What are the differences between the God of the Bible and Allah of the Quran?

Muslims believe they worship the Creator, the God of Abraham who sent prophets like Moses and David. This may mislead many Christians to claim that Allah is the same God of the Bible. The Quran defines the characteristics of Allah, and many of those contradict the nature of the Living Triune God we know in the Bible. This comparison will help introduce the Muslim to the true God who pursues, loves, and initiates.

Direct Side-by-side comparison of the God of the Bible and Allah of the Quran.

| The Triune God of the Bible | Allah of the Quran |
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| Name | Proper Name |
| 'I am who I am', 'Jehovah', the LORD. | Allah: abbr. of Al-ilah, Arabic of 'the god' |
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| Nature | Nature |
| Complex unity: three persons in one | Simple unity: Single one |
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| God's Message does not change | Allah changes his message |
| "Heaven and earth will pass away but my words will never pass away" Matthew 24:35 | "None of our revelations do we abrogate or cause to be forgotten but we substitute something better or similar- knowest thou not that Allah has power over all things?" Quran 2:106 |
| God is all goodness | Allah is capable of evil |
| "Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God"; for God cannot be tempted by evil, and He Himself does not tempt anyone." James 11:13 | And (the unbelievers) schemed and planned, and Allah schemed also, and the best of schemers [deceivers] is Allah." Quran 3:54 |
| God is the heavenly Father | Allah is the master |
| "This, then, is how you should pray: 'Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,'"Matthew 6:9 | "O my servants who have transgressed against themselves [by sinning], do not |

| | despair of the mercy of Allah" Quran 39:52 |
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| God invites people to choose | Allah decides the fate of people |
| "I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live." Deuteronomy 30:19 "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. 17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him." John 3: 16-17 | "Whomsoever Allah guides, he is the one who follows the right way; and whomsoever He causes to err, these are the losers. And certainly we [Allah] have created for hell many of the jinn and the men;" "Whomsoever Allah causes to err, there is no guide for him; and He leaves them alone in their inordinacy, blindly wandering on." Quran: 7:178-179, 186 |
| God loves all, He is love "God is love. This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins." 1 John 4:8b-10 | Allah loves some, He is affectionate "And he is the forgiving, the affectionate." Quran 85:13 "But do good; for Allah loveth those who do good." Quran 2:195 |
| God will live with His people "And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.'" Revelations 21: 3-4 | The Quran does not clearly state that Allah will live with Muslims in paradise |

Now that you see the difference, what can you do?

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