

Two pillars of Dagon - a critique of Islam and its entire subjection to the Lord Jesus the Messiah

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1 Samuel 5.1-5 Dagon bows before the Ark and then is split into two composite parts.

Comparison between Islam and Dagon apparently unjust and shocking

1/ Islam fiercely opposed to image worship 2/ Islam brings strong reminders of Divine Law 3/ Many Christian workers among Muslims now regard respect for Islam as essential to success in gaining worshippers for Christ.

Islam has many roots: Sabeaen, Talmudic, Zoroastrian, Gnostic Clair St Tisdall, *The Sources of Islam*.

2 dominant pillars

1. Dagon a composite deity – 2 molten gods fused.

Fishy part. Dag (גד) Multiply, increase (הגד) (Gen.48.17).

Fertility a central concept in Islam: Central aspect of call to prayer, signature Green colour

Profoundly sexual character: Saul's dismembered parts shared between Dagon and Ashataroth (1 Sam.31.10,1 Chr.10.10). Ashataroth the ancient Phoenician fertility goddess. So with Islam, www.strateias.org/niqab.htm

Derived from ancient Arabian roots – stoning of 3 pillars of Mina, running between Marwa and Safah, the Ka'aba.

[A theology of sacralised rape in Islam.](#)

2. Islam renowned for stringent monotheism – apparently strictest loyalty to oneness of God.

Strong backlash against pagan idolatry. Man makes gods in his image so strongly rejected – even the idea that Almighty God has made man in His own image is seen as blasphemy.

Surah 112 – Purity. Worth 1/3 the Qur'an. Rigorous and radical idea of God seen as self evident proof of its truthfulness. Ultimate vindication of the truthfulness of Mohammed's message.

Just as pagan as the 'fishy' part of Dagon. Didn't originate with the Bible. Man carries God's image. He is God's 'analogy'. God the Father of fatherhood, the parent of parenting. Love is at God's heart and sums up His being.

This idea of a sterile deity as far removed from man as possible comes from 1000 years before Islam.

Xenophanes of Colophon (c 570 BC) www.strateias.org/xeno.htm fragments eerily reminiscent of Islam.

Paul at Athens challenged idolaters and atheistic philosophers alike. Acts 17.24-28

Mohammed's points of internal crises arise when the two pillars clash:

Kissing of the black stone and Omar's shame (www.strateias.org/idol.htm), the changing of prayer niche to Kaaba and the confrontation of the Jews, the Satanic verses (www.strateias.org/satan.htm) - major shirk recorded by 4 Muslim biographers.

The Messiah

God has appeared to men (1 Tim. 3.16)

Created by the Agency of His Word (Gen.1.3, Ps.33.6, John 1.1,3, Heb.11.3) not immediately

Spoken to men in His Word (Gen.17.1,3,22, 18.3,17,27,33, 32.30, John.8.56,58)

There is a real but singular Mediator (1 Tim.2.5, Gal.3.20)

God has spoken to us unmistakably in His Son (John 10.36, 9.35-36, 3.36, Matt.3.17, Mark 9.7, Luke 9 .35) so that we are left without reasonable excuse (1 John 2.22-23. 5.10-11.

Christ said 'I am the door' (John 10.7) – the only portal to Heaven, the only place of access for prayer and worship.

He is the only acceptable Temple (John 2.19-21), denying Him leaves us in spiritual prison.

The perfect Image of the Invisible God (Col.1.15, John.14.8-10)

The Eternal Son of the Eternal Father (Hebrews 1.1-3, 3.1-4, 13.8)

The inviolable Shehada (confession and warning witness) of the Bible: 1 John 5.11-12.

To whom every knee will shortly bow and every tongue confess. (Phil.2.10,11, Ephes.1.21-22, Psalm 110.1)