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Find The Truth Before Death

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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

Introduction

يقول الله عز وجل :-

أَشْهُدُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ

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﴿الرَّ تِلْكَ آيَاتُ الْكِتَابِ وَقُرْآنٍ مُبِينٍ ﴿١﴾ رَبِّمَا يُودُّ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا لَوْ

كَانُوا مُسْلِمِينَ ﴿٢﴾ ذَرَهُمْ يَاكُلُوا وَيَسْتَعْمُوا وَيَبْهَمُوا الْأَمَلُ فَسَوْفَ يَعْلَمُونَ

﴿٣﴾ لَحْمٍ: ١-٣

QURAN

And from his chain of transmitters on the authority of Ibn 'Abbas that he said in explanation of Allah's saying (Alif. Lam. Ra.): '(Alif. Lam. Ra.) He says: I am Allah, and I see; it is also said that this is an oath, Allah swore by the Alif and by the Lam and by the Ra. (These are verses of the Scripture) this surah consists of verses from the Scripture (and a plain

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Reading) He says: I swear by the Qur'an which makes plain the lawful and the prohibited, the commands and prohibitions.

(It may be that those who disbelieve) in Muhammad (pbuh) and in the Qur'an (wish ardently that they were Muslims) in this worldly life. He says: there may come a day when the disbeliever would wish that he was a Muslim. This is because when Allah Enter believers Paradise and after a while takes out of Hell whoever was a believer but committed sins and enters them into Paradise, and remains in hell the disbeliever at that time disbeliever wishes he had been a Muslim in this worldly life.

Let them) O Muhammad (eat) without having any proof or resolve for that which lies ahead (and enjoy life) and live a life of disbelief and illicitness, (and let (false) hope beguile them) and let long hope preoccupy them from obeying Allah. (They will come to know!) they will come to know upon death and in the grave and on the Day of Judgment what will be done to them. This is a threat to them.

Chapter 1

THE LIFE OF THIS WORLD AND THE HEREAFTER

This life is full of benefits and fortunes: the land on which man constructs his dwelling, and grows his food, drinks, clothing, etc...all represents the nourishment for man's body. Man cannot do without these vital necessities.

The life of this world and the Hereafter, in the heart of a person, are like the two scales of a balance, when the one becomes heavier the other becomes lighter.

Man, by nature, loves collecting money, gold and silver, running, for that purpose, here and there from birth to death, but what will he attain? And where is he going to finish?

Life will never continue on one pattern and is always changing, from richness to poverty, and from happiness to sorrow. This is God's Way with His Creation, but the people are running after a mirage

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each for a known number of days and years that will expire.

Renouncing the worldly pleasures is a comfort for both the human heart and body.

It is a fact that some people who do neither feel happy for obtaining any of the worldly pleasures, nor feel sorry for missing any of them.

Life is very short, one day this life will have an end and the Hereafter will come forward. What is once remote will become so close. What you used to see in others, people will see in you, a sudden death- or even in your good health you may be taken from your bed to the grave. These are lessons following one another, but we are heedless and lost in error.

Coming to this life is so easy whereas departing from it is so difficult. Death is a very critical moment during which the soul is uprooted. But even if leaving the life of this world is easy, earning for material pleasures and worldly benefits cause distraction, concern and restlessness.

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Every day our life-span decreases and our end come closer. And we remain unmindful, neither attaching importance nor preparing for the Day of Judgment.

"If you are satisfied from the life of this world with what is sufficient for you, then the minimum is sufficient. But if you are not satisfied with what is sufficient, then nothing can satisfy you."

We race after worldly benefits. We fear poverty and desire for collecting this life's ruins as if we are going to have an eternal life in it. We fear poverty, but not the reckoning in the Hereafter. How poor is man, if he fears Hell in the same degree of his fearing poverty, then he will enter Paradise.

How good is the life in this world if its benefits are legally gained and legally spent. There are many ways to spend legally: give charity to orphans and widows, help needy people and rescue injured and sick ones.

Whoever desires to live observing his religious duties and enjoying worldly pleasures, has to look to those above him as regards piety and to those below him as regards worldly benefits.

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Whoever remembers death demeans this life. Whatever you collect of the treasures of this life you will not enjoy, because there is death that destroys pleasures and disperse the groups.

It suffices of the life of this world that it is a farm that is harvested in the Hereafter, a season of worship and a time of obedience, in which we prepare our provisions for the Hereafter.

Careful thinking leads man to realize that this life is a journey for which he has to prepare his baggage. He also knows that the journey starts from the backbones of fathers, to the wombs of mothers and to life, then to the grave and Resurrection and finally to the eternal abode. We are captives in this life and we have to do our best to release ourselves from captivity, then proceed rapidly to reach our original home.

The pious people are human beings like us all, they love the life of this world and its pleasure, but the difference is that they are convinced that his life is a temporary one and preferred the eternal life. For this

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reason, God paved the way for them and removed the obstacles therefrom.

O man! You seek this life as an imperious need for you, whereas you seek the Hereafter as if you are in no need of it. However, God has spared you the efforts as regards to your needs in the life of this world, and if you seek the Hereafter, then you will obtain it, so take your decision.

Desiring the Hereafter and renouncing the life of this world can be perfected only by:

1. A thorough consideration of the life of this world and how rapidly it decreases and perishes, and to become aware of the pain, distress and vexation suffered in competing for its pleasures which will soon disappear leaving behind regret and heartbreak.
2. A thorough consideration of the Hereafter and how inevitable and lasting it is, to be aware of its bliss and happiness and to note the great variation between that and the worldly temporal pleasures.

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In the life of this world, everyone is a guest and his wealth is a loan. The guest will part and the loan will be returned.

On the day of Resurrection there is going to be only recompense and reckoning. We should therefore make use of our life-span, before it is over, to perform good deeds and to prepare ourselves for the reckoning before we are asked about it.

Jesus said to his disciples: "Cross the life of this world and don't construct it. And is there any sensible man who builds a house on the sea waves? That is the life of this world, so don't take it as a home of settlement."

May God have mercy on those who considered the life of this world as a trust, gave it back to the one who deposited it with them and then left so light.

Everyone has an imperfection of knowledge and wisdom, if his wealth increases, he becomes so happy though day and night are working hard on destroying his life-span. So what is good of wealth that increases and a life-span that decreases.

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The one whose wealth increases, his sins increase likewise, and who talks much, lies much, and the ill-tempered man torments himself.

We collect money to attain happiness, build mansions and palaces to make cordiality reside in our hearts, travel to forget our sorrow and spend all we have for the sake of happiness, but is that happiness?

Many people have attempted all these ways before us and they all agree with us that the real happiness is to obey God, be close to Him and to make one's efforts for the happiness that has no distress in it and a bliss that is lasting.

What is the standard in this life? And how are things weighed?

Good does not mean to have big wealth and many children, but to have many good deeds and much clemency. There is no good in the life of this world but for two men: a man who has committed so many evil deeds and who had turned to God in repentance and a man who hastens to perform good works.

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We should know that the life of this world is like a dream or a transient shade. If it causes someone to laugh a little, it will make him weep a lot. If it causes pleasures for days or weeks, it will cause sorrow for months and years. If it allows its pleasures to people for a short time, it will deprive them of that for a long time.

The Almighty God has made the life of this world temporary vanities and passing enjoyment, whereas He made the Hereafter an abode of recompense and reward.

Beautified for men is the love of things they cover: women, children, much of gold and wealth, branded beautiful horses, cattle and well-tilled land. This is the pleasure of the present world's life; but God has the excellent return, Paradise with flowing rivers, with Him.

Whoever seeks the life of this world damages his rewards in the Hereafter, and whoever seeks rewards in the Hereafter, damages the pleasure of this life. You should therefore damage this transient life for the sake of the permanent one.

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Collecting worldly pleasures is not an indicator of happiness. Many poor people, only with contentment in their hearts, are happier than very rich people.

Coming to life and enjoying its pleasures is so easy but to leave it is so painful. The stupor of death is coming to end happiness in this world and what is coming after death is even more horrible.

Truly, the life of this world is nothing but a quick passing enjoyment, and verily, the Hereafter that is the home that will remain forever.

May Almighty God make our way in the life of this world lead to the Gardens of Aden, and make us of those who prepare their provisions from this transient abode for the eternal one.

Chapter 2

CHOOSING YOUR RELIGION

Each person is born into a religious environment that is not of his/her own choice. From the very beginning of human existence in this world, they are assigned the religion of their family or the ideology of the state. By the time individuals reach their teens they usually accept the beliefs of their parents or those of their particular society.

However, when some people mature and are exposed to other beliefs and ideologies, they begin to question the validity of their own beliefs.

Some of them take a materialistic approach and become atheist. The strange thing about many atheists is that they claim to be following science. They claim that nothing proves the existence of a Creator. We say to those of our brethren in humanity, think about it. If you are walking in the snow or in a desert and you see some footprints one after another in twos you infer that there was someone who had walked through this place. Yet you didn't see that person. It was the organized set of

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footprints which made you sure that someone had walked through there. Anyone who has played scrabble knows you can't throw up the pieces and they land in a sentence much less a complex poem. The same thing goes for the universe. We see a vast system of complex organization, especially here on the Earth. Yet still some educated people agree to this fact, but disagree that there has to be a creator for there to be a creation. So where did everything come from?

The answer is in your heart and you know it. We ask you what makes your heart beat? If you go to your science book you will say electricity from your brain. Ok, where did that electricity come from? Are you plugged into something? How does your body know how to digest food? etc... etc... etc... Everything exists most intelligently designed by the command of the absolutely wise and merciful creator and sustainer. Seekers of truth often reach a point of confusion upon realizing that believers of every religion, sect, ideology and philosophy all claim to have the one and only correct religion or ideology. For those who believe in God there are only three possibilities-

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They are either all correct, all wrong, or only one is correct and the rest are misrepresenting God by the hands of man.

1- They cannot all be right since all religions are different from each other in their basic foundations including: who is God and what His nature is or what will happen after we die.

2- It can't be that they are all wrong. In the past, governments have failed us and haven't properly ruled by the message of God and much evidence of corruption in religion and scriptures have surfaced throughout the centuries. This reality led to atheism and the claim that everyone should individually decide who God is and how they relate to him (make up their own religion). The truth is that corruption in people or even scriptures doesn't negate God or His message. The reality is that Islam is the only religion in which all of its own scholars throughout history agree to the infallibility and absolute perfection of its own scripture.

Be sure, the Most Merciful God didn't leave us alone without any guidance to lighten our path and lead us back to Him. We lack the knowledge and wisdom to

hold such a responsibility. Plus this would lead to spiritual division among man. And finally it would make God unjust, leaving us to figure out our own purpose in life, and then judging us upon our faith and works.

How then would we achieve this ultimate goal of pleasing our Creator?

3- The truth is only one of these religions can be the pure truth.

Often when discussing religion, one hears the statement that none has the right to judge anyone else's beliefs, or that religion is a person's private matter and we can not say that it is wrong or right.

Throughout history, societies have based their laws and ethics upon "absolute truths" which they deem to be "right", and this is either a result of an exterior text regarded as supreme, or of the trait found in the innate nature of humans that causes them to see certain things as good and others as evil. Humans, to a limited scale, can see certain things as good and evil. For example, all humans, left to their natural state without perversion of the mind, will see feces and urine as filthy. Also, certain deeds, like stealing, killing and lying are also known to be evil, while truth, sincerity, and honor are seen to be lofty. This

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is a result of a trait that was created in all humans, but as mentioned above, this sense is limited.

If one says that they do not have the right to judge other's beliefs or actions, they are, in fact, contradicting themselves. If you were to ask many of these people whether killing infants or suicide is correct and acceptable, they will naturally answer that it is not. But when we look into certain societies, such as some religions found in Central America, infanticide was seen to be a way to draw near to their gods. Also today, in Hindu religion, it is praiseworthy for a wife to kill herself after the death of her husband. If they truly believe that religion is something left to the individual and that none have the right to interfere or judge them, then this would necessitate allowing that killing babies is something which is correct to those who believe it is praiseworthy, and that people have no right to judge them.

If we were to bring this issue to an individual level, we would see that each person has their individual perception of good and evil, whether this perception is based upon religion, law, culture, or individual contemplation. One might believe that it is perfectly acceptable to commit adultery while another might

think it to be wrong. One might believe that it is permissible for them to indulge in narcotics since it is their own body, and others might believe it to be a crime. None would be able to say that anything is right or wrong, and all people would be left to their own devices to believe and practice what they perceive as "correct."

If we were to implement this belief in society, we would have a community based upon anarchy, where no laws could be legislated nor executed, for law is based upon the principle that certain things are to be good and others are evil. If one were to say that there are certain truths agreed to by all humans which can be used to legislate laws, this statement is true to a certain limit, as we stated that all humans do naturally have a trait to know right from wrong in a limited sense. But as seen, this trait many times becomes perverted through environmental, psychological, or religious factors, in that certain acts which were at one time seen as evil and immoral are later seen as sound and acceptable, and some things which do not accord to human nature are seen to be the keys to salvation. This can be clearly observed in democratic societies which base their laws on the majority. We see that many things which were

considered to be outright absurd or immoral are now socially acceptable, to the extent that if one holds a different opinion in regards to the issue, they are seen as outcasts.

For this reason, humans cannot be left to their own accords to legislate what is correct and incorrect. Even in societies of the same religion which have instituted the separation of religion and state, although they are in agreement to those things which they maintained from their religion, they differ greatly in regards to what is deemed correct and incorrect in their societies. What is considered as the legal age of consent to sex in France is considered rape in America. While abortion is legal in one country, it is a crime in another, and when homosexuality is seen as a valid way of life in one society, it is seen as a grave sin in another.

So if we now say that the truth is absolute and one and is not relative to each individual and society, then the next question is what are the morals which make truth manifest and who is to decide them? What are the laws which should be implemented in society? Should they be decided by lawyers and judges who have reached a level of "legal

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enlightenment”, politicians who usually make decisions for their own benefit or the benefit of their own countries, or philosophers which have come to know the universal truths through their own contemplation? As seen earlier, humans cannot be left to decide these issues, lest there be catastrophic results, as seen today in many societies ridden with numerous ills. The only One who has the right to legislate right and wrong is the One who created us and knows what is best for us, and that is God Almighty. It is God who created the world and it is God who set the scales of justice. It is God who is perfect and it is God who has no faults whatsoever.

Those who believe that the truth is relative and that all beliefs are correct deem that it is not possible to say that a person’s beliefs are wrong, because religion to them is a purely individual belief. The falsehood of this statement is quite apparent and we do not need to delve into great detail to prove it. If one religion believes that Jesus was a false prophet, another maintains he is God, and yet another that he was a human specially chosen to be a prophet, how can they all be true? Jesus, may God praise him, must inevitably be one of the three things mentioned above, and all three statements cannot be correct.

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Therefore, as only one of these statements can be correct, whichever is established as true determines that the others must then be considered as false.

This does not, however, mean that a person does not have the right to believe as they wish, as this is a right that God has invested to all humans. But at the same time, it does not mean that one must take the other extreme and say that they are all correct, and that one does not have the right to form a judgment about them. Also, giving a person the right to believe what he wishes does not necessitate that they have right to openly practice or publicize these beliefs, for laws implemented in society always look at the effects of actions at the greater societal level and whether those actions are advantageous or harmful to the society at large.

From what we have discussed, we can unequivocally come to the conclusion that all the religions found today in the world are either all false, or that there exists one among them which is the comprehensive Truth; for although various religions do contain similarities, they also have fundamental differences.

If we were to say that no religion in the world today is correct, then this would entail believing that God

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is unjust because He left us to wander about on earth in sin and transgression without showing us the right way to do things, and this is impossible for a Just God. Therefore the only logical conclusion is that there is One True Religion, which contains guidance in all spheres of life, religious, moral, societal, and individual.

How do we know what this one true religion is? It is upon each and every human to investigate this matter. Humans were created to fulfill a great purpose, not just to eat, sleep and go about finding their daily sustenance and satiate their desires. In order to fulfill this purpose, one must try to find what their purpose is, and this can only be done by investigation. If one believes that there is a God, and that God must not have left humans to wander in misguidance, then they must search for the religion and way of life which God revealed. Furthermore, this religion would not be hidden or hard for humans to find or understand, for that would defeat the purpose of guidance. Also, the religion must contain the same message throughout time, since we mentioned that everything returns to one absolute truth. Also, this religion cannot contain any falsities or contradictions, for falseness or

contradiction in one matter of the religion proves the falsity of the religion as a whole, since we would then doubt the integrity of its texts.

There is no other religion that fulfills the conditions mentioned above except for religion of Islam, the religion which is accordance to human nature, the religion which has been preached by all prophets since the dawn of man. Other religions found today, such as Christianity and Judaism, are the remnants of the religion brought by the prophets in their time, which was Islam. However, over time, they have been altered and

lost, and what is left today of these religions is a mix of truth and falsehood. The only religion that has been preserved and preaches the same message brought by all prophets is the religion of Islam, the one true religion, which rules all sphere's of humans' lives, religious, political, societal, and individual, and it is upon all humans to investigate this religion, to ascertain its truth, and to follow it.

The All Merciful God sent human Prophets among mankind to show us the way and to teach us how to

believe and how to have a true relationship with our Almighty Creator. The responsibility of preserving the scripture from Prophet to Prophet and nation to nation was with the religious leaders. Indeed those scholars allowed the previous scriptures to be corrupted. All Muslims believe that God revealed the same religion to each Prophet. That was to worship God alone without associating others with Him. This worship should be in accordance with the example of the Prophet. This religion is called Islam. With corruption of the scriptures, came the names and labels as well. Christianity has the more adherents than any other religion and there isn't one verse claimed to have been said by Jesus which mentions the name Christianity and neither does Jesus command them to be called Christians.

So, which religion is the right one and how can the seeker of truth know it ? In beginning one's search for which religion is true, one should keep four things in mind:

First, God gave us the ability and intellect to make this crucial decision, hence it is our decision and we don't need our parents, family, or society to make it for us.

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Second, God did not leave us to go astray without any guidance. Indeed, He sent us Prophets (pbut) with scriptures to show us the right path. The proof of this is in the various miracles performed by these Prophets (pbut) which have been recorded throughout time. These Prophets all claim to have been sent by God to teach us His will for us.

Third, seeking the true religion is the most important decision in one's life because our eternity depends on it.

Fourth, one can only make a fair rational decision about the true religion of God if emotions and prejudices, which often blind one to the truth, are put aside.

We would like to present Islam to you as an option. We would like you to consider the following characteristics about Islam in making your decision:

- * Islam is consistent with logic and rational thinking.
- * Islam opens the door for anyone to challenge its authenticity. It also provokes you and shows you how to challenge it, that you may achieve certainty in it.

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* Islam provides the needed answers for all important and fundamental questions concerning God, the purpose of life, and the hereafter.

* Islam is supported by contemporary miracles and proofs. For example Islamic scriptures revealed 1,400 years ago are 100% compatible with recently established science. Read "The Bible, the Qur'an, and science" by Maurice Bucaille who accepted Islam after researching for this book.

* Islam combines the Hereafter with our daily lives and makes a strong bond between the two through our sense of accountability.

* Islam is more than a "religion" in common terminology. It truly is a comprehensive system of life with a detailed law and ethical system. It establishes systems for worship, family living, government, politics, education, economics and social relations.

* Islam is based on a firmly established system of law founded on authentic revealed scriptures which have been put under deep scrutiny. It is not based upon individuals' ideas, emotional attachments, or religious hierarchies which have no solid foundation in authentic revelation.

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* Islam encourages people to seek knowledge and contribute to the world.

* Islam provides true equality, solving the age-old problems of race and gender. Islam treats all believers as equal irrespective of race, gender, nationality, or social status.

May Almighty God, the owner and sustainer of the world, make our way in the life of this world lead to the Gardens of Aden, and make us of those who prepare their provisions from this transient abode for the eternal one.

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Chapter 3

THE QURAN IS THE WORD OF GOD AND AN UNDENIABLE PROOF FOR MUHAMMAD'S PROPHETHOOD

Authentic divine guidance has always had for its objective giving man clear directions about his mission in the life of this world and an unmistakable vision about what happens to him in consequence after death.

Many people have a misconception that Prophet Muhammad (May peace be upon him) was the founder of the religion of Islam. In fact, Islam is in existence since man first set foot on the earth. God Almighty has sent several revelations and messengers to this earth. All the previous Prophets sent by Allah (SWT) were meant only for their people and their nation and the complete message was meant for a particular time period. Prophet Muhammad (May peace be upon him) was the last and final messenger of God Almighty sent to the whole of humanity and his message is meant till eternity. The Qur'an mentions in Surah Al-Ambiya, Ch. No. 21, Verse No. 107...Arabic... 'That we have

sent not thee but as a mercy to the whole of humankind, as a mercy to all the world. Since Prophet Muhammad may peace be upon him, was the last and final messenger and his message was everlasting, that is the reason, the miracle given to him by Allah (SWT) should also be everlasting and examinable by us at all the time.

Three possible assumptions regarding the source of the Holy Qur'an:

1. Its author is Prophet Muhammad (May Peace be upon him).

The Prophet never ever claimed that he was the author of the Qur'an. In fact, he always said that it was a revelation from Allah (SWT). To think otherwise is illogical and would mean that he was telling a lie, God forbid. History tells us

that never has the prophet been ever reported of telling a lie till the prophethood that is till the age of 40. And all the people acclaimed him as a person who was honest, who was noble, who was chaste. No wonder they gave him the title Al-Ameen - the trustworthy. Friends and foes alike. Even those people who said that he was a liar, God forbid, after

he claimed prophethood, even then, they kept their valuables with him for safe keeping.

And there is a verse in the Qur'an which negates this thing. It is from Surah Al-Baqarah, Ch. No. 2, Verse No. 79, which says ...Arabic... 'Then vow to those who write the book with their own hands'...Arabic... 'And then say, this is from Allah'...Arabic... 'To traffic with it for a miserable price'...Arabic... 'Then vow to those for what their hands do write'...Arabic... 'Then vow to those for what they earn'. This Verse is talking about the people who wrote the book with their own hands and said it is from God Almighty or they changed the words of Allah (SWT).

Our beloved prophet Muhammad (May peace be upon him) he milked his own goat. He mend his own clothes, he repaired his own shoes, he even many a times did the household work. He was an amazing model of simplicity and humbleness. He sat on the floor, he went to shop in the market without any guards. Even when the poor people used to invite him, he used to dine with them and eat graciously whatever was given to him.

There were several attempts made once through his Uncle Abu Talib that you give up your message and

we will make you the wealthiest man in Arabia. The prophet said... 'Oh! My Uncle, even if they put the sun in my right hand and the moon in my left, I will not give up this mission until I die.

The Qur'an was not revealed at one time. The revelation of the Quran lasted 23 years. It is inconceivable that any book written by a mortal being in 23 years, one which is a book of Divine truths, metaphysics, religious beliefs and worship, prayer, law and morality, a book fully describing the other life, a book of psychology, sociology, epistemology, and history, and a book containing scientific facts and the principles of a happy life, does not have any contradictory points. Whereas, the Quran openly declares that it has no contradictions at all and therefore is a Divine Book:

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2. Prophet Muhammad (May peace be upon him) obtained it from other human sources or from other religious scripture.

One historical fact is sufficient to prove this theory wrong. In the period when the Quran was revealed,

in addition to eloquence, poetry and oratory enjoyed great prestige in the Arabian peninsula. They used to hold poetry competitions and the poems of the winners were written in gold and hung on the wall of the Ka'ba. The Prophet Muhammad was, as everybody knows, unlettered and no one had heard him say even a couple of lines of poetry. However, the Quran also challenged the known experts in these fields and forced them to surrender. When those who persisted in unbelief heard the Quran, they were captivated by it. Nevertheless, in order to prevent the spread of Islam, they labeled it as something magical and advised people not to listen to it. But when those, like Hansa and Lebid, who believed in the Quran, gave up inventing poetry after the Quran's revelation in respect for and awe of its styles and eloquence, the unbelievers had to confess: 'If we call it a piece of poetry, it is not. If we designate it a piece of rhymed prose, it is not. If we describe it as the word of a soothsayer, it is not.' At times, they could not help listening to the Prophet's recitation secretly at night but they could not overcome their arrogance and so believe in its Divine origin.

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Qur'an testified in Surah Ankabut, Ch. No. 29, Verse No. 48, that those was not able to recite any book before this book was revealed, nor was thou able to transcribe it before this. Allah (SWT) knew that people would doubt the source of the Qur'an. That is the reason that in his divine wisdom, he chose his last and final messenger Prophet Muhammad (May peace be upon him) to be an Ummi, an illiterate and unlettered prophet.

Surah Sajdah, Ch. No. 32, Verse No. 1 to 3...Arabic... 'Alif lam meem'. 'This is the revelation of book without doubt from the lord of the worlds. Do they say he has forged it? Nay! It is a truth from thy lord, so that thou may admonish a people to whom no warner was sent before. So that they may receive some guidance'.

The Qur'an is completely different from all the other books in the world. When we study the Quran even superficially from the viewpoint of its wording, styles, and meaning, we will certainly conclude that it is completely different from all the other books in the world.

The Qur'an is unlike any other religious scriptures which has a typical human type of narration like a storybook. The Qur'an does not have such human narration in the beginning was so and so and if you read the other religious scriptures, they have a typical sequence of the human narration's. The Qur'an says it is from Allah. It is from God Almighty. If it is not where did it come from? In Surah Jathiyah, Ch. No. 45, Verse No. 1 & 2...Arabic... 'Ha meem... This is a revelation of the book from Allah, the exalted in power full of wisdom'. And Qur'an mentions in several places, that this is a revelation from God Almighty. It is mentioned in Surah Anam, Ch. No. 6, Verse No. 19, in Surah Anam, Ch. No. 6, Verse No. 92, in Surah Yusuf, Ch. No. 12, Verse No. 1 & 2, in Surah Taha, Ch. No. 20, Verse No. 113, in Surah Nahl, Ch. No. 27,

Verse No. 6, it is mentioned in Surah Sajdah, Ch. No. 32, Verse No. 1 to 3, it is mentioned in Surah Yasin, Ch. No. 36, Verse No. 1 to 3, in Surah Al-Zumar, Ch. No. 39, Verse No. 1, in Surah Jathiyah, Ch. No. 45, Verse No. 45, Verse No. 2, it is mentioned in Surah Rahman, Ch. No. 55, Verse No. 1 to 2, it is mentioned in Surah Waqiah, Ch. No. 56, Verse No. 77 and 80, it

is mentioned in several places. It is mentioned in Surah Insan, Ch. No. 76, Verse No. 23, in several places the Qur'an says... 'This is a revelation from God Almighty, if it is not, what is it?'

Qur'an has several such falsification tests. Some of them were only meant for the past. Some of them are applicable for all times. For that time and for today and till eternity, the Qur'an mentions that many people claimed and said that the Qur'an is false. The Qur'an tells them and it is mentioned in Surah Isra, Ch. No. 17, Verse No. 88, that say if all the humankind and jinn's were to gather together to produce the like of the Qur'an they will not be able to do it even if they helped each other. It is a challenge that if all the humankind and jinn's gathered to produce the like of the Qur'an, they will not be able to do it even if they helped each other.

The Qur'an is acclaimed as the best Arabic literature on the face of the earth by the Muslims and non-Muslims alike. The Arabic language of the Qur'an it is so clear so meaningful, intelligible, unsurpassable, miraculous. It does not deviate away from truth. Even though it rhymes unlike other poetry and literature. It is the highest order of rhetoric towards the revelation. The same verse of the Qur'an can

convince even a common man as well as an intelligent person. It is a miraculous book. The same challenge that produce a recital like the Qur'an is given in Surah Tur, Ch. No. 52, Verse No. 34, which... later on God Almighty, he made the test easy for the people. In Surah Hud, Ch. No. 11, Verse No. 13, which says, 'do they say he has forged it, tell them produce 10 such Surahs forged and let them call for help anyone besides Allah if they speak the truth. And no one could produce 10 Surahs exactly like the Qur'an. Allah (SWT) further simplifies the test and says in Surah Yunus, Ch. No. 10, Verse No. 38, that do they say he has forged it, say produce one Surah exactly forged like the Qur'an. One Surah forged exactly like the Qur'an and call to help anyone besides Allah, if you speak the truth and they could not do it. Then Allah (SWT) gives an easiest of easy of the test. The easiest falsification test in Surah Baqarah, Ch. No. 2, Verse No. 23 and 24, which says... Arabic... 'And if you are in doubt as what we have revealed to our servant from time to time' ...Arabic... 'Then produce a Surah somewhat similar to it' ...Arabic... 'And call forth your helpless and witnesses if there are any besides Allah' ...Arabic... 'If you speak the truth'...Arabic... 'But

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you cannot'...Arabic... 'And of a surety you cannot'...Arabic...

The challenge was there 1400 years ago, it is even there today. Today, there are more than 14 million Coptic Christians, Christians who are Arab by birth. Arabic is their mother tongue. This test is even for them. Even if they want to try and prove the Qur'an wrong, only thing they to do is produce one Surah somewhat similar. And if you analyze certain Surahs, certain chapters of the Qur'an, hardly containing a few words, but so far no one has been able to do it and no one will be able to do it in future InshaAllah.

Surah Nisa, Ch. No. 4, Verse No. 82, which says...Arabic... 'That do not they consider the Qur'an with care? Had it been from anyone besides Allah, there would have been many contradictions. There would have been many discrepancies. The Qur'an is saying that if you want to prove the Qur'an wrong, just point out a single contradiction. A single discrepancy, a single fault in the Qur'an and the Qur'an would be proved not to be the word of the God. It is so easy. There are hundreds of people who

have pointed out mistakes and contradictions in the Qur'an but all of them 100 percent are either out of context, they are misquotations, mistranslation to deceive the people. So far no one has been able to take out a single contradiction, or a single mistake in the Qur'an.

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3. The Holy Qur'an does not have human author but it is verbatim the word or the revelation of God Almighty.

Qur'an mentions about the creation of human beings from water. "Allah created every [living] creature from water. Some of them go on their bellies, some of them on two legs, and some on four. Allah creates whatever He wills. Allah has power over all things." [24:45]

And it is He who created human beings from water and then gave them relations by blood and marriage. Your Lord is All-Powerful." [25:54] Imagine in the deserts of Arabia where there is scarcity of water who would have ever thought that every living creature is made of water. If they had to guess, they

would have guessed everything but not water and today science tells us that cytoplasm which is the main constituent of the cell it contains 80% of water. And every living creature contains 50 to 90 percent water.

Qur'an mentions about several scientific facts. The Qur'an says regarding the field of Geography regarding water cycle. It says in Surah Zumar, Ch. No. 39, Verse No. 21, that... 'Sees not thou that it is Allah who sends down rain from the top, from the sky and leads it into the sources of the earth and causes fields of various colors to grow'. Qur'an speaks about the water cycle in great detail. It says in several other verses that the water from the ocean rises up, it forms into clouds. The clouds condense, there is lightning and rain falls from the clouds. It is mentioned in several places in the Qur'an, it is mentioned in Surah Muminun, Ch. No. 23, Verse No. 18. It is mentioned in Surah Rum, Ch. No. 30, Verse No. 24, it is mentioned in Surah Nur, Ch. No. 24, Verse No. 43, it is mentioned in Surah Rum, Ch. No. 30, Verse No. 48. In several places the Qur'an describes in detail this water cycle which was discovered by Bernard Palacy in 1580. Only in the

year 1580 was this present coherent water cycle discovered. Who could have mentioned in the Qur'an, 1400 years ago? In the field of Geology that atheist will tell you that

there is a phenomenon known as 'Folding'. The earth that we live on, the earth's crust is very thin. These mountain ranges due to the phenomenon of 'Folding' prevents the earth from shaking. It gives stability to the earth. I tell him that the Qur'an mentions in Surah Naba, Ch. No. 78, Verse No. 6 and 7 that we have made the earth as an expanse Arabic... 'And the mountains as stakes'. The Qur'an says that the mountains are made as stakes as pegs and this is the description which the scientist gave us today that like the text pegs. The mountains are like text peg and the Qur'an gives more information in Surah Al-Ambiya, Ch. No. 21, Verse No. 31. 'It says that we have set on the earth, mountains standing firm lest it would shake'. Qur'an says that we have made the mountains to prevent the shaking of the earth. The atheist will tell as that even though the salt water and the sweet water though meet they do not mix, they do not mix. They remain separate, I will point out to him the verse in the Qur'an, from

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Surah Furqan, Ch. No. 25, Verse No. 53, which says... 'It is Allah who has created two bodies of free flowing water. One sweet and palpable and the other salt and bitter and between them, he has made a barrier which is forbidden to be trespassed'. A similar message is given in Surah Rahman, Ch. No. 55, Verse No. 19 and 20 that... 'He has made two bodies of water between them is a barrier which is forbidden to be trespassed'. Today science tells that salt water and sweet water do not mix. There is a partition. He may tell me that may be some Arab, may be some Arab went underwater and he saw the partition and mentioned in the Qur'an. They fail to realize that this is an unseen barrier. The Qur'an says 'Barzak' an unseen barrier and this phenomenon is very much evident in Cape Town, that is the southern most tip of Africa. Even in Egypt when the Nile flows into the Mediterranean Sea. And the best example is the Gulf Stream which runs for thousands of miles. Both the waters are present but they do not mix.

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world history with all its scientific, religious, metaphysical, literary, economic, juridical, social and political aspects

Despite the high level poetry reached at that time, the vocabulary of Arabic was not as advanced as the same degree. It was difficult, even impossible, to express in it metaphysical ideas or scientific, religious and philosophical concepts. Restricted to the words and expressions to explain the thoughts and feelings of desert men and the simple life they led, this language became so rich through the Qur'an and attained such a high level that it developed as the language of the most magnificent civilization of world history with all its scientific, religious, metaphysical, literary, economic, juridical, social and political aspects. It is impossible for an unlettered one to prepare the ground for and give way to such a philological revolution unparalleled in human history.

Despite its apparent simplicity, the Quran has such depths of meaning that everyone from the commonest of people to the most high-ranking scholar, scientist and literary man, finds his share in it

Despite its apparent simplicity, the Quran has such depths of meaning that everyone from the commonest of people to the most high-ranking scholar, scientist and literary man, finds his share in it. The Quran is such a book that it illuminates the ways of both poets, musicians and orators, sociologists, psychologists, scientists, economists and jurists. Also, the founders of all the true spiritual orders and the schools of law and conduct found in it the principles of their orders and schools. The Quran has shown everybody the ways to solve their problems. It also satisfies everyone in his spiritual quests. Is there another book of the same character, quality and level next to the Quran?

No one has ever been heard to be bored with the recitation of the Quran

However beautiful and interesting, we can read a book at most two or three times and then are bored with it. However, no one has ever been heard to be bored with the recitation of the Quran. Hundreds of millions of Muslims recite portions from it in their five daily prayers and most of them recite it from beginning to end at least once a year. There have been hundreds of thousands of people reciting it

from the beginning to the end once or twice or even three times a month. The more frequently one recites it, the more one benefits from it and the more desire one feels to recite it. One never gets tired of it, its wording, meaning and content, nor does the Quran lose anything of its originality and freshness. As time passes, it breathes into minds and souls new truths and meanings, thus increasing them in activity and liveliness.

The Quran describes man with all his physical and spiritual aspects and contains principles to solve all the problems that may appear at any time and in any place concerning all the social, economic, juridical, political and administrative fields of life. Furthermore, it satisfies both the mind and spirit at the same time and guarantees happiness in both worlds.

However great a genius one may be, it is impossible for one to establish rules to solve all kinds of problems that mankind may encounter until the Last Day. Even the best of systems that do not originate in the Quran or the Divine Revelation cannot last without undergoing revisions at least every 50 years. More important than this, none of those systems can

promise man eternal happiness; the principles of all of them are restricted to the worldly life, which is transient and infinitely short when compared to the afterlife. By contrast, none of the principles which the Quran laid down centuries ago has become outmoded and worn-out with the passage of time, nor do they have any defects or shortcomings. For example, the Quran enjoins that wealth should not become a means of prosperity circulated only among the rich (*al-Hashr*, 59.7); that government offices should be entrusted to competent persons qualified for them and absolute justice should be the rule in public administration and judging between people (*al-Nisa'*, 4.58), and it lays down that a man has only that for which he makes effort (*al-Najm*, 53.39) and that whoever kills a human being unjustly is as if he had killed all mankind (*al-Ma'ida*, 5.32). All such eternal, golden principles and many others like the prohibition of usury, gambling, alcohol and all kinds of illicit intercourse, and the injunctions with respect to praying, fasting, alms-giving and good conduct-principles strengthened through love and fear of God and through the promise of an eternal, happy life and fear of the eternal punishment of

Hell-constitute another undeniable proof for the Divine authorship of the Quran.

The Quran unveils the mystery of man, creation and the universe

Also, the Qur'an unveils the mystery of man, creation and the universe. These three creatures of God, that is, man, the Qur'an and the universe, are the three 'books' which make the Creator known to us. They are the three versions or expressions of the same truth. Therefore, the One Who has created man and the universe is He Who has revealed the Qur'an.

The Qur'an is the embodiment of Muhammad in words or Muhammad is the embodiment of the Qur'an in belief and conduct.

You cannot find one who does exactly what he tells others to do or one whose work exactly reflects himself. However, the Qur'an is exactly identical with the Prophet Muhammad, upon him be peace and blessings, who received it from God and designed his life according to it. It may be said that the Qur'an is the embodiment of Muhammad in words or Muhammad is the embodiment of the Qur'an in belief and conduct. They are the two

expressions of the same truth. When asked about the conduct of Muhammad, upon him be peace and blessings, 'A'isha Siddiqā answered: 'Don't you read the Qur'an? The conduct of Muhammad, upon him be peace and blessings, consisted in the Qur'an.' This clearly shows that both the Qur'an and Muhammad, upon him be peace and blessings, are the works of God Almighty.

Even though revealed in parts on certain occasions, the Qur'an is equally universal and objective where it deals with particular issues as it is exact and precise where it deals with universal matters

A writer usually writes under the influence of the conditions surrounding him. It is almost impossible to find a writer, whether he be a realist or idealist or even a science-fiction writer, who can write completely detached from the conditions surrounding him. By contrast, even though revealed in parts on certain occasions, the Qur'an is equally universal and objective where it deals with particular issues as it is exact and precise where it deals with universal matters. It uses precise expressions even while describing the beginning of creation and end of time and the creation of man and

his future life in the other world. Also, just as it sometimes draws universal conclusions from particular events, so too it sometimes goes from universal principles to particular events. This is typical of the Qur'anic style, which is impossible to find in any human work and is, therefore, another sign of its Divine origin.

The Qur'an contains at least the principles of all the branches of knowledge either in summary or detail and not even a single piece of the knowledge it contains has ever been contradicted.

There has been no one in human history who has written books accurate to the same degree on both religion and law and sociology and psychology and eschatology and morality and history and literature and so on. However, the Qur'an contains at least the principles of all the branches of knowledge either in summary or detail and not even a single piece of the knowledge it contains has ever been contradicted. Must this not be enough for one unprejudiced to acknowledge its Divine origin?

“As time passes, the Qur’an grows ever younger.”

Which writer can claim that whatever he writes is absolutely correct and cannot be contradicted until the Last Day? At a time when the conclusions of science soon become ‘outmoded’ and worn-out and even the previous Divine Scriptures such as the Torah and Gospels undergo continuous alterations—even a superficial study of the issues of the Bible published in different times and in different languages will be enough to see the great alterations it has undergone—the truths of the Qur’an retain their freshness or, in the words of Said Nursi, ‘as time passes, the Qur’an grows ever younger.’ Despite all the efforts to find mistakes and contradictions in it exerted since the beginning of its revelation, it has remained unchanged and displayed its uniqueness, conquering every day new hearts and its hidden unlimited treasures being discovered one by one or growing to full bloom like a heavenly rose with countless petals.

The Qur’an addresses and legislates for all in all times

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However knowledgeable you are and if you are famous for your truthfulness, can you speak on behalf of the president, the prime minister and all of the ministers, and also on behalf of the associations of literary men, lawyers and craftsmen, and the board of university lecturers and scientists? If you can, can you claim that you represented them all as perfectly as each would want you to? If you can, can you legislate for all the affairs of the country? This is just what the Prophet achieved through the Qur'an. Now, how can you claim that an unlettered one, who had had nothing to do with any such affairs until his fortieth year, achieved this without Divine inspiration and support?

There are answers to many such questions in the Quran that one who does not have an all-encompassing knowledge could not have answered them.

There are many verses in the Quran beginning with 'They ask you' and continue with 'Say (in answer)'. These verses were revealed to answer the questions put to the Prophet by Muslims and non-Muslims, including especially the Jews of Madina. The questions asked were about lawful or unlawful

things, the distribution of war spoils, the mansions of the moon, the Judgment Day, Dhu'l-Qarnayn (one of the ancient kings who made great conquests in Asia and Africa), the spirit and so on. One who does not have an all-encompassing knowledge cannot answer such questions. But the answers given by the unlettered Prophet, upon him be peace and blessings, satisfied everybody and no one could object to him. This shows that he was taught by God, the All-Knowing.

Although other Prophets like Moses and Jesus are mentioned many times in the Quran despite the Jews' and Christians' denial of Muhammad, we come across the name Muhammad only four times

The Prophet Muhammad, upon him be peace and blessings, saw much resistance from the Jews and Christians. He had to fight against the Jews of Madina several times and expel them from the city. Despite this, the Quran mentions the Prophet Moses, the Prophet sent to the Israelites, about 500 times, while the name of Muhammad is mentioned in the Quran only four times. The Quran also mentions the Prophet Jesus many times. Is it conceivable that one who falsely claims Prophethood ever mentions the

Prophets of the peoples who show him great hostility?

The Quran's mention of previous Prophets, including especially Moses and Jesus, upon them be peace, and the Christians' and Jews' denial of Muhammad's Prophethood and the Divine authorship of the Quran, is an undeniable proof of the Prophethood of Muhammad and the Divine authorship of the Quran and that the Christians' and Jews' denial comes from purely false reasons like jealousy, prejudice and selfishness.

Conclusion

Both reason and revelation as shown above confirm that Qur'an is the Word of God. It is a book of Divine origin; a book that was revealed as a guide on how to lead a good life in this world and achieve success in the Hereafter.

What God the Almighty has revealed, even though it is in human tongue, cannot be rivaled by His creation, not in terms of truth, nor of knowledge, nor of wisdom, nor of profundity, nor of guidance, nor of

beauty. It is matchless by every measure and any standard.

Muslims are assured for several reasons that the Qur'an is indeed the Word of God. Here are eight reasons.

1. Physical incapacity. The prophet was physically incapable to write the Qur'an. History has him as an unlettered man who could not write anything more than his own name. How could he write a book?

2. Sincerity. The prophet was morally constrained to tell the truth about the origin of the Qur'an. He was noted to be so honest and trustworthy that even his enemies called him al-Amin (the trustworthy). Moreover, he suffered persecution, refused offers to compromise, and maintained his message for a period of twenty-three years. Historians of religion have to conclude that he was sincere.

3. Psychology. The Qur'an speaks to the prophet, commands him, and even criticizes him. Such contents do not point to the prophet as the self-conscious author. On the other hand, the author

declares himself to be the creator of the heavens and the earth.

4. History. The prophet was incapable of writing the Qur'an. The Qur'an details items of history which were not known to the prophet or his contemporaries. And independent studies confirm that the Qur'an was true in what it said.

5. Prophecy. The Qur'an speaks prophetically, detailing what the future holds. Then the future unfolds exactly as foretold. Who could author such a book?

6. Science. The Qur'an draws attention to a wide range of physical phenomena in order to teach moral lessons. The statements were not meant to teach science. Yet modern scientists are amazed at the accuracy of these statements. For example, the Qur'an said things about the growth and development of the human embryo which could not be studied without the use of a microscope. Dr. Keith Moore was professor and chairman of the Department of Anatomy at the University of Toronto. After reviewing the Qur'anic statements he said: "I am amazed at the accuracy of these

statements which were already made in the 7th century AD." Such knowledge in the Qur'an points to God as its source.

7. Consistency. The Qur'an challenges skeptics to find errors in it, which, if found, would disprove its divine claim. But no one has yet been able to point to a real error in it.

8. Inimitability. A unique feature of the Qur'an is that no one is able to produce a book that would match its beauty, eloquence and wisdom. The Qur'an itself challenges humankind to produce even a chapter like it. But no one has been able to do it.

These eight reasons together form a strong cumulative case in favor of the Qur'an's divine origin. Hence Muslims can be confident that the belief of Islam, which is based on the Qur'an, is true.

All of the six sides or aspects of the Quran are luminous and demonstrate its truth. From below, it is supported upon the pillars of proofs and evidences (rational, scientific, historical, and those pertaining to conscience and sound judgment, and so on); above it, are gleams of the seal of

miraculousness: it aims at happiness in both worlds; and behind it are, another point of support, the truths of the Divine Revelation. To its right is the unanimous confirmation of guided reasons based on proofs; and to its left are the intellectual and spiritual contentment of those with sound heart and conscience, and their sincere attachment and submission to it. All these together bear witness that the Quran is an absolutely formidable, extraordinary and unconquerable stronghold which the hand of heaven established on the earth, and set their seal of admission of it as a faultless, true Word of God. The Administrator of the universe, Who always acts in a way to manifest unity, protect virtuousness and goodness, and extirpate falsehood and slander, has given the Quran the most acceptable, high and dominant rank of respect and success, and thereby confirmed its truth. Also, the person who is the interpreter of the Quran, upon him be peace and blessings, believed in it and respected it more than anything and anybody else. He went into a sleep-like state during the revelation of its verses and confirmed and preached all of its decrees and commandments with utmost conviction and without exhibiting any deception and error to eyes wide open

always to catch him, and without anything to shake him. Despite being unlettered, having founded on the Quran, he gave, without hesitation, news and information about the past and future and about the facts of creation and operation of the universe. Other sayings of his do not resemble the Quran and are inferior to it in certain respects. All this together proves that the Quran is the true, heavenly and blessed Word of that person's Merciful Creator.

The fifth of mankind or even the majority of them in certain cases have always had an ecstatic and religious devotion to the Quran and listened to it lovingly and in adoration of truth, and as is testified to by numerous observations, signs, and events, as moths fly round a light, angels, believing jinn and other spirit beings gather together around it during its recitation. This also confirms that the Quran is accepted by almost all the beings in the universe and is of the highest rank.

Also, all the groups of mankind with different levels of understanding and learning, from the commonest to the most intelligent and learned, derive their share from the teaching of the Quran, and all the greatest scholars in Islamic sciences such as jurisprudence,

theology, and religious methodology, have found in the Quran the answers to all of their questions and based their conclusions upon it. This is another evidence that the Quran is the source of truths, the mine of all true knowledge.

Furthermore, although among the unbelieving Arab literary men those who have been the most advanced in literature, have always felt much need to dispute with the Quran, they have been unable to do that even in eloquence, which is only one of the seven major aspects of the Quran's miraculousness, and have not dared to produce the like of even one of its suras. The others, geniuses of learning and eloquence, who by disputing with it in eloquence have sought fame, have been compelled to refrain from doing so. This clearly shows that the Quran is a miracle, beyond the capacity of mankind.

Indeed, in order to judge the value, sublimity, and eloquence of a word it is asked: 'Who has spoken it? To whom has it been spoken? Why has it been spoken?' When considered from the perspective of these questions, again the Quran has no equal. For the Quran is the Word of the Lord of all beings and the Speech of the Creator of the whole of the

universe which bears no signs to suggest that it is a book of imitation, one fabricated by someone and then falsely attributed to God. God revealed the Quran to the one whom He chose as the representative of all the creatures, one who is His most famous and renowned addressee, and the extent and strength of whose faith embraced the comprehensive religion of Islam and caused its owner to rise to the rank of the distance of two bows' length, and being honored with direct conversation with the Eternally Besought-of-All, after which he turned back to the world to convey to people the principles of happiness in both worlds. The Quran explains the principles of happiness in both worlds and the results of, and the Divine purpose in, the creation of the universe, and expounds the Prophet's most comprehensive faith, which sustains all the truths of Islam: it shows and describes the huge universe like a map or a clock or a house and teaches about the Artist Who made it. Certainly it is impossible to produce a like of it or to match the degree of its eloquence.

In addition, numerous collections of books on the interpretation of the Quran, some of which cover as

many as forty or even seventy volumes-written by meticulous scholars of the highest intelligence and learning-expound with proofs countless virtues of the Quran and its subtleties and mysteries, and disclose and affirm its numerous predictions. Among them, the one hundred and thirty treatises of the Risale-i Nur explain each virtue and subtlety of the Quran, such as its allusions to the scientific and technical wonders of modern civilization like trains and aircrafts and electricity, and its indirect references to future victories of Muslims and the history of the Companions after the Prophet, and the meaningful and mysterious design of its letters. All this means setting a seal on the fact that the Quran is a miracle with no equals and the Word of the Knower of the Unseen, which is the tongue of the world of the Unseen in this visible world of corporeality.

It is because of such virtues of the Quran that its magnificent spiritual dominion and its majestic sacred rule has been continuing for centuries to illuminate the earth and the ages, time and space, and more and more people have been embracing it with perfect respect. It is because of the same virtues,

that each letter of the Quran yields at least the merits, ten rewards, and ten fruits pertaining to the eternal world, and that the letters of certain verses and suras, each give hundreds or even thousands of merits, and when recited on certain blessed occasions, the light and merits of each of its letters multiply by tens or hundreds. The world-traveler came to understand this and said to himself: 'Based on the consensus of its lights and mysteries, and the concord of its fruits and results, this Quran, miraculous in every respect, proves and testifies to the existence, unity, attributes, and Names of a single Necessarily Existent One in such a manner that the testimonies of innumerable believers have their sources from that testimony.'

In a brief reference to the instruction which that traveler has taken from the Quran about faith and the Unity of God, we say:

There is no god but God-the Necessarily Existent One, the One, the Single-the necessity of Whose existence in His Oneness the Quran of miraculous exposition decisively proves, which is accepted and sought for by the species of angels, human beings and jinn; all of whose verses are recited in every

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minute with perfect respect by the tongues of millions of human beings; whose sacred rule in the regions of the earth and the realms of space and on the faces of ages and time; whose enlightened spiritual dominion has prevailed with perfect splendor over half of the globe and a fifth of humankind for fourteen centuries... Likewise, with the consensus of its heavenly and sacred suras, and the agreement of its luminous Divine verses, and the correspondence of its mysteries and lights, and the concord of its truths, and results, it manifestly attests, and is a clear proof of, this same truth.

Chapter 4

THE BIBLE

A- RELIGION OF JESUS CHRIST OR RELIGION OF SAINT PAUL

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After in depth study of Bible over the years, I found that there are great discrepancies between the teachings of Jesus Christ and Saint Paul. I was alarmed. These findings are of great significance to Christians who love and revere Jesus Christ ardently and want to follow his truthful teachings.

But Paul has overlooked and distorted the teachings of Jesus with impunity. Paul by his whims and fancies has devastated the true religion of Jesus in a most despicable manner. He has caused deviations and alterations. He has greatly adulterated the teachings of Jesus.

No one from outside Christianity could have dared to interfere in Christianity with so much liberty as Paul does has done to the religion of Jesus.

Paul is a self-proclaimed apostle. His doctrines are his own and without any Divine Authority. He has thrust his own version of religion and Christians have mistakenly adopted his erroneous teachings at the cost of Jesus Christ. On one hand Paul has done away with the teachings of Jesus and instead has propagated his own brand of teachings. What was the big idea? Eliminate God given Laws and teachings and introduce his own version. Moreover, Paul was a commoner; as such he had no right to interfere with the teachings of a prophet.

Also, he had no Divine Authority to overrule, mitigate and demolish Divine teachings enunciated by Jesus. Paul has therefore caused great deviations and adulterations by introducing his own religious doctrines.

Thus Paul has caused tremendous spiritual loss to the religion of Jesus Christ. Christians are losers in their religion. Christians with wisdom can themselves evaluate the teachings of the two and

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notice the contradictions and the contrast. For this duality only Christians are to blame themselves. On their own they have chosen, due to misguided oratory of Church authorities, the wrong path. Though it is easier to follow, but it is false.

Christians forget that laws made through human wisdom can never ever replace God's Laws no matter how incomprehensible they may appear to men. It was for this reason that Jesus had forewarned much before Paul came on the scene by saying – "You will know the false prophets by what they do" (Matthew 7: 19-20).

Before we examine the two pictures of Christianity, one propagated by Jesus Christ and the other by Paul, let us first look into the personality of Paul. Who was he? No disrespect is meant to him while analyzing his personality.

PERSONALITY OF SAINT PAUL

Fourteen (14) years after Jesus Christ's departure there appeared at Jerusalem a man called Paul. He was a Jew who was born in Cyprus then a part of Roman Empire.

During the lifetime of Jesus, Paul remained a staunch opponent of Jesus Christ. He continued to remain so for fourteen years after the departure of Jesus Christ. Paul being a Jew even tortured and got killed many of Jesus' followers. He was present at the stoning to death of Saint Stephen – the first Christian martyr. His own words are – “For I am the least of the apostles and do not even deserve to be called an apostle because I persecuted the church of God”.(1 Corinthians 15:9)

Paul personally never met Jesus Christ and he was never one of his disciples.

Then after fourteen years, according to Paul's own statement, Jesus Christ appeared to him in a vision caused to him due to a severe sun-stroke while he was on his way to Damascus (Syria). In that vision Jesus had supposed to have asked him as to why was he persecuting his innocent followers. That moved the heart of Paul and from then onwards the hostile attitude of Paul against Jesus changed and he became an ardent follower of Jesus Christ.

Paul had an access amongst the people who were living in far off lands across the Mediterranean Sea,

in areas around Rome and Greece of the Roman Empire. The Pagan and Gentile people living in those areas were worshipping sun, other stars, planets, stone idols and various deities. They used to believe in Pagan Trinity.

Paul was well acquainted with their traditions, customs, cultures and beliefs. Polytheism was rampant amongst Greek, Roman, Egyptian and Persian Pagans of that time.

Paul was an intelligent and a very clever man. Being a shrewd man he began to influence Pagan beliefs through his persuasive mesmerizing words. He was a gullible orator who could easily play with words. Dialectical aerobatics was his art. His personality was complex.

Paul claimed that the spirit of Holy Ghost used to come to him in visions and used to reveal to him a New Brand of Christianity. That modified form of Christianity was fundamentally different from what was preached by Jesus himself. So there arose a serious conflict between Paul and the followers of Jesus who used to strictly follow Monotheism as was preached by Jesus Christ.

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Despite the opposition, Paul was preaching the modified form of Christianity. Paul compromised the Christian belief with the belief of the Pagans and Gentiles. Paul modified the teachings of original Christianity with his new brand of mysticism and imaginary. Paul gave them an alternate god in the person of Jesus Christ to worship. But this was contrary to what Jesus had himself taught and preached. Pagans and Gentiles thought that they got a nearer god in the person of Jesus as against their distant gods. Paul borrowed the belief of Trinity from Pagans and gave it to Christians in the form of Divine Trinity. God, the son and the Holy Ghost.

Paul took some from Christianity and some from Pagans and Gentiles and started projecting his own form of theology, i.e. Paulinism. He left no stone unturned to achieve his end.

Obviously there was violent opposition from Jesus' apostles particularly from Barnabas (Chapter ACTS). James, who was the younger brother of Jesus Christ, was at that time the Head of the Church and also the head of his little group of apostles. They considered Paul as a traitor to the teachings of Jesus. James and

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his followers considered Paul as an enemy to Jesus' thoughts and teachings. They considered him a renegade and a polluted person and advised him to repent. They even advised him, as an act of atonement, to shave off his head and purify himself. (Acts 21:24).

Paul insisted on preaching to the Pagans and to Gentiles despite the fact that Jesus had instructed his disciples not to spread the word of Gospel to non-Israelites. Paul was an astute man. He did not listen to them.

While Paul was going his way, those true followers of Jesus Christ who were called Judeo-Christians continued to pray at the synagogues. The religious and ideological difference between the two groups was widening with the passage of time everyday. The Judeo-Christian group of James was calling Paul a Tactical Double Dealer.(Chapter Acts).

Paul wanted his form of Christianity to separate itself and get clear out of the synagogues, as he was not tolerated there anymore. His move was both religious and political. His purpose was better

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served by being outside the synagogues. He wanted a clear-cut break. He wanted to worship at another place, which in due course would be called – “Church”.

Thus Paul moved out of synagogues and formed his own Church to practice his modified form of Christianity – of his own design and making having no Divine Authority whatsoever.

Here at the Church Paul got greater importance than what he got by being a Jew Teacher at the synagogue. He began to actively reach out to the Pagans and Gentiles.

In order to win over the confidence and the faith of these people at any cost, Paul compromised with them on the principles, teachings and preaching of Jesus. In order to reap a bigger harvest he opened the door of his form of Christianity to all Pagans and Gentiles who were living in the dark slums of the Roman Empire.

The letters that Paul sent to various newly raised Christian denominations are in the Bible and are now regarded as a part of the New Testament. Any

one can notice the contradiction between his teachings and that of Jesus Christ. Paul was a complex and multifaceted person who by his whims and fancies has devastated the True Religion of Jesus.

Disciples of Jesus maintained that Jesus was not killed on the cross because Torah says whoever dies by being hung on a tree is accursed. And Jesus most certainly was not accursed. But Paul maintained that Jesus was killed on the cross.

According to Paul "The Law" was alright upto the time of Jesus. But now the same Law whom Jesus propagated and practised had become null and void. According to Paul man became free of "The Law" after the departure of Jesus.

Most important of Paul's teaching is that man becomes righteous by "Faith" and not by his deeds. According to him every human being is born with an inherited sin from Adam. Further Paul said that man's sins shall not be forgiven unless he believes that God Almighty sent His only son Jesus Christ to the earth. Here he was to be tortured and killed on the cross by men as an atonement for Adam's sin,

which every man has inherited. According to Paul to keep up the "Law" of Moses is not important.

Paul preached that circumcision of males was not really necessary. This he said despite the fact that all previous prophets and even Jesus had preached about its necessity. Jesus himself was circumcised on the 8th day after his birth.

Paul allowed eating of un-slaughtered animals and even pork which during the times of Jesus were regarded as unclean.

Pagans and Gentiles used to celebrate Sunday as a holiday in the honour of their god – the sun. Therefore Paul replaced Saturday the day of Sabbath with Sunday to coincide with the holiday of Pagans.

The Pagans and the Gentiles used to observe 25th of December as the birthday of their god – the sun. Paul adopted this date to be the birth date of Jesus Christ.

Paul rejected the Jewish form of worship of one true God, which they perform three times a day. Instead Paul presented to Pagans and to Gentiles an alternate god in the personality of Jesus. Was his doctrine

right? Paul tried his best to win over a large number of Pagan population even if he had to speak a lie for the sake of a bigger gain.

He adopted a principle of give and take. He replaced truth with fiction. In Trinity he discovered a new Divine formula and people got deceived. (Chapter Romans).

After 325 A.D, Paul's teachings won a victory over Judeo Christianity of Jesus Christ with the backing of ruling King Constantine. This victory was not a mandate from God but it was through ignorance and weakness of their faith in the teaching of Jesus Christ. Paul's followers took a path, which was clearly against the Divine Law. Modern Christians in fact follow Paul and not Jesus. Yet they call themselves as Christians. Is it not hypocrisy? Paul remained unmarried. He was beheaded in Rome between 61 and 68 A.D.

Paul introduced notions such as Trinity; Son of God; Begotten son; Father son and the Holy Ghost; Three in One and One in three; God made flesh; one body and many parts. He introduced into Christianity other confusing, illogical and false theories such as

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original sin; Sin and atonement; Jesus died for your sins; Redemption; Resurrection; Bread as Jesus' flesh and wine as his blood. He also introduced his mysterious and false theories i.e. – for the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus – our Lord; death through Adam, life through Christ; life through the spirit, etc. Did Paul had a license to say anything which he misconceived?

Jesus Christ while biding his time in heaven must be lamenting over the conduct and behavior of his followers. Surely Jesus Christ is the most unfortunate of all Messengers of God that his own followers have grossly misunderstood him.

Let us now see the two pictures of Christianity. One that was preached by Jesus Christ and the other which was preached by Saint Paul. It is also interesting to note that Saint Matthew, Mark and Luke speak differently to Saint John and Saint Paul. Are there two parties in Christianity?

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<p>1-Jesus Christ came to preach Judaism called "The Law". He preached Monotheism. All his preaching was in line with the preaching of all other prophets.</p>	<p>1-Paul modified the Christianity of Jesus Christ and instead introduced his own form of Pauline Christianity. His doctrines were formulated well after the departure of Jesus Christ. Paul propagated the concept of Trinity. Paul's preaching was against the teachings of Jesus and all other prophets. It is mysterious, confusing and illogical. It is Paul who said that God said to Jesus - "You are my son; today I have become your Father"(Hebrew 5:5).</p>
	<p>It is for this reason that there were divisions in the church; Paul said - "My brothers some from Chloe's household have informed me that there are quarrels among you. One of you says - I follow Paul.</p>

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a) Servant - Matthew 24:45,12:8, John 13:17	----- ----- 2- a) Paul has given the title of "Son of God" to Jesus. (Romans 1:2
b) Prophet - Matthew 13:57, John 13:17	b) He said - but when the time had fully come, God sent his son, born of a woman..... (Galatians 4:4)
c) Son of Man - Matthew 17:22, John 5:27)	c) John has given the title of "Begotten son" (In later editions it is changed with word - "his one and only son".(John 3:16)
d) Slave - John 13:16, Matthew 10:24)	This is blasphemy - the most heinous sin and Jesus was not the created son of God.
e) Student - Matthew 10:24	
f) Jesus said - " I am returning to my Father and your	

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<p>Father, to my God and your God (Metamorphically) John 20:17</p> <p>-----</p> <p>-----</p> <p>-----</p>	<p>-----</p> <p>-----</p> <p>-----</p>
<p>3- These people honour me with their lips but their hearts are far from me. They worship me in vain; their teachings are but rules taught by men. (Matthew 15:8)</p>	<p>3- Paul said the contrary -"You who are trying to be justified by the Law have been alienated from Christ; you have fallen away from grace. But by faith we eagerly await through the Spirit of Righteousness for which we hope."(Galatians 5:4)</p>
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<p>Jesus said- "You shall love God with all your heart and with all your souls and with all your mind.This is the first and the greatest commandment."</p> <p>You shall love your neighbour as yourself.This is the second commandment.</p> <p>All the Law and the Prophets Hang on these two commandments. (Matthew 22:37-40)</p>	<p>Paul said the contrary- "For we maintain that a man is justified by faith apart from observing the Law. "(Romans 3:28)</p> <p>Christ is the end of the Law so that there may be righteousness for every one who believes.(Romans 0:4)</p> <p>If Christ has not been raised our preaching is useless and so is your faith."(1Corinthians 15:14)</p> <p>I hope you will put up with a little of my foolishness. (1 Corinthians 11:1)</p>
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<p>----- ----- ----- -----</p> <p>4- Jesus said - "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near." (Matthew 4:17)</p> <p>Formula of Jesus for achieving salvation was the same as that of all other prophets as :- "For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharises and the teachers of the Law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven."(Matthew</p>	<p>----- ----- ----- -----</p> <p>4- Paul said the contrary - "Therefore let us leave the elementary teachings about Christ and go to a maturity, not laying again the foundation of repentance from acts that lead to death. "(Hebrews 4:13)</p> <p>But Paul presented a very different formula to achieve salvation. His own version is- "If you confess with your mouth and believe in your heart that God has raised him from the dead, then you would be saved." (Romans 10:9-10)</p> <p>If my lies enhance God's glory, then why I am being judged as a sinner.(Romans 3:7)</p> <p>This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus</p>
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<p>5:20)</p> <p>There is only One who is good. If you want to enter eternal life, obey the commandments. (Matthew 19:17)</p>	<p>Christ to all who believe. (Romans 3:7)</p> <p>For we maintain that a man is justified by faith apart from observing the Law (I.e. the commandments). (Romans 3:30)</p> <p>Christ has brought the Law to an end. (Romans</p> <p>Those who depend on obeying the Law live under a curse.(Galatians 3:10)</p> <p>The Law was in charge of us until Jesus came. Now Law is no more.(Galatians 3:24)</p>
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<p>Jesus said - "I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes HIM who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned (to hell). He has crossed over from death to life (of heaven)" (John 5:24)</p>	<p>Paul said the contrary - Paul invented the doctrine of "Resurrection" (I.e. returning to life again on earth after death). "Remember Jesus Christ raised from the dead, descended from David. (He said) This is my gospel, for which I am suffering even to the point of being chained like a criminal." (2 Timothy 2:8-9)</p>
<p>Jesus said - "I tell you, no! But unless you repent you too will all perish." (Luke 13:3)</p>	<p>Paul said the contrary - "Let no one take me for a fool. But if you do, then receive me just as you would a fool, so that I may do a little boasting. In this self-confident boasting I am not talking as the Lord would, but as a fool."(Corinthians 11:16)</p>

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	My conscience is clear, but that does not make me innocent. (1 Corinthians 4:4)+C34
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Jesus said as follows regarding the faith of those people who mislead:- "Any one who breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven..."(Matthew 5:19)

" But I tell you that men will have to give account on the Day of Judgement for every careless word they have spoken." (Matthew 12:36)

To the Jews I became like a Jew, to win the Jews. To those under the Law I became like one under the law (though I myself am not under the law), so as to win under the law. To those not having the law I became like one not having the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's Law), so as to win those not having the law. To the weak I became weak to win a weak. I have become all things to all men so that by all possible means I might save some. I do for the sake of Gospel.(1 Corinthians 9:20-23)

-Paul said the contrary:- Son of God, Begotten son, Trinity, Three in one and one in three.(Hebrews :5,5:5, Romans 1:2,John 3:16). All false

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<p>----- ----- ----- ----- -----</p>	<p>"They worship me in vain, their teachings are but rules taught by men." (Matthew 15:9)</p> <p>----- ----- ----- -----</p>
<p>5- For generations to come every male among you who is eight days old must be circumcised. (Genesis 17:12)</p>	<p>5- What advantage, then, is there in being a Jew, or what value is there in circumcision? (Romans 3:1</p>
<p>Abraham was ninety nine years old when he was circumcised, and his son Ismail was thirteen. Abraham and his son Ismail were both</p>	<p>....was a man uncircumcised when he was called? He should not be circumcised. Circumcision is nothing and uncircumcision is nothing. Keeping God's commandments is what counts. (1 Corinthians 7:18-19)</p>

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<p>circumcised on that same day. Every male in Abraham's household was circumcised with him. (Genesis 17:24-27).</p>	
<p>PREACHINGS OF JESUS CHRIST</p>	<p>PREACHINGS OF SAINT PAUL</p>
<p>..My covenant in your flesh is to be an everlasting covenant.(Genesis 17:13)</p>	<p>(On one hand Paul rejects the Law and its commandments, on the other he preaches to abide by the commandments. He is an expert double talker) "Mark my words! I Paul tell you that if you let yourselves be circumcised Christ will be of no value to you at all."(Galatians 5:2)</p>
<p>Any uncircumcised male, who has not been circumcised in the flesh, will be</p>	<p>For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision nor uncircumcision has any value.</p>

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cut off from his people, for he has broken my covenant. (Genesis 17:14).	The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love (Galatians 5:6)
Therefore Jew male children were circumcised. (Luke 1:59).	Neither circumcision nor uncircumcision means anything. What counts is a new creation. (Galatians 6:15) (Here Paul is over ruling the command of God delivered through prophets and practised by Jesus himself)
	According to Gospel of Barnabas - Jesus said - "Verily I say unto you that a dog is better than an uncircumcised man."

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<p>6- Regarding forbidden food:- "The pig is also unclean; although it has a split hoof, it does not chew and cud. You are not to eat their meat or touch their carcasses." (Deuteronomy 14:8, Leviticus 11:7)</p>	<p>6-Paul exploited the people with falsehood. He made such food lawful which was declared unlawful from the times of Noah, Abraham, Moses and Jesus. Paul adopted dubious methods to win over large number of followers without caring for God's commands. According to Paul:- "...I am fully convinced that no food is unclean in itself. But if anyone regards something as unclean, then for him it is unclean...." (Romans 14:14)</p>

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Jesus always kept his distance from the pigs. When Jesus removed the demons from a man, the demons begged Jesus to let them go into a herd of about 2000 pigs. Jesus gave them permission. The demons rushed to the herd and the herd fell through a steep bank into the lake and all the pigs of the herd were drowned. (Matthew 8:28-34, Mark 5:11-17, Luke 8:32-37)

...All food is clean, but it is wrong for a man to eat anything that causes someone else to fall. (Romans 14:20)

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B - Qur'an and the Gospels: A Comparative Discussion on Scriptural Authenticity

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One undisputed historical fact is that the Qur'an has been preserved in its original form and language without even a minute change. The Qur'an that we know today is the same one that was revealed to the Prophet of Islam fourteen centuries ago. Whether one goes to a remote village in a far-east country like Indonesia or travels as far west in the Muslim lands as the west coast of Africa, he will find the same identical Qur'an everywhere. This is highly in contrast with other religious scriptures that lost their original contents – in some cases even the languages – and have always been going through changes and versions. We reproduce below the remarks of a Western orientalist on how the Qur'an has been preserved:

The Kor'an consists exclusively of the revelations or commands which Mohammad professed, from time to time, to receive through Gabriel, as a message direct from God; and which, under alleged divine direction, he delivered to those about him. At the moment of inspiration or shortly after, each passage

was recited by Mohammad before the friends or followers who happened to be present, and was generally committed to writing by some one amongst them, at the time or afterwards, upon palm-leaves, leather, stones, or such other rude material as conveniently came to hand. These divine messages continued throughout the three-and-twenty years of his prophetic life ...

The divine revelation was the corner-stone of Islam. The recital of a passage from it formed an essential part of daily prayer public and private; and its perusal and repetition were enforced as a duty and privilege fraught with religious merit. Such is the universal voice of early tradition, and may be gathered also from the revelation itself. The Kor'an was accordingly committed to memory more or less by *every* adherent of Islam, and extent to which it could be recited was one of the chief distinctions in the early Muslim empire ...

Writing was without doubt generally known to Mecca long before Mohammad assumed the prophetic office. And at Medina many of his followers were employed by the Prophet in writing his letters or dispatches ... The ability thus existing, it may be safely inferred that the verses so

indefatigably committed to memory would also be likewise committed carefully to writing ...

Such was the condition of the text during Mohammad's lifetime, and such it remained for about a year after his death, imprinted upon the hearts of his people, and fragmentary transcripts increasing daily. The two sources would correspond closely each other; for the Kor'an, even during the Prophet's lifetime, was regarded with a superstitious awe as containing the very words of God; so that any variations would be reconciled by a direct reference to Mohammad himself, and after his death to the originals, or to copies, or to the memory of the Prophet's confidential friends and amanuenses ...

By the labours of Zeid, these scattered and confused materials were within two or three years reduced to the order and sequence in which we now find them, and in which it is said that Zeid used to repeat the Kor'an in the presence of Mohammad. The original copy thus prepared was committed by Omar to the custody of his daughter Hafsa, the Prophet's widow

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[By the order of the next Caliph Othman, many transcripts were made from the original kept in the

custody of Hafsa and forwarded to the chief cities of the Muslim world]

The recension of Othman has been handed down to us unaltered. So carefully, indeed, has it been preserved, that there are no variations of importance – we might almost say no variations at all – to be found in the innumerable copies scattered throughout the vast bounds of the empire of Islam. Contending and embittered factions, taking their rise in the murder of Othman himself within a quarter of a century from the death of Mohammad have ever since rent the Mohammadan world. Yet but ONE KOR'AN has been current amongst them; and the consentaneous use by all of the same Scripture in every age to the present day is an irrefragable proof that we have now before us the very text prepared by the command of the unfortunate Caliph. There is probably in the world no other work which has remained twelve centuries with so pure a text.

These are the remarks by Sir William Muir, a British historian and orientalist. A devout Christian himself, Muir was not without bias in his writings on Islam and the Prophet. But we intentionally quoted him, and not any Muslim historian, to point to the

impartial reader how the Qur'an has been preserved in its original form. This is a fact that is truly without parallel among all other religious scriptures. For example, when one looks into the history of the New Testament scriptures, one finds the following facts:

- The words and teachings of Jesus (peace be upon him) remained in oral tradition for at least forty to fifty years, passing orally from one generation to the next. Then the four gospels, as we know them today, were reduced to writing in a period of forty-five years – between 70 A.D. and 115 A.D.
- The four Gospels were written in Greek. The original words spoken by Jesus (peace be upon him) are lost, for he and his disciples spoke Aramaic, a language that is now extinct.
- We do not even have the original manuscripts of the Greek gospels available today.
- Though the four gospels bear the names of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John who were supposedly disciples of Jesus (peace be upon him), the historical fact is that they are not the actual authors, for nothing was written during forty to fifty years after Jesus. Historian H.G. Wells writes:

None of those who had conversed with Jesus wrote any account of what they had seen and heard. But as the first generation began to die away, collections of his "Logia" or "Sayings", which were mostly brief, pointed, and figurative, were put together.

As a matter of fact, the actual authors are unknown, who most likely attributed their works to the above four disciples. This is not unusual, for authoring a work and attributing it to some respectable figure was a tradition that was often practiced during that era, according to historians. Prof. Burton Mack, a renowned scholar of the New Testament, writes:

As for the latter attribution of anonymous literature to known figures of the past, that also was a standard practice during the Greco-Roman period ... Scholars agree, in any case, that for these and other reasons, most of the writings in the New Testament were written anonymously and later assigned to a person of the past or written later as pseudonym for some person thought to have been important for earliest period.

As for the dates of the four gospels, Prof. Mack writes,

... the New Testament is commonly viewed and treated as a charter document that came into being much like the Constitution of the United States. According to this view, the authors of the New Testament were all present at the historic beginnings of the new religion and collectively wrote their gospels and letters for the purpose of founding the Christian church that Jesus came to inaugurate. Unfortunately for this view, that is not the way it happened. Scholars locate the various writings of the New Testament at different times and places over a period of one hundred fifty years, from the letters of Paul in the 50s of the first century, through the writing of the gospels of Mark and Matthew in the 70s and 80s, the gospels of John and Luke around the turn of the second century, some as late as 140 to 150 C.E.

- Unlike the Qur'an which is the direct words of God, written down immediately as they came, the gospels are the third-party historical narrations of the life and teachings of Jesus, peace be upon him. Thus they do not contain God's own and direct

words, but those of the narrators who described the events.

- The four gospels did not become canonical until the fourth century. There were many gospels around – as many as fifty - written by many different authors until that time. There were bitter factions among different religious groups, each interpreting teachings of Jesus or the doctrines of the Trinity differently from the other. Most notable among these were two factions. One of them was headed by a priest of Alexandria called Arius who held the view that Jesus was not co-equal with God, that he did not always exist, and that he was a creature and created. The other group was headed by Bishop Athanasius, also of Alexandria, who strictly maintained that Jesus was co-equal and co-eternal with God, un-created and always existed. It is because of this particular rivalry that caused unrest in the Roman Empire. Emperor Constantine, who took power in 323 A.D., found his empire divided into these two rival factions. This led him to call for the Council of Nicea in 325 A.D. It is in that Council that the four gospels were given their canonical authority and Jesus was given the status of full divinity. Arius was condemned and exiled from the empire. All other

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gospels and scriptures circulated around were banned and destroyed.

All of these are now historical facts that any student of history can lookup and verify. But even today, the scriptures undergo changes. Today, one can find the Bible under many different versions, each one slightly different than the rest. An example of that is the following verse,

For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.

This verse appears in the Kings James Version in I John 5:7. Modern scholars consider this verse a forgery, and as such it is taken out of all modern Bibles, such as the New International Version and the New Revised Standard Version. When one keeps in mind how Christianity evolved away almost immediately after Jesus, such changes in the scriptures no longer appear to be surprising. The deviations from the original teachings of Jesus started with St. Paul when he converted into Christianity. It was he who introduced the divinity of Jesus, the doctrine of original sin, and of Jesus dying for the sins of mankind . It was Paul who

lifted all Jewish laws and regulations so that the new religion may become acceptable to the Gentiles. Morton Scott Enslin, a notable scholar on Christianity remarked about this as follows,

It is today perfectly obvious that there is a vast difference between the nature of the messages of Jesus and Paul. At times this has led to unsparing condemnation of Paul and his associates who perverted the simple gospel stream. The slogan "Back to Jesus" has simply meant "Away from Paul" ... To make it concrete: Had Jesus been able to attend a church service in Corinth in the year 54 A.D., he would have astounded, and might well have asked himself in amazement: Is this the result of my work in Galilee?

We have offered the above brief comparative analysis so that the reader may appreciate how fortunate the mankind is that the final Message of God Almighty to the humanity has been preserved in its original form - thanks to the double mechanisms of committing it to writing and to the heart at the same time. But this is actually not surprising, for it is God Himself who has undertaken the task of preserving His Final Message

to the humanity, after which no more Message is to come:

We have, without doubt, sent down the Message; and We will assuredly guard it (from corruption)

We hope that with the above historical background in mind, the reader will understand the *Introduction to Towards Understanding the Qur'an* better

C-The fabrication of Trinity

The only verse indicating trinity (the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost are one) has been removed from the bible by 32 scholars of the bible in the Revised Standard Version among many other verses as fabrication after they realized that these verses do not exist in the most ancient manuscript and as such there is not a single verse indicating Trinity anymore in the complete bible.

- John A-V {5:7} For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one. (This verse does not exist anymore in the RSV)

D-The fabrication of the Begotten Son

The word begotten has been removed from all Gospels by the same bible scholars as fabrication after they realized that this word does not exist in the most ancient manuscript.

• John A-V {3:16} For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. (This word does not exist anymore in all Gospels in the RSV), so Jesus is not any more begotten by God where we find others still alleged to be begotten sons of God according to the bible. examples:

o David was a begotten son of God long before Jesus (according to the bible). Psalms A-V {2:7} I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, Thou [art] my Son; this day have I begotten thee.

o Israel was a begotten son of God long before Jesus (according to the bible). Exodus A-V

{4:22} And thou shalt say unto Pharaoh, Thus saith the LORD, Israel[is] my son, [even] my firstborn:

So the term Son of God in the language of the Jews means godly person not actual son of God and does not mean divinity at all, examples:

- o All Jews are sons of God (according to the bible). Psalms A-V {82:6} I have said, Ye [are] gods; and all of you [are] children of the most High.

- o All those who follow the spirit of God are sons of God (according to the bible). Romans A-V {8:14} For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

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E-WHAT DO NEUTRAL CHRISTIAN SAY ABOUT THE BIBLE

1-Losing Faith In Faith: From Preacher To Atheist by Dan Barker

Chapter 23

Bible Contradictions

PAUL SAID, "God is not the author of confusion," (I Corinthians 14:33), yet never has a book produced more confusion than the bible! There are hundreds of denominations and sects, all using the "inspired Scriptures" to prove their conflicting doctrines.

Why do trained theologians differ? Why do educated translators disagree over Greek and Hebrew meanings? Why all the confusion? Shouldn't a document that was "divinely inspired" by an omniscient and omnipotent deity be as clear as possible?

"If the trumpet give an uncertain sound," Paul wrote in I Corinthians 14:8, "who shall prepare himself to the battle? So likewise ye, except ye utter by the tongue words easy to be understood, how shall it be known what is spoken? for ye shall speak into the air." Exactly! Paul should have practiced what he

preached. For almost two millennia, the bible has been producing a most "uncertain sound."

The problem is not with human limitations, as some claim. The problem is the bible itself. People who are free of theological bias notice that the bible contains hundreds of discrepancies. Should it surprise us when such a literary and moral mish-mash, taken seriously, causes so much discord?

2-Introduction to the Bible and Biblical Problems
by Donald Morgan

The Bible consists of a collection of sixty-six separate books. These books were chosen, after a bit of haggling, by the Catholic Council of Carthage in 397 A.D.--more than three hundred years after the time of Jesus. This collection is broken into two major sections: The Old Testament, which consists of thirty-nine books, and The New Testament, which consists of twenty-seven books. (Catholic Bibles include additional books known as the Apocrypha.)

The Old Testament is concerned with the Hebrew God, Yahweh, and purports to be a history of the early Israelites. The New Testament is the work of

and did.

The composition of the various books is thought to have begun around 1000 B.C., and to have continued for about 1,100 years. Much oral material was included. This was repeated from father to son, revised over and over again, and then put into written form by various editors. These editors often worked in different locales and in different time periods and were often unaware of each other. Their work was primarily intended for local use and it is unlikely that any author foresaw that his work would be included in a "Bible."

No original manuscripts exist. There is probably not one book which survives in anything like its original form. There are hundreds of differences between the oldest manuscripts of any one book. These differences indicate that numerous additions and alterations, some accidental and some purposeful, were made to the originals by various authors, editors, and copyists.

Many biblical authors are unknown. Where an author has been named, that name has sometimes been selected by pious believers rather than given by the author himself. The four Gospels, Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, are examples of books which did not carry the names of their actual authors. The present names were assigned long after these four books were written. And--in spite of what the Gospel authors say--biblical scholars are now almost unanimously agreed that none of the Gospel authors was either an actual disciple of Jesus or even an eyewitness to his ministry.

Although some books of the Bible are traditionally attributed to a single author, many are actually the work of multiple authors. Genesis and John are two examples of books which reflect multiple authorship.

Many biblical books have the earmarks of fiction. For example, private conversations are often related when no reporter was present. Conversations between God and various individuals are recorded. Prehistoric events are given in great detail. When a story is told by more than one author, there are usually significant differences. Many stories--stories

which in their original context are considered even by Christians to be fictional--were borrowed by the biblical authors, adapted for their own purposes, given a historical setting, and then declared to be fact.

The Flood story is an example of this kind of adaptation. Its migration from the earliest known occurrence in Sumeria, around 1600 B.C., from place to place and eventually to the Bible, can be traced historically. Each time the story was used again, it was altered to speak of local gods and heroes.

But is the Bible, nevertheless, the work of God? Is it a valid guidebook? How can we know?

If the Bible were really the work of a perfect, all-powerful, and loving God, one would reasonably expect it to be obviously superlative in every respect--accurate, clear, concise, and consistent throughout--as compared to anything that could possibly be conceived by human intellect alone.

Fundamentalists, in fact, hold this to be true. Using a circular argument, they say that because the Bible is without error or inconsistency, it must be the work

of God, and because it is the work of God, it must be without error or inconsistency. It seems not to matter which proposition comes first, the other is thought to follow.

Notwithstanding the fundamentalist viewpoint, however, the Bible does contain a number of real problems. And some of these problems are absolutely fatal to its credibility.

Many passages relate God-ordained atrocities; such passages are unworthy of the Christian God. Some biblical precepts are both unreasonable and unlikely since they are in obvious disagreement with common sense as well as the qualities of character which are attributed to God. Some biblical statements are absurd in that they represent very primitive beliefs. The believability of many biblical stories--stories that are crucial to Christianity--are discredited by numerous inconsistencies. The picture is further complicated by the many different and conflicting interpretations that are often given to a specific passage by sincere, well-intentioned believers.

While Biblicists are capable of offering some sort of explanation for nearly any biblical problem that can be uncovered, such explanations should be unnecessary. The point is not whether some explanation can be conceived, but rather that a perfect, all-powerful, and loving God certainly could, should, and would do a much better job of it were he to have anything to do with the writing of a book.

3-The Argument from the Bible (1996)

By Theodore M. Drange

Almost all evangelical Christians believe that the writing of the Bible was divinely inspired and represents God's main revelation to humanity. They also believe that the Bible contains special features which constitute evidence of its divine inspiration. This would be a use of the Bible to prove God's existence within natural theology rather than within revealed theology, since the book's features are supposed to be evident even to (open-minded) skeptics. Furthermore, since a divinely inspired work must be true, those features are thereby also evidence of the Bible's truth, and thus can be used in support of Christianity as the one true religion.

When expressed that way, the reasoning can be construed as an argument both for God's existence and for the truth of the gospel message from the alleged special features of the Bible. We may refer to it as "the Argument from the Bible". Although almost all evangelical Christians agree with it at least to some extent, it is an argument that is for the most part ignored by professional philosophers of religion. One explanation for such neglect is that the argument can be easily refuted. In this essay/outline, I shall try to sketch how such a refutation might be formulated, though I am sure many will feel that I am attacking a strawman. (I believe there are millions of such strawpeople" out there!)

4-The Date of the Nativity in Luke (5th ed., 2006)

Richard Carrier

It is beyond reasonable dispute that Luke dates the birth of Jesus to 6 A.D. It is equally indisputable that Matthew dates the birth of Jesus to 6 B.C. (or some year before 4 B.C.). This becomes an irreconcilable contradiction after an examination of all the relevant facts.

5-The Errancy of Fundamentalism Disproves the God of the Bible (1996)

Niclas Berggren

This essay will investigate the often-made claim from Christians, that the Bible is the inspired word of god, a corollary of which is that it is perfectly without error. This view is exemplified by the following statement of Jimmy Swaggart, a Pentecostal pastor: "One of the most basic tenants of the Christian faith is that the Scriptures are inerrant. Because the Bible is God's Word, it is entirely error-free." (Swaggart, 1987, p. 8) It will be argued that this view - which will be referred to as *Fundamentalism* - is the only possible logical view of the Bible for a Christian, but that it is incorrect and, therefore, that the Christian god does not exist. More formally, the

argument of this essay can be expressed in the following manner:

1. If the Christian god (as defined in footnote) exists, there is a being who is omnipotent, omniscient, and perfectly good. [propositional function]
2. If there is a being who is omnipotent, omniscient, and perfectly good, his revelation is error-free, unambiguously clear, and objectively verifiable as true. [propositional function]
3. The Bible is neither error-free, unambiguously clear, nor objectively verifiable. [proposition based on observation]

6-Jim Meritt

Introduction to Contradictions

The Bible is riddled with repetitions and contradictions, things that the Bible bangers would be quick to point out in anything that they want to criticize. For instance, Genesis 1 and 2 disagree about the order in which things are created, and how satisfied God is about the results of his labors. The flood story is really two interwoven stories that contradict each other on how many of each kind of animal are to be brought into the Ark--is it one pair

each or seven pairs each of the "clean" ones? The Gospel of John disagrees with the other three Gospels on the activities of Jesus Christ (how long had he stayed in Jerusalem--a couple of days or a whole year?) and all four Gospels contradict each other on the details of Jesus Christ's last moments and resurrection. The Gospels of Matthew and Luke contradict each other on the genealogy of Jesus Christ's father; though both agree that Joseph was not his real father. Repetitions and contradictions are understandable for a hodgepodge collection of documents, but not for some carefully constructed treatise, reflecting a well-thought-out plan.

Of the various methods I've seen to "explain" these:

1. "That is to be taken metaphorically." In other words, what is written is not what is meant. I find this entertaining, especially for those who decide what ISN'T to be taken as other than the absolute WORD OF GOD--which just happens to agree with the particular thing they happen to want...
2. "There was more there than...." This is used when one verse says "there was a" and another says "there was b," so they decide there was "a" AND "b"--which

is said nowhere. This makes them happy, since it doesn't say there WASN'T "a+b." But it doesn't say there was "a+b+little green martians." This is often the same crowd that insists theirs is the ONLY possible interpretation (i.e., only "a") and the only way. I find it entertaining they they don't mind adding to verses.

3. "It has to be understood in context." I find this amusing because it comes from the same crowd that likes to push likewise extracted verses that support their particular view. Often it is just one of the verses in the contradictory set which is supposed to be taken as THE TRUTH when, if you add more to it, it suddenly becomes "out of context." How many of you have gotten JUST John 3:16 (taken out of all context) thrown at you?

4. "There was just a copying/writing error." This is sometimes called a "transcription error," as in where one number was meant and an incorrect one was copied down. Or what was "quoted" wasn't really what was said, but just what the author thought was said. And that's right--I'm not disagreeing with events, I'm disagreeing with what is WRITTEN. Which is apparently agreed that it is incorrect. This

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is an amusing misdirection to the problem that the Bible itself is wrong.

5. "That is a miracle." Naturally. That is why it is stated as fact.

6. "God works in mysterious ways." A useful dodge when the speaker doesn't understand the conflict between what the Bible SAYS and what they WISH it said.

7-Why I Am Not a Christian (2000)

Keith M. Parsons

This monograph will have an unusual format. It begins with an essay based on the opening arguments of my debate with Dr. William Lane Craig on the subject "Why I am/am not a Christian." This debate was held at Prestonwood Baptist Church in Dallas, Texas, on June 15, 1998, before an audience of approximately 4500 (about 4450 of whom supported Dr. Craig). Dr. Craig defended his Christian beliefs, and I gave my reasons for disbelief. At the end of the debate I felt confident that I had defended my view effectively and had rebutted Dr. Craig's points. The reactions of others who witnessed the debate or

viewed the videotape (available from Prestonwood Baptist) encourage me in that conclusion. I would therefore like to present an elaborated and extended version of those arguments as my opening essay.

8-About the Holy Bible Robert Green Ingersoll (1894)

Somebody ought to tell the truth about the Bible. The preachers dare not, because they would be driven from their pulpits. Professors in colleges dare not, because they would lose their salaries. Politicians dare not. They would be defeated. Editors dare not. They would lose subscribers. Merchants dare not, because they might lose customers. Men of fashion dare not, fearing that they would lose caste. Even clerks dare not, because they might be discharged. And so I thought I would do it myself.

There are many millions of people who believe the Bible to be the inspired word of God. Millions who think that this book is staff and guide, counselor and consoler; that it fills the present with peace and the future with hope. Millions who believe that it is the fountain of law, Justice and mercy, and that to its

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wise and benign teachings the world is indebted for its liberty, wealth and civilization. Millions who imagine that this book is a revelation from the wisdom and love of God to the brain and heart of man. Millions who regard this book as a torch that conquers the darkness of death, and pours its radiance on another world, a world without a tear.

They forget its ignorance and savagery, its hatred of liberty, its religious persecution; they remember heaven, but they forget the dungeon of eternal pain. They forget that it imprisons the brain and corrupts the heart. They forget that it is the enemy of intellectual freedom. Liberty is my religion. Liberty of hand and brain, of thought and labor, liberty is a word hated by kings, loathed by popes. It is a word that shatters thrones and altars, that leaves the crowned without subjects, and the outstretched hand of superstition without alms. Liberty is the blossom and fruit of justice, the perfume of mercy. Liberty is the seed and soil, the air and light, the dew and rain of progress, love and joy.

THE ORIGIN OF THE BIBLE

A few wandering families, poor, wretched, without education, art or power; descendants of those who had been enslaved for four hundred years; ignorant as the inhabitants of Central Africa, had just escaped from their masters to the desert of Sinai. Their leader was Moses, a man who had been raised in the family of Pharaoh and had been taught the law and mythology of Egypt. For the purpose of controlling his followers he pretended that he was instructed and assisted by Jehovah, the God of these wanderers.

Everything that happened was attributed to the interference of this God. Moses declared that he met this God face to face; that on Sinai's top from the hands of this God he had received the tables of stone on which, by the finger of this God, the Ten Commandments had been written, and that, in addition to this, Jehovah had made known the sacrifices and ceremonies that were pleasing to him and the laws by which the people should be governed.

In this way the Jewish religion and the Mosaic Code were established.

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It is now claimed that this religion and these laws were and are revealed and established for all mankind.

At that time these wanderers had no commerce with other nations, they had no written language, they could neither read nor write. They had no means by which they could make this revelation known to other nations, and so it remained buried in the jargon of a few ignorant, impoverished and unknown tribes for more than two thousand year's.

Many centuries after Moses, the leader, was dead many centuries after all his followers had passed away -- the Pentateuch was written, the work of many writers, and to give it force and authority it was claimed that Moses was the author.

We now know that the Pentateuch was not written by Moses. Towns are mentioned that were not in existence when Moses lived. Money, not coined until centuries after his death, is mentioned. So, many of the laws were not applicable to wanderers on the desert: laws about agriculture, about the sacrifice of oxen, sheep and doves, about the weaving of cloth, about ornaments of gold and

silver, about the cultivation of land, about harvest, about the threshing of grain, about houses and temples, about cities of refuge, and about many other subjects of no possible application to a few starving wanderers over the sands and rocks.

It is now not only admitted by intelligent and honest theologians that Moses was not the author of the Pentateuch, but they all admit that no one knows who the authors were, or who wrote any one of these books, or a chapter or a line. We know that the books were not written in the same generation; that they were not all written by one person; that they are filled with mistakes and contradictions. It is also admitted that Joshua did not write the book that bears his name, because it refers to events that did not happen until long after his death.

No one knows, or pretends to know, the author of Judges; all we know is that it was written centuries after all the judges had ceased to exist. No one knows the author of Ruth, nor of First and Second Samuel; all we know is that Samuel did not write the books that bear his name. In the 25th chapter of First Samuel is an account of the raising of Samuel by the Witch of Endor.

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No one knows the author of First and Second Kings or First and Second Chronicles; all we know is that these books are of no value.

We know that the Psalms were not written by David. In the Psalms, the Captivity is spoken of, and that did not happen until about five hundred years after David slept with his fathers.

We know that Solomon did not write the Proverbs or the Song; that Isaiah was not the author of the book that bears his name; that no one knows the author of Job, Ecclesiastes, or Esther, or of any book in the Old Testament, with the exception of Ezra.

We know that God is not mentioned or in any way referred to in the book of Esther. We know, too, that the book is cruel, absurd and impossible.

God is not mentioned in the Song of Solomon, the best book in the Old Testament.

And we know that Ecclesiastes was written by an unbeliever.

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We know, too, that the Jews themselves had not decided as to what books were inspired, were authentic, until the second century after Christ.

We know that the idea of inspiration was of slow growth, and that the inspiration was determined by those who had certain ends to accomplish.

9-THE REAL BIBLE: WHO'S GOT IT?

By Frank R. Zindler

May, 1986

Prologue On The Street

Evangelist: Brother, you're in trouble if you put your faith in science. Science can never give you absolute truth. Science is always having to correct its mistakes. Science can't *save!*

Heathen: You're probably right that science cannot give us absolute knowledge. But as long as it gives us information that is solid enough to stake our lives on, what more do we need? Anyhow, there doesn't seem to be any other source of information that's any more reliable — and lots that are much less reliable

man science. As for saving, penicillin's record isn't too bad.

Evangelist: Friend, there is something more certain than science. There is a source of absolute, unfailing truth. You don't have to go with the guesses of science any more. You can go directly to the source of all knowledge.

Heathen: Really? What is it?

Evangelist: The Holy Bible, brother, the Book of Books!

Heathen: Which Bible is "the Holy Bible"? I mean, there are lots of different Bibles floating around. There's the Koran —

Evangelist: Sinner, I'm talking about the Christian Bible, not the false Bibles of the superstitious heathens.

Heathen: Well, even if I admit that Christian Bibles are better than Muslim or Mormon Bibles, how do you know which Christian Bible is the correct one? The Catholic Bibles contain seventy-three books, the Protestant Bibles have only sixty-six.

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Evangelist: The Catholics are in thrall to the Devil, brother. They have some false books along with the true ones. The true Bible is the King James Version — translated without error from the original tongues into God's own English. You don't think God would let the transmission of his own word to us fall into error, do you? The King James Version has been preserved inerrant to bring the message of salvation to sinners like us.

Heathen: No kidding? How do you account for the fact that some of "us" are Catholics? Why has god allowed the transmission of his word to Catholics to become corrupted? Why did god allow Protestants to be sold the first editions of the King James Version, which still contained all the seventy-three books found in the Catholic Bible?

10- Dr. W Graham Scroggie of the Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, a prestigious Christian evangelical mission, says:

"..Yes, the Bible is human, although some out of zeal which is not according to knowledge, have denied this. Those books have passed through the minds of men, are written in the language of men, were

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penned by the hands of men and bear in their style the characteristics of men....It is Human, Yet Divine,"

11- Christian scholar, Kenneth Cragg, the Anglican Bishop of Jerusalem, says:

"...Not so the New Testament...There is condensation and editing; there is choice reproduction and witness. The Gospels have come through the mind of the church behind the authors. They represent experience and history..."

"It is well known that the primitive Christian Gospel was initially transmitted by word of mouth and that this oral tradition resulted in variant reporting of word and deed. It is equally true that when the Christian record was committed to writing it continued to be the subject of verbal variation. Involuntary and intentional, at the hands of scribes and editors."

"Yet, as a matter of fact, every book of the New Testament with the exception of the four great Epistles of St. Paul is at present more or less the subject of controversy, and interpolations are asserted even in these."

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12- Dr. Lobegott Friedrich Konstantin Von Tischendorf, one of the most adamant conservative Christian defenders of the Trinity was himself driven to admit that:

"[the New Testament had] in many passages undergone such serious modification of meaning as to leave us in painful uncertainty as to what the Apostles had actually written"

13- After listing many examples of contradictory statements in the Bible, Dr. Frederic Kenyon says:

"Besides the larger discrepancies, such as these, there is scarcely a verse in which there is not some variation of phrase in some copies [of the ancient manuscripts from which the Bible has been collected]. No one can say that these additions or omissions or alterations are matters of mere indifference"

Finally The Jehovah's Witnesses in their "AWAKE" Magazine dated 8th September 1957 published the following headline: "50,000 Errors in the Bible" wherein they say "...there are probably 50,000 errors in the Bible...errors which have crept into the Bible text...50,000 such serious errors..."

Conclusion

Christians are, in general, good and decent people, and the stronger their convictions the more decent they are. This is attested to in the noble Quran:

“...and nearest among them (men) in love to the believers will you find those who say ‘we are Christians’: because amongst these are men devoted to learning and men who have renounced the world, and they are not arrogant. And when they listen to the revelation received by the messenger (Muhammad), you will see their eyes overflowing with tears for they recognize the truth: They pray: ‘Our Lord! we believe; write us down among the witnesses.’” (Quran 5:82-83)

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Chapter 5

LOFTY PERSONALITIES CONVERTED TO ISLAM **COME WITH ME TO MAURICE BUCAILLE**

(Pharaoh Tableau)

Maurice Bucaille... who is Maurice Bucaille? And what did Maurice Bucaille do? He is an emblem of France and its brilliant symbol. Both his parents were of French origin.. Maurice grew up, like his family, as a Christian. Upon completing his Secondary Education, he joined the Medical College of France University as a student. He was among the first to be awarded a degree in Surgery. He rose to become one of the most famous surgeons known to the modern France. There is a strange story of his surgical expertise and experience that suddenly converted his life and changed his whole being.

France is known to be at the forefront of nations that are devoted to the preservation of antiquities and heritage. When the late socialist president of France (Francisco Mitra), assumed the reins of the government of his country in 1981, France conveyed its desire to the Egyptian government to host the

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mummy of the Egyptian Pharaoh in France for the purpose of conducting laboratory and archeological tests and examinations on the mummy. Thereafter, the mummy of Pharaoh, the most notorious dictator ((Taghut))* of all times, was transferred to France. Upon arrival at the airport tarmac, the mummy was received with great honor and respect by no other than the French president himself and his ministers and high ranking officials of the country, who bowed their heads in respect to the mummy at the airplane ladder. They accorded the mummy of Egyptian Pharaoh the reception befitting a king, as if he were still alive; as if he were still yelling at the Egyptians that "I am your lord, most high...!"

When the royal reception ceremony ended, the mummy was carried with great pomp and splendor in a procession to a specially-designed section at the Archeology Centre of France. There tests and examinations began to be conducted by the greatest French archeologists and anatomists in order to discover the secrets of such a great mummy. The scientists were headed by Professor Maurice Bucaille.

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*The word Taghut (طاغوت) covers a wide range of meanings: It means anything worshipped other than the Real God (Allah), but the one who does not accept to be worshipped will not be considered as a Taghut, i.e. all the false deities. It may be Satan, devils, idols, stones, sun, stars, and angels, human beings, who were falsely worshipped and taken as Taghuts. Likewise saints, graves, rulers, leaders, etc., are falsely worshipped and wrongly followed. Sometimes "Taghut" means a false judge who gives a false judgment) (see V.4:60) see Tafsir Ibn Kathir, and (V.4:51).

The scientists were trying to restore the mummy, while the interest of their head Professor Maurice was mainly concerned with how this mummy died! The final report of the scientists was released late at night. The report stated that the remaining salt in the mummy was clear evidence that it drowned in the sea, and the body was rescued very shortly where it was immediately embalmed to be saved. An amazing thing was still confusing Professor Maurice is that how could this body possibly be safer than any other mummy despite being taken out of the sea up until this time.

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Professor Maurice was writing his final report on what he thought would be a new discovery about saving Pharaoh's body immediately after his death and embalming it. And there, someone whispered to him that Muslims claim to know something about the drowning of this mummy. Yet the Professor firmly denied such thing saying that it's impossible to discover this without the development of science and without using its high-tech and complicated laboratories and computers. To his surprise, he was told that Muslims believe in a book called "Quran" and this Quran narrates the story of Pharaoh's drowning and ensures the safety of his body after his death as to be a Sign to mankind. The Professor couldn't believe his own ears and started to wonder. How can a book that existed 1400 years ago speak about the mummy that was only found 200 years ago, in 1898 ???!! How can that be possible while the ancient Egyptian heritage was discovered only a few decades ago and no one knew about it before??!!

The Professor (Maurice Bucaille) sat down pondering on what he was told about the book of Muslims while his Holy Book (Torah) narrates only the drowning of Pharaoh during his chasing of Moses (peace be upon him), without saying anything

about his body. "Is it possible that this mummy in front of me is the one who was chasing Moses ??!!" "Is it possible that Muhammad knew this 1400 years ago what he had come to know just now??!!

The Professor (Maurice) couldn't sleep that night till they brought him the Torah where he read (the Exodus) from Torah, the Exodus is one of the five exoduses attributed to our Prophet Moses (peace be upon him). It is a part of the Old Testament that is regarded Holy by the Christians ((the sea drowned Pharaoh and his whole army, no one else was left alive)). He was surprised that the Holy Book (Torah) didn't mention about the fate of the body and that its preservation.

When the scientists treated and restored the mummy, France returned it in a deluxe glass casket befitting the rank of Pharaoh to Egypt, but Professor Maurice couldn't rest for a moment since he was told that Muslims know about the preservation of this body. So, he decided to travel to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for attending a medical conference to meet a group of Muslim scholars and Muslim anatomists. There he spoke about his discovery of the safety of the mummy after its death by drowning in the sea

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and so on. One of the Muslim scientists stood up and simply opened the Quran and pointed to the Professor at one verse:

(So this day We deliver your (dead) body (out of from the sea) that you may be a sign to those who come after you! And verily, many among mankind are heedless of Our Ayat (Proofs, evidences, verses, lessons, signs, revelations, etc.) (Quran 10:92)

The Professor was struck when he read that and immediately stood in front of the crowd and said loudly: "I believe in Islam, I believe in Quran"

Then he went back to France with a different face he traveled with. In France, he dedicated 10 years investigating the modern scientific discoveries and comparing them with the Quran and trying to come up with one scientific contradiction with the Quran. Finally he quoted one verse from the Quran to be his conclusion:

(Falsehood cannot come to it from before or behind it: (it is) sent down by the All-Wise, Worthy of all praise.) (Quran 41:42)

As a result of all years of his research, Professor Maurice wrote a book that shook all Europe, especially the scientists there "The Quran, The Bible and The Science" and "A Study of the Holy Books in the Light of Modern Science" What an impact did leave this book?

All copies were sold out in a very short time. Since hundred of thousands of copies have been reprinted after its translation from its original (French) language into Arabic, English, Indonesian, Persian, Serb-Croatian, Turkish, Urdu, Guajarati and German languages. Thereafter, it has spread in all bookshops of the east and west. You can find this book in the hands of any Egyptian or Moroccan or Arabian Gulf youth in America. He often uses it to produce an effect on a girl to whom he wants to be associated with. It is a book that pulls out from idols of the Christianity and Jewish to the Oneness of Islam and its perfection and totality. The Christian and Jewish scholars whose hearts and minds are effaced by Allah the Almighty, tried to reply to this book. They could not come up with a convincing reply. Their replies were nothing but controversial buffoonery and desperate attempts dictated by temptations of Satan. The last one is Dr. (William Compel) in his

book named (the Quran and the Holy Book in the light of the history and science); he has hovered around east and west, but has eventually been unable to attain any concrete result.

But the most striking thing about the book is that some scholars in the west who got ready to reply this book and plunged into its reading and examining it in detail embraced Islam and uttered publicly and openly the two witnesses (Shadatain). All the praises and thanks are to Allah by Whose blessing the good deeds are accomplished.

In the foreword of his book, Maurice Bucaille says: (in the beginning, these scientific aspects that pertain to the Quran excited my deep bewilderment. I never believed in possibility of discovering a great deal of the extremely precise and diversified subjects, and their total conformity with the modern scientific findings in a text revealed before more than thirteen centuries.

Dear noble friends!

We find no comment on that Pharaoh preamble... except recalling the saying of Allah the Almighty: (Do they not then consider the Quran carefully? Had

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it been from other than Allah, they would surely have found therein many a contradiction). Yes! By God, if it were from other than Allah, His saying on Pharaoh was not materialized. (So this day We shall deliver your (dead) body (out from the sea) that you may be a sign to those who come after you). Verily, a divine sign was in the old (dead) body of Pharaoh, the sign that has given Islamic life to the heart of Maurice Bucaille.

This is an end of my Pharaoh tableau.

THE STORY OF HOW YUSUF ISLAM EMBRACED ISLAM

Yusuf Islam or the British singer formerly known as Cat Stevens narrates the story of his Islam.

All I have to say is what you know already, to confirm what you already know of the message of the Prophet (sallallahu alaihi wa sallam) as given by God - the Religion of Truth. As human beings we are given a consciousness and a duty that has placed us at the top to creation. Man is created to be God's deputy on earth and it is important to realize the obligation to rid ourselves of all illusions and to make our lives a preparation for the next life.

Anyone who misses this chance is not likely to be given another, to be brought back again, for it says in the Qur'an Majeed that when man is brought to account, he will say, "O Lord, send us back and give us another chance.' The Lord will say, 'If I send you back, you will do the same.'

My early religious upbringing

I was brought up in the modern world of all the luxury and the highlight of show business. I was born into a Christian home.

We know that every child is born in his original nature, and it is only his parents that turn him to this religion or that. I was given this religion (Christianity) and thought this way. I was taught that God exists, but there was no direct contact with God, so we had to make contact with Him through Jesus, and Jesus was in fact the door to God. This was more or less accepted by me, but I did not swallow it all.

I looked at some of the statues of Jesus; they were just stones with no life. When they said that God is three, I was puzzled even more but could not argue. I believed it, simply because I had to have respect for the faith of my parents.

Pop star

Gradually, I became alienated from this religious upbringing, and started making music. I wanted to be a big star. All those things I saw in the films and on the media took hold of me, and perhaps I thought this was my god: the goal of making money. I had an uncle who had a beautiful car, and I thought "Well, he has it made". He had a lot of money. The people around me influence me to think that this was it, this world was their God.

I decided then that this was the life for me, to make a lot of money, to have a 'great life'. My examples were the pop stars, and so I started making songs. But deep down, I had a feeling for humanity, a feeling that if I became rich, I would help the

needy. (It says in the Qur'an that we make a promise, but when we make something, we want to hold on to it and become greedy)

So it happened that I became very famous, as a teenager, and my name and photo were splashed in all the media. They made me larger than life, so I wanted to live larger than life, and the only way to do that was to be intoxicated (with liquor and drugs).

In Hospital

After a year of financial success and 'high' living, I became very ill, contracted TB and had to be hospitalized. It was then that I started to think: what was to happen to me? Was I just a body and my goal in life was merely to satisfy this body? I realized now that this calamity was a blessing given to me by Allah, a chance to open my eyes, 'why am I here, why am I in bed', and I started looking for some of the answers. At that time there was great interest in the Eastern mysticism. I began reading and the first thing I began to become aware of death, and that the soul moves on, it does not stop. I felt I was taking the road to bliss and high accomplishment. I started meditating and even became a vegetarian. I now believed in 'peace and flower power', and this was the general trend. But what I did believe in particular was that I was not just a body, this awareness came to me at the hospital.

One day when I was walking and I was caught in the rain, I began running to the shelter and I realized, 'wait a minute, my body is getting wet, my body is telling me I am getting wet.' This made me think of a saying that the body is like a donkey and it has to be

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trained where it has to go, otherwise the donkey will lead you where it wants to go.

Then I realized I had a will, a God given gift: follow the will of God. I was fascinated by the new terminology I was learning in the Eastern religion. By now I was fed up with Christianity. I started making music again and this time I started reflecting my own thoughts. I remember the lyric of one of my songs. It goes like this: 'I wish I knew, I wish I knew what makes the Heaven, what makes the Hell, do I get to know You in my bed or some dusty cell while others reach the big hotel/' and I knew I was on the Path.

I also wrote another song 'The way to find God out.' I became even more famous in the world of music. I really had a difficult time because I was getting rich and famous and at the same time I was sincerely searching for the Truth. Then I came to a stage where I decided that Buddhism is alright and noble, but I was not ready to leave the world, I was too attached to the world and was not prepared to become a monk and to isolate myself from society.

I tried Zen and Ching, numerology, tarot cards and astrology. I tried to look back into the Bible, and

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could not find anything. At this time I did not know anything about Islam, and then, what I regarded as a miracle occurred. My brother had visited the mosque in Jerusalem, and was greatly impressed that while on the one; had it throbbed with life (unlike the churches and synagogues which were empty), on the other hand, an atmosphere of peace and tranquility prevailed.

The Qur'an

When he came to London he brought back a translation of the Qur'an, which he gave to me. He did not become a Muslim, but he felt something in this religion, and thought I might find something in it too.

And when I received the Book, (a guidance that would explain everything to me: who I was, what the purpose of life was, what reality was, and where I came from), I realized that this was the true religion - religion not in the sense the West understands it, not the type for only your old age. In the West, whoever wishes to embrace a religion and make it his only way of life is deemed a fanatic. I was not a fanatic; I was at first confused between the body and the soul. Then I realized that the body and soul are not apart and you don't have to go to the mountain to be religious; we must follow the will of God, then we can rise even higher than the angels. The first thing I wanted to do now was to be a Muslim.

I realized that everything belongs to God, that slumber does not overtake Him. He created everything. At this point I began to lose the pride in

me, because hereto I had thought the reason I was here was because of my own greatness. But I realized that I did not create myself, and the whole purpose of my being here was to submit to the teaching that has been perfected by the religion we know as Al-Islam. At this point I started discovering my faith. I felt that I was a Muslim, on reading the Qur'an. I now realized that all the Prophets sent by God brought the same message. Why then were the Jews and Christians different? I know now how the Jews did not accept Jesus as the Messiah and that they had changed His Word. Even the Christians misunderstand God's Word and called Jesus the son of God. Everything made so much sense. This is the beauty of the Qur'an; it asks you to reflect and reason, and not to worship the sun or moon but the One who has created everything. The Qur'an asks man to reflect upon the sun and moon and God's creation in general. Do you realize how different the sun is from the moon? They are at varying distances from the earth, yet appear the same size to us; at times one seems to overlap the other.

Even when many astronauts go to space, they see the insignificant size of the earth and vastness of space,

and they become very religious, because they have seen the Signs of Allah.

When I read the Qur'an further, it talked about prayer, kindness and charity. I was not a Muslim yet, but I felt that the only answer for me was the Qur'an, and God had sent it to me and I kept it a secret. But the Qur'an speaks on different levels. I began to understand it on another level, where the Qur'an says "Those who believe don't take disbelievers for friends and the believers are brothers." Thus at this point I wished to meet my Muslim brothers.

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Conversion

Then I decided to journey to Jerusalem (as my brother had done). At Jerusalem, I went to the mosque and sat down. A man asked me what I wanted. I told him I was

a Muslim.. He asked what my name was; I told him 'Stevens'. He was confused. I then joined the prayer though not so successfully. Back in London, I met a sister called Nafisa. I told her I wanted to embrace Islam and she directed me to the New Regent Mosque. This was in 1977, about 1 1/2 years after I received the Qur'an. Now I realized that I must get rid of my pride, get rid of Iblis and face one direction. So on a Friday, after Jumma I went to the Imam and declared my faith (the Kalima) at his hands. You have before you someone who had achieved fame and fortune. But guidance was something that eluded me, no matter how hard I tried, until I was shown the Qur'an. Now I realize I can get direct contact with God, unlike Christianity or any other religion. As one Hindu lady told me, 'You don't understand the Hindus; we believe in one God, we use these objects (idols) to merely concentrate.' What she was saying was that in order

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to reach God one has to create associates that are idols for the purpose. But Islam removes all these barriers; the only thing that moves the believers from the disbelievers is the Salat. This is the process of purification. Finally I wish to say that everything I do is for the pleasure of Allah and pray that you gain some inspirations from my experiences. Furthermore I would like to stress that I did not come into contact with any Muslim before I embraced Islam. I read the Qur'an first and realized no person is perfect, Islam is perfect, and if we imitate the conduct of the Holy prophet (peace and blessings of God be upon him), we will be successful. May Allah give us guidance to follow the path of the Ummah of Muhammad (peace and blessings be upon him). Ameen!

Yusuf Islam (formerly Cat Stevens)

THE INTERNATIONAL SINGER MOHAMMAD ABDULAZIZ

(Jermaine Jackson)

An American belongs to the family of Jackson internationally renowned in singing.

Dr. Ammar Abdulkarim Bakkar met him and asked him about his story of Islam.

It was way back in 1989 when I, along with my sister, conducted a tour to some of the countries of Middle East. During our stay in Bahrain, we were accorded warm welcome. There I happened to meet some children and had a light chitchat with them. I put certain questions to them and they flung at me their innocent queries. During the course of this interaction, they inquired about my religion. I told them, "I am a Christian." I asked them, as to what was their religion? A wave of serenity took over them. They replied in one voice: "Islam". Their enthusiastic answer really shook me from within. Then they started telling me about Islam. They were giving me information, much in piece with their age. The pitch of their voice would reveal that they were highly proud of Islam. This is how I paced toward Islam.

At that moment, I knew with my all entity that I will become a Muslim. Then I proceeded for Mecca for the performance of "Umrah". There I made public for the first time that I had become Muslim.

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The beauty is a ray that fascinates us, whether it is lighted in the east, in the cave of Hera, in the desert, in the prison of olden times or in a well. A valley having no plants has submerged the world with fertility.

Mohammad Abdul-Aziz continues:

“When, I embraced Islam, I really felt that I was born anew. I found in Islam all the replies of all the questions that formerly bewildered me. Islam has presented me solutions of my all problems.

Muslim woman as seen by Mohammad Abdul-Aziz: The woman in Islamic world is like protected and guarded rose that cannot be plucked by any passerby. “Our American society encourages violence, wine and drugs, as the television presents all these issues in much adorned way.

THE HOMLESS POET ABOULFADHAL ALWALID

Elias Tomeh is a glorious poet. Following are some of his some verses from the springs of his poetry:

O human being! Be aware of the death; none has fulfilled his wish; and thus this is the sleep of the

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tiger. What is the condition of an eagle with both broken wings? It sees all birds arriving; but it cannot catch any? (i.e. a man is helpless in the world).

He says in his book *Release and Declaration*:

In the Old Testament, (there are things) the reading of which puts to shame even the most dissolute. Apart from that it teaches the rakish what he is unaware of. Turn your face from the prostitution of the Sons of Israel which is found therein.

I said: This word reminds us the words of (Bernard Shaw) about the Old Testament too: "the Bible is among the most dangerous books found on the earth. You all have to keep it in a well-closed case; keep it away from reach of children."

WECKS INGRAM THE AMERICAN CINEMA DIRECTOR

Having embraced Islam, he says "one night, I stood up to pray. I kept praying for a long time. In the morning, I returned to my work. And I kept away from deceptions of Hollywood and its allure. I have given my body, soul and life to the Lord of Mohammad. I am today a Muslim.

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I met people early in the morning. My logic contradicts their logic. They kept aloof from the way of Allah in their approach. They walked and I also walked; we did not get together.

PROFESSOR NASHKANTA DHIABA

The Professor of the History at Missouri University says: my choice of Islam is based on three facts: first, authentication of its news; second, its conformity with the mind; third, it is practical not visionary. In Islam, there are no three in one, no thirty millions of gods/deities.

DR. GRENEIH

MEMBER OF FRENCH PARLIAMENT:

I studied and examined all the Quranic verses that have relation with the medical and natural science, and then I found that these verses compatible with our modern findings. Thereupon, I embraced Islam, as I became convinced that what was brought by Mohammad (God's blessing and peace be upon him) is the pure truth. If every artist would had deeply compared all the Quranic verses related to his art or his finding, as I did, then he would undoubtedly

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embraced Islam, provided that he is wise and free from vested interests.

LORD BRINTON

He mentions the most important reason that motivated him to embrace Islam: "Difference in Bibles forced me to study Islam; then, I found in the Quran is full of wisdom and sound judgment.

LORD ADIL HAMILTON

(Douglas Hamilton) embraced Islam and spent a big portion of his wealth for the service of Islam.

He says about Islam: " I associated with Islam, because, it is the religion that announces pure Monotheism. I believe that Islam will absorb many people who are fatigued, tired and disturbed by ideological confusions and uneasiness.

LORD STANLEY OLDERLY

He embraced Islam at the hands of Abdullah Koliam. He says: "I took the Book of Allah the Great, as soon as I finished its recitation, I broke into tears. Since then I have freed myself from the shackles of

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abominable and hateful fanaticism and became a Muslim.

THE ARTIST ROBER WILSLEY

Having been embraced Islam; he expressed his feeling in the following poetic words:

"A deep feeling of peacefulness overwhelmed me, a feeling I had never experienced before. It was as if I had ascended the peak of the life. Even the air that I am breathing in turned perfumed with the fragrance of predetermination. The religion of God has perfumed our world with the Quran".

ERUDITE SCHOLAR DR. ABDULKARIM GERMANOUS

A Hungarian scholar, Al-Aqqad has described him that "he is ten scholars in one".

He gained mastery in eight languages and edited in them. They are Arabic, Persian, Turkish, Urdu, German, Hungarian, Italian and English.

He was a member of the Arabic language academies in Damascus, Cairo, Baghdad and Rabat. He

compiled more than one hundred and fifty books in the different languages.

Among them, are the books named "Meanings of the Quran", "Lofty personalities of Arabic Literature", "Allah the Great" and "Modern Movements in Islam".

Dr. Abdulkarim Germanous says:

"Islam is loveable to me as it is the religion of sanctity and cleanness; i.e. cleanness of body, social behavior and human feeling. It does not underestimate the cleanliness of the body. It is a symbol; it has its meaning".

"How many treasures I found in the hearts of Muslims which exceeded gold in terms of the value. They verily, granted me the feeling of love and brotherhood.. They taught me charitable deeds, enjoining Al-Ma'ruf (i.e. Islamic Monotheism and all that Islam has ordained) and forbidding Al-Munkar (polytheism, disbelief and all that Islam has forbidden)".

Muslims must strongly adhere to the ethical values which give them distinction. They must not be dazzled by glitter of the west, as it is only fake and empty.

Islam is the religion of civilization:

“There is not even a single word in the teachings of Islam that either hinders advancement of Muslim or prevents one from earning wealth, strength, or knowledge.

There is nothing in teachings of Islam that cannot be achieved. It is a great miracle distinct from other religion. Hence, Islam is the religion that will enlighten the intellect, and it will be the faith and belief of free people”.

Germanous discovered the intimate relation between the Arabic language and Islam; it relates to the Quran to the extent of ardent love, as he says:

“Would I hope to live hundred years, to achieve all that I hope to render service towards the language of the Holy Quran. Hence, the study of the Arabic

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language requires a complete century of voyage on the tracks of its beauty and culture”.

MALCOLAM X

THE LEADER OF THE COLORED AMERICANS

Before becoming Muslim, he was being courted by Satan and “Red Duwaiterwit”. He was an ethnic leader known for his extreme enmity towards the whites. But, he gave up this habit after embracing Islam.

After his journey to perform Hajj, where he witnessed the brotherhood of white Muslims, he came under the umbrella of Islam. He sent his followers a message from Makkah stating therein deviation of his previous route. He says: “Never have I witnessed such sincere hospitality and the overwhelming spirit of true brotherhood as is practiced by people of all colors and races here in this ancient Holy Land, the House of Abraham and Muhammad”.

There are tens thousands of pilgrims have come from all over the world to perform the same rites (of pilgrimage) in a spirit of unity and brotherhood. I

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could not have assumed—by virtue of my experiences in America —that such unity and brotherhood can happen among whites and blacks.

And that America is in dire need to understand Islam, as it is the unique religion that can eliminate the problem of racism prevalent in its society.

Throughout my travels in the Muslim world, I have met, talked to, and even eaten with people who in America would have been considered white -- but the "white" attitude was removed from their minds by the religion of Islam. I have never before seen sincere and true brotherhood practiced by all colors together, irrespective of their color. We are here pray One God, with Muslim brethren; they have very calm blue eyes and very white complexion”.

How wonderful the power of Islam is! How it converted the black malignance in the heart of this leader into gushy white love! He was unable to express about it but with this beautiful way in which he ended his message:

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"Within the society of Islam, no person feels any discrimination. In Islam, there is neither complex of superiority nor complex of inferiority."

ENGINEER LORD HEDLEY

One of the richest British nationals and the uppermost noble descent, he studied engineering in Cambridge, embraced Islam and published the magazine (The Islamic Renew).

He brought out a book (An Arab Awakening to Islam,) and another book (A Western Awakening to Islam). His embracing Islam caused a big echo and had profound repercussions in England.

Hedley says expressing about the moment of his embracement of Islam:

"Undoubtedly the happiest day of my life is the day on that I confessed publicly and openly that I adopted Islam as religion".

If I was born as a Christian, it does not impose on me to remain one throughout of my life. I did not understand that how I will be able to believe in the ideology saying: if you did not eat the body of Christ

and drink from his blood, you will never be salvaged from the everlasting torment of the Hell.

I, by embracing Islam, consider myself closer to true Christianity than I was before. One who shows hostility towards the true Christianity has no hope in him.

I was not born on sin; I was not a newborn child of displeasure and anger. I do not love to be with sinners.

Indeed, Islam has captured my heart. Its purity has satisfied me. It became a deep-rooted truth in my mind and heart. All of a sudden, I encountered happiness and serenity that I had never seen before.

Prophetic Sunnah is example for us:

“We require a perfect example that will fulfill our needs in the steps of life. The life of the prophet (God’s blessing and peace be upon him) fulfills this need. It is a clear mirror reflects the characters that form humanity, which we can see therein in multifarious colors”.

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Take any aspect of morals; you should definitely find that it is duly explained on one of the occasions in the life of the messenger (God's blessing and peace be upon him) life.

He expresses about the concept of the comprehensive worship of the life:

"Islam is the religion that makes human beings worship Allah in true sense throughout the life, and not just on Sundays only.

"I became like a man escaped from a dark vault to a waste land lighted by the sun of day, breathing in the pure clean sea".

How much have I gone astray, here I deserted all the paths and returned to you!

I had driven my heart into the path of passion. (But, I returned to the minaret) gathering the shattered hearts!

O my Lord! Would you be pleased that I would be sunk in delicacies and my heart is filled in your love!

FRENCH ARTIST NASERUDDIN DINEIH

Alfonse Itan Deneih is counted among great international artists and painters. His products were recorded in vocabulary of (Larose). The walls of artistic exhibitions in France are decorated by his valuable paintings; among them is his famous painting (Ghadah Ramadan). He excelled in the painting of the desert.

He also composed after embracing Islam, many valuable books. Among them is his unique book: 'Espécial Rays from the light of Islam', his book 'spring of hearts', 'The Eastern as He is Seen by the West), (Muhammad the Messenger of Allah) and (Hajj to the Kaaba).

His books had created reverberation and echo among the circles of orientalist.

Deneih says: "Islam has confirmed from the very beginning of its emergence that it is a religion applicable at every time and on every place. Because, it is the religion of nature, the nature does not differ from a man to another. It is therefore, suitable for every grade of the civilization".

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Since, Deneih was a God-gifted artist; he drew attention to the beauty of the prophetic life. He says:

“The prophet (God’s blessing and peace be upon him) was fully taking care of him; he was known by his mode of candescence that was exceedingly simple, but it had a significant taste of beauty”.

“The movements of prayer (Salah) are regular; they restrict the body and soul together, such simplicity and kindness is not found in the prayer of others.

Polygamy in Islam and Christianity:

“The polygamy among Muslims is not as widespread as it prevails among the westerners who find enjoyment of the unlawful violating the ideology of one wife”.

Has Christianity really been able to curb polygamy?

Can anyone say that seriously?

The polygamy is a natural law and it will remain until the world lasts.

The theory of one wife has brought out three dangerous results: spinsters, prostitute and unlawful children”.

ABDULLAH KOLIAM

The first British Muslim who propagated Islam. He embraced Islam at the hands of Lord Hedley and Lord Stanley and he published a book (the Islamic Belief).

After embracing Islam, Abdullah had suffered a great deal of harms and damages. Following is the depiction of his sufferings:

And what malfeasance and harms that we met! Those wicked people threw dirt on the Musallin (people praying) during the salah. They scattered broken glasses on the carpet to wound our foreheads. Once, I myself and my brothers entered the mosque to deliver a lecture to them, and then I saw in the mosque strange faces that had preceded us. I did not pay any attention to them. I started recitation and explanation of the verses of the Quran. When, I finished the lecture, one of suspicious people stood up, took out a stone and put on the

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earth and said to his companions: whoever wants to stone the Muslims should begin by stoning me, because I am a Muslim. They threw their stones and announced their Islam.

This man who was their chief, soon after, became my right hand. He adopted the name (Jamaluddin)".

AL-HAJ IBRAHIM AHMAD

(Priest Ibrahim Filobus)

Master's degree in theology from Brinton University, America.

Among his books are: 'Muhammad in Torah, Bible and Quran', 'Christ is a Human Being not a god', 'Islam in the Heavenly Books', 'Let us Know Our Enemy Israel',

(Orientalization and Missionary Activity and their Relation to the International imperialism) and (Missionaries and Orientalists in the Arab Islamic world).

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He was a custodian of the evangelical church and a professor of theology. A large number of people embraced Islam on his hands.

Apostasy of free mind:

Al-Haj Ibrahim talks us about his journey to Islam, hence he says:

“In a missionary conference, I was invited to deliver a speech, then I spoke at great length reiterating all strong criticisms memorized against Islam. When, I finished my speech, I began questioning myself, why do I say this and I know that I am a liar? I have taken leave before the conference come to an end. I got out alone heading for my house. I was shaken from the bottoms of my heart and very tense. At the house, I spent full night alone in the library reading the Quran. I stopped at the holy verse: (Had We sent down this Quran on a mountain, you would surely have seen it humbling itself and sent asunder by the fear of Allah. such are the parables which we put forward to mankind that they may reflect.)

That night, I took the biggest decision of my life: To embrace Islam. Thereafter, all my children also

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joined me. More enthusiastic was my elder son Osama. He has got a doctorate degree in philosophy. He was working as professor of psychology in Alsorbon University. By their embracing Islam, another house had been added to the Islamic houses.

O my Lord! I brought to you pieces of my heart. We came to You with longing and love.

We all old and young came to pray, fast, give alms and comply with.

PROFESSOR KHALID MILASANTOS

(Arthur Milasantos) doctorate in theology, he was the third man in the academy of churches for Asian continent.

His story of Islam:

During his performing the duty towards Christianization in year 1983, he said to himself: What's a wrong in reading of the Quran for replying to the Muslims? He had gone to one of the Muslims asking him to lend him the Holy Book. The Muslim agreed, provided that he performed the ritual of ablution before every reading. Thereafter, Arthur started reading the Quran secretly. Let us listen to him. He is telling about his first experience with the Quran, "When I read the Quran for the

first time, I felt strong dispute within the depths of my heart. There is a voice calling me and urging me to embrace this religion that makes direct relation of human being to his Lord. One day, I performed ritual ablution, then, I took the Quran and read: "Do they not then think deeply in the Quran, or are their hearts locked up (from understanding it?" (Muhammad 24). I shivered, and then I read: (This day, I have perfected your religion for you, completed my favor upon you, and chosen for you Islam as your religion). (Al-Maidah 3). The calmness prevailed over my soul... I felt that I was born again.

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At that night, Arthur did not wait until sunrise. He immediately went to the house of his Muslim friend to ask him, "how to enter to Islam?" And between puzzlement of the friend and his surprise, he uttered the two witnesses (Shahadatain).

PROFESSOR ABDULAHAD DAUD

Benjamin Kaldani a professor of Theology and the priest of Roman Catholic for the sect of monotheist Kaldans, he speaks many languages.

He isolated himself from the world in his own house for a complete month. He repeatedly read the holy books in their old languages and deeply studied them comparing some of them (with others) in his book 'Muhammad in the Holy Book'. Eventually, he embraced Islam in Istanbul city. Among these compilations (books) is (the Bible and Cross). AbdulAhad Daud says: "the moment in which, I believed in the Unity/Singleness of Allah, and His prophet (God's blessing and peace be upon him), my turning point had started towards ideal manner of a believer".

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“There is no god but God, Muhammad is God’s Apostle + this belief, will remain the belief of every true believer of Allah up to the Day of Judgment. I am convinced that the only way to understand the meaning of the Holy Book and its spirit is to study it in viewpoint of Islam”.

PRIEST AND RESEARCHER MUHAMMAD FOUAD AL-HASHMI

He has composed a book 'Religion in the Pan of the Balance'. He says therein: “My intention of research on Islam was to extract (collect) alleged faults that were inspired to me by my teachers. However I found that the alleged faults were, in fact, its good features. Islam has captivated my heart. Then, I obeyed it and believed in it. As result of contemplation, study and thorough examination of these matters, the pan of Islam has inclined, and the pan of others has gone up”.

FRENCH PHILOSOPHER ABDULWAHIED YAHYA

(René Guénon) a scholar and philosopher, he studied religions in general, then, he embraced Islam. And therefore, his Islam created a great uproar

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both in Europe and America. He proved a stimulant and motive for many people in their embracing Islam.

He edited many books; among them are 'Crisis of the Modern World', 'the East and West', 'the Islamic Civilization and its Impact on the West'. He also published a magazine named 'the knowledge'.

His books are translated into many languages. Due to the power of his thoughts, churches have forbidden his books although his books have widely spread all over the world. Among those who were affected with Guénon books, is the famous French writer Andrei Gide who says: the books of Guénon have taught me a great deal, and his ideas could not be invalidated or disproved.

ROGEI DUBA SAKUYAH

A Swiss writer and journalist, who embraced Islam along with his Dutch wife. Among his most important books are 'Challenge of the Era' and 'Demonstration of Islam'. He says therein: the witness of "there is no god but Allah" requires indispensable obedience and surrender to His will.

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Then, the second step comes “Muhammad is God’s Apostle” you have to decide that for achieving obedience and surrender to Allah, there are no means better than following His messenger (God’s blessing and peace be upon him).

The messenger lived and accomplished his assignment, taking both the world and otherworld into full consideration. And he gave us the highest instances for possibility of achieving humanity prosperity on the earth without negligence – and even for a moment – spiritual distance. He established wonderful balance that distinguishes the Muslim, it permits him to enjoy the world life, without forgetting that we are all returning to Allah the Almighty and appearing before Him.

Islam helps man to live without losing his personality.. As, it gathers tranquility of the soul with compatibility in the human relations for achieving the great aim for that we are created by Allah.

DR. MAURICE BUCAILLE

A French doctor, head of surgery department, University of Paris, he embraced Islam in year 1982.

His book (The Bible, the Quran and the Science) is considered, as one of the most important books that have deliberated (discussed) the holy books in the light of modern knowledge (findings).

He composed a book (the Holy Quran and modern science) for which he was awarded a Prize in History by the French Academy in the year 1988. He says:

“The first thing that excites amazement in spirit of one, who faces the texts of the Quran for the first time, is abundance of the scientific subjects that have been dealt with in-depth. Whereas, we find in Bible huge scientific mistakes and we do not discover any mistake in the Quran.

If the speaker of the Quran were a human being, how he will be able, in the seventh century to write facts that do not pertain to his era?

There is no positive interpretation of the source of the Quran.

“I did not find conformity between the religion and the science but only on the day, therein, I have gone into study of the Holy Quran. Hence, the science and religion in Islam are twin brothers.

Because, the Holy Quran and authentic prophetic Hadith call every Muslim to seek the knowledge, of course, achievements of the great Islamic civilization have come out, only due to obedience of the orders imposed on the Muslims since dawn of Islam.

DR. YASIN BAENAR

A Belgian doctor, who speaks Arabic language, he memorized the Holy Quran. Dr. Yasin says: “Before Islam, I was of view that if the religion is inevitable, this religion must be inclusive of all behaviors of human life. Hence, it is not possible that the correct religion should be for few hours of human life. I was also of view that Allah must endow the human being this comprehensive system.

I found in Islam only a comprehensive system for the life, as Islam consists of necessity of the heart, soul and mind. But, my embracement of Islam was firstly based on the thought.

DR. FAROUQ ABDULHAQ

(ROBERT KAREN)

He has a doctorate degree in international law and comparative. He was head of Harvard Association for international law and an adviser to the American President Nixon on foreign affairs. He is the former deputy director of national security in White House and founder of Association of American Muslim Lawyers. He embraced Islam in year 1980.

Dr. Farouq Abdulhaq says, criticizing journalism offensive on Islam in America: "If the people read newspapers, they will undoubtedly be afflicted by fear of Islam".

He says being confident of the future of Islam:

"Islam is the lone solution. It is only Islam that possesses the justice in objectives of the law, either in the totalities or details or necessities".

AL-MANSUR BILLAH AL-SHAFEI

(Fansan Montei), Professor of Arabic language and Islamic history at Paris University, he composed a book on 'Zionist Terrorism', 'Keys to Arabic Thought' and 'Secret File and Israel .

He wrote more than 31 books. Explaining reasons for his embracing Islam, he says:

“When I read the Quran for the first time in my life, and I became aware of its viewpoint towards the Christ, I recognized that he is a human being. I came to know the tolerance of Islam towards other religions. I declared my faith in Islam. Thereafter, I felt comfort under its shadows. It does not separate between the soul and body.

There is no religion like Islam that pushes to higher characters and human dignity. I chose Islam as it is the religion by nature. I chose it as religion, to meet my Lord therewith.

Following words describe the extent and depth of his analysis: “Arab Thought bereft of Quranic teachings

a man whose blood has been drawn out from his body”.

MUHAMMAD MARMADUKE PICKTHALL

A British, he published a book (the Islamic Civilization). He also translated the meaning of the Holy Quran into English, seeking the assistance of Dr. Muhammad Ahmad Al-Ghamrawi.

This translation is considered one of the most confident translations. It is the first translation done by an English Muslim.

Pickthall says: “it is possible for Muslims to spread their civilization in the world at the same speed, as they formerly spread it, provided that they have to return to their previous characters, because this empty world cannot withstand before spirit of their civilization”.

KHALID SHALDRICK

Engineer Khalid says:

"I asked myself: if there is no importance of Islam, why are the westerners sparing no efforts to encounter it?

I have no doubt that Islam will prevail over the whole world, on condition that Muslims will be nice examples for introducing Islam to nations. The belief of the pure monotheism that characterizes Islam is the most correct belief known by the mankind. It is perfect in monotheism of divinity, monotheism of godhood and declaration of qualities of the perfection for the creator of universe.

Islam does not hide from criticism of its critics. If there is a religion that spread by the sword (power), then it is not Islam; it must be some other religion".

FRENCH DOCTOR ALI BANWA

Shedding light on his journey to Islam, Dr. Banwa says:

“The major factor for my embracing Islam is the Quran. Before Islam, I was believer of the first section of the two witnesses “there is no god but God”.

My natural feeling of the Unity/Singleness of Allah was preventing me to accept the principle of Trinity or belief in the ability of mankind to forgive sins.

I also did not believe absolutely in the issue of the sacred bread that symbolizes the body of Christ (peace be upon him).

Having read the Quran intellectually and what it bears the modern scientific researches, that were enough for my belief in the second section the two witnesses “Muhammad is Allah’s Apostle”.

The fact that has taken me away from Catholicism is the full cleanness before Salah”....

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I said: Dr. Hassan Shamsi Pasha mentions in his valuable book "they were such, as we were":

The followers of Catholicism believed that the water of baptism, they are washed by it at their birth, suffices them from taking bath for the lifelong.

FRENCH RESEARCHER LION RUSHI

A French politician, who learned Arabic to spy on the Muslims, but got really convinced with Islam and embraced it. He published his book (Thirty years in Islam), he says therein:

"I found in Islam solution of both social and economic issues that are occupying the attention of the entire world (without exception).

- First: In saying of Allah the Almighty ((Verily all believers are brethren)) it is a great fundament for the social co-operation.

- Second: In obligation of almsgiving.

If the Muslims have adhered to Islam they were surely more advanced in the world and they would be on the forefront in all spheres.

He says:

"I found Islam a better religion. I did research about impact of this religion on hearts of the Muslims. I found that it has filled their hearts with bravery, generosity, facility and beauty. Furthermore, I found these hearts are such examples of charity and mercy that are dreamed by wise men".

ABDULSAMAD KEEL

Mori Keel, a Canadian national, obtained many degrees in the Spanish and Islamic studies.

He gained mastery of Arabic, Spanish, French and English languages.

He says in his splendid words:

"Islam has given to me the balance in the life".

One who wins Islam loses nothing. One who loses Islam wins nothing. I found in Islam that which agrees to the mind and that which gives the mankind a fiducial mind and intellectual belief.

THIS HOW DR .MURAD HOFFMAN EMBRACED ISLAM

A German national, he gained doctorate degree in law from Harvard University. He worked as ambassador of Germany in Morocco.

In prime of his age, he encountered a horrible traffic accident. After undergoing surgery on his chin and lower hip, the hospital surgeon comforted him saying:

"Under normal circumstances, no one survives an accident like that. God has something special in mind for you, my friend!"

Destiny proved that the anticipation of this doctor to be true, as Dr. Hoffman embraced Islam after his deep study and association and intimacy with good moral characters of the Muslims in Morocco.

When, he announced his conversion to Islam, the German press launched fierce criticism against him. When he sent her a letter to his mother, she turned away her face and she said "stay with Arabs".

My companion told me I regard you as stranger among these human beings without friend.

I said no. It is the human beings that are strangers. I am among my world and this is my way.

But, Hoffman did not pay heed to all this. He says: "when I was subjected to a virulent criticism campaign and defamation in the media because of my conversion to Islam, some of my friends were unable to understand my carelessness towards this campaign. It was possible for them to find explanation in this verse ((You (Alone) we worship, and You (Alone) we ask for help (for each and everything))".

After embracing Islam, Dr. Hoffman took to writing. Among his compilations are (Journal of German Muslim), (Islam in the Year 2000), (Journey to Makkah) and the book (Islam: the Alternative) that caused a great uproar in Germany.

Dr. Hoffman speaks about the complete and precise balance between the material and spiritual in Islam. He says: "What is the otherworld (afterlife) except reward of the deed done in the world? From there, the interest in the world has come. The Quran inspires the Muslim to ask (pray) for the world and not only the otherworld ((Our Lord! Give us in this world that which is good and in the Hereafter that

which is good)), even the ethics of eating and visit, you will find their place in the Islamic Law”.

Dr. Hoffman justifies phenomenon of fast spread of Islam in the world, despite lack of efforts exerted to propagate it, by his saying: “Spontaneous spread of Islam is one of its characteristics in the course of history; this is because, it is a religion by nature revealed on the heart of the chosen Messenger of God.

“Islam is a comprehensive religion.... It distinguishes itself by making acquisition of knowledge an obligation and the knowledge as worship. The steadfastness of Islam and its refusal to withdraw from the arena of the ongoing events has been regarded by a large number of westerners as a violation of the context of the time and history...in fact they have regarded it as the enemy of the West.”

Hoffman wonders at hypocritical humanity of the westerners. He writes:

“The Western world looks at the sacrifice of animals offered by Muslims as an act of savagery. This is despite that fact that Christians continue to consider their prayers

as 'sacrifice', as also they persist in their belief that on Good Friday that God has sacrificed his son for us".

Time for triumph of Islam:

"He does not rule out that East will come back to lead the world culturally. The saying "the light comes from the East" is still valid."

Allah will help us if, we change ourselves, not through reforming Islam, but by reforming of our attitude behavior towards Islam.

As, the thinker Muhammad Asad has advised us, Dr. Hoffman also extends his advice to the Muslims to come back to hold the steering wheel of the civilization with confidence and pride in this religion.

He says:

"If the Muslims want a real dialogue with the West, they have to prove their existence and effectiveness. And they have to revive obligation of the jurisprudence (Ijtehad) and desist from the apologetic and justificatory style while addressing the west. Islam is the unique solution for coming out

from the chasm in which the west has fallen. It is the only choice for the Westerner societies of the twenty first century”.

“Islam is the alternative lifestyle with an everlasting project, one which never wears out nor does it expire. Some people have viewed it as old, even though it is always modern with a brilliant future; it neither limited by time or space. Islam is not a trend of thought or fashion....”

LEOPOLD WEISS (MOHAMMAD ASAD)

Leopold Weiss, an Austrian of Jewish origin, studied the philosophy and Art at Vienna University. He then took up journalism and proved his superiority in this field. He became a correspondent for the Arabic and Islamic East. He stayed for a considerable period in Jerusalem.

He visited Cairo and there he met Imam Mustafa Al-Maraghi. He debated with him on religions issues. He concluded that “the soul and the body in Islam are just like two twin faces of the human life that was invented by Allah”. Then, he began learning the Arabic language in the corridors of Al-Azhar while he was still a Jew.

His story of Islam:

Leopold Weiss was a man who was always questioning and searching for the truth. He felt grief and bewilderment at the big gap between the underdeveloped situation of the Muslims and shining teachings of their religion. One day, he was discussing Islam with some Muslims. He laid upon the Muslims the responsibility of their backwardness and underdevelopment. All of a sudden one of good-natured Muslim quipped: "But you are a Muslim, only you don't know it yourself."

Weiss laughed saying: "I am not a Muslim; nevertheless, I have observed in Islam such beauty that makes me angry when I see its followers neglecting it".

However, these words shook him; it pushed him in front the truth that he was trying to escape from. It kept chasing him until he became a Muslim and professed his faith by uttering the two witnesses (Shahadatain).

This incident teaches us that we should not underestimate the goodness of any person because we don't know whom destiny might turn to Islam.

Who among us has not heard word or held meeting that has proved to be a turning point in his life?

Who can resist the bravery of learning from the noble-minded?

Muhammad Asad's conversion to Islam constitutes a decisive reply to the disappointment and alienation. It is a convincing declaration on the ability of Islam to attract confused people who are searching for the truth. Dr. Abdul Wahab Azzam says: "It is a response of a good-hearted soul to noble characters, charming qualities; it is an admiration of a big heart to the sound nature and understanding of brilliant mind to the truth, good-deed and beauty".

After embracing Islam, Muhammad Asad performed the obligation of Hajj. He also participated in the jihad along with Omar Al-Mukhtar. Then, he traveled to Pakistan where he met the poet of Islam Muhammad Iqbal. Thereafter, he worked as the Head of the Institute of Islamic Studies in Lahore, where he composed books that elevated him to the level of one of the most brilliant Islamic thinkers of the modern era.

The most famous what is written by Muhammad Asad is his unique book (Islam at the Crossroads).

He also wrote a book (Road to Makkah); likewise, he translated the meaning of the Holy Quran and authentic (Hadith) of Al-Bukhari into English.

Muhammad Asad was rare type of traveler to the world of thought and spirit.

Muhammad Asad says:

“Islam came over me like a robber who enters a house by night; but, unlike a robber, it entered to remain for good. What attracted me to Islam is its harmonious integral and magnificent building that cannot be described. Islam is a well-structured building; all its parts are molded in a way that each part strengthens the other. Islam still remains, in spite of all the drawbacks caused by the deficiencies of the Muslims, by far the greatest driving force mankind has ever experienced; and all my interest became, since then, centered on the problem of its regeneration.”

He says: “Islam urges human beings to unify all aspects of the life; it takes interest equally both in

this world and the Hereafter; soul and body; individual and society; and guides us to benefit wholly from our potentials. It is not merely one of the many ways; rather it is the only way. The person, upon whom these teachings have been revealed, is not one of the guides; rather he is the only guide”.

“If we decline the teachings of the person who was sent as a mercy for the whole universe, then it would mean that we are denying the mercy of Allah the Almighty”.

“Islam is not a philosophy, but a curriculum of life. Unlike other religions, we find that Islam alone declares that the individual perfection is possible in the worldly life, and this perfection does not entail the killing of bodily (material) desires. Unlike other religions, we find Islam alone allows mankind to enjoy his life to a maximum extent without impairing his spiritual direction even for one minute. Islam does not impose the scorn of this world as a precondition for salvation in the Hereafter. Islam does not only impose duties on you, rather it allows you derive optimum benefit from this life. It is among the obligations of Muslims to extract the best in him so that he may honor this

life that Allah has bestowed upon him, in order that he may help mankind in their spiritual, social and material endeavors.

Islam assures in its declaration that human beings may attain perfection in his worldly life, that he derive optimum benefit from worldly capacities in his own life". Muhammad Asad describes his departure with pilgrims from Arafat, saying: "there we are speeding up, yielding an unlimited happiness; the wind is crying a cry of happiness in my ears. From this day on you will no longer remain a stranger. I know none of my brothers on the right and none on the left, yet they are no strangers to me! We are like a current with one body, pacing toward one goal. In our hearts, there is an ember of the faith that had glowed in the hearts of the companions of the messenger of Allah (PBUH). My brothers are aware of their inadequacy, even though, they are keeping the promise, and they will definitely fulfill it.

"Here I am O Allah! Here I am!" The only one thing that I can hear is the voice of "here I am". I proceeded and became a part of the circular influx. I became a part of the axial movement and the

minutes and the time itself... and this place is the axis of the world.

Muhammad Asad sheds light upon the way of salvation through our deteriorating condition. He writes: there is no salvation from the shame of deterioration and decline we are undergoing, except only one outlet; we have to make ourselves feel this shame, remaining aware of it day and night! We ought to feel its bitterness. We must do away with the spirit of apology, which is nothing but another name for mental defeat that we are suffering from... instead of subjecting Islam to western rational criteria; we have to look at Islam as the criterion that will be ordained on the world.

As for the second step, we have to act according to Sunnah of our prophet (PBUH) with determination and consciousness”.

At last, Muhammad Asad advises us: “a Muslim has to live with his head held high; he should show that he is distinct from others and should be proud of it. He should assert this distinction with courage rather than apologizing for it”.

THIS IS HOW DR. JEFFREY LANG EMBRACED ISLAM

An American professor of mathematics, he embraced Islam, edited his book (Struggle for sake of -Iman- Belief) that contained the story of his Islam and published lately a book 'Even Angels ask; A journey to Islam in America '.

Dr. Jeffrey Lang reports us about his Islam:

"It was a tiny room with no furniture, and there was nothing on its grayish-white walls. Its only adornment was the predominantly red-and-white patterned carpet that covered the floor. There was a small window, like a basement window, above and facing us, filling the room with brilliant light. We were in rows; I was in the third. There were only men, no women, and all of us were sitting on our heels and facing the direction of the window.

It felt foreign. I recognized no one. Perhaps I was in another country. We bowed down uniformly, our faces to the floor. It was serene and quiet, as if all sound had been turned off. All at once, we sat back on our heels. As I looked ahead, I realized that we

were being led by someone in front who was off to my left, in the middle, below the window. He stood alone. I only had the briefest glance at his back. He was wearing a long white gown, and on his head was a white scarf with a red design. And that is when I would awaken”.

In the University of (San Francisco), I got introduced to an Arab student, whom I was teaching. He helped me strengthen my religion and I strengthened my relations with him. He gave me a copy of the Holy Quran. When, I read it for the first time, I felt as the Quran itself is reading me...

One day, I determined to visit this student in the mosque of the university. I descended staircase and stood before the door, fearing to enter. Then, I ascended, took a deep breathe again descended. My feet were not able to hold me. I expanded my arms towards the handle of the door, thus, they began shuddering, and then I hurried to the top of the staircase again.

I underwent the defeat (depression). I thought to return to my office. Having passed few seconds that were tremendous and filled up with secrets

compelled me to look within that at the sky. Ten years passed through me, I had been resisting the invocation (of God) and looking at the sky, but now, my resistance had collapsed and the invocation ascended: "O Allah! If you will/wish that I enter the mosque, give me the strength".

I stepped down the staircase, pushed the door. There were two young men talking to one another, they replied the salute. One of them asked me: do you want to know something about Islam? I replied: yes, yes! After a long conversation, I expressed my desire to embrace Islam. Then, the Imam said to me: say I testify, I said : I testify, said: there is no god, I said: there is no god -I had already believed in these words throughout my life, before the moment- he said: but God, I repeated, then he said: and I testify that Muhammad is the messenger of Allah, I uttered after him...

These words were just like drops of the pure water falling down to the burning throat of a man approaching the death due to the thirst.

I will never forget the moment in which I uttered the pronouncement of faith (Shahadah) for the first time.

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As for me, it was the most difficult moment in my life, but the strongest and the most liberal.

After two days, I learned first Salat of Jumuah (Friday prayer). We were in the second prostration (Reka'a), the Imam was reciting the Quran, we are behind aligned up in rows, shoulder along with shoulder, we were moving as we are one body. I was in the third row; our foreheads were touching the red carpet. The surroundings were calm and the calmness encamped on the place. And the Imam was under the window across which the light was coming, putting on a white gown (aba), I cried: "That is a dream! That it is a dream itself. I asked myself, "am I now really dreaming?" My eyes flooded with tears. May peace and mercy of Allah be upon you, I twisted from the Salat; I went meditating in the grey walls. Fear and fright appropriated me. I felt for the first time the (taste) of love that can not be attained but by returning to Allah".

Chapter 6

WORDS OF NON MUSLIMS

A- WORDS OF ENEMYS : -



: Muslims can spread their civilization all over the world with the same speed they have done before, stipulating their return to their morals they already had when they performed their first role , because

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this empty world can never stand before the spirit of
their civilization

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Murmaduke Baktol



What shall I do if the Qur'an is stronger than France
(Reported by : Lacost : French Colony Minister



As long as this Qur'an exists in the hands of
Muslims ,Europe can never overcome the East
Reported by: Jelads Stone: Ex-Britich prime minister



The most I am afraid of is that a new Mohammad appears in the Arab World (Reported by: Bin-Gorieon)



But we found that the most actual danger we face does exist in Islam and its ability to expand and subdue and its amazing activity.(Reported by : Lorance Brown)

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No place on Earth but Islam penetrated its border and was spread ,It is the only Religion that people embrace it tightly more than any other religion (reported by Hanoto: Ex-French Foreign Minister)



The actual danger upon our civilization is that what
Muslims can do when they alter the world
system(reported by: Salazar)

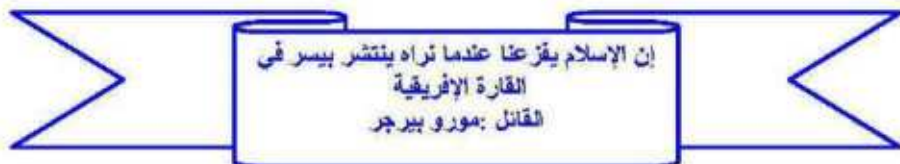
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The most real danger that threatens us directly and offensively is the danger of Islam, for Muslims are quite independent world from our western world. They own their spiritual legacy and have the interest of historical original civilization, they deserve the right to bring up a new world basis without the need to milt their civilized nd spiritual personality with

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the western civilization. If they got the widely spread industrial production reasons they would go over the world holding their precious civilized legacy and would eliminate the western civilization basis and throw its message to the history museum.(reported by: accountable authority at French Foreign Ministry in 1920)



Islam frightens us when we see its easy spread in
Africa(reported by: Moro Berger)



Luie the 9th King of France, who was captured in
Ibn-Lugman House in Mansourah said in a

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document ,still preserved in National Documents House in Paris that It is impossible to conquer the Muslims through the war ,but by tracing the following :-

Applying the conflict among the Muslim Rulers

Do not Let Muslim and Arabic Countries to have a goodness ruling

Spoiling the Islamic reigns by bribery, corruption and women until the basement splits from the summit

Work to stop them from having an Arabic Unity in the region Preventing them to have an army that believes in its country rights and sacrifice for its principal Work to have a western country in the Arabic territory from the east to the west

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We should eliminate the Arabic Qur'an from their existence and extract the Arabic tongue from their tongues so that we can conquer (reported by :the French Ruler in Algeria after 100 years from occupation

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If a suitable leader who speaks the suitable talk about Islam does exist ,it is possible that this region appears as one of the political great powers in the world second time.(reported by the British Orientalist Montgomery Watt)

B- WORDS OF LOFTY PERSONALITIES NOT CONVERTED

Alphonse de Lamartine

Never has a man undertaken a work so far beyond human power with so feeble means, for he (Muhammad) had in the conception as well as in the execution of such a great design, no other instrument than himself and no other aid except a handful of men living in a corner of the desert. Finally, never has a man accomplished such a huge and lasting revolution in the world, because in less than two centuries after its appearance, Islam, in faith and in arms, reigned over the whole of Arabia, and conquered, in God's name, Persia Khorasan, Transoxania, Western India, Syria, Egypt, Abyssinia, all the known continent of Northern Africa, numerous islands of the Mediterranean Sea, Spain, and part of Gaul."

"If greatness of purpose, smallness of means, and astonishing results are the three criteria of a human genius, who could dare compare any great man in history with Muhammad? The most famous men created arms, laws, and empires only. They founded,

if anything at all, no more than material powers which often crumbled away before their eyes. This man moved not only armies, legislations, empires, peoples, dynasties, but millions of men in one-third of the then inhabited world; and more than that, he moved the altars, the gods, the religions, the ideas, the beliefs and the souls."

"On the basis of a Book, every letter which has become law, he created a spiritual nationality which blend together peoples of every tongue and race. He has left the indelible characteristic of this Muslim nationality the hatred of false gods and the passion for the One and Immaterial God. This avenging patriotism against the profanation of Heaven formed the virtue of the followers of Muhammad; the conquest of one-third the earth to the dogma was his miracle; or rather it was not the miracle of man but that of reason.

"The idea of the unity of God, proclaimed amidst the exhaustion of polytheism, was in itself such a miracle that upon it's utterance from his lips it destroyed all the ancient temples of idols and set on

fire one-third of the world. His life, his meditations, his heroic triumphs against the superstitions of his country, and his boldness in defying the furies of idolatry, his firmness in enduring them for fifteen years in Mecca, his acceptance of the role of public scorn and almost of being a victim of his fellow countrymen: all these and finally, his flight his incessant preaching, his wars against odds, his faith in his success and his superhuman security in misfortune, his forbearance in victory, his ambition, which was entirely devoted to one idea and in no manner striving for an empire; his endless prayers, his mystic conversations with God, his death and his triumph after death; all these attest not to an imposture but to a firm conviction which gave him the power to restore a dogma. This dogma was twofold the unity of God and the immateriality of God: the former telling what God is, the latter telling what God is not; the one overthrowing false gods with the sword, the other starting an idea with words.

Reference: 'Historie de la Turquie,' Paris, 1854.

Who is Alphonse de Lamartine ?

Lamartine was a Romantic poet, a member of the provisional government, and a one-time presidential candidate. Here he recounts events in France in 1848. Initial demands were for liberal political reforms. Soon social and economic issues came quickly to the fore as an organized working class began to make demands.

Bertrand Russel

"Our use of phrase 'The Dark ages' to cover the period from 699 to 1,000 marks our undue concentration on Western Europe..."
"From India to Spain, the brilliant civilization of Islam flourished. What was lost to christendom at this time was not lost to civilization, but quite the contrary..."

"To us it seems that West-European civilization is civilization, but this is a narrow view."

Reference: 'History of Western Philosophy,' London, 1948

*** Who is Bertrand Russel ?**

Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy states that:

Bertrand Arthur William Russell (b.1872 - d.1970), British philosopher, logician, essayist, and social critic, best known for his work in mathematical logic and analytic philosophy. His most influential contributions include his defense of logicism (the view that mathematics is in some important sense reducible to logic), and his theories of definite descriptions and logical atomism. Along with G.E. Moore, Russell is generally recognized as one of the founders of analytic philosophy. Along with Kurt G?del, he is also often credited with being one of the two most important logicians of the twentieth century.

Over the course of his long career, Russell made significant contributions, not just to logic and philosophy, but to a broad range of other subjects (including education, politics, history, religion and science), and many of his writings on a wide variety of topics have influenced generations of general readers. After a life marked by controversy

(including dismissals from both Trinity College, Cambridge, and City College, New York), Russell was awarded the Order of Merit in 1949 and the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1950. Also noted for his many spirited anti-war and anti-nuclear protests, Russell remained a prominent public figure until his death at the age of 97.

Carly Fiorina

"Titled "WHAT DOES OUR FUTURE DEMAND OF LEADERS TODAY?"

In one of her lectures, Carly Fiorina, the CEO of Hewlett-Packard, said:

"I'll end by telling a story."

There was once a civilization that was the greatest in the world.

It was able to create a continental super-state that stretched from ocean to ocean, and from northern climes to tropics and deserts. Within its dominion lived hundreds of millions of people, of different creeds and ethnic origins.

One of its languages became the universal language of much of the world, the bridge between the

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peoples of a hundred lands. Its armies were made up of people of many nationalities, and its military protection allowed a degree of peace and prosperity that had never been known. The reach of this civilization's commerce extended from Latin America to China, and everywhere in between.

And this civilization was driven more than anything, by invention. Its architects designed buildings that defied gravity. Its mathematicians created the algebra and algorithms that would enable the building of computers, and the creation of encryption. Its doctors examined the human body, and found new cures for disease. Its astronomers looked into the heavens, named the stars, and paved the way for space travel and exploration.

Its writers created thousands of stories. Stories of courage, romance and magic. Its poets wrote of love, when others before them were too steeped in fear to think of such things.

When other nations were afraid of ideas, this civilization thrived on them, and kept them alive. When censors threatened to wipe out knowledge

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from past civilizations, this civilization kept the knowledge alive, and passed it on to others.

While modern Western civilization shares many of these traits, the civilization I'm talking about was the Islamic world from the year 800 to 1600, which included the Ottoman Empire and the courts of Baghdad, Damascus and Cairo, and enlightened rulers like Suleiman the Magnificent.

Although we are often unaware of our indebtedness to this other civilization, its gifts are very much a part of our heritage. The technology industry would not exist without the contributions of Arab mathematicians."

Reference: A lecture titled: What does our future demand of leaders today?

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He similarly was asked to explain some of the verses of the Qur'an and he came to this conclusion.

"It seems to me that Muhammad was a very ordinary man. He could not read or write. In fact, he was illiterate. We are talking about 1400 years ago. You have someone who was illiterate making profound pronouncement and statements and are amazingly accurate about scientific nature. I personally cannot see how this could be mere chance. There are too many accuracy's and, like Dr. Moore, I have no difficulty in my mind in concerning that this is a divine inspiration or revelation which led him to these statements."

Professor Keith Moore

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Professor Keith Moore, one of the world's prominent scientists of anatomy and embryology. University of Toronto, Canada

He made this statement after being invited to explain some verses of the Qur'an revealed 1400 years ago. After researching the subject he came to this conclusion.

It has been a great pleasure for me to help clarify statements in the Qur'an about human development. It is clear to me that these statements must have come to Muhammad from God, or 'Allah', because almost all of this knowledge was not discovered until many centuries later. This proves to me that Muhammad must have been a messenger of God

Professor Tagata Tagasone

Professor Tagata Tagasone, formerly Head of the Department of Anatomy and Embryology at the University of Shiang Mai in Thailand. He is now the Dean of the College of the Medicine at the University. From my studies and from what I have learned throughout this conference, I believe that everything that has been recorded in the Qur'aan 1400 years ago must be the truth, that can be proved

by the scientific means. Since the Prophet Muhammad could neither read nor write, Muhammad must be a messenger who relayed this truth which was revealed to him as an enlightenment by the One Who is an eligible Creator. This Creator must be Allah, or Allah. Therefore, I think this is the time to say 'Laa ilaaha illallah', that there is no Allah to worship except Allah, 'Muhammad Rasool Allah', Muhammad is messenger of Allah...

Sarojinidevi Naidu's

Sense of justice is one of the most wonderful ideals of Islam, because as I read in the Qur'an I find those dynamic principles of life, not mystic but practical ethics for the daily conduct of life suited to the whole world."

Reference : Lectures on "The Ideals of Islam see SPEECHES AND WRITINGS OF SAROJINI NAIDU, Madras, 1918, p. 167.

Who is Sarojinidevi Naidu's ?

In the Indian Freedom Fighters Website, Sarojinidevi Naidu is described as :

Of all the heroines of India, Mrs. Sarojinidevi Naidu's name is at the top. Not only that, but she

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was truly one of the jewels of the world. Being one of the most famous heroines of the 20th century, her birthday is celebrated as "Women's Day". She was a great patriot, politician, orator and administrator. She had an integrated personality and could mesmerize audiences with her pure honesty and patriotism. She was a life-long freedom fighter, social worker, ideal housewife and poet.

Chapter 7

Muhammad A – Z

By Yusuf Estes, Former Christian Preacher

The following is based on books, manuscripts, texts and actual eyewitness accounts, too numerous to mention herein, preserved in original form throughout the centuries by both Muslims and non-Muslims.

Many people today are discussing Prophet Muhammad, may Allah exalt his mention. Who was he exactly? What did he teach? Why was he loved so much by some and hated so much by others? Did he live up to his claims? Was he a holy man? Was he a prophet of God? What is the truth about this man? You be the judge.

Here are the facts as narrated by thousands of people, many of whom knew him personally.

- ✦ He was born to a noble tribe to the lineage of the leaders of Makkah.
- ✦ His name comes from the Arabic root "hamd" and literally means "praised one."

People at his time and until this very moment, praise him many times per day, may Allah exalt his mention.

- ✚ He never fell into the common practice of his tribesmen to worship statues, idols or man-made "gods."
- ✚ He believed that God was truly One God, and as such, He was to be worshipped alone, without any other "gods" beside Him.
- ✚ He held the Name of God in the highest of reverence and never took God's Name in vain or for any vain glorious purpose.
- ✚ He despised false worship and all of the complexities and degradation to which it leads.
- ✚ He adhered to the Commandments of Almighty God, just as prophets of old had done in the past.
- ✚ He never committed adultery, and he forbade others from doing it.
- ✚ He forbade usury and interest on money lending, as Jesus, may Allah exalt his mention, had done centuries before him.
- ✚ He never gambled and did not allow it.

- ✚ He never drank alcohol or strong drink; even though it was a very normal thing for people of his time and place.
- ✚ He did not engage in gossip and used to turn away from hearing anything related to it.
- ✚ He fasted for days at a time to be closer to Almighty God and away from the narrowness of worldly attractions.
- ✚ He taught that Jesus, may Allah exalt his mention, was the immaculate conception and miracle birth of Mary, and that she was among the best creation of Almighty God.
- ✚ He insisted even to the Jews of Medina, that Jesus, may Allah exalt his mention, was the Messiah, the Christ, the one predicted to come in their Torah (Old Testament).
- ✚ He said Jesus, may Allah exalt his mention, did many miracles by the permission of Almighty God, curing the lepers, restoring sight to the blind and even bringing a dead man back to life.

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- ✚ He stated clearly that Jesus, may Allah exalt his mention, was not dead, rather Almighty God had raised him up.
- ✚ He foretold that Jesus, may Allah exalt his mention, is going to return again in the Last Days to lead the true believers in a victory over the evil and unrighteous people, and he will destroy the Anti-Christ.
- ✚ He commanded the payment of charity to the poor and he was the defender and protector of widows, orphans and the wayfarers.
- ✚ He ordered people to unite with their families and honor the ties of kinship and he restored relationships between family members.
- ✚ He required his followers to engage only in lawful marriage relationships with women, and forbade sex outside of Almighty God's Ordinance.
- ✚ He insisted on giving women their proper rights, dowries, inheritance and property.

- ✚ His patience and humble attitude were exemplary and all who knew him had to admit to these virtues.
- ✚ He never lied, never broke a trust never bore false witness, and he was famous with all the tribes in Makkah and was known as: "The Truthful" (Al-Ameen).
- ✚ He never once engaged in sex outside of marriage, nor did he ever approve of it, even though it was very Common at the time.
- ✚ His only relationships with women were in legitimate, contractual marriages with proper witnesses according to law.
- ✚ His relationship to Ayesha was only that of marriage. Their relationship is
- ✚ described in every detail by Ayesha herself in the most loving and respectful manner as a match truly made in heaven. Ayesha is considered as one of the highest scholars of Islam and lived out her entire life only having been married to Muhammad, may Allah exalt his mention. She never desired any other man, nor did she ever utter a

- single negative statement against Muhammad, may Allah exalt his mention.
- ✦ He forbade any killing until the orders came from Allah. Even then the limits were clearly spelled out and only those engaged in active combat against the Muslims or Islam were to be fought in combat. And even then, only according to very strict rules from Allah.
 - ✦ Killing any innocent life was forbidden.
 - ✦ There was no genocide of Jews. He offered mutual protection and forgiveness to the Jews even after they broke their covenants with him many times. They were not attacked until it was clearly proven they were traitors during time of war and tried to bring down the prophet, may Allah exalt his mention, and the Muslims at any cost. Retaliation was only to those Jews who had turned traitor and not others.
 - ✦ Slaves were common in those days for all nations and tribes. It was Islam that encouraged freeing of the slaves and the great reward from Allah for those who did so. Prophet, may Allah exalt his

mention, gave the example of this by freeing slaves and encouraging all of his followers to do the same. Examples include his own servant (who was actually considered like a son to him) Zaid ibn Al Haritha and Bilal the slave who was bought by Abu Bakr only for the purpose of freeing him.

- ✚ While there were many attempts of assassination made on Muhammad, may Allah exalt his mention, (most famous was the night that Ali took his place in bed while he and Abu Bakr escaped to Madinah), he did not allow his companions to slaughter any of those who had been involved in these attempts. Proof for this is when they entered Makkah triumphantly and his first words were to command his followers not to harm such and such tribes and so and so families. This was one of the most famous of his acts of forgiveness and humbleness.
- ✚ Military combat was forbidden for the first thirteen years of prophethood. The desert

Arabs did not need anyone to tell them how to fight or do combat. They were experts in this area and held feuds amongst tribes that lasted for decades. It was not until the proper method of warfare was instituted by Allah in the Quran, with proper rights and limitations according His Commandments, that any retaliation or combat was sanctioned. Orders from Allah made it clear who was to be attacked, how and when and to what extent fighting could take place.

- ✦ Destruction of infrastructures is absolutely forbidden except when it is ordained by Allah in certain instances and then only according to His Commands.

- ✦ Cursing and invoking evil actually came to the prophet, may Allah exalt his mention, from his enemies, while he would be praying for their guidance. Classic example is that of his journey to At-Taif where the leaders would not even hear him out nor offer so much as the normal courtesy called for and instead they

set the children of the street against him, throwing rocks and stones at him until his body was bleeding so much, blood filled his sandals. He was offered revenge by the angel Gabriel, if he would give the command, Allah would cause the surrounding mountains to fall down upon them destroying them all. Instead of cursing them or asking for their destruction, he prayed for them to be guided to worship their Lord alone, without any partners.

- ✚ Prophet Muhammad, may Allah exalt his mention, claimed every person who is born is born in a state of ISLAM (submission to God), as a Muslim (MU-Islam means; "one who does ISLAM" i.e.; submits to God's Will and obeys His Commandments). Then as they grow older they begin to distort their faith according to the influence of the prevailing society and their own prejudices.
- ✚ Muhammad, may Allah exalt his mention, taught his followers to believe in the God of Adam, Noah, Abraham, Jacob, Moses,

David, Solomon and Jesus, peace be upon them all, and to believe in them as true prophets, messengers and slaves of Almighty Allah. He insisted on ranking all the prophets up at the highest level without any distinction between them.

- ✦ He also taught the Torah (Old Testament), Zaboor (Psalms) and Injeel (Gospel or New Testament) were originally from the very same source as the Quran, from Allah.
- ✦ He prophesied and foretold of events to come and they happened as he had said. He even predicted something from the past that would come true in the future, and it has.
- ✦ The Quran states pharaoh was drowned in the Red Sea while chasing after Moses and Allah said He would preserve Pharaoh as a sign for the future. Dr. Maurice Bucaille in his book, "Bible, Quran and Science" makes it clear this has happened and the very person of Pharaoh has been discovered in Egypt and is now on display for all to see.

- ✚ This event took place thousands of years before Muhammad, may Allah exalt his mention, and it came true in the last few decades, many centuries after his death. There has been more written about the prophet Muhammad, may Allah exalt his mention, than any other person on earth. He has been praised very high even by famous non-Muslims for centuries. One of the first examples we quote from is from the Encyclopedia Britannica, as it confirms (regarding Muhammad) " . . . a mass of detail in the early sources shows that he was an honest and upright man who had gained the respect and loyalty of others who were likewise honest and upright men." (Vol. 12).
- ✚ Another impressive tribute to Muhammad, may Allah exalt his mention is in the very well written work of Michael H. Hart, "The 100: A Ranking of the Most Influential Persons in History." He states that the most influential person in all history was Muhammad, may Allah exalt his mention, with Jesus second. Examine his actual

words: "My choice of Muhammad to lead the list of the world's most influential persons may surprise some readers and may be questioned by others, but he was the only man in history who was supremely successful on both the religious and secular level." Michael H. Hart, **THE 100: A RANKING OF THE MOST INFLUENTIAL PERSONS IN HISTORY**, New York: Hart Publishing Company, Inc., 1978, page. 33.

- ✚ While we are reviewing statements from famous non-Muslims about Prophet Muhammad, may Allah exalt his mention, consider this: "Philosopher, orator, apostle, legislator, warrior, conqueror of ideas, restorer of rational dogmas, of a cult without images; the founder of twenty terrestrial empires and of one spiritual empire, that is Muhammad. As regards all standards by which human greatness may be measured, we may well ask, is there any man greater than he? "Lamartine,

HISTOIRE DE LA TURQUIE, Paris, 1854,
Vol. II, pp. 276-277.

- ✦ George Bernard Shaw, a famous writer and non-Muslim says: "He must be called the Savior of Humanity. I believe that if a man like him were to assume the dictatorship of the modern world, he would succeed in solving its problems in a way that would bring it much needed peace and happiness." (The Genuine Islam, Singapore, Vol. 1, No. 8, 1936) .
- ✦ U.K.S. Ramakrishna Rao, an Indian (Hindu) professor of Philosophy, in his booklet "Muhammad the Prophet of Islam" calls him the "perfect model for human life." Professor Ramakrishna Rao explains his point by saying: "The personality of Muhammad, it is most difficult to get into the whole truth of it. Only a glimpse of it I can catch. What a dramatic succession of picturesque scenes. There is Muhammad the Prophet. There is Muhammad the Warrior; Muhammad the Businessman; Muhammad the Statesman; Muhammad the Orator; Muhammad the Reformer;

Muhammad the Refuge of Orphans;
Muhammad the Protector of Slaves;
Muhammad the Emancipator of Women;
Muhammad the Judge; Muhammad the
Saint. All in all these magnificent roles, in
all these departments of human activities,
he is alike a hero."

✿ Mahatma Gandhi, speaking on the
character of Muhammad, may Allah exalt
his mention, says in 'YOUNG INDIA': "I
wanted to know the best of one who holds
today undisputed sway over the hearts of
millions of mankind... I became more than
convinced that it was not the sword that
won a place for Islam in those days in the
scheme of life. It was the rigid simplicity,
the utter self-effacement of the Prophet,
the scrupulous regard for his pledges, his
intense devotion to his friends and
followers, his intrepidity, his fearlessness,
his absolute trust in God and in his own
mission. These and not the sword carried
everything before them and surmounted
every obstacle. When I closed the 2nd
volume (of the Prophet's biography), I was

sorry there was not more for me to read of the great life."

- ✦ Thomas Carlyle in his 'Heroes and Hero Worship', was simply amazed as to: "How one man single handedly, could weld warring tribes and wandering Bedouins into a most powerful and civilized nation in less than two decades."
- ✦ Diwan Chand Sharma wrote in "The Prophets of the East": "Muhammad was the soul of kindness, and his influence was felt and never forgotten by those around him". (D.C. Sharma, The Prophets of the East, Calcutta, 1935, pp. 12).
- ✦ Muhammad, may Allah exalt his mention, was nothing more or less than a human being, but he was a man with a noble mission, which was to unite humanity on the worship of ONE and ONLY ONE GOD and to teach them the way to honest and upright living based on the commands of God. He always described himself as, 'A Slave and Messenger of God' and so indeed every action of his proclaimed to be.

- ✦ Speaking on the aspect of equality before God in Islam, the famous poetess of India, Sarojini Naidu says: "It was the first religion that preached and practiced democracy; for, in the mosque, when the call for prayer is sounded and worshippers are gathered together, the democracy of Islam is embodied five times a day when the peasant and king kneel side by side and proclaim: 'God Alone is Great'... I have been struck over and over again by this indivisible unity of Islam that makes man instinctively a brother."

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sole purpose of uniting mankind for the worship of One God on the codes of moral excellence. Muhammad, may Allah exalt his mention, or his followers never at any time claimed that he was a son of God or the God-incarnate or a man with divinity – but he always was and is even today considered as only a Messenger chosen by God. Today after a lapse of fourteen centuries, the life and teachings of Muhammad, may Allah exalt his mention, have survived without the slightest loss, alteration or interpolation. They offer the same undying hope for treating mankind's many ills, which they did when he was alive. This is not a claim of Muhammad's, may Allah exalt his mention, followers, but the inescapable conclusion forced upon by a critical and unbiased history.

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Now it is up to you.

You are a rational thinking, concerned human being. As such, you should already be asking yourself:

"Could these extraordinary, revolutionary and amazing statements, all about this one man, really be true?

What if this is all true?

Chapter 8

HOW TO BECOME A MUSLIM

All praises be to Allah, the Lord of the Universe. May the peace and blessings of Allah be upon Muhammad His last messenger. Some people are facing difficulties on the basis of their mistaken belief that entering into the Islamic fold requires an announcement from the concerned person in the presence of high ranking scholars or sheikhs or reporting this act to courts of justice or other authorities. It is also thought that the act of accepting Islam, should, as a condition have a certificate issued by the authorities as an evidence to that effect. We wish to clarify that the whole matter is very easy and that none of the above mentioned conditions or obligations are required. For Allah; the Almighty, is above all comprehension and knows well the secrets of all hearts. Nevertheless, those who are going to adopt Islam as their religion are Muslims with the concerned governmental agency, as this procedure may facilitate for them many matters including the possibility of performing Hajj and Umrah. If anyone has a real desire to be a Muslim and has full conviction and strong belief that Islam is the true

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religion ordained by Allah (SWT) for all human beings, then, one should pronounce that "Shahada" (The testimony of faith) without further delay. The Holy Qur'an is explicit in this regard as Allah (SWT) has stated.

"Truly, the Religion on the sight of Allah is Islam." (3:19) In another verse of the Holy Qur'an, Allah (SWT) has stated:

"And whosoever desires a religion other than Islam, never will it be accepted of him; and in the Hereafter he will be in the ranks of those who are lost." (3:85)

In addition, Islam is the only Religion prevailing over all other religions. Allah (SWT) has stated in the Holy Qur'an;

"And to thee. We have sent the Book in truth, (This Qur'an) confirming the scripture that came before it, and a witness over it..." (5:48)

Muhammad, the Prophet of Allah (Peace and blessing of Allah be upon him), said :

"Islam is based on five pillars: testifying that there is no God worthy to be worshipped but Allah, and that Muhammad is the messenger of Allah and His servant; performing the prayer; paying the Zakat (obligatory charity); fasting the month of Ramadan; and perfuming Hajj."

The Shahada can be declared as follows:

"ASH-HADU ANLAA ILAHA ILLA ALLAH WA
ASH HADU ANNA MUHAMMADAN ABDUHU
WA RASUULUH."

The English translation is:

"I bear witness that there is no deity worthy to be worshipped but Allah, and I bear witness the Muhammad is His servant and messenger."

However, it would not be sufficient for anyone to utter only this testimony orally either in private or in public, but rather, one should believe in it by heart with a firm conviction with the teachings of Islam in all his life he will find himself a new born person, (or new man).

This will move him to strive more and more to improve his character and draw nearer to perfection. The light of the living faith will fill his heart until he becomes the embodiment of that faith.

What would be next after declaring the testimony of faith (Shahada) and then becoming a Muslim? He should know the real concept underlying this testimony which means the Oneness of Allah and accept Prophet Muhammad (PBUH), as the last of the Prophet, and meet its requirements. He must behave accordingly applying this true faith to every thing he

speaks or does. What do the words of "Shahada" signify.

The significant point which every Muslim must know very well is the truth that there is no God (ditty) to be worshipped other than Allah, (Glory be Him). He is the only true God, Who Alone deserves to be worshipped, since He is the Giver of life and Sustainer and Nourisher of mankind and all creation with His unlimited bounties. Man must worship Allah, Who Alone is worthy of worship.

The second part of the "Sahada" i. e. "We ashhadu anna Muhammadan abduhu wa rasuluh" means that Prophet Muhammad (PBUH), is the servant and chosen messenger of Allah. No one must have two opinions about this matter. In fact, the Muslim has to obey the commands of the Prophet (PBUH), to believe him in what he has said, to follow his teachings, to avoid what he has forbidden, and to worship Allah alone according to the message revealed to him.

What is the meaning of worship? It simply means rendering sincere service; showing reverence for Allah. In a deeper shade of meaning, it implies total submission and complete obedience to Allah's Commandments both in utterances and actions of

man whether explicit or implicit and whether private or public.

Worship falls into two categories:

1. Visible (manifest or outward)
2. Invisible (concealed or inward)

Visible worship includes acts such as uttering the two parts of the "Shahada" performing prayers, giving Zakat (Obligatory charity), observing fast in the month of Ramadan, performing Hajj, recitation of the Holy Qur'an, supplication, adoring Allah by praising Him, purifying our bodies before prayers, etc.

This type of worship is associated with movement of the parts of human body, [actions].

Invisible worship is to believe in Allah, in the Day of Judgment, in the Hereafter, in the Angels, in the Books of Allah, in the Divine Decree of destiny (that good and bad are determined by Allah alone.

This type of worship does not involve movements of parts of the body but it surely has a bearing on one's

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heart which subsequently affects his way of life. (Beliefs).

It should be borne in mind that worship not dedicated to Allah alone, will be rejected as one form of polytheism or shirk, which amount to apostasy from the Islamic point of view.

The next step for a devotee (newly reverted to Islam) is to purify himself by taking a bath (total ablution). He should then resolve to comply with all the principles and rules of Islam in their entirety. He disowns all forms of polytheism and false beliefs. He should reject evil and be righteous. Such rejection of evil and being righteous is one of the requisites of the motto of Islam that is, Lailaha Illal Laah.

Allah has stated in the Holy Qur'an:

"... whoever disbelieves in false deities and believes in Allah, hath grasped the most trustworthy Handhold, that will never break..." (2:256)

we have to consider that when we declare from our heart that "there is no god (ditty) worthy to be

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worshipped but Allah." It implies on our part of love, devotion, faith and obedience to the rules of Islamic legislation which are legally binding on all Muslims. It is requirement of "there is no god worthy to be worshipped but Allah," to love for the sake of Allah and to reject for the sake of Allah. This is the firmest anchor of belief which materializes the meaning of "AL-WALA and "AL-BARA". It means that a Muslim should love and be loyal to his Muslim brothers. He should, as a practice, dissociate himself completely from practices of the unbelievers and refuse to be influenced by them, both in worldly and religious matters.

We conclude with a humble prayer to Allah that He may cleanse the hearts and souls of those who are genuine seekers of truth and may He bless the community of believers. Ameen.

Chapter 9

The whole story in Quran :-

قَالَ تَعَالَى: ﴿ قُلْ يَاعِبَادِيَ الَّذِينَ أَسْرَفُوا عَلَىٰ أَنفُسِهِمْ لَا تَقْنَطُوا مِن رَّحْمَةِ اللَّهِ ۚ إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَغْفِرُ الذُّنُوبَ جَمِيعًا إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ ﴿٥٣﴾ الزمر: ٥٣

(Say: My slaves who have been prodigal to their own hurt) through disbelief, idolatry, adultery and murder! (Despair not of the mercy of Allah) despair not of Allah's forgiveness, (Who forgiveth all sins. Lo! He is the Forgiving) He forgives those who repent of disbelief and believe in Allah, (the Merciful) towards those who die repentant.

﴿ وَأَنِيبُوا إِلَىٰ رَبِّكُمْ وَأَسْلِمُوا لَهُ مِن قَبْلِ أَن يَأْتِيَكُمُ الْعَذَابُ ثُمَّ لَا تُنصَرُونَ ﴿٥٤﴾ الزمر: ٥٤

(Turn unto Him repentant) from disbelief, (and surrender unto Him) and believe in Him and obey Him, (before there come unto you the doom, when ye cannot be helped) you will not be spared from Allah's torment. This verse was revealed about Wahshiyy and his believing brothers.

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﴿وَأَنِيعُوا أَحْسَنَ مَا أُنزِلَ إِلَيْكُمْ مِنْ رَبِّكُمْ مِنْ قَبْلِ أَنْ يَأْتِيَكُمْ الْعَذَابُ بَعَثَهُ

وَأَنْتُمْ لَا تَشْعُرُونَ ﴿٥٥﴾ الزمر: ٥٥

Then Allah said: (And follow the better (guidance) of that which is revealed unto you from your Lord) i.e. the Qur'an; make lawful that which it states to be lawful and unlawful that which it states to be unlawful, and act upon its clear verses and believe in its unclear verses, (before the doom cometh on you suddenly when ye know not) its coming,

﴿قَالَ تَعَالَى: أَغْوَى بِاللَّوْمِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ ﴿٥٦﴾ أَنْ تَقُولَ نَحْمُسُ بِحَمْرَيْنِ عَلَى مَا قَرَّطْتُ فِي حَنْبِ اللَّهِ وَإِنْ

كُنْتُ لِمِنَ السَّخِرِينَ ﴿٥٦﴾ الزمر: ٥٦

(Lest any soul should say) so that no soul should say: (Alas, my grief) I am remorseful (that I was unmindful of Allah) that I have left the obedience of Allah, (and I was indeed among the scoffers) and I was indeed among those who mocked the Scripture and Messenger!

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﴿أَوْ تَقُولَ لَوْ أَنَّ اللَّهَ هَدَانِي لَكُنْتُ مِنَ الْمُتَّقِينَ﴾ الزمر: ٥٧

(Or should say) and that it will not say: (if Allah had but guided me) if Allah had showed me faith (I should have been among the dutiful) I would have been among those who believe in Allah's divine Oneness!

﴿أَوْ تَقُولَ حِينَ تَرَى الْعَذَابَ لَوْ أَنَّ لِي كَرَّةً فَأَكُونَ مِنَ الْمُحْسِنِينَ﴾ الزمر: ٥٨

(Or should say) and so that it will not say, (when it seeth the doom: Oh, that I had but a second chance) to return to the life of this world (that I might be among the righteous) among those who believe in Allah's divine Oneness!

﴿بَلَىٰ قَدْ جَاءَ تِلْكَ آيَاتِي فَكَذَّبْتَ بِهَا وَاسْتَكْبَرْتَ وَكُنْتَ مِنَ الْكٰفِرِينَ﴾ الزمر: ٥٩

Allah will say to them: (Nay, for My revelations) My Scripture and Messenger (came unto thee, but thou didst deny them) you denied the Scripture and Messenger (and were scornful) you were too proud to believe (and were among the disbelievers) you were with the disbelievers, following their religion.

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﴿ وَيَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ تَرَى الَّذِينَ كَذَبُوا عَلَى اللَّهِ وُجُوهُهُم مُّسْوَدَّةٌ أَلَيْسَ فِي جَهَنَّمَ مَثْوًى

لِلْمُتَكَبِّرِينَ ﴿٦٠﴾ الزمر: ٦٠

(And on the Day of Resurrection thou (Muhammad) seest those who lied concerning Allah) regarding 'Uzayr, Jesus and the angels, when they claimed that the angels were Allah's daughters while 'Uzayr and Jesus were his sons (with their faces blackened) and their eyes turned blue. (Is not the home of the scorers in hell) Hell is the abode of the disbelievers?

﴿ وَيَسْجَى اللَّهُ الَّذِينَ اتَّقَوْا بِمَفَازَتِهِمْ لَا يَمَسُّهُمُ الشُّرُوءُ وَلَا هُمْ يَحْزَنُونَ ﴿٦١﴾ الزمر: ٦١

(And Allah delivereth those who ward off (evil)) those who believe and obey their Lord (because of their deserts) because of their faith and good deeds. (Evil toucheth them not) hardship and torment do not touch them, (nor do they grieve) when others grieve

﴿ اللَّهُ خَلِقُ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ وَهُوَ عَلَىٰ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ وَكِيلٌ ﴿٦٢﴾ الزمر: ٦٢

(Allah is Creator of all things) all things come from Allah, (and He is Guardian over all things) He is responsible for the provision of all creatures; it is also

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said that this means: He is a Witness over all things relating to their works.

﴿لَهُ مَقَالِيدُ السَّمٰوٰتِ وَالْاَرْضِ وَالَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا بِآٰيٰتِ اللّٰهِ اُولٰٓئِكَ هُمُ الْخٰسِرُونَ﴾

﴿١٣﴾ الزمر: ٦٣

(His are the keys) the stores (of the heavens) rain (and the earth) vegetation, (and they who disbelieve the revelations of Allah) i.e. Muhammad (pbuh) and the Qur'an (such are they who are the losers) in the Hereafter, for they will be punished.

﴿بَلِ اللّٰهِ فَاَعْبُدْ وَكُنْ مِنَ الشَّاكِرِيْنَ﴾ ﴿٦٦﴾ الزمر: ٦٦

(Nay, but Allah must thou serve) you must believe in Allah's divine Oneness, (and be among the thankful) for what Allah has bestowed upon you of prophethood, Scripture and Islam!

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﴿ وَمَا قَدَرُوا اللَّهَ حَقَّ قَدْرِهِ وَالْأَرْضُ جَمِيعًا قَبْضَتُهُ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ وَالسَّمَاوَاتُ مَطْوِيَّاتٌ
بِئْسَ لِلشَّيْطَانِ مَشَاجِدًا ﴾ ﴿٦٧﴾ الزمر: ٦٧

(And they esteem not Allah as He hath the right to be esteemed) they do not magnify Allah as He should be magnified when they say: "Allah's Hands are tight", "Allah is poor and is requesting a loan from us", the latter being what the Jew Malik Ibn al-Sayf, may Allah forsake him, said, (when the whole earth is His handful) when the whole earth is in His possession (on the Day of Resurrection, and the heavens are rolled in His right hand) and the heavens are rolled by His power on the Day of Resurrection. Knowing that both Hands of Allah, Exalted is He, are right. (Glorified is He) Allah exonerated Himself from the claim of the Jews (and High Exalted) He is free and far elevated (from all that they ascribe as partner (unto Him)) of partners.

﴿ وَنُفِخَ فِي الصُّورِ فَصَعِقَ مَنْ فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ وَمَنْ فِي الْأَرْضِ إِلَّا مَنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ ثُمَّ نُفِخَ فِيهِ أُخْرَى
فَإِنَّا لَهُمْ قِيَامٌ نَنْظُرُونَ ﴾ ﴿٦٨﴾ الزمر: ٦٨

(And the trumpet is blown) this is the blowing of death, (and all who are in the heavens and the earth

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swoon away) die, (save him whom Allah willeth) except those who are in Paradise or hell; it is also said this means: except Gabriel, Michael, Seraphiel and the angel of death who will not die upon the first blowing of the Trumpet but will die later. (Then it is blown a second time) which is the blowing of the Resurrection. This will happen 40 years after the first blow of the Trumpet and then the sky will rain something like men's sperm drops, (and behold them standing) from the grave (waiting) for what they will be told!

﴿ وَأَشْرَقَتِ الْأَرْضُ بِنُورِ رَبِّهَا وَوُضِعَ الْكِتَابُ وَجِئَتْهُمُ الْجَنَّةُ وَالشَّهَادَةُ وَقُضِيَ بَيْنَهُم بِالْحَقِّ وَهُمْ لَا يُظْلَمُونَ ﴿٦٦﴾ الزمر: ٦٦

(And the earth shineth with the light of her Lord) it is also said: with the justice of her Lord, (and the Book is set up) on the right and left hands of people; the book referred to here is the register of the Guardian angels, (and the Prophets) who were not messengers (and the witnesses) i.e. the messengers (are brought) it is also said that this means: and the prophets, messengers and witnesses-the witnesses of the messengers against their own folk-are brought, (and it is judged between them) and the prophets (with truth) with justice, (and

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they are not wronged) their good deeds will not be diminished nor will their evil deeds be increased.

﴿وَوُفِّيَتْ كُلُّ نَفْسٍ مَّا عَمِلَتْ وَهُوَ أَعْلَمُ بِمَا يَفْعَلُونَ﴾ ﴿٧٠﴾ الزمر: ٧٠

(And each soul) whether it is righteous or sinful (is paid in full for what it did) of good or evil. (And He is best aware of what they do) of good or evil.

﴿وَسِيقَ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا إِلَىٰ جَهَنَّمَ زُرَّارًا ۚ إِذَا جَاءُوهَا فَتُحِتُّ أَبْوَابُهَا وَقَالَ لَهُمْ خَزَنَتُهَا أَلَمْ يَأْتِكُمْ رُسُلٌ مِّنكُمْ يَتْلُونَ عَلَيْكُمْ آيَاتِ رَبِّكُمْ وَيُنذِرُونَكُمْ لِقَاءَ يَوْمِكُمْ هَٰذَا قَالُوا بَلَىٰ وَلَٰكِن حَقَّتْ كَلِمَةُ الْعَذَابِ عَلَىٰ الْكَافِرِينَ﴾ ﴿٧١﴾ الزمر: ٧١

(And those who disbelieve are driven unto hell in troops) in nations, the first nation first and then the next that came after it and so on and so forth (till, when they reach it) i.e. the Fire (and the gates thereof) and its different pathways (are opened) because prior to this they were closed, (and the warders thereof) i.e. the angels of the Fire (say unto them: Came there not unto you) O group of disbelievers (messengers of your own) human beings like you, (reciting unto you the revelations of your Lord) which detail the commands

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and prohibitions (and warning you of the meeting) of the chastisement (of this your Day? They say Yea) they conveyed the message, (verily. But the word of doom for disbelievers is fulfilled) is ordained before that

قَالَ تَعَالَى: أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ ﴿٧٢﴾ قِيلَ ادْخُلُوا أَبْوَابَ جَهَنَّمَ خَالِدِينَ فِيهَا فِيمَا قِيَاسَ سَوَى
الْمَكْتُوبِ ﴿٧٣﴾ الزمر: ٧٢

(It is said (unto them)) the angels of the Fire say to them: (Enter ye the gates of hell to dwell therein) forever. (Thus hapless is the journey's end of the scorers) it is the abode of those who felt too proud to accept faith in the Scripture and Messenger.

﴿ وَسِيْقَ الَّذِينَ اتَّقَوْا رَبَّهُمْ إِلَى الْجَنَّةِ زُمَرًا حَتَّىٰ إِذَا جَاءَهَا أُفْتُِحَتْ أَبْوَابُهَا وَقَالَ مُنَادٌ
حَرِّزْتُهَا عَلَيْكُمْ طَبَعًا فَأَدْخُلُوهَا خَالِدِينَ ﴿٧٣﴾ الزمر: ٧٣

(And those who keep their duty to their Lord) and those who obey their Lord (are driven unto the Garden in troops) group after group (till, when they reach it) i.e. the Garden, (and the gates thereof are opened) and they were opened before that too, (and the warders thereof) and the warder of the Garden

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(say unto them) at the gate of Paradise: (Peace be unto you) they salute you with greeting and peace! (Ye are good) you succeeded and are saved; it is also said that this means: you are cleansed and purified, (so enter ye (the Garden of Delight), to dwell therein) forever, never to die or leave it;

وَقَالُوا الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي صَدَقَنَا وَعْدَهُ وَأَوْرَثَنَا الْأَرْضَ نَتَّبِعُهُمْ مِنَ الْغَنَّةِ حَيْثُ كُنَّا نَسْتَأْذِنُ
أَجْرُ الْعَامِلِينَ ﴿٧٤﴾ الزمر: ٧٤

(They say) after they become aware of Allah's favour upon them: (Praise be to Allah) gratitude belongs to Allah, (Who hath fulfilled His promise unto us and hath made us inherit the land) and Who made us to dwell in the land of the Garden, (sojourning in the Garden where we will! So bounteous is the wage of workers) how good is the wage of those who strive for Allah in the life of the world.

﴿وَتَرَى الْمَلَائِكَةَ حَافِينَ مِنْ حَوْلِ الْعَرْشِ يُسَبِّحُونَ بِحَمْدِ رَبِّهِمْ وَقُضِيَ بَيْنَهُمُ بِالْحَقِّ وَقِيلَ الْحَمْدُ
لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ ﴿٧٥﴾ الزمر: ٧٥

(And thou (O Muhammad) seest the angels thronging round the Throne, hymning the praises of their Lord) by the command of Allah. (And they are judged) and it is judged

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between the prophets and their nations (aright) with justice. (And it is said) to them after the end of reckoning, say: (Praise be to Allah) thanks and gratitude belong to Allah, (the Lord of the Worlds!) the Master of the jinn and human beings Who separated us apart from our enemies, this is the station of Ha Mim, and He is the Mighty, the Knower'

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Conclusion

Islam is the truth that you have to find before death. Islam will provide human beings the ultimate happiness that material things could not and will not ever provide. It will give you real inner peace and fulfillment that you have been longing and searching for. It will secure you in the life of this world and the hereafter. Find about it and don't ignore while still alive. Millions of Non-Muslim scholars, Scientists, Preachers and famous personalities have done it already. Most of them are still alive; they can tell you their experiences of the real inner peace they found in Islam.

LAST MESSAGE TO YOU FROM QURAN :-

يقول الله عز وجل :-

أَشْرُوا بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ ﴿٤٧﴾ وَلَوْ أَنَّ لِلَّذِينَ ظَلَمُوا مَا فِي الْأَرْضِ جَمِيعًا وَمِثْلَهُ مَعَهُ لَافْتَدَوْا
بِهِ مِنْ سُوءِ الْعَذَابِ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ وَيَدَّاهُمْ يَدَا الضَّالِّينَ ﴿٤٨﴾ وَيَدَّاهُمْ يَدَا الضَّالِّينَ ﴿٤٧﴾ وَيَدَّاهُمْ
يَدَا الضَّالِّينَ ﴿٤٨﴾ وَيَدَّاهُمْ يَدَا الضَّالِّينَ ﴿٤٧﴾ ﴿٤٨﴾ الزمر: ٤٧ - ٤٨

And though those who do wrong) the idolaters (possess all that is in the earth, and therewith as much again) double of that, (they verily will seek to ransom themselves therewith on the Day of Resurrection from the awful doom) from the severe chastisement; (and there will appear unto them, from their Lord) from their Lord's chastisement, (that wherewith they never reckoned) that which they never thought.

(And the evils that they earned) their evil works (will appear unto them, and that wherewith they used to scoff) the prophets and Scriptures that they used to mock; and it is said the torment that they used to scoff (will surround them) i.e. the torment will visit them.

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May ALLAH(God) bless you all

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