

Ultimate 2: Muhammad

Consider how Muslims think about Muhammad: He is ...

1. Held in high honor; the model for all mankind; to be imitated in every aspect of daily life (*sunnah*)
2. Bringer of God's law; thus like Moses, yet 'unlettered'
3. Considered as a mediator by many > *miraj* (ascended to the seven heavens)

Coming to terms about this ultimate:

4. Some Muslims almost worship him – he intercedes for them (S. 18:46 ... but good works, which are permanent, are better in the sight of thy Lord, with respect to the reward, and better with respect to hope). – Many miracles of Muhammad are reported in the aHadith. There is an almost absolute union between the apostle and Allah. (special PPP)
Muslims can easily live with logical contradictions about him: S. 33:36; 16:86 (*shirk*) – Is M committing the unforgiveable sin himself by his claims?!
5. What do *you* think of Muhammad?
 - a. A seeker?
 - b. A prophet?
 - c. A deceiver?
6. Modern role models today: Louis Farrakhan, Mike Tyson, Malcolm X?
7. Showing the better model of Jesus by asking questions:
 - a. What has Muhammad done for you / changed your life? > let your M friend testify
 - b. Imitating Christ vs. imitating Muhammad – what attracts (Phil 3; 1Cor 4:16)

Jesus as the Son of God is to become the Muslim's new ultimate!

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