Islam as a Heresy: Christendom's Ideological View of Islam

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Abstract

The heresies discussed in the book by Jeffrey Burton Russell, Dissent and Order in the Middle Ages cover a variety of types. When heresies appeared across Europe, they were swiftly and often harshly dealt with. Witness the Cathars and the Albigensian Crusade concluding with the massacre of the Cathars at Montsegur in 1244. However, Islam presents a challenge to the student of Christian heresies, for it does not fit neatly into the same category as the Cathars.1

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Anyway, Islam was not a heresy of Christianity. Jews were the first Christians, but Christians were not the first Muslims. Muslim theology does not stem from Christianity in any way; it is its own religion with its own origins. Islam taught Arabs that they had received the final prophet (with a universal lineage) from the god of Abraham (who was wrongly included in the pagan Arab pantheon as Allah). So that excludes Persian spiritual lineage, and makes colleagues out of Christian and Jews. 1.8k Views · View 3 Upvoters. Basically, Christianity would view Islam as a separate religion, like Judaism is viewed as a separate religion. 220 Views. Related Questions More Answers Below. Do Christians see Islam as a heresy? Is Marxism a Christian heresy? Back in the early Middle Ages, when Islam was first born, there were some prominent Christians who considered Islam a heresy; John of Damascus denounced Islam as the “heresy of the Ishmaelites,” even while living under Muslim rule. But by the time of the Song of Roland in the 11th century, Christians had come to popularly believe that the Muslims were polytheists, not an offshoot of Christianity. Most Christians today know better than that, but I haven’t seen any return to the idea of Islam being a heresy. 171 Views · View Upvoters. Related Questions. Christianity views Islam as a Judeo-Christian heresy. For those worshipers of Islam, both Judaism and Christianity are corrupted religions who unwittingly hold fragments of the truth, but which yet disseminate lies against Allah and all justice. Islam was Allah's gift of truth to man after so much corruption and to Allah all peoples must submit through Islam. 2 Under this umbrella of Islam, the religion per Torah revelation to Moses is called Judaism; per revelation of the Bible to Jesus is called Christianity; and per Quran revelation to Muhammad is called the same name Islam as it was the last religion from God. 3. Islam per God's Quran revelation to Muhammad is founded by God (or Allah) not by Muhammad.