containing guidance and Light.

Q2:87 “God gave Moses the Book and followed him up with messengers later on.”

Q2:54 “God gave Moses the Book and the Standard so that you might be guided”

8. The Israelites, after fleeing Egypt and slavery, disobeyed God while Moses was gone and created a golden calf that they worshiped. For this sin, God punished the Israelites. **D**

Q2:50 “God divided the sea for you and saved you, while God drowned Pharaohs household as you were looking on. When God appointed forty nights for Moses, you took the Calf after he had left, and you became wrongdoers”

9. The Gospel or New Testament, was give by God as a guide for mankind. These books reveal God’s Truth and clarified the previous book of God, the Torah. **B,C**

Q2:87 “We gave Jesus the son of Mary evidence and assisted him with the Holy Spirit.”

Q5:47 “God had Jesus, the son of Mary, follow in their (prophets) footsteps, in order to confirm what had come before him from the Torah and God gave him the Gospel which contains guidance and light, to confirm what he already had in the Old Testament.

10. God sent a messenger to Zachariah to tell him that, because of his faith, God would give Zachariah a son, John, who would be a prophet of God. As a sign of this blessing Zachariah was struck mute. **B,C**

Q19:2-12 After calling out to the Lord for an heir a messenger of the Lord came to Zachariah and stated, “Zachariah, we bring you news about a boy whose name will be John. He will hold firmly to the Book. Zachariah asked for a sign and was told “Your sign will be that you will not speak to any people for three nights in a row.

Q3:39 The angels told Zachariah while in prayer “God gives you news of John, who will confirm word from God, masterful yet circumspect, and a prophet chosen from among honorable people”

11. God created Mary special from birth to be the virgin mother of Christ. **B,C**

Q3:35-37 “Thus a women from the house of Imran said “my Lord, I have freely consecrated whatever is in my womb to you. When she gave birth, she said: “My Lord, I have given birth to a daughter. I have named her Mary, and ask you to protect her and her offspring from Satan”. Her Lord accepted her and caused her to grow like a lovely plant.”

Q3:42 So the angels said: “Mary, God has selected you and purified you. He has selected you over all the women in the Universe”. Mary, God announces word to you about someone whose name will be Christ Jesus, the son of mary, who is well regarded in this world and the hereafter, and one of those God will draw near. Mary said, “My Lord, how can I have a child while no human being has ever touched me”. He Said “God creates anything he wishes.

12. Jesus was sent by God as a servant to witness to the Children of Israel and bring them back to God and the right path. **B,C**

Q19:20 In telling Mary about Jesus the angel said, “The Lord has said we will grant him as a sign for mankind and a mercy from God himself. It is a matter that has been decided”.

Q3:49 God will teach him (Jesus) the Book and wisdom, plus the Torah and the Gospel as a messenger to the Children of Israel”

13. Jesus ascended into heaven with God. **B,C**

Q4:157-158 In talking about the claim of the Jews that they killed Jesus the Quran states “The neither killed nor crucified him (jesus), even though it seemed so to them...Rather God lifted him up towards Himself.

14. The Torah (Old Testament) and Gospels (New Testament) are revealed truths and the Qur’an was sent to Muhammad to confirm those earlier books and to clarify mistaken interpretations of those Truths. **C**

Q5:48 We have sent you down the Book with the Truth (Quran), to confirm what was already there from the previous book and to safeguard it.

Q10:37 “This Quran is not such as can be produced by other than Allah; on the contrary it is a confirmation of revelations that went before it and a fuller explanation of the Book”

I hope you have enjoyed this short endeavor into a comparison of Jewish, Christian and Islamic beliefs. The point of this exercise was to demonstrate there are some similarities between all three faiths, and that Muslims do believe some of the same foundationally stories and messages as Christians and Jews. There are still many very important differences between the three faiths, but too often those are what people focus on, instead of where we share beliefs and use those as a starting point for conversation and peace.