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Introduction

All praise is due to Allâh, Lord of the worlds, to afford me an opportunity to be able to write this booklet which is aimed at introducing Islam to the people and redirecting the people of the Christian faith who disbelieve in Muhammad, may Allâh bless him and grant him peace, who came as a mercy of God to All mankind after Jesus the Christ, peace be upon him.

If it can be read with an open mind, without prejudice it will reveal to the reader new undisputed truths while at the same time it serves as a book of reference and a weapon by which Muslims will protect themselves against the Christians who knock on their doors inviting them to their 'Salvation', it will also strengthen the faith of Muslims in Muhammad, Salla llahu 'alyhi wasallam.

The book is mainly about proving to Christians and the people at large that the person who was sent to the whole of mankind was actually Muhammad, may Allâh bless him and grant him peace. Not Jesus Christ, peace be upon him.

I hope that the reader will find it making sense and should anybody find any mistakes or misquotations of any sort please bring that to my attention as to be able to correct them in the following edition of this book.

May Allâh bless and guide to his way all the readers of this book and for give me for my shortcomings.
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CHRISTIANS' SCEPTICISM

According to Most people among Christians, Muslims do not believe in Jesus, the Christ. We came to this conclusion after many dialogues we held with them. In the past we held a lot of discussions with Christians, from those discussions we discovered that most of them are frightened of Muslims and the Islamic religion and they are sceptical and reluctant to have any form of dialogue with Muslims but at the same time they consider Muslims to be lost and as such in need of guidance. There are some among them who even go a step further by labelling Muslims as 'anti Christ'. This booklet, God willing, will remove this misconception and it is our humble attempt to prove that the Prophet who was sent for all people was not Jesus but Muhammad, may Allâh bless him and grant him peace. And to state also our position as far as Jesus Christ is concerned.

SCRIPTURES AS OUR SOURCES OF BELIEF

We will do this by consulting the Scriptures viz. the Holy Bible and the Holy Qur'ân and also the teachings or traditions of the Prophets. It should also be mentioned that the Bible is a compilation of the word of God, sayings of the Prophets and the narrations of the historians who were uninspired humans while the Holy Qur'ân contains only the word of God and in some translations it contains the interpretations or commentaries of the translators but as either endnotes or footnotes. In the Qur'ân the words of the commentator are never mixed up with the main text which is the word of God but rather they are written separately from the text to indicate to the reader that they are not part of the text. Moreover the Qur'ân is the Qur'ân in Arabic not the translation. The translation of the Qur'ân into any language is merely a close rendering of the meaning of what it implies but not exactly what Allâh says in Arabic.

By God, we sincerely and honestly do not intend to bash or insult those who follow Christianity at all. If anything we are about to say or that which we have already said in this book amounts to that, please pardon us in advance, it is not what we aimed at.

While we intend to faithfully explain every verse we shall quote here as honestly as we can, we are aware of the fact that each Christian sect has its own way of interpreting the Bible, and each sect thinks it is the only one entitled to interpret the Bible and each (especially the Gospel ones) thinks it is the only one that possess the gift of the Holy Spirit.

EVERYTHING IN ITS PROPER PLACE

We would also like to mention to the reader that in Islam, things are placed in their rightful places, God is God with His Godly qualities, He does Godly things, He is a Creator not the begetter, He never stoops down to be a human, He is never overtaken by death, God does not die, let alone three days and three nights as the Christians claim, He never dies even for a second, a human is Human with his humanly qualities, he begets children and then dies to be risen up by God some day. The Words of Allâh in Islam are never mixed with the words of humans. Books containing the teachings or sayings of the

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Holy Prophet Muhammad, may Allâh bless him and grant him peace, which are called *ahâdîth*, are written separately from the Qur'ân which is the word of Allâh.

Regrettably in the Holy Bible everything is mixed up with the word of God and it is most of the time if not always, difficult for Christians to differentiate and the majority of them are always adamant that everything in the Bible is the word of God including the letters of Paul that he wrote to his various churches while this is not the case. To illustrate; read the following: *"And God spoke all these words, "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. "You shall have no other gods before Me."*

(Exodus 20 verse 1-3)

The above embolden words of the Bible are said to be from God; therefore we shall say it is God speaking.

How do the words of Jesus sound? The words of Jesus are the following: *"These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: 'Do not go to any Gentile territory or any Samaritan towns. Instead you are to go to the lost sheep of the people of Israel.'"*

(Matthew 10 verse 5)

Again here the words of Jesus are the embolden ones but please dear reader these words are found in the Bible not embolden, I have made them bold just to distinguish them out from the words of the reporter, for you to see what I am trying to establish.

The example of the words of a human found in the Bible are as follows and I have not made them bold this time:

"In the beginning was the Word, and the word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning..."

(John 1 verse 1-3)

Although these words of a human, happen to be the most oft-repeated verses of the Christian Bible for the deification of Jesus, they are words of an unknown person, they are neither words of God nor of Jesus. It is doubtful to attribute them even to John because every erudite Christian scholar of the Bible acknowledges them as being the words of another Jew, by the name of Philo of Alexandria, who translated them from the works of ancient philosophers who lived 500 years before John and Jesus were born and this Philo claimed no Divine inspiration about them.

(*The New Encyclopaedia Britannica*, vol. 7, p. 440).

Let us leave this at that because our main goal is actually to reason with the Christians and make it plain to them and other people that Prophet Muhammad, may Allâh bless him and grant him peace, was not only one of the major Prophets of Allâh but he is the only one who was sent to the whole world and not Jesus, peace be upon him, who was sent only to the Israelites.

THE REVELATION OF THE QUR'ÂN 600 YEARS AFTER THE BIBLE

In many of our encounters with Christians who do not want to accept Muhammad as the Prophet of God, sent to the whole of mankind, in the townships we are continuously told by the Christians that the Bible was revealed before the Qur'ân and the Qur'ân was

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revealed only after six hundred years, therefore according to them, the Qur'ân cannot be the word of God because it was revealed later than the Bible.

Our response to this is that; it is neither God nor Jesus who gave Christians this way of rating Scriptures. And we strongly disagree with their negative attitude towards the Qur'ân and our Holy Prophet Muhammad, may Allâh bless him and grant him peace.

If we can apply this attitude to all the Prophets of Christendom then, many will be false including Jesus whom they call 'Lord'. for example; according to the Christian historians; Abraham precedes Moses by 600 years because he lived 2000 years before Christ while Moses lived 1400 years before Christ. Does this gap of 600 years between Abraham and Moses make Moses a false Prophet? I don't think so. Moses brought the book of God called Torah, which consists of five books known as Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy, and all of these form the first part of the Bible, surprisingly they are believed and read in churches and synagogues while Prophet Abraham and Moses have a gap of 600 years apart.

A 1000 years before Christ, Prophet David was born. The gap between Moses and David is 400 years. David brought a book of God called Psalms. Shall we consider the book of Psalms to be false just because it came 400 years after the Torah of Moses? Not at all. The gap between Prophet David and Malachi, the last Prophet of the Old Testament is 550 years, for he was born 450 before Christ. The last book of the Old Testament as we have already mentioned above is that of Malachi, shall we not read it because it was revealed to Malachi 550 years long after the demise of David? It is illogic to think like this. Again 450 years after Prophet Malachi, Jesus the son of Mary, was born and he brought the Gospel. Are we to reject the Gospel of Jesus on account that it was revealed to him 1400 years after the Torah, a 1000 years after the book of Psalms, 750 years after the book of Isaiah and 450 years after Malachi? To do this, would be completely irrational on our part.

If we accept the Gospel which was revealed to Jesus 1400 years after the Torah, why should we reject the Holy Qur'ân merely on the basis that it was revealed 600 years after the Gospel? Aren't we trying to question the wisdom of God Almighty Who sent all these prophets with His Message at His chosen times and intervals?¹ Or are we trying to say why God did not send all His Scriptures at one **and** the same time?

If the Christians are right to reject the Qur'ân, then the Jews who rejected Jesus were right because Jesus was born 1400 years after Moses and the Jews rejected Jesus claiming that they were disciples of Moses. (John 9 verse 28). Now Christians are doing the same thing to Muhammad, may Allâh bless him and grant him peace, which was done to Jesus by the Jews.

The bottom line is; we cannot question the wisdom of God. We can only question our stubbornness and our heart hardened behaviour. The gap between the Prophets is just not one of the criteria to determine whether some one is a true Prophet or not.

¹ The above biblical record of the chronology of the Prophets is found on page 362-364 of the Good News Bible as outline chart of history of the Prophets.

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Allâh says: "O people of the book (Jews and Christians)! Now has come to you Our Messenger (Muhammad) making (things) clear to you, after a break in (the series of) Messengers, lest you say: 'There came to us no bringer of glad tidings and no warner.' But now has come to you a bringer of glad tidings and a warner. And Allâh is Able to do all things." (5:19)

DID JESUS SAY HE IS THE LAST PROPHET ON EARTH?

When discussing about Islam and Muhammad with Christians, one is sure to hear statements like: 'Jesus said: **"Beware of the false prophets"**', thereby insinuating that Muhammad is a false prophet. (We seek Allâh's refuge from this). They continue and say: **"We need no prophet, we have the Son of God who died for our sins"** says the Christian. Some of them go further in as far as saying; "All prophets who came after Jesus were false." But this is also another one big mistake these people are making because Jesus, peace be upon him did not say all prophets after him will be false nor did he say he is the final Prophet. All he said was: *"For, false Messiahs and false prophets will appear. They will perform miracles and wonders in order to deceive even God's chosen people, if possible. Be on guard! I have told you everything before the time comes."*

(Mark 13 verse 22-23)

This verse does not say all prophets after Jesus will be false, it only says: *"false prophets and false messiahs will appear."* But Christians shake their heads when you point out this fact which leaves you with no other alternative but to quote from their Scripture:

*"During this time some **prophets** came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. One of them, named Agabus, stood up and through the Spirit predicted that a severe famine would spread over the entire Roman world. (This happened during the reign of Claudius.)"* (Acts chapter 11 verse 27)

*"In the church at Antioch there were **prophets** and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon called Nîger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaem (who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch) and Saul."*

(Acts chapter 13 verse 1)

*"Judas and Silas, who themselves were **prophets**, said much to encourage and strengthen the brothers."*

(Acts chapter 15 verse 32)

These were prophets according to the Christian Bible and Christians accept them while they were prophets after Jesus. They say they have no need of another Prophet but God did not see that, He gave them more prophets after Jesus and they accepted them. I see this as having double standards on the part of the Christians to accept them and reject Muhammad, may Allâh bless him and grant him peace.

NOT MENTIONED IN THE BIBLE.

All Christians claim that they cannot believe in Muhammad, may Allâh bless him and grant him peace, because his coming on earth is not mentioned in their scripture. This is

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their own criterion too, not God's or Jesus'. What they tend to ignore is that not all prophets' coming on earth had to be foretold in the Bible.

There are many great personalities and Prophets whose coming on earth was not foretold such as the above mentioned Prophets, i.e. Agabus, Judas, Silas, Simon, Lucius and Manaen, why are they not rejected if that is the case? This criterion is very flimsy and horribly irrational. It is not a stipulation of God Almighty that before a person can be recognised as a Prophet of God, ought to be first mentioned by name in the Bible.

WHO IS MUHAMMAD?

Muhammad, may Allâh bless him and grant him peace is the one about whom Prophet Moses prophesied in the book of Deuteronomy chapter 18 verse 18 where Allâh revealed to Moses on whom be peace. That *"I will raise up for them a prophet like you (Moses) from among their brothers; I will put my words in his mouth, and he will tell them everything I command him."*

Deuteronomy chapter 18 verse 18)

Christians and the disciples of Jesus have mistakenly considered this prophecy to refer to Jesus whereas it refers to Muhammad, may Allâh bless him and grant him peace. Why do we say that is because: Jesus is regarded as God or Son of God by Christians while Moses and Muhammad were regarded as prophets only. And Allâh says he will raise them up a prophet who will be like Moses not like God or Son of God. And again the Prophet in question had to come from the brothers of the Israelites not from the Israelites themselves. Jesus is from the Israelites themselves but Muhammad is from their brothers, the Arabs. In short, the Prophecy says this prophet will be like Moses and Jesus according to Christians is not like Moses. In fact they even sing: "Akekh'ofana naye." (there is none like him) But Muhammad is like Moses. Moses was called a Prophet of God and Muhammad is called Rasûlullah (Prophet of God). Jesus is called the Son of God and the second person in Godhead.

Even after we have shown these differences and similarities, Christians still shake their heads, claiming that this prophecy referred to Jesus. But when we read in the Gospel according to John. We discover that in the time of John the Baptist and Jesus Christ, the Jews were still waiting for the fulfilment of the prophecy of Deuteronomy 18 verse 18. Actually they were waiting for the fulfilment of three prophecies. One was about the coming of Elijah, who according to Jesus turned out to be John the Baptist, the second one was about the coming of Christ who according to the Christians turned out to be Jesus and the third one was about the coming of the Prophet who turned out to be.... whom if it was not Muhammad? Well according to Muslims the Prophet turned out to be Muhammad, may Allâh bless him and grant him peace. Let us read in the Bible:

"Now this was John's testimony when the Jews of Jerusalem sent priests and the Levites to ask him who he was. He did not fail to confess, but confessed freely, 'I am not the Christ.'"

(John chapter one verse 19-20)

They asked him, "Then who are you? Are you Elijah?"

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He said, "I am not." (John chapter 1 verse 21). Here is some contradiction because in the Gospel of Matthew chapter 11 verse 14 Jesus said John is Elijah while John himself denies it.

Any way, they continued asking him, *"Are you the Prophet?" He answered, "No."*

(John chapter 1 verse 21)

The Jews asked John about three people: **Christ, Elijah, and the Prophet** and he denied being any of them. But somehow Christians see only two people here whereas they were three. Let us check in verse 24 in the same chapter the next question they posed to John: *"Now some Pharisees who had been sent questioned him, 'Why then do you baptise if you are not the:*

Christ,

nor Elijah,

nor the Prophet?" (John 1 verse 24)

Here it becomes very clear that they were expecting three persons not two at all.

We Muslims have no problem about Jesus being the Christ, John being Elijah, but we have a problem if the issue of 'the Prophet' is going to be swept under carpet. Why? because there is a danger in hiding the fact that there is a Prophet about whom Moses prophesied, and whether we accept it or not, that Prophet was Muhammad, may Allâh bless him and grant him peace. And we praise Allâh the Almighty God for making us Muslims and made us to be his followers because in verse 19 of Deuteronomy chapter 18, God warns: *"If anyone does not listen to my words that the prophet speaks in my name, I myself will call him to account."* (Deuteronomy chapter 18 verse 19)

This means every one who does not follow Muhammad now is going to face the music, but do Christians care? Not at all, instead they boast about being the children of God, saved by the blood of Jesus, living under grace above the law of God, etc. This is nothing but daring on the part of Christians. For what purpose was the Prophet to be sent if he was not to be followed? Why God Almighty took trouble of making Moses prophesy about this Prophet if his coming was not important for Christians including Jews? Instead the Christians disregard this Prophet who happened to be Muhammad and the message he was sent with, the Holy Qur'ân. They prejudicially consider him to be a false prophet but not using their prescribed way of examining the prophets.

THE AUTHORISED CHRISTIAN WAY OF DISTINGUISHING THE TRUE FROM THE FALSE

Let us be fair enough and remind the Christians that they were given some ways of testing any would be claimant of prophet hood whether they were genuine or false and one of those ways is in the book of John the apostle: *"This is how you can recognise the Spirit of God, Every spirit that acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, but every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus is not from God..."*

(Bible New International Version², John 1 Chapter 4 verse 2-3)

² Not every verse of the Bible appearing in this book is quoted from the New International Version but Most of the quotations are from this version because of its being widely read.

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It should also be borne in mind that the spirit referred to here is a Prophet³. How does Prophet Muhammad, may Allâh bless him and grant him peace, depict Jesus? Does he say he came to this world as a ghost? Doesn't he acknowledge him? Of course he does.

We read in the Holy Qur'ân that: **“The Messiah (Jesus Christ), son of Mary was no more than a Messenger (Prophet); many were the Messengers that passed away before him. His mother (Mary) was a woman of truth. They had both to eat their (daily) food. See how Allâh makes His signs clear to them; yet see in what ways they are deluded away from the truth!”** (Holy Qur'ân chapter 5 verse 78)

By implication the above Verse is proving beyond any reasonable doubt that Jesus was in flesh and a human in all respects, because him and his mother ate food to prove that they were in flesh like all other human beings.

Let us point it out also that the Qur'ânic Verse we have quoted above proves two points here: 1. Jesus was not god. 2. He was in flesh and bones in other words he was a human. You may ask; ‘What does eating food have to do with one being in flesh?’ To answer you, allow me to enquire: Did not Jesus ask his disciples to look at his hands and his feet, to prove that it was himself? Did he not ask them to touch him and see; and told them that a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as they saw him? Well if your answer is yes to these questions, it is also stated in the same place in the Bible that *“When he said this, he showed them his hands and feet. And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, ‘Do you have anything here to eat?’ They gave him a piece of broiled fish and he took it and ate it in their presence.”* (Luke 26: 40-43)

To prove what? That he was indeed flesh and bones. And now 600 years later, Allâh uses the same proof for us in the Qur'ân 5 Verse 78 to understand.

And John further says, *“every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus is not from God.”* But again Muhammad, peace and blessings of Allâh be upon him, acknowledges Jesus explicitly in the verse below which reads:

“And in their footsteps We sent Jesus the son of Mary, confirming the Law that had come before him; We sent him the Gospel: Therein was guidance and light, and a confirmation of the Law that had come before him and a guidance and admonition to those who fear Allâh.” (Holy Qur'ân chapter 5 verse 49)

So, Muhammad, may Allâh bless him and grant him peace, has passed the test of John because he acknowledged that Jesus came in flesh and he acknowledged him being the Messenger of God according to the verse we have just quoted. Maybe it is here where we have to explain our position with regard to Jesus. We Muslims on the authority of the Holy Qur'ân and under the teachings of Muhammad, may Allâh bless him and grant him

³ We find this in verse 1 where it says: “Dear friends do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world...” (1 John 4:1-3) Here it is clear that the spirit and the prophet are synonymous.

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peace, we believe in Jesus who is also called Christ, the Son of Mary. We do not worship him.

We worship none except Allâh, the Lord of the worlds. We believe that he was created by a special miracle by Allâh and he was sent as a Prophet to the children of Israel who rejected him, he healed the sick, born blinds and raised the dead by Allâh's permission. And never by his power, for he had no power of his own except Allâh's. Any body among Muslims who can express his disbelief in Jesus, can never be regarded as a Muslim in the truest sense of the word because it is part of the pillars of our faith to believe in all the Prophets of Allâh. Which makes us complete. The Jews are very incomplete because they are short of two last Prophets, Jesus and Muhammad. The Christians are not complete as well because they are short of one Prophet of God, Muhammad, the final Messenger of Allâh. Muhammad is the stone that the builders refused which happened to be the cornerstone.

Another criterion is found in the book of Deuteronomy which reads: *'You may say to yourselves, "How can we know when a message has not been spoken by the LORD?" If what a prophet proclaims in the name of the LORD does not take place or come true, that is a message the LORD has not spoken. That prophet has spoken presumptuously. Do not be afraid of him.'*

(Deuteronomy Chapter 18 verse 21-22)

At times it is futility to pursue any discussion regarding these matters with many among Christians because almost none of them has even the slightest bit of knowledge about the life style of the Holy Prophet Muhammad, may Allâh bless him and grant him peace, especially South African ones. They do not know what he stood for, what he preached, what were his deeds, teachings, what did he prophecy and came through and what is yet to come. But all of them are ready to give verdicts that he was not a Prophet of God, his religion was false and the Qur'ân came later than the Bible and so on. It makes one wonder, how does a person expresses his opinion about something or some one he has no knowledge of. Some among them are even afraid to read the Holy Qur'ân when they are given one as a gift. In any event, we will provide some of the prophecies which were made by Muhammad as recorded in the Holy Qur'ân.

History of Islam tells us that the Holy Prophet Muhammad, may Allâh bless him and grant him peace, immediately after he started his prophetic mission in Makkah, the place of his birth, he was severely persecuted by his people, the Arabs who were pagans. He and some of his disciples had to migrate to another town called Madinah which was further away from Makkah, escaping their evil plot of trying to murder him. While on his way to Madinah, he receives a revelation From Allâh: **“Verily, He Who (God Almighty) ordained the Qur'ân for you, He will bring you back to the Place of Return...”**

(Qur'ân 28:85)

“Place of Return,” is a title of the Holy City of Makkah. Because due to circumstances he had to leave it, now he was told by God Almighty that he was to return, in victory of course. But at that moment the situation was hopeless. Most of his followers had already

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migrated to Madinah. Now it was his turn to move to this place of safety. Together with Abu Bakr, his disciple had reached a place called Juhfa, when this assurance was given by God that once again he will return to his birth-place Makkah, and so he did with ten thousand of his disciples he marched to Makkah, conquered it and destroyed all statues and every thing that represented idol worship in the whole of Makkah, thus making Makkah a Holiest city of all the holy places on planet earth.

And this happened as was foretold in the Bible: *“And he (Moses) said, the Lord came from Sinai, and rose from Seir unto them; he shined forth from mount Paran (that is in Arabia), and he (Muhammad) came with ten thousand Saints⁴; from his right hand went a fiery law for them.”*

(Deuteronomy 33 verse 2)

It was an era during which the Christians, Emperor of Rome had lost Jerusalem to the Persians, and Christianity had been humbled in the dust. In this holocaust between two of the Superpowers of the day, the pagans of Makkah derived vicarious pleasure in the discomfiture of the Romans by the pagan Persians. Allamah Abdullah Yûsuf Ali in his translation of the Holy Qur’ân, explains this in this manner:

“THE PAGAN ARABS NATURALLY SIDED WITH THE PERSIANS IN THEIR DESTRUCTIVE ZEAL, AND THOUGHGT THAT THE DESTRUCTION OF THE CHRISTIAN POWER OF ROME WOULD ALSO MEAN A SETBACK TO THE MESSAGE OF THE PROPHET, THE TRUE SUCCESSOR TO CHRIST...WHILE THE WHOLE WORLD BELIEVED THAT THE ROMAN EMPIRE WAS BEING KILLED BY PERSIA, IT WA REVEALED TO HIM THAT THE PERSIAN VICYTORY WAS SHORT-LIVED AND THAT WIHTIN A PERIOD OF A FEW YEARS THE ROMANS WOULD CONQUER AGAIN AND DEAL A DEADLY BLOW AT THE PERSIANS.” Below here is the actual wording of the prophecy:

“The Roman Empire has been defeated in a land close by; But they, (even) after (this) defeat of theirs, will soon be victorious – Within a few years. With Allâh is the decision, In the Past and in the Future; on that day shall the Believers rejoice”

(Qur’ân chapter 30 Verse 2-4)

This was revealed to the Holy Prophet Muhammad, may Allâh bless him and grant him peace, in the year 615/16 of the Christian era. And within ten years of the revelation of this Divine prediction, the prophecy was fulfilled. These are two prophecies among many that were fulfilled during his life time and shortly after he passed away which we think should suffice as a proof to those who would like to put the Prophet of Islam to the test as stated in the Deuteronomy 33:2. and there are a lot more of the things the Holy Prophet Muhammad, may Allâh bless him and grant him peace predicted some of which we have witnessed their fulfilment and some of which we are still awaiting their fulfilment, praise be to Allâh, our Holy Prophet has again passed this test too.

⁴ In the newer English versions of the Bible you can no longer get these words ‘ten thousand saints’, in the New International Version, the words “ten thousand saints” have been replaced by “myriads of holy ones”, probably to hide the fact that it is a reference to the Holy Prophet Muhammad, may Allâh bless him and grant him peace, who returned to Makkah and conquered it with ten thousand holy soldiers. But in the Xhosa Bible and other languages it is still there, thanks to God Almighty for preserving it.

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The following one was given by the master, Jesus himself to his followers: *“Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves. By their fruit you will recognise them. Do people pick grapes from thorn-bushes, or figs from thistles? Like wise every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. A good tree cannot bear bad fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. This, by their fruit you will recognise them.”* (Matthew chapter 7 verse 16-20)

Let us in this case consider the tree to be Muhammad, may Allâh bless him and grant him peace. His fruit, the revelation sent down to him as well as his teachings called ahâdîth and see what type of tree he was.

We shall read the Qur’ân which is the word of Allâh sent down to the world via the mouth of Muhammad, and among many things the Qur’ân teaches is:

“It is not righteousness that ye turn your faces towards East or West; but it is righteousness to believe in Allâh and the Last Day, and the angels, and the Book (Qur’ân), and the Messengers; to spend of your substance, out of love for Him, for your kin, for orphans, for the needy, for the wayfarer, for those who ask, and for the ransom of slaves; to be steadfast in prayer, and practice regular charity; to fulfil the contracts which ye have made. (Qur’ân chapter 2 Verse 177)

The above Verse is self-explanatory, I do not even have to make any comment, it is about good. Can any person disagree with that fact? Here is another one below:

And spend of your substance in the cause of Allâh and make not your own hands contribute to (your destruction), but do good, for Allâh loves those who do good.

(Qur’ân chapter 2 Verse 195)

Just listen to the following one here below:

“Verily Allâh commands that you should render back the trusts to those to whom they are due; and that when you judge between people, you judge with justice. Verily, how excellent is the teaching which He (Allâh) gives you! Truly Allah is Ever All Hearer, All seer.” (Qur’ân chapter 4 Verse 58)

These are the teachings of The Holy Qur’ân. If they are not good then nothing is good. What did he, Muhammad, may Allâh bless him and grant him peace, personally teach his followers?

Narrated Abû Huraira, may Allâh be pleased with him, that the Prophet (Muhammad, may Allâh bless him and grant him peace) said: *“A man came to Allâh’s Messenger and said, ‘O Allâh’s Messenger! Who is more entitled to be treated with the best companionship by me?’ The Prophet said: ‘Your mother. The man said. ‘Who is next?’ The Prophet said, ‘Your mother.’ The man further said, ‘Who is next?’ The Prophet said, ‘Your mother.’ The man asked for the forth time, ‘Who is next?’ The Prophet said, ‘Your father.’”* (Bukhari Vol. 8 page 2, Hadeeth 2)

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Now every sensible parent would like his or her child to become as close as possible to him or her than any other person, especially these times of peer pressure where the youth are exposed to harmful substances, pornography and the destructive Satanic worship.

Narrated Abû Bakra may Allâh be pleased with him, that: The Prophet (Muhammad, may Allâh bless him and grant him peace, said thrice: ***“Shall I not inform you of the biggest of the great sins?”*** We said, ***“Yes O Allâh’s Messenger.”*** He said, ***“To join partners in worship with Allâh; to be undutiful to one’s parents.”*** The Prophet sat up after he had been reclining and added, ***“And I warn you against giving forged statement and a false witness; I warn you against giving a forged statement and a false witness.”*** The Prophet kept on saying that warning till we thought he would not stop.”

(Bukhari Vol. 8 page 6, Hadeeth 6)

Narrated Abdullah bin ‘Amr, may Allâh be pleased with him, that: the Prophet (Muhammad, may Allâh bless him and grant him peace) said: ***“It is one of the greatest sins that a man should curse his parents.”*** It was asked (by People), ***“O Messenger of Allâh! How does a man curse his parents?”*** The Prophet said, ***“The man abuses the father of another man and the latter abuses the father of the former and abuses his mother.”***

(Bukhari Vol. 8 page 3, Hadeeth 4)

Narrated Abu Huraira, may Allâh be pleased with him, that: Allâh’s Messenger (Muhammad, may Allâh bless him and grant him peace) said: ***“Whosoever believes in Allâh and the Last Day should not harm his neighbour, and whosoever believes in Allâh and the Last Day should entertain his guest, and whosoever believes in Allâh and the Last Day should talk what is good or keep quiet.”***

(Bukhari Vol. 8 page 29, Hadeeth 47)

Once again from his teachings we find him teaching good and Jesus, advises his followers that they will recognise the false prophets by their fruits. We get good fruits from, the tree Muhammad, may Allâh bless him and grant him peace, any body who deems these teachings as not being good, he does not really know what it is meant by “good”. In the above hadîth he says: ***“Whosoever believes in Allâh and the Last Day should not harm his neighbour.”*** How many people harm their neighbours by musical noise, bad parking, talking ill of them, revealing their unpleasant status to other people, and worse of all committing adultery with their neighbours? All of that is condemned in Islam. Muhammad, may Allâh bless him and grant him peace, went on to give mankind guidance even on matters that Jesus Christ was silent about. Things such as, **gambling, foretelling, alcoholism, inheritance, usury (interest), Devil worship (Satanism), racism and the problem of surplus woman.** These things and many others are dealt with thoroughly in the Qur’ân and the sayings of the Holy Prophet Muhammad, may Allâh bless him and grant him peace. Jesus peace be upon him, did not address them because his disciples were not ready then and he knew that the Holy Prophet, Muhammad, may Allâh bless him and grant him peace would come and address them. ***“I have much more to say to you, more than you can bear. But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth... He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.”***

(John 16 verse 12-13)

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These words cannot refer to any other one except Muhammad, may Allâh bless him and grant him peace, because every Muslim knows that he never spoke of his own desire, let us quote from the Holy Qur'ân: **“Nor does he say (aught) of his own desire. It is no less than, inspiration sent down to him. He was taught by one mighty in power.”**

(Qur'ân 53 Verse 3-5)

Muhammad is a fulfilment of this prophecy of Jesus, But Christians disagree with this fact, claiming that the above prophecy was about the Holy Spirit which came down in the day of the Pentecost. Undoubtedly this is a mistake on the part of the Christians because the Holy Spirit was seen descending like a dove and heard by the people during the baptismal of Jesus by John (Matthew 3 verse 13-17), and this incident took place before the Pentecost. Jesus could not have been referring to the Holy Spirit because after his baptismal the Holy Spirit was always with him, if the Christians insist on saying he had to go some where to fetch this Holy Spirit, then we would like to know, was he perhaps not telling the truth when he said he is driving out the demons by the Spirit of God? (Matthew 12 verse 28) if he was driving them out by the Spirit of God then the Spirit of God was with him, he did not have to go anywhere in order that the Spirit descends down. Let us quote his actual words: *“But I tell you the truth: It is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Counsellor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you”*

(John chapter 16 verse 7)

If he was referring to the Holy Spirit of the Pentecost, it does not make sense to say *“Unless I go away, the Counsellor will not come to you”*, when the Holy Spirit was always with him. But if we accept that the Counsellor he was referring to was Muhammad, then it makes a lot of sense because Muhammad, came when he was away but the Holy Spirit was here even before Jesus was born. Was he not conceived through the same Holy Spirit?

(Luke chapter 1 verse 35)

And there are other few places in the Bible where the Holy Spirit is quoted to have been present and working in People as we read in: (Luke 1:15), (Luke 1:41), (Luke 1:67) and all this was before his birth.

The truth is: Jesus needed not to go away for the Holy Spirit to be with his disciples because at one stage he said: *“Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.”* And with that he breathed on them and said, **“Receive the Holy Spirit”**.

(John 20 verse 21-23)

And this also happened before the Pentecost. Was he deceiving them when he was telling them to receive the Holy Spirit? It is clear then therefore that he was going to fetch some one who was not on earth yet because the Holy Spirit was already on earth but Muhammad, may Allâh bless him and grant him peace, was still not on earth, he was born only after he left.

If they disagree again with this same fact and insist on the Spirit of the Pentecost than we would like to draw their attention to these points of the prophecy and see which one of them did the Pentecostal Spirit accomplished.

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▪ ***He will guide people into all truth***

Into which truth did the Pentecostal Spirit guide people except bubbling in unknown languages? Since when did speaking in an unknown or known language became all truth?

In guiding people to all truth, Muhammad, may Allâh bless him and grant him peace, on the other hand said: ***“The (Hell) fire is surrounded by all kinds of desires and passions, while Paradise is surrounded by all kinds of disliked and undesirable things. ”***

(Bukhari Vol. 8 page 327 hadeeth 494)

That is the truth no religious person can deny about these two places, viz. Hell and Paradise.

▪ ***He must not speak on his own***

What did the Holy Spirit speak that day which was not his own? But the Prophet of Islam did not speak of his own he was speaking under inspiration whenever he spoke. In fact nowhere in the Holy Qur'ân Muhammad expresses his own opinion. and the Qur'ân bears testimony to this: ***“Nor does he say (aught) of his own desire. It is no less than, inspiration sent down to him. He was taught by one mighty in power.”***

(Qur'ân 53 Verse 3-5)

▪ ***And He must tell people what is yet to come***

what did the Pentecostal Spirit say will come, other than causing the beholders to think that those who were bubbling in those foreign languages were drunk, until Peter had to stand up and reassure the audients that they weren't so?

(Acts 3 verse 15)

By the way, what was the purpose behind speaking in foreign languages? Was it to give some guidance or merely to show that the disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit?

With regard to tell people what is yet to come, Muhammad told the people: ***“And behold! God will say: ‘O Jesus the son of Mary! Did you say unto mankind, ‘Worship me and my mother as gods in derogation of Allâh?’ He (Jesus) will say: ‘Glory to You! Never could I say what I had no right (to say) Had I said such a thing, You would indeed have known it. You know what is in my heart, though I do not know what is in Yours. For You know in full all that is hidden.’”***

(Qur'ân chapter 5 Verse 119)

Behold, they will dispute with each other in the Fire! The weak ones (who followed) will say to those who had been arrogant, we but followed you: can you then take (on yourselves) from us some share of the Fire? Those who had been arrogant will say: ‘we are all in this (Fire) truly, God has judged between (His) servants!’ Those in the Fire will say to the Keepers of Hell: ‘Pray to your Lord to lighten us the penalty for a day (at least)!’ They will say: Did there not come to you your apostles with clear signs? They will say, ‘Yes,’ they will reply, ‘Then pray (as you like)! But the prayer of those without faith is nothing but (futile wandering) in (mazes of) error!’ (Qur'ân 40:47-50)

The above quotations of the Holy Qur'ân are telling us what is yet to come. And there are many more things the Prophet of Islam predicted but we cannot not deal with them one

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by one in this book because the Book is not for that purpose. But as far as the promise of Jesus is concerned regarding:

- (a) *he will guide you into all truth*
- (b) *he will not speak of his own*
- (c) *he must tell people what is yet to come*, none of the above is reported to have been obtained from the Pentecostal Holy Spirit. But only from Muhammad, may Allâh bless him and grant him peace.

To tell you the truth dear reader, the Holy Spirit that descended on the day of Pentecost was a fulfilment of the Prophet Joel's prophecy. (Joel 2 verse 28-32) and not of Jesus that we find written about in the book of John 16 verse 12-13 and if Peter said it was, he was definitely wrong and badly mistaken. (Acts 2 verse 16) as we have proven above.

Peter being badly mistaken should not surprise us because all of the disciples of Prophet Jesus as a whole used not to understand him at times. And there are many instances where Jesus used to complain to them about their lack of faith and understanding. Due to their same misunderstanding of Jesus they even spread rumours that there was one disciple among them about whom Jesus said he would not die till he (Jesus) comes again. But now the disciple had died while Jesus has still not come. (John 21 verse 23)

Unfortunately on our part, we had to receive the message of Jesus from the same people who did not understand Jesus, the same disciples who, on the last minute ran and forsook him. (Mark 14 verse 50)

And they dare come and tell us about what happened on the way to Golgotha and on the cross when none of them was an eyewitness.

TRANSFORMATION OF THE NATION

It is true the Qur'ân was revealed 600 years after the Bible and during that 600 years before the revelation of the Qur'ân Arabs almost as a whole were barbaric in the strictest sense of the word. Arabs worshipped idols, in the form of statues, superstitions were governing their lives, The strong among them preyed on the weak, gambling was rampant, Murder, killing of infant girls, alcoholism, adultery, fornication, theft, cheating in business, bad manners and everything evil you can think of, but when the Prophet of Islam started his mission; all those social ills were wiped out from the Arabian peninsula, only in 23 years' time and up to now no man before and after Muhammad, may Allâh bless him and grant him peace was ever so successful in transforming the lives of the people as Muhammad did. And right now as we speak, only God Almighty is worshipped in Makkah and Madinah, no worship of any idol in whatever form or manner, there is not a single case of robbery, car hijacking, burglary and theft, rape, public indecency and there is not a single bottle store in the streets of Makkah and Madina which is where Islam was born.

As for Christianity in the same Arabia, could not do anything about the social evils mentioned above in a period of a whole 600 years. Christians were like a salt that is no

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longer salty about which Jesus said it would be thrown out and be trampled by men.

(Matthew 5 verse 13)

Strangely enough, in spite of that, Christians still see themselves as better guided than other people while among them there are still sects that are bowing down to statues in their churches in the name of Jesus and his mother, while almost all of them claim the possession of a Holy Spirit, are worshipping God as three persons in one God or one person in three Gods which is nothing but polytheism called trinity. While all of them regard Jesus, peace be upon him to be the son of God in a literal sense when he regarded himself to be the son of God figuratively. God called many individual Prophets as His sons. David is one of them and He said to him: *"the Lord hath said unto me, (David) Thou art My son: this day have I begotten^{5a} thee."*

(Psalms chapter 2 verse 7)

"Jesus said unto her (Mary Magdalene)...I ascend unto My Father and your Father; and to my God and your God."

(John 20 verse 17)

Muslims under the leadership of Muhammad, may Allâh bless him and grant him peace, worship Allah as one God only and one God only. No partners, and no sons form part of God at all in Islam and this is the divine message all the Holy Prophets of God taught. None of them taught these three gods in one god and one god in three gods. This teaching is new and has nothing to do with Jesus, it was formulated long after Jesus had gone from this earth by Roman Christians who were formally idol worshipers in the year 325 after Christ.

JESUS ONLY FOR THE JEWS

There is also a wrong belief among many people, especially Africans that only the Christians (white people) know about God and other nations knew nothing, instead they had to wait for white missionaries to come with their Bible and teach them about God. This is totally wrong because long before white people came to South Africa, people knew about God and the evidence of that is the fact that God Almighty is known by some names in all African tribes. And each tribe knows Him by some name which does not depict him as a God Who has partners. He is always depicted as a Supreme and most powerful being. And the Qur'ân says: **"And there never was a people, without a Warner having lived among them (in the past)."**

(Qur'ân chapter 35 Verse 24)

God sent Prophets to every tribe on earth and that Prophet was sent to teach the message of God only to the specific tribe he was sent. So the last of such Prophets is Jesus Christ peace be upon him, the son of Mary. He was not sent to all nation of the earth.

^{5a} Again the Christians have removed the words "begotten" in the latest versions to give you an impression that only Jesus is referred to as the begotten Son of God no one else. But in the Xhosa version the words "begotten" are still there.

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Once the opportunity arose for Jesus to say he came for the whole world in front of Pilate when he was asked: *"Meanwhile Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked him, 'Are you the king of the Jews?' 'Yes, it is as you say,' Jesus replied."* (Matthew chapter 27 verse 11). Here Jesus squandered another golden opportunity in front of the governor when he should have said; "Yes I am not the king of the Jews only but of the whole world." Unfortunately for the Christians he did not claim to be the king of the world as they wish him to have been. But he said he is the king of the Jews. On top of all that, it was written on his cross, above his head⁴: *"THIS IS JESUS, THE KING OF THE JEWS."* (Matthew chapter 27 verse 37) The whole world is not mentioned here nor mankind.

Even from his birth it was known that he will be the king of the Jews not of the world. The Magi of the East testified: "Where is the one who has been born **king of the Jews?**" (Matthew 2:2)

Another thing worthy mentioning here in this whole thing about crucifixion of Jesus is the claim that he came to die for the sins of the world: Every where Jesus was taken and gave answers after his arrest in the garden of Gethsemane, no where he claimed to have come to die for the sins of the world. And if he really came for that, then he was an unwilling sacrifice. But when and how was he intending to do this if he was not be betrayed by Judas Iscariot at last? Because it took the devil in Judas Iscariot to have Jesus crucified for the sins of the Christians, (John 13:27), but they don't say a word of thanks to these two (Judas and the Devil) who helped them with the "blood of the lamb which takes away the sins of man."

All we see is the annual celebration of the Good Friday all over the world. If the Friday in which Jesus died is good then what happened to him in Golgotha is good, which means also he who orchestrated it, did good. If God signed a contract with Jesus to come and save the world with his blood then the sacrifice who in this case is Jesus had to be caught and killed some day for the sins of the world. Why the one who made this come through is cursed, instead of being thanked? Christians have proven to be very ungrateful in this regard to Judas. One does not need to be filled with the Holy Spirit to see that Jesus was unwilling to die for the world. If you read the Gospels you will find that Jesus was unhappy about Judas Iscariot handing him over to be sacrificed for the world. Listen to Jesus when he tells his disciples: *"I tell you the truth, one of you is going to betray me."* (John chapter 13 verse 21). In the Gospel of Luke which is where this coming to die for the sins of the world is derived from, we read: *"The Son of man will go as it has been decreed, but woe to that man who betrays him."*

(Luke chapter 22 verse 22)

Why woe to Judas Iscariot when he was making what he came for to take place? In the Gospel of Matthew it reads: *"The Son of Man will go just as it is written about him. But woe to that man who betrays the Son of Man! It would be better for him if he had not been born."*

(Matthew chapter 26 verse 24)

⁴This is according to Christians, we Muslims do not believe that Jesus died or even went to the cross, instead it was someone else in his stead who was crucified and died and buried etc.

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These are the words of an happy man when he was supposed to have been in his highest point of happiness because the contract between him and his Father of redeeming the sinners with his own blood was to take place, Why was he unhappy now, was he afraid? In which way did he think he was going to die for his people? The fact is: there is no such thing as one person dying for the inequities of others. The Righteous God can never kill His righteous Servant Jesus in the place of the evil ones, never.

In The Holy Qur'ân He tells us that:

“Every soul draws the meed of its acts on none but itself: no bearer of burdens can bear the burden of another. Your goal in the end is towards Allâh: He will tell you the truth of the things wherin you disputed.” (Holy Qur'ân 6:164)

This is in agreement with that which was spoken by Prophet Ezekiel: *“For every living soul belongs to me, the father as well as the son - both alike belong to me. The soul who sins is the one who will die.”* (Ezekiel 18 verse 4)

In other words if people commit sins it is not Jesus who will be punished, rather it will be themselves who will have to die for what they have done, not Jesus, Peace be upon him.

Leaving the crucifixion alone this brings us to the fact that All the Prophets of God who were sent prior to Muhammad, may Allâh bless him and grant him peace, were sent to their nations or tribes only and Prophet Jesus is one of such Prophets. Jesus on whom be peace, was not sent to the whole world, as we are made to believe, but Muhammad was. And we shall see this in both the Bible and the Qur'ân and in the traditions of the Holy Prophet, Muhammad, may Allâh bless him and grant him peace.

The Christians condemn people who do not want to take Jesus Christ as their personal saviour because they believe that Jesus came for the whole of mankind. And therefore, you, not accepting Jesus, no salvation for you.

But we find in the history of Jesus that at the very beginning of his mission he denied that he came for the whole world. He demonstrated this even by his selection of his disciples, among whom was the Satanic Peter⁵, Judas Iscariot, the traitor and the doubting Thomas, all of whom were Israelites. Other nations had no representatives at all in Jesus' cabinet but only the twelve tribes of the house of Israel⁶.

Jesus did not only show this by his selection of his disciples, he expressed it out in words and deeds. You say, “How?” We say in the book of Matthew chapter 10 verse 5 we find the following report:

⁵ Jesus turned and said to Peter, “Out of my sight, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; you do not have in mind the things of God, but the things of men.” (Matthew 16:23)

⁶ Israel means twelve tribes of Israel and these tribes come from the twelve sons of Jacob who was latter called Israel (Genesis 32 verse 28) but now the Israelites are referred to as Jews.

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“These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: ‘Do not go to any Gentile territory or any Samaritan towns. Instead you are to go to the lost sheep of the people of Israel.’”
(Matthew chapter 10 verse 5)

Who is an Israelite? An Israelite is a person who is a descendent of Jacob. We in South Africa are not the descendants of Jacob and we can never be, by whatever stretch of our imaginations. I am aware that black people who follow Rastafarianism consider themselves to be coming from Israel. In other words they are Israelites. This could be as a result of hallucination and imaginations from the excessive use of marijuana which makes them think to be what they are not. Only some people in Ethiopia can make that claim, others have no right, they are merely forgers and it is wrong for a person to **forcefully** claim to be coming from the line of another man who is not from his lineage.

One Christian friend of mine was preaching his Christ to me, trying to win me for his lord and saviour, he said, “Listen my dear friend, accept Christ as your Lord and personal saviour.” I told him that I already have a Saviour and this Saviour of mine is enough, I am not in need of any more saviours. He said, “Yes but Jesus is more worthy of your worship because whatever you ask in his name he will give you.” As if I ever complained to him of not getting what I pray for from my Lord, Allâh. I said, “Really? I’d like to believe you, but Jesus could not answer the prayers that were made to him even when he was still walking this earth, how much more to me who is down in South Africa, right at the end of the world? You are preaching Jesus to me who prohibited his disciples to preach to non-Jews and the Samaritans, his neighbours, the Samaritans who could have been speaking a language closer to his, How will he talk to me who speaks a language which is far different than his? My friend seemed to have been not making sense of what I was getting at. I carried on and said, “Jesus would not listen to a Canaanite woman on the basis that she was not an Israelite, will he then listen and answer me, a Xhosa who has no relationship with the Israelites, from South Africa when he did not answer the person who was in front of him and while the one who was asking him a favour was also looking at him? Am I not in a more disadvantaged situation than her, because I do not even see him and I am not sure if he sees me too? Let us read this together”: *“Leaving that place, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre, and Sidon. A Canaanite woman from that vicinity came to him, crying out, ‘Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me! My daughter is suffering terribly from demon possession.’ Jesus did not answer a word. So his disciples came to him and urged him, ‘Send her away, for she keeps crying out after us.’ He answered, ‘I was sent **only** to the lost sheep of the people of Israel...”*

(Matthew 15 verse 21)

When my friend read this verse, I could see it was for the first time he was setting eyes on it, he never read it before. He kept starting from the beginning as if he was not believing what he was reading. He then told me that he would go home to find out the meaning of the above verse from his pastor and then tell me the following day. I said, “Fine”. The following day he said his pastor told him that I cannot understand that verse unless I was baptised in the name of Jesus and received the Holy Spirit.

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I said, “Incredible isn’t it! Do you want to tell me that in that church of yours you are baptized with different Holy Spirits, are the pastors baptized by one and non pastors with another?” He answered, “No we are baptized by one and the same Spirit...” I interjected, “But why the Holy Spirit in you could no explain the meaning of this verse?” I continued, “Come on my friend, you either possess different types of this Holy Spirit or you are just imagining yourselves to possess one while you have none. By the way, I knew your pastor would make it as if the verse contains somewhat a hidden meaning while it is so clear. The Holy Spirit is their usual shell they always get into when they cannot explain the contradictions that are abounding in their religion. The reality is: Jesus came for the Jews, Allâh says it in the Qur’ân, Jesus says it in the Gospel of Matthew, Muhammad says it, we believe it, and you Christians deny it.”

The Qur’ân bears testimony to this in the following words: **“And (We appointed Jesus) an Apostle to the Children of Israel, (with this message): ‘I have come to you. With a Sign from your Lord. In that I make for you out of clay, as if it were the figure of a bird, and breathe into it. And it becomes a bird by Allâh’s leave, and I heal those born blind, and the lepers, and I quicken the dead, by Allâh’s leave: and declare to you what you eat and what you store in your houses, surely therein is a Sign for you if you did believe.’”**
(Qur’ân chapter 3 Verse 49)

THE UNIVERSAL PROPHET.

The Prophet of Islam on the other hand, from the very onset, was sent to the whole of mankind, The Qur’ân says it, he says it, the history about him says it and we affirm it, He did not wait to be rejected before he could accept us we people who were not of his race. In the following Verse of the Holy Qur’ân, Allâh, Glory be to Him, declares: **“We have not sent you (O Muhammad) but only as a bringer of glad tidings and a Warner to the whole of mankind.”**
(Qur’ân 34 Verse 28)

And again the Holy Prophet Muhammad, may Allâh bless him and grant him peace, is commanded to proclaim:

“Say (O Muhammad): ‘O mankind! Verily, I am sent to you **all as the Messenger of Allah – to Whom belongs the dominion of the heavens and the earth. None has the right to be worshipped bu He. It is He Who gives life and causes death. So believe in Allah and His Messenger (Muhammad) the Prophet who can niether read nor write, who believes in Allah and His Words (the Qur’ân and the other Scriptures befor it), and follow him so that you may be guided.’”**

(Quran chapter 7 Verse 158)

The message of the Quran is the message to the world, not just to a specific race as it is in the case with Moses and Jesus but to all people: **“Then where are you heading to?” Verily this (Qur’ân) is no less than a messege to (all) the Worlds (with profit) to whoever among you wills to go straight.”**
(Quran 81 Verse 26-28)

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We take what Jesus and Muhammad said about themselves, we are not talking about dreams and visions that were later reported about them after they were long gone from this world. What the person says about himself carries more weight than what people say about him.

Narrated Anas bin Mâlik, may Allâh be pleased with him that: *“While we were sitting with the Prophet in the mosque, a man came riding on a camel. He made his camel kneel down in the mosque, tied its foreleg and then said: “Who among you is Muhammad?” At that time the Prophet was sitting among us (his companions) leaning on his arm. We replied, “This white man reclining on his arm.” The man then addressed him, “O Son of ‘Abdul Muţţalib.” The Prophet said, “I am here to answer your questions.” The man said to the Prophet, “I want to ask you something and will be hard in questioning. So do not get angry.” The Prophet said, “Ask whatever you want.” The man said, “I ask you by your Lord, and the Lord of those who came before you, **HAS ALLÂH SENT YOU AS AN APOSTLE TO ALL THE MANKIND?**” The Prophet replied, “By Allâh, **YES.**” The man further said, “I ask you by Allâh. Has Allâh ordered you to offer five prayers in a day and night?” He replied, “By Allâh, Yes.” The man further said, “I ask you by Allâh, Has Allâh ordered you to observe fasts during this month of the year (i.e. Ramadân)?” He replied, By Allâh, Yes.” The man further said, “I ask you by Allâh, Has Allâh ordered you to take Zakâh from our rich people and distribute it among our poor people?” The Prophet replied, “By Allâh Yes.” Thereupon that man said, “I believe in all that with which you have been sent, and I have been sent by my people as a messenger, and I am Ðimâm bin Tha’laba from the brothers of Bani sa’d bin Bakr.”* (Bukhari Vol 1, hadîth 63, page 54-55)

OTHER NATIONS INVITED

When Muhammad, may Allâh bless him and grant him peace, was asked whether he was sent to all mankind he said, “Yes”. And we hear in his biography that he invited all the neighbouring nations to his religion before his demise. He sent messengers to Africa, Rome and other places. As a result, king Negus of Ethiopia embraced Islam and became the first king in the whole world to accept Islam. There are letters that he sent to different places to people who were not Arabs. And in his biography (seerah) it is recorded that many chiefs from the surrounding areas came to embrace Islam from his noble hand. But Jesus, on whom be peace and blessings of Allah, said he is sent to the lost sheep of the people of Israel only. If words carry any meaning, the word “only” means no one else.

Until Jesus left this world no person who is not an Israelite ever embraced his religion directly or indirectly from him. He sent no messengers to Africa. We are aware of the report that he once preached to the Samaritans where: *“Many of the Samaritans in that town believed in Jesus because the woman had said...”* (John 4 verse 39).

But even those Samaritans who believed in him could have been Israelites who lived in the land of the Samaritans because Jews have been scattered all over the place from long

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ago, moreover that woman says when she argues with him: *"It was our ancestor Jacob who gave us this well; he and his sons and his flocks all drank from it.* (John 4 verse 12)

We must remember that Jacob who according to Genesis 32 verse 28 was then named Israel, is the father of the Israelites, it is him to whom this woman was referring as their ancestor. Therefore these Samaritans were Israelites. If that woman and those people who believed in Jesus were not Israelites that would mean that Jesus contradicted himself then because he said to Matthew 10:5: *"Do not go to any Gentile territory or any Samaritan towns. Instead, you are to go to the lost sheep of the people of Israel."* 'Again in Matthew 15:24 he said *"I was sent only to the lost sheep of the people of Israel..."*

The disciples and the apostles were also not interested in the non Israelites especially the Africans. Also St Paul, the real founder of Christianity, never set his foot on the continent of Africa to preach his 'salvation'. Read about all his travels and all his letters which are the main part of the New Testament, they are all addressed to his churches in Rome, Corinth, Galatia, Ephesus, Philippi, Colosse, Thessalonica, and to his Greek friends Timothy, Titus and Philemon but not a single one to the Africans. Even Phillip whom they always quote about coming to Africa, (Acts chapter 8 verse 26-31). He met an African who was a black Jew from Ethiopia not just any African as in the true sense of the word African. And they did not meet in Africa but in Jerusalem. So Phillip was a Jew and the African was a Jew, No big deal at all.

But the Holy Prophet, Muhammad, may Allâh bless him and grant him peace, had too many disciples who are called "As-hâb" and they came from different nationalities, to name just a few: Abu Bakr, was an Arab, Salman was a Persian, Abdullah ibin Salaam was a Jew, Suhaib Arrumi was a person who came from Rome or Greece as some of us say, and Bilaal ibn Rabah was an African. These five I have mentioned were some of the closest to him. This backed his claim that he came for all people. And in the whole world there is no religion that speaks so explicit against racism as the religion of Islam.

White People brought Christianity from Europe along with racism. And they practised this racism of theirs from the year 1652 and finally gave it up partially in 1994. I say partially because even in the year 2003 we read in the Argus newspaper of an incident where a coloured woman was kicked out of the church in Parow NG Kerk denomination, the same NG Kerk that in 1986 issued a statement that "Islam is a false religion". The Afrikaans speaking Christians would not give up their racial discrimination completely even after the new dispensation, why? because there is no clear guidance from their Scripture. Instead more emphasis is laid on who slept with whom and gave birth to whom. Islam from the beginning, just did not have a room for racism. The Qur'ân speaks unambiguously about this:

"O mankind! We have created you from a male and a female, and made you into nations and tribes, that you may know one another, Verily, the most honorable of you with Allah is that (believer) who fears (Him most) Verily Allah is All knowing, All aware."

(Qur'ân 49:13)

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Of all the universal religions I've ever come across; it is only Islam that deals with the racial problem head on. For example when the Arab conquerors had sent a deputation of their ablest men to discuss terms of surrender of the capital of Egypt, headed by a Negro (Black man) called Ubadah as the ablest of them all. The Christian Archbishop Cyrus exclaimed: "Take away that black man! I can have no discussion with him." To the astonishment of the sacred bishop, he was told that this man was commissioned by General Amr; that the Muslims held Negroes and white men in equal respect judging a man by his character and not by his colour. 'Well, if the Negro must lead, he must speak gently', ordered the prelate, so as not to frighten his white auditors."

The black leader answered: "There are a thousand blacks, as black as myself, amongst our companions. I and they would be ready to meet and fight a hundred enemies together. We live only to fight for God, and to follow His will. We care naught for wealth, so long as we have the wherewithal to stay our hunger and to clothe our bodies. This world is naught for us, the next world is all."

(S.S Leedr, Veiled Mysteries of Egypt, London, 1912, pp. 332-335)

In this incident which S.S Leeder wrote about, we see Islam not only accepting blacks or Africans in its fold but also putting those who were capable among them in positions of leadership. This is also one proof that Prophet Muhammad, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, was sent to all mankind. He did not have a first choice and then when that first choice of his rejects him he turns to his second choice.

"And among His Signs is the creation of the heavens and the earth, and the difference of your languages and colours. Verily, in that are indeed Signs for men of a sound knowledge."

(Qur'ân 30:22)

ISLAM ALWAYS THE RELIGION OF OTHER PEOPLE

While Islam is the religion of All the people on earth, surprisingly enough people of different places give it to some people, for example, in Germany it is known as the religion of the Turks, in England it is regarded as the religion of the Pakistanis, in America it is branded as the religion of the black people and in South Africa it is looked at as either the religion of the Indians or the Malays. In Kwazulu Natal in the same South Africa, black people refer to Islam as the religion of 'Amakula' (Kules).

If this is Satan who mislead the people of the world into hating and rejecting their religion, Islam, as many of us do, then he succeeded. Did he not vow: **"O my Lord! Because You have put me in the wrong, I will make wrong fair to them on the earth, and I will**

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put them all in the wrong, except your servants among them, sincere and purified by your grace.”
(Holy Qur’ân 15 Verse 39)

Clearly the majority of us in South Africa and the world over is unfortunately been put in the wrong, except the sincere servants of Allâh who are purified by His grace (Muslims).

I AM THE WAY AND THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE

Many among Christians would like to throw this quotation to you which is found in the Gospel of John 14 verse 6, without proper understanding on their part. What they fail to understand about all this is that every Prophet in his era was the way, the life and the truth and no body could gain access to Allâh without them. But other Prophets of Allâh did not say this verbally, they showed it by actions. It is Jesus, on whom be peace and blessings of Allâh, who expressed it in words. And really no body from his nation whom he came for could gain access to Allâh if he did not believe in Jesus as a Prophet of Allâh. We see this in the time of Prophet Noah a righteous man, blameless among the people of his time and he walked with God. (Genesis 6 verse 9). **If you disagree with this fact remember that only the people who followed Noah were saved from drowning, the rest of the people were killed by the flood. Proving that Noah was the way and truth and the life, no one could come to his Father but by him .** We see in the time of Isaac people turning towards him, trying to befriend him, fearing to provoke him lest God becomes displeased with them (Genesis chapter 26:verse 26-28). **Because they realized that Isaac was the way and the truth and the life and no one could come to his father but by him.**

Again in the time of Moses we hear Allâh declaring Moses as in charge⁶

(Numbers chapter 12 verse 7)

Moses was the way and the truth and the life and no one could come to his father but by him.

Now this is the era of Muhammad, may Allâh bless him and grant him peace. And Allâh says about him: **“We have not sent you but as a universal (Messenger) to men, giving them glad tidings, and warning them but most men understand not.”**

(Holy Qur’ân 34 Verse 28)

He must be followed. Allâh never sent a Prophet to be rejected and those who reject such a Prophet pay no price for their rejection. Allâh makes people pay. The people of Noah paid, those of Sodom and Gomorrah paid and Miriam and her brother Aaron paid. So the people of this era of Muhammad may Allâh bless him and grant him peace, will pay for rejecting him. Jesus, peace be upon him came to his own (the Jews) and his own received him not and Muhammad comes to his own (the people of the whole world) and his own receive him not Jesus and Muhammad, may Allâh bless them and grant them peace tend to **suffer the same fate here.**

⁶ Moses is declared an in charge in the Good News version.

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What needs to be reiterated here is that the Christians reject Muhammad saying they are the children of God, under grace, the beloveds of God, the same way the Jews rejected Jesus saying they are the followers of Moses and God's chosen people.

DEIFICATION OF JESUS

Jesus taught the people of Israel that God is one God and definitely this oneness of God did not include him or any other being. Actually it is his followers who deified Jesus after he had left this world, not himself. At least on three occasions in the Bible, opportunities availed themselves for Jesus to claim divinity when he was still walking this earth but he did not, instead he proved to be a human and denied being God in any way. One of those occasions was when a man came to Jesus, *"Good Master," he asked, "What good thing must I do to receive eternal life?" And he answered him, "Why callest thou me good? There is none but one that is God: but if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments."* answered Jesus..

(King James Version Matthew 19 verse 16-17)⁷

In the above quotation we find that Jesus rejected even the idea that he was a good master, he explained it clearly that it is God Alone Who is good, why didn't he say, it is us who are good if he was part of God? This was a chance for him to introduce himself as God to the people but he did not.

One other occasion was when *one of the teachers of the law came and heard them debating. Noticing that Jesus had given them a good answer, he asked him, "Of all the commandments, which is the most important?" The most important one," answered Jesus, is this: 'Hear O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one.'*"

(Mark 12 verse 28-29)

This was another chance for him to introduce himself as well as the other partner, the Holy Spirit as part of the Godhead but he did not, he maintained that God is one God. He did not say three, he said one and one means one in English and all languages.

Again the man who posed the above question in this quotation of Mark 12 verse 28-29, agreed, he also supported him and said: *"Well said teacher," the man replied. "You are right in saying that God is one and there is no other but him"*

(Mark 12 verse 32)

This was a third time he should have introduced trinity to the people but he did not and he did not object when the man said: *"God is one and there is no other but him."* He did not say: *"And me and my colleague, Holy Spirit."* In short there is no verse in the Bible in which Jesus claims to be God Almighty and orders people to worship him. The verses that Christians are clinging on for the deification of Jesus are vague and open to many interpretations. But the historic Jesus ordered people to worship God alone. It is only the visionary Jesus or dream Jesus who gave a different teaching.

⁷ Please take note that Bible commentators have changed the wording in their latest English versions in order to make Jesus appear as God. They have removed any thing that points to God as the only good being and anything that depicts Jesus as only a human.

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The historic Jesus did not see himself as equal to God, instead he told his disciples: *"You heard me say, 'I am going away and I am coming back to you...' If you loved me, you would be glad that I am going to the father, for the Father is greater than I."* (John chapter 14 verse 28)

But Paul who got orders from the visionary Jesus contradicts the historic Jesus, for he writes: *"Who (Jesus), being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant."*

(Philippians chapter 2 verse 6-7)

In this quotation Paul makes the Philippians to believe that Jesus is equal to God and that he was only being modest when he said: *"My Father is greater than I."* This, in a way, is to say Jesus did not mean what he said. I as a Muslim who fears God, I would not consider Jesus to be a person who preached what he did not mean to the people and it is an insult to the Prophet of God to say that and it contradicts Jesus, peace be upon him. Jesus says to his disciples, God is greater than himself, Paul comes later opposing Jesus, telling the Philippians that Jesus was equal to God, now who is telling the truth between Jesus and Paul? I for one believe Jesus who does not contradict other Prophets sent before him who taught people that God is greater than every one. But the bulk of Christendom believes Paul than their Lord Jesus. Because every time you say Jesus said this, they say, but Paul said this in the letter he wrote to: the Romans, Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, Thessalonians, Timothy, Titus, Philemon and Hebrews. All these were mere letters that he wrote to these churches but now those letters have become part of the scripture of the Christians as God's work which is not right.

Another phenomenon we should not forget to mention here is that when Jesus spoke literally the Christians understood him to be speaking figuratively and when he spoke figuratively they thought he was speaking literally. The Jews also misunderstood Jesus almost whenever he spoke. At one stage Jesus said *"I and my father are one."* (John 10 verse 30)

The Jews thought that he meant that him and his father were one and the same person, in other words he is God Almighty. But Jesus was talking about purpose here, him and his father were one in purpose, not in nature. They (the Jews) picked up stones to stone him, saying: *"We are not stoning you for any of these (good works) replied the Jews, "but for blasphemy, because you, a mere man, claim to be God."* (John 10 verse 33)

Christians also agree with the Jews and they say Jesus meant that he is God Almighty, he was not making a false claim but he was entitled to it. Clearly they too did not understand Jesus because Jesus was talking figuratively when he said he and his father are one. To save himself from this accusation Jesus posed a question to the Jews: *"Is it not written in your Law, 'I have said you are gods? If he called them 'gods' to whom the word of God came - and the Scripture cannot be broken - what about the one whom the Father set apart as his very own and sent into the world? Why then do you accuse me of blasphemy because I said, 'I am God's Son?'"* (John 10 34-36)

He says, *"Is it not written in your Law, I have said you are gods..."* He was quoting this from the book of Psalms 82 verse 6, reminding the Jews that God called His Prophets 'gods'

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before Jesus was born. *"See I have made thee a god to Pharaoh"* (Exodus 7 verse 1). So as he was a Prophet he was also entitled to be called god.⁸ He was not blaspheming nor did he mean that he was God Almighty Himself; he only meant that he was god in the sense Moses and his brother were to Pharaoh. Christians also try to establish their trinity from the Jewish Bible (Old Testament) and they quote: *"Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness..."* (Genesis chapter 1 verse 26). They say "Can't you hear that God was talking to His Son and the Holy Spirit here?" What confuses the Christians here is the plural 'us' and 'our' in the Jewish book. Their mistake is; they are not aware of the fact that there are two plurals in the Hebrew language just like in Arabic. In these eastern languages you get a plural of numbers and a plural of respect. In the case of Genesis 1 verse 26, the plural used there is the plural of respect not of numbers. Jews had been reading the same verse in the same book for 1400 years before Christians came about but not a single Jew ever made a mistake of thinking that God is more than one. And God is referred in the Jewish language by the name 'Elohim' literally meaning 'Gods' but not a single Jew thinks that God is a group of beings. Similarly we Muslims know that Allâh addresses Himself as either singular or plural but that does not confuse us to think that God is sometimes one or sometimes more than one. We know Allâh is one and the plural He uses is the plural of respect not of numbers.

What caused this confusion is because although Christianity originated from the East, later on Westerners dominated the East in as far as Christianity is concerned and they did not fully understand the phrases, idioms and the manner of speech of the Eastern people, whereas God introduced Himself to the world by the Easterners. That is where the problem lies. And it is unlikely that the situation can improve because it is now 2000 years people believing in a trinity and the only begotten son of God which never existed.

MIRACLES A REASON FOR DEIFICATION

Christians give a lot of reasons to justify their worship of Jesus, none of which makes sense though. Most of them worship him because he performed many miracle. Some say Jesus is the greatest and deserves to be worshipped because he was born without a father, unlike all other Prophets who had fathers. But contrary to their assumptions, Jesus does not see himself as being the greatest of all the Prophets of God. He himself testified that: *"I tell you the truth: Among those born of women there has not risen anyone greater than John the Baptist..."* (Matthew chapter 11 verse 11)

This means that John is the greatest of all the Prophets of God including Jesus because he was born of a woman. Note that Jesus does not say those who are born of men but he says those who are born of women. And we are told in the Bible that he was born of a woman called Mary, the wife of Joseph, the carpenter. (Luke chapter 2 verse 7)

John the Baptist is greater than all the Prophets yet he performed not a single miracle. This indicates that miracles are not a proof of one's greatness nor are they proof that a person is

⁸ Note the spelling of god in a small 'g' Jesus is supposed to be god in a small 'g' sense as other Prophets were gods in small 'g'. It is over exaggeration and deceit to spell Jesus in a capital 'G'.

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from God. And Jesus said: *"For, false Messiahs and false prophets will appear. They will perform miracles and wonders in order to deceive even God's chosen people, if possible. Be on guard! I have told you everything before the time comes."* (Mark chapter 13 verse 22-23)
So if false prophets and false messiahs are able to perform miracles then it means miracles are not a proof at all.

It is not Jesus only who performed miracles, there are many Jewish Prophets who came before Jesus who performed many great miracles which Jesus did not perform, why are they not worshipped?

If Jesus is the greatest of all Prophets of God just because he did not have a father then Adam is greater than him because he did not have a father nor did he have a mother. The truth is: Jesus' having no father does not make him God or greater than Adam instead they can just be equal with Adam. For Allâh Says in the Holy Qur'ân: **"The similitude of Jesus before Allâh is that of Adam; He created him from dust, then said to him: 'Be': and he was."** (Qur'ân 3:59)

Secondly there is another person who lived on this earth before Jesus and this man was called Melchizedek the king of Salem. He did not have both the father and the mother. *"He had no beginning nor end."* (Hebrews chapter 7 verse 1-3)

Why is he not worshipped? Here again we see that being born with or without a father does not make one god or deserve worship. Only God deserves worship because He is the one Who creates some of us with mothers and fathers and some of us He creates without parents, Glory be to Him.

What seems to be the main reason about worshipping Jesus is because of the miracles he performed. Pagan nations have been worshipping people and statues for a long time on earth. Even after Jesus ascended to heaven pagan nations continued worshipping people who performed miracles. Read this lengthy biblical quotation below and see for yourself: *"In Lystra there sat a man crippled in his feet, who was lame from birth and had never walked. He listened to Paul as he was speaking. Paul looked directly at him, saw that he had faith to be healed and called out. 'Stand up on your feet!' At that, the man jumped up and began to walk. When the crowd saw what Paul had done, they shouted in Lycaonian language, 'The gods have come down to us in human form!' Barnabas they called Zeus, and Paul they called Hermes because he was the chief speaker. The priest of Zeus, whose temple was just outside the city gates brought bulls and wreaths to the city gates because he and the crowd wanted to offer sacrifices to them (Barnabas and Paul). But when the apostles Barnabas and Paul heard of this, they tore their clothes and rushed out into the crowd, shouting: 'Men, why are you doing this? We too are only men, human like you. we are bringing you good news, telling you to turn from these worthless things to the living God, who made the heavens and the earth and sea and everything in them'".* (Acts 14 verse 8-15)

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In the above quotation we see that Barnabas and Paul were deemed gods who came in the forms of human beings just because they performed miracles, isn't this what they say about Jesus?: *"the Word became a human being, lived among us..."*

(Good News Bible; John chapter 1 verse 14)

The 'Word' here means Jesus Christ, because if you read all that repetition of the words in John 1 verse 1 and downward you will see that this 'Word' is Jesus who was God, who then was with God and so on, (What an evolution)!

Again in the book of Acts we read about the same Paul being mistakenly considered to be god once more when they were ashore on Malta: *"Once safely on shore, we found out that the island was called Malta. The islanders showed us unusual kindness. They built a fire and welcomed us all because it was raining and cold. Paul gathered a pile of brushwood and, as he put it on the fire, a viper, driven out by the heat, fastened itself on his hand. When the islanders saw the snake hanging from his hand, they said to each other, 'This man must be a murderer; for though he escaped from the sea, Justice has not allowed him to live.' But Paul shook the snake off into the fire and suffered no ill effects. The people expected him to swell up or suddenly fall over dead, but after waiting a long time and seeing nothing unusual happen to him, they changed their minds and said he was a god."*

(Act chapter 28 verse 1-6)

Even Herod, the totally tyrant, he was once considered to be god who came down in human form:

"On the appointed day Herod, wearing his royal robes, sat on his throne and delivered a public address to the people. They shouted, 'This is the voice of a god, not of a man'. Immediately, because Herod did not give praise to God, an angel of the Lord struck him down, and he was eaten by worms and died..." (Acts 12: 21)

In the above story we find that it was not only the miracle working people who were taken as gods but also the tyrants did taste. Secondly here in this story we discover that if God Almighty did not plague Herod by causing him to be eaten by worms and die, he could have continued to be worshipped by people. Luckily he could not be able to be like some because he was stopped then and there in his tracks and cut off. However this did not happen to others, they continued to be worshipped as it is still the case with many such as the following:

Jesus Christ

Ezra, also taken as the son of God by a certain Jewish sect

Silasi I, the Rastafarian god

Dingo Maradona the former Argentinean soccer player

Shembe worshipped by some Zulu people in Kwazulu Natal. And many more else where.

Now you can see how humans are evolved into being gods. Our question is: "If the superstitious people of Greece and those that were with Paul at Malta could be misled by miracles of Barnabas and Paul, How much more should it be with those performed by Jesus. Isn't this why they ended up regarding Jesus as equal with the Almighty God

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Allâh whom there was not and there is not and there will never be an equal with Him whatsoever, till the Day of Judgment?

We reiterate: No where in the Bible Jesus told people unambiguously that he is God and people should worship him. Jesus told people repeatedly to worship God Alone and no one else. God in Islam is called 'Allâh', He is the only deity Who deserves to be worshipped and he is not Jesus. Allâh in His holy Book says: **“Verily they are in disbelief those who say: ‘Allâh is the Messiah (Jesus), son of Mary.’ But the Messiah said: ‘O Children of Israel! Worship Allâh, my Lord and your Lord.’ Verily, whosoever set up partners (in worship) with Allâh, then Allâh has forbidden Paradise to him, and the Fire will be his abode. And for the evil doers (polytheist) there will be no helpers.”**

(Holy Qur’ân Chapter 5 Verse 72).

And as far as the trinity is concerned; Allâh says: **“Verily they are disbelievers those who said: ‘Allâh is the third of the three (in Trinity).’ But there is no god but One God (i.e. Allâh). And if they cease not from what they say, verily, a painful torment will befall on the disbelievers among them”** (Holy Qur’ân Chapter 5 Verse 73)

Undoubtedly Jesus is not God and he shall never be, because if he was God he would have known when will the Day of Judgment fall. He does not know it just like all Messengers of God did not know. It is exaggeration to say Jesus is God and it comes from over praising him which is why our Holy Prophet Muhammad, may Allâh bless him and grant him peace, advised his followers: **“Do not exaggerate in my praise as the Christians exaggerated in praise of Jesus the son of Mary, for I am a servant and call me servant of Allâh and His messenger.”** (Bukhari Vol 4 Page 435 hadîth 654)

Jesus never said he is sent to the whole world it is only his disciples, long after he had left this world, claiming to have received some revelations from the visionary Jesus. Who is constantly in contrast with the historic Jesus.

But Muhammad said he had come for the whole world as we have explained and at no time Muhammad ever said he came only for his people even from the very onset. It is expected that all people should follow his way and message but Allâh guides whom He wills and leaves astray whom He wills. Ours is to proclaim the message of Islam.

FALSE NOTIONS ABOUT ISLAM

There is a lot of misinformation including false notions about him and his religion. and these false notions are strongly believed while they are baseless and nonsensical.

Among the Xhosa speaking group of Africa there are a number of notions about Islam that are totally untrue but they are strongly believed and it is not known who taught the AmaXhosa such vanity and some of those things are:

- Muslims disbelieve in Jesus and are anti-Christ.
- Muslims worship their ancestors.
- Muslims worship idols in the form of statues.

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- Muslims weep on the birth of a child but cheer up on the death of some one among them.
- Muslims are magicians, they bewitch people.
- Muslims use water when they go to the toilet because they are burned by the hot pepper they spice their food with.
- Muslims congregate on a Friday because they pray for money since the day of Friday is a pay day.
- Muslims cremate (burn) their dead and so on.

All of these are not true at all and I do not even intend to elaborate on any of them except one that is; 'Muslims use water when they go to the toilet because they are burned by the hot pepper they spice their food with.' Most of the time people who speak like this are usually mocking and are not good readers they act on what they have heard, not what they have seen or read about themselves.

It is true and it is no secret, we use water in the toilet instead of a toilet paper or anything else because water happens to be the best cleansing medium as against the paper. When our clothes are dirty and our dishes are dirty we do not use a dry paper, on the contrary we take water and soap. Now if we wash our dishes, our teeth, our clothes and our bodies with water, why are we going to instead of washing, just wipe our posterior canals with a dry piece of paper if we mean cleanliness? Is excretion not worse in dirt than the dishes we wash after eating? Then how can we remove the dirt from our backs by paper, which is unable to clean us thoroughly? That is why we would conclude by saying: No body can tell us Muslims about hygiene we've got it all from the teachings of Muhammad, may Allâh bless him and grant him peace. We keep our nails short and we wash our hands before we eat and we shave our armpits and pubic hairs always. And we always take ablution before we pray to God. Whose religion other than Islam teaches people such great cleanliness on earth? Moreover the paper causes haemorrhoids or piles. The bottom line is that, Islam teaches us so and we are obedient to it.

We make an open invitation to all those who will read this book as we are commanded by Allâh, Glory be to Him: **“Invite to the way of your Lord (Islam) with wisdom and beautiful preaching and argue with them in ways that are best. Verily your Lord knows well who has strayed from His path and who has received guidance.”**

(Holy Qur'ân 16 Verse 125)

You might say, I follow my mother, my father or even my forefathers, I cannot embrace Islam, well if you say that, there is a great possibility that; had your fathers been exposed to this message they would have embraced Islam. But they did not live to be so lucky as you are, yet you are clinging on them. Your friends, the position you are in at your work, your family, your wife your husband, your children or your association should not hold you backward from following the message of God before Whom at the end of it all we will stand and answer for our deeds.

After all there is no joining fee nor membership fee charged on those who want to embrace Islam, everybody is accepted, irrespective of who they are, where they come

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from, what type of work they do, how much do they earn. None of those things will prevent you from becoming a Muslim if you want to.

Glory be to your Lord, the Lord of might, far is He from what they ascribe to Him. Peace be upon the Messengers, and praise be to Allâh, the Lord of the universe.

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