

One Root, Three Branches



**Christianity, Islam, and Judaism:
What are the differences?**



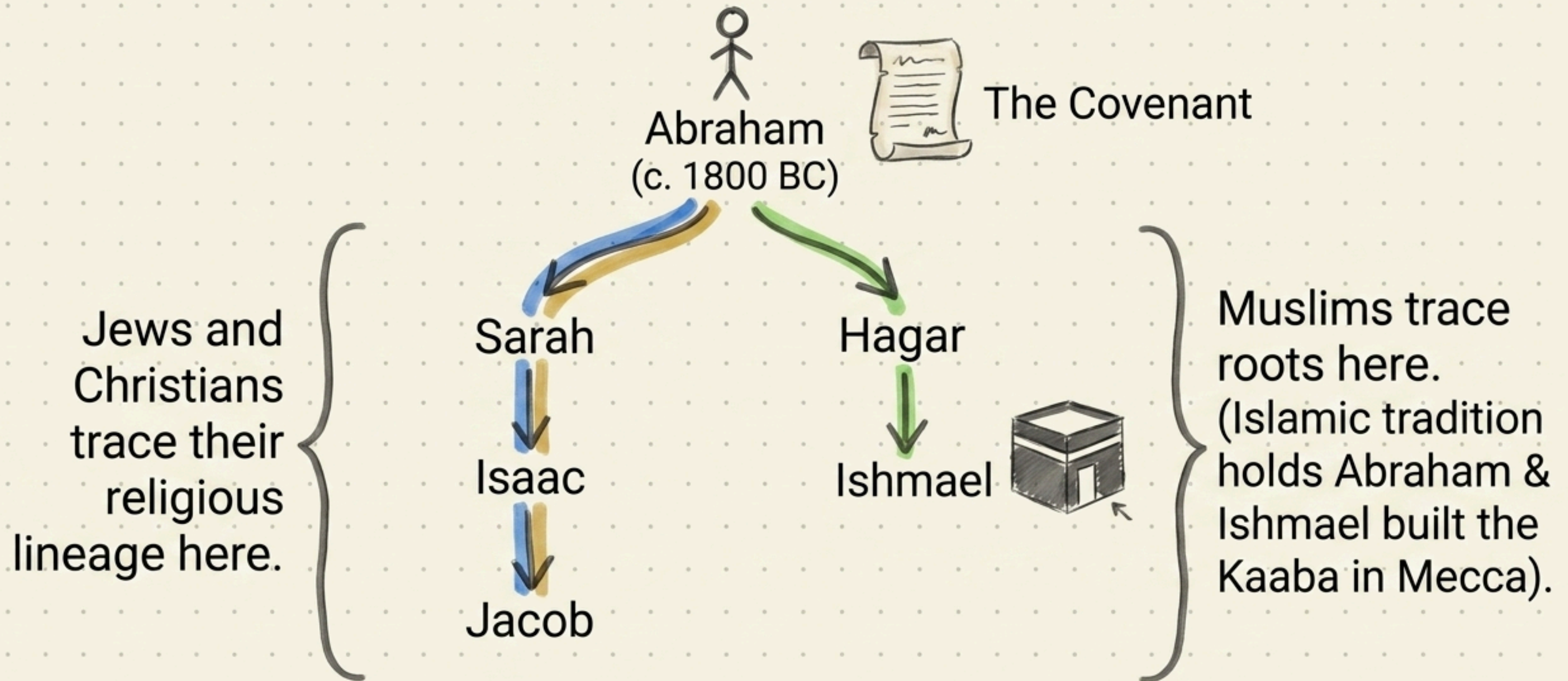
3 Billion People. 1 Shared Ancestor.

Despite diverse cultures, politics, and borders, Judaism, Christianity, and Islam share a massive common heritage tracing back to a single ancient patriarch: Abraham.

Nearly half the world's population belongs to one of these three faiths.



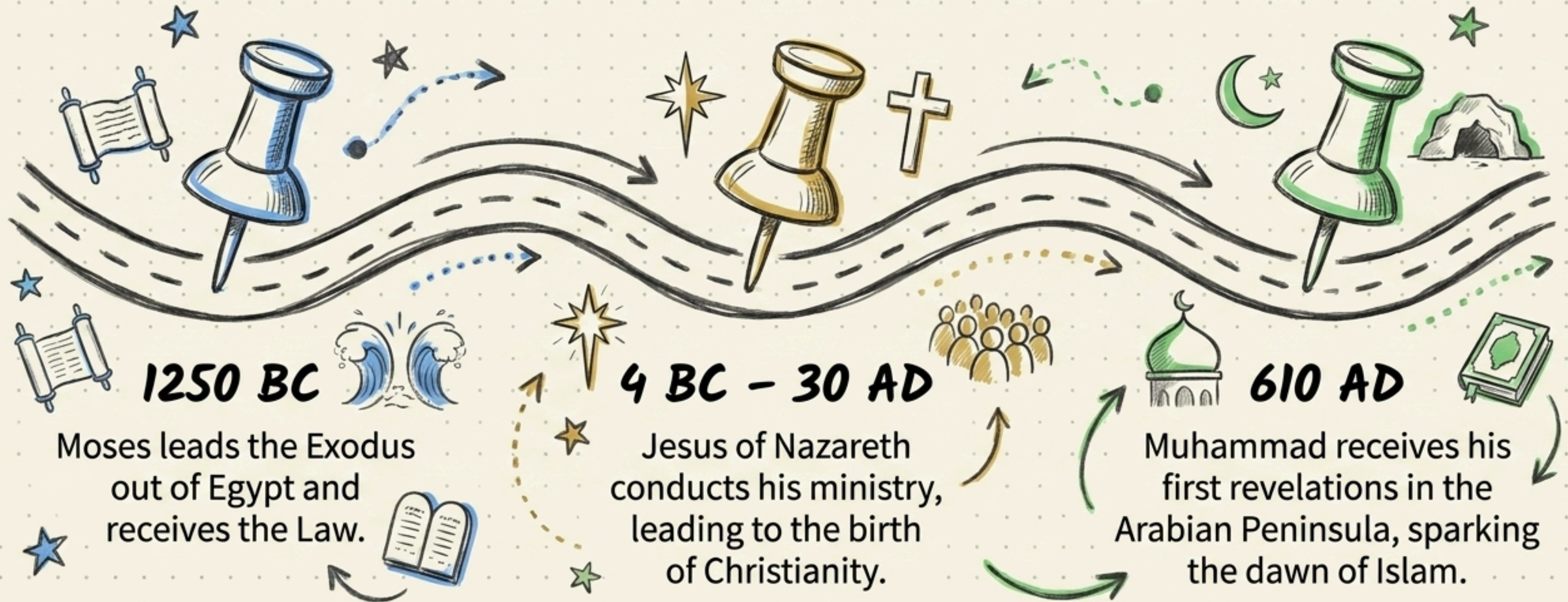
The First Split: The Family Tree



A single family tree branching out into entirely different worldviews.

The Historical Timeline

Centuries apart, three pivotal eras defined the global religious landscape.



People of the Book

All three traditions rely heavily on sacred scriptures.
But the books they use are drastically different.



The Tanakh
(Torah, Nevi'im,
Ketuvim)

The Talmud
(oral tradition &
rabbinic debate)

The Bible

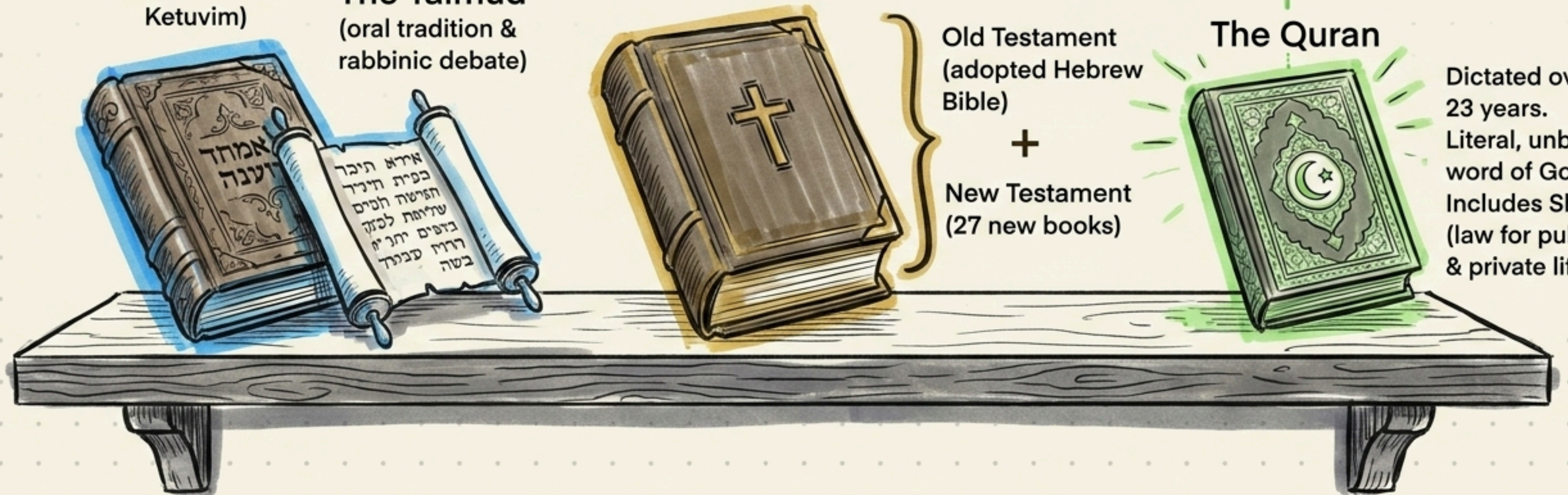
Old Testament
(adopted Hebrew
Bible)

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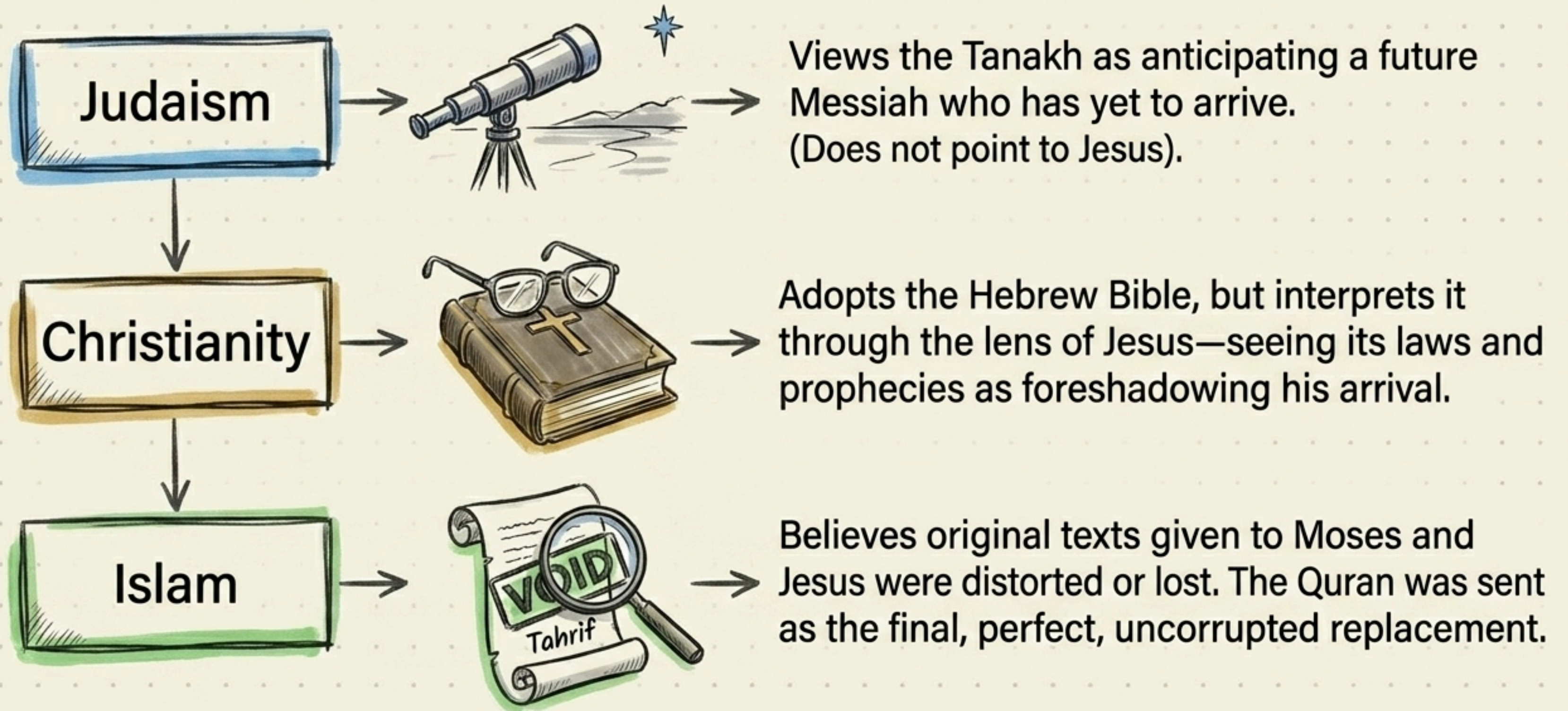
New Testament
(27 new books)

The Quran

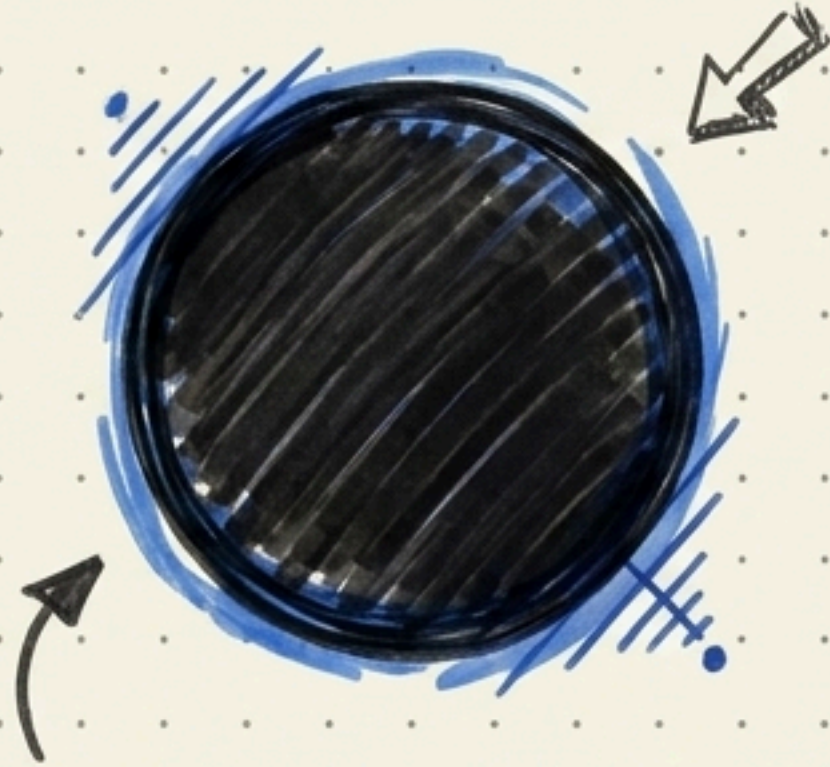
Dictated over
23 years.
Literal, unbroken
word of God.
Includes Sharia
(law for public
& private life).



Different Lenses on Shared Scripture



The Nature of God



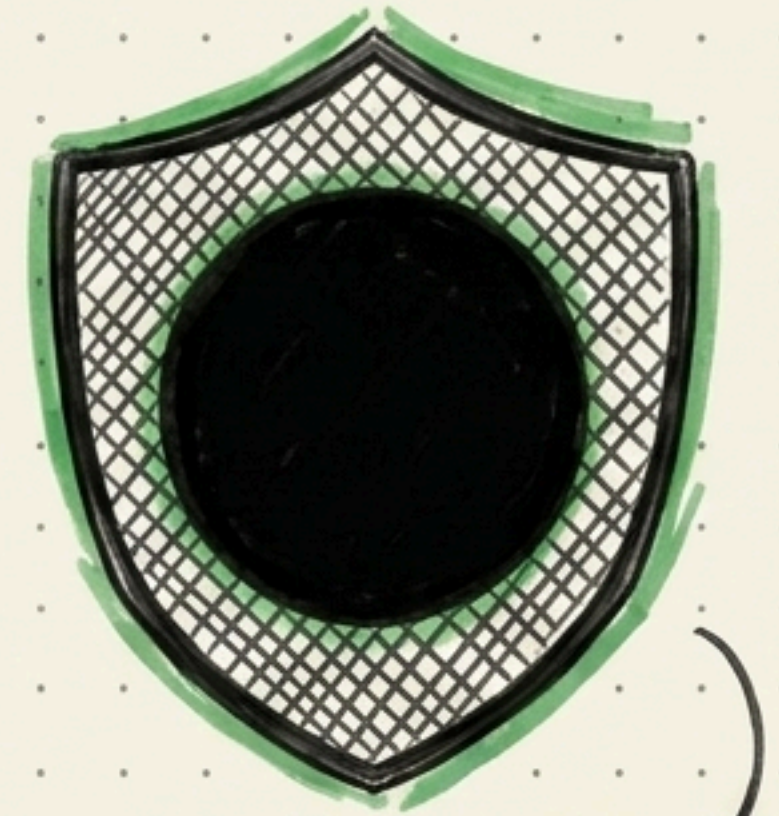
Ethical Monotheism

God is absolute, incorporeal, one, and ("Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one" - The Shema).



The Trinity...

One God existing in three distinct, co-equal persons (Father, Son, Holy Spirit). A philosophical mystery explaining Jesus' divinity.



Tawhid

Uncompromising, strict unity. Firmly rejects the Trinity as shirk (polytheism/idolatry). God has no partners and absolutely no son.

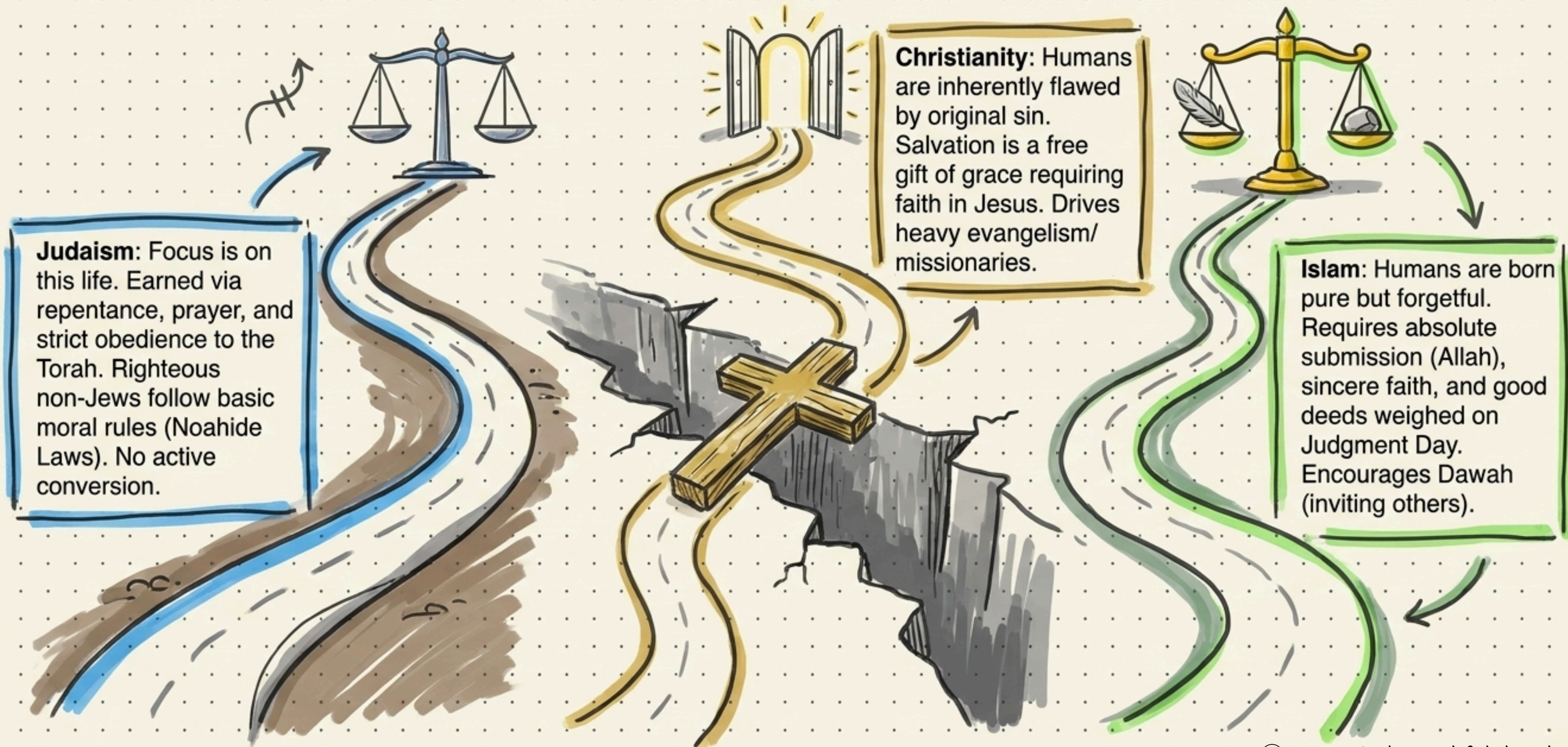
The Ultimate Divide: Who is Jesus?



Judaism	Christianity	Islam
<p>A Historical Teacher. Not divine. Not the Messiah (failed earthly expectations to rebuild the Temple and bring global peace). Some Talmudic sources call him a heretic/magician.</p>	<p>The Center of the Universe. The long-awaited Jewish Messiah. The incarnate Son of God. Crucified as a willing sacrifice for human sin, and physically resurrected three days later.</p>	<p>A Revered Prophet. Given the Gospel. Strictly not the son of God. (Implicitly rejects his divinity as a violation of Tawhid).</p>

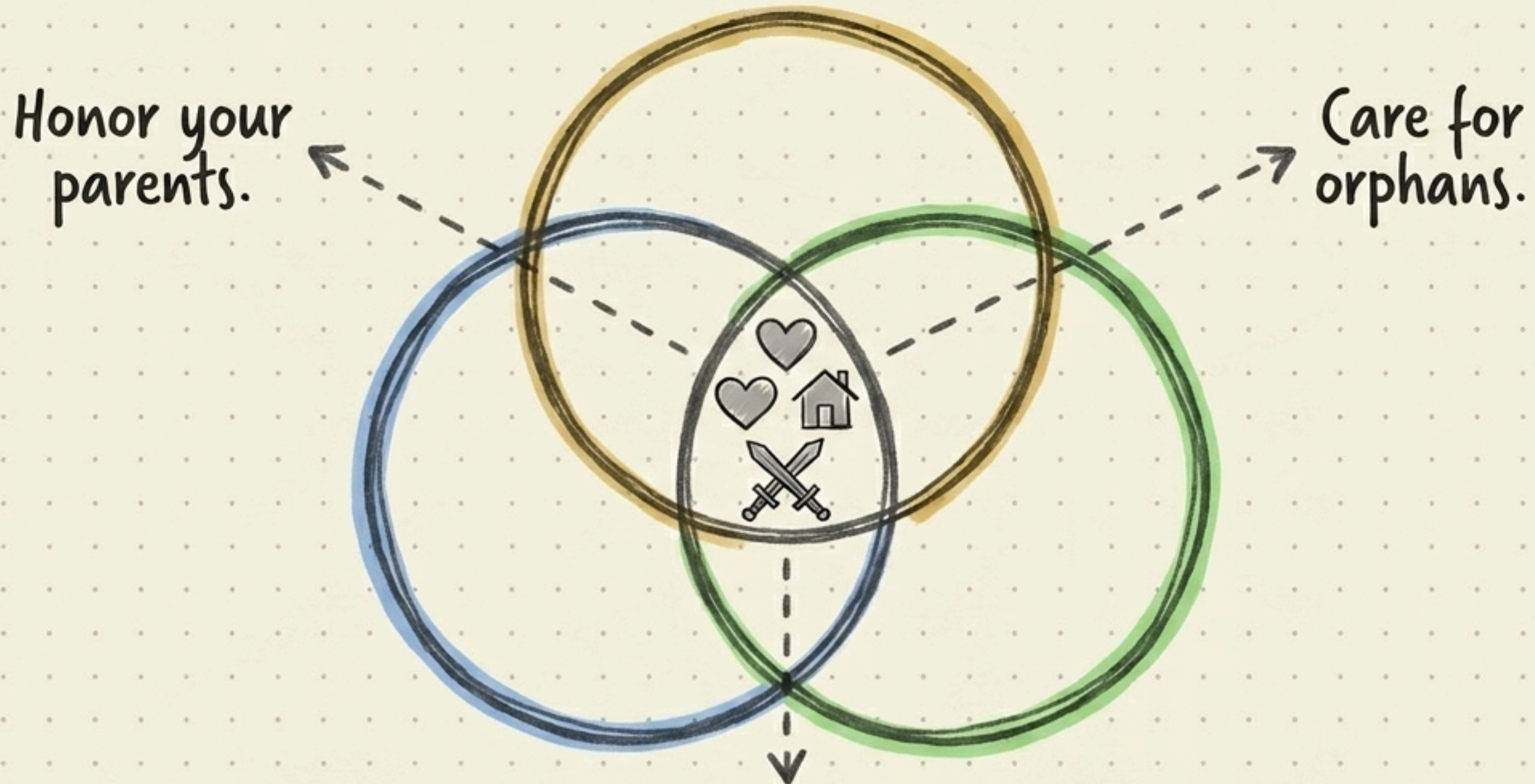
If there is one single topic where the roads completely diverge, it is the identity of Jesus of Nazareth.

≡ The Roadmap: Heaven, Hell & Salvation ≡



Shared Ethics: The Moral Core

While theology fiercely diverges, the ethical roots found in the Ten Commandments and the Quran are nearly identical.



Strict prohibitions against murder, theft, and adultery.

Rituals & Daily Life: Judaism

Identity is maintained through rigorous practices and historical commemoration.



Practices:

- Circumcision of male infants (8th day).
- Dietary laws.
- The Sabbath (strict rest from Friday sundown to Saturday night).

Calendar: Revolves around history.
Passover (liberation from Egypt) & Yom Kippur (solemn Day of Atonement).

Rituals & Daily Life: Christianity



Primary Rituals:

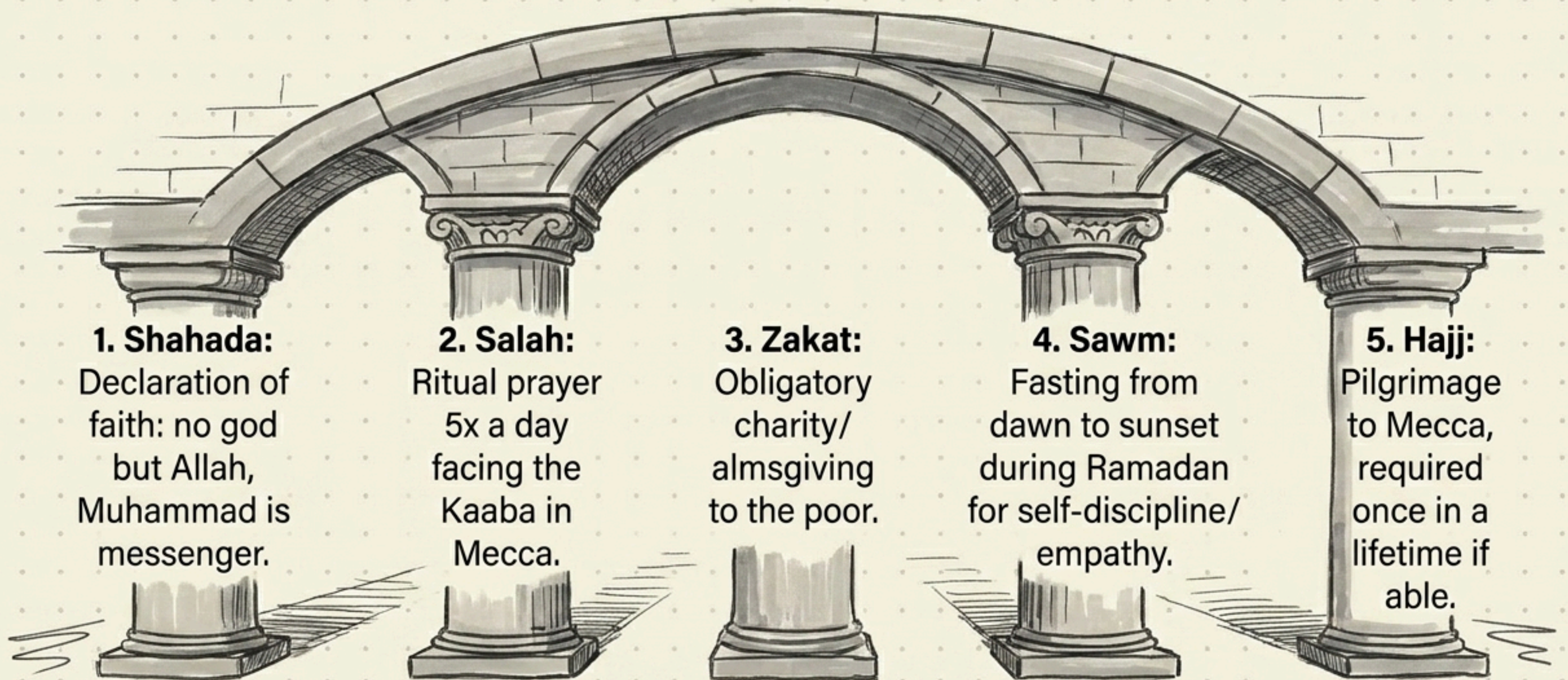
- **Baptism** (symbolizing purification and rebirth into the faith).
- **The Eucharist / Holy Communion** (a ritual meal commemorating Jesus' Last Supper and sacrificial death).

Calendar:

Communal worship gathers on Sundays to celebrate the day Jesus was resurrected.

Rituals & Daily Life: Islam

Often described as a religion of orthopraxy (proper practice), daily life is strictly structured around the Five Pillars.



The Synthesis Matrix

A quick reference guide to the fundamental differences.

	Judaism	Christianity	Islam
Foundational Text	Tanakh	Bible	Quran
Nature of God	Absolute, Incorporeal	The Trinity	Tawhid (Indivisible)
Jesus	Historical Teacher	Incarnate Son & Messiah	Revered Prophet
Salvation	Obey Torah & Repent	Grace via Faith in Jesus	Submission & Good Deeds Weighing



Divergent Paths, Shared Roots

Understanding these three faiths means holding two truths at once: they possess irreconcilable differences in theology, yet share a profound, intertwined heritage that shapes the lives of three billion people today.