

The Religion of Christ:

There are many religions in the world. There are the oriental religions such as Buddhism, Hinduism, Shintoism and Confucianism. The scriptures say cf:

1Co 10:19 What say I then? that the idol is any thing, or that which is offered in sacrifice to idols is any thing? 1Co 10:20 But / say, that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to devils, and not to God: and I would not that ye should have fellowship with devils.

There is the religion of Mohammedanism who claims that Mohammed is God's prophet spoken of by Moses. The confession of all Moslems is: There is no God but God and Mohammed is His Prophet.

But Moses in the scriptures says:

Deut. 18:15-22 The LORD thy God will raise up unto thee a Prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, like unto me; unto him ye shall hearken; Deu 18:16 According to all that thou desiredst of the LORD thy God in Horeb in the day of the assembly, saying, Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God, neither let me see this great fire any more, that I die not. Deu 18:17 And the LORD said unto me, They have well *spoken that* which they have spoken. Deu 18:18 I will raise them up a Prophet from among their brethren, like unto thee, and will put my words in his mouth; and he shall speak unto them all that I shall command him. Deu 18:19 And it shall come to pass, *that* whosoever will not hearken unto my words which he shall speak in my name, I will require *it* of him. Deu 18:20 But the prophet, which shall presume to speak a word in my name, which I have not commanded him to speak, or that shall speak in the name of other gods, even that prophet shall die. Deu 18:21 And if thou say in thine heart, How shall we know the word which the LORD hath not spoken? Deu 18:22 When a prophet speaketh in the

name of the LORD, if the thing follow not, nor come to pass, that *is* the thing which the LORD hath not spoken, *but* the prophet hath spoken it presumptuously: thou shalt not be afraid of him.

Peter quotes those verses and says that the prophet spoken of by Moses in Deuteronomy is Christ Jesus cf:

Acts 3:18 But those things, which God before had shewed by the mouth of all his prophets, that Christ should suffer, he hath so fulfilled. Act 3:19 Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord; Act 3:20 And he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you: Act 3:21 Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began. Act 3:22 For Moses truly said unto the fathers, A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him shall ye hear in all things whatsoever he shall say unto you. Act 3:23 And it shall come to pass, *that* every soul, which will not hear that prophet, shall be destroyed from among the people.

Therefore if you believe the bible as Moslems claim to do Mohammed is a false prophet. So, you are going to have to make up your mind who you believe ... Mohammed or the Apostle Peter and Jesus Christ?

Christianity Revealed Religion

Hebrews 1:1-2 God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, Heb 1:2 Hath in these last days spoken unto us by *his* Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds;

Only Divine Religion & therefore only True Religion

John 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

Matt 16:13-18 When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I the Son of man am? **Mat 16:14** And they said, Some *say that thou art* John the Baptist: some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets. **Mat 16:15** He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am? **Mat 16:16** And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. **Mat 16:17** And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed *it* unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven. **Mat 16:18** And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. **Mat 16:19** And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

Rom 16:16 Salute one another with an holy kiss. The churches of Christ salute you.

Christianity is a Universal Religion for all races of people:

Matt 28:18-20 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. **Mat 28:19** Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: **Mat 28:20** Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, *even* unto the end of the world. Amen.

Mk 16:15-16 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. **Mar 16:16** He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

Paul told men to turn from Idolatrous Worship @ Lystra

Acts 14:6-17 They were ware of *it*, and fled unto Lystra and Derbe, cities of Lycaonia, and unto the region that lieth round about: **Act 14:7** And there they preached the gospel. **Act 14:8** And there sat a certain man at Lystra, impotent in his feet, being a cripple from his mother's womb, who never had walked: **Act 14:9** The same heard Paul speak: who stedfastly beholding him, and perceiving that he had faith to be healed, **Act 14:10** Said with a loud voice, Stand upright on thy feet. And he leaped and walked. **Act 14:11** And when the people saw what Paul had done, they lifted up their voices, saying in the speech of Lycaonia, The gods are come down to us in the likeness of men. **Act 14:12** And they called Barnabas, Jupiter; and Paul, Mercurius, because he was the chief speaker. **Act 14:13** Then the priest of Jupiter, which was before their city, brought oxen and garlands unto the gates, and would have done sacrifice with the people. **Act 14:14** *Which* when the apostles, Barnabas and Paul, heard *of*, they rent their clothes, and ran in among the people, crying out, **Act 14:15** And saying, Sirs, why do ye these things? We also are men of like passions with you, and preach unto you that ye should turn from these vanities unto the living God, which made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all things that are therein: **Act 14:16** Who in times past suffered all nations to walk in their own ways. **Act 14:17** Nevertheless he left not himself without witness, in that he did good, and gave us rain from heaven, and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness.

The Thessalonians were commended that they turned from idols.

I Thessalonians 1:9 For they themselves shew of us what manner of entering in we had unto you, and how ye turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God;

Christianity is a Spiritual Religion that demands you be born again cf:

John 3:3-5 Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. **John 3:4** Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a

man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? John 3:5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

Christianity requires that you walk in Newness of Life

Romans 6:3 Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? Rom 6:4 Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

Christianity demands present your bodies as living sacrifices

Rom 12:1-2 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, *which is* your reasonable service. Rom 12:2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what *is* that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

Christian Worship must be in Spirit & Truth

John 4:23-24 But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. John 4:24 God *is* a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship *him* in spirit and in truth

Christianity is a Saving Religion

Lk 19:10 For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.

I Tim 1:15 This *is* a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief.

Christ did not come to bring social reform, or a New Age movement. Christianity is a Authoritative Religion We cannot make up our own religion, we must submit to Christ.

Christianity is a Complete Religion

II Pet 1:2-10 Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord, 2Pe 1:3 According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that *pertain* unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: 2Pe 1:4 Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. 2Pe 1:5 And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; 2Pe 1:6 And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; 2Pe 1:7 And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. 2Pe 1:8 For if these things be in you, and abound, they make *you that ye shall* neither *be* barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. 2Pe 1:9 But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins. 2Pe 1:10 Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall:

The world Religions invented by men borrows ideas, doctrines, ordinances and practices from one another.

This shows they are human, unauthoritative and imperfect.

Christianity is the Final Religion

Jude 3 Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort *you* that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.

The O.T. was temporary. Its lawgivers, priesthood, covenant, sacrifices, tabernacle & temple looked forward to the New Covenant

Heb 8:7-13 For if that first *covenant* had been faultless, then should no place have been sought for the second. **Heb 8:8** For finding fault with them, he saith, Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah: **Heb 8:9** Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; because they continued not in my covenant, and I regarded them not, saith the Lord. **Heb 8:10** For this *is* the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people: **Heb 8:11** And they shall not teach every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for all shall know me, from the least to the greatest. **Heb 8:12** For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more. **Heb 8:13** In that he saith, A new *covenant*, he hath made the first old. Now that which decayeth and waxeth old *is* ready to vanish away.