

Who is a Christian or Muslim?

KARIM Who is a believer or Christian?

ASTRID That's up to Christ Jesus.

CHRIST appears Not everyone who says "Lord, Lord" to him will enter the kingdom of heaven. Mat 7:21

SLIM Many so-called Christians don't behave in a Christian way at all.

ASTRID Then maybe they are not Christians.

KARIM Or they are weak.

Suleiman Anyway, you cannot trust their ID card.

ASTRID with a view to SLIM Not even their outer appearance.

CHRIST Although the outside of graves is beautiful, the inside is spoiled. Likewise, there are hypocrites who outwardly appear righteous. Mat 23:27,28

KARIM Yes, the outside can be deceiving.

CHRIST Even if someone comes in sheep's clothing, he may turn out to be a ravenous wolf. Mat 7:15

ASTRID And a false prophet.

Suleiman to KARIM There were always false prophets among the People of the Book.

KATJA They still exist today.

KARIM Who are the people of the book?

ASTRID Before, just the Jews and the Christians.

KARIM And how to recognize the false prophets?

CHRISTB By their fruits.

KARIM to KATJA fruits?

CHRIST Every good tree produces good fruit, every bad tree produces bad fruit. Mat 7:16

Suleiman Even the fruits may be deceiving.

SLIM Someone may be a great scholar.

ASTRID Of course that's of no benefit if he doesn't teach the truth.

Suleiman Even if he teaches the truth, that may not be enough.

SLIM Or someone is very rich.

ASTRID Of course that's of no benefit if he's not generous.

Suleiman Even if he gives a lot of alms, it may not be enough.

SLIM Or someone gives his life as a martyr.

ASTRID Of course that's of no benefit if God didn't expect it.

Suleiman Someone may be a great teacher, benefactor and martyr, but if he did all this only to boast and gain the approval of people, but not to honor and serve God, then he will still be thrown into hell.

ASTRID What makes you think that?

SLIM This is a hadith.

KATJA Without love, says the bible, all is of no benefit (1. Cor 13).

ASTRID Besides, the tree is also recognized by its roots.

CHRIST laughing Yes, do not judge by outer appearances, but make a just judgment. John 7:24, 8:15

ASTRID It's good to look beneath the surface, dig and examine the tree at its roots.

KARIM What do you mean by roots?

ASTRID The basis of faith. Only the tree with healthy roots will grow upwards and thrive.

SLIM Every tree has naturally healthy roots.

ASTRID That means?

SLIM Man is good from birth. To KARIM And not a sinner, as they claim.

ASTRID Nobody is born as a Christian.

SLIM But as a Muslim.

ASTRID How that?

SLIM Every person is devoted to God from birth.

ASTRID Do parents agree?

KATJA *smiling* Rather not.

SLIM Of course, education is still needed. This then ensures that the children remain Muslims and part of the community.

ASTRID Then only the parents have to be Muslims?

SLIM It is sufficient if the father is Muslim.

KATJA For Christians, the parents decide whether the child will be baptized.

KARIM Why do you baptize your children?

KATJA My parents wanted me to be saved and part of the Christian community.

SLIM But did Jesus want you to baptize your children?

ASTRID Jesus wants people to be converted and to be baptized.

CHRIST Baptize them in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.
Mat 28:19,20

KARIM In the name of - the - spirit?

ASTRID The person being baptized recognizes thus the role of the Holy Spirit – God's effective power.

KATJA And what does someone have to do if he or she wants to become a Muslim?

SLIM He or she must only acknowledge the role of the Prophet Muhammad. He has to inform himself and then recite the Shahada.

Suleiman The creed.

KATJA And how it goes?

SLIM Aschhadu anla ilaha illa-lah wa aschhadu anna muhammadan rasulu-lah.

KATJA *smiling* That was too fast for me.

ASTRID And what does it mean?

SLIM There is no god besides Allah, and Muhammad is his messenger.
37:35, 48:29

ASTRID And what about the Koran?

SLIM The Quran is God's revelation to Muhammad.

ASTRID *relaxed* God knows his prophets, books and chosen ones. And whom he calls to his kingdom. Whom he will give responsibility over the earth together with Jesus. Rev 5:10

