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1. From where did the Arabs learn to "defend" their god violently?



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2. This behavior is not new.
The Christians subjected Jews to the inquisition, Chmelnicki, Crusades and the Holocaust because we "insulted" their religion.

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3. This attitude existed long before Christianity.
Moses explains to pharaoh that the Egyptians would kill the Jews in defense of their "sacred" sheep.



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4. Why didn't Jews riot when G-d was insulted? It's happened countless times.



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5. The Jews showed weak faith four times in this week's parsha:

a. At the edge of the sea they feared G-d wouldn't help them as he did in Egypt.

Moses responded, "Stand and see the G-d's."



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6. Later when they arrived at Mara and couldn't drink the bitter water they worried that G-d only gave protection not sustenance and again complained to Moses.

G-d sweetened the water for them.



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7. Yet soon they worried that G-d wouldn't provide food for them since it would entail creating *ex-nihilo*.

G-d sent them the *Manna*.



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8. When they reached Refiddim and found no water at all they worried that G-d would bring water to them from nowhere.

G-d did.



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9. You must wonder, why did they doubt G-d so?



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10. The answer:
 They were coming from Egypt where a "god" needed the cared and protection of its worshiper.

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11. Why is it that besides our G-d all gods need to be defended by the people of the religion?



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12. The difference: Who created whom?
 When man creates his god, it needs constant care from its creator.
 Our true G-d, created us and remains eternally whether we believe in him or not.



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13. This is why Judaism doesn't proselytize because the amount of believers doesn't affect G-d.



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14. In simple terms:

All religions are centered on the man for it was man who created his god in his own image. In Judaism G-d is the center and He created man in His image.

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15. Therefore other religions can be molded to the needs of the people, while in Judaism it is the people who need to mold themselves to the will of G-d.



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