

## **God? What Is the Difference Between Yahweh and Allah?**

It is foundational to grasp what is at stake when we fudge the lines between Christian and Islamic theology. The question of ‘who is God’ has become the centre of much debate among Missiologists studying Islam. Confusion on this point obscures our evangelism. If we don’t grasp the differences between the Muslim and Christian view of god, our ‘methodologies’ to Muslims can walk dangerously close to heresy. With such ambiguity in mission in general to Muslims, we need to address this topic with clarity and conviction, which in turn leads to confidence.

### **I. Introduction**

#### **A. Rumors**

1. What critics and academics say today

### **II. Allah, the problem of the common language**

### **III. Interpreting the Scripture**

### **IV. Qur’anic view of ALLAH**

#### **A. Allah: generic or proper name?**

1. The Muslim concept of the deity

2. What the Qur'an says

## **V. Biblical view of YHWH**

A. YHWH: generic or proper name?

1. The Christian concept of the deity

2. What the Bible says

## **VI. YHWH vs. Allah: are they the same God?**

### ***Suggested Readings:***

Patrick Sookhdeo, *Understanding Islamic Theology*, Isaac Publishing 2013

John Gilchrist, *Facing the Muslim Challenge*, Life Challenge Africa

Italian Evangelical Alliance and META Onlus, *The Gospel and Islam: theological clarity without human hostility*

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