

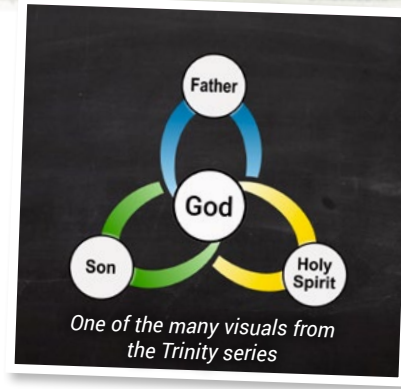


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Word of Life Ministry's New Video Series!

What is the most basic belief that all Muslims hold in common? The oneness of God. While there are many differences between Sunni, Shia, Sufi, Ismaili, and Ahmadiyya Muslims, they are united in their belief that *Allah* is *one* (known as the doctrine of *tawheed*). Muslims of any branch or sect are also equally united in their conviction that the doctrine of the Trinity is blasphemous. Islam universally teaches that to believe God is Triune is to commit the worst possible sin, *shirk*, a sin akin to the unpardonable sin in Christianity.



Since misconceptions abound, and since Muslims routinely raise many objections regarding the Trinity, it is important to present clear explanations of this core doctrine of the Christian faith.

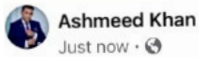
We have been working on a series of videos that summarize the doctrine of the Trinity and respond to some of the common objections raised. The first few videos can be viewed on our YouTube channel at [True Salaam](#).

Of course, these videos cannot explain the mystery that lies at the heart of the Trinity, but they show how this truth is concealed in the Old Testament and has been clearly revealed in the New Testament. This series includes explanations and examples that might be new to you. Upcoming videos will delve into the historical development of this doctrine before and during the time of Constantine, so keep checking back for more!

It is our hope and prayer that the Lord will use this teaching to remove misunderstandings that prevent Muslims from embracing the truth about the one, true, living God. We also pray that these videos will be used by God to equip Christians with a clear understanding of this core doctrine and give us confidence to explain the Trinity to those yet outside the faith.

Whether you are well-versed in this doctrine or not, **please watch and share these videos far and wide**. As you watch them, think of someone who could also benefit by watching – perhaps a co-worker, a friend, or even a family member. English-speakers everywhere can understand them, and we hope and pray that these videos will be a great resource for many years to come.

If you spend some time talking with a Muslim, the topic of the Trinity is very likely to come up. Most Muslims, however, do not have a proper understanding of the doctrine of the Trinity. They have been taught that Christians believe in three Gods, that the Trinity is a fourth-century invention instigated by Emperor Constantine at the Council of Nicea in 325AD, and that the Virgin Mary is one of the three gods Christians believe in (Qur'an, Surah 5:116).



Ashmeed Khan
Just now · 🌐

With Pastor Brian Zegers & Peter Vogel from Word of Life Ministry & Imam Khalid Usman Alvi, Sayyidah Zainab mosque, Ajax. Inter-religious dialogue, sharing knowledge and building bridges preparing for a better future in our country.

Quran, Surah 49:13
"O mankind! Surely We have created you from a male and female, and made you into tribes and families so that you may know one another (and so build mutuality and co-operative relationships, not so that you may take pride in your differences of race or social rank."



This is what a town councillor tweeted after we had coffee with him and a local imam. He quoted from the Quran, are we as quick to quote the Bible?"

 **TEPIC, MEXICO**

Rev. Matt & Anne-Marie Van Dyken

How good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity!

A highlight for our church has always been our retreats. So it was a treat to have our first overnight retreat again in May. And it was a double treat because the church from Vallarta was there too. 77 people, and one crocodile! Thankfully we all went home full, and the crocodile did not. Our theme was “The Pursuit of Holiness”. Pastor Zack Anderson spoke from Isaiah, and I and Daniel Navarro (a Mexican student from Puritan) spoke from 1 Peter. Having a joint retreat meant that we could split the meal preparations between the two churches. As a result, we feasted like kings. ¡The salsas, the beans, the tacos! (Thankfully, the theme was *not* “The Pursuit of Fitness”.) What a blessing to be together in the Word!

The retreat was also the one year anniversary of the death of Martín, our elder from before. We remembered his death with words and tears. His daughter Angie has since made profession of faith. 1 Peter 1:7 was her text: *so that your faith—more precious than gold... though tested by fire—may result in praise.* The words still ring true.



We’re grateful for a growing commitment to both services, for unity and for grace, and for new members and visitors. But we’ve had our share of discouragements. There was a Kora (indigenous people) family from Jesús María, four hours away. The father of the clan almost died from a tooth infection, and needed urgent care. I visited him many times in the hospital, and they attended church sporadically. Four

separate families! Last week, however, I visited them all and invited Pablo along, a good friend. Pablo is a godly man from a different church, and is also a Kora. He was macheted as a young man for turning to Christ and is crippled. I was hoping that he could share the Gospel with them in the Kora tongue. But it turned out that Pablo knew the family well. The husband, having been close to death, was very open to the Gospel. But the wife was actually Pablo’s first cousin... and the daughter of a *curandero* (witch doctor). “How can I leave my customs? Thanks for your prayers, but it was also the *curandero* who healed my husband.” The words “*I came not to bring peace but a sword*” come to mind. Humanly speaking, I doubt we’ll see them again.

But God’s Word does not return void. Pablo is testimony, and the church is testimony. We rejoice that our names are in the book of life. May God bless and keep you all.

