

# FACT vs FICTION

This page is dedicated to the education of the biggest religion in the world. There are over 1 billion Muslims around the world. Living in the United States many people limit themselves to thinking outside of our borders. Islam has been portrayed in the media the way America wants you to see it. This page answers any and all of those questions that you always wanted to know. May Allah(SWT) be pleased with our efforts.

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FACT: ALLAH(SWT) puts us to sleep and awakens us. We do not control our bodies.

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# ABRAHAM

Abraham and Moses are the two prophets whose histories are given the greatest prominence in the Holy Qur'an, Abraham being spoken of over 40 times and Moses nearly 50 times. The importance of Abraham was due to the fact that he was accepted by all the three different communities that resided in Arabia, the Jews, the Christians, and the idolaters, and was thus in a way the link which united them, notwithstanding the divergence of their religious views. It is for this reason that they are again and again invited to the religion of Abraham:

“And they say: Be Jews or Christians, you will be on the right course. Say: Nay, (we follow) the religion of Abraham, the upright one, and he was not one of the polytheists.”

“And who is better in religion than he who submits himself entirely to Allah while doing good (to others) and follows the faith of Abraham, the upright one?”

“Say: As for me, my Lord has guided me to the right path—a right religion, the faith of Abraham, the upright one, and he was not of the polytheists.”

And notwithstanding that the righteousness of Abraham was an established fact with these three communities, Abraham's religion was not the religion of any of them:

“Abraham was not a Jew nor a Christian, but he was (an) upright (man), a Muslim; and he was not one of the polytheists.”

The three communities are in fact told to find out the common element of the three religions, for only that could be the religion of Abraham. This was the existence of the One Supreme God. The word *ham*, which I have translated *upright*, is most frequently used in connection with Abraham. The root-word, *hanf* means *inclining*, or *declining*, and hence *~aml* means *one inclining to a right state*, according to Raghīb, the best authority on the lexicology of the Holy Qur'an. Wherever used, it seems to indicate a firmness in sticking to the right state as opposed to an inclining to polytheism.

Abraham appears in the Holy Qur'an as the most forceful preacher against idolatry and polytheism of every kind, and his zeal to rid humanity of this grossest of superstitions gives us really a picture of the Holy Prophet's mind. In fact, every prophet in the Holy Qur'an represents a particular phase of the character of the Holy Prophet Muhammad, and Abraham stands for the iconoclastic tendency on the one hand and entire submission to God on the other. His preaching against idolatry. He also preaches against the worship of heavenly bodies. But he went a step further and broke the idols, and this he did after he had plainly told his people that he would make clear to them the helplessness of their supposed deities:

“And by Allah! I will certainly plan against your idols after you go away, turning your backs. So he broke them into pieces, except the chief of them, that happily they may return to it.”

The same incident is also referred to earlier, where Abraham is spoken of as having broken them secretly, *i.e.*, in the absence of their worshippers. As a result of this, opposition to Abraham took a bitter turn but God made all plans against him fruitless:

“They said: Burn him, and help your gods, if you are going to do (anything). We said: Oh fire, be a coolness and peace for Abraham: And they intended a plan against him, but We made them the greater losers. And We delivered him and Lot”. “So naught was the answer of his people except that they said: Slay him or burn him! But Allah delivered him from the fire.”

The opponents had a plan to burn him, but that plan failed.

References: History of the Prophets (As narrated in the Holy Quran compared with the Bible), Maulana Muhammad Ali

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