

# Chapter 9 Test:

## Christianity under Islam

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### Part 1: Circle the best answer.

**1. What is the core difference between Christianity and Islam?**

- a. The Christian teaching that Mary was a virgin
- b. The Christian confession of the Incarnation—that Jesus Christ is the eternal Son of God made man
- c. The number of inspired books in the Old Testament
- d. The distinct intellectual traditions of Christianity and Islam

**2. Like Christianity, Islam is based on which of the following?**

- a. Monotheism
- b. Fideism
- c. Moralism
- d. Deism

**3. What is the definition of “monotheism”?**

- a. The belief that Scripture is the only source of revelation
- b. One rule of morality
- c. Faith in the one God
- d. The belief that there is only one true religion

**4. What is the definition of “iconography”?**

- a. The grafted images of Old Testament figures
- b. The painted depiction of Christ and the saints, especially the Virgin Mary
- c. The art of woodburning religious images
- d. The acrylic depiction of Christ, the Apostles, and the early Church

**5. Why were the Muslims averse to images of Christ and the saints?**

- a. Because of their insistence upon the transcendence of God
- b. Because they disliked the style of Christian art
- c. Because they thought religious art was a waste of time
- d. Because they thought Christians were only seeking to make money off art

**6. What is the primary purpose of iconography within the Church?**

- a. To communicate the Gospel message through images
- b. To express spiritual truths through artistic symbols
- c. To teach the truths of the faith to people who cannot read
- d. To increase money made by selling art that depicts Christ and his saints

**7. How do the sacred images of iconography inspire us to greater faith?**

- a. They teach us what Jesus and the saints looked like.
- b. They fill our churches and homes with beauty.
- c. They increase our sense of awe and wonder.
- d. They move us to meditation on the life and teaching of Jesus Christ.

**Part 2: Write “T” if the statement is completely true. Write “F” if it is even partly false, and then rewrite the statement on the line below to make it true.**

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**T** 2. Saint John of Damascus defended the Church’s ancient tradition of iconography, arguing that we have a visible image of God because of the Incarnation.

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**T** 3. Saint John of Damascus defended the fullness of the Christian faith against Muslims by teaching that Islam was heretical.

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**Part 3: Answer the reflection question.**

**Think of images of sacred art you see hanging in your home, church, or school. Which one resonates the most with you and why?**

**Answers may vary.**

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