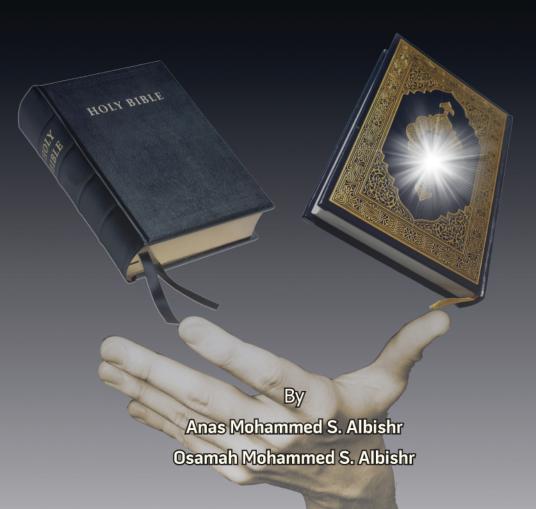
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Introduction

All the praise is for Allah who is the Creator of all existence and the Most Generous to His creation, while He is also the All-Compelling. He is the only One having the right to be WORSHIPED without associating partners with Him (no sons, no daughters). No one He must consult and nothing is like unto Him or has any comparison with Him. He is The King of all who claim sovereignty. The only One who has the right to legislate for His creatures. He is the Giver of life and the Giver of death, while death has no effect upon Him, because He is the Ever-living the Self-Subsisting. He is the Eternal and the only Absolute. All the praise is for Allah who has Power over all things and there is no power, strength, nor influence to cause benefit or detriment except through Him. Indeed, He is the One who created this complex world (the evident and the speculative, the seen and the unseen) the heavens, the earth, and all that is in between

It is He who sent His Messengers and Prophets (peace be upon them all) with the common message of strict MONOTHEISM (believing with obedience in the Oneness of the Almighty Creator without partners or associates with Him). Dear whoever is reading this book,

Allah the Most Merciful says:

"Say, O People of the Scripture (Christians and Jews), come to a word that is equitable between us and you that we will not worship except Allah and not associate anything with Him and not take one another as lords instead of Allah. But if they turn away, then say, Bear witness that we are Muslims (submitting to Him)" [The Glorious Quran 3:64]

"People of the Scripture" is a respectful title given to the Jews and Christians in the Glorious Quran, and the Muslims here are commanded to invite those people, who claim to be the recipients of Divine Revelation of a Holy Scripture, to gather together onto a common word that we worship none but God Almighty. This is why we have written this book.

As a logical human, have you ever stopped and asked yourself one-day serious questions, such as why you believe in what you believe in? Have you ever thought about the reason for which you chose the religion you practice? Have you ever thought that why Jesus Christ (Peace be upon him) is the only way for eternal salvation? Does salvation require

the crucifixion of the Godly prophet? Does God need to sacrifice Himself (or His son) to redeem others? Do you really believe in Trinity (that God is not one, but three in one! Such as the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit)? How sensible is that three entities equal one entity simultaneously? According to what church's point of view? What is the proof to that? Do you know that Trinity verse has been thrown out from the Bible as fabrication, manipulation, deception, interpolation, and tampering? Is the Bible really the word of God? Is all of it the word of God? Do you know that the Bible did not remain the same over the time without any change like addition or omission? Which Apostle of Jesus (peace be upon him) should his book and life be followed and why? Did you really ask yourself these serious questions!! What is the fate of the one who opposes and why? What is the position of the Christian who follow other Church teachings? Have you ever asked what are the principles through which you can decide which beliefs right and worthy to follow? What are the measures? How to agree regarding them? Is the emotional feeling the right way to measure faith and the true path?

Are you so sure of your faith that it is the true religion and all other religions are false? Thus, are you ready to bet with your immortal spirit on this assumption? Yet, did you stop to think that there are 24+ official religions and hundreds of beliefs practiced on this planet! Do you know that Christianity includes thousands of sects! All of them

claim to understand the ultimate truth better than the rest! Do you know that everyone who practices other beliefs is thinking that he is pious and honest just like you? They live in the delusions of feeling the existence of God and His miracles and faint voice! And they would defend their beliefs based on that so-called (living miracles in the name of Jesus)?

Undoubtedly, there is a truth out there which all rational people are looking for. The truth is obvious, but some people find it hard to figure it out. Therefore, in this book we are going to refute the suspicions and present the Truth which is the true message of Almighty God given to mankind. It will be straight to the point not excessive nor too short, and there is no beating around the bush.

We would like to say that these pages are now addressed to those sincerely humble souls, who are genuinely interested in seeking the truth and who wish to be guided by the light of God Almighty. As for the other, with a sickness in their souls, the facts presented herein would only increase the disease of their hearts. Thus, do not let ego, pride, bias or prejudice affect your judgment as you read the pages. If you do not free your mind and heart from these obstructions, then it will be near to impossible to see the light of truth to which we will be referring so often.

And God Almighty (Allah) knows best,

Chapter One Is the Bible God's word?

﴿ فَوَيْلُ لِلَّذِينَ يَكُنُبُونَ ٱلْكِنَابَ بِأَيْدِيهِمْ ثُمَّ يَقُولُونَ هَاذَا مِنْ عِندِ ٱللَّهِ لِيَشْتَرُواْ بِهِ مَنَا كَنَابُ أَنْهُم مِّمَّا كَنَابُتُ أَيْدِيهِمْ وَوَيْلُ لَهُم مِّمَّا كَنَابُتُ أَيْدِيهِمْ وَوَيْلُ لَهُم مِّمَّا يَكْسِبُونَ ﴾ يَكْسِبُونَ ﴾

"So woe to those who write the «Scripture» with their own hands, then say, «This is from Allah,» in order to exchange it for a small price. Woe to them for what their hands have written and woe to them for what they earn" [The Glorious Quran 2:79]

Is the Bible God's word?

Generally, the word Bible comes from the Greek word «βιβλία or Biblos» which means «a Book», and the word «Bible» itself does not exist in the Bible. This Book is divided into two-main portions known as «Old Testament and New Testament».

What is regarded as canonical text differs depending on traditions and denominations; a number of Bible canons have evolved, with overlapping and diverging contents.

There are three-major different versions «not translations» in the Christian Bible. They differ (in books, verses, contexts) between the Catholic, Orthodox, and Protestant Churches. The Eastern Orthodox Bible usually contains 78 total books, the Catholic Bible includes 73 different books, while the Protestant Bible traditionally has 66 books in total.

To confuse the matter even more, you will find under one denomination different sects having different Books as well! For example, Russian Orthodox Churches and Ethiopian Orthodox Churches are not the same at all. The Canon of the Ethiopian Orthodox «Tewahedo» Church is wider than the canons used by most other Christian Churches. There are 81 books in the Ethiopian Orthodox Bible.

On other side, there are Churches which reject some of the books that Orthodox, Roman Catholics, and Protestants accept. For instance, Jehovah's Witnesses (*) have their own Bible called «New World Translation» of the Holy Scriptures (NWT). They strictly believe in their Book to be the word of God and reject other denominations' books. The same is true of some Jewish sects.

Noticeably, each claims to possess the true word of God and debunk other's Bible as being manipulated, corrupted, and forged. This has been an ongoing controversy over years and decades.

As for the New Testament, it is the name given to the second portion of the Christian Bible, as Jesus (peace be upon him) is its central figure. Basically, it is a collection of 27 books of 4 different genres of Christian literature (Gospels, Acts of the Apostles, Epistles and an Apocalypse known as «Book of Revelation»).

The New Testament books are ordered differently in the Catholic/Orthodox/Protestant tradition, the Slavonic tradition, the Syriac tradition and the Ethiopian tradition. These books are collections of Christian texts that are the result of refinement by unknown men who thought that they were inspired by God to discern his teachings. However, even the four Gospels of the New Testament were not written by eyewitnesses or people who knew eyewitnesses. None of the Gospels claims to be written by the person it

^(*) Jehovah witnesses is a millenarian restorationist Christian denomination with non-trinitarian beliefs distinct from mainstream Christianity.

bears his name. Its original manuscripts were lost and there is no access except to ancient manuscripts. Jesus (peace be upon him) and his disciples spoke Aramaic. While those manuscripts were written in different language (Greek), different country, and after tens of decades, nobody knows where it was written or who wrote them. Anonymously, there are thousands of copies and there are no identical copies. This is why evangelists usually say, «DO NOT BE AFRAID, JUST CLOSE YOUR EYES and BELIEVE».

Muslims believe the Glorious Quran (the Last Testament) to be undoubtedly a verbal dictation from God Almighty through the Archangel Jibril "Gabriel" who conveyed the revelation to prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him), and the prophet of God uttered exactly the same words he heard, then it was written and protected. In contrast, Christians believe that the Bible is a non-verbal dictation from God as a whole, rather, it is an inspiration into the hearts. And they claim that "God did not have to talk through the ears, but, He (God) could talk directly into the hearts of people".

However, there is no hesitation in acknowledging that the Bible is not the word of God as a whole. Christian scholars conceded and could not deny the fact that there are four different kinds of witnessing recognizable without any need of specialized training. The reader of the Bible will be able to recognize:

- 1. Word of God.
- 2. Word of the Prophets of God.
- 3. Word of anonymous Historians.
- 4. Unfortunately, PORNOGRAPHY.

The following quotations will provide crystal clear proof:

The First Type: word of God

- A- "I will raise them up a prophet from among their brethren, like unto thee, and I will put my words in his mouth; and he shall speak unto them all that I shall command him" [Deuteronomy 18:18]
- B- "I, even I, am the Lord, and beside Me there is no savior" [Isaiah 43:11]
- C-".... For I am God and there is none else" [Isaiah 45:22]

Without any difficulty, the reader will agree that the statements seem to have the sound of being the word of God.

The Second Type: word of Prophets of God

- A- "And Jesus answered him, the first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel; the Lord our God is One Lord" [Mark 12:29]
- B- "And Jesus said unto him, why callest thou me good? There is none good but one, that is God" [Mark 10:18]

C- Jesus said: "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord', shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of my Father (*) who is in heaven." [Matthew 7:21]

The Third Type: word of Historians

Old Testament:

In the first five books of the Bible; Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy (Which credited to Moses peace be upon him), there are hundreds of statements that proven not to be neither the word of God nor even the word of Moses. For example, could Moses (peace be upon him) write his own obituary (notice of his death)? Take a look! "So Moses the servant of Lord DIED . . . and He (God Almighty) Buried him . . . He (Moses) was 120 years old when he DIED . . . And the people of Israel wept for Moses . . . and there has not arisen a prophet since in Israel like Moses . . . " [Deuteronomy 34:5-10]

However, the rest books in the Old Testaments are unfortunately worse and contain full of errors, yet, some would blindly claim it is divine!

In addition to that, plagiarism (literary theft) has taken a place in the Old Testament. Word for word 100% in (Isaiah, chapter 37:1-38) and copied in (II Kings, chapter 19). They are identical and the time difference between them centuries apart!! However, renowned Bible Scholars admitted that the author of the book of "Kings" is "Unknown".

^(*) NOTE! The word Father here means "God", However, more details will be explained in the next Chapter.

New Testament:

How amazing Gospels so-called "New Testament" begin with the introduction *ACCORDING TO* Saint Matthew, *ACCORDING TO* Saint Mark, *ACCORDING TO* Saint Luke, *ACCORDING TO* Saint John!!

Why it is <u>According to!</u> Simply, because none of the four signed his name, the thousands copies of the Bible extant carries neither its author autograph nor his biography (anonymous). Hence, the supposition "ACCORDING TO" is there. To clarify that, when my brother and I wrote this Book, we did not say According to Osamah Albishr and According to Anas Albishr, we rather used the preposition "By". If "According to" is there, that means someone else wrote this Book not us.

The clear evidence is there without any need of hunting and internal evidence proves that. For example, Matthew was not the author of the first Gospel that has his name on it; however, it was anonymous handiwork.

Take a look!

"As Jesus passed on from there, He saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax office; and He (Jesus) said to him (Matthew), follow me. And he (Matthew) rose and followed him (Jesus)" [Matthew 9:9]

If this verse was written by Matthew himself then it would be: "As Jesus passed on from there, he saw me sitting at the tax office; and he said to me, follow me. And I rose and followed him"

Therefore, we can tell that a third-person "anonymous Historian" has written that so-called Gospels on behalf of the rest. Another example:

"This is the disciple who is bearing witness to these things and who has written these things; and we know that his testimony is true. But there are also many other things which Jesus did; were every one of them to be written, I suppose that the world itself could contain the books that would be written" [John 21:24-25]

The reader does not have to be theologian to recognize that "anonymous historian" had written it. It is so obvious for everyone that such statements are not (word of God, word of Jesus, or the disciples of Jesus).

In addition to that, plagiarism (literary theft) has taken a place in the New Testament. Matthew and Luke, or whoever they were, had plagiarized no less than 80% of Mark Word. Christian Scholars of the highest eminence have admitted it. Yet, Christians nowadays call this wholesale plagiarism "The Word of God".

The Fourth Type: PORNOGRAPHY

Note that we are not proud of exposing such statements which has been written in the Bible (as the word of God). However, it is not what we like or dislike, but indeed it is what we are forced to use against the book so-called the Bible (which made by anonymous hands). Exalted is the Almighty God over what they ascribe to Him as His words.

A- Daughters seduce their father:

" Now Lot went up out of Zo'ar, and dwelt in the hills with his two daughters . . . and the first-born (daughter) said to the younger (daughter), 'our father

Is this the word of God? The Nobel pure Prophet (Lot) of Almighty God who spent his life calling people to morality, the Prophet who was trying to reform the mind-set of people of Sodom from committing homosexuality, they accused him with his chaste family of committing incest.

B- David committed Adultery with a "beautiful" woman!

"It happened, late one afternoon, when David saw from the roof a woman bathing So David sent messengers, and took her; and she came to him and he lay with her. Then she returned to her house. And the woman conceived; and she sent and told David, 'I am with child'" [2 Samuel 11:2-5]

Is this the word of God? Talking about his pure Prophet committing adultery!

C- Reuben (the son of Prophet Jacob) committing adultery with his father's wife:

"While Israel dwelt in that land Reuben went and lie with Bilhah his father's concubine; and Israel heard of it. Now the sons of Jacob were twelve" [Genesis: 35-22]

*Bilhah is stated as Jacob's wife not only concubine in Joseph's story [Genesis 37:2]. This is a clear incest and grave sin.

Is this the word of God?!

D- Judah (the son of Prophet Jacob) committing adultery with his daughter-in-law Tamar:

"He (Judah) went over to her (Tamar) at the road side, and said, 'Come, let me come into you' for he did not know that she was his daughter-in-law. She said, 'What will you give me, that you may come in to me?', and (Judah) went in to her and she (Tamar) conceived by him" [Genesis 38:16-18]

Is this the word of God? Yet, the filthy story of the incestuous revenge did not stop there, it continues to [Genesis 38] that Tamar had a duel (Twins) in her womb, and was blessed!

E- The whoredoms of the two Sisters Oho'la and Ohol'ibah. [Ezekiel chapter 23]

Such a story of lewdness, we cannot have it in this book. If you have the chance read it yourself then you will come to know that such filthiness cannot be in the Book of God, yet, sick people claim it is His words.

F- The Lord with Sarah the wife of Abraham!!! [God forbid]
"The Lord visited Sarah, as He has promised. And
Sarah Conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old
age " [Genesis 21:1-3]

These perverted people who have diseases in their hearts shamelessly lied against God and His beloved prophet Abraham. Their extravagant sickness made them to come up with a story between the Almighty God and the Chaste wife of Abraham (peace be upon them). Yet, they call this book the word of God! What a blasphemy!

Not too long from what has been falsely ascribed to Almighty God and the lies against Him, the response came in the Glorious Quran, Allah says:

"So woe to those who write the «Scripture» with their own hands, then say, «This is from Allah,» in order to exchange it for a small price. Woe to them for what their hands have written and woe to them for what they earn" [The Glorious Quran 2:79]

"And on the Day of Resurrection you will see those who lied against Allah (i.e. attributed to Him sons, partners) their faces will turn black, is there not in Hell an abode for the arrogant ones?" [The Glorious Quran 39:60]

"And who is more unjust than he who invents a lie against Allah? Those will be presented before their Lord, and the witnesses will say, «These are the ones who lied against their Lord.» Verily, the curse of Allah is upon the wrongdoers" [The Glorious Quran 11:18]

Contradictions in the Bible:

God Almighty is All-Knowing (Omniscient), All-Aware, and All-Perfect whom He undoubtedly does not do any mistake whatsoever. Exalted is He, the absolute infallibility belongs to Him. Therefore, any book which to be truly called "the Book of God" must be consistent with itself and ought to be free from all contradictions and discrepancies. However, the Bible did not meet the criteria; there are numerous contradictions and scientific errors which cannot whatsoever be attributed to Almighty God. We will review some examples as follows:

A- "Again the anger of the LORD was kindled against Israel, and He (God) incited David against them, saying, 'Go number Israel and Judah'" [2 Samuel 24:1]

Contradicts with:

"Satan stood up against Israel, and incited David to number Israel" [1 Chronicles 21:1]

In which religion is Satan synonymous with God!

B- In the book of [1 Kings from 15:33 to 16:8] is a story of Basha King of Israel in Tirzah who reigned 24 years and died in the 26th year of the reign of King Asa. However, in **the book of [2 Chronicles 16:1]** it stated that Basha invaded Judah in the 36th year of the reign of King Asa!!

How come Basha invades Judah 10 years after his death?

C- "So God came to David and told him, and said to him, 'Shall seven years of famine come to you in your land? Or will you flee three months before your foes while they pursue you" [2 Samuel 24:13]

Contradicts with:

"So God came to David and said to him, 'Thus says the Lord, take which you will either three years of famine or three months of devastation of your foes, while the sword of the enemies overtakes you" [1 Chronicles 21:11-12]

What did the Lord decree, 7 years famine or 3 years famine?

More shocking fact, through our observation, we noticed that some Bibles still have this contradiction obvious, and some made a change to it. For Example, the R.S.V changed the verse in Samuel to match the one in Chronicles [from 7 to 3]. Yet, in the footnote, they stated that it is originally 7 years in the Gk: Heb.

D- "Besides their menservants and maidservants of whom there were seven thousand three hundred and thirty-seven; and they had two hundred male and female singers" [Ezra 2:65]

Contradicts with:

"Besides their menservants and maidservants of whom there were seven thousand three hundred and thirty-seven; and they had two hundred and forty-five singers, male and female" [Nehemiah 7:67]

Was there 200 or 245 male and female singers!

E- "Jehoiachen was <u>eighteen years old</u> when he became king, and he reigned three months in Jerusalem " [2 Kings 24:8]

Contradicts with:

"Jehoiachen was <u>eight years old</u> when he began to reign, and he reigned three months and ten days in Jerusalem " [2 Chronicles 36:9]

How old was Jehoiachen 18 or 8 ? A gap of full 10 years! Can we say that the All-Knowing God could not count? (God forbid)

F- "But, He (God) said; you (Moses) <u>cannot see my face</u>; for <u>man shall not see me and live</u>...., and <u>you shall see my back</u>; but <u>my face shall not be seen</u>" [Exodus 33:20-23]

Contradicts with:

"Thus the Lord used to speak to Moses <u>face to face</u>, as a man speaks to his friend" [Exodus 33:11]

In addition to that, [Genesis 32:30] stated that Jacob said "For I have seen God face to face".

G- "And the Syrians fled before Israel; and David slew of the Syrians the men of seven hundred chariots, and forty thousand horsemen, and wounded Shobach the commander of their army, so that he died there" [2 Samuel 10:18]

Contradicts with:

"And the Syrians fled before Israel; and David slew of the Syrians the men of <u>seven thousand chariots</u>, and <u>forty thousand foot-soldiers</u>, and killed also Shobach the commander of their army" [1 Chronicles 19:18]

What is the real number 700 or 7000? And were they horsemen or foot-soldiers!

H- "Its thickness was a handbreadth; and its brim was made like the brim of a cup, like the flower of a lily; it held two thousand baths" [1 Kings 7:26]

Contradicts with:

"Its thickness was a handbreadth; and its brim was made like the brim of a cup, like the flower of a lily; it held three thousand baths" [2 Chronicles 4:5]

How many baths were in Solomon's Palace 2000 or 3000!

I- ".... of those whom thou gavest me <u>I lost not one</u>" [John 18:9]

Contradicts with:

".... thou hast given me; I have guarded them, and none of them is lost but the son of perdition" [John 17:12]

The authors claimed here that Jesus (peace be upon him) was talking about his disciples. Does it ever "not one" become equal to "none but one"?

J- "And Solomon had <u>four thousand stalls</u> for horses and chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen"
[2 Chronicles 9:25]

Contradicts with:

"Solomon Also had <u>forty thousand stalls</u> of horses for his chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen" [1 Kings 4:26]

What a big gap between 4000 and 40,000 stalls! An error of 36,000!

K- "Shealtiel, the son of Neri" [Luke 3:27]

Contradicts with:

"Jeconiah was the father of Shealtiel" [Matthew 1:12]

Who was Shealtiel's father, Neri or Jeconiah?

L- Psalms 102:25-26 and Hebrews 1:10-11 stated that the earth will perish.

Psalms 78:69 and Ecclesiastes 1:4 Stated that <u>the earth will remain forever.</u>

Will the earth perish or remain forever?

M- [Matthew 1:6-16] says that (Jesus) was the son of David through Solomon, but [Luke 3:23-31] says that (Jesus) was the son of David through Nathan.

Regardless of this blasphemous contradiction, we know that both authors are confounded liars, because Jesus (peace be upon him) was conceived miraculously without any male intervention.

As a consequence of this, will you still believe in the authenticity of the Bible?

God Almighty says:

"Then do they not reflect upon the Quran? If it had been from [any] other than Allah, they would have found in it much contradictions" [The Glorious Quran 4:82]

Chapter Two Is Jesus "God" or even "The begotten" Son of God?

﴿ لَقَدْ كَفَرَ ٱلَّذِينَ قَالُوٓاْ إِنَّ ٱللَّهَ هُوَ ٱلْمَسِيحُ ٱبْنُ مَرْيَمَ ﴾

"They have certainly disbelieved who say, « Allah (God) is the Messiah, the son of Mary» [The Glorious Quran 5:72]

﴿ وَلَا تَقُولُواْ ثَلَنَةً أَنتَهُواْ خَيْرًا لَكُمْ إِنَّمَا ٱللَّهُ إِلَهٌ وَحِدٌّ سُبْحَننَهُ: ﴿ وَلَا تَقُولُواْ ثَلَتُهُ وَلَدٌ ﴾ وَلَدٌ ﴾

"And do not say, "Trinity"; desist - it is better for you. Indeed, Allah is but one God. Exalted is He above having a son" [The Glorious Quran 4:171]

Is Jesus "God" or even "The begotten" Son of God?

Straight answer to this question, Jesus (peace be upon him) never-ever claimed Divinity. He neither says "<u>I am God</u>" nor "<u>Worship me</u>" in any Bible in any version whatsoever. Yet, most Christians believe in the Trinity "the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit as three in one".

Before proving the point that Jesus (peace be upon him) did not claim divinity nor did he mention the Trinity at all, we want to clarify the misunderstanding of the words "The Father" and "the Son".

The word "Son of God"

In the Hebrew language, the word "son of God" was commonly used for the ones who follow the commandments of Almighty God. It is even mentioned in the book of [Romans 8:14] "for all who are led by the spirit of God are sons of God". It is further mentioned that Jesus (peace be upon him) said, in [Matthew 5:9] "Blessed are the peacemakers; for they shall be called the sons of God". Therefore, more certainly all the Messengers of God are Sons of God. In fact, the Bible stated in [Luke 3:38] "Adam the son of God" as well as in [2 Samuel 7:14] it referred to David (peace be upon him) as the son of God.

Thus, the term "sons of God" does not bring any affiliation with the Lord, our Creator. It simply means one who is righteous person and has faith in Almighty God. However, most Christians overlooked it and claimed blasphemously that Jesus is "the begotten son of God".

They quote [John 3:16] "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten son", but 32 notable scholars from highest eminence backed by 50+ different denomination have thrown away the word BEGOTTEN in the Revised Standard Version as fabrication, interpolation, and concoction. In addition to that, the word ONLY BEGOTTEN must take figurative understanding when it is mentioned in the Bible. For example, Isaac was mentioned as ONLY BEGOTTEN son of Abraham when he already had a previous son, Ishmael. Therefore, ONLY BEGOTTEN must have a figurative interpretation. Isaac had become the heir according to the promise of God. God's blessings would come through him.

Furthermore, [Matthew 28:19] was proved from reputed Christian Scholars that the Trinitarian formula "the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost" was interpolated to Matthew's original Hebrew Gospel, and they said it was a lie against Jesus Christ for putting words in the Bible HE NEVER SAID. Another interpolation, it was in [1st Epistle of John 5:7 - AV] "For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one" However, this verse was

thrown away from the Bible as manipulation, fabrication, falsification, and blasphemous concoction into the Bible.

God Almighty says in the Glorious Quran;

"And do not say, "Trinity"; desist - it is better for you. Indeed, Allah is but one God. Exalted is He above having a son" [The Glorious Quran 4:171]

The word "Father"

As for the misunderstanding of the word *FATHER*, let's have this verse which hopefully will solve the issue.

"Jesus said to her (Mary), do not hold me for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brethren and say to them, I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God" [John 20:17]

This verse clearly demonstrates that "the Father simply means Almighty God" this is what Jesus (peace be upon him) used to say and meant, not what the trinitarians falsely brought forth.

Jesus (peace be upon him) never claimed divinity

Here are the proofs:

A- "And Jesus said to him, why do you call me good?

no one is good but God alone" [Luke 18:19]

"And Jesus said unto him, why callest thou me good?

There is none good but one, that is God" [Mark 10:18]

If Jesus (peace be upon him) claimed divinity, he would not blame people for calling him "good".

B- "And Jesus answered him, the first of all the commandments is, <u>Hear, O Israel; the Lord our God is One Lord</u>" [Mark 12:29]

It is stated in the Glorious Quran that Jesus (peace be upon him) said:

"And indeed, Allah is my Lord and your Lord, so worship Him that is a straight path"

[The Glorious Quran 19:36]

C- Jesus said, "No one knows about that day and that hour, not even the angels in heaven, but only the Father" [Matthew 24:36] as well as [Mark 13:32]

Jesus clearly told his followers that no one knows when the Day of Judgment will come but only GOD knows. God Almighty confirms it in the Glorious Quran:

"People ask you about the Hour. Say, Allah Alone has the knowledge of it" [The Glorious Quran 33:63]

D- "For the Father is <u>Greater than I</u>" [John 14:28] "My Father, who has given them to me is <u>Greater than all</u>" [John 10:29]

- E- "... I cast out devils by the spirit of God" [Matthew 12:28]
 - "... <u>I (Jesus) with the finger of God</u> cast out devils" [Luke 11:20]
- F- "I can do nothing on my own authority; as I hear, I judge; and my judgement is just, because I seek not my own will but the will of Him who sent me" [John 5:30]

It is further mentioned in the Glorious Quran that Jesus said to the Children of Israel;

"And I cure the blind and the leper, and I give life to the dead - by permission of Allah" [The Glorious Quran 3:49]

G- Jesus said, "not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. On that day many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord' did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many miracles in your names? And I will declare to them, I never knew you; depart from me, you evildoers" [Matthew 7:21-23]

This is a straight-forward response from Jesus (peace upon him) for all those who claim that he is God, and they are witnessing miracles and a living belief in the name of Jesus not God Almighty the Creator.

This is what Jesus (peace be upon him) will tell them! AMAZING!

God Almighty says in the Glorious Quran;

"They have certainly disbelieved who say, « Allah (God) is the Messiah, the son of Mary» while the Messiah has said, «O Children of Israel, worship Allah, my Lord and your Lord.» Indeed, he who associates others with Allah - Allah has forbidden him Paradise, and his refuge is the Fire. And there are not for the wrongdoers any helpers. They have certainly disbelieved who say, « Allah is the third of three.» And there is no god except one God. And if they do not desist from what they are saying, there will surely afflict the disbelievers among them a painful punishment. So will they not repent to Allah and seek His forgiveness? And Allah is Forgiving and Merciful" [The Glorious Quran 5:72-74]

- The misunderstanding of the verse "Before Abraham was born, I am" [John 8:58]

Regarding this verse, there are on-going controversies and different interpretations. However, many reputed Christian Scholars agreed that Jesus did not claim divinity in this verse, otherwise, he will clearly contradict himself.

The right interpretation of this verse is that Jesus (peace be upon him) and all the creatures were in the knowledge of Almighty God thousands of years before the existence of the heaven and the earth. Undoubtedly, everything was written and predestined that we are going to be here on this earth in certain time and place. Thus, it was revealed to Abraham the coming of Jesus, and was revealed to Jesus that Abraham rejoiced the thought of his coming as well (peace be upon them).

Simply, this verse does not hold Jesus (peace be upon him) to be the Almighty God himself. The story is that Jesus told the Jews about Abraham rejoicing the thought of seeing him, but he did not say "I saw Abraham rejoicing", it was revealed to him that Abraham was rejoiced of his coming. Yet the Jews made a mockery out of it as usual saying: How would you see him and you are not 50 years old? They want to pick up anything against him, but Jesus said: "Before Abraham was born, I am", meaning in the knowledge of Almighty God.

It is clear and you do not have to go far away to catch the real-meaning; few verses back in the same conversation between Jesus and the Jews will prove that Jesus himself did not claim divinity.

Jesus (peace be upon him) said:

- 26 ".... He who sent me is reliable, and what I have heard from Him I tell the world."
- 28 "... and that I do nothing on my own but speak just what the Father has taught me"
- 29 "...The one who sent me is with me; He has not left me alone, for I always do what pleases Him."
- 42 ".... for I came from God and now am here. I have not come on my own; but He sent me"
- 56 "Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He (Abraham) saw it and was glad."
- 57 Then the Jews said to him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and You have seen Abraham?
- 58 Jesus answered, "I tell you the truth, before Abraham was born, I Am"

At this moment, the Jews (as many Christians nowadays) misunderstood what Jesus (peace be upon him) said, they picked up stones to stone him, but Jesus (peace be upon him) as a human being who conveyed the Message of Almighty God, ran away and hid himself, slipping away from the temple. However, it is obvious that Almighty God cannot be afraid of His creatures!! It is a blasphemy against the Mightiness of His.

- The misunderstanding of the verse "I and my Father are one" [John 10:30]

This verse is being quoted ignorantly from Christian pastors and missionaries for preaching, yet, it is out of context.

As for the full context to be properly understood, it begins from [John 10:24-39], "in the beginning Jesus walked in Solomon's temple, the Jews gathered around him and said, 'If you are the Christ tell us plainly'. Jesus answered, 'I told you and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name bear witness to me.' But you do not believe because you do not belong to my sheep My Father who has given them to me is Greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them from my Father's hand. I and my Father are one"

when Jesus said, "I and the Father are one," he did not mean that he and God are one in essence, making himself God, but one in purpose.

However, the Jews as usual were looking for trouble and they accused him of claiming to be God. Jesus (peace be upon him) denied the Jews' allegation that he said he was God, rather, he distinguished himself from God. Anyway, the Jews wanted to cause problems, they picked up stones saying 'we stone you for blasphemy you are a man trying to be a God' then Jesus answered, 'is it not written in your law (Torah), 'I said you are gods?' if he called them gods to whom the word of God came,

do you then say of him whom the God consecrated and sent into the world, 'you are being blaspheming?' Because I said I am the son of God?'

The answer was not satisfied to the Jews, because they want to harm him anyway, so they tried to arrest him and Jesus (peace be upon him) ran away.

Many Christians nowadays misunderstood what Jesus said and believed that he is claiming divinity, however, even Roman Catholic Church's prestigious Pontifical Biblical Commission has rejected this common interpretation and do not believe Jesus therein claimed to be God.

- The misunderstanding of the verse "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me" [John 14:6]

As for [John 14:6], no one comes to the father except through me, it referred to his teaching which is the way and the truth, not worshipping him! Jesus never-ever said worship me, rather, he said our God is one whom He must be worshipped. It is stated in [John 8:31-32] for the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." Undoubtedly, Jesus's teaching is the truth and the way, no one can deny it. He came to the Children of Israel with the same message that all the prophets had come with before, which is the MONOTHEISM. God Almighty sent

down revelations through his prophets (by the Archangel Gabriel) to be followed, because no one could reach God except through their teachings. God Almighty does not talk directly to people, so He sent these mighty Prophets and Messengers to teach mankind how to worship God, and the requirements He wants from them. God Almighty says in the Glorious Quran:

"Did you think that We had created you without any purpose and that you would not be brought back to Us (for accountability)?" [The Glorious Quran 23:115]

So, if God Almighty created us with purpose, what is that purpose then?

The answer comes from God Himself:

"And indeed, I have not created the jinns and mankind except to worship Me" [The Glorious Quran 51:56]

Consequently, God Almighty the Creator sent His Messengers to teach us the right way of worshipping Him, and all of them conveyed the same message as we mentioned before. God Almighty says in the Glorious Quran:

"He has ordained for you the same religion which He enjoined on Nuh (Noah) - and which We have revealed to you O Muhammad - and which We enjoined on Ibrahim (Abraham) and Musa (Moses) and Isa (Jesus): Establish the religion of Islam (a Monotheistic Faith) and make no division (sects) in it" [The Glorious Quran 42:13]

Furthermore, to erase the doubt, God Almighty says in the Glorious Quran:

"Indeed, to every Messenger whom We sent before you (O Muhammad), We revealed the same Message: «there is no god but Me, so worship Me Alone.» And (Instead of receiving that message) they say: "The Most Gracious has taken unto Himself a son" Glory be to Him! but (those whom they call sons) are honored servants." [The Glorious Quran 21:25-26]

Moreover, God Almighty says in the Glorious Quran:

"And indeed, We have raised in every nation a messenger, (proclaiming): Worship Allah and shun false gods." [The Glorious Quran 16:36]

Thus, for every single nation their prophet was the way to worship God (by following his teachings). In the time of Noah, he was the way. In the time of Abraham, he was the way. In the time of Jonah, he was the way. In the time of Moses, he was the way. In the time of Jesus, he was the way. And finally, in the time of Muhammad, this is his dispensation, his teaching is the only way because he is the last Messenger from God Almighty to all mankind.

Jesus (peace be upon him) is one of mightiest prophets and messengers

Here are the proofs:

A- "But when they tried to arrest him (Jesus), they feared the multitudes, because they held him to be a prophet" [Matthew 21:46]

People around Jesus (peace be upon him) considered him a prophet.

B- "And when Jesus had finished these parables, he went away from there, and coming to his own country he taught them in their synagogue, so that they were astonished, and said where did this man get this wisdom and these mighty works? Is not this the carpenter's son? Is not his mother called Mary?
... where then did this man get all this? And they took offense at him. But Jesus said to them; a prophet is not with honor except in his own country

and in his own house. And he did not do many mighty works there, because of their unbelief" [Matthew 13:53-58]

Jesus (peace be upon him) clearly called himself A PROPHET.

It is mentioned in the Glorious Quran that Jesus (peace be upon him) said:

"He (Jesus) said: Indeed I am the servant of Allah, He has given me the scripture, and made me a prophet" [The Glorious Quran 19:30]

- C- "And they said to him, concerning <u>Jesus of Nazareth</u>, who was a <u>prophet mighty in deed and work before</u>
 <u>God and all the people</u>". [Luke 24:19]
- D- "Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples; 'Who do men say that the son of man is?' And they said, some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others say Jeremiah or one of the prophets." [Matthew 16:13-14]

Note that none of them said that Jesus is God.

God Almighty says in the Glorious Quran:

﴿ يَتَأَهْلَ ٱلْكِتَابِ لَا تَغَلُواْ فِي دِينِكُمْ وَلَا تَقُولُواْ عَلَى اللَّهِ إِلَّا ٱلْحَقَّ ۚ إِنَّا ٱلْحَقَّ ۚ إِنَّا ٱلْحَقَّ اللَّهِ وَكَلِمَتُهُۥ ٱلْقَدْهَاۤ إِلَى مَرْيَمَ وَرُوحُ وَكَلِمَتُهُۥ ٱلْقَدْهَاۤ إِلَى مَرْيَمَ وَرُوحُ وَكُلِمَتُهُۥ ٱلْقَدْهَاۤ إِلَى مَرْيَمَ وَرُوحُ وَ وَكَلِمَتُهُۥ اللَّهِ وَرُسُلِهِ؞ ﴾ وَرُوحُ وَاللَّهُ فَعَامِنُواْ بِٱللَّهِ وَرُسُلِهِ؞ ﴾

"O People of the Scripture, do not commit excess in your religion nor say about Allah except the truth. Indeed, the Messiah, Jesus, the son of Mary, was (no more than) a messenger of Allah and His Word "Be" which He bestowed on Mary and a Spirit from Him. So believe in Allah and His messengers" [The Glorious Quran 4:171]

E- "And when he entered Jerusalem, all the city stirred, saying, who is this? And the crowds said; this is the Prophet Jesus from Nazareth of Galilee" [Matthew 21:11]

The people of Jerusalem, the eyewitnesses, called Jesus a PROPHET

The lifestyle of Jesus (peace be upon him)

He was like all other mighty prophets and messengers of Almighty God. His lifestyle demonstrates that he was not more than a human being.

Here are the proofs:

A- Jesus said to his disciples "Have ye here anything to eat? They (disciples) gave him (Jesus) a piece of broiled fish and of an honeycomb, and he (Jesus) took it and ate before them" [Luke 24:41-43]

God Almighty says in the Glorious Quran;

﴿ مَّا ٱلْمَسِيحُ ٱبْنُ مَرْيَمَ إِلَّا رَسُولُ قَدْ خَلَتْ مِن قَبَلِهِ ٱلرُّسُلُ وَأُمَّهُۥ صِدِيقَةٌ كَانَا يَأْكُلُنِ ٱلطَّعَامُّ ٱنظُرْ كَيْفَ نُبَيِّنُ لَهُمُ ٱلْآينتِ ثُمَّ ٱنظُرْ كَيْفَ نُبَيِّنُ لَهُمُ ٱلْآينتِ ثُمَّ ٱنظُرْ أَنْكُونَ ﴾

"The Messiah, son of Mary, was not but a messenger; [other] messengers have passed on before him. And his mother was a supporter of truth. They both used to eat food. Look how We make the signs clear to them; then look how they are deluded" [The Glorious Quran 5:75]

B- "Jesus said, I thirst" [John 19:28] Does God Almighty get thirsty? (God forbid).

C- "On the following day, when they came from Bethany, <u>He (Jesus) was hungry</u>. And seeing in the distance a fig tree in leaf, He (Jesus) went to see <u>if He (Jesus) could find anything</u> on it. When He (Jesus) came to it, <u>He (Jesus) found nothing</u> but leaves, <u>for it was not the season for figs</u>" [Mark 11:13]

Jesus (peace be upon him) was hungry, while God does not get hungry nor He needs to eat. Furthermore, Jesus (peace be upon him) did not know whether the fig tree was fruited or not, while God is All-Knowing.

﴿ وَيَعْلَرُ مَا فِ ٱلْبَرِ وَٱلْبَحْرِ وَمَا تَسْقُطُ مِن وَرَقَةٍ إِلَّا يَعْلَمُهَا وَلَاحَبَّةٍ فِى طُلْمَتِ ٱلْأَرْضِ وَلَا رَطْبٍ وَلَا يَابِسٍ إِلَّا فِي كِنَنِ مُبِينٍ ﴾ فَلْلَمَتِ ٱلْأَرْضِ وَلَا رَطْبٍ وَلَا يَابِسٍ إِلَّا فِي كِنَنِ مُبِينٍ ﴾

"He (God) knows whatever is in the land and in the sea; there is not a single leaf that falls without His knowledge, there is neither a grain in the darkness of the earth nor anything fresh or dry but is recorded in a Clear Book" [The Glorious Quran 6:59]

D- "He (Jesus) was asleep" [Matthew 8:24]

"But as they sailed he (Jesus) fell asleep" [Luke 8:23]

"And he (Jesus) was in the hinder part of the ship, asleep on a pillow" [Mark 4:38]

Jesus (peace be upon him) used to sleep like every single human being, whereas God does not sleep.

God Almighty says in the Glorious Quran:

"Allah, there is no god but Him, the Ever-living the Self-Subsisting. Neither slumber nor sleep overtakes Him" [The Glorious Quran 2:255]

E- This is the shortest verse in the Bible "Jesus wept!" [John 11:35]

This is a clear sign that he is a normal human being, because it is inappropriate for God to weep.

The Decalogue (Ten Commandments)

As for the ten Commandments are essential and must be followed according to the teachings of Jesus (peace be upon him). These Commandments are recorded in both Books (Exodus 20:1-17 and Deuteronomy 5:6-21).

- You shall have no other gods before God Almighty (*Islamic Monotheism*).
- You shall make no idols.
- You shall not take the name of the Lord "your God" in vain.
- Keep the Sabbath day Holy.
- Honor your father and your mother.
- You shall not murder.
- You shall not commit adultery.
- You shall not steal.
- You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
- You shall not covet.

One day a certain ruler came to Jesus (peace be upon him) and asked Him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus answered, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good except God alone. You know the Commandments: 'Do not commit adultery, do not murder, do not steal, do not bear false witness, honor your father and mother" [Luke 18:18-20]

Jesus (peace be upon him) also gave a clear statement, he said: "Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil. I tell

you the truth, until heaven and earth disappear, not even the smallest detail of God's law will disappear until its purpose is achieved. Therefore, whoever will break one of these least commandments, and teach others to do so (neglecting the commandments), will be called least in the Kingdom of Heaven; but whoever will do and teach them will be called great in the Kingdom of Heaven. But I warn you--unless your righteousness is better than the righteousness of the teachers of religious law and the Pharisees, you will never enter the Kingdom of Heaven!" [Matthew 5:17-20]

It is so obvious that keeping the Commandments is compulsory in order to inherit the kingdom of heaven. But why it is neglected then?

The Man so-called Saint Paul

Paul, whose original name was Saul, <u>never met Jesus</u> (<u>peace be upon him</u>) in <u>his life</u> at all. He came no less than 50 years after the ascension of Jesus Christ.

In the beginning, <u>Saul -Paul- was involved in hunting</u>, <u>killing</u>, and persecuting the followers of Jesus (peace be <u>upon him</u>) because he believed they were heretics [Acts 22:4-5]. He had believed that his violent persecution of the Church to be an indication of his zeal for his religion.

Later, this man so-called Paul reported having experienced a vision of Jesus (peace be upon him) that

he has seen Christ like the other disciples did. And Christ appeared to him as he appeared to Peter, to James, to the Twelve!!!!!

Then he claimed to have the "honor and opportunity to be an apostle from Jesus" but the fact remains that he appointed himself to be an apostle of Jesus (peace be upon him). Thereafter, this man asserted that he received the Gospel neither from men nor from the disciples, but directly by "the revelation of Jesus Christ"!!! Therefore, he sat apart from people to write what he claimed to be "the Gospel of God". It was his OWN, but people naively believed him.

Now, imagine Adolf Hitler, after killing thousands of Jews, said that while he was on the road to Berlin, he had a vision that he was appointed an apostle to the Jews. Then he wrote 20 books contradict significantly with the teachings of Moses (peace be upon him) which all the Jews must follow. Do you think that they will be following these books?

Amazing! We do not understand how people just do not read history!

The truth must be revealed, there are serious questions about the true origins of Paul's teachings posed by historical figures and some modern theologians also hold that the teachings of Paul differ markedly from those of Jesus Christ, as were found in the Gospels. They clearly admit that Paul differs from Jesus (peace be upon him) in terms of the origin of his message, his teachings and his practices. Some have even gone so far to admit that,

due to these apparent differences in teachings, Paul was no less than the "second founder" of Christianity (Jesus being its first) and <u>made a serious paradigm shift.</u>

Even, the disciples of Jesus (peace be upon him) and his direct-followers believed that Jesus is the prophet and promised Messiah to the children of Israel. They focused their ministry on sharing this remarkable news and Jesus' teachings.

However, Paul was the one who misrepresented the original teachings of Jesus

Let's see;

- Jesus (peace be upon him) said: "To inherit the eternal life keep the Commandments", yet, Paul said: "No, the salvation is based on faith and not works of the law"
- Jesus (peace be upon him) said: "I came not to break the law but to fulfill", yet, Paul said: "No you do not have to follow the Law".
- Jesus (peace be upon him) did not claim divinity ever, yet, Paul created a theological framework that Jesus is the Lord whom He must be worshipped!
 - Renowned Christian scholars conceded that it was Paul alone who created a new religion by his vision of Jesus as a Divine Savior who died to save humanity
- Jesus (peace be upon him) said: "Our God is one", yet, Paul said: "No but three in one".
- Jesus (peace be upon him) was born miraculously, he had no father and his mother Mary (peace be upon her)

was chaste and virgin, yet, Paul said; that Jesus (peace be upon him) was having biological lineage from David "one lineage from Nathan the son of David, and the other one from Solomon the son of David"!! (Lies and Contradictions!)

- Jesus was circumcised on the 8th day, yet, Paul said that neither circumcision nor uncircumcision means anything. (Muslims do circumcise).
- Jesus (peace be upon him) never claimed sacrificing himself for the sinners, yet, Paul said that Jesus' volunteered to sacrifice himself to reconcile sinners with Almighty God!

He preached his myth and deceptions, sadly! Today, Paul's epistles continue to be vital roots of the theology, worship and pastoral life in the Catholic and Protestant traditions of the West, as well as the Orthodox traditions of the East! And no less than 70% of the New Testament was from Paul not Jesus (peace be upon him).

Question! Do you follow Jesus (peace be upon him) or Paul who opposed Jesus' teachings?!

Would you rely your eternity on Paul! Or Jesus Christ (peace be upon him)?

Chapter Three The True Concept of God

﴿ فَلْ هُو اللَّهُ أَحَدُ اللَّهُ الصَّمَدُ اللَّهُ لَكُمْ كِلَّهُ وَلَمْ يُولَدُ

"Say: He is Allah, the One and Only. Allah the Eternal Absolute. He begets not, nor is He begotten. And there is none like unto Him" [The Glorious Quran 112:1-4]

The True Concept of God

What is the True Concept of God?

The belief in God is so essential for human beings. Thus, the human must believe in a deity, something that he will follow and cherish. He would refer to him as his method of life. He might even die for him and this is what so-called WORSHIP.

As for the true God, He is the Creator who knows the hidden in concealed matters, because He is the All-Knowing of the unseen. He has the Power, the Will, and He is the Maker of all things that going according to what He wills. He is Wise, does not do anything in vain, and He is Just and because of His justice He rewards and punishes. He has a link to humans; He would not be their Lord if He creates them and then abandons them. This is why He sends messengers to clarify the right path for them and to notify humans of His methods. The One who follows this method, will be worthy of getting the reward (Paradise) and the one who leaves this method will be worthy of punishment (Hellfire). Thus, if He is not capable of admitting them in either these places (Paradise – Hellfire), then he is not a God

Let's share a real short-story regarding this subject:

The Criteria of True God

Ubayy bin Ka'b (the companion of the Prophet may Allah be pleased with him) narrated that the polytheists (pagans) said to the Messenger of Allah, "O Muhammad! describe to us your Lord." In response, Allah the Almighty revealed:

"Say: He is Allah, the One and Only. Allah the Eternal Absolute. He begets not, nor is He begotten. And there is none like unto Him" [The Glorious Quran 112:1-4]

In another narration, Abdullah ibn Abbas (the cousin of the Prophet, may Allah be pleased with him) narrated that the Jews came to the Messenger and among them their leaders Ka'b ibn Al'Ashraf and Huyai ibn Akhtab, and said to the Messenger, "Describe to us your Lord who gave you the mission of Prophethood." and the Prophet recited to them this chapter.

These narrations show that different people on different occasions had questioned the Messenger (peace be upon him) about the essence and nature of the God Almighty, and in every occasion, he would recite this chapter in response.

At first the pagans of Quraish asked him this question in Makkah, and in reply this chapter was sent down. Then, at Madinah, sometimes the Jews, the Christians, and other people of Arabia, asked him this common question.

These are the criteria of True God: His Oneness, Absolute Eternity, Does not beget nor was He begotten, and nothing can be ever like Him whether in physical appearance or imagination.

Who is Allah?

God Almighty answers this question Himself, He says:

﴿ هُوَاللّهُ ٱلّذِى لَآ إِلَهُ إِلّا هُوَ عَلِمُ ٱلْغَيْبِ وَالشّهَادَةِ هُوَ ٱلرَّمْنَ ٱلرَّحِيمُ ﴿ هُوَ ٱللّهُ اللّهُ عَمّا يُشْرِكُونَ اللّهُ هُو اللّهُ اللّهُ عَمّا يُشْرِكُونَ ﴾ الْمُهَيّونَ اللّهُ الْخَلِقُ ٱلْبَادِئُ ٱلْمُصَوِّرُ لَهُ ٱلْأَسْمَاءُ ٱلْحُسِّنَ يُسَيّحُ لَهُ مَا فِي ٱلسّمَوَتِ وَٱلْأَرْضِ وَهُو اللّهَ الْعَرْبِيرُ ٱلْمُكِورِ وَٱلْأَرْضِ وَهُو الْعَرْبِيرُ الْمُكِيمُ ﴾

"He is Allah, whom there is no deity except Him, the Knower of the unseen and the witnessed. He is the Most Merciful, the Most Compassionate. He is Allah, whom there is no deity except Him, the Sovereign, the Pure, the Perfection, the Bestower of Faith, the Overseer, the Exalted in Might, the Compeller, the Superior. Exalted is Allah above whatever they associate with Him. He is Allah, the Creator, the Inventor, the Fashioner; to Him belong the most beautiful names. Whatever is in the heavens and earth is exalting Him. And He is the Exalted in Might, the Wise" [The Glorious Quran 59:22-24]

As a matter of fact, some of the biggest misconceptions many non-Muslims have about Islam have to do with the word "Allah." For different reasons, many people have come to believe that Muslims worship a different God than Christians and Jews, which is totally wrong.

Allah is basically the Arabic word for "God" - and there is only One God (Creator). Undoubtedly, Muslims worship the God of Adam, Noah, Abraham, Moses, David, Solomon, Jonah, John and Jesus (peace be upon them all). However, it is certainly true that Muslims, Jews, and Christians all have different concepts of Almighty God. For instance, Muslims - like Jews - reject the Christian beliefs of the Divine Incarnation and the Trinity. This, however, does not mean that each of these three religions worships a different God - because, as we have already said, there is only One True God (Creator).

First of all, it is important to note that "Allah" is the same word that Arabic-speaking Christians and Jews use for God. If you pick up an Arabic Bible, you will see the word "Allah" being used where "God" is used in English. This is because "Allah" is a word in the Arabic language equivalent to the English word "God" with a capital "G". Additionally, the word "Allah" cannot be made plural, a fact which goes hand-in-hand with the Islamic concept of God. It is interesting to note that the Aramaic word "El" -which is the word for God in the language that Jesus spoke- is certainly more similar in sound to the word "Allah" than the English word "God." This also holds true for the various Hebrew words for God, which are "El" and "Elah", and the plural or glorified form "Elohim."

The reason for these similarities is that Aramaic, Hebrew and Arabic are all Semitic languages with common origins. It should also be noted that, in translating the Bible into English, the Hebrew word "El" is translated variously as "God", "god" and "angel"! This imprecise language allows different translators, based on their preconceived notions, to translate the word to fit their own views. The Arabic word "Allah" presents no such difficulty or ambiguity, since it is only used for Almighty God alone. Additionally, in English, the only difference between "god", meaning a false god, and "God", meaning the One True God, is the capital "G". Due to the previous-mentioned facts, a more accurate translation of the word "Allah" into English might be "The One -and- Only God" or "The One True God"

Sadly, there are some people out there, who are obviously not on the side of truth, want to get people to believe that "Allah" is just some Arabian "god", and that Islam is completely "other" - meaning which does not have common roots with Christianity and Judaism.

However, to say that Muslims worship a different "God" because they say "Allah" is just as illogical as saying that Spanish-speaking people worship a different God because they say "Dios", that French people worship another God because they use the word "Dieu" or that the Jews worship a different God because they sometimes call Him "Yahweh." Certainly, reasoning in such way is quite ridiculous!

Monotheism (the Oneness of God Almighty)

Beside Islam, both Christianity and Judaism claim to be "Monotheistic Faiths". However, Islam teaches that both Judaism and Christianity have, in one way or another, nullified and distorted the pure belief in God Almighty by neglecting His true teachings and mixing them with manmade ideas.

Suffice it to say that just because someone claims being "Monotheistic" Jew, Christian or Muslim, that does not keep him away from falling into corrupt beliefs and polytheism. A lot of people claim to believe in "One God" even though they have fallen into acts of idolatry (paganism). Certainly, many Protestants accuse Roman Catholics of idolatrous (polytheistic) practices regarding the saints and the Virgin Mary. Likewise, the Eastern Orthodox Church is considered "idolatrous" by many other Christian sects because in much of their worship they use icons. However, if you ask a Roman Catholic or an Eastern Orthodox person if God is "One", they will definitely answer: "Of course yes" but this claim does not prevent them from being creatureworshipping idolaters. The same goes for Hindus, who just consider their gods to be "incarnations" or "manifestations" of the One Supreme God.

Therefore, we are here in this chapter to present the true meaning of Monotheism which has been taught by God Almighty and all His messengers.

The real Monotheism is to believe in God Almighty (Allah) alone with no partners, and to negate and reject all deities besides Him, "Anything that has been worshipped or followed or obeyed or submitted to instead of God Almighty (Allah)". The Belief in the Oneness of God Almighty (Allah) consists of three main categories:

1- To believe in the Oneness of the Lordship of God Almighty (Allah).

Meaning, to believe in Allah as One and Unique with regard to His actions such as that He is the Creator, Absolute Sovereign, the Controller of the Universe, the Causer of life and death, and so on.

NOTE!!! As for causing life and death, this function was given from God Almighty (Allah) by His permission to Jesus Christ (as a test to people) and it will be given to the Anti-Christ when he comes (as a test to people as well). However, this does not make any of the two to become a Lord worthy of worship nor to become God Almighty Himself! In fact, whoever believes that there is any creator other than God Almighty (Allah) or any sovereign controlling the universe and disposing of its affairs other than God Almighty (Allah) has denied this aspect of Monotheism and disbelieved.

2- To Believe in the Oneness of Divinity of God Almighty (Allah).

Meaning, to devote all acts of worship, in words and deeds, both inward and outward, to God Almighty (Allah) Alone, accompanied by love and veneration. And not worshipping anyone or anything other than God Almighty (Allah), no matter who he is.

In short; He, God Almighty (Allah) is the Only One worthy of our worship.

3- To believe in the Oneness of the Divine Names and Attributes of God Almighty (Allah).

This Aspect of Monotheism is based on two principles:

- A- Affirmation: affirming that which God Almighty (Allah) has affirmed for Himself in His Book or that His Prophet (peace be upon him) has affirmed of His beautiful names and sublime attributes in a manner that suits the Greatness and Majesty of God (Allah), without distorting them, twisting their meanings, denying their reality or discussing how they are.
- **B- Denial**: denying that God Almighty (Allah) has any faults and denying any shortcomings which He has denied Himself.

In conclusion, the Ultimate Truth of Islam stands on solid ground and its unshakeable belief in the Unity of God is above reproach. Due to this, non-Muslims cannot criticize the Islamic doctrine directly, but instead fabricate things about Islam that are not true so that people lose the desire to learn more.

Chapter Four The Crucifixion, the Original Sin and Salvation

﴿ وَقَوْلِهِمْ إِنَّا قَنَلْنَا ٱلْمَسِيحَ عِيسَى ٱبْنَ مَرْيَمَ رَسُولَ ٱللَّهِ وَمَا قَنَلُوهُ وَمَا صَلَبُوهُ وَلَكِكِن شُيِّهَ لَهُمْ ۚ وَإِنَّ ٱلَّذِينَ ٱخْنَلَفُواْ فِيهِ لَغِى شَكِّ مِّنَهُ مَا لَهُمْ بِهِ مِنْ عِلْمٍ إِلَّا ٱنِبَاعَ ٱلظَّلِنَّ وَمَا قَنَلُوهُ يَقِينَا ﴿ ﴾ بَل رَّفَعَهُ ٱللَّهُ إِلَيْهِ ۚ وَكَانَ ٱللَّهُ عَزِيزًا حَكِيمًا ﴾

"They even say: We have killed the Messiah, Isa (Jesus), son of Maryam (Mary), the Messenger of Allah. Whereas in fact, neither did they kill him nor did they crucify him but they thought they did because the matter was made dubious for them. And, verily, those who hold conflicting views thereon are indeed confused, having no real knowledge thereof, and following mere conjecture. For, of a certainty, they did not kill him. Nay! Allah took him up to Himself, and Allah is indeed Almighty, Wise" [The Glorious Quran 4:157-158]

The Crucifixion, the Original Sin and Salvation

The Crucifixion (Was Jesus Crucified?)

The Crucifixion is the essential doctrine of Christianity. Wherever you go around the world, you will find a Christian talking about the Crucifixion of Jesus Christ (peace be upon him). Therefore, let us examine the only obvious claim made by Jesus (peace be upon him) according to the Gospels and see whether he fulfilled his promise to the Jews or not!

Despite the centuries of religious experiences, the Jews were not prepared to judge a man of Almighty God according to the moral character of his teaching. They still insisted on seeing a Messenger and Prophet of Almighty God performs some magic trick and sleight of hand to prove his genuineness. In the New Testament of the Bible, Matthew records that the learned men among the Jews (the Scribes and Pharisees) came to Jesus (peace be upon him) and asked "MASTER, we would see a sign from thee" [Matthew 12:38]. The Jews mistook him for a sorcerer and wizard. However, the Bible states that Jesus (peace be upon him) answered them: "An evil and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign, and there shall no sign be given to it, but the sign of the prophet JONAH. For as JONAH was

<u>THREE</u> days and <u>THREE</u> nights in the whale's belly, so shall the son of man be <u>THREE</u> days and <u>THREE</u> nights in the heart of the earth" [Matthew 12:39-40]

There is no clearer and obvious statement of Jesus (peace be upon him) throughout the Gospels than this one about his agony (trial and tribulation). The only sign he was prepared to give according to the Bible, in response to the Jews, was the sign of prophet Jonah (peace be upon him).

The question arises: Did Jesus (peace be upon him) fulfill the only sign he gave? The worldwide society of Christians answers with fully in agreement **YES!** Without paying attention and take notice of the Biblical advice **Not to take things for granted** but "**prove all things**" [1 Thessalonians 5:21]

Jesus (peace be upon him) said; "The sign of Prophet Jonah", so what was the "sign" (miracle) of Jonah (peace be upon him)? To get the answer, we have to go to the Book of Jonah in the Old Testament to find out and to know the similarity between them.

The Story: Jonah was commissioned and commanded to go to Nineveh and to warn the Ninevites to repent from "their evil ways and from the violence that is in their hands" [Jonah 3:8]. Jonah despaired of his duty and then he took a boat and went to the sea. While at sea, there was a terrible and terrific tempest (storm). Therefore, the people in the boat said to one another: "Come, let us cast lots, so that we may

know on whose account this calamity has come upon us. So they cast lots, and the lot fell on Jonah" [Jonah 1:7]. After that when the lot fell on Jonah "He said to them pick me up and throw me into the sea" [Jonah 1:12]. Therefore, they threw him out of the boat "they picked Jonah up and threw him into the sea" [Jonah 1:15]. In the sea, "the Lord provided a large fish to swallow up Jonah; and Jonah was in the belly of the fish THREE days and THREE nights" [Jonah 1:17]. At that difficult moment "Jonah prayed to the Lord his God from the belly of the fish" [Jonah 2:1] "Then the Lord spoke to the fish, and it spewed (vomited) Jonah out upon the dry land" [Jonah 2:10]

From the story mentioned above, the similarity between Jesus and Jonah (peace be upon them) cannot be other than one of two; the life factor or the time factor. Therefore, let us examine these two:

FIRST: THE LIFE FACTOR!

When Jonah (peace be upon him) was thrown out of the boat, was he DEAD or ALIVE? The answer from any Christian immediately will be ALIVE without doubt or hesitation. In fact, since Jonah offering himself in his own word "pick me up and throw me into the sea" there is no need for strangling him and killing him.

When the whale swallowed him, was he DEAD or ALIVE? The answer is ALIVE. This whale carried him around the ocean for "THREE days and THREE nights"

as stated in the Bible, was he DEAD or ALIVE? The answer is undoubtedly ALIVE, because it is mentioned in the Bible "Jonah prayed to the Lord his God from the belly of the fish" and a dead man cannot pray. After being in the belly of the whale that period of time, the whale vomited him onto the seashore, was he DEAD or ALIVE? The answer still remains the same ALIVE

If Jonah was ALIVE through all his adventures including his stay in the belly of the whale THREE days and THREE nights, so was Jesus ought to be ALIVE in the heart of the earth as he had foretold! Is not it? However, the Christians are saying that Jesus was DEAD for THREE days and THREE nights. The contradiction is very obvious, Jonah ALIVE and Jesus DEAD! Unlike each other! Jesus had said "Like Jonah" NOT "Unlike Jonah"

SECOND: THE TIME FACTOR!

Christian scholars insist on the point that Jesus (peace be upon him) was emphasizing the <u>Time Factor</u> in this prophecy. As a consequence of this, let us see whether that theory true or false.

In the beginning of this examination, when was Jesus crucified? On what day? The worldwide society of Christians answers "FRIDAY". That is why the Christians celebrate 'Good Friday' as a public holy day. They say that 'Good Friday' is good because Jesus Christ died on the cross on this day to wash off our sins.

Let us accept the Gospel records as true and correct for the purpose of this discussion. From the Gospel records, we notice that the Jews were in a hurry to eliminate Jesus. As much as they were in a hurry to hang him on the cross, they were in equal hurry to bring him down from the cross before the sunset on FRIDAY because of the Sabbath. It is stated in the Bible "the bodies should not remain upon the cross on the sabbath day" [John 19:31]. The Sabbath day starts at the sunset of Friday and the Jews were warned in [Deuteronomy 21:22-23] that the victim of crucifixion was an "accursed of God" and was not to be permitted to remain hanging on the cross. Therefore, they took down the body from the cross and then placed the shrouded body into the sepulcher (tomb) before night-fall.

Therefore, Jesus is supposed to be in the sepulcher (tomb) on the NIGHT of FRIDAY. He also supposed to be in the tomb on the DAY of SATURDAY. He still supposed to be in the tomb on the NIGHT of SATURDAY. However, the first day of the week SUNDAY morning (before sunrise according to the Bible) Mary Magdalene visited the sepulcher (tomb) and she found it empty. All Christians agree with this.

Thus, if it was the <u>TIME FACTOR</u> that Jesus (peace be upon him) was trying to stress when he said "<u>THREE</u> days and <u>THREE</u> nights" like Jonah, then let us count to see whether Jesus was THREE days and THREE nights in the tomb or not:

	DAYS	<u>NIGHTS</u>
FRIDAY (placed in tomb before sunset)	X	$\sqrt{}$
SATURDAY (Supposed to be in the tomb)	$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{}$
SUNDAY (Mary Magdalene did not find him in the tomb)	X	X
TOTAL	1	2

Clearly and undoubtedly, we notice that the grand total in the ground is ONE day and TWO nights. It is not THREE days and THREE nights. The greatest mathematician will fail to obtain the desired result (THREE and THREE) it is ONE and TWO. As a result of this, Jesus (peace be upon him) failed to fulfill the **TIME FACTOR** as well.

If we accept the Gospel records as true and correct for the crucifixion of Jesus, then Jesus had failed two times. **FIRST**, THE LIFE FACTOR. **SECOND**, THE TIME FACTOR.

If this belief of the trend-setters of the Christian Faith in the world today, may we not then ask: <u>is this not the mightiest hoax in history</u>?

The Original Sin and Salvation

Basically, the original sin is a Christian doctrine that says everyone is born sinful. Thus, everyone is destined to go to Hellfire because of Adam and Eva (when they disobeyed God and ate the fruits from the tree which God forbids them to eat from). It was Paul's idea of redemption which considered that humanity shares in Adam's sin, transmitted by human generation. In fact, sin inheritance is totally false and everyone is independent and responsible for himself. No one shall bear the sins of someone else. It is illogical that God Almighty would sacrifice someone for the sin of others! This is an accusation of injustice against God the Most Just. Even in the international law, there is not a single court in any country would substitute the murderer for someone else, and no innocent person shall be punished for the crime of others.

It is clearly mentioned in both the Glorious Quran and the Bible. As for the Bible, it states that "The soul that sins shall die, the son shall not suffer for the iniquity (sin) of the father, nor the father shall suffer for the iniquity of the son; the righteousness of the righteous shall be upon himself, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon himself. But if a wicked man turns away from all his sins he has committed and keeps all my statutes (laws) and does what is lawful and right, he shall surely live; he shall not die." [Ezekiel 18:20-21]. As for the Glorious Quran, God Almighty says:

"No person earns any (sin) except against himself (only), and no bearer of burdens shall bear the burden of another" [The Glorious Quran 6:164]

"Whoever goes right, then he goes right only for the benefit of his own-self. And whoever goes astray, then he goes astray to his own-loss. And no bearer of burdens shall bear the burden of another" [The Glorious Quran 17:15]

The true concept of sin is that everyone is born sinless, pure, and innocent. Thereafter, a person would commit sins and bad deeds, but God Almighty the Most Merciful will forgive him when he asks for forgiveness.

The conditions for forgiveness:

- 1- Confessing, repenting, and asking God for forgiveness.
- 2- The regret for committing that sin.
- 3- The true intention of refraining, staying away from the sin, and not to do it again.
- 4- Giving back the rights of others (if the sin caused harms to others, it must be fixed and reformed). For instance, if you steal money, you should turn it back to the owner. If you insult someone or backbite him, you should ask him to forgive you. The reason is that the sin is not only between you and God, but there is a third party involved. This is the ultimate justice.

Chapter Five Mary and Jesus in ISLAM

﴿ وَجَعَلْنَهَا وَٱبْنَهَا ءَايَةً لِلْعَنَلَمِينَ

"and We made her (Mary) and her son (Jesus)

a sign for the whole world" [The Glorious Quran 21:91]

﴿ وَجَعَلْنَا أَبْنَ مَرْيَمَ وَأُمَّةُ وَ عَايَةً ﴾

"And We made the son of Mary and his mother as a Sign"

[The Glorious Quran 23:50]

Mary and Jesus in ISLAM

Mary (Peace be upon her)

Maryam (Mary) the mother of Jesus (peace be upon them), holds a significant exalted place in Islam as the only woman named in the Glorious Quran. God Almighty says:

"And mention in the Book (the Quran, O Muhammad, the story of) Maryam (Mary)" [The Glorious Quran 19:16]

God Almighty named an entire chapter in the Glorious Quran after her name (chapter 19th).

In fact, the Glorious Quran refers to Maryam (Mary) (peace be upon her) more often than the New Testament of the Bible. She is mentioned in the first three books of the New Testament (Matthew, Mark, and Luke) seventeen times and in the next twenty-four books of the New Testament only once with total of eighteen times. Whereas in the Glorious Quran, Mary the mother of Jesus is mentioned thirty-two times, which is 80% more than the Bible. Can you believe it? Yet, the Christians think that we are the enemy!

Moreover, she is one of the most honored figures in Muslim history. Muslims view her as one of the most righteous women to have lived. A woman of dignity, God Almighty says:

"Behold! The angels said: O Maryam (Mary)! Allah has chosen you and purified you; and chosen you above the women of the worlds" [The Glorious Quran 3:42]

The Birth of Mary the mother of Jesus (peace be upon them):

Mary's father is called Imran. He is the equivalent of Joachim in Christian tradition, and her mother is called Hannah which is the same name as "Anne" in Christian tradition. Their Household is called the family of Al-Imran whom Zachariah, John, Mary and Jesus (peace be upon them) belong to. The family of Al-Imran is from the descendants of Prophet Abraham (Ibrahim) (peace be upon him).

These righteous parents (Imran and Hannah), the parents of Mary, were unable to have children for many years and then all of a sudden God Almighty bestowed His favor upon Hannah and she became pregnant. Therefore, she says; O Allah; I have vowed unto you that which is in my womb is for you, for your special service. Meaning, that this child will serve in the Mosque (Al-Aqsa Mosque) which is the third holiest site in Islam located in the Old City of Jerusalem.

The wife of Imarn (the mother of Mary) was not thinking in terms of this life at all. She wanted her child to be free from all worldly work and to go to serve the Mosque for the sake of Almighty God (and she thought that the child will be a Boy because this service is made for men). Then, Allah says; when the wife of Imran finally gave birth, she gave birth to a girl (Mary), and she said: My Lord! I have given birth to a female and a male is not the same as a female. Meaning, she wanted a male who would remain in the Mosque, but when she gave birth to a female she was upset. Therefore, Allah said: Allah Knows best what she had delivered and the male is not like the female. Meaning, whatever male you would have delivered, that male will not be better than the female that Allah has given you, because the female that Allah has given you is the best of the women of the world, and this female is Maryam (Mary) (peace be upon her).

God Almighty says:

﴿ إِذْ قَالَتِ ٱمْرَآتُ عِمْرَنَ رَبِ إِنِي نَذَرْتُ لَكَ مَا فِي بَطْنِي مُحَرَّرًا فَتَقَبَّلَ مِنِيَ ۖ إِنّكَ أَنتَ السَّمِيعُ ٱلْعَلِيمُ (أَنَّ فَاللَّهُ أَعْلَمُ بِمَا وَضَعَتْ السَّمِيعُ ٱلْعَلِيمُ (أَنَّ فَاللَّهُ أَعْلَمُ بِمَا وَضَعَتْ وَلِيْنَ أَلْفَي الْفَكِيمُ الْفَكَ وَذُرِيَتَهَا مِنَ الشَّيْطُنِ وَلَيْسَ اللَّذَكِ كَالْأَنْقُ وَإِنِي سَمَيْتُهَا مَرْيَمَ وَإِنِي أَعِيدُهَا بِكَ وَذُرِيَتَهَا مِنَ الشَّيْطُنِ الرَّجِيمِ (أَنَّ فَانَقَبَلَهَا رَبُّهَا بِقَبُولٍ حَسَنٍ وَأَنْبَتَهَا نَبَاتًا حَسَنًا وَكُفَّلَهَا زَكُونَا ۗ ﴾ الرَّجِيمِ اللهِ فَنَقَبَلَهَا رَبُّهَا بِقَبُولٍ حَسَنٍ وَأَنْبَتَهَا نَبَاتًا حَسَنًا وَكُفَّلُهَا زَكُونَا ۗ ﴾

"When the wife of Imran (the mother of Mary) said: My Lord I have vowed unto you that which is in my womb is for your special service. Accept it from me. Indeed, you are the Hearer, the Knower. And when she gave birth to a girl instead of a boy, she said: «My Lord! I have given birth to a girl» - Allah knew very well what she had delivered - and that the male is not like the female, I have named her Maryam (Mary) and I seek Your protection for her and her offspring from the mischief of Satan, the accursed. And her Lord graciously accepted that girl (Mary) with full acceptance and He made her grow up in goodly growth, and placed her in the care of Zachariah" [The Glorious Quran 3:35-37]

Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) said: "every child who is born is stabbed by Satan. The first thing they do; they cry, but there is an exception of two, Mary and her son Jesus (peace be upon them)". They are the only exception. Satan has stabbed every child that was born with the exception of Mary and Jesus. Satan did not stab them, because God Almighty accepted the prayer of the mother of Mary when she said: "I seek Your protection for her and her offspring from the mischief of Satan" and her child is Mary and the offspring of Mary is Jesus and it stopped right there, there was no other offspring. Therefore, these are the only two who were excluded from the stabbing of Satan.

The Miraculous Sustenance:

Every time Prophet Zachariah entered Mary's sanctuary (her place of prayer), he found her provided with food and he was amazed by the provisions he would find. She would have the fruits of winter in the summer and the fruits of summer in the winter, and these fruits were fresh.

Indeed, Allah the Sustainer was The One who had provided her sustenance, and this is one of the miracles that Allah bestowed upon Mary (peace be upon her). God Almighty says:

"Whenever Zachariah visited her in the sanctuary, he found her provided with food. He asked, "O Maryam (Mary)! From where did you get it?" She replied, "It came from Allah. Indeed, Allah gives to whom He wants without measure" [The Glorious Quran 3:37]

The Chastity of Mary (peace be upon her):

Maryam (Mary) (peace be upon her) is a role model for all Muslim women. They look upon her as an example of chastity. She confirms the truth of the words of the Almighty God, and believes in His Books which He had revealed to His prophets. She has faith not only of constant submission to God, but also absorption in prayer and invocation.

God Almighty says:

"And Maryam (Mary) the daughter of Imran who guarded her chastity; and We breathed into her (womb)

of Our spirit; and she testified to the truth of the words of her Lord and of His Scriptures and (she) was one of the obedient" [The Glorious Quran 66:12]

The Glad Tidings:

The Angels descended from the heaven to give Mary (peace be upon her) the glad tidings of a son who will be one of the greatest prophets of God. God Almighty says:

"Behold! The angels said "O Maryam (Mary)! Allah gives you the glad tidings of a Word [Be] from Him: his name will be the Messiah Jesus the son of Mary held in honor in this world and the Hereafter and he will be from those who are very close to Allah" [The Glorious Quran 3:45]

Jesus Christ (Peace be upon him)

Jesus (peace be upon him) is a major figure in Islam. He is considered to be a messenger of Almighty God, not only a messenger, rather he is one of the best five messengers have ever walked on earth. God Almighty says:

"his name will be the Messiah Jesus the son of Mary held in honor in this world and the Hereafter and he will be from those who are very close to Allah" [The Glorious Quran 3:45]

He was sent to guide the Children of Israel with a scripture called Gospel and Muslims consider the Gospels of the New Testament nowadays as inauthentic, and believe that Jesus' original message was lost or altered, and we have proved that through overwhelming evidence in the first chapter of this book "Is the Bible God's Word?"

The Glorious Quran mentioned Jesus (peace be upon him) by his name twenty-five times which is 525% more than the name of Muhammad (peace be upon him) who was mentioned only four times by his name.

The Miraculous birth of Jesus (peace be upon him):

The virgin birth of Jesus (peace be upon him) is supremely significant in Islam, and Muslims view it as one of the great signs for mankind. God Almighty told us the story of the miraculous birth of Jesus (peace be upon him):

﴿ وَالْذَكُرُ فِي ٱلْكِنْبِ مَرْيَمَ إِذِ ٱنتَبَذَتْ مِنْ أَهْلِهَا مَكَانَا شَرْقِيًّا (اللهُ فَٱتَّخَذَتْ مِن دُونِهِمْ جِمَابًا فَأَرْسِلْنَآ إِلَيْهَا ۚ رُوحَنا فَتَمَثَّلَ لَهَا بَشُرًا سَويًا ﴿٧ۗ) قَالَتْ إِنَّى أَعُوذُ بِٱلرَّحْمَنِ مِنكَ إِن كُنتَ ۚ تَقِيًّا ﴿ ۚ قَالَ إِنَّكَمَاۤ أَنَاْ رَسُولُ رَبِّكِ لِأَهْبَ لَكِ غُكُمَا زَكِيًّا ١٠٠ قَالَتَ أَنَّى يَكُونُ لِي غُلَامٌ وَلَمْ يَمْسَسْنِي بَشَرٌ وَلَمْ أَكُ بَغِيًّا ١٠٠ قَالَ كُذَلِكِ ۚ قَالَ رَبُّكِ هُوَ عَلَيَّ هَيَّنُّ وَلِنَجْعَكُهُۥٓءَاكَةُ لَلْنَاسِ وَرَحْمَةُ مِّنَّا وْكَابَ أَمْرًا مَّقْضِيًّا ﴿١٦﴾ ﴿ فَحَمَلَتُهُ فَأَنتِيَذَتْ بِهِ ءَكَانًا قَصِيًّا ﴿١٦﴾ فَأَجَآءَهَا ٱلْمَخَاضُ إِلَىٰ جِنْعِ ٱلنَّخْلَةِ قَالَتْ يَلْيَتَني مِتُّ قَبَلَ هَلَا وَكُنتُ نَسْيًا مَّنسِبًا ﴿٣٣﴾ فَنَادَه مِن تَعْنَهَا أَلَا تَعْزَنِي قَدْ جَعَلَ رَبُّكِ تَعْنَكِ سَرِيًّا ﴿ اللَّهِ وَهُزَى إِلَيْكِ بِجِذْعِ ٱلنَّخْلَةِ تُسَاقِطُ عَلَيْكِ رُطَبًا جَنِيًّا ۞ فَكُلِي وَٱشْرَبِي وَقَرِّي عَيْنًا فَإِمَّا تَرَيّنَ مِنَ ٱلْبَشَرِ أَحَدًا ۖ فَقُولِيّ إِنِّي نَذَرْتُ لِلرَّحْمَنِ صَوْمًا فَلَنْ أَكَلِّمَ ٱلْمُوْمَ إِنسِيًّا ۞ فَأَتَتْ بِهِۦ قَوْمَهَا تَحْمِلُهُۥ قَالُواْ نَهَرْ يَهُ لَقَدْ جِئْتِ شَيْئًا فَرَبًّا ﴿٧﴾ يَتَأَخْتَ هَذُونَ مَا كَانَ ۚ أَبُوكِ آمَرَأَ سَوْءٍ وَمَا كَانَتُ ۚ أُمُّكِ بَغِيًّا ﴿ ۚ فَأَشَارَتْ إِلَيْهِ ۚ قَالُواْ كَيْفَ ۚ نُكُلِّمُ مَن كَانَ ۚ في ٱلْمَهْدِ صَبِيًّا ﴿ أَنَّ قَالَ إِنِّي عَبْدُ ٱللَّهِ ءَاتَـٰنِيَ ٱلْكِئْبُ وَجَعَلَنِي نَبِيًّا ﴿ أَنَّ وَجَعَلَنِي مُبَارِكًا أَنْنَ مَا كُنتُ وَأُوْصَنِي بِٱلصَّلَاةِ وَٱلزَّكَوْةِ مَا دُمْتُ حَيًّا ﴿"ا" وَكَرًّا بِوَالِدَتِي وَلَمْ يَعِعَ جَبَّارًا شَقِيًّا ١٣٣) وَٱلسَّلَمُ عَلَىَ بَوْمَ وُلِدتُ وَنَوْمَ أَمُوتُ وَبَوْمَ أَبْعَثُ حَيًّا ١٣٣)ذَلِكَ عِيسَى ٱبْنُ مَرْيَمُ قَوْلِكَ ٱلْحَقِّ ٱلَّذِي فِيهِ يَمْتَرُونَ ۞ مَا كَانَ ۚ بِلَّهِ أَن يَنْجِذَ مِن وَلَدٍ سُبْحَنَهُ ۚ إِذَا قَضَيَ أَمْرًا فَإِنَّمَا يَقُولُ لَهُ. كُن فَيَكُونُ ﴿ ۚ وَإِنَّ ٱللَّهَ رَبِّ وَرَئِكُمْ فَأَعْبُدُوهُ هَذَا صرَطُّ مُّستَقيمٌ ﴿ اللهُ الله

"And make mention of Maryam (Mary) in the Scripture, when she withdrew from her family to an eastern place. And kept herself in seclusion from them, whereupon We sent unto her Our angel of revelation, who appeared to her in the shape of a well-made human being. She said: I seek refuge in the Merciful One from

you [Approach me not] if you are conscious of Him! [The angel] said: I am merely a messenger from your Lord to bestow upon you the gift of a holy son. She said: How can I have a son when no man has ever touched me? and I am not unchaste? [The angel] said: So shall it be Your Lord says: It is easy for Me, and We wish to make him a Sign for mankind and a mercy from Us, and this matter has already been decreed. So she conceived the child and she retired with him to a remote place. And the pains of childbirth drove her to the trunk of a palm-tree, She said: Oh! Would that I had died before this! Would that I had been a thing forgotten and out of sight! Thereupon [a voice] called out to her from beneath that [palm-tree]: Do not grieve! Your Lord has provided a brook beneath you. And shake the trunk of the palm-tree towards you: it will drop fresh, ripe dates upon you. So eat and drink and cool your eye; and if you see anyone, tell him: I have vowed a fast to (Allah) Most Gracious, so I will not speak to anyone today. Then she brought him (the baby) to her own folk, carrying him. They said: O Maryam (Mary)! You have brought an amazing thing! O sister of Aaron! Your father was not a bad man nor your mother an unchaste woman. Thereupon (in response) she pointed to him (towards the baby); they said: How can we talk to a baby in the cradle?

Whereupon the baby (Jesus) spoke out: I am indeed a servant of Allah. He has given me the Scripture and made me a Prophet. And made me blessed wherever I may be; and He has commanded me to establish prayer and give charity as long as I remain alive. And He has exhorted me to honor my mother and has not made me domineering, hard to deal with. Hence, peace be upon me the day I was born, the day I shall die and the Day I shall be raised up to life (again). Such was Isa (Jesus) the son of Maryam (Mary), and this is the True statement about him concerning which they are in doubt. It is not befitting to the majesty of Allah that He Himself should beget a son! Glory be to Him! When He decrees a matter He only says: "Be" and it is. [Jesus declared Verily, Allah is my Lord and your Lord; so worship Him; that is the right path" [The Glorious Quran 19:16-36]

The Glorious Quran acknowledges the Virgin birth of Jesus, but that miraculous birth does not make him the incarnation nor the son of God. God Almighty says:

"Indeed, the likeness of Jesus (his birth) in the sight of Allah is as the likeness (the birth) of Adam; He created him from dust then said to him: "Be" and he was"

[The Glorious Quran 3:59]

Jesus (peace be upon him) never claimed divinity: God Almighty says:

﴿ وَإِذْ قَالَ ٱللَّهُ يَنْعِيسَى ٱبْنَ مَرْيَمَ ءَأَنتَ قُلْتَ لِلنَّاسِ ٱغَّذُونِي وَأُمِّى إِلَاهَيْنِ مِن دُونِ ٱللَّهِ قَالَ اللَّهِ قَالَ اللَّهُ عَلَى اللَّهُ وَقَدَّ عَلَمُ مَا فِي نَفْسِي وَلاَ أَعْلَمُ وَرَبّكُمْ اللَّهُ وَلِي اللَّهُ مَا أَمْرَاتِنِي بِهِ عَلَيْ اللَّهُ وَلِي وَرَبّكُمْ اللَّهِ اللَّهُ وَلِي اللَّهُ وَلِي اللَّهُ وَلِي اللَّهُ وَلِي اللَّهُ وَلَا اللَّهُ وَلَوْ اللَّهُ وَلَا اللَّهُ وَلَوْ اللَّهُ وَلَا مُنْ اللَّهُ وَلَا الللَّهُ وَلَا اللَّهُ وَلَا الللَّهُ وَلَا اللَّهُ وَلَا اللْلَهُ وَلَا اللَّهُ وَلَا اللَّهُ وَلَا اللَّهُ وَلَا اللَّهُ وَلَا اللْفِي الْمُؤْمِنِ اللْمُؤْمِنِ اللْمُؤْمِنِ اللْمُؤْمِنِ اللْمُؤْمِنِ اللَّهُ وَلَا اللْمُؤْمِنِ اللْمُؤْمِنِ اللْمُؤْمِنِ اللْمُؤْمِنِ اللْمُؤْمِنِ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللْمُؤْمِنُ وَاللَّهُ وَالْمُؤْمِنِ اللْمُؤْمِنَ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللْمُؤْمِنِ اللْمُؤْمِنِ الْمُؤْمِنُ اللْمُؤْمِنُ اللْمُؤْمِنُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللْمُؤْمِنُ اللْمُؤْمِنُ الللْمُؤْمِنُ اللْمُؤْمِنُ اللْمُؤْمِنُ اللْمُؤْمِنُ الْمُؤْمِنُ اللْمُؤْمِنُ الللْمُؤْمِنُ اللْمُؤْمِنُ اللْمُؤْمِنُ ا

"When Allah says: O Jesus, son of Mary! Did you ever say to mankind, worship me and my mother as gods beside Allah? He (Jesus) said: Glory to You! How could I say what I had no right to say? If I had ever said so, you would have certainly known it. You know what is in my heart, but I know not what is in Yours; for You have full knowledge of all the unseen. I never said anything other than what You commanded me to say, that is to worship Allah, Who is my Lord and your Lord"

[The Glorious Quran 5:116-117]

Islamic teachings emphasize a strict notion of monotheism and forbid the association of partners with God. God Almighty says:

﴿ لَقَدْ كَفَرَ ٱلَّذِينَ قَالُوٓا إِنَ ٱللّهَ هُوَ ٱلْمَسِيحُ ٱبْنُ مَرْيَمَ وَقَالَ ٱلْمَسِيحُ يَنْبَنِ إِسْرَةِ مِلَ ٱغْبُدُوا ٱللّهَ رَبِي وَرَبَّكُم إِنَّهُ، مَن يُشْرِكَ بِٱللّهِ فَقَدْ حَرَّمَ ٱللّهُ عَلَيْهِ ٱلْجَنَّةَ وَمَأْوَنَهُ ٱلنَّالُ وَمَا لِلظَّلِلِمِينَ مِنْ أَنْصَارٍ ﴿ اللّهِ لَقَدْ كَفَرَ ٱلَّذِينَ قَالُوَا اللّهَ ثَالِثَ ٱللّهَ ثَالِثُ لَلْكَ ثَلَاثَةُ وَمَا لِللّهِ إِلّا إِلَّهُ وَحِدٌ وَإِن لَمْ يَنْتَهُوا عَمَا يَقُولُونَ لِيكَ اللّهِ إِلّا إِلَّهُ وَحِدٌ وَإِن لَمْ يَنْتَهُوا عَمَا يَقُولُونَ لِيكَ اللّهِ لِيكَ اللّهِ اللّهُ اللّهِ اللّهُ اللّهُ عَنْدُونَ إِلَى اللّهِ اللّهِ اللّهُ عَنْدُونَ إِلَى اللّهِ اللّهِ اللّهُ مَنْدُونَ إِلَى اللّهِ وَيَعْدُ اللّهُ عَنْدُونَ إِلَى اللّهِ اللّهُ عَنْدُونَ إِلَى اللّهِ وَيَعْدُ اللّهُ عَنْدُونَ إِلَى اللّهِ اللّهُ اللّهُ عَنْدُونَ إِلَى اللّهِ وَلَا اللّهُ عَنْدُونَ إِلَى اللّهِ وَلَا اللّهُ عَنْدُونَ اللّهُ عَنْدُونَ وَحِيدٌ اللّهُ عَنْدُونُ وَاللّهُ عَنْدُونَ لَا اللّهُ عَنْدُونَ اللّهُ عَنْدُونَ اللّهُ عَنْدُونَ اللّهُ عَنْدُونَ اللّهُ اللّهُ عَنْدُونُ اللّهُ عَنْدُونَ اللّهُ عَلَى اللّهُ اللّهُ اللّهُ اللّهُ اللّهُ اللّهُ اللّهُ اللّهُ عَنْدُونَ اللّهُ عَنْدُونُ اللّهُ عَنْدُونَ اللّهُ عَنْدُونَ اللّهُ عَنْدُونَ اللّهُ عَنْدُونَ اللّهُ عَنْدُونَ اللّهُ اللّهُ عَنْدُونَ اللّهُ عَنْدُونَ اللّهُ عَنْدُونَ اللّهُ اللّهُ عَنْدُونَ اللّهُ عَنْدُونَ اللّهُ عَنْدُونَ اللّهُ عَنْدُونَ اللّهُ عَنْدُونَ اللّهُ اللّهُ اللّهُ اللّهُ عَنْدُونَ اللّهُ الللّهُ اللّهُ الللللّهُ اللّهُ اللّهُ اللّهُ الللّهُ اللّهُ اللّهُ اللّهُ اللّه

"They have certainly disbelieved who say, « Allah (God) is the Messiah, the son of Mary» while the Messiah has said, «O Children of Israel, worship Allah, my Lord and your Lord» Indeed, he who associates others with Allah - Allah has forbidden him Paradise, and his refuge is the Fire. And there are not for the wrongdoers any helpers. They have certainly disbelieved who say, «Allah is the third of three» And there is no god except one God. And if they do not desist from what they are saying, there will surely afflict the disbelievers among them a painful punishment. So will they not repent to Allah and seek His forgiveness? And Allah is Forgiving and Merciful" [The Glorious Quran 5:72-74]

"O People of the Scripture do not commit excess in your religion nor say about Allah except the truth. Indeed, the Messiah, Jesus, the son of Mary, was (no more than) a messenger of Allah and His Word "Be" which He bestowed on Mary and a Spirit [created at a command] from Him. So believe in Allah and His messengers. And do not say, «Trinity»; desist - it is better for you. Indeed, Allah is but one God. Exalted is He above having a son. To Him belongs whatever is in the heavens and whatever is on the earth. And sufficient is Allah as Disposer of affairs" [The Glorious Quran 4:171]

Allah Almighty has complete mastery over the universe in every way. He alone is the Creator of all things and He alone causes everything to happen. Allah Almighty is All-Powerful. No one shares in His dominion and sovereignty and no one can resist His decree. God Almighty says:

"They indeed have disbelieved who say: Allah is the Messiah, son of Mary. Say (O Muhammad): Who has the power to prevent Allah if He chose to destroy the Messiah (Jesus) the son of Mary, and his mother and all that is in the earth? Indeed, Allah has the sovereignty over the heavens and the earth and all that is between them; He creates what He wills; and Allah has the power over everything" [The Glorious Quran 5:17]

Jesus (peace be upon him) is a Messenger of Almighty God: God Almighty says:

"The Messiah, son of Mary, was not but a messenger; [other] messengers have passed on before him. And his

mother was a supporter of truth. They both used to eat food. Look how We make the signs clear to them; then look how they are deluded" [The Glorious Quran 5:75]

"[As for Jesus] He was no more than a slave (of Allah) whom We bestowed favor (prophethood), and We made him an example to the Children of Israel" [The Glorious Quran 43:59]

﴿ وَرَسُولًا إِلَىٰ بَنِيَ إِسْرَءِ يَلَ أَنِي قَدْ جِثْنَكُمُ بِتَايَةِ مِن زَيِّكُمْ أَنِيَ آخُلُقُ لَكُم مِن اللّهِ اللّهُ اللّهُ اللّهِ اللّهُ اللّهِ اللّهُ اللللللّهُ اللللللللّهُ الللللللّهُ اللّهُ اللّهُ اللللللّهُ الللللّهُ اللّهُ اللّهُل

"and (will make him) a messenger to the Children of Israel with this message: I have brought you sign from your Lord. I shall create for you out of clay, the likeness of a bird, then I will breathe into it and it will become a living bird by Allah's permission, and I cure the blind and the leper, and I give life to the dead by Allah's permission, and I will tell you what you have eaten and what you have stored in your houses. Surely these are the signs to convince you if you are believers" [The Glorious Quran 3:49]

The Miracles of Jesus (peace be upon him):

To aid in his ministry to the Jewish people, Jesus (peace be upon him) was given the ability to perform miracles by permission of God not by his own power. God Almighty says:

"then We gave Isa (Jesus), the son of Maryam (Mary), clear Signs and strengthened him with the Holy Spirit (Gabriel)" [The Glorious Quran 2:87]

Jesus would bring some clay and mold it into the shape of a bird, then he would breathe into it and the bird becomes a real bird. He would put his hand on the blind; he would see. He could heal the lepers. He would put his hand on the dead; he would wake up alive. He spoke to the people in the cradle to defend his mother when he was only few days old, then he never spoke again until he grew up like every other child grows up, and starts to speak at the age that every other child speaks. God Almighty says:

 "When Allah says: O Jesus, son of Mary! Remember the blessings which I bestowed upon you and your mother, how I strengthened you with the Holy Spirit, so you could speak to the people in cradle and in old age, and how I taught you the Scripture and Wisdom and the Torah and the Gospel; and how you were able to make the figure of a bird out of a clay, by My permission, and how you breathed into it and changed it into a real bird, by My permission, and how you could heal the blind and the lepers by My permission, and how you could bring the dead body back to life by My permission, and how I prevented the children of Israel from harming you when you came to them with clear signs and the disbelievers among them said: This is nothing but a clear magic" [The Glorious Quran 5:110]

"When Isa (Jesus) came with clear signs, he stated: "I have brought you wisdom, and to clarify some of those things about which you have disputes: so fear Allah and obey me. Surely Allah is my Lord and your Lord, so worship Him. This is the straight path" [The Glorious Quran 43:63-64]

The Ascension:

Jesus (peace be upon him) was not crucified but was merely made to appear that way to disbelievers by Allah Almighty who physically raised Jesus (peace be upon him) into the heavens. To Muslims, it is the ascension rather than the crucifixion that constitutes a major event in the life of Jesus (peace be upon him). God Almighty says:

"They even say: We have killed the Messiah, Isa (Jesus), son of Maryam (Mary), the Messenger of Allah. Whereas in fact, neither did they kill him nor did they crucify him but they thought they did because the matter was made dubious for them. And, verily, those who hold conflicting views thereon are indeed confused, having no real knowledge thereof, and following mere conjecture. For, of a certainty, they did not kill him. Nay! Allah took him up to Himself, and Allah is indeed Almighty, Wise" [The Glorious Quran 4:157-158]

NOTE! The ascension of Jesus (peace be upon him) may confuse some people to the extent that they believe he is God and he returned back to where he was. Take it easy! Adam (peace be upon him) was created in the heaven and descended to earth, and Jesus (peace be upon him)

was created on earth and ascended to the heaven. Then, he shall be descended back to earth to kill the Anti-Christ and die as every other human being.

Chapter Six Prophet Muhammad in the Bible

﴿ ٱلنَّبِيَّ ٱلْأُمِّيَ ٱللَّذِي يَجِدُونَهُۥ مَكُنُوبًا عِندَهُمْ فِي ٱلتَّوْرَىنةِ وَٱلْإِنجِيلِ ﴾

"the unlettered Prophet (Muhammad) whom they find mentioned in their own (Scriptures) in the Torah and the Gospel" [The Glorious Quran 7:157]

Prophet Muhammad in the Bible

What the Bible says about Prophet Muhammad?

Broadly speaking, the idea that the Holy Bible contains prophecies about the coming of Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) might surprise and astonish many people. However, it is not difficult to understand the reason, because people think that Muhammad (peace be upon him) is a man with no connection to Biblical Prophets or prophecies. In fact, God Almighty says:

﴿ الَّذِينَ يَنَيِعُونَ الرَّسُولَ النَّيِّيَ الْأُمِّى الَّذِي يَجِدُونَهُ، مَكْنُوبًا عِندَهُمْ فِي الْتُورَنِةِ وَالْإِنْجِيلِ يَأْمُرُهُم بِالْمَعْرُوفِ وَيَنْهَمْهُمْ عَنِ الْمُنكرِ وَيُحِلُّ لَهُمُ الطَّيِّبَتِ وَيُحَرِّمُ عَلَيْهِمُ الْخَلْلَ الَّتِي لَهُمُ الطَّيِّبَتِ وَيَضَعُ عَنْهُمْ إِصْرَهُمْ وَالْأَغْلَالَ الَّتِي لَهُمُ الطَّيِّبَتِ وَيَضَعُ عَنْهُمْ إِصْرَهُمْ وَالْأَغْلَالَ الَّتِي كَانَتُ عَلَيْهِمْ فَاللَّهُ النَّورَ الَّذِي أَنْزِلَ مَعْمُرُوهُ وَنَصَرُوهُ وَاتَبَعُوا النُّورَ الَّذِي أَنْزِلَ مَعْمُ المُقْلِحُونَ ﴾ مَعَهُ أَوْلَئِيكَ هُمُ المُقْلِحُونَ ﴾

"Those who follow the messenger, the unlettered Prophet (Muhammad) whom they find mentioned in their own (Scriptures) in the Torah and the Gospel, who enjoins them what is good and forbids what is evil; makes pure things lawful for them and impure things unlawful, and relieves them from their burdens and the shackles that were upon them [Aforetime]. Therefore, those who believe in him, honor him, support him, and follow the

Light (Quran) which is sent down with him will be the ones who will be successful" [The Glorious Quran 7:157]

In this chapter, the reader will see how the Bible foretells the coming of Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him). There are numerous prophecies about him scattered throughout the Bible, however, we are going to focus on these four verses: [Deuteronomy 18:18], [John 16:12-13] and [John 1:19-21], [Isaiah 42:1-12].

A- God Almighty says in the Bible "I will raise them up a Prophet from among their brethren, like unto thee, and I will put my words in his mouth; and he shall speak unto them all that I shall command him" [Deuteronomy 18:18]

Now this prophecy fits Muhammad (peace be upon him) exactly like a glove. It fits no one else. The verse indicates that God will rise up a Prophet like unto Moses (peace be upon him). So, who was that prophet who resembled Moses (peace be upon him) the most? The Christians claim that this verse is talking about Jesus (peace be upon him). Therefore, let's see who resembles Moses more, Muhammad or Jesus (peace be upon them all).

1- Parents:

Both Moses and Muhammad (peace be upon them) had parents, whereas Jesus (peace be upon him) had only a mother. Hence, that is the first similarity between Moses and Muhammad which is not shared by Jesus.

2- Marriage and Children:

Both Moses and Muhammad (peace be upon them) married and had children, whereas Jesus (peace be upon him) never got married nor had any children and he remained a bachelor all his life.

3- The Birth:

Moses and Muhammad (peace be upon them) were born in a natural way, whereas Jesus (peace be upon him) was born in a miraculous way, he was born without a father.

4- Their nation:

Moses and Muhammad (peace be upon them) were accepted by their nation, whereas Jesus (peace be upon him) was rejected by his nation.

It says in the Bible [John 1:11] "He (Jesus) came onto his own, but his own received him not" which mean that Jesus was sent to the Jews (the children of Israel) and the Jews rejected him. Whereas Moses was sent to the Jews and overall they accepted him, and Muhammad was sent to his people and they accepted him.

5- Ruling:

Moses and Muhammad (peace be upon them) were rulers on earth (they have the power to inflict the capital punishment), while Jesus (peace be upon him) was not.

For example, there is an incident when the Jews brought in front of Moses an Israelite who had been caught collecting firewood on the Sabbath and Moses had him stoned to death, that is in [Numbers 15:32-36]. Also, Muhammad did apply punishment when a woman came to him confessed committing fornication, whereas with Jesus when they brought him a case of a crime, he refused to inflict punishment.

6- The Law:

Moses came with a new Law (the law of Torah) not only giving the Ten Commandments to the Israelites, but a very comprehensive ceremonial law for the guidance of his people. Also, Muhammad came with a new Law (the law of Quran), he received a divine revelation for the guidance of this nation and he conveyed it to the people as received without any addition or deletion. Whereas Jesus came to follow the Law of Moses "Think not that I have come to abolish the law and the prophets; I have come not to abolish them but to fulfill them" [Matthew 5:17]

7- Migration:

Moses has led his people in migration in a mass exodus out of Egypt. Also, Muhammad has led his people in migration out of Makkah, whereas Jesus has never left his land and never made migration.

One of the most important events to the Muslims in the history of Muhammad was his migration, and to the Jews the migration of Moses out of Egypt is a very important event for them.

8- Victory:

Both Moses and Muhammad (peace be upon them) were victorious against their enemies, Moses won against Pharaoh and Muhammad won against the ones who fought him. Whereas Jesus (peace be upon him) has never won in the worldly sense such as a battle.

9- Death:

Moses and Muhammad (peace be upon them) were died in a natural death, whereas the Christians believe that Jesus (peace be upon him) was killed and the Muslims believe that he was elevated up to the heaven and he shall come back again, so either way it was not a natural death.

10- The Grave:

Moses and Muhammad (peace be upon them) were buried in the ground. Whereas the Christians believe that Jesus was buried and then resurrected, and the Muslims believe that he is not dead to discuss whether he was buried or not.

11- God or Prophet:

Most Christians claim that Jesus (peace be upon him) is God, yet they claim that he is similar to Moses (peace be upon him) who was a Prophet.

12-Prophethood:

Both Moses and Muhammad (peace be upon them) became Prophets at the age of 40, whereas Jesus (peace be upon him) became a prophet at the age of 30.

Noticeably, the similarities which were mentioned above demonstrated that Muhammad (peace be upon him) is like Moses (peace be upon him) but Jesus (peace be upon him) is unlike Moses and the Prophecy that were mentioned in the verse does not apply to him. The person who resembled Moses the most is Muhammad, no one came after Moses and resembled him like Muhammad, by all standards

In fact, the Bible proves that there is not a prophet from the children of Israel resembles Moses and is comparable to him that is in [Deuteronomy 34:10] "And there has not arisen a prophet since in Israel like Moses".

Thus, in the prophecy the verse says "prophet from among their brethren" referring to the brethren of the Jews, but who are the brethren of the Jews? There is only one nation that fulfills this description and that is undoubtedly the Arabs, because Abraham (peace be upon him) had only two sons; Isaac and Ishmael (Isaac is the father of the Jews and Ishmael is the father of the Arabs). Isaac had Jacob who is the father of the 12 tribes, so the Jews trace their ancestry to Isaac, while the Arabs trace their ancestry to Ishmael. Therefore, they are brethren to one another.

The verse clearly shows that the prophet will be like Moses and we saw the similarities between Muhammad and Moses (peace be upon them), and the verse says that

he is not from the children of Israel (the Jews) nor from among themselves but from among their brethren who are the Arabs. Therefore, the verse distinctly fits Muhammad not Jesus (peace be upon them).

The prophecy proceeds further ".... I will put my words in his mouth;" and during the twenty-three years of Muhammad's Prophethood, words were put into his mouth and he uttered them. God Almighty says in the Glorious Quran:

"and he does not speak out of his own desire: It is [which he conveys to you] is a dictated revelation" [The Glorious Quran 53:3-4]

Exactly as foretold in the prophecy under discussion

The final part of the prophecy states that "...he shall speak unto them all that I shall command him" meaning he will not withhold any information, everything that he is given, he will speak it. God Almighty says in the Glorious Ouran:

"O Messenger, proclaim (the message) which has been sent down to you from your Lord, and if you do not, then you have not conveyed His message. Allah will protect you from the mischief of the people. Indeed, Allah does not guide the disbelieving people" [The Glorious Quran 5:67]

B- Jesus (peace be upon him) says in the Bible "I have yet many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come" [John 16:12-13]

To clarify, every time the word "spirit" is used in the Bible, does not stand for the Holy Ghost (the Archangel), because in the book of revelation (chapter 5 verse 6) we are told that "the seven spirits of God sent out into all **the earth**". Does that mean there are seven Holy Ghosts? Of course not, because there is only one Holy Ghost. Meanwhile, a "Spirit" in the Bible has another meaning in some situation which is a human prophet. For example, in [1 John 4:1-3] it states "Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are of God; for many false prophets have gone out into the world. By this you know the spirit of God: every spirit which confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God, and every spirit which does not confess Jesus is not of God". Which other religion makes it an article of faith to believe in Jesus? The answer is surely Islam; no Muslim on this planet is a Muslim except if he does believe that Jesus is the Christ. Islam is the only non-Christian faith that believes in Jesus (peace be upon him).

Yet, the Christians are saying that the "spirit" here in this verse means the Holy Ghost, but that does not make any sense. In [Luke 1:41] it says "Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit" referring to the wife of Prophet Zechariah (peace be upon him). It also says that their son had the Holy Ghost, in [Luke 1:15] "and he (John the Baptist) will be filled with the Holy Spirit even from his mother's womb". Moreover, the Holy Spirit was with Jesus, which means that the Holy Spirit is already there with them, but the verse pointed out "when the spirit of truth will come" which means that he is not there yet.

Back to the verse under discussion, Jesus (peace be upon him) says to his people "I have yet many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now" the reason why he did not tell his people what he knows is not because he did not have the knowledge, he absolutely had the solutions for mankind, God almighty gave it to him, but the people were not fit to receive them

The verse proceeds further "....When the spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth..." which means that the prophet who will come shall guide all mankind into all the truth. God Almighty says in the Glorious Quran:

"And thus have We revealed to you (O Muhammad) an inspiration of Our command. While you did not know what the book was nor what is the Faith. But We have made it (The Quran) a light whereby We guide those of Our servants whom We please; and surely you are guiding mankind to the Right Way" [The Glorious Quran 42:52]

"We have not sent you (O Muhammad) to the entire mankind, except to give them good news and forewarn them, but most people do not know" [The Glorious Quran 34:28]

"Say (O Muhammad): "O mankind! Verily, I am the messenger of Allah to you all" [The Glorious Quran 7:158]

"This Book (Quran) which We have revealed to you (O Muhammad) so that you may bring mankind out of utter darkness (ways of ignorance) to the light;" [The Glorious Quran 14:1]

"Indeed, this Quran guides to the Way which is perfectly straight and gives the glad tidings to the believers who do good that they shall have a great reward" [The Glorious Quran 17:9]

The verse proceeds further "....for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak..." and we have already explained that in the previous verse.

The final part of the verse says ".... he will declare to you the things that are to come" which is in other word means that he will tell you about the future and the hereafter. The Glorious Quran did not only prophesy about things that will happen in the future, but Quran does not contain any errors in it. Generally, out of pure coincidences and probability, a man 1400 years ago could write down predictions about the future, and one of these predictions might occur but ten would not. Therefore, we cannot declare that this man is receiving this information from God, just because he predicted one or two things happened in the future. For it to be from God, everything in it needs to be true and that holds true to no book other than the Glorious Quran.

C- "And this is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" He confessed, he did not deny, but confessed, "I am not the Christ" And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not" "Are you that prophet?" And he answered "No"" [John 1:19-21]

In this verse, we read the story of John the Baptist (Prophet John "peace be upon him") with the Jews. We find that the Jews were still expecting and waiting the fulfillment of the prophecy of 'One Like Moses' which is what we already discussed in the first verse earlier. However, in this verse we are really interested in the last question posed to John the Baptist by the Jewish elite "Are you that prophet?" And he answered "No". Note that three different questions were posed to him (Are you the Christ? Are you Elijah? Are you that prophet?) And he gave three emphatic No's as answers. It shows that the Jews were waiting for the fulfillment of three different prophecies: the first one is the coming of Christ (Jesus) (peace be upon him), the second is the coming of Elijah (Elias) (peace be upon him), and the third is the coming of that prophet which we have proved through overwhelming evidence that he is (Muhammad "peace be upon him").

- D- "Behold, My Servant, whom I uphold; My chosen one in whom My soul delights. I have put My Spirit upon Him; He will bring forth justice to the nations.

 . . Behold, the former things have come to pass, Now I declare new things; Before they spring forth I proclaim them to you . . . Let the wilderness and its cities lift up their voices, The settlements where Kedar* inhabits, Let the inhabitants of Sela* sing aloud, Let them shout for joy from the tops of the mountains." [Isaiah 42:1-11].
- * Kedar is the second son of Ishmael, according to [Genesis 25:13] and [1 Chronicles 1:29]. The Lineage of Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) traces back to Kedar, the son of Ishmael (son of Abraham).
- * Sela is a mountain in Medina in the Arabian Peninsula, a place where to prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) migrated, lived, and died. When the Prophet entered the city of Medina, the inhabitants of Sela were singing, shouting for joy, and glorifying God Almighty.

Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) is the only descendant of Abraham (peace be upon him), from Ishmael side, who was given Prophethood. Therefore, this prophecy of [Isaiah 42:1-11] fits no one but Prophet

Muhammad (peace be upon him) alone, as a son of Kedar who lived in Medina, made the inhabitants of Sela rejoice, and glorified God Almighty.

Before the Prophethood of Muhammad (peace be upon him), the Jews went to Medina in the Arabian Peninsula because they were awaiting the coming of a Prophet and expected that he would appear there (in Medina). His characteristics and features are not hidden nor ambiguous to them. There was so much preparation for his coming and they used to teach their offspring about him. Also, whenever a conflict appeared between them and the Arabs of Medina they threatened them that they would destroy them when the promised Prophet appeared.

However, although they recognized Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) as they recognized their sons, some of them accepted him while others rejected him only because of the envy and arrogance that he did not belong to their tribe.

The most prominent among those, who admitted that Muhammad (peace be upon him) is the promised Prophet, is Al-Hosain bin Salam. He was from a Jewish tribe known as Banu Qaynuqa. He was one of the most learned and knowledgeable rabbis among the Jews in Medina. When

he heard the arrival of the Prophet (peace be upon him) at Medina (in Arabian peninsula), he wanted to test him, so he came to him and said, «I am going to ask you about three things which nobody knows except a prophet: What is the first portent of the Hour? What will be the first meal taken by the people of Paradise? Why does a child resemble its father, and why does it resemble its maternal uncle»

When Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) answered these three questions, Alhosain bin Salam said, «I testify that you are indeed the Messenger of Allah.». After embracing Islam, he changed his first name from Alhosain to Abdullah.

Thus, God Almighty says:

"(O Muhammad) Say: Have you considered if it is (the Quran) from Allah, and you disbelieved in it, and a witness from among the children of Israel has borne witness of one like it, so he believed, while you were arrogant; surely Allah does not guide the unjust people." [The Glorious Quran 46:10].

Another Rabbi from the Jewish of Medina by the name of Zaid bin Sanah embraced Islam after examining the Prophet (peace be upon him). In addition to that, Ka'b Ibn Mati' al-Himyari known as Ka'b al-Ahbar, a Jewish rabbi from Yemen, converted to Islam.

Muhammad (Peace be upon him) in ISLAM

The essence of Islam is that all worship is directed to God alone; therefore no one deserves any share in those things that are part of His exclusive rights. It is not allowed to make a single supplication to other than Allah, not even to a noble Prophet or a close Angel.

Muslims are commanded to follow, honor, and revere the Prophet. They are also commanded to obey him, but that respect and obedience must never reach the level of worship, and the divinity must never be attributed to the Prophet.

God Almighty says in the Glorious Quran:

"Say [O Muhammad]; I am only a human being like you. It has been revealed unto me that your God is One God (Allah); therefore, whoever hopes to meet his Lord, let him do righteous deeds, and join no other deity in the worship of his Lord" [The Glorious Quran 18:110]

In addition to that, Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) said in an authentic report: "Do not exaggerate in praising me as the Christians praised the son of Mary (Jesus), for I am only a Slave. So, call me the Slave of Allah and His Messenger" [Sahih al-Bukhari Book 55 (Book of Prophets) Hadith 654]

God Almighty says in the Glorious Quran a clear verse:

"Mohammad is the Messenger of Allah" [The Glorious Quran 48:29]

He Almighty also says:

﴿ قُلْ يَكَأَيُّهُا ٱلنَّاسُ إِنِي رَسُولُ ٱللَّهِ إِلَيْكُمْ جَمِيعًا ٱلَّذِى لَهُ، مُلْكُ ٱلسَّمَوَتِ وَٱلْأَرْضِ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُو يُحْيَء وَيُمِيثُ فَعَامِنُوا بِٱللَّهِ وَرَسُولِهِ ٱلنَّبِي ٱلْأُمِّي ٱللَّمِي اللَّذِي يُؤْمِنُ بِاللَّهِ وَكَلِمَتِهِ، وَاتَّبِعُوهُ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَهْ تَدُونَ ﴾ اللَّذِي يُؤْمِنُ بِاللَّهِ وَكَلِمَتِهِ، وَاتَّبِعُوهُ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَهْ تَدُونَ ﴾

"Say (O Muhammad): O mankind! Verily, I am the Messenger of Allah to you all, from He to whom belongs the Sovereignty of the heavens and the earth. There is no god but He who gives life and causes death. Therefore, believe in Allah and His Messenger, the unlettered Prophet (Muhammad) who believes in Allah and His Words, and follow him so that you may be rightly guided" [The Glorious Quran 7:158]

Chapter Seven Similarities between Islam and Christianity

Similarities between Islam and Christianity

There are some remarkable similarities shared by the two religions (Islam and Christianity). Regardless of whether they have been practiced by the Christians or not, we are going to present fifteen of them from the Glorious Quran and the Holy Bible.

1- Believing in the Oneness of God:

The Glorious Quran:

"Verily I am Allah; there is none worthy of worship except Me, so worship Me" [The Glorious Quran 20:14]

"They (Jews and Christians) have taken their rabbis and priests to be their Lords beside Allah and so they did with Messiah (Jesus) the son of Maryam (Mary), although they were commanded (in the Torah and the Gospel) to worship none but One God (Allah); besides Whom there

is none worthy of worship. Exalted be He above those whom they associate with Him" [The Glorious Quran 9:31]

"That is Allah your Lord! there is no god except Him, the Creator of all things. Therefore, worship Him, He is the Guardian of everything" [The Glorious Quran 6:102]

The Bible:

"Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God, The Lord is One" [Deuteronomy 6:4]

"And Jesus said, the first of all the commandments is, Hear O Israel, The Lord our God is One Lord" [Mark 12:29]

2- Believing in all Prophets:

The Glorious Quran:

"The Messenger has believed in waht has been revealed to him from his Lord and so do the Believers. They all believe in Allah, His angels, His books and His Messengers. They say we make no distinction between one and another of His Messengers. And they say: «We hear and we obey.

Grant us Your forgiveness, O God; to You we shall all return»" [The Glorious Quran 2:285]

"Say (O Muhammad): We believe in Allah and that which is revealed unto us and that which was revealed unto Abraham and Ishmael and Isaac and Jacob and the tribes, and that which was given unto Moses and Jesus and the Prophets from their Lord (Allah). We make no distinction between any of them, and unto Him (Allah) we have submitted." [The Glorious Quran 3:84]

The Bible:

Jesus (peace be upon him) said: "Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill" [Matthew 5:17]

3- Do not worship idols:

The Glorious Quran:



"Therefore, shun the abomination of idols" [The Glorious Quran 22:30]

"And when Ibrahim (Abraham) said to his father Azer: Do you take idols for gods? Surely, I see you and your people in manifest error" [The Glorious Quran 6:74]

"You worship idols besides Allah and fabricate falsehood. Indeed, those whom you worship besides Allah have no power to give you your sustenance, therefore seek your sustenance from Allah, and worship Him, and be grateful to Him. For to Him you will be returned" [The Glorious Quran 29:17]

The Bible:

"You shall not make for yourselves idols, nor shall you set up for yourselves image" [Leviticus 26:1]

"And they (children of Israel) did wicked things, provoking Lord to anger. And they served idols, of which the Lord had said to them, you shall not do this." [2 Kings 17:11-12]

"You shall not make for yourself graven image . . ." [Exodus 20:4], [Deuteronomy 5:8]

4- Salah (Prayer):

The Glorious Quran:

"Enjoin prayer on your family and your people and be constant therein. We do not ask you to provide sustenance: We provide it for you. And the future (Hereafter) belongs to the righteousness and piousness" [The Glorious Quran 20:132]

"And Establish (constantly) the prayer and be conscious of Him: for it is He unto whom you all shall be gathered" [The Glorious Quran 6:72]

The Bible:

"Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up" [Luke 18:1]

"But this kind never comes out except by prayer and fasting" [Mark 9:29], [Matthew 17:21]

"and then was a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped night and day, fasting and praying" [Luke 2:37]

Prostration in prayer:

The Glorious Quran:

"fall down in prostration to Allah and Worship Him" [The Glorious Quran 53:62]

"O, you who believe! Bow down and prostrate yourselves, and worship your Lord, and do good deeds, so that you may prosper (succeed)" [The Glorious Quran 22:77]

"And among His signs are the night and the day and the sun and the moon. Do not prostrate to the sun nor to the moon; but prostrate to Allah, Who created them, if you truly worship Him" [The Glorious Quran 41:37]

The Bible:

"then Abraham fell on his face (in prayer)" [Genesis 17:3]

"then Moses and Aaron went from the presence of the assembly to the door of the tent of meeting, and fell on their faces. And the glory of the Lord appeared to them" [Numbers 20:6]

"And Joshua fell on his face to the earth and worshiped" [Joshua 5:14]

"And going a little farther he (Jesus) fell on his face and prayed . . ." [Matthew 26:39]

5- Zakat (The Obligated Charity):

The Glorious Quran:

"And be constant in prayer, and pay the obligated charity, and whatever good you send ahead of you to the hereafter for yourselves, you shall find it with Allah; surely Allah is watching all what you do" [The Glorious Quran 2:110]

"And My mercy encompasses everything; and so I shall ordain it for those who do righteous deeds, and pay the obligated charity and those who believe in Our signs. [The Glorious Quran 7:156]

The Bible:

"At the end of every three years you shall bring forth all the tithe of your produce in the same year, and lay it up within your towns" [Deuteronomy 14:28]

"And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves for charity shall cover the multitude of sins" [1 peter: 4:8]

6- Fasting:

The Glorious Quran:

"O ye who believe, fasting is prescribed for you as it was prescribed for those before you so that you may become righteous" [The Glorious Quran 2:183]

"The month of Ramadan in which the Quran, was revealed a guidance for the people and clear proofs of guidance and criterion (of right and wrong). So whoever sights (the new moon of) the month, let him fast it" [The Glorious Quran 2:185]

The Bible:

"And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast" [Jonah 3:5]

"When you fast, do not look somber as the hypocrites do, for they disfigure their faces to show others they are fasting" [Matthew 6:16]

7- Pilgrimage to Makkah (Baca):

The Glorious Quran:

"Indeed, the first House (of worship) established for mankind was that at Baca - blessed and a guidance for the worlds. In it are clear signs (such as) the standing place of Abraham. And whoever enters it shall be safe. And (due) to Allah from the people is a pilgrimage to the House for whoever is able to find thereto a way. But whoever disbelieves then indeed, Allah is free from need of the worlds" [The Glorious Quran 3:96-97]

The Bible:

"Blessed are they that dwell in thy house, they are ever praising thee. Selah. Blessed is the man whose strength is in thee; in whose heart are the ways of them. Passing through the valley of Baca they make it a place of springs; the early rain also covers it with blessings" [Psalms 84: 4-6]

8- Greetings:

The Glorious Quran:

"And when those come to you who believe in Our verses, say, 'Peace be upon you'" [The Glorious Quran 6:54]

"But when you enter houses, give greetings of peace upon each other - a greeting from Allah, blessed and good" [The Glorious Quran 24:61]

The Bible:

"And as they thus spake Jesus himself stood in the midst of them and saith unto them Peace be unto you" [Luke 24:36]

9- Honor your Parents:

The Glorious Ouran:

"And (recall) when We took the covenant from the Children of Israel, (enjoining upon them), Do not worship except Allah; and to parents do good" [The Glorious Quran 2:83]

﴿ وَأَعْبُدُوا اللَّهَ وَلَا نُشْرِكُوا بِهِ عَ شَيْعًا وَبِالْوَالِدَيْنِ إِحْسَنَا ﴾

"Worship Allah and associate nothing with Him, and to parents do good" [The Glorious Quran 4:36]

"And your Lord has decreed that you not worship except Him, and to parents, good treatment. Whether one or both of them reach old age (while) with you, say not to them (so much as), «uff» and do not repel them but speak to them a noble word. And lower to them the wing of humility out of mercy and say, «My Lord, have mercy upon them as they brought me up (when I was) child»" [The Glorious Quran 17:23-24]

The Bible:

"Honor your father and mother" which is the first commandment with a promise" [Ephesians 6:2]

"Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be prolonged in the land which the LORD your God gives you." [Exodus 20:12]

"Honor your father and your mother, as the LORD your God has commanded you, that your days may be prolonged and that it may go well with you on the land which the LORD your God gives you" [Deuteronomy 5:16]

"Honor your father and mother" [Luke 18:20]

10- Do not Steal:

The Glorious Quran:

"(As for) the thief, the male and the female, amputate their hands in recompense for what they committed as a deterrent (punishment) from Allah. And Allah is Exalted in Might and Wise" [The Glorious Quran 5:38]

The Bible:

"you shall not steal" [Luke 18:20]

"you shall not steal" [Exodus 20:15]

"you shall not steal" [Leviticus 19:11]

"Neither shall you steal" [Deuteronomy 5:19]

11- Do not commit Adultery:

The Glorious Quran:

"And do not approach unlawful sexual intercourse. Indeed, it is ever an immorality and is evil as a way" [The Glorious Quran 17:32]

"nor they commit fornication. And whoever does that will meet a penalty" [The Glorious Quran 25:68]

"The fornicator does not marry except a (female) fornicator or polytheist, and none marries her except a fornicator or a polytheist, and that has been made forbidden to the believers" [The Glorious Quran 24:3]

The Bible:

"You shall not commit adultery" [Exodus 20:14]

"Neither shall you commit adultery" [Deuteronomy 5:18]

"You know the commandments: You shall not commit adultery" [Luke 18:20]

"Do you not know that wrongdoers will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor men who have sex with men" [1 Corinthians 6:9]

"Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral" [Hebrews 13:4]

"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery" [Matthew 5:27]

12- Do not commit Homosexuality:

The Glorious Quran:

"And Lot when he said to his people, Do you commit such immorality as no one has preceded you with from among the worlds? Indeed, you approach men with desire, instead of women. Rather, you are a transgressing people" [The Glorious Quran 7:80-81]

"Do you approach males among the worlds? And leave what your Lord has created for you as mates? But you are a people transgressing" [The Glorious Quran 26:165-166]

"And Lot when he said to his people, Do you commit immorality while you are seeing? Do you indeed approach men with desire instead of women? Nay, but you are a people behaving ignorantly" [The Glorious Quran 27:54-55]

The Bible:

"You shall not lie with a male as with a woman; it is an abomination" [Leviticus 18:22]

"If a man lies with a male as with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination; they shall be put to death, their blood is upon them" [Leviticus 20:13]

"Do you not know that wrongdoers will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor men who have sex with men" [1 Corinthians 6:9]

13- Do not drink alcohol:

The Glorious Quran:

"They ask you about intoxicants and gambling (lottery). Say, In them is great sin" [The Glorious Quran 2:219]

"O ye who believe, intoxicants and gambling (lottery) and idolatrous practices and the divining of the future are the filthy works of Satan. Shun it" [The Glorious Quran 5:90]

"Satan wants to stir up enmity and hatred between you with intoxicants and gambling (lottery) and to turn you away from the remembrance of Allah and from prayer. Will you not abstain?" [The Glorious Quran 5:91]

The Bible:

"Do not get drunk on wine, for that is debauchery" [Ephesians 5:18]

"And the Lord said to Moses, Say to the people of Israel he shall separate himself from wine and strong drink; he shall drink no vinegar, whether made from wine or strong drink" [Numbers 6:1-3]

"Drink no wine nor strong drink, neither you nor your sons with you" [Leviticus 10:9]

"Woe to those who rise early in the morning, that they may run after strong drink, Who stay up late into the evening until wine inflames them!" [Isaiah 5:11]

"Therefore beware, drink no wine or strong drink, and eat nothing unclean" [Judges 13:4]

"Nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers, will inherit the kingdom of God" [1 Corinthians 6:10]

14- Do not Eat Pork, Dead Meat and Blood:

The Glorious Quran:

"You are forbidden to eat dead meat, and blood, and the flesh of swine (pork)" [The Glorious Quran 5:3]

"He has forbidden you to eat dead meat, blood, the flesh of swine (pork)" [The Glorious Quran 2:173]

"Say, I did not find in what has been revealed to me anything forbidden to be eaten by one who wishes to eat it, except the meat of an already dead animal, or poured forth or the flesh of swine (pork) - for these are unclean" [The Glorious Quran 6:145]

The Bible:

"You shall not eat anything that dies of itself" [Deuteronomy 14:21]

"You shall not eat the blood of any creature, for the life of every creature is its blood; Whoever eats it shall be cut off" [Leviticus 17:14]

"But you shall not eat flesh with its life, that is, its blood" [Genesis 9:4]

"You shall not eat the blood;" [Deuteronomy 12:16]

"And the pig, because it parts the hoof and is clovenfooted but does not chew the cud, is unclean to you. You shall not eat any of their flesh, and you shall not touch their carcasses; they are unclean to you" [Leviticus 11:7-8] "And the swine, because it parts the hoof but does not chew the cud, is unclean for you. Their flesh you shall not eat, and their carcasses you shall not touch" [Deuteronomy 14:8]

15- Hijab for Women (Covering the Head):

the Glorious Quran: ﴿ يَتَأَيُّهُا ٱلنَّبِيُّ قُل لِّأَزَوَجِكَ وَبَنَائِكَ وَنِسَآءِ ٱلْمُؤْمِنِينَ يُدُنِينَ عَلَيْهِنَّ مِن جَلَبِيدِهِنَّ ذَٰلِكَ أَدُنَىۡ أَن يُعۡرَفۡنَ فَلَا يُؤۡذَٰيۡنَ ﴾ ﴿

"O Prophet! Enjoin your wives, daughters and the believing women that they should draw their outer garments over their persons. That is more proper, so that they may not be recognized and not bothered" [The Glorious Quran 33:59]

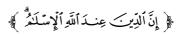
"And let them draw their head-coverings over their bosoms" [The Glorious Quran 24:31]

The Bible:

"But any woman who prays or prophesies with her head unveiled disgraces her head—it is one and the same thing as having her head shaved. For if a woman will not veil herself, then she should cut off her hair" [1 Corinthians 11:5-6]

"She (Rebekah the wife of Isaac) took her veil and covered herself" [Genesis 24:65]

Chapter Eight ISLAM (the true religion of God & all Prophets)



"Indeed, the only [true] religion in the sight of Allah is Islam"

[The Glorious Quran 3:19]

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What are the measures that rational people agree upon which they can use to measure the nature of the true religion?

We need an accurate definition of religion, because if it is a method for life and the path to the after-life, then it has to have attributes to consider as a true religion:

- 1- It has to be close to the basic nature of humans which represents good qualities and traits in humans.
- 2- **Consistency**; it has to be consistent religion to all generations, eras, countries, and all kinds of human. It has to be a religion that does not increase nor decrease according to desires.
- 3- Clear and Evident; there should be no visible and invisible matters, and this religion should not be mediator. The religion should not be taken based on mere spiritualities; it must be evident and reliable proof.
- 4- Tackling all issues of life at every-time. It has to be suitable for the life and after-life. Also, it has to build the body and the spirit as well.
- 5- Protecting the life of the people, the honors, and their wealth.

^(*) Islam is an Arabic word means submission to Almighty God alone.

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ISLAM is in conformity with the creation and nature of humans. There is no contradiction between ISLAM and the nature of humans. This is why ISLAM is the religion of the natural disposition.

Almighty God has created the human and defined the method to be followed. This method is properly commensurate with the nature and needs of humans. This method is the religion. Whoever does not follow this religion will be in state of chaos, instability, and spiritual and psychological discomfort. In addition, the torture and torment in the after-life

The ISLAMIC religion has clear beliefs which not satisfied with establishing the commands and teachings by abstract obligation and strict dictation. ISLAM does not say like other beliefs (believe blindly! Or believe then know, or close your eyes then follow me). ISLAM does not only address the heart and the spirit and depend on them as foundation for belief. Indeed, it explains the matters with evident and convincing reasoning (clear proof and true justification) that persuade the mind and reach the hearts

The ISLAMIC religion is complete for all matters of life. God Almighty says:

"Today I have perfected your religion for you, completed my favor upon you and have chosen for you Islam as your religion" [The Glorious Quran 5:3]

This religion is flexible and close to the human nature because God created humans according to His Rulings. There is no Muslim who does not know the signs of the truth. Yet, there are people who have doubt about Islam. God Almighty says:

"Say: O mankind! If you are in doubt of my religion, then (know that) I do not worship those whom you worship besides Allah, but I worship Allah who cause you to die: and I have been commanded to be of the believers" [The Glorious Quran 10:104]

The Jews say Judaism is the right path and why do you not be Jewish, and the Christians say Christianity is the right path and why do you not be Christian. God Almighty says:

"And they say: Be Jews or Christians, then you will be rightly guided. Say: Nay, but (we follow) the religion of Ibrahim (Abraham) who had surrendered himself

unto God; and he was not of those who associate partners with Allah" [The Glorious Quran 2:135]

All the Jews and Christians believe in Abraham whom we call "the father of the prophets", but what was the religion of Abraham? God Almighty answered this question:

"Ibrahim (Abraham) was neither a Jew nor a Christian but he was a Muslim, who had surrendered himself unto God; and he was not of those who associate partners with Allah" [The Glorious Quran 3:67]

What the Messenger Muhammad (peace be upon him) conveyed, proves his truthfulness and Prophethood. The Muslim knows quite-well that whoever says Trinity (that God is the third of three) is misleading and astray. Also, the Muslim views idol-worshippers as clear disbelievers. Indeed, the teaching of ISLAM leads him to the oneness of Almighty God. Therefore, God Almighty says:

"If anyone desires a religion other than Islam (submission to Allah) it will never be accepted from him; and in the Hereafter he will be among the losers" [The Glorious Quran 3:85]

Sharia (Legislation):

In reality, the human does not know the truth about his spirit, being, and the future he would face. This is the reason why the human being was not able to put permanent legislations and laws to fit every-time and place. However, the Almighty Creator is the All-Knowing. He is the Fully-Aware of the creation of His. Indeed, He is the All-Knowing of what occurred in the past, what happens in the present, and what will happen in the future. This is the reason no human can bring a permanent-flexible Sharia (Legislations) that would fit every-time and place, unless, this human is a Messenger from His Lord. It is clear evidence that ISLAMIC Sharia (legislations and laws) has ruled different cultures in different countries at different times for hundreds of years. There has not been any problem without a solution in this honorable Sharia. The religion of ISLAM confirms the requirements and needs. It gave the world the most established and affirmed legislations. It surpasses any other legislations on the face of the earth.

Islam and Iman (Faith):

In this honorable religion, there are two main aspects; the pillars of Islam and the pillars of Faith (Iman).

The pillars of Faith (Iman) are mainly associated with inward actions or the deeds of the heart, while the pillars of Islam are associated with outward actions or deeds of the senses.

The pillars of Faith (Iman) are to believe in Allah, His Angels, His Books, His Messengers, The Last Day, And Predestination whether Good Or Evil.

The pillars of Islam are to testify that there is no God but Allah and that Muhammad is His Messenger, Perform Prayers, Pay Zakat [Obligated Charity], Fast the month of Ramadan and go for Hajj (Pilgrimage to Makkah) Upon Having The Means.

The Pillars of ISLAM:

There are five pillars of ISLAM and these five pillars are the basic acts in Islam which considered mandatory by believers and are the foundation of Muslim life. The five pillars are:

1- Shahada (Testification):

The first pillar of ISLAM is the Testification. Basically, it is a declaration of faith or belief in the Oneness of Almighty God (Allah) and the finality of the prophethood of Mohammad (peace be upon him) who is God's Messenger. It is a set statement normally recited in Arabic:

(Ashhadu allā 'ilāha 'illā Allāh wa Ashhadu anaa Moḥammad rasūl Allāh)

« I testify that there is no god (deserves to be worshiped) except Allah and I testify that Muhammad is the Messenger of Allah »

It is essential to utter these words to become a Muslim with the intention of leaving out blasphemy and converting to Islam.

2- Salah (Prayers):

The second pillar of ISLAM is performing the five daily prayers. God Almighty says:

"And to establish Salah (prayer) and to fear Him, for it is He (Allah) unto whom you all shall be gathered" [The Glorious Quran 6:72]

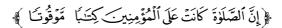
Muslims perform five prayers a day and each prayer does not take more than a few minutes to perform. In ISLAM Prayer is a direct link between the worshipper and Almighty God; that is why in the prayer a person feels inner happiness, peace, and comfort, and that Almighty God is pleased with him/her. Furthermore, it prevents the person from doing bad deeds. God Almighty says:

"And establish Salah (prayer), Surely Salah restrains from shameful and evil deeds (iniquity)" [The Glorious Quran 29:45]

The five prayers are performed respectively at dawn, noon, mid-afternoon, sunset, and night. God Almighty says:

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"Indeed, Salah (prayer) is made obligatory for the believers at particular times" [The Glorious Quran 4:103]

"The **Fajr** prayer" is the first prayer performed before sunrise. "The **Dhuhr** prayer" is the second prayer performed in the midday after the sun has surpassed its highest point. "The **Asr** prayer" is the third prayer performed in the mid-afternoon before sunset. "The **Maghrib** prayer" is the fourth prayer performed in the evening after sunset. Lastly, "The **Isha** prayer" is the fifth prayer performed in the night.

All of these prayers are performed while facing the direction of the Kaaba in Makkah because it is the focal point for prayer. Despite wherever you are in the world; the direction faced during prayer is the direction of where the Kaaba is

3- Zakat (The Obligated Charity):

The third pillar of ISLAM is the obligated charity. Basically, it is the practice of charitable giving based on accumulated wealth. Giving a portion of one's wealth for the benefit of the poor or needy and it is obligatory for all Muslims who are able to do so. The percentage is insignificant to the money that is held in possession for one full year and a Muslim may also donate more as an act of voluntary charity to achieve additional divine reward.

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As a fact, if every human being gives Zakat, not a single person will die of hunger.

4- Fasting:

The fourth pillar of ISLAM is fasting during Ramadan. Every year in the month of Ramadan; all Muslims fast from dawn until dusk, abstaining from drink, food and sexual relations with their spouses. Fasting is obligatory for every Muslim that has reached puberty except those who are sick, elderly, or on a journey as well as the women who are menstruating, pregnant or nursing, are permitted to break the fast and make up an equal number of days later in the year if they are healthy and able to do so.

5- Hajj (Pilgrimage to Makkah):

The fifth pillar of ISLAM is the pilgrimage. It occurs during the Islamic month of Dhu al-Hijjah to the Holy City of Makkah, in the Arabian Peninsula. Every Muslim (both men and women) who is physically and financially able to perform Hajj is required to make the pilgrimage to Makkah at least once in their life. There are approximately two million people go to Makkah each year to perform Hajj, and they are from every corner of the globe providing a unique opportunity for those of different nations to meet one another; yet, the pilgrimage should be an expression of devotion to Almighty God, not a means of gaining social standing.

The Pillars of Faith (Iman):

There are six pillars of faith (Iman) and these six pillars are the basic beliefs in Islam. The six pillars are:

1- Believe in Almighty God (Allah):

The first pillar of faith is to believe in the Oneness of Allah Almighty. It is the central belief in Islam, and the most significant matter. Allah is the Unique, Omnipotent, the Only Deity and the Creator of the universe.

We have already provided an entire chapter in this book titled "<u>The true concept of God</u>" with full details for this subject.

2- Believe in the Angels of Almighty God:

The second pillar of faith is to believe in the Angels of Almighty God. The Angels are spiritual creatures created from light. They are messengers who relay communication to people and carry out other responsibilities. They can also appear personified; this is known in the Glorious Quran and Hadith literature where the Archangel Gabriel came in human form to announce to Mary, the mother of Jesus (peace be upon them), that she will have a son, as well as when he came to Muhammad about reciting the message that is the divine will of Almighty God, known to Muslims as the Glorious Quran.

The Angels are not equal in status; therefore, they are delegated different tasks to perform. For example:

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- "Gabriel" is the angel of revelation; he is the one who communicates with all of the prophets of Almighty God and was responsible for revealing the Glorious Quran verse by verse to prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him).
- "Michael" is the angel who provides nourishment for bodies and souls. He is often depicted as the archangel of mercy, and is responsible for bringing thunder and rain to Earth.
- "Israfil" (Raphael) is the angel who will blow the trumpet at the end of time (the Day of Judgment).
- "The angel of death" who is responsible of parting the soul from the body of the dead.
- "Munkar and Nakir" are the angels who question the dead in their graves.
- "The Journeyers" are the angels who travel the earth searching out assemblies where people remember God's name
- "Honorable Recorders" are the angels who are charged to be with every human being; one writes down good deeds and the other one writes down evil deeds.
- "The eight angels" who carry the Throne of Almighty God
- "Ridwan" is the angel who is the keeper of Paradise.
- "Malik" chief of the angels who govern the Hellfire.
- "The angels of punishment" are the angels who torment sinful persons and drag them into the Hellfire.

3- Believe in the Books of Almighty God:

The third pillar of faith is to believe in all revealed Books of Allah Almighty. Muslims are obligated to believe in all the Books and Scriptures which were revealed by God Almighty to His Prophets and Messengers throughout humanity's history. These Divine Books contain legislation and religious laws that God Almighty ordained for those people.

Islam speaks of respecting all the previous Scriptures and it is an article of faith to believe in them. Among the Books considered to be revealed are the four mentioned by name in the Glorious Quran which are the "Tawrat (Torah)" that was revealed to Musa (Moses) (peace be upon him), the "Zabur (Pslams)" that was revealed to Dawud (King David) (peace be upon him), the "Injil (Gospel)" that was revealed to Isa (Jesus) (peace be upon him), and "The Glorious Quran" that was revealed to the final Messenger Muhammad (peace be upon him).

Quran:

The Glorious Quran is the central religious text of Islam which Muslims believe to be a revelation from Almighty God and the God's final word. It is the culmination and the completion of a series of divine messages that started with

the messages revealed to Adam and ended with Muhammad (peace be upon them). Muslims consider The Glorious Quran as the most significant miracle of Muhammad (peace be upon him) and a proof of his Prophethood.

We have provided an entire chapter in this book titled "The Glorious Ouran" with full details for this topic.

Tawrat (Torah):

The Torah was revealed to Musa (Moses) (peace be upon him). God Almighty says:

"and He (Allah) sent down the Torah (to Moses)" [The Glorious Quran 3:3]

"They have the Torah which contains Allah's commandments" [The Glorious Quran 5:43]

Moses and his brother Aaron (peace be upon them) used the Torah to preach the message to the Israelites. God Almighty says:

"We did reveal the Torah, wherein is guidance and a light, by which the Prophets who surrendered themselves unto Allah judged the Jews, and so did the rabbis and jurists of law" [The Glorious Quran 5:44]

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However, the current Torah has suffered corruption over the years, therefore, it is no longer reliable. Yet, the Jewish people are still using it nowadays.

Zabur (Pslams):

The Zabur often interpreted as being the Book of Psalms which is the Holy Scripture revealed to Dawud (King David) (peace be upon him). God Almighty says in the Glorious Ouran:

"and unto David We gave the Zabur (Psalms)" [The Glorious Quran 17:55]

Scholars have often understood the Zabur (Psalms) to have been holy songs of praise. Generally, Muslims consider that some of the current Psalms were written later and are not divinely revealed.

Injil (Gospel):

The Injil (Gospel) was the Holy Book revealed to Jesus (peace be upon him). God Almighty says in the Glorious Ouran:

"Then We sent following their footsteps Our messengers and followed [them] with Jesus, the son of Mary, and We gave him the Injil (Gospel)" [The Glorious Quran 57:27]

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Muslims believe that the Gospel was the message that had been divinely inspired to Jesus (peace be upon him) which he preached to the Children of Israel. God Almighty says in The Glorious Quran:

"And We gave him (Jesus) the Gospel" [The Glorious Quran 5:46]

"Therefore, let the people who follow the Injil (Gospel) judge by the Law which Allah has revealed therein; and those who do not judge by the Law which Allah has revealed, they are the transgressors" [The Glorious Quran 5:47]

However, the word "Gospel" in Muslims belief does not refer to the New Testament of the Bible nowadays but to an original Gospel given to Jesus (peace be upon him) as the word of Almighty God which has been corrupted and/or lost.

We have already provided an entire chapter in this book titled "<u>Is the Bible God's word?</u>" with full details for this subject.

4- Believe in the Messengers and Prophets of Almighty God:

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The fourth pillar of faith is to believe in the Messengers and Prophets of Allah Almighty. In Muslim belief, every Prophet and Messenger of Almighty God preached Islam which includes Monotheism (the Oneness of God) and avoidance of idolatry and sin. God Almighty says in the Glorious Ouran:

"Indeed, to every Messenger whom We sent before you (O Muhammad), We revealed the same Message: "there is no god but Me (Allah), so worship Me Alone" [The Glorious Quran 21:25]

"And indeed, We have raised in every nation a messenger, (proclaiming): Worship Allah and shun false gods." [The Glorious Quran 16:36]

In addition to that, prayer, fasting, pilgrimage, giving charity and believing in the Day of Judgment and life after death are believed to have been taught by every Prophet and Messenger who has ever lived. Each came to preach Islam at different times in history and they were sent by Almighty God to every people, bringing God's message

in a language they can understand. God Almighty says in the Glorious Quran:

"He has ordained for you the same religion (way of life) which He enjoined on Nuh (Noah) - and which We have revealed to you [O Muhammad] - and which We enjoined on Ibrahim (Abraham) and Musa (Moses) and Isa (Jesus): "Establish the religion of Islam (a Monotheistic Faith) and make no division (sects) in it" [The Glorious Quran 42:13]

The Prophets and the Messengers are the greatest human beings of all time. Before we were created, God Almighty has specifically selected those men whom He would use as Prophets and Messengers. However, this does not mean that every Prophet began to prophesy from his birth. Some were called to prophesy late in life. For example, in Moses and Muhammad's case the Prophethood began at the age of 40, while others such as John the Baptist and Solomon (the son of King David) were called to Prophesy while still at a young age.

Muslims believe that there are tens of thousands Prophets and Messengers existed; other than the twenty five who have been mentioned in the Glorious Quran.

The Prophets and the Messengers who have been mentioned in the Glorious Quran (listed by Islamic name and Biblical name): Ādam (Adam), Idrīs (Enoch), Nūḥ (Noah), Hūd (Eber), Ṣāliḥ (Salah), Ibrāhīm (Abraham), Lūṭ (Lot), Ismāīl (Ishmael), Isḥāq (Isaac), Yaqūb (Jacob), Yūsuf (Joseph), Ayūb (Job), Dhul-Kifl (Ezekiel), Shuayb (Jethro), Mūsā (Moses), Hārūn (Aaron), Dāūd (David), Sulaymān (Solomon), Yūnus (Jonah), Ilyās (Elijah), Alyasa (Elisha), Zakarīya (Zechariah), Yaḥyā (John), Īsā (Jesus) and Moḥammed (Muhammad) **PEACE BE UPON THEM ALL**.

Some scholars stated that there have been 124,000 Prophets and 313 Messengers, but in fact, their exact numbers are not known with any kind of certainty. God Almighty says:

"Of some Messengers We have already told you the story; of others We have not" [The Glorious Quran 4:164]

With that huge number of Prophets and Messengers of Almighty God, we are commanded and obligated to believe in them all; we cannot say that we believe in this Messenger and disbelieve in the other one.

God Almighty says:

﴿ إِنَّ ٱلَّذِينَ يَكَفُرُونَ بِاللَّهِ وَرُسُلِهِ، وَيُرِيدُونَ أَن يُفَرِّقُواْ بَيْنَ ٱللَّهِ وَرُسُلِهِ، وَيُرِيدُونَ أَن يُفَرِّقُواْ بَيْنَ اللَّهِ وَرُسُلِهِ، وَيَقُولُونَ فَيُرِيدُونَ أَن يَتَخِذُواْ بَيْنَ ذَلِكَ سَبِيلًا ﴿ اللَّهُ عَلَمُ ٱلْكَفِرُونَ حَقًا ۚ وَأَعْتَدْنَا لِلْكَفِرِينَ عَذَابًا مُهِيئًا فَاكِينَ عَلَابًا مُهِيئًا وَأَعْتَدْنَا لِلْكَفِرِينَ عَذَابًا مُهِيئًا اللَّهُ عَفُورًا رَحِيمًا ﴾ وَاللَّذِينَ عَامَنُواْ بِاللَّهِ وَرُسُلِهِ، وَلَمْ يُفَرِّقُواْ بَيْنَ أَحَدٍ مِنْهُمْ أَوْلَئِكَ سَوْفَ يُؤْتِيهِمُ أُجُورَهُمْ وَكَانَ ٱللَّهُ عَفُورًا رَحِيمًا ﴾

"Verily, those who disbelieve in Allah and His messengers, and seek to make distinction between Allah and His messengers, and say: we believe in some and disbelieve in others, and seek to choose a way in between; these are the real disbelievers and We have prepared for such disbelievers a humiliating punishment. But as for those who believe in God and His messengers and make no distinction between any of them, unto them Allah will give their rewards: for Allah is Oft-Forgiving Most Merciful" [The Glorious Quran 4:150-152]

Therefore, we are commanded to say:

"We make no distinction between any of His Messengers" [The Glorious Quran 2:285]

And that distinction does not contradict with what God Almighty says:

"Of those messengers, We have exalted some above others" [The Glorious Quran 2:253]

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"We have exalted some prophets above the others" [The Glorious Quran 17:55]

Because the first two verses talk about believing in all of them, whereas the last two verses talk about the difference in ranks and degrees.

As a rule, if someone disbelieves in one of the Prophets and Messengers of God Almighty; that is equal to if he/she disbelieves in all of them. God Almighty says in the Glorious Quran:

"The people of Nuh (Noah) rejected the Messengers" [The Glorious Quran 26:105]

These people denied their Prophet Noah, and how many Prophets did Allah send to them? One (Noah); meanwhile God Almighty says that these people rejected the Messengers (in plural form). Why? Because the disbelief in one of them equal to the disbelief in all of them.

Not only these people who rejected their prophet. God Almighty says:

﴿ كُذَّبَتُ عَادُّ ٱلْمُرْسَلِينَ ﴾

"The people of Ad rejected the Messengers" [The Glorious Quran 26:123]

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These people denied their Prophet Hud, and how many Prophets did Allah send to the tribe of Ad? One (Hud); meanwhile God Almighty says that these people rejected the Messengers (in plural form). The disbelief in one Messenger equal to the disbelief in all Messengers.

Other examples are given in the Glorious Quran. God Almighty says:

"The people of Thamud rejected the Messengers" [The Glorious Quran 26:141]

"The dwellers of the rocky tract rejected the messengers" [The Glorious Quran 15:80]

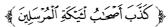
These people the dwellers of the rocky tract (Mada'in Saleh) who are the tribe of Thamud, denied their Prophet Saleh, and how many Prophets did Allah send to the tribe of Thamud? One (Saleh); meanwhile God Almighty says that these people rejected the Messengers (in plural form). The disbelief in one Messenger equal to the disbelief in all Messengers.

Furthermore, God Almighty says:

"The people of Lut (Lot) rejected the Messengers" [The Glorious Quran 26:160]

These people who were living in Sodom (known of committing homosexuality) denied their Prophet Lut (Lot), and how many prophets did Allah send to them? One (Lot); meanwhile God Almighty says that these people rejected the Messengers (in plural form). The disbelief in one Messenger equal to the disbelief in all Messengers.

And finally God Almighty says:



"The people of Aiykah (a tree) rejected the Messengers" [The Glorious Quran 26:176]

These people who were living in Midian denied their Prophet Shuayb (Jethro), and how many Prophets did Allah send to them? One (Shuayb); meanwhile God Almighty says that these people rejected the Messengers (in plural form). Why? Because of the reason which was mentioned previously (The disbelief in one Messenger equal to the disbelief in all Messengers).

These stories are for us to reflect, to contemplate and think, not just to entertain ourselves with.

5- Believe in the Hereafter:

The fifth pillar of faith is to believe in the life after death. Islamic eschatology is the branch of Islamic theology concerning the end of the world and the "Day of Resurrection" after that. The time when the Day of Resurrection will happen is not specified, God Almighty says:

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"People ask you about the Last Hour. Tell them: "Allah (Alone) has the knowledge of it. Who knows? Perhaps the Hour is near at hand" [The Glorious Quran 33:63]

Yet, there are major and minor signs that will foretell its coming. And like Christianity and Judaism; Islam teaches that there will be a resurrection of the dead. God Almighty Says:

"And the Last Hour will come, there is no doubt about it; and Allah will raise up those who are in the graves" [The Glorious Quran 22:7]

But the disbelievers have rejected the truth; God Almighty says:

"The disbelievers say: The Hour will never come unto us. Say: Nay, by my Lord, it will come unto you surely" [The Glorious Quran 34:3] and He Almighty confirmed that by saying:

"Every soul shall taste death. Then to Us you will return" [The Glorious Quran 29:57]
Therefore, He Almighty says:

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"And be afraid of the Day in which you will return to Allah" [The Glorious Quran 2:281]

That resurrection followed by a final tribulation and eternal division of the righteous and wicked. The righteous are rewarded with the pleasures of Jannah (Paradise), while the unrighteous are punished in Jahannam (Hell).

As for the people of Jannah (Paradise):

God Almighty says:

﴿ وَسِيقَ الَّذِينَ اتَّقَوْا رَبَّهُمْ إِلَى الْجَنَةِ زُمَرًا حَقَّىٰ إِذَا جَآءُوهَا وَفُتِحَتُ الْبَوْبُهَا وَقَالُ الْمَالُمُ عَلَيْكُمْ طِبْنُمْ فَأَدُخُلُوهَا خَلِدِينَ ﴿ اللَّهِ اللَّهُ اللَّهِ اللَّهُ الللللَّهُ اللَّهُ الللَّا اللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللَّا الللَّهُ

"And those who kept their duty to their Lord will be led to Paradise in groups, till, when they reach it, and its gates will be opened (before their arrival for their reception) and its keepers will say: (peace be upon you)! You have done well, so enter here to abide therein. And they will say: "All the praises and thanks be to Allah Who has fulfilled His Promise to us and has made us inherit (this) land. We can dwell in Paradise where we will; how excellent a reward for the (pious good) workers!" [The Glorious Quran 39:73-74]

Refutation of Obfuscation

As for the size of paradise, it is as vast as the heavens and the earth. God Almighty says:

"Rush towards the forgiveness from your Lord to a Paradise as vast as the Heavens and the earth which is prepared for the righteous people (those who have conscious of God)" [The Glorious Quran 3:133]

In addition to that, it is divided into levels and degrees. God Almighty says:

"See how We have bestowed more on some than on others (in this life); and verily the Hereafter will be greater in degrees and greater in preferment" [The Glorious Quran 17:21]

Consequently, the more good deeds you do in this life, the higher degree you will enter in paradise. God Almighty says:

"All will be awarded ranks according to their deeds, and your Lord is not unaware of what they do" [The Glorious Quran 6:132]

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Paradise is described with material delights such as beautiful maidens, delicious foods, precious stones, and constantly flowing water. The people of paradise will eat delicious food and drink, and every bowl will have a new taste. The palaces of paradise are made from bricks of gold and silver. Large trees are described (it takes over hundred years to cross its shadow), soil made of musk, among other things made of pearl and ruby.

Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) said: "that God Almighty said: I have prepared for My righteous servants what no eye has ever seen, what no ear has ever heard, and what has never passed into the heart of any mortal" [authentic report by Bukhāri and Muslim].

In spite of the goodly dwellings given to the inhabitants of paradise, the approval of God Almighty and nearness to him is considered greater. God Almighty will bring the elect near to His Throne. There will be significant reward for the people of paradise on which faces shall be shining in contemplating their Lord. The vision of God Almighty is regarded as the greatest of all rewards, surpassing all other joys. God Almighty says:

"On that Day, some faces shall be bright with happiness. Looking toward their Lord" [The Glorious Quran 75:22-23]

As for the people of Jahannam (Hellfire):

God Almighty says:

"And those who disbelieved will be driven to the Hellfire in groups, till, when they reach it, the gates thereof will be opened. And its keepers will say, "Did not the Messengers come to you from yourselves, reciting to you the Verses of your Lord, and warning you of the Meeting of this Day of yours?" They will say: "Yes, but the Word of torment has been justified against the disbelievers!" It will be said (to them): "Enter you the gates of Hell, to abide therein. And (indeed) what an evil abode of the arrogant!" [The Glorious Quran 39:71-72]

When the people of the Hellfire are dragged into it; they cannot get out. God Almighty says:

"And as for those who are lost in iniquity shall be cast into the fire. Whenever they try to escape from it, they shall be pushed back into it, and it will be said

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to them: "Taste the punishment of the fire which you used to deny" [The Glorious Quran 32:20]

Therefore, they will try to ask God Almighty to forgive them. They will say:

"Our Lord! Get us out of here; if we ever return to sin, then we shall indeed be wrongdoers. He [Allah] will say: "Stay here (with ignominy) and do not speak unto Me!" [The Glorious Quran 23:107-108]

God Almighty says:

"They will wish to come out of the fire, but they shall not come out of it; and they shall have an everlasting punishment" [The Glorious Quran 5:37]

So, they will try to ask the keeper of the Hellfire to ask God to destroy them instead of suffering from this severe punishment which they cannot bear. God Almighty says:

"And they will cry: "O Malik (the keeper of Hell)! Let your Lord put an end to us" But he will reply: "Nay! You are going to remain forever" [The Glorious Quran 43:77]

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In that difficult situation, they will have a request. God Almighty says:

"And those who are in the fire will say to the keepers of Hell; "Entreat your Lord for relieving our punishment at least for one day!" [The Glorious Quran 40:49]

But that request will be rejected because God Almighty has already said:

"As for the disbelievers, the Fire of Hell will be for them: no end shall be put to their lives so that they could not die nor shall its punishment be ever lightened for them. Thus shall We reward every disbeliever" [The Glorious Quran 35:36]

6- Believe in Predestination:

The sixth pillar of faith is to believe in predestination. Muslims believe that God Almighty wrote down in the Preserved Tablet all that has happened and will happen which will come to pass as written. According to this belief, a person's action is not caused by what is written in the preserved tablet, but rather the action is written

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in the tablet because God Almighty already knows all occurrences. God Almighty does not need to force anyone to do good or evil by interfering with his will, and nobody will bear witness that Allah Almighty did so. Therefore, an individual has power to choose, but since God Almighty is the Creator who created time and space He knows what will happen.

Belief in predestination is based on four things:

* Knowledge

* Writing

* Will

* Creation and formation

A- **Knowledge:** that Allah knows what had been, what will be, what has never been, and how it could be if it was. He also knows what His creation will do, by virtue of His eternal knowledge, including their choices that will take place. God Almighty says:

"Verily, Allah has full knowledge of everything" [The Glorious Quran 9:115]

"and that Allah encompasses all things in His knowledge" [The Glorious Quran 65:12]

﴿ وَعِندَهُ مَفَاتِحُ ٱلْغَيْبِ لَا يَعْلَمُهَاۤ إِلَّا هُوَ ۚ وَيَعْلَمُ مَا فِ ٱلْبَرِّ وَٱلْبَحْرِ وَمَا تَسَّقُطُ مِن وَرَقَةٍ إِلَا يَعْلَمُهَا وَلَا حَبَّةٍ فِى ظُلْمَتِ ٱلْأَرْضِ وَلَا رَطْبٍ وَلَا يَاسِسٍ إِلَّا فِي كِنْبِ ثُمِينٍ ﴾ إلّا في كِنْبِ ثُمِينٍ ﴾

"He Alone has the keys of the unseen, of which no one knows except Him. He knows whatever is in the land and in the sea; there is not a single leaf that falls without His knowledge, there is neither a grain in the darkness of the earth nor anything fresh or dry which has not been recorded in a Clear Book" [The Glorious Quran 6:59]

B- Writing: that Allah has written everything that exists including the destiny of all creatures in the Preserved Tablet prior to creation. God Almighty says:

"No affliction (calamity) can happen on earth nor to your own selves, unless it is recorded in a Book, before We bring it into existence; surely that is easy for Allah" [The Glorious Quran 57:22]

"Do you not know that Allah is aware of all that is in heaven and the earth? Certainly all of this is recorded in a Book and it is very easy for Allah to do so" [The Glorious Quran 22:70]

C- Will: that what Allah wills happens and what He does not will does not happen. There is no movement in

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the heavens or on earth but happens by His will. God Almighty says:

"No affliction (calamity) can happen except by the leave of Allah" [The Glorious Quran 64:11]

"Say: Nothing will happen to us except what Allah has written for us" [The Glorious Quran 9:51]

D- Creation and formation: that Allah is the Creator of all things, including the actions of His servants. They do their actions in a real sense, and Allah is the Creator of them and of their actions. God Almighty says:

"Allah is the Creator of all things" [The Glorious Quran 39:62]

"He has created everything and ordained them in due proportions" [The Glorious Quran 25:2]

"Surely We have created everything in perfect estimation (destiny and purpose)" [The Glorious Quran 54:49]

Chapter Nine The Glorious Quran

﴿ كِتَبُّ أَنزَلْنَهُ إِلَيْكَ لِنُخْرِجَ ٱلنَّاسَ مِنَ ٱلظُّلُمَاتِ إِلَى ٱلنُّورِ ﴾

"This Book (Quran) which We have revealed to you (O Muhammad) so that you may bring mankind out of utter darkness (ways of ignorance) to the light;" [The Glorious Quran 14:1]

The Glorious Quran

Quran (the Last Testament):

At first, before we talk about the Glorious Quran (its divine nature, style, miracles, proofs ..etc.), it is essential to know that this book is the completion of all preceding scriptures.

As we know the Bible consists of two main-parts "Old Testament and new testament", yet there are endless controversies and disputes regarding fabrications, manipulations, false additions and omissions in the Bible. However, the manifest answers to these issues came from God Almighty 1400+ years ago - with proofs - in "the Last Testament" but most of Christians and Jews failed to notice it.

The Glorious Quran is the Last Testament from God Almighty which clarifies all misconceptions and solves all the disputes amongst the Christians and the Jews regarding the true faith, true concept of God, life and Hereafter matters. The Christians and the Jews are given the honorific title of "People of the Scripture". Also, the Jews are often mentioned as "Children of Israel", Israel is another name for Prophet Jacob.

God Almighty directs His speech to the Christians and the Jews, He says:

﴿ يَتَأَهْلَ ٱلْكِتَٰبِ قَدْ جَآءَكُمْ رَسُولُنَا يُبَيِّنُ لَكُمْ كَثِيرًا مِّنَا كُنُمُ كَثِيرًا مِنَ ٱلْكِتَٰبِ وَيَعْفُواْ عَن كَثِيرً قَدً جَآءَكُم مِن ٱلْكِتَٰبِ وَيَعْفُواْ عَن كَثِيرً قَدً جَآءَكُم مِن ٱللّهِ نُورٌ وَكِتَابٌ مُبِينٌ ﴾

"O People of the Scripture, there has come to you Our Messenger [Muhammad] making clear to you much of what you used to conceal of the Scripture and passing over much. There has come to you from Allah a Light and a Clear Book" [The Glorious Quran 5:15]

In other places of the Glorious Quran, the speech was directed to Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him). God Almighty says:

"And that which We have revealed to you, [O Muhammad], of the Book is the truth, confirming what was before it. Indeed, Allah, of His servants, is Acquainted and Seeing" [The Glorious Quran 35:31] God Almighty also says:

"[This is] a Book which We have revealed to you, [O Muhammad], that you might bring mankind out of darknesses into the light by permission of their Lord – to the path of the Exalted in Might, the Praiseworthy" [The Glorious Quran 14:1]

Here God Almighty gives a direct speech to Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) telling him that this Glorious Quran is like many other preceding scriptures given to the Prophets before.

God Almighty says:

"(O Muhammad!) We have revealed to you as We revealed to Noah and the Prophets after him, and We revealed to Abraham, Ishmael, Isaac, Jacob and the offspring of Jacob, and Jesus and Job, and Jonah, and Aaron and Solomon, and We gave to David Psalms. And [We sent] messengers about whom We have mentioned [their stories] to you before and messengers about whom We have not mentioned to you. And Allah spoke to Moses with [direct] speech. These Messengers were sent as bearers of glad tidings and as warners so that after sending the Messengers people may have no plea against Allah. and Allah is All-Mighty, All-Wise. (Whether people believe or not) Allah bears witness that whatever He has revealed to you, He has revealed with His knowledge, and the angels bear witness (as well), And sufficient is Allah as Witness" [The Glorious Quran 4:163-166]

Is the Quran God's word?

The distinguishing characteristic of the Glorious Quran is the absolute authenticity of its source, uniqueness of its contents, and its Divine identity: its teachings have been delivered to the Prophet from a world that transcends his thought and mind. The Prophet was only a recipient of this dictated Message and Revelation. As a matter of fact, the Glorious Quran is unlike any other book on earth. It speaks straight and to the point, without prevarications or beating around the bush.

The Glorious Quran charts out a comprehensive scheme of life that encompasses beliefs, ethics and morality, acts of worships, culture, civilization, economics, politics, law and all other areas of human activity - which fit together harmoniously constituting a wholesome system of life for the betterment of humankind. In addition to that, the Glorious Quran, in one of its style, is to answer the questions that may arise in the human mind regarding the Creator, faith, and the truth. No one could read the human mind except the Creator who created them. He knows what they think of and what they are going to ask about, therefore, the answers are already given therein in advance.

The Glorious Quran is indeed the book of God and His words. It did not change despite the passing of 1400+ of years, and despite the dissimilarities among countries and civilizations. It remains the same as it was revealed.

It is still leading the Muslims in their worldly-life and their path to the after-life.

The Glorious Quran establishes proofs about different subjects, and the main ones are:

- 1- The matter of divinity from the universe.
- 2- The Spirit.
- 3- The existence of God (His Oneness and Completeness).
- 4- The purpose of life and our existence.
- 5- Proofs in terms of resurrection.
- 6- Paradise and Hellfire.
- 7- Signs of creating the heavens and the earth, and reviving the land after its death.
- 8- Shows God's wisdom through justice of rewarding the good-doer and punishing the bad-doer.
- 9- Numerous miracles and signs.
- 10-Science and facts.
- 11-The true stories which must be taken as lessons regarding old nations and the Nobel Prophets of ISLAM, such as (Adam, Sheath, Noah, Enoch, Hud, Salih, Lut, Abraham, Ishmael, Isaac, Jacob and the twelve sons, Joseph, Job, Shuaib, Moses and Aron, David and his son Solomon, Jonah, Elijah, Zechariah and his son John, Jesus and his mother Mary, and Muhammad) **PEACE BE UPON THEM ALL**.

Although the Quran was revealed through the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him), he is not even its subject matter; no one can find some clues to his life from it. The Quran does not provide any genealogy of Muhammad (peace be upon him) which is a common practice of the times. Search as you may, you will not find within the covers of the Glorious Quran even the name of Prophet Muhammad's father or mother. You will neither discover the name of his wives nor the names of his daughters nor the name of his beloved companions. While, amazingly, you will find a description of the life of Mary (the mother of Jesus Christ) (peace be upon them both). Also, the Glorious Quran describes the life of Moses (peace be upon him) and his confronting of Pharaoh 136 times, Jesus Christ (peace be upon him) 25 times, while Muhammad (peace be upon him) is mentioned by name only 4 times.

The Glorious Quran is not a biography of Muhammad (peace be upon him)! This is difficult for the non-Muslims to understand

Another outstanding beauty of the Glorious Quran is that, although it was revealed through Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him), it addresses him and every one of us. The words of the Glorious Quran are literally being put into his mouth. While he recited them, he was only being used as a mouthpiece of Almighty God, like "the speaker" in the radio which cannot add nor take out anything said through it.

The western scholars among them Huston Smith,⁽¹⁾ a professor of religion at the University of California, Berkeley, are much impressed by its address in the first person against third person used in other revealed scriptures.

As for Muslims, when reading the Glorious Quran, they understand that it is God Almighty who addresses them. But the Quran's message is broader in nature and aimed at the entirety of humankind, therefore, others - who read it with an open mind - will have the same feeling. They will experience the feeling as if God is talking to them directly and addressing each individually.

At times - depending on the situation - God Almighty uses the royal "We". Also, He often addresses the believers "O You who believe" when He instructs the people who believe in His message, while in other places He addresses "O Humankind" when He directs His speech to all people.

In other places, He responds to questions asked from people to the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) by saying "They ask you [O Muhammad]", For Example:

* Passages With "Say"

Any example can be given from the book of Almighty God to prove that its narration is not in style of men.

⁽¹⁾ Huston Smith. ISLAM: A Concise Introduction. Published by HarperCollins 2001.

For instance, more than 200 passages in the Quran begin with the word "Say" (that is a command from God Almighty to Muhammad peace be upon him as "tell them O Muhammad"), which is an instruction to the Prophet Muhammad to answer a particular situation, such as in reply to a question that has been raised, or as an assertion of a matter of belief, or announcement of a legal ruling.

God Almighty says:

"They ask you, [O Muhammad], about the Hour: when is its arrival? In what [position] are you that you should mention it? To your Lord is its finality. You are only a warner for those who fear it" [The Glorious Quran 79:42-45]

"And they ask you, [O Muhammad], about the soul. Say, the soul is of the affair of my Lord. And mankind have not been given of knowledge except a little" [The Glorious Quran 17:85]

"They ask you [O Muhammad] what food is lawful for them, Say: All good clean things are lawful for you" [The Glorious Quran 5:4]

"... And they ask you [O Muhammad] about orphans. Say, Improvement for them is best" [The Glorious Quran 2:220]

"They ask you [O Muhammad] about wine and gambling. Say, In them is great sin and [yet, some] benefit for people. But their sin is greater than their benefit. And they ask you [O Muhammad] what they should spend. Say, The excess [beyond needs]. Thus Allah makes clear to you the verses [of revelation] that you might give thought" [The Glorious Quran 2:219]

"They ask you, [O Mohammad], about the new moons. Say, They are measurements of time for the people and for Hajj" [The Glorious Quran 2:189]

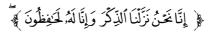
The Miraculous Quran

The Glorious Quran is an Eternal-Living Miracle of Almighty God. Among all the extant religious literature of the world, the Glorious Quran is incomparably unique. Its recording and preservation are miraculous. What makes

the Quran Miraculous is that it is impossible for a human being to compose something like it, as it lies outside the productive capacity of the nature of a human being.

One of the fascinating facts about the Glorious Quran is that it is the only preserved book of the scriptures of Almighty God. This Book (the Glorious Quran) is not like the Old Testament or the New Testament, nor the Bhagavad Gita of Hinduism. This is a Book (the Glorious Quran) which we know for a <u>FACT</u> that it has been preserved for the last 14 centuries and will remain preserved until the Day of Judgment.

God Almighty says:



"Verily, it is We who sent down the Quran and indeed, We will be its guardian" [The Glorious Quran 15:9]

The Real Walking Miracle is the memorizers of Quran. This is an Exceptional Miracle of how the Glorious Quran is easy to memorize for both Arabs and non-Arabs. No other book on the face of the earth can be as simply memorized as the Glorious Quran. Many of Muslims have memorized the entire Quran, word for word, letter for letter, dot for dot. Many of Muslims have memorized half of the entire Quran as exact as they memorized their names. All of Muslims at least have memorized portions of the Glorious Quran.

Remarkably, in the Muslims community everybody knows memorizers of the Glorious Quran and many of

them have memorizers of the Glorious Quran in their families. Amazing!!!

Mind-bogglingly, there are kids who did not reach 7 years old yet memorize the entire Book and joining contests of the memorization of the Glorious Quran.

Ask yourself, how is it humanly possible to memorize a book of 600 pages?!! Especially those who do not even understand the Arabic language, yet they memorize the Glorious Quran in its original Arabic from cover to cover, word for word!!

It is simply impossible that a book of this nature can be memorized, unless there is some divine force that is helping people to memorize it.

He (Allah) confirms it repeatedly (4 times in the Glorious Quran) by saying:

"And We have certainly made the Quran easy for remembrance, so is there any who will remember?" [The Glorious Quran 54:17], [54:22], [54:32], [54:40]

How can this book possibly be a book from a human being? Nay!! This is a book of the Almighty God.

Quran and Modern Science

While other religious books are shrouded in mystery, the Glorious Quran unlike any other book - religious or otherwise - is wide open for all critical examinations. It constantly appeals to people intellects and their reasoning ability. God Almighty repeatedly asks us to ponder on the signs within ourselves, in our surroundings, even in widernature, and deeply contemplate on them to arrive at an intelligent faith.

God Almighty commanded the people that the verses of the Glorious Quran should be first contemplated over, before making any adverse opinion against them, He says:

"We will show them Our signs in the horizons and within themselves until it becomes clear to them that this (Ouran) is the truth. Is it not sufficient that your Lord is a Witness over all things?" [The Glorious Quran 41:53]

"(This is) a Book We have revealed to you [O Muhammad], a Blessed (abounding in good), that they may ponder the verses, and that those of understanding would be reminded." [The Glorious Quran 38:29]

"Will they not reflect upon the Quran? If it had been from [any] other than Allah, they would have found within it much contradiction" [The Glorious Quran 4:82]

"Will they not ponder upon the Quran? Or is it that there are locks upon their hearts?" [The Glorious Quran 47:24]

The Glorious Quran is a Book of Signs Not Science, yet there are hundreds of verses which deal with Science. For a fact, the Glorious Quran contains so much of the scientific evidences, and meanwhile it is impossible for scientists to find inconsistencies in it, nor any contradiction with science. This is a positive challenge which keeps humanity contemplating on the variously miraculous signs of Almighty God.

The scientific evidences in the Glorious Quran represent serious challenge to atheists, skeptics, agnostics as well as the Christians. It surpasses the intellectual aspects of humanity, leading us to a final conclusion that the source of such evidences can be no one except the Creator Himself.

There are both historical and scientific facts found in the Glorious Quran which were unknown to people at the time, and have only been discovered recently by utilizing the advancement of technology and modern science.

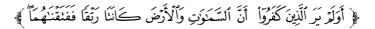
Let's take examples for now:

ASTRONOMY

CREATION OF THE UNIVERSE: 'THE BIG BANG'

Come to the field of Astronomy, God Almighty tells us about the creation of the universe which is recently explained by astrophysicists in a widely accepted phenomenon, known as the 'Big Bang Theory'.

God Almighty says:



"Do not the disbelievers see that the heavens and the earth were joined together (as one unit of creation), then we clove them asunder? [The Glorious Quran 21:30]

The striking compatibility between the Quranic verse and the 'Big Bang Theory' is inescapable!

How could a Book - which appeared in the deserts of Arabia by unlettered man 1400+ years ago - contain such profound scientific truth, unless it was a divine revelation?

THERE WAS AN INITIAL GASEOUS MASS BEFORE THE CREATION OF GALAXIES

Also, in the field of Astronomy, scientists say that before the galaxies were formed in the universe, celestial matter was, at first, in the form of gaseous matter. This mean huge gaseous matter [or clouds] were existing before the formation of the galaxies. In short, we can describe the initial celestial matter as the word 'smoke' which is more appropriate than gas.

God Almighty describes this state of the universe by the Arabic-word "Dukhan" which means smoke, He says:

"Then He (Allah) directed Himself to the heaven while it was smoke ..." [The Glorious Quran 41:11]

Again, this fact is a corollary to the Big Bang phenomenon and was not known to the people at time of Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him).

The question arises here, what then could have been the source of this knowledge except the Creator Himself?

THE EXPANDING UNIVERSE

Moreover, in the field of Astronomy, in 1929, Edwin Hubble who is an American astronomer, provided observational evidence that all galaxies are receding (moving away) from one another, meaning, that the universe is expanding⁽¹⁾. Afterward, the expansion of the universe became an established scientific fact.

This is what God Almighty says regarding the nature of the universe:

"And We constructed the heaven with strength, and indeed, We are expanding it" [The Glorious Quran 51:47]

⁽¹⁾ Overview the Biography of Edwin P. Hubble. National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) official website.

The Quran stated the expansion of the universe, before people even learned to build a telescope!

THE SKY PLAYS THE ROLE OF PROTECTION

In addition to that, in the field of Astronomy, scientists have recently found that the sky plays a crucial role in protecting the earth from the lethal rays of the sun. Meaning, If the sky did not exist, then the radiation of the sun would have killed off all life on the earth. The sky also acts like a blanket wrapped all around the earth to protect it from the freezing cold of outer space. The temperature that is just above the sky is approximately -270°C. If this coldness was to reach earth, then it would freeze it up instantly. In contrast, the sky protects life on earth by maintaining the warmth of the surface through Heat Retention and reducing temperature extremes between the day and night. These are basically some of many protective functions of the sky which were discovered by scientific research conducted in the 20th century.

However, God Almighty says:

"We made the sky a protective ceiling. And yet they turn away from the Signs which these things (point to)!" [The Glorious Quran 21:32]

SUN'S ORBIT

Last example for the field of astronomy, the astronomer Nicholas Copernicus came up with his theory that the Sun is stationary (motionless) at the center of the solar system, and the planets revolve around it⁽¹⁾. Therefore, the belief that the Sun is motionless was widely spread amongst astronomers for 5 centuries from around 1512 until the 20th century. It is now a well-established scientific fact that the Sun is not motionless (stationary), but is moving in an orbit around the center of our Milky Way Galaxy. However, the Glorious Quran has already mentioned that. God Almighty says:

"It is He who created night and day, the Sun and the Moon, each floating in its orbit" [The Glorious Quran 21:33]

Who could have known that 1400+ years ago, except the Creator Himself? Think about it!

GEOLOGY

SOURCE OF IRON

Come to the field of Geology, God Almighty tells us about the source of Iron which modern science has come to discover recently. Scientists have found that Iron is not natural to the earth. It did not form on the earth but came

⁽¹⁾ Copernicus, Nicholas. "On the Revolutions of Heavenly Spheres". A book translated by Charles Glenn Wallis.

down from outer space. Scientists comment that billions of years ago the earth was stuck by meteorites. These meteorites were carrying Iron from distant stars that had exploded. Amazingly, this was already mentioned in the Glorious Quran before the advancement of technology.

God Almighty says:

"... And We sent down Iron wherein is great inherent strength and its many benefits for humankind" [The Glorious Quran 57:25]

God Almighty uses the words 'sent down' for Iron, stating that Iron is not an earthly material, but was sent down for the benefit of humankind. The fact that Iron came down to earth from outer space can not be known by the primitive science of the 7th century.

MOUNTAINS ARE LIKE PEGS (STAKES), AND PLAY THE ROLE OF STABILIZING THE EARTH.

Also, in the field of Geology, God Almighty tells us about the phenomenon of 'Geological folding' which is a contemporaneous discovered fact. Geological Folding is responsible for the formation of mountain ranges. It causes the mountain to be in a peg-shape, so the mountain is a small part of the whole and its root is deeply entrenched in the ground. However, the Glorious Quran contains exactly this description in the following verse.

God Almighty says:

"Have We not made the earth as a wide Expanse, <u>And the mountains as pegs (stakes)</u>?" [The Glorious Quran 78:6-7]

Not only that, but the mountains play an important role in stabilizing the crust of the earth. The Glorious Quran clearly mentions the function of the mountains in preventing the earth from shaking.

God Almighty says:

"And We have set on the earth Mountains standing firm, Lest it should shake with them" [The Glorious Quran 21:31]

The Quranic descriptions are in perfect agreement with modern geological discoveries.

Who could have known that 1400+ years ago, except the Creator Himself? Think about it!

OCEANOLOGY

BARRIER BETWEEN SWEET AND SALT WATERS

Come to the field of Oceanology, God Almighty tells us about a hidden barrier where two different seas meet which scientists have recently discovered. This barrier divides the two seas so that each sea has its own temperature, salinity and density.

Consider the following Quranic verses, God Almighty says:

"He released the two seas, meeting [side by side]; Between them is a Barrier Which they do not transgress" [The Glorious Quran 55:19-20]

Also, the Glorious Quran speaks about the divider between fresh and salt water, it mentions the existence of (a prohibiting partition) with the barrier.

God Almighty says:

"And it is He (Allah) who has released the two seas, one fresh and sweet and one salty and bitter, and He placed between them a barrier and prohibiting partition" [The Glorious Quran 25:53]

DARKNESS IN THE DEPTHS OF THE OCEAN

In addition to that, in the field of Oceanology, scientists have only now been able to confirm - with the help of modern equipment - that there is darkness in the depths of the ocean. However, this is already given in the Glorious Ouran.

God Almighty says:

﴿ أَوْ كَظُلُمُنْ فِي بَحْرِ لُجِّي يَغْشَنْهُ مَوْجٌ مِّن فَوْقِهِ مَوْجٌ مِّن فَوْقِهِ سَحَابُ ظُلُمَتُ اللهُ اللهُ اللهُ اللهُ اللهُ اللهُ اللهُ اللهُ اللهُ مِن نُورٍ ﴾ المَعْضُ إذا أَخْرَجَ يَكَدُه رَلَمُ يَكَدُّ يَرَنَها أَوْمَن لُرَّ يَجْعَلِ اللهُ لَهُ وُرًا فَمَا لَهُ مِن نُورٍ ﴾

"Or [the state of a disbeliever] is like the darkness in a vast deep sea, overwhelmed with a great wave topped by a great wave, topped by dark clouds, darkness, one above another, if a man stretches out his hand, he can hardly see it! And he for whom Allah has not appointed light, for him there is no light" [The Glorious Quran 24:40]

Who could have known that 1400+ years ago, except the Creator Himself? Think about it!

BIOLOGY

EMBRYOLOGY

Come to the field of Embryology, God Almighty tells us about the process of Embryos development which modern science - with the utilization of microscope - came to confirm recently.

"Then We placed him (the human being) as a sperm-drop in a firm lodging. Then We made the sperm-drop into a clinging clot, and We made the clot into a lump [of flesh], and We made [from] the lump, bones, and We covered the bones with flesh; then We developed him into another creation. So blessed is Allah, the Best of creators" [The Glorious Quran 23:13-14]

Let's share a story regarding this subject:

Dr. Keith Moore is Professor of Embryology and Chairman of the Department of Anatomy at the University of Toronto, in Canada. He is one of the highest authorities in the field of Embryology. He was presented with information in the Glorious Quran concerning the field of embryology and was asked to give his opinion on it. After a careful examination of the translation of the Quranic verses presented to him, he (Dr. Keith Moore) said:(1) that; most of the information concerning embryology mentioned in the Glorious Quran is in perfect compatibility with modern discoveries in the field of embryology and does not contradict with them in any way.

Dr. Keith Moore answered many questions dealing with embryological data mentioned in the Glorious Quran. Noting that the information contained in the Glorious Quran are in full agreement with the latest discoveries in the field of embryology, Prof. Keith Moore said:⁽²⁾ "If I was asked these questions thirty years ago, I would not have been able to answer half of them for lack of scientific information"

Later on, in 1981, during the Seventh Medical Conference in Dammam, Saudi Arabia, Dr. Keith Moore said: "It has been a great pleasure for me to help clarifying statements in the Glorious Quran about human

^{(1+2+3):} Human Development as Described in the Quran and Sunnah: Correlation with Modern Embryology. Published by Islamic Academy for Scientific Research (1994). Authors: Abdul-Majeed A. Zindani, E Marshall Johnson, Keith Moore and others.

development. It is obvious to me that these statements must have come to Muhammad from God, because almost all of this knowledge was not discovered until many centuries later, then he said: "This proves to me that Muhammad must have been a Messenger of God.""

ORIGIN OF LIFE, EVERY LIVING THING IS MADE OF WATER

Come to the field of Biology, God Almighty tells us about the origin of life. Only after the advancement of modern science, we came to know that cytoplasm; the basic substance of the cell is made up of 80% of water. Modern research has also found that most organisms consist of 50-90% of water and that every living entity requires water for its existence. By knowing that, consider the Quranic verse with its following question.

God Almighty says:

"and We made from water every living-thing. Will they not then believe?" [The Glorious Quran 21:30]

The following verse refers to the creation of animals from water:

"And Allah has created every animal from water . . ."
[The Glorious Quran 24:45]

The following verse refers to the creation of human beings from water:

"And it is He (Allah) who has created from water a human being . . ." [The Glorious Quran 25:54]

Who could have known that 1400+ years ago, except the Creator Himself? Think about it!

BOTANY

PLANTS CREATED IN PAIRS, MALE AND FEMALE

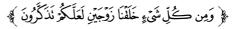
Come to the field of Botany, God Almighty tells us about the fact that plants are made in pairs which is recently discovered by high-tech devices. Previously, men did not know that plants have distinctions of male and female gender. Scientists state that every plant has a male and female gender. Even the plants that are unisexual have also distinct elements of both male and female.

God Almighty says:

"... and (Allah) has sent down water from the sky and with it We produced diverse pairs of plants each separate from the others" [The Glorious Quran 20:53]

EVERYTHING MADE IN PAIRS

Furthermore, in the field of Comprehensive Science, God Almighty says:



"And of everything We have created pairs, that you may contemplate" [The Glorious Quran 51:49]

This refers to things other than humans, animals, plants and fruits. It may also be referring to a phenomenon like electricity in which the atoms consist of negatively – and positively – charged electrons and protons.

Also, God Almighty says:

"Glory be to Allah, Who created In pairs all things that The earth produces, as well as Their own (human) kind And (other) things of which they have no knowledge about" [The Glorious Quran 36:36]

The Glorious Quran here states that everything is created in pairs, including things that people do not know about, because of their limited perception.

Who could have known that 1400+ years ago, except the Creator Himself? Think about it!

ZOOLOGY

ANIMALS AND BIRDS LIVE IN COMMUNITIES

Come to the field of Zoology, God Almighty tells us about a fact which recent research has shown that animals and birds live in communities, i.e. they organize, work, and live together.

God Almighty says:

"There is not a moving (living) creature on earth, nor a bird that flies with its two wings, but are communities like you. We have neglected nothing in the Book, then unto their Lord they (all) shall be gathered" [The Glorious Quran 6:38]

Who could have known that 1400+ years ago, except the Creator Himself? Think about it!

MEDICINE

HONEY HAS HEALING PROPERTIES

Come to the field of Medicine, God Almighty tells us about Honey as a cure and healing for us. He (Allah) precisely describes the process of the honey production.

"And your Lord (Allah) inspired to the bee, "Take for yourself among the mountains, houses, and among the trees and [in] that which they construct. Then, eat of all fruits, and follow the ways of your Lord which made easy (for you)". There comes forth from their bellies, a drink of varying color in which there is healing for

people. Indeed, in that is a sign for people who give thought" [The Glorious Quran 16:68-69]

Who could have known that 1400+ years ago, except the Creator Himself? Think about it!

PHYSIOLOGY

<u>ANIMAL PHYSIOLOGY: Blood Circulation and the</u> <u>Production of Milk</u>

Come to the field of Physiology, God Almighty tells us about the Production of Milk in a precise way of description. He (Allah) says:

"And verily, in the cattle (livestock), there is a lesson for you. We give you drink from what is in their bellies – between excretion and blood – pure milk, palatable (tasty) to the drinkers." [The Glorious Quran 16:66]

The Quranic description of the production of milk in the cattle is strikingly as similar as what modern physiology has discovered with the advancement of medical technology.

Who could have known that 1400+ years ago, except the Creator Himself? Think about it!

<u>HUMAN PHYSIOLOGY: Pain Receptors Present In the Skin</u>

Also, in the field of Physiology, God Almighty tell us about the source of Pain Receptors. It was thought that the sense of feeling and pain was merely dependent on the brain. Recent discoveries demonstrate that there are pain receptors present in the skin and without it a person would not be able to feel pain.

God Almighty says:

"Indeed, those who disbelieve in Our signs – We will cast them into a Fire. Every time their skins are roasted through We will replace them with other skins so they may taste the punishment. Indeed, Allah is ever Exalted in Might and Wise" [The Glorious Quran 4:56]

Prof. Tagatat Tejasen, ex-Chairman of the Department of Anatomy at Chiang Mai University, in Thailand, has spent a great amount of time on research regarding Pain Receptors. At first, he could not believe that the Glorious Quran mentioned this scientific fact 1400+ years ago. He later verified the translation of this particular Quranic verse. Prof. Tagatat Tejasen got so impressed by the scientific accuracy of the Quranic verse, and at the 8th Medical Conference held in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, on

the Scientific Signs of Glorious Quran and Sunnah he proclaimed in public: "I testify that There is no God but Allah and Muhammad (peace be upon him) is His final Messenger"⁽¹⁾

This scholar accepted Islam on the strength of just ONE scientific evidence mentioned in the Glorious Quran. But some people may require more signs and some may require hundred signs to be convinced that the Glorious Quran is a divine revelation from God Almighty. However, some would be unwilling to accept the Truth even after being presented with thousands of signs. God Almighty condemns such closed mentality, He says:

"... Deaf, dumb and blind, they will not understand" [The Glorious Quran 2:171]

"Deaf, dumb and blind, so they will not return (to the right path)" [The Glorious Quran 2:18]

⁽¹⁾ Abdullah M. Alrehaili. This is the Truth; Newly Discovered Scientific Facts Revealed in the Quran and Authentic Hadith (reports). Chapter; On the Sensory Characteristics of the Skin. Pages 27 - 30. Edited and Published by Alharamin Islamic Foundation.

The Challenge in the Quran

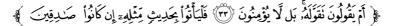
As for the challenge in the Glorious Quran, even prolonged cooperation between an elite team of experts in the Arabic language, history, theology, sociology, literature, philosophy, astronomy, anthropology, psychology, physics, and biology would never be able to challenge the Glorious Quran. The reason is that Quran keeps offering new insights to every society and individual in each new era. Hence, it is impossible for human beings to challenge a Divine Revelation.

In the following verses Allah has challenged all mankind to try and produce a single chapter like the Glorious Quran. This challenge captivated the minds of the Arabs at the time of Revelation and yet remained unmet. They rationally assessed that if an Arab cannot challenge the Glorious Quran and nor could a non-Arab do, then the only source of the Glorious Quran must be the Creator.

God Almighty says:

"If you are in doubt of what We have revealed to Our Messenger, then produce one chapter like it, and call upon all your helpers besides Allah, if you are truthful." [The Glorious Quran 2:23]

Also, God Almighty says:



"Or do they say: "He (Muhammad) has forged it (this Quran)?" Nay! But They do not believe! Let them then produce a recitation like it if they are truthful" [The Glorious Quran 52: 33-34]

The Glorious Quran was revealed over 1400+ years ago and the challenge to produce something similar to it has remained until this day and will remain to the Day of Judgment unmet. Throughout the centuries, theologians, thinkers, poets, and literary critics have attempted to challenge the Glorious Quran; yet, they failed and did not even come close to it because it is beyond the scope of the natural capacity of any human author. Hence, a Divine entity, Allah (the Creator), must be admitted to be The Author of this Glorious book.

"Say, [O Muhammad], If mankind and the jinn gathered in order to produce the like of this Quran, they could not produce the like of it, even if they were to each other assistants" [The Glorious Quran 17:88]

The challenge of God Almighty surpasses the challenge of just producing a simulation to the Quran. Here is what happened

A Miraculous Story.

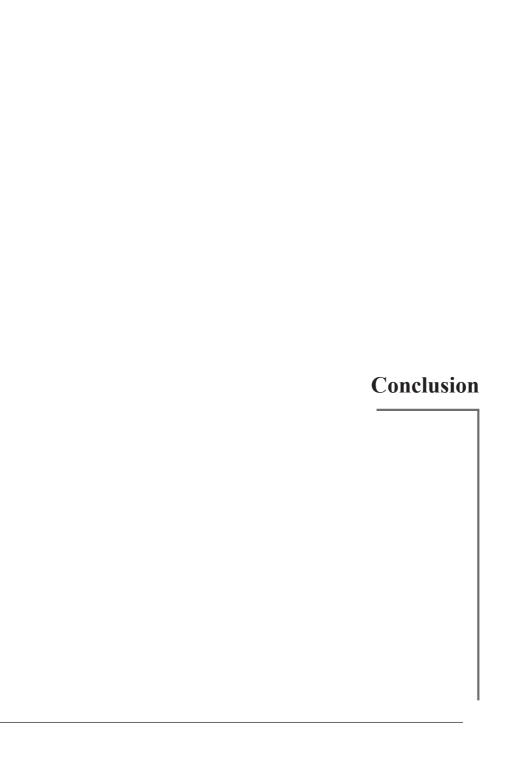
Abu Lahab is an uncle of Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him), who fiercely opposed Islam from the very beginning. Despite of being the uncle of the Prophet, he is the only person from the enemies of Islam who has been cursed by name in the Glorious Quran. His kinship with the Prophet did not avail him.

When Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) used to invite people to Islam and to worship God Almighty alone, Abu Lahab would follow the Prophet and try to persuade the people not to believe him. He would always say the opposite of what the Prophet used to say. If the Prophet says DAY, he says NIGHT. If the Prophet says do this, he says no but do that (instead). If the Prophet says I am indeed a Messenger, he says no indeed he is a sorcerer. In addition to his malice toward the Message of Islam, he was aggressively offensive against Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him). He and his wife used to harm the Prophet. They would even put the animal guts and excrements at the door of his house to obstruct his movements.

Not too long thereafter, <u>God Almighty sealed Abu Lahab's</u> <u>fate and destined him to Hellfire</u>. He (God) revealed Chapter 111 in the Glorious Quran, saying:

"Perished are the hands of Abu Lahab, and perished is he. His wealth will not avail him or that which he gained. He will be burnt in a Fire of blazing flames. And his wife shall carry the wood (As fuel). Around her neck is a rope of [twisted] fiber" [The Glorious Quran 111]

Abu Lahab lived for about 13 years during the period of Islam and saw many of his brothers, relatives and friends embracing Islam, but he never did. It was a good chance for him to embrace Islam and thus challenge the words of the Glorious Quran. But how could he do that when Almighty Allah had proclaimed it. Both he and his wife were damned and both of them died a miserable death as disbelievers.



Conclusion

Dear reader, in conclusion to this book, we would like to say that God the Almighty has created you with brain to think, reason and ponder. God honored the human being unlike His other creatures such as animals, trees ...etc. Therefore, do not be afraid of reasoning! The truth may not be what you have been taught but if it is true then you should believe it, otherwise, the blame will be on you and only you no one else.

The obstacles to accepting the truth are Perceptual, Emotional, Cultural and Environmental. They cause an individual to refuse to understand other points of view (even if it is true) because of something he has been conditioned to believe is true. It would also cause him to seek any confirmation to his biases (even if it is absurd) just to please himself and satisfy his desire.

God Almighty makes mention of such bigoted people, He Says:

"And when it is said to them: "Come to what Allah has revealed and unto the Messenger (Muhammad)." They say: "Enough for us is that which we found our fathers following," even though their fathers had no knowledge whatsoever and no guidance" [The Glorious Quran 5:104]

God Almighty clearly shows that just because someone is being your father does not necessarily mean he is rightly guided or on the right path. The epitome of this is the father of Prophet Abraham. God Almighty says:

﴿ وَاذَكُرُ فِي اَلْكِنَبِ إِبْرَهِيمَ إِنَّهُ، كَانَ صِدِيقًا نَبِيًا ﴿ اللهِ إِذَ قَالَ لِأَبِيهِ يَتَأْبَتِ لِمَ تَعْبُدُ مَا لَا يَسْمَعُ وَلَا يُبْصِرُ وَلَا يُعْنِى عَنَكَ شَيْعًا ﴿ اللهِ يَتَأْبَتِ إِنِي قَدْ جَآءَنِي مِنَ الْعِلْمِ مَا لَمْ يَأْتِكَ فَاتَبِعِنَى أَهْدِكَ صِرَطًا سَوِيًا ﴿ اللهِ يَتَأْبَتِ لَا تَعْبُدِ الشَّيْطَنَ آ إِنَّ الشَّيْطَنَ كَانَ لِلرَّحْمَٰنِ عَصِيًا ﴿ اللهِ يَعْبُدِ الشَّيْطَنَ أَلَ الشَّيْطَنَ اللَّهُ مَالِكَ عَلَاكُ مِن الرَّحْمَٰنِ فَتَكُونَ لِلشَّيْطَنِ وَلِيًا ﴾ عَدَابُ مِن الرَّحْمَٰنِ فَتَكُونَ لِلشَّيْطَنِ وَلِيًا ﴾

"And mention (O Muhammad) in the Book (the story of) Abraham: He was a man of Truth, a prophet. When he said to his father: "O my father! Why do you worship that which hears not, sees not and cannot avail you in anything? O my father! Verily! There has come to me of knowledge that which came not unto you. So follow me. I will guide you to a Straight Path. O my father, do not worship Satan. Indeed Satan has ever been, to (Allah) the Most Merciful, disobedient. O my father, indeed I fear that there will touch you a punishment from the Most Merciful so you would be to Satan a companion (in Hell-fire)" [The Glorious Quran 19:41-45]

However, it is the stereotype of many disbelievers to have same response. God Almighty says:

﴿ وَكَذَلِكَ مَا أَرْسَلْنَا مِن قَبْلِكَ فِي قَرْيَةٍ مِن نَّذِيرٍ إِلَّا قَالَ مُتْرَفُوهَا إِنَّا وَجَدْنَا ءَابَاءَنَا عَلَيْ

"And similarly, We did not send before you (O Muhammad) any warner into a city except that its affluent (Wealthy ones) said, "Indeed, we found our fathers upon a religion, and we are following their footsteps." [Each warner] said, "Even if I brought you better guidance than that [religion] upon which you found your fathers?" They said, "Indeed we, in that with which you were sent, are disbelievers" [The Glorious Quran 43:23-24]

Then, God Almighty mentions that it is Satan who misleads them, without them realizing. He ignites the zeal of not leaving the religion of their fathers, friends and community. He drives them to a fanatic end so they will be together in Hellfire.

God Almighty alerts such people, He says:

"When they are told to follow the (Revelation) that Allah has sent down, they say: "Nay, we shall follow the ways that we found our fathers (following). "What! even if it is Satan beckoning them to the torment of the Fire!" [The Glorious Quran 31:21]

Dear reader, Islam is the fastest-growing religion and the most-practiced on the face of the earth. God Almighty says:

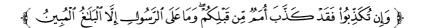
"It is He Who has sent His Messenger (Muhammad) with guidance and True Religion (ISLAM) to make it prevail over all other religions" [The Glorious Quran 9:33]

Whether it be Christianism, Judaism, Hinduism, Buddhism, Sikhism, Paganism. EVERY "ism", ISLAM is destined to master them ALL.

"... even though those who associate partners with God may dislike it" [The Glorious Quran 9:33].

We are here just to convey the true message, as God Almighty says:

"Say, "O mankind, the truth has come to you from your Lord, so whoever is guided is only guided for [the benefit of] his soul, and whoever goes astray only goes astray [in violation] against it. And I am not over you a manager" [The Glorious Quran 10:108]



"And if you deny (the Message), then nations before you have also denied (their Messengers). And the duty of the Messenger is only to convey (the Message) plainly"

[The Glorious Quran 29:18]

O Allah, we conveyed the *MESSAGE* of You and Your Messengers, so bear witness.



"Undoubtedly, there is a truth out there which all rational people are looking for. The truth is obvious, but some people find it hard to figure it out. Therefore, in this book we are going to refute the suspicions and present the Truth which is the True Message of Almighty God given to Mankind"

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