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#### Foreword

All praise is due to the One True God, the Lord of the Worlds. The Beneficent, The Merciful. Master of the Day of Judgment. Thee do we serve and Thee do we beseech for help. Keep us on the Right Path. The path of those upon whom Thou hast bestowed favors. Not (the path) of those upon whom Thy wrath is brought down, nor of those who go astray.

#### Dear Reader.

As a student of Comparative Religion and after many years of research and study, I felt the need to compile this book only for **the pleasure of God**. Keep in mind this is a very big blow for **Satan**.

I humbly request the reader to please spend some of your free time reading the entire book and judge earnestly! Feedback from Christian scholars are most welcome.

It just might be possible that this book will open before you a new dimension of role as a human being in this universe.

I hope that you are a free thinking, broadminded, and prejudice – free human being whose goal is to find the <u>Truth</u>.

Only **Satan** will stop you from reading this book!

Satan disobeyed God at the time of the creation of Adam (peace be upon him) and has vowed to mislead and misquide human beings on earth.

Satan tricks us into believing that our works are acceptable to God and that we are pleasing God.

Satan is damned to the Fire of Hell together with those who follow him. The lives of those in Hell are also eternal and permanent.

Heaven has been promised by God to those who have chosen to follow His path (Right Path) and His ways and steered away from Satan. Life therein has no shortcomings, trials or hardship, but rather it is filled with abundance of pleasure.

In Paradise there is no death and your abode there is perpetual.

We all know that this world is only a temporary world, and it is also merely a test, and we should strive to please God in everything that we do.

There is only One God, an eternal Living God who is the God of all the peoples, the Muslims, Christians, and Jews. In fact, of all the people ever created from the beginning till the end of time.

We may see God differently but that doesn't mean that there are many Gods. It's our interpretation of God that must change to be aligned to how God Himself describes Himself and no other interpretation of God can be accepted.

Through the publication of this book, our ultimate aim is to make you understand from your own scriptures (Bible - Old and New Testaments): Who is God, what is His True Religion and how to Worship God.

May you find this beneficial and may the Almighty God guide you to the Right Path.

Always remember what we plant in this world is reaped in the Hereafter. We cannot come back into this world after death to remedy any of our faults. Therefore, for your own peace of mind I strongly recommend that you read the entire book.

It is the responsibility of every Muslim to invite non-Muslims to the True Religion of God i.e. Islam. If we fail to do so we will be accountable on the Divine Day of Judgment.

I urge every Muslim reader to assist in spreading the message of this book which is very useful and concise to Christians in the spirit of mutual understanding and general well wishing.

This book has 3 purposes and is designed to be 3 in 1.

It is complete Dawah to non-Muslims.

It is a complete manual for Muslims to give Dawah to non-Muslims. Therefore, there are no more excuses whatsoever for Muslims not giving Dawah.

It is a complete training manual for those interested in doing the work of Dawah.

This book will also give Christians some serious food for thought.

May God Almighty shower His special mercy and bounties on all His Prophets including Adam, Noah, Abraham, David, Moses, Jesus and Muhammad (peace be upon them) who were all lamps of guidance and flowers of mercy.

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#### Foreword

By: Attorney Mohammed Cooyadia

I was favoured with the opportunity to peruse Imraan Mohammed's effort and contribution to interfaith and comparative religious studies.

I am absolutely amazed at the detail that has gone into this invaluable handbook that is essential for any meaningful discussion on theology to take place.

This book extrapolates basic and key arguments that will be required for any student of comparative religion. This book also contains invaluable information for a self-study course and also criticisms that Muslims have on the Bible. There is much to contemplate and consider within these very pages.

I would also highly recommend this book to any Christian who seeks to understand the various arguments from a scholarly perspective.

My dua is for the success of this book and may the Almighty make this effort a success.

Attorney Mohammed Coovadia

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#### **Preamble**

#### A) Come to the Truth by Analysing this Prophecy!

The main distinguishing feature of the Prophesied Prophet in Deuteronomy 18:18 is that he should be like **Moses**, "like unto thee", says God to Moses.

"I will raise up for them a Prophet like you from among their brethren, and will put My words in His mouth, and He shall speak to them all that I command Him."

First of all, Moses was regarded as a Prophet and Muhammad was also regarded as a Prophet while Jesus (at least by Christians) was regarded as the **Son of God**.

This point, alone, precludes Jesus because the prophecy is about a Prophet like unto Moses.

When Jesus is regarded as God incarnate, or the Son of God then this precludes him; at least this specific prophecy doesn't apply to him.

Secondly, please refer to below points in **B**, **C**, **D** and **E** for further proof that this specific prophecy **doesn't** apply to Jesus.

#### B) The Promised Prophet will be "Like unto Moses"

- Moses (peace be upon him) had a father and mother, and so had Muhammad (peace be upon him) ----- but Jesus (peace be upon him) only had a mother.
- 2) Moses and Muhammad were born in the normal course of events ------but Jesus was born by a special miracle'.
- 3) Moses and Muhammad (peace be upon them) married and begot children ----- but Jesus (peace be upon him) remained a bachelor all his life.
- 4) Moses and Muhammad (peace be upon them) died natural deaths -----but Jesus (peace be upon him) according to (Mark 15:37 and John 19:30) was killed on the Cross.

- 5) Moses and Muhammad (peace be upon them) lie buried on earth while Jesus (peace be upon him) rest in Heaven.
- 6) Moses and Muhammad (peace be upon them) were acknowledged as Prophets of their people in their very lifetime, but Jesus (peace be upon him) was "despised" and "rejected" by his people ----the Jews, --- and even after 2000 years after his coming, the Jews still remained unconvinced about his genuineness.
- 7) Moses and Muhammad (peace be upon them) brought new laws and ordinances for their people ---- but Jesus (peace be upon him) never claimed to have brought a new law, on the contrary he said: "Think not that I have come to destroy the law, or the Prophets: I am not come to destroy but to fulfil." (Matthew 5:17)

#### C) The following facts may prove fruitful

- Both Moses and Muhammad (peace be upon them) had to take a flight at the hands of the enemies, each formed a companion in his own father-inlaw. Jethro had to solace his son-in-law, Moses, in the hour of need, while Muhammad was comforted by his companion and father -in -law, Abu Bakr, in the Cave
- 2) Moses (peace be upon him) was given a comprehensive Code for his people, while Muhammad (peace be upon him) received a perfect Code, complete in itself for all people and for all times.
- 3) The Lord spoke to Moses and Aaron (peace be upon them) in the land of Egypt, saying this month shall be unto you the beginning of months, it shall be the first month of the year to you (Exodus 12:1-2). Similarly, with the Muslims, the month and year of the flight of Muhammad (Hijira) became the month and year of the Muslim Era.
- 4) Moses (peace be upon him) sat to judge his people, Muhammad (peace be upon him) too was the supreme judge of his people and even the Jews accepted him as such.
- 5) When the companions of Moses (peace be upon him) saw the enemy, they cried out: "Surely we are being overtaken" ---- to which Moses replied ---"
  By no means surely my Lord is with me; He will show me a way out" In a similar situation in the Cave of Hira, Muhammad's (peace be upon him) reply was: "Do not grieve, surely Allah (God) is with us."
- 6) Moses (peace be upon him) set his people free from the bondage of Pharaoh, while Muhammad (peace be upon him) saved his people from the bondage of idol-worship and won them over to his faith.

7) Another striking similarity is that Moses (peace be upon him) left Egypt, his birthplace at a time when there was a conspiracy to kill him, and he went to Median. Muhammad (peace be upon him), also left his birthplace, Mecca, on the same night he was to be assassinated and fled to Medina.

Now by what <u>logic</u> and stretch of the imagination can one make believe that Jesus is like Moses (peace be upon them) and that this prophecy applies to him? Search as you may, there has <u>Not</u> been another Prophet like <u>Moses</u> except <u>Muhammad</u> (peace be upon them).

The Holy Quran confirms the fact Muhammad is like Moses in the following verse: "Verily We have sent to you a Messenger, who is witness over you, even as We sent a Messenger to Pharaoh." (Quran, chapter 73, verse 15)

#### D) He was to be "From among their Brethren"

Muhammad was of Arab descent and the Arabs are the brethren of the Israelites because these two nations are the descendants of Abraham's two sons ---- Ishmael and Isaac, respectively. While the Israelites are the descendants of Isaac, the Arabs are the descendants of Ishmael. Thus, Muhammad was from among the brethren of the Israelites but Jesus, being an Israelite, was from among themselves. This part of the prophecy is fulfilled in Muhammad.

# E) What the Peake's Commentary on the Bible says about Deuteronomy 18:18

The Peak's commentary on the Bible confirms the fact that this prophecy (Deuteronomy 18:18) does **NOT** refer to Christ, in the following words: - "Deuteronomy 18:18, CONTAINS <u>NO</u> PRIMARY REFERENCE TO THE MESSIAH, though the words naturally suggest to Christians the great Prophet."

Muhammad thus fulfilled this Prophecy, and his greatness is proved by the "Encyclopedia Britannica", 11<sup>th</sup> Edition "Koran", when it says that Muhammad was the most successful of all the Prophets."

IF YOU ARE A <u>TRUE BELIEVER OF THE BIBLE</u>, THEN YOU MUST ACCEPT MUHAMMAD AND THE MESSAGE WHICH HE BROUGHT TO YOU FROM GOD!

#### 1) Introduction

Christianity is one of the major religions in the world. Christians base their religion on the Bible. Seeing that countless millions of people in the whole world are dependent on the Bible for their religious well-being, it is very important to know some **facts** concerning the Bible.

I have not the slightest intention nor the desire to hurt the religious feelings of Christians or any other person's beliefs whatsoever.

Mary Sue Malvar, a former Christian, Professor, Church Planter, Licensed Ordained Minister, Fundamentalist Christian, not a likely candidate for Islam. Yet, in October 1993, after being raised in the Christian church all her life, (first as Roman Catholic and then as a Born-Again, Spirit-Filled Christian) and Diploma, Bachelor of Theology and a Master of Divinity, she embraced Islam.

She said: "Before as a Catholic, I had genuflected and made the sign of a cross. Later, as a Protestant, we had raised our hands singing, clapping, shouting, dancing and crying. In our **ignorance**, we thought that this was the right way to approach God."

She also said; "All the books we had read during my eight years of studies on Islam had been written by Christians. These books reflect what they think Islam is. But what they think Islam really is are two entirely different perspectives. **The Christians are sincere, but sincerely wrong!**"

She also said: "Muslims are the hardest people in the world to convert to Christianity. <u>Why?</u> Because it has nothing to offer them. Islam offers relationship with God, forgiveness, salvation and eternal life."

Jerald F. Dirks is a former minister (deacon) of the United Methodist Church. He holds a Master's degree in Divinity from Harvard University and a doctorate in Psychology from the University of Denver. He embraced Islam after carefully studying the <u>Holy Quran</u> and compared it to the <u>Bible</u>. His findings appear in the book he wrote, "The Cross and the Crescent."

Reverend David Benjamin Keldani, a former Bishop of Uramiah said: "... In conclusion, I must remind Christians that unless they believe in the absolute unity of God, and renounce the belief in three persons, they are certainly <u>unbelievers</u> in the true God."

Former Christian – Chaplain Yusuf Skip Estes. U.S.A said: "I consider that I have not left the teachings of Jesus, On the contrary, I feel much <u>closer</u> to <u>Jesus</u> peace be on him. <u>Now I worship the same God Jesus worshipped</u> and <u>serve the same Lord he served. In the same way he did."</u>

Please note that these are not the only former Christian scholars who converted to Islam. In fact, the list goes on and on and I do not have the time to mention each and every person's story.

Basically, the <u>Only</u> reason why these scholars converted to Islam was because <u>Islam</u> makes sense to them. I am not a Muslim because I was born a Muslim in a Muslim home. I am a Muslim because as a student of Comparative Religion, <u>Islam</u> is the **Only** religion that makes sense to me.

If you take the initiative to read the entire book, you too can come out from **Darkness** to **Light** and be saved from the **Fire of Hell**.

There are so many sects, cults, religions, philosophies, and movements in the world, all of which claim to be the right way or the only true path to God.

How can one determine which one is correct or if, in fact, all are correct? The method by which the answer can be found is to clear away the superficial differences in the teachings of the various religions, and identify the central object of worship to which they call, directly or indirectly.

False religions all have in common one basic concept concerning God: they either claim that all human beings are gods or that specific individuals were God or that nature is God or that God is a figment of man's imagination.

Even though false religions may teach some good things, they all, however, teach the greatest evil – the worship of creation.

Creation – worship is the greatest sin that man can commit because it contradicts the very purpose of his creation, which is the worship of the one true God.

Since the consequences of false religions are so grave, the true religion of God must be universally understandable and attainable, not confined to any people, place or time.

#### 2) God is Not the Author of Confusion (Please Also Refer to No. 39 C)

# Please note the above is a verse from the Bible. "For God is not the author of confusion..." (1 Corinthians 14:33)

In the Holy Quran, chapter 3, verse 64, God says: "Say: O People of the Book! (Jews and Christians) come to common terms between us and you: That we should not worship anyone except Allah, and that we should not associate any partners with Him, nor should some of us appoint others as gods besides Allah."

Following the right religion is the absolute most important thing we can do in our lifetime. We must know who God is and how He is to be worshiped.

We were given this life for the sake of our eternity. This life determines where we spend eternity. What is 70 years compared to eternity? **Absolutely nothing**.

Now the question is, where and how do we want to spend eternity? Do we want to suffer in Hellfire or do we want to be rewarded with the gardens of Paradise.

In the Quran chapter 16 verse 125, God says: "Invite (all) to the way of your Lord with wisdom and beautiful preaching and argue with them in ways that are best and most gracious, for your Lord knows best who have strayed from His Path, and who receives guidance."

The true religion of God should be consistent in its teachings. Its fundamental tenets should not change it with time. No religion should be considered the true religion simply because it was inherited, i.e. because one's parents or grandparents followed it.

In identifying the one true religion meant for all humanity the world over, at all times, it would be required that its name not be affiliated with any person, group or location.

Thus, Christianity named after Christ, Buddhism after Buddha, Judaism after the tribe of Judah, and Hinduism (from the Indus valley) are all related either to a person, a group or a specific location and therefore cannot be universal religions.

#### Scriptural Basis for its Name

Logically, the name of the true religion of God should be found in the scripture itself.

If one looks at the Christian scriptures, for example, one will not find Jesus (peace be upon him) stating to his followers, <<You are Christians.>> The only such references is in Paul's writings to the followers of Christ (peace be upon him) in Antioch. It was some time after Jesus' departure that Christians adopted the name.

Similarly, one will not find in the Jewish scriptures, neither the Torah nor the Psalms, any mention of God saying <<Your religion is Judaism.>>

Nor is there any proof that Buddha said to his followers that their religion is Buddhism.

Since scriptures are supposed to be from God, it is reasonable to assume that the name of the religion would be contained in the scripture itself.

When it is not, there is a strong implication that humans invented it.

In contrast, God clearly announces the name << Islam>> in the Holy Quran. In chapter 5, verse 3, God says: "This day I have perfected for you your religion and completed My favor upon you and have approved for you Islam as your religion."

Furthermore, God reiterates that point by proclaiming its validity to the exclusion of all others: "And whoever desires a religion other than Islam, never will it be accepted from him." (Quran, chapter 3, verse 85)

This verse clearly articulates the fact that Islam is the true religion. Islam means "Submission". It is the principle addressing the essence of worship – complete submission to the will of God. It is appropriate as the foundation of God's religion from the time of Adam (peace be upon him) until the end of this world.

Since Islam is an Arabic term, another word with the same meaning of **submission to God's will** should have been present in earlier scriptures.

In the languages spoken at the times of each of the Prophets from Adam on (peace be upon them), equivalent terms for submission would most likely have been used as the name of the religion.

The concept of submission can actually be found in the writings of the New and Old Testaments where the Prophets (peace be upon them), including Jesus (peace be upon him), spoke about doing the "Will of God."

For example, in Matthew 7:21, Jesus (peace be upon him) is quoted as saying: "None of those who call me 'Lord' will enter the kingdom of God, but only the one who does the will of My Father in heaven."

However, the name meaning <<submission>> or <<lslam>> in Hebrew and the other languages of revelation was later replaced by tribal names like "Judaism" or personal names like "Christianity".

The essence of worship in Islam can be found in the Holy Quran in verse 5 of the first chapter of the Quran known as Al-Faatihaa, which means "The Opening" - "It is You (alone) we worship and You (alone) we ask for help".

#### Preservation of Scripture

For any religion to be a successful candidate for a true religion, it should have at its foundation a fully preserved unadulterated scripture that contains the True Words of God.

It is only in the final message of Islam contained in the Holy Quran that human beings have a scripture divinely preserved as was no other text before it.

#### Clear Definition of the Purpose of Life

The reason for the creation of human beings should be clearly defined within the true religion of God. It should be spelled out in no uncertain terms in the very scriptures of the religion.

However, if Hindus are asked about the purpose of human existence as taught in their religion, most either admit ignorance or state a variety of philosophical explanations given by modern gurus with no clear scriptural references.

The same can be said for Christians who have no unequivocal statements in the scriptures of the Old or New Testaments identifying the purpose of life.

On the other hand, in Islam the purpose of creation is stated by God in no uncertain terms: "I only created the jinn and humankind to worship Me." (Holy Quran, chapter 51, verse 56)

The purpose of life is to worship God, which should logically be the central tenet of any religion, and especially of the true religion. In actual fact, this is the case only in Islam

#### **Access to Salvation**

Another essential characteristic of the true religion is that it should contain in its teaching's equality concerning access to salvation.

The Mercy and Love of God is far beyond the need that the blood of innocence, or the blood of Muhammad, Jesus, Abraham, or Moses (peace be upon them) should be shed for the salvation of anyone.

Deliverance from sin should require no intermediaries because only God alone can ultimately forgive human sins'.

God knew before creating Adam and Eve that they would disobey Him and sin by eating from the forbidden tree, so He taught them how to repent from sin. Consequently, when they sinned, they repented and He forgave them.

In the Holy Quran, chapter 53, verse 38 God says: "No bearer of sins can carry the burden of another."

"O My servants who have transgressed against their souls, despair not of the Mercy of Allah, for Allah forgives all sins, for He is Oft-Forgiving Most Merciful" (Holy Quran, chapter 39, verse 53)

#### 3) More questions than answers!

#### There are more questions than answers that stare Christians in the face!

- a. Why are there so many different church denominations?
- **b.** Why are there so many different versions of the Bible?
- c. Why are there so many contradictions in the Bible?
- d. Why the Roman Catholic Bible has 73 Books?
- e. Why the Protestant Bible has only 66 Books?
- f. Why are there 7 Books missing and what happened to them?
- g. Why modern scholars say that there are probably 50,000 errors in the Bible?
- h. Why Unitarian Christians believe in One God but not in the same way like Jesus (peace be upon him)?
- i. Why Trinitarian Christians believe in the Trinity?
- j. Why are Christians not following the original teachings of Jesus (peace be upon him) and tend to overlook these practices within the Bible?

#### 4) The Message of Moses (peace be upon him) in the Old Testament

The Message of Moses (peace be upon him) was <u>only</u> for the Children of Israel. (Exodus 3: 13-14)

#### 5) The Message of Jesus (peace be upon him) in the New Testament

The Message of Jesus (peace be upon him) was <u>only</u> for the lost sheep of the house of the Children of Israel. (Matthew 10:5-6)

#### 6) The Message of Muhammad (peace be upon him) in the Holy Quran

Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) is for <u>all</u> of humanity.

"I am sent unto you <u>all</u>, as the Apostle of Allah...follow him that you may be guided." (Quran, chapter 7, verse 158)

He was sent as a giver of Glad Tidings and a warner to all mankind (34:28)

#### 7) One God in the Old Testament

"Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is <u>One</u>." (Deuteronomy 6:4)

#### 8) One God in the New Testament

Jesus (peace be upon him) said: "Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is **One**."

#### 9) One God in the Holy Quran

"Say: He is Allah, the One and Only"

#### 10) Worship of only One God in the Old Testament

And there is no other god besides Me, a righteous God and Savior, there is none besides Me. Turn to Me and be saved... to Me every knee shall bow." (Isaiah 45:21-23)

#### 11) Worship of only One God in the New Testament

Islam teaches that there is none worthy of being worshiped except God. That is exactly what Jesus (peace be upon him) had taught to his people.

In Matthew 4:10, Jesus (peace be upon him) said: "You shall worship the Lord your God and  $\operatorname{Him} \operatorname{\underline{only}}$  you shall serve."

# 12) The Holy Quran confirms that Jesus (peace be upon him) taught to his people to worship only One God

In the Quran, chapter 5, verse 72, God says: "They do blaspheme who say: Allah is Christ the son of Mary." But said Christ "O Children of Israel, worship Allah, my Lord and your Lord."

#### 13) King James Version - Son of God

Acts 3:13

Acts 3:26

Acts 4:27 holy child

#### 14) New King James Version - Now changed to Servant of God

Acts 3:13

Acts 3:26

Acts 4:27 Holy Servant

The Holy Quran <u>confirms</u> that Jesus (peace be upon him) is <u>Not the son of</u> <u>God</u> but only a <u>Holy Servant of God</u>

In the Quran, chapter 19, verse 30, Jesus said: "I am indeed a servant of Allah, He has given me revelation and made me a Prophet."

In the same chapter, verse 31: "And He has made me blessed..."

# 15) Advent of Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) in the Old Testament

In Deuteronomy 18:18-20, God tells Moses (peace be upon him) of the advent of Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him).

"I will raise up for them a Prophet like you from among their brethren, and will put My words in His mouth, and He shall speak to them all that I command Him."

# 16) <u>Prophet Muhammad foretold by Jesus (peace be upon them) in the New</u> Testament

In John 16:12-14, Jesus (peace be upon him) said: "I have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth, for He will not speak of His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak, and He will tell you things to come. He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you."

# 17) The Holy Quran confirms that Prophet Muhammad is mentioned in the Old and New Testament

In the Quran, chapter 7, verse 157, God says: "Those who follow the Apostle, the unlettered Prophet, whom they find mentioned in their own (Scriptures) in the Tourat and the Gospel..."

# 18) Beware of False Prophets – By their fruits ye shall know them (Matthew 7:15-20)

"Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are rayenous wolves."

"You will know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes from thorn bushes or figs from thistles?"

"Even so, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit."

"A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit."

"Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire."

"Therefore, by their fruits you will know them."

Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) was not a false Prophet.

Today, 14 centuries later, the Religion Islam that the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) established under hostile and difficult conditions – still prevails and in fact is the fastest growing Religion in the world!

Priests, Rabbis, and Missionaries are converting to Islam.

# 19) <u>Prophet not commanded to speak in My name shall die</u> (<u>Deuteronomy 18:20</u>)

"But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in My name, which I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die."

Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) spoke these words "In the Name of God" and continued to do so for 23 years. He did not pass away from this world until his mission was firmly established in the land.

Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) spoke not one word but hundreds of thousands of words in the name of God.

The Quran is the literal word of God. The Almighty God, revealed to Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) through the Angel Gabriel.

The revelation of the Book is from Allah, The Mighty, The Wise. (Quran, chapter 39, verse 1)

The Quran is the Final Revelation of previous scriptures, refuting and correcting fabrications and additions which have crept into current day versions of such scriptures.

In the Quran, chapter 4, verse 47, God is referring to the Jews and Christians: "O you People of the Book, believe in what We have (now) revealed, confirming what was (already) with you..."

In chapter 48, verse 28, God says: "It is He Who has sent His Apostle with guidance and the religion of Truth, to make it prevail over all religions, and enough is God for a Witness.

God clearly states in the Holy Quran, chapter 3, verse 85: "If anyone desires a religion other than Islam (submission to Allah), never will it be accepted from him, and in the Hereafter, he will be in the ranks of those who have lost (all spiritual good).

Now let the Jews and Christians if they are sincere believers in the Word of God revealed to Moses in Deuteronomy 18:20, test the claim of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) by this criterion, whereby the Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) spoke not one word but hundreds of thousands of words in the name of God and only passed away from this world until his mission was firmly established in the land.

The Jews and Christians cannot escape either of the two conclusions: - Either they must accept the Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) as a True Prophet, or they must reject the Word of God revealed to Moses (peace be upon him) as False.

The Jews and Christians cannot call the Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) a false prophet and believe the revelation of Moses (peace be upon him) as the True word of God.

We ask the Jews and Christians nothing more than this: that you apply to Muhammad (peace be upon him) the same acid test which Jesus (peace be upon him) commanded you in Matthew 7:15-20 to apply to every claimant of prophethood.

Jesus (peace be upon him) said in Matthew 7:20: "Always ye shall know them by their fruits."

The seed which the Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) sowed, grew and prospered until it became a thriving tree in his own lifetime and bore fruit in abundance. He won a success which is admittedly unique in the annals of history. So according to the Word of God in Deuteronomy 18:20, he was a True Prophet of God

# 20) <u>Jesus (peace be upon him) only claimed to be a sent-one or Prophet of</u> God and not God

Nowhere in the Bible does Jesus (peace be upon him) say I am God worship Me.

#### **Prophet**

In Matthew 13:57 – Jesus (peace be upon him) Rejected in Nazareth: "So they were offended at Him. But Jesus said to them, "A <u>prophet</u> is not without honor except in his own country and in his own house."

#### Sent-one

In John 17:3, Jesus said: "And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent."

#### 21) Jesus (peace be upon him) regarded as a Prophet

In Matthew 21:11, So the multitudes said: "This is Jesus the **prophet** from Nazareth of Galilee"

The word multitudes means large crowd of people.

They all regarded Jesus (peace be upon him) as a **Prophet** and not God.

# 22) A clear warning from Jesus (peace be upon him) to all those who took him as God

In Matthew 7:21-23, 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 in heaven. "Many will say to me on that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name? Cast out demons in Your name? "And then I will declare to them, I never knew you, depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!"

Islam means "<u>submission</u>". It is the principle addressing the essence of worship – complete submission to the will of God.

Submission to the will of God is the message brought by all the Prophets of God as clearly seen in Matthew 7:21.

### 23) Proof from the Bible that Jesus (peace be upon him) is not God - Power not his own - Powerless

#### Not God

"One came and said unto him, Good Master, what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life? "And He (Jesus) said unto him, why callest thou me good? There is none good but One, that is God..." (Matthew 19:16-17)

#### Power not his own

"And Jesus came and spoke unto them, saying, all power is given unto to Me in heaven and in earth." (Matthew 28:18)

"I can of mine own self do nothing, As I hear, I judge" (John 5:30)

"...I by the finger of God cast out devils..." (Luke 11:20)

"And Jesus lifted up His eyes (towards heaven), and said, Father I thank Thee that Thou has heard Me. "And I know that Thou hearest Me always: but because of the people which stand by I said (my supplication aloud) that they may believe that Thou hast sent Me."

"And when He thus had spoken, he cried with a loud voice, Lazarus come forth." "And he that was dead came forth." (John 11:41-43)

Who then gave life back to Lazarus? The answer is "<u>God!</u>" For God heard the prayers of Jesus (peace be upon him), as "always!"

#### Jesus (peace be upon him) a "God"? Powerless

"I can of mine own self do nothing..." (John 5:30)

He had no knowledge of the hereafter: "But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father" (Mark 13:32)

He was ignorant of the seasons: "And seeing a fig tree afar of having leaves, He came if happily He might find anything there on: and when He came to it, He found nothing but leaves, for the time of figs was not yet." (Mark 11:13)

As a thirsty "God"? - "... (Jesus) saith, I thirst." (John 19:28)

As a weeping "God"? - "Jesus wept" (John 11:35)

Imagine a "God" being tempted by the Devil (?) - "Where He (Jesus) stayed forty days, being tempted by Satan." (Mark 1:13)

#### 24) Miracles of Jesus Versus other Prophets (peace be upon them)

This study shows that other Prophets too (peace be upon them) performed the similar miracles as Jesus (peace be upon him) in the Bible.

#### These miracles are mentioned in the Old Testament

#### A) Raised the Dead!

Jesus - John 11:38-44 Elijah - 1 Kings 17:21-23 Elisha - 2 Kings 8:5

#### B) Walking on Water!

Jesus - Matthew 14:25 Moses - Exodus 14:21 Eliiah - 2 Kings 2:7-8

#### C) Restoring Sight to the Blind!

Jesus - Matthew 9:27-30 Elisha - 2 Kings 6:15-17

#### D) Healing Leprosy!

Jesus - Luke 17:12-14 Elisha - 2 Kings 4:42-44

#### E) Miracles in Feeding People!

Jesus - Matthew 14:15-21 Elisha - 2 Kings 4:42-44

#### F) Joshua stops the Sun and Moon!

Joshua 10:12-14

#### G) Prophet was lifted up into the Sky!

Elijah - 2 Kings 2:11-12

The Prophets and Messengers (peace be upon them) that came before Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him), were sent to guide the different nations and tribes to the true religion of God.

Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) was sent as a final Prophet and Messenger for all of humanity.

God attributed miracles to them to remove any doubts that these men were not sent by God.

Many of these miracles were explicitly mentioned in the Holy Quran.

Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) was no exception, he performed miracles throughout his life that cannot be possible for any other human being to perform without the help of God. Some of these are mentioned below.

# Some of the miracles of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him)

#### **Everlasting Miracle**

Holy Quran – The revelation of the Quran is considered by Muslims to be **Muhammad's** (peace be upon him) greatest **miracle** and a **miracle** for all times, unlike the **miracles** of the **Prophets**, which were confined to being witnessed in their own lifetimes

#### Night Journey from Mecca to Jerusalem and up to the Heavens

Angel Gabriel came at night and met the Holy Prophet and led him from Mecca to Jerusalem. From there he ascended up to the heavens to hold a Communion with God. By the time he returned to Mecca, it was still night time.

#### Splitting of the Moon

Once the disbelievers of Mecca asked the Messenger of Allah to prove his prophethood by showing them any sign regarding it. The Holy Prophet (peace be upon him) pointed out his finger towards the moon and it split in two pieces. After some time staying in that state, it eventually converged back to its original state. Although the disbelievers saw this event take place in front of them as clear as crystal they still disbelieved calling the Prophet a magician.

#### Water flowed from his blessed hands

On the day of Al -Hudaibiya (Treaty), the people became very thirsty. After completing the ablution, the people had rushed towards the Prophet (peace be upon him). He asked what was the matter with them. They replied that they had no water for ablution or drinking except a small pot of water which clearly wasn't enough for them. So, he then placed his hand into the pot and water started to flow from his hands like a fountain. Everyone drank and performed ablution that day.

#### Food galore

The Messenger of God (peace be upon him) fed more than a hundred people from very small food. Whenever he placed his blessed hands on any food, he caused it to increase, and everyone could eat to their fill and still have left over.He fed more than a hundred men from one cup of milk. Each person would drink to his fill and pass to the next without refilling and the cup was still filled with milk as though it was never touched.

#### Heal the eve

In one narration, one of the companions was hit by an arrow in his eye. The arrow was so deep it was sticking out at the back of his head. The Messenger (peace be upon him) placed his hands over the eye and it healed.

#### 25) Trinity

The word trinity is not in the Bible. It is not a biblical belief.

There is reference in the New Testament, King James Version, to the trinity in 1 John 5:7-8. "For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one. And there are three that bear witness in earth, the Spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agreein one."

The above verse exists only in the authorized King James Version, and form the strongest evidence for the doctrine of trinity. "The Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one" <a href="has been removed">has been removed</a> in the Revised Standard Version of 1952 and 1971, and many other Bibles as a fabrication (an invention - a lie).

In the New Revised Standard Version of 1989, those same verses read as follows: "There are three that testify, the Spirit and the water and the blood, and these three agree.

In the Holy Quran, chapter 5, verse 73, God clearly says: "They do blaspheme who say: Allah is one of three in a Trinity; for there is no god except **One** Allah (**God**)...

#### 26) Only begotten son

In the King James Version, John 1:14, begotten is in brackets ( ).

In the New King James Version, John 1:14, begotten is not in brackets.

Begotten is not in RSV, NRSV and many other versions.

#### 27) The word begotten is also in the Old Testament

The word begotten is also used for David in the Old Testament in Psalms 2:7. God tells David "You are My son, today I have begotten you."

#### 28) Jesus (peace be upon him) handed over to Pilate

In King James Version, Luke 23:3-4, "Pilate asked him saying, Art thou the king of Jews. And He answered him and said, **Thou sayest it.**"

Jesus (peace be upon him) <u>means</u> by saying Thou sayest it as <u>But I do not say</u> <u>so</u>.

"Then said Pilate to the chief priests and to the people, <u>I find no fault with this man.</u>"

#### 29) Did Jesus (peace be upon him) say he is the son of God?

NKJV, Luke 22:70 ... "You rightly say that I am" (rightly is added in the NKJV)

KJV. Luke 22:70 ... "Ye say that I am."

RSV ... "And he said to them, "You say that I am."

NRSV ... "Ye say that I am."

Jesus (peace be upon him) means But I do not say so.

#### 30) Holy Quran condemns the theory of Trinity

In the Quran, chapter 5, verse 72-75, God says:

"They do blaspheme who say: "Allah is Christ the son of Mary." But said Christ: "O Children of Israel, worship Allah, my Lord and your Lord."

"They do blaspheme who say: "Allah is one of three in trinity, for there is no god except One Allah. If they desist not from their word (of blasphemy), surely a grievous chastisement will befall the blasphemers among them."

"Why turn they not to Allah and seek His forgiveness? "For Allah is Oft – Forgiving, Most Merciful."

"Christ the son of Mary was no more than an Apostle. His mother was a woman of Truth. They had both to eat their (daily) food. See how Allah does make His signs clear to them, yet see in what ways they are deluded from the Truth."

#### 31) Sons of God in the Bible

- **a)** "Which was the son of Enos, which was the son of Seth, which was the son of Adam, which was the son of God." (Luke 3:38)
- b) "That the sons of God saw the daughters of men..."
  - "When the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, ... (Genesis 6:2 and 4)
- c) "... Thus, saith the Lord, Israel is My son even My firstborn." (Exodus 4:22)
- d) "...and Ephraim is My firstborn." (Jeremiah 31:9)
- e) "... Thou (O David) Art My son..." (Psalms 2:7)
- f) "... Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called the sons of God." (Matthew 5:9)
- g) "... That we should be called sons of God... Beloved, now we are sons of God." (1 John 3:1-2)
- h) "For I have chosen him (Solomon) to be My son and I will be his Father." (1 Chronicles 28:6)
- i) "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God." (Romans 8:14)

#### 32) The Doctrine of Original Sin

The doctrine of original sin is considered to be one of the central parts of the Christian faith.

The doctrine of original sin asserts that human nature was corrupted due to the first sin by Adam and Eve (peace be upon them), and therefore, all humans are inherently sinful.

The Christian Dogma that sin is inherited is against all ethics, morality and common sense. It is against the explicit pronouncement of God in the Bible.

The Christian scholars teach the doctrine of original sin from Genesis 3, But it is clearly **contradicted** in Ezekiel 18:1-22.

If this basic doctrine is not true, the whole foundation of all Christianity fails.

#### 33) Miraculous birth of Jesus (peace be upon him) makes him special

The Christian argument in favour of Christ's special right to be called the son of God may be derived from the fact that he was born of a virgin, Mary, without the aid of a father.

If that was a clear, convincing and logical argument in favour of the claim, it should operate with double force in favour of Adam (peace be upon him) who had neither mother nor father and should afford equal cover to Eve (peace be upon her) who was likewise without parents.

# 34) Melchizedek: This high priest of Salem has qualities which outshines even Jesus Christ (peace be upon him)

"Without father, without mother, without descent, having neither beginning of days nor end of life..." (Hebrews 7:3)

# 35) A glaring proof that the term "son of God" only means a righteous person, can be found in the New Testament

In Mark 15:39, Mark reports that the Centurion remarked "Truly this man was the Son of God."

On the other hand, Luke reports the very same incident in Luke 23:47 that the Centurion remarked "Certainly this was a Righteous man."

If the Christians are still to accept the term "son of God" in a literal sense, then apparently the above quoted verses would be **contradicting** each other.

To attribute a son to God would be to deny the perfection of God.

Prophets, judges, orphans, the faithful and the common folk share the title "son of God" with Jesus (peace be upon him).

The term "son of God" confers no special privilege on Jesus (peace be upon him).

#### 36) Son of Man

Jesus (peace be upon him) had perhaps a suspicion that his relationship to God might be misinterpreted. In order to dispel any doubts as to his mortality and human origin, he has been frequently calling himself 'son of man'.

- a) "... but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head." (Matthew 8:20)
- b) "But that you may know that the Son of Man..." (Matthew 9:6)
- c) "The Son of Man came eating..." (Matthew 11:19)
- **d)** "... Jesus said to them, "The Son of Man is about to be betrayed into the hands of men," (Matthew 17;22)

#### 37) No one had seen God

According to John 1:18, "No one had seen God at any time."

According to 1 Timothy 6:16, "Whom no man has seen or can see."

#### 38) What did Jesus (peace be upon him) say about Christmas?

Nowhere in the Bible does it say that Jesus (peace be upon him) was born on 25th December.

The word 'Christmas' does not exist in the Bible.

The Bible itself criticizes the decoration of the (Christmas) trees in Jeremiah 10:3-4.

Roman pagans celebrated December 25th as the birth of their pagan 'gods'.

In Grolier's Encyclopedia the church did not observe a festival for the celebration of the event of Christmas until the  $4^{th}$  century.

The same is mentioned in Collier's Encyclopedia, volume 6, page 403.

#### 39) Some of the many contradictions in the Bible

This is an example of Bible contradictions. The purpose of including this is not to attack a person's beliefs, but to point out the truth that this could **not** be a book preserved, and brought down by our **Perfect God**.

In the Holy Quran, chapter 4, verse 82, God clearly says: "If it were from other than God, they would have found in it <u>MUCH</u> contradiction in it". This is the rule set by God in the Holy Quran. A book that is not preserved by God will contain <u>MUCH</u> contradiction, but a Preserved book from God can contain not a single contradiction.

The Bible is an unreliable book because it contains numerous contradictions. Logically, if two statements contradict each other, at least one of them is **false**.

Therefore, the biblical contradictions prove that the Bible has many false statements and is not infallible. Please refer to below points in **A**. **B** and **C**.

Liars in a courtroom along with any witnesses available to testify may only be caught out by the inconsistent statements they make out throughout a case.

Any evidence that would seem credible is now unreliable.

#### A) Contradictions in the Bible

- 1) The "Lord" tempted David (2 Samuel 24:1) or "Satan" provoked David (1 Chronicles 21:1)
- 2) 700 or 7000? "Horseman" or "Footman"...? 2 Samuel 10:18 vs 1 Chronicles 19:18
- 3) Solomon had 2000 baths or 3000 baths? 1 Kings 7:26 vs 2 Chronicles 4:5
- **4)** Solomon had **4000** stalls of horses or **40000**? 2 Chronicles 9:25 vs 1 Kings 4:26
- 5) Did Saul **enquire** of the Lord or **didn't he?**1 Samuel 28:6 vs 1 Chronicles 10:13-14
- 6) Heaven no man hath ascended (John 3:13)
  Contradicted by: 2 Kings 2:11 Elijah ascended, and Genesis 5:24 Enoch ascended
- 7) Jesus lost "none" of his disciples (John 18:9) Contradicted by: He lost only "one" (John 17:12)
- 8) "All are sinners" (2 Chronicles 6:36)
  Contradicted by: "Whosoever is born of God Doth Not commit sin..."
  (1 John 3:9)

9) The days of men are 120 years being the maximum he will live. (Genesis 6:3) Contradicted by: "The descendants of Shem live way of excess of 120 years (Genesis 11:10-27)

#### 10) Who did Mary Magdalene see at the sepulcher?

- a) An Angel? (Matthew 28:5)
- b) A Young man? (Mark 16:5)
- c) Two men? (Luke 24:4)
- d) Two angels? (John 20:12)
- 11) Etc etc etc.

#### B) GOD: His contradictory attributes

1) "No man had seen God at any time" (John 1:18)

**Contradicted by:** "And the Lord spake unto Moses **face to face**, as a man speaketh unto his friend." (Exodus 33:11)

2) ".. whom no man hath seen, nor can see..." (1 Timothy 6:16)
Contradicted by: "And they (Moses, Aron and seventy others) saw the God of Israel..." (Exodus 24:10)

3) "And He (God) said, Thou canst see My face: for there shall no man see Me, and live." (Exodus 33:20)

**Contradicted by:** "And Jacob called the name of the place Paniel: for I have seen God **face to face**, and my life is preserved." (Genesis 32:30)

#### C) GOD: Is not a fabricator of confusion

"For God is **NOT** the author of confusion..." (1 Corinthians 14:33)

#### Contradicted by:

- 1) "... I make peace and CREATE EVIL..." (KJV, Isaiah 45:7)
- 2) "But the Spirit from the Lord departed from Saul, and AN EVIL SPIRIT from the Lord troubled him." (1 Samuel 16:14)
- **3)** "And for this cause God shall send them a strong delusion, and they should **BELIEVE A LIE**" (2 Thessalonians 2:11)

#### 40) Bastard

This word occurs in the Bible three times in the King James Version.

- a)" The **bastard** shall not enter the congregation of the Lord, even to his tenth generation..." (Deuteronomy 23:2)
- b) "And a bastard shall dwell in Ashdod. ..." (Zechariah 9:6)
- c) "But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then ye are bastards and not sons" (Hebrews 12:8)

#### 41) Incest

"Sexual intercourse between two persons who are too closely related." (New Collins Dictionary). For example, between father and daughter, son and mother, father-in-law and daughter-in-law, brother and sister, etc.

#### a) Incest in God's Book (?) between a father and his daughters

"That night they (both the daughters of Lot) gave him (their father Lot) wine to drink, and the older daughter had **intercourse** with him.... "The next day the older daughter said to her sister, I slept with him last night: now let's get him drunk again tonight, and you sleep with him. Then each of us will have a child by our father. "So that night they got him drunk, and the younger daughter had **intercourse** with him... "In this way both of Lot's daughters became **pregnant** by their father." (Genesis 19:33-36, From the Good News Bible in Today's English).

In the older Versions, like the King James and the Roman Catholic Versions, "SEXUAL INTERCOURSE" is vaguely described as "collecting the seed of our father"

#### b) Incest between mother and son

" While Jacob (Israel) was living in the land, Reuben (his first born, his eldest son) had **sexual intercourse** with Bilhah, his father's concubine." (Genesis 35:22)

The older Versions of the Bible, use the word, "lay" for sexual intercourse.

#### c) Incest between father-in-law and daughter-in-law

"When Judah saw her (Tamar, his daughter-in-law), he thought she was a prostitute, because she had covered her face. "He went over to her at the side of the road and said, "Alright how much do you charge?" (he did not know that she was his daughter-in-law) "She said what will you give me?" (to have sex with me). "He answered I will send you a young goat from my flock. "She said, "All right, if you would give me something to keep as a pledge until you send the

goat. "... He gave them (the pledges) to her. Then had **intercourse** and she became pregnant" (Genesis 38:15-18, From the Good News Bible).

Out of this incestuous relationship between a father-in-law and daughter-in-law, twins were born, who were destined to become the great-grand-fathers of Jesus Christ. See Matthew 1:3

#### d) Incest and rape between brother and sister

"... he took hold of her (Tharmar, his sister, not to be confused with Tamar in "c" above), and said unto her, come lie with me (have sex with me), my sister." (2 Samuel 13:11)

"And she answered him, Nay, my brother (Amnon, one of the sons of David, the man after God's own heart), do not force me..." (2 Samuel 13:12)

"But he would not listen to her, and since he was stronger than she was, he overpowered her and **raped** her (his sister)." (2 Samuel 13:14)

#### e) Wholesale rape and incest between son and his mother's!

" So, they set up a tent for Absalom (another son of King David) on the palace roof, and in the sight of everyone, Absalom went in and had **intercourse** with his father's concubines" (2 Samuel 16:22)

#### 42) Pornography in the Bible

These snippets are sexually stimulating but morally energyating and damning.

- a) "She seizes him and kiss him .... Come let us take our fill of love till the next morning, let us delight ourselves with love, for my husband is not at home..." (Proverbs 7:7-22)
- **b)** Says the woman, "My king was lying on his couch ... "My lover has the scent of myrrh **as he lies upon my breasts**." (Song of Solomon 11:12-13)
- c) "By night on my bed I sought him with whom my soul loveth.... "when I found him... I held him and would not let him go, until I brought him to my mother's house to the room where I was born" (Song of Solomon 3:1-4)
- **d)** "Behold you are my beautiful love; your **lips** are like a scarlet thread .... Your **two breasts** are like fawns." (Song of Solomon 4:1-7)

#### 43) Prophets (But Naked)

If such are the priests, God bless the congregation.

- a) "And he (Noah) drank of the wine, and was drunken; and he lay **naked** within his tent" (Genesis 9:21)
- **b)** "And he (Saul) stripped off his clothes also, and lay down **naked** all that day and all that night," (1 Samuel 19:24)
- **c)** "How glorious was the king of Israel (David) today, who **uncovered** (became naked) himself today in the eyes of the handmaids of his servants..." (2 Samuel 6:20)
- **d)** "And the Lord said, like as my servant Isaiah hath walked **naked** and barefoot for three years..." (Isaiah 20:3)

#### 44) Crucifixion or Cruci - fiction

Jesus Christ (peace be upon him) was neither killed nor was he crucified, as alleged by the Christians and the Jews, but that he was **ALIVE!** 

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The crucifixion is one of the most strongly held beliefs of the Christians and Jesus Christ (peace be upon him) was neither killed nor crucified.

#### 45) What does the Holy Quran say about the crucifixion?

In chapter 4 verse 157-158 God says: "That they said (in boast), "We killed Christ Jesus the son of Mary, the Apostle of Allah," but they killed him not, nor crucified him, so it was made to appear to them, and those who differ therein are full of doubts with no (certain) knowledge, but only conjecture to follow, for, of surety they killed him not."

"No. Allah raised him up unto Himself, and Allah is Exalted in Power Wise."

#### Conjecture i.e. guesswork, fiction

The above Quranic verse says that whoever differs in the matter of crucifixion and agrees that Christ (peace be upon him) was crucified are actually following conjecture (Gueswork, fiction).

# See how Carm.org (The Christian Apologetics and Research Ministry) confirms the Quranic verse

The Bible contains many different styles of writings such as poetry, narration, **fiction**, ...

So carm.org agrees that the Bible contains fiction.

Keep in mind carm.org confirms the above Quranic verse.

#### 46) Jesus (peace be upon him) Man or God?

"And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? That is "My God. My God. why have you forsaken Me?"

God does not do this only man does.

#### 47) Hebrews 5:7-8 confirm Jesus (peace be upon him) never got crucified

Hebrews 5:7-8 confirm Jesus (peace be upon him) never got crucified. In 5:7 we clearly see that God Almighty had heard Jesus' cries to save him from death.

#### 48) SABC TV DEBATE

A debate which appeared on <u>SABC TV</u> on <u>Sunday 5 June 1983</u> between Islamic and Christian protagonist which leads the Chairman Bill Charmers to conclude that there is a greater accommodation for the founder of Christianity on the Islamic side than for the founder of Islam on the Christian side.

# 49) <u>A verse from Matthew, who is speaking, Matthew himself or someone</u> else?

The four Gospels are according to Matthew, Mark, Luke and John

Refer to Matthew 9:9

"... So, he (Matthew) arose and followed him."

If Matthew wrote it, he would have written "I arose and followed him (Jesus)

# 50) Are there any other non-Islamic sources that prove the Bible writers are not authentic?

From the many non-religious sources, this is one example:

#### **About Matthew**

"Although there is a Matthew named among the various lists of Jesus (peace be upon him) disciples...the writer of Matthew is probably anonymous.

The New Encyclopedia Britannica, volume 14, page 826

# About Mark

"Though the author Mark is probably unknown..."

The New Encyclopedia Britannica, volume 14, page 824

#### 51) Does all this mean that the entire Bible is a forgery?

No. Only some parts of the Bible do contain the original words of God, but due to a great amount of interpolation it has no longer remained in its pure form.

#### The Quran refers to such tampering as follows:

"Woe to those who have written the book with their own hands. And then say, "This is from (God) Allah, "to purchase with it a little price! Woe to them for what their hands have written and woe to them for that they earn thereby." (Chapter 2, verse 79)

## 52) The Doctrine of Trinity

The doctrine of trinity is considered to be one of the central Christian affirmations about God.

Christianity declares that there are three persons in the Godhead – God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost: But strangely enough, Jesus (peace be upon him) has nowhere even mentioned the Trinity.

The word "trinity" is <u>Not</u> found in any Bible in the world, neither is it in the original Greek and Hebrew languages.

#### 53) The Unity of God

Jesus (peace be upon him), like Muhammad (peace be upon him) taught the Unity of God.

Jesus (peace be upon him) says in the Bible, Mark 12:29, "The Lord our God is **ONE LORD**."

It was exactly an echo of what Moses (peace be upon him) and the Prophets had said long before: "Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is **ONE LORD**."

The Prophet of Islam taught the same sublime message of the Unity of Godhead in the most perfect form.

The Holy Quran proclaims: "Say, He is God, the <u>ONE</u> and <u>ONLY</u>; God, the Eternal, Absolute, He begetteth not, nor is He begotten, and there is none like unto Him." (Chapter 112, verse 1-4)

#### 54) Theological differences between Church denominations

There is a lot of in-fighting and theological differences between church denominations.

Protestants do not recognize Catholics as even being Christian because they worship Mary, the mother of Jesus (peace be upon him) along with various saints.

Baptists do not have "fellowship" with non-Baptists.

In addition, there are Methodist, Wesleyan, Presbyterian, Congregational, Pentecostal churches and a thousand independent churches that do not belong to any denomination.

They all differ on points of doctrine or interpretation of the Bible.

If Christians were teaching the genuine practices of Jesus (peace be upon him) in the Bible, then there would be no need for different church denominations.

There should be an apparent change in society around us.

It is the very practices of Jesus (peace be upon him) which ought to have formed the most important part of the Christian faith today.

#### 55) Jesus (peace be upon him) in Islam

It is only Islam that has retained and upheld the very practices of Jesus (peace be upon him).

Islam has not come as a new religion, rather as the same self-monotheism preached by Jesus (peace be upon him) and all previous prophets (peace be upon them) before him.

In Judaism, Jesus (peace be upon him) is denied as the Messiah. This is in stark contrast to Christianity, where he is worshiped as a deity, or the son of God. Islam takes the middle ground and actually acknowledges Jesus (peace be upon him) as an honorable Prophet and Messenger of God, as well as the Messiah. He is neither God nor part of a trinity.

In the Holy Quran, chapter 19, verse 30, Jesus said: "Indeed, I am the slave of Allah. He has given me the scripture and made me a Prophet."

Muslims view Jesus (peace be upon him) as the same way they view all Prophets of God – highly respected and loved. However, they do not worship him, as worship is for God alone who created him and everything that exists.

Jesus (peace be upon him) is not God, nor is he the son of God, nor is he three entities in one.

#### The Return of Jesus

Muslims believe that Jesus (peace be upon him) will reappear before the Hour, i.e. Day of Judgement, and descend back to earth.

"And he (Jesus i.e. his descent to earth) shall be a known sign for the coming of the Hour (Day of Judgement)." (Quran, chapter 43, verse 61)

He will descend as a Muslim (one who submits to God's laws) and call others to Islam, rejecting those who took him as other than a slave and Messenger of the one true God.

Jesus (peace be upon him) will say to all those who took him as God: "Not everyone who say to me Lord, Lord, shall enter the kingdom of heaven, **but he** 

who does the will of my Father in heaven. "Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in your name, cast out demons in your name, and done many wonders in your name? "And then I will declare to them, I never knew you, depart from me, you who practice lawlessness!" (Matthew 7:21-23)

Jesus (peace be upon him) was born, will return and die, as a Muslim.

**Submission to the will of God** is the essence of the message brought by all the Prophets of God as clearly seen in **Matthew 7:21**.

#### 56) The miracles of Jesus (peace be upon him) in the Holy Quran

Jesus (peace be upon him) performed great miracles by the will and permission of God.

One of his greatest miracles was that he was conceived with no father.

"He (Jesus) will speak to people in the cradle and in manhood, and he will be one of the righteous. (Quran, chapter 3, verse 46)

Jesus (peace be upon him) also gave life to the dead, cured the leper and blind all by the will of God.

"Indeed! I have come to you with a sign from your Lord, that I design for you out of clay like the form of a bird, then I breath into it and it ,it becomes a bird with God's permission, and I heal the blind and the leper, and bring the dead to life with God's permission and I inform you of what you eat and what you store in your houses, most surely there is a sign in this for you, if you are believers." (Quran, chapter 3, verse 49)

The fact that Jesus (peace be upon him) performed miracles does not mean that he was anything more than a humble slave of God and His Messenger.

In fact, many Prophets and Messengers performed miracles, including Noah, Moses, and Muhammad (peace be upon them all).

These miracles only took place by the permission of Allah, so as to prove the authenticity of the Prophets and Messengers sent by Allah.

# 57) Mary (peace be upon her), the mother of Jesus (peace be upon him) in the Holy Quran

Mary, the noble virgin, holds a great status within Islam and an entire chapter within the Holv Quran is named after her.

In the Quran, chapter 3, verse 42, Allah says: "And remember when the angels said: "O Mary, Indeed Allah has chosen you, purified you, and chosen you from amongst all the women."

Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) also recalls her high status with his statement: "The best of the world's women was Mary (at her lifetime)."

#### 58) Muhammad (peace be upon him) or Jesus (peace be upon him)?

Embracing Islam is not a question of whether to choose between Muhammad (peace be upon him) or Jesus (peace be upon him).

But rather to gain proximity to the way of Jesus (peace be upon him), as illustrated by Muhammad (peace be upon him).

Muhammad (peace be upon him) came as a saviour to retain the real message of Jesus (peace be upon him) and for the guidance for all of humanity.

There will be no prophet to come after Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him).

The Quran was revealed to Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) and is the Final Revelation to Mankind.

The Quran is "a guidance for mankind... and the distinction (between right and wrong)" (Quran, chapter 2, verse 185)

#### 59) What American Humanist Association say about the Bible?

Humanist **reject** the claim that the Bible is the word of God.

They are convinced that the book was written solely by <u>humans</u> in an ignorant, superstitious, and cruel age.

They believe that because the writers of the Bible lived in an unenlightened era, the book contains many **errors** and **harmful** teachings.

#### 60) What George Bernard Shaw say about the Bible?

He was an Irish playwright, critic, polemicist and political activist.

He said: "The Bible is the most dangerous book on earth, keep it under lock and key. Keep the Bible out of your children's reach."

#### 61) God: Qualities of an ill-befitting God in the Holy Bible

- a) A God riding a cherub (?) (2 Samuel 22:11)
- **b)** A God murders 50,070. (?) (1 Samuel 6:19)
- **c)** A God who threatens to kill all the firstborns including the animals (?) (Exodus 11:4-5)
- d) God burns alive 250 men who offer incense (?) (Numbers 16:32-35)
- e) A God who is a man of war (?) (Exodus 15:3)
- f) Etc etc etc

#### 62) Absurdities in the Book of God (?) the Holy Bible

- a) Four footed fowls (King James Version, Leviticus 11:20)
- b) Birth of females a double pollution (Leviticus 12:2-5)
- c) To eat faeces and drink urine (2 Kings 18:27 and Isaiah 36:12)
- **d)** To eat cake with faeces (Ezekiel 4:12-15)
- e) Pisseth against the walls (King James Version, 1 Kings 16:11)
- f) Farting in musical fashion (Isiah 16:11)
- g) It is hard for thee to kick against the pricks (Acts 26:14)
- h) Etc etc etc

## 63) What the Holy Bible say about women?

a) "...for it is a shame for women to speak in the church."(1 Corinthians 14:34-35)

- b) To chop off her hands for saving her husband's life (Deuteronomy 25:11-12)
- c) Man can sell his daughter (Exodus 21:7)
- d) Female birth gets double the penalty (Leviticus 12:2-5)
- e) Daughter of a priest to be burnt to death (Leviticus 21:9)
- f) Women to be stoned (Deuteronomy 22:13-21)
- **g)** Pregnant women to be ripped up alive and stomachs to be dissected (Hosea 13:16)
- h) Virgin's worth is fifty shekels of silver (Deuteronomy 22:28-29
- I) Etc etc etc

# 64) <u>Peter contradicts Jesus (peace be upon him) regarding himself as The</u> Only Way

"Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me." (John 14:6)

#### Contradicted by:

"Then Peter opened his mouth and said: "In truth I perceive that God shows no partiality." "But in every nation whoever fears Him and works righteousness is accepted by Him. (Acts 10:34-35)

# 65) <u>Jesus (peace be upon him) said to him, I am the way, the truth, and the</u> life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. (John 14:6)

There is nothing explicit in Jesus's (peace be upon him) statement. All God's Prophets (peace be upon them) were the only way, the truth and the life since they conveyed the only true religion from God to men.

Hence, they were the only way to God since any other message that contradicted theirs would be false.

During the time of Moses (peace be upon him), <u>Moses</u> was the way, the truth, and the life. No person can go to God without following Moses.

During the time of Jesus (peace be upon him), <u>Jesus</u> was the way, the truth, and the life. No person can go to God without following Jesus.

During the time of Muhammad (peace be upon him), <u>Muhammad</u> was the way, the truth, and the life. No person can go to God without following Muhammad.

Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) was the final Prophet of God and the message of Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) is for **ALL** of Humanity.

"I am sent unto you <u>all</u>, as the Apostle of Allah..... follow him that you may be guided." (Holy Quran, chapter 7, verse 158)

#### 66) Whoever has seen Me has seen the Father - John 14:9

In John 14:9 Jesus (peace be upon him) is quoted as saying: Whoever has seen Me has seen the Father.

This is often **misunderstood** to mean that Jesus (peace be upon him) is God.

But Jesus (peace be upon him) clearly said that no one has seen God at any time. (John 5:37)

Those who say that Jesus (peace be upon him) is God, are <u>disagreeing</u> with what Jesus (peace be upon him) himself said.

If Jesus (peace be upon him) was God why would he say to the people that they **Never** saw God?

And why would the author of the First Epistle of John in the Bible, say that no one had ever seen God at any time (1 John 4:12) although he knew that <u>multitudes</u> had already seen Jesus (peace be upon him)?

The meaning of John 14:9 is not that Jesus (peace be upon him) is God, but that by knowing Jesus (peace be upon him) one gets to know God, since Jesus (peace be upon him) <u>teaches</u> about God.

This meaning is <u>confirmed</u> by **John 1:18** where the writer says that no man has ever seen God, but Jesus (peace be upon him) has made God known to the people.

In the 17<sup>th</sup> Chapter of the same Gospel (John 17), Jesus (peace be upon him) declared that **eternal life means knowing that the Father whom Jesus (peace be upon him) worshipped is the only true God and that Jesus (peace be upon him) is Messiah who was sent by God.** 

Is Jesus (peace be upon him) God???

The Bible says NO!!!

#### 67) Jesus and his mother (peace be upon them) as gods

Jesus (peace be upon him) invited his followers to worship the <u>One True God</u> but those who claim to be his followers today call people to worship Jesus (peace be upon him), claiming that he was God.

Others who also claim to be his followers call people to worship Jesus' mother, Mary (peace be upon them).

Nowhere in the Bible does Jesus (peace be upon him) say 'Worship me I am God or Worship my mother she is God'

Jesus himself would deny he said worship him and his mother as gods.

In the Holy Quran, chapter 5, verse 116, God says: "And behold Allah will say: "O Jesus the son of Mary. Did you say to men, worship me and my mother as gods besides Allah?" He Jesus will say: "Glory to you, never would I say what I had no right (to say)"

## 68) Jesus (peace be upon him) The Clueless God!

Jesus (peace be upon him) does not share the absolute knowledge of God, hence cannot be God the All Knowing. Says who? Says <u>Jesus</u> himself.

"But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only" (Matthew 24:36)

What a great task from a man-god who was clueless about the last hour and clueless about mere simple figs on an earthly fig tree.

"..., when they came from Bethany, He (Jesus) was hungry. And after seeing a fig tree afar of having leaves, He came if haply he may find anything thereon: and when He came to it, **HE FOUND NOTHING BUT LEAVES**, for the time of figs was not yet." (Mark 11:12-13)

Ratio wise; not a single fig on a fig tree equals zero percent success rate In Jesus (peace be upon him) ascertaining figs present on a fig tree which he seen afar off. What kind of God is that? Clueless!!!

#### 69) What does Jesus (peace be upon him) say concerning Salvation?

"Verily I (Jesus) say unto you, he that hearth my word and believeth on <u>him</u> that sent me hath everlasting life and shall not come into condemnation." (John 5:24)

It is a dictate of Islamic law to believe in God that sent Jesus (peace be upon him); hence in the words of Jesus Muslims are saved and will not come into condemnation.

#### 70) Principles of Islam in Hindu, Jewish and Christian Scriptures

Islam is built on Five Pillars.

- a) Belief in One God and Muhammad is the Messenger of God
- b) Obligatory prayers five times a day.
- c) Fasting in the month of Ramadan
- d) Charity
- e) The pilgrimage to Mecca if one has the means of performing it.

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For contact details please refer to **Number 44** (Crucifixion or Cruci – fiction).

The Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) thus brought back <u>Islam</u> which was the <u>original teachings of all the previous Prophets</u> (peace be upon them) who came before him.

In the Holy Quran, chapter 2, verses 132 to 136, God says:

"And this was the legacy that Abraham left to his sons and so did Jacob; "O my sons! God has chosen the faith for you; then die not except in the faith of Islam (submission)."

"Were ye witnesses when death appeared before Jacob? Behold he said to his sons: "What will ye worship after me?" They said: "We shall worship thy God and the God of thy fathers of Abraham Ismail and Isaac the one (true) Allah to Him we bow (in Islam)."

"That was people that has passed away. They shall reap the fruit of what they did, and you of what you do. Of their merits there is no question in your case."

"They say: Become Jews or Christians if you would be guided (to salvation)." Say you: "No, (I would rather) the Religion of Abraham the True, and he joined not gods with Allah "

"Say: "We believe in Allah, and the revelation given to us, and to Abraham, Ishmael, Isaac, Jacob, and the Tribes, and that given to Moses and Jesus, and that given to (all) Prophets from their Lord: We make no difference between one and another of them: And we bow to Allah (in Islam)."

#### 71) Hidden Treasures in the Bible Unknown to Christians today

- a) The Concept of One God in the Bible
- b) Prostration during Worship in the Bible
- c) Charity to the Poor, a Commandment in the Bible
- d) Observing Fast in the Bible
- e) Ablution (washing before worship) in the Bible
- f) Circumcision a Commandment in the Bible
- g) Pork prohibited in the Bible
- h) Alcohol prohibited in the Bible
- i) Females covering their hair in modesty in the Bible
- j) Greeting with peace in the Bible
- **k)** Interest prohibited in the Bible
- I) Polygamy permitted in the Bible

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Islam has not come as a new religion, rather to confirm the same religion of monotheism preached by Jesus (peace be upon him).

#### 72) Concept of Prophethood

Prophets and Messengers of God are sent to **guide** humankind.

However, according to the Bible these Prophets are capable of committing Major Sins such as:

Idolatry (Exodus 32:4 and 1 Kings 11:4-10) Committing incest (Genesis 19:33-35) Adultery (2 Samuel 11:4-5)

From an Islamic perspective; Prophets and Messengers (peace be upon them) must **practice** what they **preach**.

They are **role models** for others to follow.

They are specially protected and cannot commit cardinal sins.

However, they can due to human limitations make 'error of judgement' but even that error would always be based on purity of intention and sincerity, as their objective primarily is to serve God and promulgate the truth. They submit to God's commandments completely.

The Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) was known as "the walking, talking Quran"

# 73) <u>Muslims say that the Holy Quran is a Miracle.</u> What is so miraculous about the Holy Quran?

Previous prophets performed miracles to prove that their message was not their own but God's message. In the case of the Quran the message itself is a miracle.

The Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) did not know how to read or write. Yet the Quran which was revealed to him was (and still is) the highest pinnacle of literary beauty and excellence in the Arabic language.

It was beyond the ability of Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) to produce this book. And God declares that it is beyond the ability of all of humankind and spirit-kind to produce a book like the Quran.'

In the Holy Quran, chapter 17, verse 88, the Holy Quran proclaims: Say: "If the whole of mankind and Jinn's were to gather together to produce the like of this Quran, they would not produce the like thereof, even if they backed up each other with the help and support."

#### 74) The Scientific Miracles of the Holy Quran

To attribute the presence of scientific facts in the Quran to coincidence would be against common sense and a true scientific approach.

The scientific evidences of the Quran clearly prove its Divine origin.

No human could have produced a book, fourteen hundred years ago, that would contain such profound scientific facts.

Professor Tejesan accepted Islam on the strength of just one scientific 'sign' mentioned in the Quran.

The Quran contains a complete code of life for the individual and society.

Who can give better guidance than the Creator Himself?

#### 75) What is God offering you!!!

Any Christian that repents from ascribing partners to God then testifies that: "There is none that is worthy of worship besides God" (and that Jesus peace be upon him is not the son of God) immediately comes in God's mercy.

God is readily prepared to forgive anyone who similarly seeks His forgiveness from committing such a **Major Sin**.

## 76) The way to Salvation according to Islam

Believe that it is God alone Who is worthy of being worshipped, and also to believe that Jesus (peace be upon him) was a Prophet of God, and Muhammad (peace be upon him) is the last Prophet of God.

We are also required to sacrifice and struggle against sin as well as continuously repenting sincerely to Him at every mishap.

Furthermore, we are required to sacrifice towards performing of good deeds for the pleasure of God in hope of earning paradise and gaining salvation from hell.

#### 77) No Compulsion in Religion

The Quran says: "Let there be no compulsion in religion: Truth stands out clear from Error: whoever rejects evil and believes in Allah hath grasped the most trustworthy hand-hold that never breaks. And Allah heareth and knoweth all things." (Quran, chapter 2, verse 256)

Our aim ultimately is not to convert anyone, but rather to convey to everyone the reality.

There is no compulsion for anyone to accept the <u>TRUTH</u>. But it is certainly a shame upon the human intellect when a person is not even interested in finding out as to what is the **TRUTH**!

Islam teaches that God has given man the faculty of reason and therefore expects man to reason things out objectively and systematically for himself.

Nobody should press you to make a hasty decision to accept any of the teachings of Islam, for Islam teaches that man should be given freedom to choose.

Islam teaches – Do not force anyone to become a Muslim, for Islam is plain and clear, and its proofs and evidence are plain and clear. Therefore, there is no need to force anyone to embrace Islam.

It is up to you to make the next move.

In the Quran, chapter 16, verse 36, God says: "For we assuredly sent amongst every people a Prophet, with the command: "Worship Allah and avoid false gods."

#### 78) The One True God in The Old Testament

- a) "Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord" (Deuteronomy 6:4)
- **b)** "Has not the One God made and sustained for us the spirit of life? (Malachi 2:15, Revised Standard Version)
- c) "You may know and believe Me and understand that I am He. Before Me no god was formed, nor shall there be any after Me. I, I am the Lord, and besides Me there is no Savior" (Isaiah 43:10-11)

- d) "I am the First and I am the Last; besides Me there is no god" (Isajah 44:6)
- e) "I am the Lord, and there is no other; There is no God besides Me." (Isaiah 45:5)
- **f)** "And there is no other god besides Me, a righteous God and a Savior; there is none besides Me. Turn to Me and be saved... To me every knee shall bow" (Isaiah 45:21-23)

#### 79) The One True God in The New Testament

- a) "One came and said unto him, Good Master, what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life? And he (Jesus) said unto him, Why callest thou me good? There is none good but one, that is, God" (Matthew 19:16-17)
- **b)** "Now this is life eternal, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent." (John 17:3)
- c) "Worship the Lord your God, and serve Him only" (Matthew 4:10)
- d) "Hear O Israel: The Lord our God is One Lord" (Mark 12:29)
- e) "For there is one God and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus" (1 Timothy 2:5)

#### 80) The One True God in The Holy Quran

Indeed, this message concerning the Oneness of God is the essential theme of the Holy Quran.

The name Allah of the **One True God** is unique and singular. Allah is the Creator Who is meant to be worshipped and obeyed. The Holy Quran explains many beautiful names of Allah (the One True God) which helps us to know and understand Him better

Some of His beautiful names are, The Creator, The Most Merciful, The Absolute Pure, The All Mighty, The All-and Oft-Forgiving, The Provider, The All-Knowing, The All-Hearing, The All-Seeing, The Judge, The Giver of Life, The Most Appreciative, The Bringer of Death, The Greatest, The Most Generous, The All-Wise, The Most loving, The Resurrector, The Ever-Living, The Most Kind, The Praiseworthy, The Ever- Pardoning, The Unique - The Only One, etc etc.

Practicing Islam gives us a close relationship to the **One True God**; Allah.

Please note below are just some of the many verses of the **One True God** mentioned in the Holy Quran.

- a) "Say: He is Allah, the One; Allah, the Eternal, Absolute; He begets not, nor is He begotten; and there is none like unto Him" (Chapter 112, verse 1-4)
- b) "... There is no god but I; so, worship and serve Me." (Chapter 21, verse 25)
- **c)** "They disbelieve who say: Allah (God) is one of three, for there is no god except One God. If they desist not from their word (of blasphemy), verily, a grievous chastisement will befall the disbelievers among them." (Chapter 5, verse 73)
- **d)** "Can there be another god besides Allah (God)? Nay, most of them know not." (Chapter 27, verse 61)
- e) "Can there be another god besides Allah (God)? High is Allah above what they associate with Him." (Chapter 27, verse 63)
- f) "Can there be another god besides Allah (God)? Say, "Bring forth your proof, if you are telling the truth!" (Chapter 27, verse 64)
- g) "And your God is One God. There is no god but He" (Chapter 2, verse 163)

The teaching of God's complete Oneness is the essence of Islam. All other laws, beliefs and commands of Islam are built on this foundation. Take it away and there is nothing left of the religion.

## God's name is unique

"Allah" is the proper and personal name applied to The One True God.

Nothing else can be called Allah.

The term has no plural or gender unlike the English word "God" which can be made both plural and feminine (i.e. **gods/goddess)**.

The unique usage of "Allah" as a personal name of God is a reflection of Islam's emphasis on the purity of the belief in the **One True God**.

"Are many lords differing among themselves better, or Allah, the One, the Supreme? (chapter 12, verse 39)

"And worship Allah and associate none with Him" (chapter 4, verse 36)

"Surely those you call upon besides Allah, are only slaves like yourselves" (4:36)

### 81) Conclusions

These verses as well as hundreds of similar pieces of evidence in the Bible and the Holy Quran confirms this one, external message that **the True God is only ONE**. "Turn to Me now and be saved, people all over the world! I am the **ONLY God There is**" (Isaiah 45:22)

Not only does the Bible affirm that <u>GOD</u> is only <u>ONE</u>, but it also reveals that the <u>True God</u>, the Creator, is the <u>Only Savior</u>. "Before Me <u>No</u> god was formed, nor shall there be any after Me. I am the Lord, and besides <u>Me</u> there is <u>No</u> Savior." (Isaiah 43:10-11)

So, according to this affirmation, all other supposed gods or deities like Jesus (peace be upon him), the Holy Spirit, Brahma, Vishnu, Shiva, Krishna, or Buddha are neither gods nor manifestations of the ONE TRUE GOD.

To sum up, all God's Prophets including Adam, Noah, Abraham, David, Moses, Jesus, and Muhammad (peace be upon them) were sent by <u>the same God</u>, the Creator, to convey <u>the same message</u>: <u>The True God is Only One</u>. <u>Worship Him alone and keep His commandments</u>.

And since those prophets and Messengers preached the same message, <u>their</u> <u>religion must be the same one!</u> So, what is the religion of those Prophets and Messengers?

**Submission** to the will of God is the essence of the message of those Prophets and Messengers.

This word **'SUBMISSION'** means **'Islam'** in Arabic. The Holy Quran does confirm that **'Islam'** is the True religion of God.

I invite every person to read the Holy Quran which is: -

- a) The literal word of God
- **b)** Free from contradictions
- c) The Quran answers the question concerning the realities of life, the Hereafter, the concept of God.
- d) The only book which is preserved by being memorized in its entirety by thousands of people throughout the world from the time it was revealed.
- e) It is even memorized by children.
- f) It is still preserved in its original text, Arabic.

- a) Its translations are free from deletions, additions, alterations of verses.
- h) Fully compatible to Modern Science.
- Preserved in the original language, Arabic without even the slightest change in it.
- j) Invites all to the common religion of monotheism which existed in every generation.

In chapter 39, verse 41, God says: "Verily We have sent down to you (O Muhammad) the Book for mankind in Truth. So, whoever accepts the guidance, it is only for his own self, and whoever goes astray, he goes astray only for his own loss."

#### Don't you owe it to yourself to at least read this Noble Book?

The choice is up to you!

In chapter 7, verse 177, God says: "Evil is an example are people who reject Our Signs and wrong their own souls."

In the same chapter, verse 179, God says: "And certainly We have created for Hell many of the jinn and mankind, they have hearts with which they fail to understand; and they have eyes with which they fail to see; and they have ears with which they fail to hear. They are like cattle – indeed, even more astray. Such are utterly heedless (of warning).

This verse does not mean that God is referring to a deaf or blind person, and it does not mean that God has created some people for the specific purpose of fueling Hell. What it does mean is that even though God has bestowed upon men faculties of observation, hearing, and reasoning, some people do not use them properly in order to be saved from Hellfire. Thus because of their own failings and rejecting the Truth they wrong their own souls and end up in Hell.

After reading this booklet, you may be in a fair position to deduce <u>that Islam is</u> <u>most definitely the True Religion of God and the Truth really stands out clear from Falsehood.</u>

It now remains man's challenge to either follow <u>The Path of God Almighty</u> or <u>the path of Satan</u>. This would ultimately determine his ending,

#### Again, the choice is up to you!

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#### THE GREATEST!

The Weekly News Magazine "TIME" dated July 15, 1974, carried out a selection of opinions by various historians, writers, military men, businessmen and others on the subject: "Who Were History's Great Leaders?" Some said that it was Hitler; others said – Gandhi, Buddha, Lincoln and the like. But Jules Masserman, a United States psychoanalyst put the standards straight by giving the correct criteria wherewith to judge. He said: "LEADERS MUST FULFIL THREE FUNCTIONS: -

- 1) Provide the well-being of the led.
- 2) Provide a social organization in which people feel relatively secure, and
- 3) Provide them with one set of beliefs."

With the above three criteria he searches history and analyses – Hitler, Pasteur, Caeser, Moses, Confucius and the lot, and ultimately concludes: -

"People like Pasteur and Salk are leaders in the first sense. People like Gandhi and Confucius, on one hand, and Alexander, Caesar and Hitler on the other, are leaders in the second or perhaps the third sense. Jesus and Buddha belong to the third category alone. PERHAPS THE GREATEST LEADER OF ALL TIMES WAS MOHAMMED, WHO COMBINED ALL THREE FUNCTIONS. To a lesser degree, MOSES DID THE SAME."

According to the objective standards set by the Professor of the Chicago University, who I believe to be Jewish, - Jesus and Buddha are nowhere in the picture of the "Great Leaders of Mankind", but by a queer coincidence groups Moses and Mohammed together thus adding further weight to the argument that Jesus is not like MOSES, But MOHAMMED is like MOSES. Deuteronomy 18;18 "LIKE UNTO THEF" - like MOSES!

In conclusion, I end with a quotation of a Christian Reverend the commentator of the **Bible**, followed by that of his **Master**:

"THE ULTIMATE CRITERION OF A TRUE PROPHET IS THE MORAL CHARACTER OF HIS TEACHINGS."

(Professor Dummelow)

"BY THEIR FRUITS YE SHALL KNOW THEM."

(Jesus Christ)

# Misconceptions about Islam What do you REALLY know???

Have you ever wondered why a nun can be covered from head to toe and she's respected for devoting herself to God, but when a Muslim woman covers, she's viewed as "oppressed"? Or why a Jew can grow a beard and he's just practicing his faith, and when a Muslim does that, he's an "extremist"?

People in the west seem to have many misconceptions about Muslims and Islam. Many believe that the western world is advanced, enlightened and liberated, while Islam is just the opposite: primitive, ignorant and oppressed. One reason for this believe is that the media has time and again portrayed the Muslims in a way contrary to Islamic teachings. The key to understanding Islam and Muslims is to resist stereotypes and examine each situation according to Islamic teachings, and **NOT** some Muslims' actions.

Islam permits terrorism - This is perhaps the biggest misconception about Islam, especially given the constant stereotyping by the media that Islam permits terrorism. The media portrays as a terrorist any Muslim who fights regardless of whether they fight justly or unjustly, or whether they are oppressing others or being oppressed. So, the question that comes to mind is: Does Islam encourage terrorism? <a href="Month Editaria"><u>Certainly NOT!</u></a> Islam totally forbids and condemns the misguided acts of vigilantes that target innocent civilians.

Of course, Islam does not remain silent in the face of oppression, injustice and humiliation. Any religion or civilization that does, would never survive – but it certainly does not condone attacks against defenseless men, women and children.

Even during times of war, Islam lays down strict rules. For example, a Muslim is not allowed to harm or kill those in a peace treaty with Muslims, non-combatants, women, minors, servants, the blind, monks, the elderly, those physically incapable of fighting, and the mentally ill. In fact, Muslims are not even allowed to damage crops and vegetation during times of war! These noble ethics were, and still remain, unheard of in any army.

So many attempts have been made to portray Islam as a religion that is both strange and foreign to people's normal instincts and values. In deciding what to make of Islam, remember this:

- Who stands to gain from perpetuating such misconceptions and untruths?
- Have you researched about Islam yourself, as opposed to what you have heard from others and the media?
- Why do millions of people all over the world embrace Islam if it was harsh and inhumane way of life?

# **Chapter Mary In The Holy Quran**

Chapter 19 is dedicated to Mary, mother of Jesus, in the Holy Quran.

## Birth story of Jesus (peace be upon him) from the Holy Quran

"In the name of Allah (God), the most Beneficent the Merciful"

"Relate in the Book (the story of) Mary, when she withdrew from her family to a place in the east."

"She placed a screen (to screen herself) from them; then We sent to her Our angel, and he appeared before her as a man in all respects."

"She said: "I seek refuge from you to (Allah) Most Gracious; (come not near) if you do fear Allah."

"He said: "No, I am only a Messenger from your Lord, (to announce) to you the gift of a pure son."

"She said: "How shall I have a son, seeing that no man has touched me, and I am not unchaste?"

"He said: "So (it will be): Your Lord says, 'that is easy for Me, and (We wish) to appoint him as a Sign for men and a Mercy from Us,' it is a matter (so) decreed."

"So she conceived him, and she retired with him to a remote place."

"And the pains of childbirth drove her to the trunk of a palm-tree: She cried (in her anguish): "Ah, would that I had died before this; Would that I would be a thing forgotten."

"But (a voice) cried to her from beneath the (palm-tree): "Grieve not; for your Lord has provided a rivulet beneath you:"

"And shake towards yourself the trunk of the palm-tree: It will let fall fresh ripe dates upon you."

"So eat and drink and cool (your) eye. And if you do see any man, say, 'I have vowed a fast to (Allah) Most Gracious, and this day I will enter into no talk with any human being."

"At length she brought the (babe) to her people, carrying him (in her arms). They said: O Mary, truly an amazing thing has you brought."

"O sister of Aaron, your father was not a man of evil, nor your mother a woman unchaste."

"But she pointed to the babe. They said: "How can we talk to one who is a child in the cradle?"

"He said: "I am indeed a servant of Allah, He has given me revelation and made me a Prophet;"

"And He has made me blessed wheresoever I be, and has enjoined on me Prayer and Charity as long as I live;"

"(He) has made me kind to my mother, and not overbearing or miserable;"

"So peace is on me the day I was born, the day that I die, and the day that I shall be raised up to life (again)."

"Such (was) Jesus the son of Mary, (it is) a statement of Truth, about which they vainly (dispute)."

"It is not befitting to (the Majesty of) Allah that He should beget a son. Glory be to Him, when he determines a matter. He only says to it "Be", and it is."

"Surely Allah is my Lord and your Lord: Him therefore you serve, this is a Way that is straight." (Holy Quran, Chapter 19, Verse 16 to 36)

# Story of Mary and Jesus (peace be upon them) also recorded in Chapter 3 in the Holy Quran

"Behold! The angels said: "O Mary, Allah has chosen you and purified you – chosen you above the woman of all nations."

"O Mary, worship your Lord devoutly, prostrate yourself, and bow down (in prayer) with those who bow down." (chapter 3, verse 42-43)

"Behold! The angels said: "O Mary, Allah gives you Glad Tidings of a Word from Him; his name will be Christ Jesus, the son of Mary, held in honour in this world and the Hereafter and of (the company of) those nearest to Allah:"

"He shall speak to the people in infancy and in maturity. And he shall be (of the company) of the righteous." (chapter 3, verse 45-46)

"And Allah will teach him the Book and Wisdom, the Torah and the Gospel,"

"And (appoint him) an Apostle to the Children of Israel, (with the message): "I have come to you, with a Sign from your Lord, in that I make for you out of clay, the figure of a bird, and breathe into it, and it becomes a bird by permission of Allah. And I heal those born blind, and the lepers, and I give life to the dead by permission of Allah. And I inform you of what you eat and what you store in your houses. Indeed in that is a sign for you, if you are believers."

#### (chapter 3, verse 48-49)

"...I have come to you, with a Sign from your Lord, So fear Allah and obey me." "It is Allah Who is my Lord and your Lord; then worship Him. This is a Way that is straight." (chapter 3, verse 50:51)

"When Jesus found unbelief on their part he said: "Who will be my helpers to (the work of) Allah?" Said the disciples: "We are Allah's helpers, we believe in Allah, and you bear witness that we are Muslims." (chapter 3, verse 52)

"The similitude of Jesus before Allah is as that of Adam; He created him from dust, then said to him: "Be". And he was" (chapter 3, verse 59)

"The Truth (comes) from Allah alone; so be not of those who doubt."

"This is the true account: There is no god except Allah; and Allah is indeed the Exalted in Power, the Wise." (chapter 3, verse 60 and verse 62)

#### THE SYMBOL OF HUMAN EQUALITY

Bilal ibn Rabah (may peace be upon him) is one of the most illustrious names in the Islamic history. A Negro slave originally from Habasha (Ethiopia), Bilal is an evident story of Islam's respect for human equality, anti-racism and social equity.

Born in 680CE in Mecca, to his slave parents – Rabah and Hamamah – Bilal too served as a slave to a lady close to Umayyah ibn Khalaf, an arch enemy of Islam. When Umayyah heard about Bilal converting to Islam, he tortured him and forced him to relinquish the new faith. But Bilal filed with love of Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) and Islam, Bilal remained steadfast in his faith despite extreme torture and kept saying "Ahad, Ahad" (Allah is One, Allah is One).

Umayyah bound Bilal and had him dragged around Mecca as children mocked him. When Bilal still refused and remained steadfast in his faith and kept saying "Ahad, Ahad" (Allah is One, Allah is One), Umayyah ordered that he be laid flat on his back on hot sand and that a hot boulder be placed on his chest and he was beaten while his hands was tied behind his back. But Bilal still refused and remained steadfast in his faith and kept saying "Ahad, Ahad" (Allah is One, Allah is One).

When the Holy Prophet learned about his tribulations, he sent his companion Abu Bakr, who bought him from the oppressor and freed him. The freedom was Islam's first gift to Bilal. The second Caliph Omar ibn Khattab honored him by calling him our leader. Bilal became one of the most trusted and loyal companions of Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him). He was among thefirst few persons to embrace Islam.

Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) was the first to declare equality among human beings in the annals of world history 1,400 years ago. In the presence of over 120,000 companions during Hajj (pilgrimage to Mecca), he declared: O people! Your Lord is one Lord, and all mankind is from Adam and Eve, Indeed, there is no superiority of an Arab over a non-Arab or of a non-Arab over an Arab; or of a white over a black; nor a black over a white, except by piety (righteousness).

The Prophet selected Bilal to be one of his distinguished companions. Bilal's rise to a position of prominence in Islam is evidence of the importance of pluralism and racial equality in Islam. Bilal was honored in Islam to be chosen to regularly make the Azaan (Call to Prayer).

He served the Holy Prophet (peace be upon him) for 25 years.

As he was the first African to embrace Islam, the African Muslim still feel pride of that honor, which was bestowed on an African.

#### ASK YOURSELE...

#### Questions are the best source to discovering truth.

Following the True Religion of <u>GOD</u> is the absolute most important thing we can

We must know who **GOD** is and how **He** is to be **worshiped**.

#### Trinitarian Christians. Ask vourselves...

Let's imagine that a person was stranded on an island all alone since a very early age.

This person never had any outside influence whatsoever.

One day, a Bible washes ashore.

From reading the Bible, would this man find the doctrine of the trinity???

The supreme authority in Christianity is the **Bible**.

Every doctrine should come from the **Bible**.

#### <u>Scriptures</u> are meant to be <u>God's message to man</u>.

If God wants to be worshiped, then He must first let those to worship Him know who it is they are worshiping.

Please refer to page 49 and 50 number 78 and 79 for <u>The One True God</u> in the Old and New Testaments.

If **GOD** is in fact a **trinity**, it should be found **clearly** in the **Bible**.

It should be **logical**, with **No** question marks or room for misinterpretation.

"For God is not the author of confusion" (1 CORINTHIANS 14:33)

The word **TRINITY** is **NOT** in the **BIBLE**.

It is **NOT** a biblical belief.

So where in the **Bible** would this person find a **Trinitarian** GOD???

# What part of the Bible do Muslims believe are closest to the Truth?

First of all, it is important to know that if the "Bibles" of today, with all their versions and differences in the quantity of their "books" and "gospels", were in fact the **Original** Holy Word of **GOD Almighty**, then there would be no need for the Noble Ouran.

But since they are corrupt, then we obviously can't consider them as GOD Almighty's Holy and Divine Words.

There existed many different Bibles during the time of the Roman Emperor, Constantine, which were widely believed in by different Christian sects in the year 312. In other words, during the first 3 centuries of "Christianity" (300 years), many different canons with 100s of books/gospels combined existed!

That is a lot of canons, a lot of books/gospels, and a lot of time (300 years) of different Christian religions existed.

Also, Constantine's own "unified canon or bible" got lost and only small portions of it were found! So, what we have today from "Bible(s)" are not even Constantine's books

The Noble Quran came to <u>confirm</u> Truth that exists in the Manuscripts in the different canons and to filter out **Truth** from **falsehood** in them.

Allah (God) Almighty never claimed that the bible is fully and 100% Divine.

Islam is a witness on the Bible.

It filters out the **truth** from **falsehood** and **corruption** in the Bible.

The Noble Quran only recognizes the Bible as a **HISTORY BOOK** with errors and man's alteration in it.

Allah Almighty declares in the Holy Quran that Christianity is no more than a man-made conjecture.

And **conjecture** is forbidden in the Glorious Quran.

We Muslims believe in only the parts of the Bible that <u>agree</u> with the Noble Quran.

The parts that contradict the Noble Quran are **Not** the Truth.

#### DECLARATION OF FAITH

Everything in the life of a Muslim rests upon a foundation of faith, and the Shahada which is alternatively known as the "testimony of faith" in Islam sums up the essence of the entire faith in one sentence.

The word Shahada literally means "to bear witness".

## **Becoming a Muslim**

This is all a person has to do to become a Muslim is to recite the Testimony of Faith (Shahada) in front of two witnesses and say:

"I bear witness that there is no god worthy of worship except the One True God (Allah) and I bear witness that Muhammad (peace be upon him) is the Servant and final Messenger of God."

The declaration of faith consists of two distinct parts, i.e. the absolute belief in the Unity of God and the belief in the Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) as a mortal human being and the final Messenger of God.

The acknowledgement and 'bearing witness' to the testimony of faith (Shahada) is the key to the Muslim faith.

Unless this is observed one cannot be a Muslim.

Upon entering the fold of Islam purely for the Pleasure of God (Allah), all of one's previous sins are forgiven.

This life is very short, the Hereafter is everlasting. Consider the belief in the <u>ONE</u> <u>TRUE GOD</u> and be saved from <u>Eternal Fire</u>.

Islam is a clear religion that makes sense.

We invite you to accept the <u>Truth</u> and please do consider <u>ISLAM</u> which is the <u>ONLY TRUE RELIGION OF GOD</u>.

God Almighty has promised <u>Paradise</u> for the people leaving this world with this <u>TESTIMONY OF FAITH</u>.

Be at peace with yourself, enter Paradise after this life, and save yourself from the <u>Hellfire</u> by worshipping the <u>One True God</u> alone and believing in the final Messenger of God.

# **DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF ISLAM**

Be it known that I,, of
am truly and humbly grateful to the One True God, Allah for having guided me to the Straight Path (Right Path) and openly declare that today I accept on my own free will the True Religion of God, Islam and I am a Muslim.
PARTICULARS
DATE OF BIRTH
I.D. NUMBER
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SEX
I HAVE CHOSEN FOR MYSELF THE MUSLIM NAME OF
FURTHER DECLARATION
I hereby declare under oath and direct that upon my death, my funeral shall be carried out according to the Islamic Faith, and my body shall be buried in a Muslim Cemetery according to Islamic Rites.
This done and signed at on the Day
of
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Witness:
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# A Guidance To Follow

Muhammed (peace be upon him) as a man had died, but as a Prophet, his legacy lives on in the form of the Holy Quran and the way shown to us by the Holy Prophet. He has stressed the urgent need to hold firmly to these two sources of guidance during his farewell sermon in the valley of Arafat.

"... O people, and understand which I convey to you. I leave behind me two things, the Quran and my example (way of life), and if you follow these you will never go astray." "... All those who listen to me shall pass on my words to others and those to others again; ...Be my witness, O Allah (God), that I have conveyed your message to your people." (Last Sermon of the Holy Prophet Muhammad)

Islam is a worldly religion which considers first the worldly affairs of humanity, then the Hereafter that is an eternal continuation of the worldly life. It is difficult to believe that man can be saved in the Hereafter without being saved in this world. To be saved in the Hereafter without being saved in this world is simply unthinkable. The sensible approach is to follow the way shown to us by the Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him).

Apply the Acid Test to the teachings of Muhammed (peace be upon him) in Matthew 7:16-20. "BY THEIR FRUITS YE SHALL KNOW THEM...". You will find in the Last Testament of God – The Holy Quran – the true fulfilment of the teachings of Moses and Jesus (peace be upon them) which will bring to the world the much-needed peace and happiness.

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"... and you will certainly find the nearest of them in affection to those who believe (to be) those who say: Lo! We are Christians. That is because among them are priests and monks, and because they are not proud. When they listen to that which has been revealed to the Messenger, you will see their eyes flow with tears due their recognition of the Truth. They will say: Our Lord, we believe, so record us among the witnesses."

(Holy Quran, Chapter 5, Verse 82-83)

# **Falsehood has Perished**

"AND SAY (O MUHAMMAD)! TRUTH HAS COME AND FALSEHOOD HAS PERISHED, FOR FALSEHOOD (BY IT'S VERY NATURE) IS BOUND TO PERISH"

(Holy Quran, Chapter 17, Verse 81)

