“Now the Lord had said to Abram: ‘…I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make
your name great; and you shall be a blessing…and in you all the families of the earth shall be
blessed.’

The person of Abraham is often credited with founding the three great monotheistic
faiths. However each faith has different traditions, teachings, and accounts surrounding
Abraham. Upon close examination of the Torah (Old Testament), New Testament, and the
Qur’an, discrepancies arise almost immediately. This paper will conduct an analysis of the texts
on two aspects of Abraham’s life: his faith, and the significance of the sacrifice of his son. These
peculiarities of the faiths support each one’s theology and are integral to understanding them. To
combine these faiths in the popular movement of “Abraham’s Path” as proposed by the Global
Negotiation Project at Harvard University and by many contemporary scholars including Brain
Arthur Brown, author of *The Three Testaments*, is to lose the integrity of each religious
tradition and to create a whole new religion of unity. Such a new religion however admirable in
conception can hardly be acceptable to most seriously practicing Jews, Christians, or Muslims.

“Abraham was not a Jew nor yet a Christian; but he was true in faith, and bowed his will to
God’s, (which is Islam), and he joined not gods with God.”

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i Gen. 11:32 (New King James Version)

