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Preface

Praise be to Allah, the Lord of the worlds, the Creator of the heavens and the earth, the Creator of darkness and light, and I bear witness that there is no god but Allah alone who has no partner, and I bear witness that Muhammad, peace be upon him, is His servant and messenger.

O Allah, have peace and blessings on the last Prophet and Messenger Muhammad, his wives, his pure family, his honorable companions, and those who are guided by his guidance and follow his path to the Day of Judgment.

The complete compatibility and harmony of the teachings of Islam, its message, and call will become apparent to whoever meditates on them. Islam comes with what is acceptable by pure nature, contemplated by the pure souls, and looked forward to by sound minds. It is evident through these questions that a Christian asks in his search for the truth and the rational and logical answers that Islam presents to him on the tongue of a Muslim.



(Q 1) The Christian: Why does Islam not agree with Christianity regarding the Doctrine of the Trinity?

(A 1) The Muslim: Firstly, Almighty Allah (God) has endowed us with the gift of the brain and has distinguished and favored us with it over many of His creatures so that we may know His great attributes and put them in the highest perception befitting His greatness.

To clarify, if a person is praised a lot for his good manners and beautiful qualities, we lead our minds and perceptions to put this person in the best possible perception and position.

Likewise, if a building is often described by its height, loftiness, beauty, sound foundation, and qualities, then we reach with our minds and perceptions to place this building in the best imaginable conception. If what we referred to as a good concept is about a created servant or an existing thing that is made, then what do we have to do with Allah (God), the Creator?! Do we not reach by the incredible grace of brain that God, the Blessed and Exalted, has bestowed upon us until we glorify Him properly? Also, we must purify this great God, our Creator, and everything, from what does not befit Him such as shortcomings, faults, and slander?!

Secondly, the Doctrine of Trinity believed by Christians is entirely contrary to the doctrine of Islam that calls to believe in the presence of One Almighty God, His great qualities, and exaltation of Him from any attribute that is not worthy of Him. Whereas Christianity claims that God is composed of three faces, parts, or hypostases, represented by the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, meaning that it describes Him as a composite of three parts, and they claim divinity in each of these three parts.

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Also, it believes that the son, one of the three hypostases of the God of Christianity, is an embodiment of human offspring as he was born from the mother's vagina. He was circumcised a few days after his birth, his mother breastfed him and he ate and drank, including wine, according to what Christianity claims. He slept, urinated, and defecated and other attributes that are impossible to be accepted in the Sublime Essence of the Creator God, the Exalted, the Majestic, and which contradict the greatness of His attributes and His omnipotence.

Additionally, Christians believe that the Son had been crucified and died after he had been disgraced, tortured, and split in his face. Undoubtedly, all these qualities are discretion and insults to the Almighty Creator.

To answer in a more precise and detailed manner from a rational point of view the reasons Islam disagrees with Christianity in terms of belief in the doctrine of the Trinity, I will explain that Christianity says that the god is three hypostases, that is, a compound of three gods. It claims that: The Father is God. The son is God, and the Holy Spirit is God, then it says, but they are not three gods, but one.

An important question is: In what language does Christianity speak, and can such language be accepted by pure instinct and normal minds?!

When Christianity says Father, the Christian's human mind imagines an image specific to the Father that Christianity claims, and that image is enormous, but it resembles a man. Also, when it says the son, the Christian's mind imagines the son's image as a young man with specific characteristics, such as having blue eyes, blond hair, a beard, and so on. Christians will not imagine the son except in that image of a person with specific characteristics to which we have referred. Furthermore, when it says the Holy Spirit, they will imagine the image of the Holy Spirit like a dove or like a flame of the day, as the Christian books explain, as the image here is not completely clear.

Hence, it becomes clear to us that Christians have three different mental images of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and when they are asked: How many images does your god have? They contradict all of these, and say it is one image.

The critical question is, what does this signify?

Answer: There is no doubt that this belief is a contradiction in which Christianity falls. What it claims is nothing but slander and delusion, and it is the greatest deception of the mind, as pure natures, good souls, and rational minds cannot accept any of these allegations and fallacies. An average person who is not a fanatic and not following whims cannot accept any of these falsehoods that Christianity attributes to the Almighty God.



(Q 2) The Christian: What is your brief response as a Muslim to Christianity's Trinity?

(A 2) The Muslim: If the matter is as the Christians claim, then what necessitates that their alleged god should consist of three persons without being more than that?! Why should they be limited to three?! Also, that statement contradicts the necessity of the mind, whereby the three are made

one; somewhat, the one contradicts the plurality, so one cannot be two or three. So how can one be confined to three or three to one?! What is the evidence or proof for it?!

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(Q 3) The Christian: Do you think there is nothing in the Bible of Christianity that states that Christ confirms his divinity?

(A 3) The Muslim: Firstly, I will clarify that there is not in all different Gospels a single statement or phrase (that does not bear ambiguity or interpretation) in which the Prophet of God, Christ Jesus, who came with Christianity, claims that he is God, or tells people to worship him. This indicates that Christianity's interpretation is wrong to spread its claim and belief. Therefore, that interpretation is false.

Secondly, Christ's words and deeds indicate his servitude, not divinity. This statement is confirmed by the following:

1- In the Gospel of John 17:3, Christ says: "And this eternal life is to know you, you are the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent." So it is clear from this verse that Christ, peace be upon him, taught people that the real God is one and that Christ is a messenger from Him. He neither taught them that eternal life is that they know that the same God has three hypostases, nor that Christ is a human and god or that he is a three-dimensional god. He did not teach them any of these falsehoods. (*Showing the truth* by Sheikh Rahmatullah Alhindy)

2- We find in Matthew 26:39 that Christ fell on his face and prayed to his God. Then the question is: What does that indicate?! Does it mean his divinity or slavery? Indeed, Christ's servitude to his God and Creator is evident from the evidence above because if Christ was a god, to whom would he pray, and who would he worship? Was that prayer and worship to another god?! Of course, no.



(Q 4) The Christian: If the intellect does not agree with Trinity and also if Christ does not say he is God, from where does Christianity come across such a belief that is based on the deification of Christ (the Prophet) and Trinity throughout Christian history?

(A 4) The Muslim: There are many myths from thousands of years ago from which the doctrine of the Trinity was taken, such as the story of Osiris in Egypt (BC), the story of Baal in Babylon (BC), the story of Krishna in India (BC) and so on.

-The story of Horus (the sun god embodied as a human being), according to the ancient Egyptians, which states the belief in the birth of the son god (Horus) as a result of the intermarriage of the father god (Osiris) with the mother (Isis) is the same as the story of Christ (the god embodied as a human) for Christians today. Although, the times and names of people are different. And the contemplator will find that the ancient pagan festival, the day of the sun, was made a festival for the Christians namely Sunday and translated to English as sun-day, meaning: the day of the sun. Therefore, the Almighty Allah is far away from all these fabrications.

Whoever is satisfied and believes that his god has those delusions, slanders, deficiencies, faults, and his incarnation in a human form, who is a weak creature, and then he became crucified, killed, and buried (the gods that became decaying worn-out bodies eaten by dirty worms between their bowels and sides), should believe in Horus because there is no difference between any of the two beliefs, whether it is from the ancient Egyptians or Christians today.

The critical question: Since both stories are identical in the origin of belief (regarding divine incarnation), which of the two gods is more deserving of worship: Horus, as the ancient Egyptians believed, or the Messiah, who the Christians claim his deity? And if one of the Christians took the risk of choosing one of them (which is Christ), then would Christ be the most worthy of worship if we know that there are many alleged stories from the ancients (before Christ) identical to the false story of Christ among Christians today. We know that those stories are similar to the story of Christ, and they are much older than what Christianity has fabricated today about Christ and the claim of his divinity and worship?

The characteristics of Horus that are identical to what Christianity claims today regarding its god, Christ, were present in many cultures of the world since many of the other gods (as in the beliefs of the previous people) bear the same general mythological framework. For example:

- Krishna (from India): Hinduism believes in Avatar, which means in detail: the incarnation of the god Vishnu (who the Hindus called the protector as they consider him responsible for preserving the world, which is the basis of

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the Trinity in Hinduism) in the human image represented by Krishna who is depicted in the form of a cowboy, prince presenting philosophical directives or as a teacher and a warrior. They said that his death after that was because of a poisoned arrow. There are many different perceptions about the personality of Krishna in Hinduism. Still, they agree at the end on the divine incarnation. Then, Krishna is sanctified as a manifestation of the god (Vishnu), the greatest creator represented in the human image as one of the three greatest gods: Vishnu, Shiva, and Krishna.

From that, it is clear that the alleged story of Christ from Christians today is only a copy of the previous false doctrines from the past nations, such as corrupt beliefs and erroneous claims. There is no doubt that there is no confusion between the truth and falsehood, and that truth is in contrast to such a belief that Christianity has today transmitted from previous nations, which does not befit the Greatest Creator God. In short, many saviors from all over the world share common characteristics (as claimed).

Paul promoted Christianity in his concept and belief, which he introduced in the Romanian state. He provided them with many facilities contrary to the Christian law according to his passion, and his mind dictated to convert them to Christianity. Hence, he described Christ for them as a human god or human deity. It is a familiar picture to the Romans, who used to perceive the deities as human beings.



(Q 5) The Christian: Since you have clarified why Islam disagrees with Christianity regarding the doctrine of the Trinity of God, what is the brief response to Christianity's glorification of the cross?

(A 5) The Muslim: If Christianity's glorification of the cross and its worship were motivated by its belief that it was a means of redemption and expiation for sins, then Christianity would have to glorify Judas, the traitor who had led the Jews to Christ to crucify and kill him. Judas was the first mediator and the major pretext for the redemption claimed by Christianity, and had it not been for Judas the traitor to have pointed the Jews to Christ, they would not have been able to entrap Christ to crucify him and kill him (in keeping with Christianity's belief). (*Showing the truth* by Sheikh Rahmatullah Alhindy)

A question:

Can Christianity glorify Judas, the traitor, because he was a means of redemption and expiation for sins? Of course, the answer is no. Almighty Allah (God) should be purified from all these allegations.



(Q 6) The Christian: What is your detailed response to Christianity's belief that Christ is the Son of God and that he is one of His hypostases?

(A 6) The Muslim: Christians ascribe the child to Almighty God and say that Christ, the son of Mary, is the son of God that was born, but he was not

a creature. How can he be a son and not a creature?! Can God be born (as Christians claim the deity of Christ)?! Can any reasonable person accept such a claim?!

Allah, the Exalted, is above all these slanders. For Christ to be born, he needs someone who created him. It also means that, before his birth, he was non-existent; that is, he was nothing, and therefore he possessed nothing. And then it becomes clear to us that Jesus Christ, the son of Mary, was nothing but a good creature from Almighty God. He was created by the Highest God without a father, just as Adam, peace be upon them, was

created without a father and mother.

An important question:

Can God be born?! Is it possible for such a newborn god, worshiped by Christians, to come out of a woman's private part?! Can pure instinct and normal minds accept such delusions and slanders?!

Of course, the answer is no, so God, the Majestic, is greatly exalted above all that falsehood.

Secondly, we find that despite the deification of Christians for Christ, their book contradicts that belief. For example, it was not reported from Christ in any of the Gospels that he taught people that he is God, and he did not command them to worship Him. According to the Christians' Bible, he told them that the Lord and God are one (Mark 12: 29) and that he was sent from one God. (John 17: 3) And that he, peace be upon him, does not know anything about the date of the Day of Resurrection (Mark 13:32), and that he cannot do anything on his own, as in (John 8:28) and (John 5:30). He used to worship God with thanks (John 11:42-41), and he prostrated in

prayer to God (Matthew 26:39) Also, he taught them how to pray and supplicate to God. He said to them: "Pray like this, pray to God and say: And forgive us our sins as we forgive those who trespass against us" (Gospel of Matthew 6:14) etc. Christ, peace be upon him, is like any prophet, indicating his humanity and divinity.

The vital question: If Christ taught them this for God to forgive their sins and expiate their sins, why did he die as a penance for their sins?!

If Allah wanted to create millions of Christ with a word (be so), He could create them. This does not mean that He needs to pronounce the word (be) in a clear and detailed voice as humans do, but this is to understand the meaning of the word (be so). Allah is higher than needing a son. (*Christ in Islam* by Sheikh Ahmed Deedat).

Allah said the truth: (But it is not suitable for (the Majesty of) the

Most Beneficent (Allah) that He should beget a son (or offspring or children). There is none in the heavens and the earth, but comes unto the Most Beneficent (Allah) as a slave. (Qur'an 19: 92-93)

Thirdly, it is innate and rational from the point of view that we must purify the Creator God from the characteristic of the need for a son, girlfriend, or wife to reproduce. He was not born by anyone, and no one was before Him. He was not also in need of giving birth because that does not befit Him, and He is the Creator of everything from nothing. One cannot accept the claim that God had a son or something similar by claiming that that child, the weak creature who was born out of his mother's private part

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and became a baby in need of breastfeeding, cuddling, caring, and then after that died and was buried like any other human being, was one of the natures and images of the God who created him and everything. The rational mind cannot accept such slanders; otherwise, it would lead to many questions that are impossible to answer because these questions were built on baseless imaginations and delusions. For instance,

1- If God took Christ as his son (albeit metaphorically), why didn't He take a son or more from the close angels who are more honored than humans, jinn, or other creatures that we do not know as a unique nature with them by claiming that that other son or those children are also one of the natures and images of the Creator God (who created them and everything) and then takes a wife or more than the gender of those whom he took children from as his nature with them?!

2- Does the doctrine of Trinity mean that the Lady Mary, the mother of Christ, is the wife of God or that the parents of Christ were not married?!

3- If the God Son emanated from the God Father and dwelt in a human body as his nature to insult, crucify and kill him in such an alleged redemption, so what prevents that god's son from emanating from another god's son, and that God, the modern son, incarnate any of the other creatures, such as angels, jinns, or others, in another myth, and be joined to him like what happened in the alleged redemption story of insult, crucifixion, killing, or what is worse than that or that similar thing happened to him in the past (before the creation of Adam) over and over again?!

Whoever accepts in his belief any attribute of veto and defamation in his god whom he worshipped and whom he should glorify and not equate His action with the actions of humans and other creatures, then it is no wonder that we find him accept the attribute of deficiency and defamation in his God whom he must purify instead of blaming and defaming him.

4- If Christians believe in Christ as a god or god's son (according to their different sects) because he was born without a father, then what will they say about Adam, peace be upon him, who was created without a father or a mother? Will they attribute divinity or part of it to him? Will they claim that he is a god or God's son too?

5- If Christians believe in the divinity of Christ due to the appearance of some miracles on his hands (in support from Almighty God for his proof), then what will we say about Muhammad, peace be upon him? Almighty Allah (God) performed the miracle of splitting the moon and other miracles and paranormalities on his hands. He performed the miracle of splitting the sea and others on Moses' hands. Also, he did so with other prophets and messengers. They came with many miracles and paranormals from Almighty Allah, supporting the truthfulness of their prophethood and messages. Should that lead us to believe in their divinity?!

Almighty Allah sent prophets and messengers to guide people to Him and to introduce Him to them, His beautiful attributes, actions, the perfection of His wisdom, the comprehensiveness of His knowledge, and the versatility of His power, and to inform them of His commandments and prohibitions. Also, He wanted them to live on the earth according to His path and to worship Him and obey Him in the way He wanted them to, so they would be according to His will. Glory be to Him. He supported the prophets and messengers with miracles and supernatural beings so they would witness the truthfulness of their prophecies and messages, not to be

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a reason for people to take their prophets and messengers as gods to be worshiped besides Almighty God.

6- How could Virgin Mary (a human being) conceive a god or the son of a god?!

7- How could her stomach contain Almighty Creator God?!

8- How can the smallest contain the biggest?

9- How can a small cup hold the waters of the seas, oceans, and rivers?!

10- How did such a god come out of the woman's private part as a miniature newborn, opening his mouth to his mother's breast?!

11- What if a man marries a cow? What if human nature meets with animals, will the newborn be half human and the other half cow?!

12- Can human nature be compatible with animal nature?! Is it reasonable to accept the mating of a human with a cow or other animals to give birth to what is half a human and the other half is a cow or other animal, and then animal nature becomes one of man's natures and forms?! Can a rational brain accept such a thing? Of course, the answer is no. This is a moral decadence and a belittling of the human beings whom the Creator God, the Blessed and Exalted, has honored. Humans are more honorable and superior to animals, even though they are all Allah's creatures. If this is

the case regarding human nature and animal nature, what if it is related to the Almighty Creator, who created humans, animals, and other creatures?

13- Is it reasonable that the divine nature becomes part of the human nature?!

14- Is it possible for a pure soul to accept the claim of convergence of the divine nature (the Creator God) with human nature (the weak creature that God created from nothingness - as at the beginning of creation - and who reproduces? A human is a born creature that needs embracing and care and will die and then be buried like other creatures. How can his nature be one of God's natures and forms?!

Of course, no because this is considered slander to the Creator God and belittling Him and His value, as He is the Creator of humans and other creatures.

15- If forgiveness for Adam's disobedience (when he ate from the forbidden tree) did not require crucifixion and killing, then why should crucifixion and killing be for whose divinity is claimed and that he is the son of God the Creator?

16- Why doesn't Almighty Allah the Forgiver and Merciful God forgive and have mercy without the need for any of that crucifixion and the alleged killing of whose deity is claimed?! 17- What about the major sins, transgressions, and prohibitions that humans have committed after Christ, peace be upon him?

18- Do people need Christ to be crucified and killed again for the sins of Adam's descendants after him?!!

19- Or do we need another Messiah to whom divinity is attributed to play the same role that Christ played in Christianity to sacrifice himself to be crucified and killed as an expiation for Adam and his descendants' sins, in another illusory story of that alleged redemption?!

20- Why did God not take other sons in addition to Christ?!

If Christianity's claims were valid, humans would have needed hundreds, if not thousands, and millions of sons of God to sacrifice them to expiate sins, especially in this time when vices, immorality, and abominations have spread openly without the slightest shame. Instead, the people of those vices, evil, and abominations defend and promote them and call for them under many false names and slogans, such as calling freedom and others.

21- Why was it necessary for God to take a son to be crucified and die as expiation for humankind's sins?!

22- Couldn't Almighty God expiate the sins of human beings without the need for such illusions and assumptions that do not avail anything of the truth?!

Two important logical explanations:

Firstly, since the nature of the alleged son whom Christianity claims to be the son of God is not devoid of two things, it is either mortal or immortal.

1- If his nature is mortal, then he is not a god, and then the claim that he is a god and a redeemer at the same time is not valid.

2- If his nature is immortal because he is a god, then death would not occur to him, and therefore there was no redemption or any of those illusions.

Secondly, was it possible to kill Christ, peace be upon him, or not? Is he subject to death, or is he immortal? Man is subject to death and murder, but Almighty God is eternal. He cannot be killed or die, so it is impossible to combine the two. Hence, Islam calls to Almighty God to be the One and Only God (indivisible) who did not beget, was not born, and had no equivalent or similar.

The same applies to Lady Mary, who Christianity claims that she is God's mother. In contrast, Judaism attributes her and her birth to Christ to adultery and immorality. On the other hand, the Prophet Muhammad, peace and blessings be upon him, came with the correct moderate saying and the pure and sound belief that his Blessed and Exalted Lord revealed to him, without exaggeration or negligence, which is that Lady Mary is not the Mother of God. Still, at the same time, she is a pure, chaste, pious, and pure woman who brought her son Christ, peace be upon him, by Allah's Will and Wisdom. Her Lord supported her with the miracle of the words of her newborn in the cradle, a vindication of her and a prelude to his message.

Islam's call is the indisputable true saying without the exaggeration of Christianity and the negligence of Judaism. Hence, Islam calls to Almighty God to be the Indivisible Only One God who did not beget and was not born and did not have an equivalent or similar. In support of His saying, He says, Say, "He is Allah, [who is] One. Allah, the Eternal Refuge. He neither begets nor is born, nor is there to Him any equivalent. (Surat Al-Ikhlas: 1-4)

I will conclude this part in my response to the question that we are dealing with an important question that may arise in the minds of some, which is:

- Why is God not of that nature that Christianity believes that he is made up of three persons: the Father God, the Son God, and the Holy Spirit, which Christianity claims to be a God as well, but they are all one God, and that the Father God sacrificed his Son, God, to atone for humankind's sins? Why wouldn't that be possible? Is God unable to do so?

The answer here, this time, will be the answer of a former Catholic missionary, Gary Miller, with simple clarification. He says, "People make a mistake when they say God has the right to do anything, but that is not true. Why? Because it is not permissible in His right to do everything unless we think he is doing stupid actions, so does God do foolishness?! Does he

do the actions of the weak?! Does he do trivialities that cannot be comprehended or accepted by a human being without reason and common sense?!"

Man is created to glorify his God and purify Him from doing these things. God [only] does divine actions that befit His divinity.

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(Q 7) The Christian: What is your response to the Christians' belief in the doctrine of salvation and the inheritance of sin?

(A 7) The Muslim: Firstly, I will clarify that the doctrine of salvation, which is represented in the belief of the crucifixion and death of Christ as an expiation for humankind's sins, came according to the idea that all human beings inherited the sin of their Father, Adam, when he ate from the forbidden tree, which is only one of the branches of the doctrine of the Trinity.

In my answer to the previous questions, I proved their contradiction and invalidity, and therefore what branched out from it, whether it was the doctrine of salvation or the inheritance of sin or others, are a false slander and a pure lie because whatever is built on falsehood is also wrong. For example, if we want to construct a ten-story building without a solid foundation, will that building be found proper even if it rises to ten floors or more?! The definitive answer is no because it will collapse soon. It means that it is only an image and an empty place that cannot be used because of its weak foundation, so it is impossible to benefit from it. **Secondly,** here are some of the denouncing questions that explain the invalidity of the doctrine of salvation and the inheritance of sin among Christians:

1- What compels the Creator God to do such actions incompatible with His divinity, and He can do whatever He wills?!

2- How did God's son leave himself to be insulted and humiliated by the Jews (as in Christianity's belief) without protecting himself?!

3- And if he couldn't protect himself from those who insulted and disgraced him, then how did the Father God leave his son to be insulted and humiliated by the Jews who disbelieved in Him and denied Him, claiming that this is a reason to expiate the sins of the children of Adam (and he has nothing to do with these sins)?

4- And if God the Son was content to offer himself redemption and atonement for Adam and his descendants' sins, why was he running away and asking God the Father to save him? Wasn't he a god or a satisfied redeemer?!

5- What compels the Creator God, who possesses pardon and forgiveness, to do and accept such actions that are incompatible with His divinity?!

6- From where is the claim that the law of Christianity is based on forgiveness despite its rejection that God pardoned Adam when he ate from the forbidden tree?!

7- Is it reasonable for Adam's children to bear sins because their father, Adam, violated his Lord's commandment and ate from the forbidden tree?!

8- Is it reasonable for a son to bear the guilt of his father or part of it while he has nothing to do with that guilt?!

9- Is this from the wisdom and justice of God who we should glorify and purify from what does not befit Him?!

10- What a wonder: which grave can accommodate the God of the heavens and the earth after being insulted, humiliated, crucified, killed, and buried?!

These illusions and assumptions are imaginary myths like the past peoples' and nations' legends and myths.

Thirdly, I will conclude my answer by clarifying the apparent contradiction between what Christianity claims of the idea of inheriting sin and what its book states of rejecting that claim, as follows. We find in (Deuteronomy 24:16) that "Parents should not be killed for children, nor Children shall be killed for the fathers, every man shall be put to death for his sin." In (Ezekiel 18:20): "The soul that sins shall die, and the son shall not bear the iniquity of the father, and the father shall not bear the iniquity of the righteous shall be upon him, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon him. "

Hence, it becomes clear that the idea of the inheritance of sin is rejected as stipulated in the Christians' Bible itself.



(Q 8) The Muslim: Did you know that Christianity in its present form attributes to Almighty God the attributes that are not worthy of Him, and to His Prophets what disgraces them and diminishes their position?!

(Q 8) The Christian: How is that?

(A 8) The Muslim: The Christians and Jews' 'Bibles (the New and the Old Testament) included a description of God with attributes that do not suit Him. For instance (not limited to the following):

1- They attributed to Him the attribute of remorse, as in (Genesis 6:6):"The Lord grieved that he created man on the earth, and he regretted in His heart."

Therefore, the lack of knowledge of the unseen and ignorance was attributed to Him because whoever knows will act according to his knowledge so that he will not regret his act. Suppose Christianity and Judaism attribute regrets to God, in that case, this means that they say that God has misbehaved due to a lack of knowledge of the unseen and the consequences of His actions, so they described Him as unwise and detracted from His power and greatness. All these attributes are impossible in God's right. Also, the characteristics of regret and sadness, which Christianity and Judaism attribute to God, have weakness and humiliation, and a belittling of the qualities of strength and greatness that befit the Creator God's Essence.

2- They attributed the attribute of fatigue to Him, such as rest which is only due to fatigue and exhaustion in effort after the creation of the heavens and

the earth, as in (Exodus 31: 17): "...because in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth. On the seventh day, he rested and breathed." This statement is a diminishing attribute to the Exalted God's power and greatness, including other characteristics that do not befit His right.

They attributed to the prophets many crimes, indecency, and vices that are impossible for pure nature, souls, and ordinary minds to accept in the right of a virtuous, chaste, and pure person, talk less of being a prophet or a messenger chosen knowingly by the Exalted God for the prophecy and message to be the best model to be emulated and followed. For instance,

1- They both attributed to the Prophet of God Aaron the worship of the calf (an idol depicted in the form of a calf); not only that, but it was attributed to him that he built a temple for that calf and that he commanded the Children of Israel to worship it as stated in (Exodus - Chapter 32).

2- They attributed to the Prophet of God Lot not only that he drank wine, but that he committed adultery with his two oldest and then younger daughters and that his two daughters were pregnant from him from adultery, as in (Genesis, Section 19). That means he committed the worst kind of adultery, incest, especially the fornication of a father with his two daughters. Undoubtedly, that is impossible in the case of the prophets of Almighty God whom their Blessed and Highest Lord has protected from such deadly significant sins. Here are the questions:

A - Is it possible for a normal instinct and a rational mind to accept any of these slanders against a prophet whom God Almighty chose for prophecy and then honored him with it?! Of course, the answer is no.

B - Is this not considered a disparagement of the God who has chosen him with this noble prophecy, in terms of describing him and slandering him with ignorance, lack of wisdom, poor choice, and other defective attributes that contradict His great attributes and beautiful names?

C - Isn't this a call to lousy faith in Almighty God?!

D- Isn't what they attributed to the prophets an encouragement to facilitate, prepare and promote such immoralities and reprehensible vices?! If the prophets are not safe from falling into these abominations and offensive sins, will ordinary people who are not prophets and messengers be safe? Pure nature, souls, and sound minds undoubtedly can't accept these false slanders.

In addition, their Bibles include many and many words, phrases, and stories that work to arouse sexual instincts and then promote obscenity, and this is not hidden from anyone who has seen them and many, many other reprehensible crimes, vile indecency, and false slanders that they attributed to God's prophets and messengers. Therefore, insulting the prophets and messengers is an insult to God's lofty attributes. Defaming and slandering them with the evilest and worst deeds mean describing God with a lack of knowledge and having no wisdom due to a poor choice for them, and all of this is impossible in His right.

From what I have mentioned, it becomes clear to us the greatness of Christianity's and Judaism's slanders against Allah and His prophets and messengers because belief in what they attributed to them, such as immorality and vice, means that they attributed ignorance and lack of knowledge of the unseen to Him due to his poor choice of them as a result of his ignorance of crimes and abominations that they would commit. Also, it means that they deny His attribute of wisdom which is impossible for Him.

God, Glory be to Him, is free from a wrong choice, as He, the Exalted, the Majestic, has chosen His prophets and messengers to be lamps of guidance for all humanity and the best models to be emulated and nor vice versa. In addition to other defective and imperfect qualities that result from such attributes, those are impossible for a sane person to accept them concerning God, the Almighty Lord.

(Q 9) The Christian: Why do the Christianity and Judaism Bibles contain crimes, indecency, and vices that do not suit God and His prophets and messengers?

(A 9) The Muslim: The reason is that their Bibles are altered, changed, and distorted because for the book to be heavenly and acceptable, it must be proven first with evidence that this book was written by a prophet whose name and prophethood are known. Also, it must have a continuous chain of transmission (through people whose names, conditions, and sincerity are known) without change or alteration. Still, all of this is not found in their books, as there is no continuous chain of transmission for any of the components of their Holy Books, either in gospels or other books. This is evidenced and confirmed by the oldest gospel dates back to more than

two hundred years from the time of Christ, as no gospel was written during the era of Christ, peace be upon him.

- Likewise, the oldest existing Bible is in the Greek language, a language that Christ did not speak.

- The Gospels were composed and written by many authors according to their whims. Therefore, we find the abundance and diversity of the Gospels and their differences. We find that Christianity differentiates between its gospels, saying the Gospel of Matthew or the Gospel of Luke, etc. Still, among these different Gospels, we do not find the Gospel of Christ, which was brought from Almighty God.

If this is the case, then the question is:

1- Where did these authors of those different gospels get those books from, whereas not a single word was written during the life of Christ according to what Christians believe?

2- In what description or claim (false) was their compilation of such gospels?

3- Where does the preservation of the revelation that God revealed through his prophets and messengers come?

There is no doubt that this confirms the loss of much of the content of their Bibles. Therefore, Christians themselves say that they do not believe in the verbal revelation of the existing gospels because of the loss of the chain of transmission due to the occurrence of misfortunes and temptations on Christians for 313 years after Christ. It is considered an acknowledgment by Christians for losing the Gospel from their hands. It is strange to find a holy book, even though there is no supporting documentation.

4- If God's words are not preserved, how can we learn about the words of the Creator God with which we worship by reading it, reciting it, studying it, and knowing the rulings and legislation from it and separating it from humans' words?

Undoubtedly, there is no way to do that because the matter will be mixed, and the truth will be combined with falsehood. Therefore, if Christians do not believe in verbal revelation, the words in their hands belong to humans who can make mistakes, omit and forget. These words are subject to change and modification according to different minds and ways of thinking from time to time, from one place to another, and according to the whims. In any case, relying on what people have written under what is called inspiration or the like is impossible by mere conjecture and delusion.



(Q 10) The Christian: What is the criterion for believing in the Prophet of Islam, Muhammad, peace be upon him?

(A 10) The Muslim: To begin with, before applying the criterion on believing in any of Almighty Allah God's prophets and His Messengers, it is necessary to be attached to God and be free from any whims or fanaticism, and then follow the truth wherever it is. The person must be honest with himself because God will hold him accountable

Secondly, to have faith in any of Allah's prophets and messengers, including the Prophet of Islam, Muhammad, peace be upon him, it is necessary to identify three points or pillars and study them carefully, which are:

(1) The first point or pillar: the moral characteristics of the one who says that he is a prophet sent by Almighty God, which everyone testifies to them and their nobility, which clearly shows God's good choice of this prophet with prophecy and message. This can be identified through the correct and established biography. It has been narrated by trustworthy people who are known for their honesty and justice, and at the forefront of these qualities are honesty and trustworthiness. (2) The second point or pillar is to know the call of whom claims prophecy without the slightest distortion of it, and then to reflect on it rationally and impartially and to know the extent to which it agrees with the pure instinct and the sound mind that God, the Blessed and Highest, granted us to contemplate and then to find the truth through it.

(3) The third point or pillar is to identify the miracles and paranormalities that God performed on the hand of who claims prophecy, which can only be done by a supported prophet or messenger, and then gather these three points or pillars without prejudice to any of them and apply them all to whoever claims prophecy to make sure of the sincerity of his message and then follow his call.

This is the criterion that all minds of different levels comprehend and accept by pure instincts and rational reasons. Therefore, everyone is obliged to apply it. It is not required of a person to be an astronomer, a mathematician, or someone with an exceptional mindset in any of the fields, but what is required of him is only not to ignore His intellect, which God, the Blessed and Highest, has endowed him with, and to use it in an optimal way to reach the truth, which has no doubt or ambiguity.

Let us apply this criterion to the Prophet of Islam, Muhammad, peace be upon him:

(1) The First Point or Pillar:

Everyone, including the enemies of Islam, confirmed Prophet Muhammad's beautiful and noble manners that made him, peace be upon him, the highest and exalted role model. Before his mission, he was known for his honesty and trustworthiness, which is why he was nicknamed truthful honest. In addition to the characteristic of modesty, generosity, pardon, and forgiveness for those who offended him with his ability [to revenge]. He had mercy on the believers, his enemies, and all people. He was known for the ties of kinship, loyalty, and non-treachery, altruism to others over himself, justice, soundness of mind, courage, forbearance, and humility. He had patience, especially in calling to Almighty God until his call spread and God supported him. People knew him for having consultation, asceticism, piety, good cohabitation, and beautiful companionship, and he was not despicable or malicious.

Here are a few of the many of his morals, and the situations that testify to all of them are many and varied. What we would like to shed light on, in brief, is from the hadith narrated by Al-Bukhari when Heraclius (the King of Rome) asked Abu Sufyan some questions about the Prophet Muhammad, peace be upon him, during Abu Sufyan's trade in Sham. The following are some of those questions: Heraclius said: How is the lineage of this man who claims to be a prophet among you?

Abu Sufyan said: He is among us with (good) lineage because his grandfather, Abd al-Muttalib, is the Head of Mecca.

Heraclius said to the translator: Tell him (Abu Sufyan): I asked you about his lineage, and you mentioned that he has (good) family among you. Messengers are sent from the (best) family of their people.

Heraclius said: What does he command you?

Abu Sufyan said: He says: Worship God alone and do not associate anything with Him, and leave what your forefathers said. He commands us to pray, be honest, have chastity, and maintain ties.

Heraclius said: Did you accuse him of lying before he said what he claimed?

Abu Sufyan said: No.

Heraclius said: I asked you if you had accused him of lying before his claim, and you said no because I knew that he would not abstain from lying to people and lie about God. Then it becomes clear that the first point or pillar in the criterion of belief in God's prophets and messengers applies to the prophet of Islam, Muhammad, peace be upon him.

(2) The Second Point or Pillar:

The Prophet Muhammad, peace and blessings be upon him, called to the religion of Islam, including everything that could be accepted and agreed with by pure instinct, spirit, and a sound mind. The following are some of the calls of Islam:

- Islam calls to a pure creed without the slightest impurities or turbidity provoking or disturbing the mind or preventing it from understanding and accepting it. This pure creed is acceptable by the rational mind without coercion or aid to impose an unacceptable specific conception. For example, it calls for believing in the existence of the Creator God (Glory be to Him) and the oneness of His divinity and purifying Him from having an equal partner, son, vices, deficiencies, flaws, and from everything that does not suit Him, and to believe in His great qualities and the versatility of His power.
- It calls to purify Him from racism. Allah (God) is not a god for individuals and groups without others, or a nation without other nations. He is the God of the whole world. He accepts them if they turn to him, believe in Him, comply with Him, and repent. He forgives them and opens the doors of His mercy for them, and even places them into His Paradise and becomes satisfied with them.
- The Exalted and Sublime God is the Truth and the Just. He does not wrong anyone of His servants at all. Also, no one has superiority over the other except by his belief in his God, his righteousness for Him, and his good deeds by which he seeks to draw near to Him and be pleased with Him.
- Islam calls for the Creator God to be above the attribute of needing a child, companion, or wife to produce. He was not born, and there was nothing before Him. Also, He does not need to give birth to anyone, which is inappropriate for Him. He says, **He did not beget**

and was not begotten. (Surat Al-Ikhlas: 3) He is the Creator of everything from nothing.

From this point of view, Islam has touched upon the most serious issue in the Christians' faith. Christianity (with its different sects) has attributed divinity or a part of it to Christ, the son of Mary. Likewise, Jews completely denied him and did not believe in his message. They tried to crucify and kill him. Also, they undermined the honor of his mother, Virgin Mary, by attributing her to adultery and immorality as an attempt to pollute the biography of Christ as they did with other prophets before him. We find that

Islam has come with the right middle saying and the pure and sound belief in the Messiah, peace be upon him, that he is a noble prophet chosen by Almighty Allah (God) as He chose other Messengers. Still, at the same time, he is a servant and messenger of God as other prophets and messengers. Also, his birth was a miracle from God. The miracles that appeared on his hands were by God's power like other miracles and paranormalities that He performed on the hands of His Prophet Muhammad, peace be upon him. He supported the prophets before him as a clear indication and testimony to the sincerity of their call and message.

From what we have touched upon above from objective, rational questions, the credibility of Islam's call is evident in what it calls for, which is to believe in Christ's prophecy and message, not his divinity.

• Islam comes as a call to glorify God's attributes, believe in their goodness and perfection, and not belittle Him by describing Him or

depicting Him in the form of stones, statues, or others. How is it conceivable for a person, after being created by God, to manufacture various statues depicting his God in different forms, according to his whims, and then another person describes Him in other forms and images even though they do not see Him? The Creator God is more significant than any image in which His creatures can portray Him. Also, we find that such images and statues of all shapes and sizes are a reason for the human soul to tend to glorify them, especially if they are large in size and horrific in appearance, and then worship them over time. There is evidence of that in many countries. People then pray to them besides God, and He is the true God worthy of love, glorification, and worship alone without anyone else. And then, the wisdom of Islam appears in the prohibition of depicting God and representing Him in the form of stones and statues. Islam calls for glorifying and venerating Him properly.

- It calls to raise the status of God's prophets and their affairs and disassociate them from the abominations, indecency, and vices attributed to them.
- It calls for sound legislation, wise dealings, and lofty teachings that will let all human lives be upright.
- It calls to the guiding acts of worship which will let the human soul rise.
- Also, Islam calls for moderation to balance the world and the hereafter, giving each of them its right. This is evident from what Islam brought of moderation in legislation and worship, so it does

not burden a soul beyond its capacity and energy. There should be moderation in everything, such as eating, drinking, and spending. Additionally, the body and soul should be given their rights and requirements. It is evidenced by the Prophet Muhammad's confirmation to the words of the companion, Salman, who was taught by the Prophet Muhammad, peace be upon him, to Abu Al-Darda: "Your Lord has a right over you, your soul has a right over you, and your family has a right over you, so give everyone who has a right his right." The Prophet Muhammad, peace be upon him, said: "Salman spoke the truth." It is a lengthy hadith narrated by Bukhari.

- Islam calls to honor the human being and preserve his life.
- It calls for knowledge and learning and for what will let humans advance in all areas of life.
- It calls for respecting women and praising their significant roles in society, and honoring them in all stages of their life, starting from the stage of their births and childhood as a newborn and a young girl until she grows up and becomes a bride and through the stage of her marriage as a wife and to the stage of her motherhood as a mother and grandmother.
- Islam pays attention to youth, raising children, and urges compassion and mercy for them.
- It encourages having compassion and mercy towards other creatures such as animals, birds, trees, and plants.

- It calls to justice, benevolence, and kinship ties and forbids injustice, immorality, and abomination.
- It calls for peace and its components, adopting its causes and fulfilling covenants and charters. Also, it does not call for extremism or terrorism.
- Furthermore, it calls to every good deed and path that leads to righteousness and forbids every evil and way that leads to it.

From what has been referred to, it is clear to what extent the Prophet Muhammad's call, peace be upon him, agrees to pure instinct and a sound mind that God granted us to reflect upon to be guided to the truth through it. Then it becomes clear that the second point or pillar in the criterion of belief in God's prophets and messengers applies to the Prophet of Islam, Muhammad, peace be upon him.

(3) The Third Point or Pillar:

Almighty God has supported His Prophet Muhammad, peace and blessings be upon him, with miracles and paranormal things that only God's prophets and messengers can do to bear witness to the sincerity of his call and the credibility of his message.In brief, I will mention some of his sensory miracles.

Some of his sensory miracles. For instance,

• The moon split as a miracle for the Prophet Muhammad.

Science has recently discovered the so-called moon cracks (Rimae or Lunar Rilles), which are long and enormous. Pictures of the moon have been taken showing one of these long cracks almost in the middle of

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the moon. This confirms the occurrence of this extreme miracle of the Prophet Muhammad, peace be upon him. It is from the mercy of our Blessed and Exalted Lord to leave the impact of this great miracle for us as evidence of its occurrence and to confirm it so that people can embrace this great religion, Islam, in crowds and [to let people] believe in His last messenger, Muhammad, peace be upon him, who was sent to all people in every place and time.

- Water sprang from his fingers.
 - This miracle played an essential role in saving the believers many times from the danger of perishing with thirst.
- He blessed a little food until it became sufficient for many people. This miracle was repeated by the Prophet Muhammad in many different situations.
- The longing of the trunk to him and hearing the sound of its crying. It was the trunk on which the Prophet Muhammad, peace be upon him, used to stand for sermons.
- A tree submitted to him.
- He returned Qatada binal-Nu'man's eye; and then it became the best of his eyes. This happened when the latter was wounded on the day of Uhud, and his eye fell on his cheek.
- Food glorified Allah in his presence and so forth.
- Among his miracles was that he informed people about the uncommon unseen (past, present, and future) knowledge, and they came true as he said. For example,

- He, peace be upon him, told his daughter Fatima that she would be the first person to die after his death, and it happened as he said.
- He, peace be upon him, prophesied the expansion of the Muslim kingdom and their victory over the treasures of Khosrau and Caesar and the disorder of the Muslims' affairs in the end, and they occurred as he said.
- He prophesied the conquest of Egypt and Constantinople, and it occurred as he said as well as many unseen things that he foretold before they happened, and then their facts were identical to what he was told.
- Among his miracles, he prophesied many unseen scientific facts that no one had the slightest knowledge of for more than one thousand four hundred years. Then modern science has discovered the truth and accuracy of his prophecy. For example, he said: "When the sperm passes forty-two nights, God sends an angel, who shapes it and creates its ear, sight, skin, flesh, and bones."

(Narrated by Muslim)

The noble prophetic statement tells us that the sperm from which the fetus is created. It is the "gamete sperm," mixed amniotic sperm from a man's and a woman's sperm. If it passes forty-two nights, it will be photographed, and its hearing, sight, skin, flesh, and bones will be created.

Modern science has discovered that with the beginning of the seventh week, specifically starting from the 43rd day of the date of fertilization - that is, after forty-two nights, as the Prophet Muhammad said, the fetus's skeleton begins to spread, and the human form begins to appear. How accurate are the words of the noble prophetic statement and the number he mentioned? What does that indicate?

Undoubtedly, this indicates the accuracy of his statement in what it referred to as an impressive scientific fact about 1400 years ago, so that is a witness that he, peace be upon him, is a prophet and messenger whose Almighty God, the Knower of the unseen, revealed to and then it will be proof of the sincerity of his call and the credibility of his message. Many other statements refer to many scientific facts which he told us more than one thousand and four hundred years ago, which no one knew at then, and it was a reason for a lot of Western scholars to embrace this great religion brought by the last Prophet and Messenger, Muhammad, peace be upon him.

- Another miracle was his supplication that was answered as Almighty God's support for him. For instance, his prayer in the battle of the parties against the polytheists with defeat and earthquake, his prayer for rain, and many other things are evidence of the sincerity of his prophethood and message, peace be upon him.
 - Among his miracles was God's protection for him until he conveyed his call and spread his message, despite the many attempts by the enemies of Islam to kill him and undermine him. This is evidence of God's support for him, peace be upon him.

- Another miracle is God's preservation of his excellent biography before and after the mission. It is an open book for all people and a witness to the Almighty's selection of him, his credibility, the sincerity of his call, and his message.
- Another miracle is the Holy Qur'an, the greatest miracle by which God supported him. The Holy Qur'an combined the miracle and the divine approach to simultaneously facilitate and reform people's lives.

Hence, God, the Blessed and Highest, has pledged to preserve this miracle (the noble Qur'an) to this day and until the Hour of Resurrection. The noble Qur'an is the final heavenly book of all previous books preserved by its sacred text and luminous light and contains the pure belief in Almighty God. A few of them have been briefly mentioned. It contains the pure message and the guiding acts of worship that lead to the transcendence of the soul, its elevation, and purification from bad qualities. Also, it consists of the orthodox laws, lofty teachings, and rational directives by which the life of humankind is established on the path of his Exalted Majestic Lord, and it solves all his problems.

It is with the beauty of its style, order, great eloquence, the accuracy of its words, comprehensiveness, and splendor in a way that humans are unable to come up with even a chapter like it from the like of its chapters. It is a witness that it is not humans' words, but God's words revealed to Muhammad, peace be upon him. Among the miracles of the noble Qur'an that testify to its credibility and that it is a revelation from Almighty Allah:

1- It came in a new, splendid style and beautiful and eloquent systems that combined poetry and prose, which Arabs did not know before. The first thing that the Qur'an challenged the Arabs to come up with is its like regarding its organization, eloquence, accuracy of its words, comprehensiveness, splendor, and the transcendence of its aims and objectives. None of the Arabs could come up with the like of it, and they could not produce even one chapter, such as its shortest chapter. Instead, their eloquent people praised its goodness and greatness and that it was the most superior.

2- The noble Qur'an has stated many of the past, present, and future unseen, which no one can know unless who is connected to the revelation from God, the knower of the unseen. For example, Allah says, (Alif, Lam, Meem. The Romans have been defeated in the nearest land but will overcome after their defeat within three to nine years. To Allah belongs the command before and after, and that day the believers will rejoice.) (Rome, 1-4)

The noble verse says that after the Romans, the great force at then, was defeated at the hands of the Persians, in the future, the ball will return to the Romans, and they will beat the Persians. Not only that, but the noble verse clarified the period during which the Roman victory over the Persians will be through the word "bidh," which refers to the number from three to nine years. It occurred, as the noble Qur'an said, because the Romans were victorious after defeating the Persians during the period that the Qur'an referred to.

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3- The Holy Qur'an mentioned many unseen scientific facts that no one had the slightest knowledge of for more than one thousand and four hundred years, then modern science discovered the truth and accuracy of what it said. For instance, Allah says, And We constructed the heaven with hands [with strength], and indeed, We are [its] expander. (Dhariyat, 47)

"The heaven" means the highest space that surrounds the earth.

"By the hand" means with strength, power, and firmness.

"To expand" means we will increase its breadth and make it in continuous expansion.

The noble Qur'an verse talks about the sky and the remarkable ability of God in the perfection and creativity of its creation. It tells us that He created it with His power, made it wide, and will increase its breadth and expand it continuously.

Modern science has discovered the truth of what the noble Qur'an said. Modern technologies have proven that stars and even galaxies - which include vast numbers of stars - diverge at great and tremendous speeds, sometimes reaching close to the speed of light 300,000 km/s. Scientists realized that the star's spectrum is biased to the red color, and then it was proven that one of heaven's characteristics is that it is continually expanding. This is what the noble Quran verse indicated about this widening. It has been expanding since long ago and will continue until God wills.

So to what does the Holy Qur'an precede us in pointing out and telling such dazzling scientific facts more than 1400 years ago, when no one had the slightest knowledge of them, which were only discovered after technological progress in this modern era? We note that since the images of miracles in the Holy Qur'an are many and varied, every aspirant for guidance who has sincere intentions believes in the Holy Qur'an for the sake of God without whims and fanaticism.

From what we have referred to, it becomes clear that the third point or pillar in the criterion of belief in God's prophets and messengers applies to the prophet of Islam, Muhammad, peace be upon him¹.

Since we have clarified the applicability of all the points to the Prophet, Muhammad, peace be upon him, it becomes clear to us the credibility of his message and then the necessity of following his call as the last prophet and messenger. I will end my answer with this question: Why do we not apply the (critical exam) mentioned by the Muslim

Please kindly read these books:

¹⁻ The Concise Introduction of the Prophet of Islam, Muhammad (Peace be upon him), His Call, Luminous Images from His Bright Life, and Evidence from the Proofs of His Prophethood and Message.

²⁻ The Concise Methodology of Proving the Existence of the Creator God, His Oneness, His Great Attributes, His Omnipotence, the Sincerity of the Prophet of Islam, Muhammad's Call

³⁻ Muhammad (SAW) Truly Is the Prophet of Allah.

⁴⁻ Islam's Teachings And How They Solve Past and Current Problems.

⁵⁻ Islam's Teachings And How They Solve Past and Current Problems.

⁶⁻ Quiet Dialogue Between a Muslim and a non-Muslim

⁷⁻ A COMPARISON BETWEEN ISLAM, CHRISTIANITY AND JUDAISM AND THE CHOICE BETWEEN THEM.

preacher Sheikh Ahmed Deedat?! So to the followers of Christ, peace be upon him, we say: Why do we not apply the crucial test that Christ, peace be upon him, wanted from you, that you apply it to any person who claims to be a prophet whether he is a true prophet or not. The Messiah, the son of Mary, peace be upon him, said: "By their fruits, you will know them. Do thistles produce grapes, or do the blackberries produce figs?!" Every good tree bears good fruit, and every wrong tree bears bad fruit, so no good tree bears bad fruit, and no bad tree bears good fruit" (Matthew 7:16-20).

The Exalted Allah, Glory be to Him, is not correctly glorified except in the Islamic law that His last Messenger Muhammad brought. The Islamic law cleared Him, His attributes, and actions from everything that is defective, slanderous, faulty, and everything that is not accepted by normal instinct and sound mind. Likewise, the status of God's prophets and messengers was not elevated except in Islam. Islam comes to acquit them of what Christianity and Judaism attached to them of abomination, crimes, and immorality.

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(Q 11) The Christian: What are the fruits (outcomes) of the call of the Prophet of Islam, Muhammad, peace be upon him?

(A 11) The Muslim: The Prophet Muhammad, peace be upon him, came with the call to Islam, which means complete submission with mind, heart, soul, and body to Almighty God and compliance with His commands. This call has yielded its exemplary achievements with God's support. It has been accepted and spread widely. Hence, the great Islamic state, with a wide area

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based on the unification of Almighty God and justice and the foundations of goodness and virtue, was established in various countries. This wide Islamic area has reached north, south, east, and west. If the Prophet Muhammad, peace be upon him, were not a true messenger from God, then his end and the end of his call wouldn't have been good. Also, he would have failed to bear the good fruits of his call, and God would have disgraced him, as in the case of those whom the Mighty and Sublime God has humiliated among those claiming prophethood and the message such as Musaylimah Alkadhab and others, but the situation is different because of Almighty Allah's victory for him, and His support for his call, message, and success.

We find those who deny God's existence, those who glorify and worship the stone, such as Buddhists, and those who glorify and worship trees, as in some East Asian societies. Furthermore, some glorify and worship cows as in India, and some worship humans, such as Christ's worshippers. Also, some offend God and His prophets, such as Christianity and Judaism. We find Islam with its pure call, calling for belief in the One and only Almighty God, and it calls to worshiping Him, glorifying and exalting Him alone, and raising the status of His prophets and messengers. Through the Prophet Muhammad, peace be upon him, Almighty Allah established the state of truth based on His monotheism. Almighty pleased Him with the success of his call and the establishment of this great state, the state of Islam.



(Q 12) The Christian: Is it possible for you to mention a sample of the testimonies of the thinkers about the Prophet Muhammad, peace be upon him, and what their testimonies were based on?

(A 12) The Muslim: Many scholars and thinkers have confirmed the Prophet Muhammad's message. For instance,

Michael Hart: Michael H. Hart is an American mathematician and astronomer working for the US Space Agency, author of the book "The Hundred Immortals" the original name of the book is "The Hundred: Ranking the Most Influential Persons in History." He became famous after writing this book in 1978. He based the choice on several bases: among them is that the character should be real and profound, with a renewed impact on his people and the history of humanity.

The author has placed the Prophet Muhammad, peace and blessings be upon him, in his book in the first place as the most successful and influential historical figure in human history, where he says: "Verily, Muhammad is the only human being who has achieved absolute success on the religious and worldly levels. He called for Islam, spread it as one of the greatest religions, and became a political, military, and religious leader. After thirteen centuries, his impact is still strong and renewed."

Muhammad grew up in a backward region of the ancient world far from the centers of trade, civilization, culture, and art. The Arabs were pagans who worshiped idols and were separate Bedouins, but the messenger was able for the first time in history, to unite them, fill their hearts with faith, and guide them all with the call to the One God. Just as the holy Qur'an was revealed to him alone, and its verses were recorded with the utmost accuracy while he was still alive, not a single letter has changed from it. There is no single accurate book of the teachings of Christianity comparable to the Holy Qur'an.

In the noble Qur'an, Muslims found everything they needed in this world and the hereafter, so the impact of the holy Qur'an on people was very profound. Therefore, the effect of Muhammad on Islam is more and more profound than the impact left by other prophets. Hence, the small believer Muslim armies could carry out the most significant invasions known to humankind and establish the greatest empire in history until today. It is a vast empire stretching from the frontiers of India to the Atlantic Ocean. It contains the Persian Empire swept away by Perth, the Eastern Roman Empire, and every time these forces entered a country; they spread Islam among the people. It is impossible to establish this extensive empire if there is no Mohammed and all these fantastic victories could not be achieved without his leadership, guidance, and belief in him.

On the religious level, his impact was strong in human history. He was great in spreading and strengthening Islam, laying its foundations, the principles of law, social and moral behavior, and the principles of transactions between people in their religious and worldly lives.

On the worldly level, he was a husband and father working in trade and taking care of sheep, and he used to fight and get injured in wars and got sick, then died. Therefore, since he was a mighty force, it can be said that he is the most significant political leader known in history. This mixture between religion and the world made me believe that Muhammad is the most influential figure in the history of all humanity." Many wise scholars, thinkers, and researchers of truth have confirmed the truthfulness of his call and the credibility of his message. Indeed, after believing in him, his call, and his message, they embraced the religion of God, the Blessed and Exalted, which is Islam. Among of them are:

Vincent Montet (French writer) says: The Holy Qur'an also made clear to me the understanding of Christian history, for the early Christians were not far from the Islamic concept, and Christ was not a god except at the Council, Nicea, which was held in the year 325 AD by order of Emperor Constantine.

Most people who were Christians then converted to Islam say: We are now better Christians than we used to be in the sense that they now follow Christ, but previously they did not follow Him. For example, (from the New Testament),

1- Christ, peace be upon him, taught his disciples to greet each other by saying "Peace be upon you" (John 20:21, while in Hebrew, it is "Shalom Alikhum," so who performs this greeting today, Christians or Muslims?! Muslims now, whether they speak Arabic or otherwise, are the ones who perform this greeting, not only on annual holidays but all the time when they meet each other.

2- Jesus, peace be upon him, taught his disciples to pray in the garden by prostrating on their faces (Matthew 26:39), so who is praying like this today, Christians or Muslims?! There is no doubt that Muslims are the ones who perform prayer in this way. The Muslims, the followers of the Prophet Muhammad, peace be upon him, are the ones who raise the status of Jesus Christ, peace be upon him, and believe in him as a noble prophet sent by

the Blessed and Exalted God, and they work with his teachings in accordance with the teachings of Islam that the Prophet Muhammad, peace and blessings be upon him, brought.

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(Q 13) The Christian: Is it possible to describe the Prophet of Islam, Muhammad, as if I see him, peace be upon him?

(A 13) The Muslim: Certainly, yes. The companions of the Prophet Muhammad, peace be upon him, transmitted his body description with high accuracy, and this is due to their intense love for him and their attachment to him.

Among his congenital characteristics was that he was rosy in color, white in his face impregnated with redness, and he had a round face like the moon on the night of the full moon. If you looked at his eyes, they looked like there was kohl in them, whereas he didn't use it. They looked so due to their natural beauty, and they were wide. The part of his eyelids was lengthy, and they increased his eyes' beauty. The eyebrows were long and thin with a beautiful curve without any connection between them. His forehead was broad, the nose was thin, and he had the most beautiful lips with good spacing between the front teeth. If he spoke, he would be seen as if a light was coming out from his first incisors, and if he were happy, his face would be illuminated as if it were a piece of the moon. He had black hair that was not wholly curly or spiky. His neck, peace be upon him, was of pure silver, and he had a black beard, except for a few white hairs (after his old age), tight-fitting body, not bulky, nor thin, nor long nor short, but he is closely tall. He had a moderate chest and abdomen (his stomach was the same as his chest in height), wide-chested, and he never got angry for himself; instead, his anger was for Almighty God.

If any part of his body, peace be upon him, is exposed, such as the shoulder during the pilgrimage or less pilgrimage, he will be seen as light due to the beauty of his whiteness. Divine guardianship had prepared a body, mind, spirit, and character and provided him with what helped him to carry the message of goodness, light, guidance, truth, and virtue to the world from his time till when God wills.



(Q 14) The Christian: What is the nature of the bliss of the people of Paradise in Islam?

(A 14) The Muslim: Verily, Almighty God has prepared His beautiful and excellent reward for those who believe in Him in the oneness of His divinity and greatness of His attributes, and believe in all His prophets and messengers, including belief in the last Prophet and Messenger, Muhammad, peace be upon him. Also, it is for those who have good deeds with sincerity to Him in their intention and submit to Him with compliance with His commands. This reward is the high ranks in the Gardens of Eternity, including the eternal stable bliss they contain, which does not perish and does not pass away. The people of Paradise will be blessed with different spiritual and physical pleasures (not only spiritual or physical bliss, as in other religions' beliefs). In short, Paradise contains everything that the souls desire and delights the eyes, and in it, there is bliss that no eye has

ever seen, no ear has heard, and no human brain has imagined. In short, the people of Paradise will be blessed by eating every delicious thing and seeing every good and beautiful thing that can rejoice their hearts and souls.

Additionally, they will marry the best and most beautiful women of Paradise and see the Blessed and Highest God without encompassing Him because there is nothing like Him. Their goodness and beauty are constantly renewed, as they continually increase in goodness and beauty forever. They will be inspired to glorify and praise God as the inspiration of the soul without the slightest hardship or fatigue, and they will be blessed with God's consent. Finally, they will never be afflicted by worry, grief, distress, sadness, or misery, so they will be happy and never distressed.

(Q 15) The Muslim: Now that I have answered what you have inquired about and explained, I would like to ask you: What is your saying in Islam?

(A 15) The Christian: Indeed, I have seen in Islam compatibility and harmony with the nature on which Almighty God created His creation, such as believing in monotheism, glorifying Him, His attributes, and purifying Him from anything that does not befit Him. Likewise, it is also in it to raise His prophets and messengers' status and exonerate them from the abominations, crimes, and immoralities attributed to them. Also, I found in Islam typical logical answers to everything I was thinking about and to which I needed a rational explanation.



(Q 16) The Muslim: So, will you revert to Islam?

(A 16) The Christian: Certainly, with all longing and welcome, from now on, I do not want to violate the instinct on which Almighty God created me. Likewise, God, the Blessed and Exalted, has honored me with the gift of the brain for contemplation and prudence; therefore, I do not want to oppose what suits my open mind.

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(Q 17) The Christian: What is the way to convert to Islam?

(A 17) The Muslim: We can say how to revert to Islam instead of saying how to convert to it because Islam is the religion of the instinct with which man was created and with which his instinct agrees. In any case, reverting to Islam is through a heartfelt belief in the Creator God and the oneness of His divinity and belief in the sincerity of the call and message of His last Prophet and Messenger, Muhammad, peace be upon him, and then pronouncing them as two testimonies in this way:

I bear witness that there is no god but Allah and that Muhammad is His servant and Messenger. Then, a non-Muslim becomes a Muslim without the need for any rituals and formalities and becomes a new brother (or sister) in Islam to all Muslims worldwide.



(Q 18) The Muslim: Do you know the meaning of there is no god but Allah and Muhammad is the Messenger of Allah?

(Q 18) The Christian: What meaning do you want to explain to me in addition to the explicit meaning that I understand from it?

(A 18) The Muslim: One of its meanings is that there is no deity but Allah (God), and none deserves worship besides Him because Almighty God is the true God who has all the attributes of beauty, perfection, greatness, reverence, and He is free from any attribute of slander, blemish, or deficiency, and any gods other than Him are false gods.

Among the meanings of the testimony that Muhammad is the Messenger of God is that he is Allah's chosen servant by prophecy and message. He is not a partner with Him in divinity or the like. The Prophet Muhammad, peace be upon him, warned his companions not to go to extremes in him because of their intense love for him and their strong attachment to him. He said, "Do not extol me as the Christians extolled the son of Mary. I am a slave, so call me a slave of Allah and His Messenger." (Narrated by Al-Bukhari). That is, do not praise me with falsehood and do not go beyond the limits in praising me, as the Christians did with the Messiah, Jesus, when they praised him until they called him a god.

Christian: This is the proper behavior of the character of a Messenger and evidence of the sincerity of a call and a message of a genuine prophet who was keen to guide people to Almighty God and not go astray after him. Also, it is another witness in addition to the evidence you have shown me of the sincerity of the prophet Muhammad's call, peace be upon him, and the credibility of his message. I bear witness that there is no god but Allah and that Muhammad is His servant and messenger, and I have become a Muslim from now on.

The Muslim: Blessed be my dear brother and welcome as a new brother in Islam.

The Christian (after he reverts to Islam): Praise be to Almighty God who guided me to the blessing of Islam.



Conclusion

Finally, we thank the Blessed and Exalted Allah for the blessing of Islam that He has bestowed upon us and for making us monotheists Muslims, following the best religion brought by the last Prophet and Messenger, Muhammad, peace be upon him. We made it clear that a person (in general) should search for the truth and follow it wherever he finds it and whenever the evidence of its credibility is established. Therefore, it is not correct for thought or belief that has been prevalent in a society for a long time to be taken for granted by members of this society and to remain compelling themselves to believe in it and not to deviate from it in order not to go against what their ancestors (their parents and grandparents) were brought up on, especially if there is no evidence or proof of its validity. People must accept the truth if it becomes clear that their thoughts and beliefs are false and when they find guidance in another religion. It is an insult to the human mind to accept a belief or conception solely based on illusions, suspicions, and speculations without the slightest evidence of their validity, especially if they are contrary to reason and evasive to its necessities.

Therefore, we invite everyone to think about Islam logically and impartially, and then evidence and proof of its credibility will become apparent. It is Allah's true religion, and therefore it is necessary to choose it as a religion.

Abundant and good praise be to Him for the blessing of Islam. May His peace and blessings be upon His Prophet and Messenger, Muhammad, his pure family, his noble companions, and upon those guided by his guidance, follow his teachings, and follow his path until the Day of Judgment.

Praise be to Allah, the Lord of the world.



These are questions that a Christian asks and rational and logical answers that Islam presents to him on the tongue of a Muslim so that those with pure instincts and souls and reasonable preponderant minds can distinguish between the right and the wrong, the good and the bad then choose clearly and surely between the laws of Islam and Christianity

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