Maybe we should keep a close eye to this gentleman. When Home Secretary in the early 2000, Nicolas <u>Sarkozy's</u> tuff policy against illegal immigration brought him reputation of an emigration oppressor. But the Muslim minority had also given him credit. For it was Sarkozy, who broke it through, that a National Muslim Council was established. Previously the Muslims did not have common advocate when negotiating with the French government – contrary to the Jews and Christians.

Quote: " We have to watch Nicolas Sarkozy when he travels, " the outspoken left-wing magazine Marianne commented. " Outside our borders, our president can reveal himself to be a passionate missionary for Christ, as he did during his papal visit. Travelling in Arab lands, Nicolas Sarkozy has transformed himself into a fanatical zealot for Islam. "

The recent turbulence all started latest Dec. 20th. When visiting Vatican, Sarkozy spoke volubly of the "Cristian roots" of France. Sarkozy himself is Catholic, see. But the debate really broke loose this week. In Riad, Saudi-Arabia, Sarkozy spoke nicely about the positive stature of religions, although reminded of the dangers of fundamentalism. Sarkozy reminded of "the transcendent God who is in the thoughts and the hearts of every person" - of the common God of the Christians, Jews and Muslims.

... one, two, three, four-it-won't-help-a-bit-to-try-and-count-it away ...

Do we truly have same God? Let's take the Jews first into consideration.

There simply is no such thing than a Dual-Covenant existing, where Christians will

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make it to Heaven through Christ, and for the Jews it would be enough just to stay in the first order of God - "fulfill the Law". Every a person, sincere to himself, knows by heart, that he won't make it. Never. Only that precious One could do it. To the Jews of today it is also said: "To whom coming, as unto a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God, and precious" (1 Pet. 2:4). In other words, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved". No other Way is provided anymore for Jews either. And the New Covenant from that same God Almighty says: "He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life." (1 Joh. 5:12). Case closed.

Then the big question just for the world today: is Allah of the Quran really the same God Almighty of the Holy Bible? We shouldn't make no mistake about it.

According to the Prophet of Islam, Muhammed, Allah has no son. The Quran says, that Jesus was only a prophet, son of Mary, and the ones that believe, that the son of Mary is God are unbelievers (Surah 5:19). Thus, Christians believing in the Son-God, the Second Person of that same Triune God Almighty, are out of the discussions. Quran further describes, that Jesus Christ was never crucified, but the disciples only just thought so, and after those event Jesus travelled to the East - His grave still to be found in India, according to some hear-says. Another writing has described, that it was either Judas Ischariot or Simon the Cyrenean who was crucified there, and Jesus was taken directly to Heaven by Allah. How do we Christians clutter all this into our descriptions in the Bible?

The Holy Spirit, the Third Person of that same Triune God Almighty, according to Islam, is nothing but an executive force or some spirit being, thus our One God in Three Persons, Elohim - Father, Son and the Holy Spirit cannot by any means be combined with "one God with no son nor nothing else" -belief. And, surah 5:7 claims those ones being unbelievers, who say that God is one of three -for there is no God but one and only Allah.

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The Quran commands to believe only in Muhammed as the messenger of Allah (Surah 4:135). And it says that placing anything other on the side of Allah for worshiping, is a sin unforgettable. The suras 4:51 and 4:116 say, that Allah is one, Allah is everlasting, he is not born and has not given birth and there's nothing to match him.

Surah 6:16 puts Jesus and John the Baptist on the same level; forerunners of the coming Messiah. Quran says, that Jesus claimed Himself that He has come to proclaim the good news of a coming messenger after Him, whose name is "Ahmad" ("hmd"). Surah 5:76 also claims Jesus' saying that the Children of Israel should serve Allah, His master and their master - and if somebody puts anything on par with Allah, then Allah forbids Heaven for that person and his whereabouts will be in fire.

Allah said to Muhammed (surah 5:3) that he has chosen Islam to be their religion. Would there thus be any chance for a Christian to join in with the belief of the Muslim godhood?

And what about the most important issues: "To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation." (2 Cor. 5:19). If it was not Jesus, as Islam too believes, who was crucified on the middle cross of Golgotha, then no propitiation for our sins has ever taken place, we are still in our sins and firmly on our way to Hell.

And if we forget ourselves Christians for a moment or two, and try and combine the Jews and Muslims then, it is not getting any easier either. Quran says, that the Jews are infidels and heretical in their doctrines thus enemies of the right faith and Allah, too! Surah 61:5 states, that Allah has cursed the Jews because of their unbelief. But we, true Christians, don't curse the Jews but pray for them instead, of which, according to the Holy Bible, comes blessings abundant. And I guess we

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have the right to ask, " Why then does the Quran say, " fight and slay the pagans (or infidels or unbelievers) wherever you find them? " (surah 9:5), if it should be understood in some other way.

According to Islam, Allah has however given to Muhammed the very last revelation, which supersedes all the previous revelations. Thus, all those divergences between the Bible and Quran should be counted on behalf of the Quran. The Bible-believing Christian finds this totally impossible to accept.

As the Jews were recently reminding a Christian, president George W. Bush, just before his visit to Israel, "Bush, read your Bible!", we EUteers should be reminding another Christian president - now when he has also this summary available - "Sarkozy, read your Bible!".

For, " what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? " (2 Cor. 6:15). Since, in this universe - in everything that is existing everywhere - is only " One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all " (Eph. 4:6).

And especially, to us true Christians, " there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in Him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by Him. " (1 Cor. 8:6). Amen!