





ABRAHAM

A JOURNEY TO THE HEART
OF THREE FAITHS



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You call Abraham - a ~~shadowy~~ shadowy figure
He is the marvel of the world the sacred starting
point "The Rock"

Circumcision

Bishop Theophanes - head of Greek Orthodox
Kasser - Jerusalemite and cabdriver - trip to ^{Kiryat Arba} ₁₉₉₇
Avner Goren - archaeologist friend
and traveling companion

Abraham Biran - in office overlooking
the Old City
93 yrs.
unofficial dean of biblical
archaeologists

John Lyons - priest - lived across street where
I grew up - approaching 50

Nickie Israel - 3rd oldest synagogue
Rabbi Arnie Belzer →

Rami Harubi - old friend - lives in Negev
took me to Beersheba - the riverbed
Hagan

Benjamin Cohen - 79 yrs old B. Cohen and family

Via Dolorosa	traveling companion	Hanukkah
Western Wall	Arner Goren	Hanukkah
El Aksa Mosque	"	Ramadan
Temple Mount	"A shadowy figure"	Christmas
Dome of the Rock		
Mount of Olives		

Did he exist?

Where was he born? - possibly southern Turkey

What proof is there? "We must accept his story on faith not science" p 21

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~~Abraham~~ Avraham BIRAN - a 93 opened - went to see - over looking Old City of Jerusalem

Stories appear made up - only 1% in Bible - there are no clues about his boyhood

Abraham has become God's proxy on earth p 43

Abraham - founder of Islam

What is the call? Chapter 2

It involves an internal journey - you must be willing to risk everything

You need silence to find peace

Silence important to hear the call

You need to go to another land - get away from parents - make ourselves strangers

Abra. - in Hebrew Bible / New Testament / Koran

Hanan Eschel - leading archaeologists of that era
p 134 - Museum of Sept 11

Robbi David Rosen - former chief Rabbi of Ireland

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Circumcision

Moses

Jesus

Muhammed

St. Paul

Jews
Qumran - near Dead Sea - found scrolls
in 1947

2 miles of rain - 22 in Jerusalem 13 miles west
American Jew or Jewish American - you didn't
answer p 123

Torah - 1st 5 Book of Bible

Israel didn't exist during Abraham's time

A - 1st Jew - Moses arrives 200 yrs. later

Sarah Hagar now becomes a synagogue rabbi
keeping kosher, wears a kippah, reads the Torah

Robbins credit him with inventing Passover

Jewish notion of A. similar to Christian notion of Jesus

Who is Hanson Eschel -

What is message of Genesis after 9/11 p 134

Christian p 136

Paul realized Christian needed A. - he was
eager to write extensively about Jesus.

Paul 14 letters in New Testament - mentions A 19 times

Circumcision is not central to faith

It's all about faith

attempt at righteous - pride sets in

What the church did with A. was bitter and cruel p 148

Cohen - ^{p108} Would you sacrifice your son today?
Feiler - calls this "one of the more troubling
legacies of Abraham's life" - this may
have sent Feiler off on this journey to begin with

Masoud El Fassed - imam in
East Jerusalem p178
Jews don't do what the creator wants

Sheikh Abu Sueina - p181

watched 2nd tower fall from my
apartment on 16th floor - Sept 11

Islam - 17 of 25 prophets belong to family of A.

Muhammad lived 2500 years after Abraham
Was A a muslim?

there is no third person narrative in the
Koran - God speaks directly in its 6200 verses

Starting point for Islam: Have faith in God.

Muhammad had followers fore ~~Jerusalem~~ Jerusalem
then changed had them fore Mecca.

Islam - true universal faith
only true faith is Islam

political battles today P177 -
Jerusalem, Palestine OBL etc.

Ismael -

A changed the world because he brought
one idea - the power of ideas - human
ideas

Isaac - What does it mean
The God of Abraham P89