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PROVIDING ANSWERS THAT CAN ΜΑΚΕ Α REAL DIFFERENCE



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We will look at two questions today:

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"...Yahweh, the God of the Bible, and Allah, the God of the Quran: The two are one God, albeit differently understood...."

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Quran 5:75

"Christ the son of Mary was no more than a messenger; many were the messengers that passed away before him. His mother was a woman of truth. They had both to eat their (daily) food."

Quran 17:111

"Praise be to Allah, who begets no son, and has no partner in (His) dominion..."

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Philippians 2:9–11

Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him [Jesus], and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.



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Quran 4:157

"That they said (in boast), "We killed Christ Jesus the son of Mary, the Messenger of Allah";but they killed him not, **nor crucified him**, but so it was **made to appear to them**, and those who differ therein are full of doubts, with no (certain) knowledge, but only conjecture to follow, **for of a surety they killed him not**."



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1 Corinthians 15:3–4

For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that **Christ died for our sins** according to the scriptures; And that **he was buried**, and that **he rose again** the third day according to the scriptures:



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Acts 17:30-31

And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent: Because he hath **appointed a day**, in the which he **will judge the world in righteousness** by **that man whom he hath ordained**; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath **raised him from the dead**.



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1 Peter 1:3–5

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

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Hate = Opposite of Love



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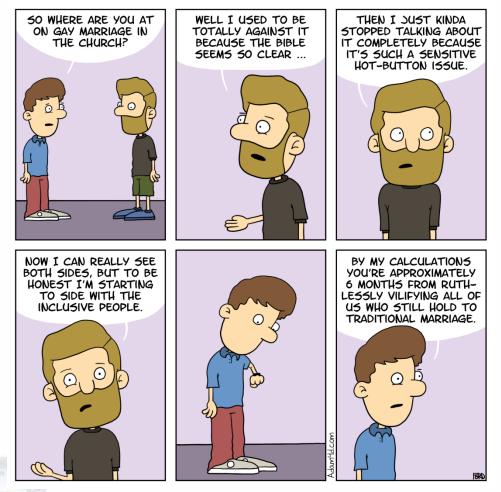
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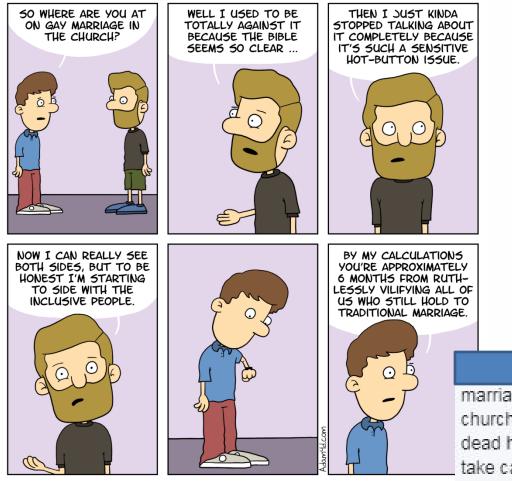
If the world hate you, **ye know that it hated me before it hated you**. If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are **not of the world**, but **I have chosen you <u>out of the world</u>**, therefore **the world hateth you**.



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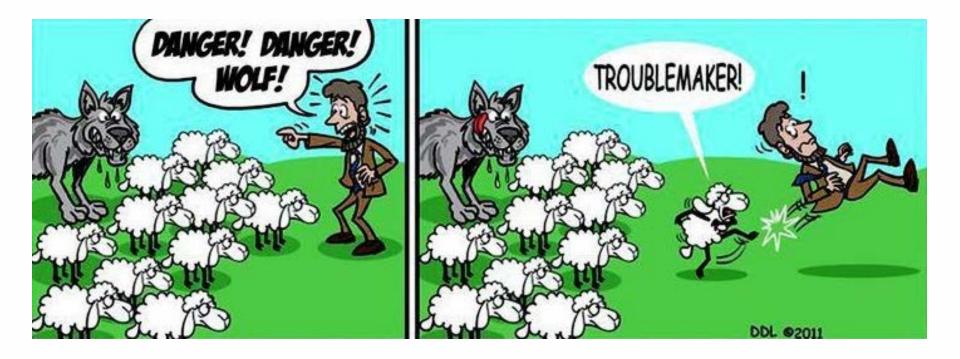


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I have no problem with gay

marriage and still hold to traditional marriage. The church has enough on it's place without kicking this dead horse. Sure, God may not like it but, I'll let him take care of it if he so chooses.





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"Whether Muslims and Christians worship the same God is also the driving question for the relation between these two religions globally. Does the one God of Islam <u>stand in contrast</u> to the three-personal God of Christianity? Does the Muslim God issue fierce, unbending laws and demand submission, <u>whereas the Christian God</u> stands for love, equal dignity and the right of every individual to be different? Answer these questions the one way **[Yes]**, and you have a justification for cultural and military wars. Answer them the other way **[No]**, and you have a foundation for a shared future marked by peace rather than violence."

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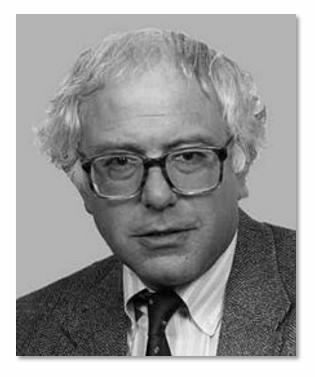
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His answer to this question: Yes, they worship the same God







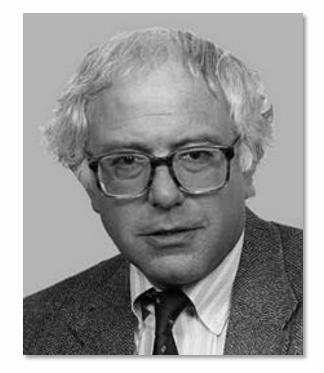




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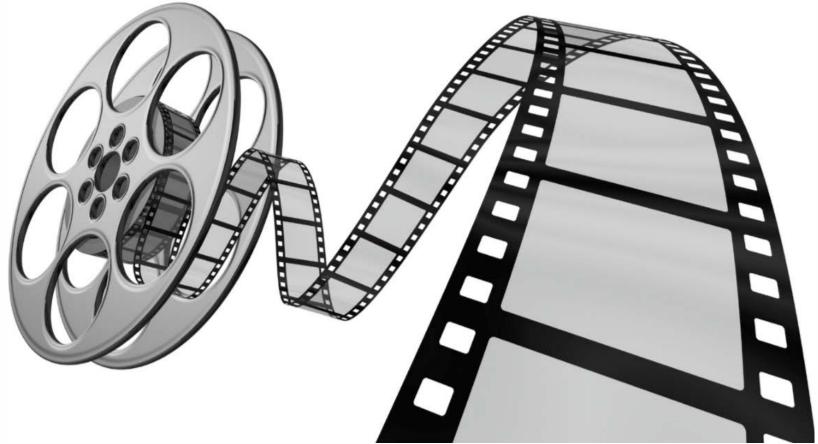


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"Muslims do not simply have a deficient theology. They do not know God because they have rejected Jesus Christ his Son, and they stand condemned."

Russell Vought - Wheaton College's online 'newspaper', 'The Resurgent' in January 2016





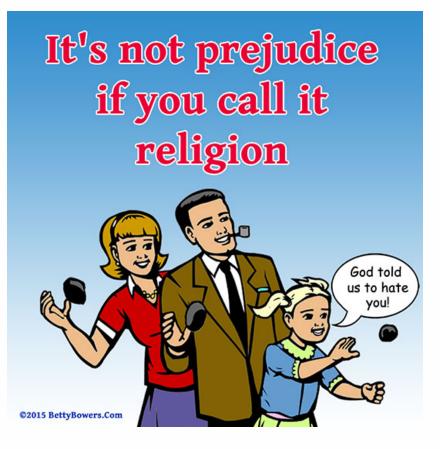


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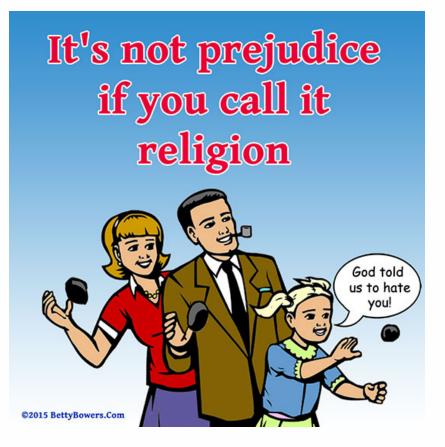
"In my view, the statement made by Mr. Vought is indefensible, it is hateful, it is Islamophobic, and it is an insult to over a billion Muslims throughout the world," Sanders told the committee during his introductory remarks. "This country, since its inception, has struggled, sometimes with great pain, to overcome discrimination of all forms ... we must not go backwards."

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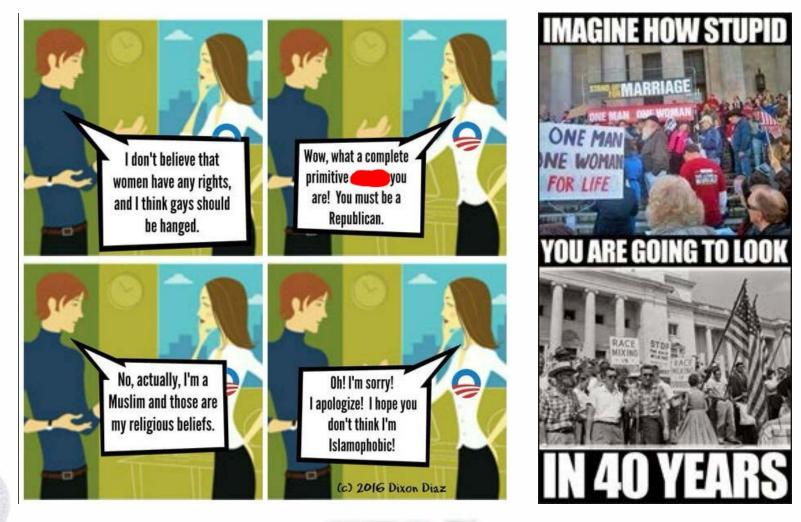


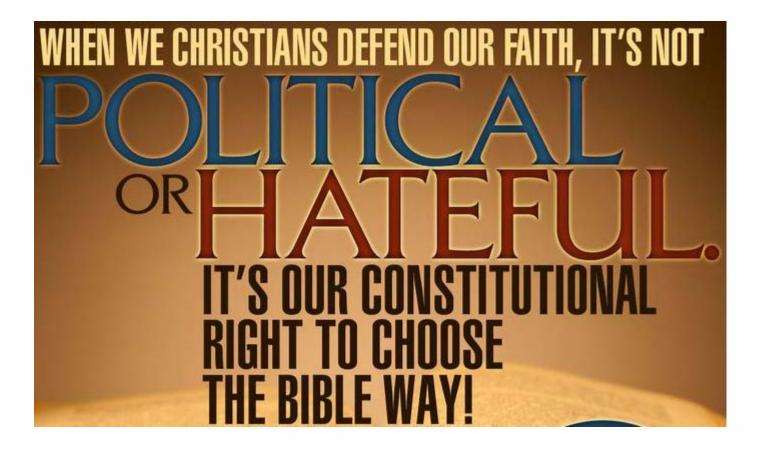










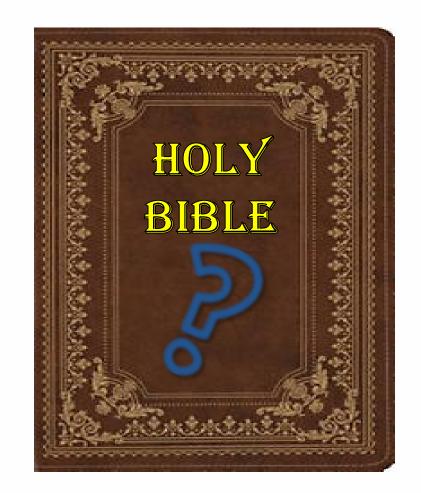




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John 3:16-21 [19-21]

And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved. But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God.

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Ephesians 5:14–18

Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and **Christ shall give** thee light. See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, Redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is. And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;



ENJOY THE REST OF THE SABBATH



