

# Part 2c: Muḥammad Munīr—When Pride and Arrogance Lead You to Reject Truth and Play Victimhood With Your Audience



**Background:** Muḥammad Munīr was criticised in affairs pertaining to Tawḥīd and ‘Āqīdah by accurately citing his words and accurately conveying the import of his statements, along with evidences that they are erroneous and oppose the uṣūl of Islām. His words were expressed in the course of debating Christians in Hyde Park. The first of those issues was his affirmation of monotheism for **mubaddal**, **muḥarraf**, **mansūkh** religions such as Judaism and Christianity, which do not represent the Islām of Moses and Jesus (عَلَيْهِمَا السَّلَام). He then wrongly translated and explained (3:64), which actually invites those people to a **kalimatin sawā’**, which means come to a word of justice, meaning come to Tawḥīd, as explained by the Salaf. It is an invitation to the People of the Scripture to come to Tawḥīd, not an affirmation of there being any existing common ground of Tawḥīd already. He also made it clear in his words that Muslims agree with Jews and Christians with respect to monotheism—and this is not the meaning of the verse. His speech

was cited and presented with full accuracy, and the article can be read here: <http://www.manhaj.com/manhaj/?kckcv>.

Then, only 9 minutes later, he made another serious blunder, in which he told the Christians that he does not have a problem with someone taking the sins of other people, that Allāh is omnipotent, the most powerful, who can do what He wants to do, and that it is perfectly possible for Allāh to send down a man to die on a cross for the atonement of the sins of humanity, but Muslims do not believe that, though it is possible and anything is possible. The Christians were sharp enough to realise what Munīr had just granted to them and immediately thanked him. They took the speech of Munīr as a validation of their dīn. Once again, his words were quoted verbatim and their falsehood made clear, without any twisting or distorting. The can be read here: <http://www.manhaj.com/manhaj/?qtxfx>.

It is from the ways of the people of falsehood and taḥazzub that they resort to lies and distortions when their errors have been pointed out, to misrepresent the actual issue for which they were criticised and corrected, and then to claim that they have been wronged. And in cases, such as what Munīr has done, they then make invocations, “may Allāh curse you” and “May Allāh destroy you” for allegedly lying upon them. All of this is theatre and drama for the audience, many of whom are tube and social media addicts who struggle to read a two page PDF, and want a “summary” or a 140 character breakdown of “whats going down”. So these people are either unable or unwilling to look into the issues so as to see who is the truthful and who is the liar, and who is honest and who is the conman and pretender. Then

they engage in trolling on social media and the tube, without even knowing the actual issues.

This path of deception is the one that Munīr has chosen to take, much to his own detriment and folly. It is better to recant and take back your mistakes than to wallow in falsehood and subject yourself to more punishment.



Hadith disciple live Q&A 4/30/19

In the above video at 38:00 onwards,<sup>1</sup>—and despite being dressed for the part—Munīr violates the core principles of **Wing Chun Kung Fu**—which are: **center-line**, **simplicity**, **facing the point of contact**, **economy of motion**, and **forward intention**. This can be seen by his unnatural body movements and wastage of speech, all of which indicate a man not at ease with himself, knowing that he is being anything but center-line, simple and straight-forward (with the truth). The explanation of this is as follows:

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<sup>1</sup> This is a video Munīr posted on 30 April 2019.

In this clip, he is asked a question from someone in Tottenham:

**Is it correct to call Islām, Judaism and Christianity, “Abrahamic faiths”?**

Before we come to his answer, and our analysis of it, just look again at the question one more time and know that the questioner is asking whether it is correct, **shar‘an (legislatively)**, meaning, Islamically, to refer to these religions as “Abrahamic faiths”. The questioner did not ask Munīr to read the writings of unknown editors from Wikipedia or Google search results. He was asking for **an Islāmic ruling** on this term. So once you have lodged that firmly in your mind, and you have also—as a sincere seeker of truth—taken the time to read our initial article on this matter and you know exactly what he was criticised for, let us go to his latest theatrical performance and expose him for the academic conman he is. Munīr starts his answer with the following:

**Munīr:** “We say: What do you mean by the term or the word ‘Abrahamic faiths’? Do you mean that Christianity was the way of Ibrāhīm I don’t think there is any Muslim who would ever say that let alone a tālib al-‘ilm. Do you mean that Judaism is the way of Ibrāhīm I don’t think there is any Muslim let alone taalib al-ilm who would say that. Do you mean that Islam Christianity and Judaism are all the same? I don’t think any Muslim, any non-muslim would say that in their right mind! Or do you mean all three of these religions, *tantasibū ilā ibrahīm wa ilaa ilāh ibrahīm* [ascribe to Abraham and the God of Abraham].”

**Comment:** Look at his diversion, he is setting up his audience for the false idea that he has been lied upon and that in our criticism of his falsehood we accused him of saying “Islām, Christianity and Judaism are the same.” He introduces three red herrings here. He puts into the mind of his audience three issues, none of which comprise the issue for which he was criticised. He makes it appear that by the term “Abrahamic faiths”, it could mean that Abraham’s way was Christianity, or that Abraham’s way was Judaism, or that Islam, Judaism and Christianity are all the same. And Munīr was not criticised for any of these three. Rather, he introduced them here, so that he can say he never said any of this, and then make it appear to his audience that he has been lied upon. But look at the great deception which he employs next—as a means of denying that he has said anything wrong at all:

**Munīr:** “All three religions attribute themselves and their followers to Abraham the father of monotheism. So the core principle of Islām is monotheism, the core principle of **Judaism is supposed to be monotheism, as well as Christianity, bi ghadd al-nazar , regardless of the concept of the Trinity,**<sup>2</sup> but they’re supposed to believe in one God in opposition to Zoroastrianism Buddhism this ism, paganism these types of gods and goddesses and so on and so forth.”

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<sup>2</sup> Pay attention here, how he is using deception to make light of his error and to find a way out for himself. And look at how he speaks of what Judaism and Christianity are “supposed to be” and look at how he dismisses the issue of the trinity, which makes Christianity a religion of shirk and idolatry.

**Comment:** First, Abraham is not “the father of monotheism”. Tawḥīd is the foundation of Islām, the dīn of Allāh, the religion which is acceptable to him, it was the religion of Ādam and Noah before Abraham. Second, the issue is whether Judaism and Christianity can be called “Abrahamic faiths”, meaning religions, from a shar‘iyy point of view? Whether the Jews and Christians ascribe to Abraham is irrelevant and of no value to the discussion and to the issue at hand. As for Judaism, then it is not the dīn of Moses, let alone Abraham. It was a later development in the history of Banī Isrā’īl, a history littered with wholesale apostacies and entrance into the idol-worship of nations. What became known as Judaism developed well after Moses, Solomon and David, at some point after 600 BC and likewise, it took shape after Jesus (عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ) as Talmūdic Rabbinical Judaism, which is characterised by the shirk of ṭā‘ah (obedience) alongside other deviations.

It is as if Tawḥīd to Munīr in this whole affair is Tawḥīd of Rubūbiyyah, such that Judaism and Christianity can be said to be monotheistic. However, the Tawḥīd of the Messengers, and of Abraham is that of **Ulūhiyyah**, with respect to His worship. And Judaism and Christianity are not upon Tawḥīd al-Ulūhiyyah, the way of Abraham. And thirdly, look at how he manufactures his deception, “Judaism **is supposed to be** monotheism, as well as Christianity, **regardless of the concept of Trinity...**” I hope the reader caught this great deception. Firstly Judaism is not the religion of Moses such that there is a “supposed to be” for it in the first place. And likewise, Christianity is not the religion of Jesus such that there is a “supposed to be” for it in the first place. The religion of Moses and Jesus is Islām

and Judaism and Christianity are muḥarraf, mubaddal, muḥtada<sup>3</sup>—as explained by the Salaf such as Qatādah in what we previously cited.

Then we see that Muḥammad Munīr is refuted by what the mufasssīrūn have stated regarding the verse (3:64). **Imām al-Baghawī** (d. 516H) and others relate in their tafsīr:

“The commentators (mufasssīrūn) said: The delegation of Najrān (who were Christians) came to Madīnah and met with the Jews, and they argued about Abraham (عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ). The Christians claimed he was a Christian and that they are upon his religion and that they are the most worthy of people of (attachment to) him. And the Jews said that he was a Jew and that they are upon his religion and that they are the most worthy of people of (attachment to) him. So the Messenger of Allāh (صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) said: **‘Both of you are free of Abraham and his religion**, rather Abraham was a Ḥanīf (upright, person of Tawḥīd), Muslim, and I am upon his religion. So follow his religion, the religion of Islām.’ So the Jews said: ‘O Muḥammad, you do not wish except that we take you as a lord, just as the Christians took Jesus as a lord.’ And the Christians said: ‘O Muḥammad, you do not wish except that we say about you what the Jews said about Ezra.’ So then Allāh revealed [this verse].”<sup>3</sup>

So in the statement of the Messenger (صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) which al-Baghawī cited in meaning, and which is the actual position of the Qur’ān, the attachment of the Jews and Christians to Abraham does not avail

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<sup>3</sup> While there is some speech regarding the narration quoted by al-Baghawī, it is used by many of the mufasssīrūn in explanation of the verse and its context. The actual meaning of the cited narration is found textually stated in the āyāt of the Qur’ān which the Messenger was ordered to state to the People of the Scripture.

them anything. This attachment does not make their religions to be “monotheism”, and Munīr’s use of their attachment to Abraham to allow himself to justify his false speech is a clear sign of dishonesty.

**Munīr:** “Everyone understand this? So what do you mean by Abrahamic faiths, that they’re all correct millata Ibrahima hanifa wa maa kaana minal-mushrikeen. Inna Ibraaheema, Allah says he wasn’t a Jew or a Christian but he was a Muslim he was Hanif, Haneefan muslima.”

**Comment:** Here Munīr continues the con, the deception, the attempted heist of his audience’s minds and rational faculties, and attempts to misguide them into thinking that the issue is whether he said these religions are correct or not, when that was not the issue. Further, why is he asking the questions, “So what do you mean...?” You, Munīr, are the one who used the term “Abrahamic faiths” and then misinterpreted the verse, and you affirmed the mubaddal, muḥarraḥ and mansūkh religions as “monotheistic” religions and stated that you agree with them on monotheism. So why are you asking all these questions about “What do you mean, What do you mean?” Answer the simple question: Are Judaism and Christianity “Abrahamic faiths”, from a legislative point of view and stop playing games. The reality is that he is introducing red herrings and diversions, so that he can free himself from the claims he has manufactured himself, and make it look as if he has been lied upon.



**Munīr:** “No one says that, but if you mean Abrahamic faiths meaning you are talking to a Christian who accepts monotheism and you wish to establish a general meeting place with that Christian. Qul Yaa Ahl al-Kitaab... [to] Allaa Na’buda llallaah (3:64). That’s what the Quran says...”

**Comment:** There is no connection between the scenario he has given, of a Christian who accepts monotheism and wishes to discuss further, and of the meaning and usage of the term “Abrahamic faiths”. They are two completely separate issues. So he tries to present the meaning of the term, “Abrahamic faiths” as an actual scenario that involves talking to a Christian, indicating the twist in his mind. The term is explained through a meaning, and not made synonymous with a da’wah encounter. So this term means—to the non-Muslims—that all three religions return back to Abraham, he is their “father”, he is their source, and that they all share a common element of monotheism. And this is false, for there is no common element of monotheism between the Islām of Abraham, Moses and Jesus and the muḥarraf, mubaddal, mansūkh adyān that have taken on the names of Judaism and Christianity. This is because the Tawḥīd of the Messengers is the **Tawḥīd of Ulūhiyyah** and not Rubūbiyyah. This mistake of Munīr actually exposes deeper levels of ignorance, returning back to the very issue of the foundation of Tawḥīd itself.

**Munīr:** “So I don’t want to jump the gun or whatever the case may be **but if you’re trying to deceive people and trick people saying**

**that someone is in Hyde Park saying that all three religions Judaism and Christianity and Islam are the same...”**

**Comment:** Did anyone accuse him of saying all three religions are the same? No such thing exists in our article. Our article accurately, and with integrity, cites him and the clear import and meaning of his speech and takes him to task on treating Yahūdiyyah and Naṣrāniyyah as monotheistic Abrahamic faiths, whereas to those upon whom the Qur‘ān was revealed, the Prophet and his Companions, they are muḥarrafah, mubaddalah, muḥtada‘ah (distorted, altered, innovated)—as was cited from Qatādah in our first article on this issue. This behaviour is the way of the ḥizbīs (biased partisans)—they tell lies, distort the affairs and then play the victims, as if they have been lied upon and wronged. So after this big con, this fujūr (lying) in argument, look at what he builds on top of this, look at these mighty and heavy supplications he makes next:

**Munīr:** “Then may Allah destroy you and may Allah curse you because you’re a liar and no one ever said that and no one ever meant that and that’s total nonsense who in their right mind would say that, ‘Abrahamic faiths’ that they’re all the same.”

**Comment:** First, look at these supplications filled with hatred and malice, based upon nothing but falsehood and lies. Who is he trying to deceive? His audience is the intended target of course, but is he also trying to deceive Allāh, the Most High? Do you think your Lord is going to answer your fraudulent supplications, when they are

founded upon nothing but kadhīb and talbīs (lies and deception)? Then look at how he has come full circle with his deception. He misrepresented the issue for which he was criticised, and then denied that he ever said that the “Abrahamic faiths” are all the same. Whereas the issue was the ruling on calling Judaism and Christianity “Abrahamic faiths” from a legislative, Islamic point of view, and affirming the Tawḥīd of the Messengers for them in their current forms as altered, distorted, innovated religions.

**Munīr:** “Or do you mean that they all attribute themselves to what, Abraham...?<sup>4</sup> now let’s stop now just to make a point to show you the ignorance of these people and the evil of these people just make an experiment all right let’s google it let’s Google a word what Abrahamic right faiths, let’s see what we get all right. Abrahamic religions or faiths which one religions or faiths, faiths okay let’s see what we let’s see what we get let’s see what Google tells us to show you the stupidity and evil of these people.”

**Comment:** So here is the most laughable part of it. The questioner from Tottenham asked him if it is correct (Islāmically, legislatively) to call Judaism and Christianity “Abrahamic faiths”, and here this con man pulls out his Ipad and says, “let’s Google a word...”, “let’s see what Google tells us to show you the stupidity and evil of these people.” This is clear evidence that this man is a fraud and a con man—and most amazing is that his audience cannot see through

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<sup>4</sup> This is continued deception from Munīr, since the issue under contention has nothing to do with whether they ascribe to Abraham or not.

these theatricals and manifestations of siḥr in speech, the aim of which is to deceive, misdirect and trick. Next, he starts reading from Google and Wikipedia.

**Munīr:** “What are the Abrahamic religions what do three Abrahamic faiths have in common what are the three Abrahamic religions what are the four major monotheistic religions, then we have Wikipedia. Abrahamic religions, tayyib, it says ‘the Abrahamic religions also referred to collectively as monotheism, are a group of semitic orientated religious communities of faith they claim descent from the Judaism of the ancient Israelites etc.’ So we have all these different results on what is considered to be a what Abrahamic faith. All right and the interesting thing is we have no results for Abrahamic faiths I typed in Abrahamic faiths and guess what popped up Abrahamic, what, religions. All right so let’s see what the scholars of religion say about this not the Muslims but I see what though huh what did the scholars say all right so it says here ‘in these four Abrahamic religions’ not even three ‘Judaism, Christianity, Islam and Bahai faith, the individual God and the universe’ etc... [Munīr stops reading very abruptly here—from Wikipedia entry “Abrahamic religions”, and then starts reading from another Google search result]: All right what are the three Abrahamic religions ‘three of the world’s major religions the monotheistic traditions of Judaism Christianity and Islam were all born in the Middle East and are all inextricably linked to one another Christianity was born from within the Jewish tradition and Islam developed....’ etc.”

**Comment:** The reader will see through the game of this man. He was asked for an Islāmic ruling on calling Judaism and Christianity “Abrahamic faiths” and instead he is citing from non-Muslim sources, non-Muslim “scholars of religion” he calls them. Doing all of this as a means of concealing his error and playing tricks with his audience. There is nothing in what Munīr is doing which comprises a genuine, straight-up answer to the question he was asked. What should Munīr be answering with? The Islāmic ruling on the statements he is reading from Wikipedia and Google and which are the same as what he said, by treating Judaism and Christianity as “Abrahamic faiths”, which means Abrahamic religions and affirming the Tawḥīd of the Messengers for them.

**Munīr:** “So we see here according to these people that the word itself does not mean that Islam Judaism the Christianity are all the what, the same. **Who said that? Did anyone say that so far?**<sup>5</sup> But they do have things in common and that is supposed to be number one they are attributed to Abraham, number two **they’re supposed to be religions and faiths based off of what monotheism is.**<sup>6</sup> Everyone understand this? Everyone in the park pretty much understood that okay as far as ya’nee.”

**Comment:** Here, Munīr continues the deception in trying to make it appear that the issue was about whether Islām is the same as

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<sup>5</sup> Note the deception right here, he has altered the actual issue.

<sup>6</sup> Notice here how he uses the word “supposed to be...”—in order to avoid affirming what they are actually are now and have been for a very long time.

Judaism and Christianity, so that he can make his listeners think that he has been lied upon and that he never said any such thing. Then he can make the one who criticised him to be a liar and oppressor. And some among his audience will buy all of this for one or two reasons. First, they are fanatical followers, who follow based on emotions and second, they do not have the desire to follow up and to investigate and find the truth of the matter. Also, the other aspect of his deception which he continues is that he speaks about what Judaism and Christianity are “**supposed to be**”. Pay attention to that. What Judaism and Christianity are now are what they are now, and what they are “supposed to be” has got nothing to do with the issue.

**Munīr:** “I don’t really wanna go any further right now and Allah knows best what’s important is is the last thing that I’m gonna say before we start before Ṣalat al-isha is that it matters not what I said in Hyde Park what I said Abrahamic faiths Abrahamic religions, tawheed no matter what I would do if you are not in their group... idhaa lam takun fee zamratahim, hum, then there is no hasanah that you can do. And if you are in their group then there is laa dhanba lahum, there’s no sin that you have, and that is the bottom line with those brothers alright.”

**Comment:** **And here it is, as expected, as regular as clockwork!** Anyone who criticizes your errors in uṣūl with evidences and protects the people from your ignorance and misguidance, then he has automatically negated that you can ever have a single ḥasanah! This

is emotional terrorism that Munīr is playing on his audience. He got criticised and refuted—with truth and justice—for distorting the Book of Allāh and speaking with falsehood and displaying ignorance of Tawḥid of Ulūhiyyah, the Tawḥid of the Messengers—and he translates this for his audience as, “Hey, they are denying that I can ever have a ḥasanah, a good deed”. What a raw kadhdhāb (liar) who has little wara’ (fear) and little aql (intellect). After rambling for a few minutes with nonsense and a non-answer to the question he was asked, he now dismisses the entire issue and instead brings on the typical emotional and intellectual terrorism by which to keep his audience in place.

### **Closing Note**

What you have observed above is very typical of these people and it is how they portray Salafis very negatively to their audiences, through misdirection and emotional propaganda. It is the same with all of them, Munīr, Shadīd, Wyatt et. al. They all have similar behaviours and we have written them about in the past. When they are caught out, its:

- Let me debate you
- You’ve denied that I have a single ḥasanah
- You’ve made takfīr of me
- You are just a blind muqallid
- You hate Muslims
- You believe only you are going to Paradise
- You do not want Islām to spread

and so on. May Allāh guide these people and protect their audiences from their deceptions and games.

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