

**INTER-FAITH ESSAYS
AND
OTHER ARTICLES**

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Peace be upon all Prophets.

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ISLAM IS UNDER ATTACK

Bis Millaa Hir Rahmaa Nir Raheem

(In the name of ALLAH, Ever Gracious, Ever Merciful.)

1. Islam is under attack from Anti Islam agencies. Islam is under pressure from radio, television, print media, journalists, publishers, politicians and financial donor institutions.
2. They exert political, economical and propagandist pressure. Islam is being maligned and misrepresented with ulterior motives. Anti-Islam forces and agencies do not miss an opportunity to belittle and insult Muslims. Muslims are portrayed as fanatics, fundamentalists and terrorists. They are called foreign infiltrators in the Western world.
3. The result of this propaganda is that anti-Islam feelings and activities are on the rise. All this portrays that Muslims are a threat to Western way of life. This breeds prejudice and hatred resulting in offensive dialogue. This in turn results in suspicion, oppression and Muslim Bashing. They call it ISLAM-PHOBIA.
4. They have used the word “crusades” against the Muslim world, while others have cried “war of civilizations.” They have called Islam as- “a very wicked and evil religion” They are very vocal against Islam and they portray Muslims as a threat to Western world.
5. All this is counter productive. It annoys Muslims. They therefore react.
6. Apart from these verbal attacks the Christian Missionaries/Evangelists are also working in almost all Muslim countries as Humanitarian and Aid workers delivering food, medicines blankets and improving the water systems etc. Their hidden goal is to finally undercut

Islam and spread Christianity-rather clandestinely. They always find some pretext to be in all 56 Muslim countries. They come camouflaged as teachers, professors, consultants technicians and language students etc. Their camouflaged current campaign includes working against HIV/AIDS schemes. Christianity is being promoted through children’s toys, children’s cartoons and nursery level story books in schools. Multi-cultural students in schools and colleges are being encouraged to participate in such activities, schemes and outings which are deeply offensive to Muslims. They say that Muslims must be reached by whatever means possible. They regard Islamic world as an hinterland that must be penetrated before the Messiah can return. They say that Islam is the Final Frontier to conquer.

7. Missionaries work in Community Services. They visit the poor and the widows. They visit the sick in hospitals and undertake their treatments with doctors. They are at every U.N. food distribution and AID Supply Distribution Centre with food basket in one hand and Bible in the other. They do all this because when a person is in a desperate situation and in despair, he is most vulnerable. Then he is told that it is Jesus who is doing all this for you. When persuaded further the ignorant recipient is likely to even change his faith, belief and religion. They are using this technique in Africa, Asia and world at large.

8. Modern day Missionaries and Evangelist’s way and line of action is different to those of old days. They do not call themselves as Christians. Instead they camouflage themselves and blend with local cultures in dress and manners. They even adopt Muslim rituals like attending congregational prayers and fasting etc. They memorize a few Surahs and verses of Holy Qur’aan together with a few Hadith for developing a ready conversation. A Missionary would pose a Muslim so as to reach out to Muslims doing Dawa work. They even get themselves circumcised. Their

ultimate goal and aim is to advance Christian faith and Trinity. Their approach is two pronged one through educational institutions and second through the relief of poverty. A Missionary does this for the sake of their Lord Jesus. The central idea is to claim Muslims for Jesus. For this mission Christian Charity Organisations are working over time with money, press, pamphlets and sermons.

9. A Missionary says that when Islamic crescent would wane, only then the Christian Cross will prove dominant. Today only Islam is a serious competitor to Christianity. They believe that Jesus has only delayed his return because the Missionaries have not finished their work as yet. The task is to convert all ethnic groups of the world to Christianity. They say Christianity is the only Truth and the followers of other religions are destined to be doomed on the Day of Judgement. They deceive with all possible ways.

10. Their approach is gentle and cautious. They never try to convert their own employees in a hurry. They say that their faith and their belief is in their actions. They believe that conversion should be through gentle persuasion and not through visible dialectical, political or monetary power.

11. Missionaries/Evangelists say that they want to save Muslims from eternal fire of Hell to which they are otherwise destined to go. For this they use Christian doctrines of Love, Compassion and Charity.

12. The Missionaries initial goal is not to convert a Muslim to Christianity in a single go but to work upon him gradually and slowly. They try to gently bring about a crack and misunderstanding in the Islamic faith and belief of Muslims. They try to convince and mislead a Muslim about Islam and its rituals. Thus they succeed in planting a tiny seed of suspicion knowing that one day it will grow into a big tree and Muslims themselves would begin to question their own religion.

13. They say that Islam is biologically taking over the world because Muslims are producing babies faster than Christians. Hence they promote birth control.

14. While condemning Terrorism they say that if Islam means peace, then it is just one more attempt to mislead the world. The Missionaries use another cliché. They say word Muslim means- "One who submits." So, we Christians are "Muslims in Christ!"

15. Some 3000 such Missionaries are trained to spread out to all Muslims countries of the world through whatever means and excuses. Students from various Universities also give 4 months time to do evangelist work to spread Christianity in Muslim countries. They spread out with renewed vigor and effort to reach out to Muslims to withdraw them out from Islam, which they portray as a false Religion.

16. These Missionaries are telling Muslims that they are climbing a wrong ladder of religion. because when they would reach the Day of Judgement, they would find that there is nothing for them to gain except the Fire of Hell. They say that only Jesus is their Saviour so believe in him as your Lord and Jesus will save you. They are wrong.

17. Rejecting all this, a Muslim knows that Islam is the force of his life. They know that Islam is the only True and the last Religion of all religions. Islam is the only right way. Only Qur'aan gives the true spiritual light and power to his spirit and to his soul. Islam and only Islam should be the substance and the rule of his life. A Muslim lives by Islam and he dies also in Islam. Finally only Islam will prevail in the world and ALLAH is the only Saviour of all mankind and no one else has a share in HIS Sovereignty.

INTER-FAITH DIALOGUE

Bis Millaa Hir Rahmaa Nir Raheem

(In the name of ALLAH, Ever Gracious, Ever Merciful.)

1. We live today in a society which is a mix of many religions and cults. Inter-faith dialogue is encouraged by Qur'aan so that other people can understand ISLAM and Qur'aan in a better perspective.

2. Qur'aan is enthusiastic about inter-faith dialogue. Holy Qur'aan at Surah Aale-Imraan 3:61 says- "Come let us gather together; our sons and your sons; our women and your women; ourselves and yourselves. Then let us earnestly pray and invoke the curse of ALLAH on those who lie." Qur'aan at Surah Aale-Imraan 3:62 further goes on to say. "This (Qur'aan) is the true account (that) there is NO GOD EXCEPT ALLAH (the ONE Only). And ALLAH is indeed, the Exalted in Power the Wise."

3. "Those who say that GOD Almighty has taken a son, indeed they put forward a most monstrous lie. At it the skies are about to burst, the earth is about to split asunder, and the mountains are about to fall down in utter ruin". (Qur'aan Surah Maryam 19:88-89-90).

"These who call Jesus the son of GOD, ALLAH's curse be upon them. How they are deluded away from the Truth." (Qur'aan Surah Towba 9:30)

"Jesus the son of Mary (not of GOD) said "I am the Messenger of ALLAH sent to you confirming the Tourat (which come) before me, and giving glad tidings of a Messenger to come after me, whose name shall be AHMED (Qur'aan Surah Saff 61:6)

(Note – AHMED is the heavenly name of Prophet MUHAMMAD)

" They disbelieve indeed, those that say that GOD is Christ – the son of Mary" (Qur'aan Surah Maaidah 5:17)

"Christ the son of Mary was no more than a Messenger of ALLAH." (Qur'aan Surah Maaidah 5:75)

"Certainly they disbelieve who say – Christ, the son of Mary is GOD. But Christ said – "O Children of Israeel! Worship GOD – my Lord and your Lord. Whoever joins other gods with GOD, GOD will forbid him Paradise, and the Fire of Hell will be his abode." (Qur'aan Surah Maaidah 5:72)

"Say not "THREE". Desist. It will be better for you. For GOD is one GOD. Glory be to HIM.(Far exalted is HE) above having a son." (Qur'aan Surah Nisaa 4:171)

4. Lies have prevailed for so long because, there was no inter-faith dialogue or it remained a dialogue in name only, between the conqueror rulers and the conquered subjects. This is the age of global communication and now is the time to open up an Inter Faith dialogue world over.

5. In the past, many Western nations have done the greatest harm to Islam. It was they who had occupied most of the Muslim world and had tried hard to impose Christian faith, culture and ideology on Muslims.

6. In the occupied Muslim countries they had, continuously suppressed the teachings and preachings of Islam and Qur'aan. Instead, they had promoted Christianity. They had set up missionary schools gymkhanas and other forms of institutional centres of education and culture whose function was to indirectly promote Christianity and Christian culture and to portray Islam and its values in a negative perspective.

7. Today most of the Western countries of the world consider Muslim nations as centres of terrorism just because the “Terrorism” of the few individuals. These few individuals think that prolonged injustice has been perpetrated on them and that their governments are impotent to defend them. Therefore it is upto them to defend themselves. Driven by individual passion rather than Islamic spiritual ideals, they strike back hard and exact retribution. They argue that they find sanction for this in Holy Qur’aan at Surah Al-Shooraa verse 42:39:- “ And those who, when oppressive wrong is inflicted upon them (are not cowed down but) help and defend themselves.” They do not understand that in overall teachings of Islam there is not place for acts of violence and terrorism. Terrorism is against the high moral and spiritual ideals of Qur’aan. Jihad mentioned in Holy Qur’aan at Surah Towbah 9:20 and at 29 other verses is for a noble cause. For more information on Jihad refer to:- 2:154; 2:190; 2:191; 3:157; 4:71; 4: 74; 4:78; 5:21; 7:128; 7:136; 8:6; 8:12; 8:15; 8:16; 8:19; 8:60; 8:65; 8:66; 9:20; 10:109; 22:39; 42:39; 46:35; 47:4; 52:48; 61:4; 52:48; 61:4; 73:110.

7. Islam does not recognize racism amongst Whites and Blacks, or amongst Browns and Yellows. Islam is a religion of peace and Co-existence. Islam believes in Monotheism-one hundred percent. Islam is the religion for the entire humanity.

8. Now it is time for Muslims to take initiative and reach out upto others by whatever means to enlighten them about true Islam and remove their misunderstandings. The ball is in the Muslim’s Court. Go out, extend yourself, contact them and befriend with them. Respect them and they would be willing to listen to you and to the TRUTH. Thus do the bidding of Holy Qur’aan Surah Aale-‘Imraan 3:62. that there is no god except ONE TRUE GOD.

OPEN YOUR EYES

Bis Millaa Hir Rahmaa Nir Raheem

(In the name of ALLAH, Ever Gracious, Ever Merciful.)

Do you know what is going on around the world?

1. Islam is under pressure and attack all over the world from Christians, Jews, Hindus, IMF, World Bank, Radio, Television, Print Media, Journalists and Politicians. Their attack is relentless and it is from all sides—political as well as economical.

2. Take any problem of the world and you will find that religion is the end cause of them all.

3. Today Islam is being maligned and misrepresented with ulterior motives. Anti-Islam propaganda is on the increase. Anti Islam forces do not miss an opportunity to belittle or insult Muslims. They mitigate the importance of Islam. Qur’aan has been burnt. Mosques had been demolished, burned and even debarred by barbed wires, mounted horses and guns.

4. The question is why all this burst of anti Islam propaganda, prejudice and hatred now?

5. The answer is— because Islam, Once again, after the Second World War, is on the rise. There is once again the renaissance and the resurgence of Islam. The Qur’aanic Truth is asserting itself once again.

6. With the ascendancy of Islam in future, the present Capitalist System together with its moral, family and educational and cultural system are bound to suffer. Hence the attack is on Islam.

7. Islam does not permit the accumulation of wealth in a few hands. In Capitalist System there is an inward flow of wealth from many to a few. Contrary to this, in Islam there is an outward flow of wealth from a few rich to many poor. Also, Islamic social, moral family and spiritual values are par excellent compared to those of West.

8. Due to these opposite and contradictory ideals values and perceptions the situation is now critical for the Muslim world at present.

9. In order to neutralise the evil propaganda and to correct the people's misplaced faiths, There is a need to publish Islamic Books and pamphlets in millions and distribute them to various western countries of the world so that the truthful message of Glorious Qur'aan reaches the farthest corner of the world and it opens their eyes to the Majesty and Glory of Holy Qur'aan—the uncorrupted Divine Word of ALLAH.

10. There is a need to project the correct and worth emulating Personality of Prophet Muhammad (Sal Lal Laahu 'Alai Hi Wa Sallam) to those who are unfamiliar with ALLAH's last Messenger's Personality. These books should show them how great was the personality of Holy Prophet Muhammad (Peace Be Upon Him).

11. In order to help disbelievers misplaced faiths-print pamphlets and guide them regarding the correct status of Prophet Jesus. Otherwise the misplaced and erronic false belief will take them to Hell Fire. Muslims should help other human beings. So that they come out of their canonical spiritual spin. They need help. Try and help them in coming out of the dilemma they had been in for over 2000 years by all means of communication of modern ages. May ALLAH help us in showing them the right path.

RELIGION OF JESUS

Bis Millaa Hir Rahmaa Nir Raheem

(In the name of ALLAH, Ever Gracious, Ever Merciful.)

1. Every new born is a Muslim in Islam. When a child is born it cries to breathe to stay alive. This instantly surrendering to GOD's law of nature is called Islam and the one who surrenders to Islam is called a Muslim. Thus every newborn baby is a Muslim in Islam.

2. When that infant baby grows, his parents brain wash him and introduce him into a different religion. They so program him that he either becomes a Hindu or a Buddhist or a Jew or a Christian. Then he remains no more a Muslim in Islam. His beginning was good but his ending was not so good.

3. All religions teach good things but the truth is that if they do not teach to surrender and worship ONE TRUE GOD then they all are false. False religions teach false worship of false gods and idols. Those gods and goddesses are the creation of the Creator-ONE TRUE GOD. They cannot be GOD by themselves.

Creator And His Creations Are Two Different Entities.

4. Worshipping a lesser creation is blasphemy and a greatest sin. It is a high treason in GOD's Sovereignty. It is a rebellion in HIS kingdom. Hell Fire is waiting for them.

5. Even in ordinary courts of the world the accused gets maximum punishment for treason. No appeal or atonement is accepted.

6. In the kingdom of TRUE GOD it is all the more obnoxious and monstrous, for GOD is a jealous GOD.

Need for Prophets

7. For a man religion is the rule of his life but the man is a back slider in matters of religion. A man without a true religion is like a horse without a bridle. Therefore, for guidance GOD's prophets came to keep man on track. Prophet Noah, Abaraham, Ismail, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, Jonah, Lut, Moses, Jesus and finally the last of all prophets Muhammad came at intervals. Peace and GOD's blessings be on all Prophets of GOD.

8. All prophets were monotheists. They all surrendered their will to GOD. They preached to worship ONE TRUE GOD. There is no other god except ONE TRUE GOD. The only religion acceptable to GOD is Islam. All prophets were Muslims in Islam.

9. Abraham was neither a Jew nor a Christian because he came much before Moses and Jesus. He was a true Muslim in Islam because he refused to worship lesser gods. In Islam only ONE TRUE GOD is the Law Giver.

10. Jesus Christ also followed true Islam. He was the most upright Muslim. He believed in ONE TRUE GOD and worshipped HIM alone. Being a Jew he was a monotheist who recited SHEMA- "Hear O Israel! The Lord our GOD, the Lord is One." Mary and her son Jesus both used to pray to ONE TRUE GOD. They believed in the Ten Commandments called the Law which is as follows:

Jesus Christ followed true Islam. He was the believer of Ten Commandments, which are called the Law which is as follows: Ref EXODUS 20

- (a) You shall have no other gods before ME.
- (b) You shall not make for yourself an idol in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. You shall not bow down to them or worship them for I, the Lord Your GOD, am a Jealous (GOD.....

- (c) You shall not misuse the name of the Lord-for the Lord will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses HIS name.
- (d) Remember the Sabbath Day by keeping it holy. Six days you shall labour and do all your work but the Seventh Day is a Sabbath to your Lord GOD. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your manservant or maidservant, nor your animals, nor the aliens within your gates. For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but HE rested on the Seventh Day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.
- (e) Honour your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the Lord your GOD is giving you.
- (f) You shall not commit murder.
- (g) You shall not commit adultery.
- (h) You shall not steal.
- (i) You shall not give false testimony against your neighbour.
- (j) You shall not covet your neighbour's house. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.

These are the 10 Commandments of Towrah.

11. Prophet Jesus declared- "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the teachings of the prophets. I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. I tell you the truth, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest

letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means, disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished. Any one who breaks one of the least of these Commandments and teaches others to do same (as Paul did and the present day Priests also do) will be called the least in the kingdom of Heaven. But whosoever practices and teaches the Commandments will he called great in the Kingdom of heaven.” (Matt. 5:17-19).

12. Prophet Jesus said- “It is easier for heaven and earth to disappear than for the least stroke of a pen to drop out any thing of the Law” (Lk. 16:17).

13. Prophet Jesus’s prayer was- “Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.” (Matt. 6:9) (Here the word father is used symbolically and metaphorically and not in any biological sense.) (He said word father 13 times)

14. Prophet Jesus also said- “For whoever does the will of my father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother (Matt 12:50) (Here again words Father, brother, sister, and mother are used symbolically.)

15. When Prophet Jesus was asked how to get eternal life, Jesus replied- “There is one who is good. If you want to enter life (of heaven), obey the Commandments.” (Matt. 19:16)

16. On being asked which are the greatest Commandments of Law? Prophet Jesus replied- “Love the Lord your GOD with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the First and the Greatest Commandment. And the second is- Love your neighbour as yourselves. All the Law and the teachings of Prophets hang on these two Commandments.” (Matt. 22:36-39 and also Mk. 12:29-31)

17. When Prophet Jesus’ disciples urged him to eat, Jesus replied to them-” I have food to eat that you know nothing about. My food is to do the will of HE WHO sent me and to finish his work.” (Jn. 4:32-34)

18. Like all the other Prophets, Jesus was also circumcised on the eighth day (Lk. 2:21). As a Jew, prophet Jesus never ate pork or ate meat which was not slaughtered in the name of GOD. Today Christians do not follow Jesus.

19. Prophet Jesus, being a Jew, believed in Testament One. Testament One, in the Book of Exodus at 20:4 says- “Do not make for yourselves images of anything in heaven or earth.... Do not bow down to any idol.” But pictures and life size images of Jesus are in all Churches.

20. Prophet Jesus was one of the great prophets who came to preach to the Jews only because Jews were not obediently following the Ten Commandments. Therefore Jesus had said to a Canaanite woman- “Do not go among the gentiles or enter any town of Samaritans. Go rather to the Lost Sheep of Israel.” (Matt. 10:5-6).

21. Jesus was so specific about his humble human status that he had called himself in various places in Bible as follows. This is an eye opener to all Christians.

- a) As a Prophet- Matt. 13:57, 12:11
Mk. 6:4, 6:15, 9:37
Lk. 7:16, 13:33, 24:19
Jn. 7:16, 15:49, 13:17
- b) As a Servant- Matt. 12:8, 24;45,
Jn. 13:17
- c) As a Son of Man- Matt. 17:22, 18:11, 26:2
Jn. 5:27, 12;23
- d) As a Slave- Matt. 10:24
Jn. 13:16
- e) As a Student- Matt. 10:24
- f) Others called Jesus-a Teacher- Jn. 3:2

Do Christians Follow the Preachings of Jesus?

22. No they do not. They believe in Trinity and in defense give hundred and one confused and illogical explanations. They deceive themselves. They call Jesus as Son of GOD and even GOD, the Lord. Unlike Jesus they remain uncircumcised. In defiance to Jesus they eat pork and unslaughtered meat on which the name of GOD has not been pronounced. They make images of Mary and Jesus on the altars and put halos around their heads. They make statues of Mary and her son Prophet Jesus by their hands and then worship them. In all possible ways they defy Jesus and Bible and yet they call themselves Christians. Is it not sheer hypocrisy?

THE EASTER SERVICE

The Christ has risen

Bis Millaa Hir Rahmaa Nir Raheem

(In the name of ALLAH, Ever Gracious, Ever Merciful.)

Gospels, are the books of Bible. They were written by men twenty to sixty years after the departure of Prophet Jesus from the earth. These men were Paul, Mathew, Mark, Luke and John. Whatever they said, Christians believed in them, no matter how far away they might have been in their opinion from the TRUTH. For over 2000 years Christians still remain in Spiritual Spin.

The writers of Gospels said that Prophet Jesus was put on the Cross. He died. But after about 36 hours he was reborn. Then Prophet Jesus was raised to Heaven by GOD. Christians somehow, believe that Prophet Jesus had two births! Incredible!

Muslims believe differently, Muslims believe that Qur'aan is the word of ALLAH and not of any human being. Raising of Jesus to heaven is however described differently by ALLAH in Qur'aan. ALLAH says- **“And they plotted against Jesus, and ALLAH also plotted differently. And ALLAH is best to plot.”** ALLAH said - **“O’ Jesus! I will take you to ME and will raise you to ME” (3:55).** But the plotters boastfully said - **“We slew the Messiah Jesus, the son of Mary and the Messenger of ALLAH. No, they did not slay him, neither they crucified him. Only a likeness of him was shown to them. Those who are at disagreement concerning him are surely in doubt regarding him. They have no knowledge about it other than conjecture. Certainly they did not slay him. ALLAH raised him unto HIMSELF. And ALLAH is ALMIGHTY and ALLWISE” (4:157-158).**

PORK EATING IS DANGEROUS TO HEALTH

Bis Millaa Hir Rahmaa Nir Raheem

(In the name of ALLAH, Ever Gracious, Ever Merciful.)

1. People do not like to be called fat. Why? Because pigs are fat and unclean also. Fatness may be due to continuous pork eating. Pork contains 60% fat, ham 51%, lean mutton 14% and lean beef only 6% fat. If three pieces each of pork, mutton and beef are put in the sun, the pork will rot first, mutton the next and the beef the last. Mutton and beef require 3 hours to be digested, whereas pork takes 4 hours.
2. Pork eating causes bacteria, ulcers, toxins, stomach ache; pimples on the face and “wen” meaning tumor. Pig parasites have heads at both ends and live in veins. They poison the human blood. They reach the eyes and cause blindness. If they reach the ears and they cause deafness. They cause eczema and weakening of memory and loss of hair leading to baldness. Pork eating encourages revival of old ailments like rheumatism, joint pairs and asthma. Parasites are found in pig’s tongue, intestines, lungs and flesh and worms are found in its intestines, colon, stomach, mucous membrane, bowels and skin. Roasting does not kill them. Pig is the greatest carrier of diseases to mankind. It is for this reason that its flesh is not suitable for human consumption. Pork eating causes work loss of labour force. Pork fat tends to concentrate in the buttocks of Pork Eaters. Pork eating promotes cholesterol, clotting and hardening of the blood vessels and thrombosis. They become sexually lethargic, sexually indifferent and even impotent.
3. Dr. Glen Shephard wrote on the dangers of pork eating on May 31st, 1952 in the Washington Post: “One in six people in the United States of America and Canada have germs TRICHINOSIS in their muscles due to pork eating. Many people so infected show no symptoms. Most of these who do have, recover very slowly, some die, some are reduced to permanent invalids. All were careless pork eaters. Neither antibiotics nor drugs, nor vaccines effect these tiny deadly worms. Preventing infection is the only answer. Fully grown TRICHINA worms are about 1/8” long and about 1/400” broad. They remain alive for upto 40 years, curled up in lemon shaped invisible tiny capsules between muscle fibres. When you eat infected meat, those dormant worms reach your blood. Ordinary methods of salting and smoking do not kill those worms, nor can the Government inspection of meat at packing houses or abattoirs can identify all infected pork.”
4. There is no real guarantee of safety. To take pork then, is a gamble with one’s health. Ladies who want to keep their figures refuse to eat pork. People of some European countries did not sell or buy pork during the months at May, June, July and August. Pig is the only animal that is not jealous of its female and does not fight for her honour. All major religions prohibit pork eating:-

Jews

- (a) Deuteronomy 14:8 says-- “The pig is also unclean, although it has a split hoof, but it does not chew or cud. You are not to eat their meat or touch their carcasses.”
- (b) Leviticus 11:7-8 says-- “Though the pig has split hooves, but it does not chew cud. It is unclean for you. You cannot eat any of its flesh. And you must not touch its dead body. It is unclean for you.”

Christians

- (a) Acts 10:14 says-- “Surely not, Lord! “Peter replied,” I have never eaten anything impure or unclean.”
- (b) Acts 11:8 says-- “Peter replied. Surely not Lord! Nothing impure or unclean has ever entered my mouth.”
- (c) Seventh Day Adventists do not eat pork.

Muslims

- (a) Holy Qur’aan at Surah Baqara at 2:173 says-- “ALLAH has forbidden you only the dead animal and the blood and the flesh of swine.”
- (b) Holy Qur’aan at Surah Nahl at 16:115 says “ALLAH has forbidden you only the meat of dead animal and the flesh of swine.” Also see 5:3, 6:145, 16:115

Hindu religion prohibits pork eating. High caste Hindus consider it shameful to eat pork. Only the low caste Harijans and untouchables eat pork.

Zoroastrians shun eating pork.

Buddhists never touch pork.

A **Chinese** Book of Rites says-- “A gentleman does not eat flesh of pig or dog.”

LETTER TO A BISHOP

Dear Bishop

Sholom = Peace be with you (John 20: 21)
and Warm and Good Wishes for you all.

Respected Sir,

You have wholly misunderstood me and my books. I am a believer of Jesus (P.B.U.H.) as a Prophet. I am also a serious student of Bible for the last 20 years. I believe in all Prophets and I do as they did including Prophet Jesus.

1. Prophet Jesus (P.B.U.H) was circumcised (Luke 2:21). So, I too am circumcised.
2. Prophet Jesus ((P.B.U.H) was a monotheist. So, I too, am a monotheist. He used to pray to GOD so I also pray to One True GOD – ALLAH.
3. Prophet Jesus (P.B.U.H) used to wash his hands, face and feet. Then he used to pray to his Lord (Matthew 6:9-13, 26:36, 14:32 Luke 22:32-39 John 17:6-26. So, I too pray to the same GOD.
4. Prophet Jesus (P.B.U.H) used to fast (Matthew 4:2) So, I also observe fasts.
5. Prophet Jesus (P.B.U.H) used to advocate paying the Tithe – so, I also pay Zakat.
6. Prophet Jesus (P.B.U.H) prophesised about the coming of a counselor and asked his followers to follow him. John. 14:16, 14:26, 15:26, 16:7. So, I believe in the arrival of that counselor i.e. Prophet Muhammad (P.B.U.H) - the Last Prophet and follow the

Commands of Holy Qur'aan. (Also read Matthew 21:42-44, Mark 1:2-3, 1:7-8, Luke 3:16 and 24:29)

7. Prophet Jesus (P.B.U.H) never ate pig / swine. So, I also do not eat its flesh.
8. Prophet Jesus (P.B.U.H) was not a wine gobbler. So, I do not drink.

My friend! I am not a hypocrite. I follow Prophet Jesus in all these things. I suggest you also follow him. Please do not straight away misunderstand me. I mean no disrespect to any body. We all are sailing in the same boat of space and time. Our destinations are the same –either Heaven or Hell. Any one who associates Prophet Jesus with ONE TRUE GOD is disloyal to the Sovereignty of ONE TRUE GOD and hence would end up in Hell. Therefore my honest and humble attempt is to help my Christian friends so that they also follow the right way practiced by all Prophets including Prophet Jesus (P.B.U.H) so that they end up in Paradise.

With best of regards, respects and love for you all.

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LETTER TO POPE

Respected Pope Benedict XVII

Shalom

At the footsteps of Danish cartoons, the profanity against Islam has once again come. This time it is from you Pope Benedict XVII who have fired a salvo against Islam and its founder Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon all Prophets). You have expressed your own inward feeling and hostile attitude towards Islam and its founder by quoting the words of 14th century Byzantine Emperor Manuel II Paleologos to Ottomans. You repeated his words from behind the curtain. “Show me just what Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him) brought that was new, and there you will find things only EVIL and INHUMAN, such as his command to spread by the SWORD the faith he preached.” Respected Pope! You are wrong.

You have exposed yourself. You have shown your enmity and grudge by demonising the Religion of Islam and by calling Islam and Muslims EVIL. Perhaps your intention was to discourage the world wide Christians from embracing Islam.

Sir, your understanding of Islam and Qur'aan is shallow, prejudiced and superficial. It may be that a deeper study of Qur'aan by you may itself result in your own conversion to Islamic Faith – the True Faith.

Further, I have something to say to you about crucifixion of Prophet Jesus. According to Bible Jesus never died on the cross. Evidence from the Bible is glaringly clear that Jesus never died on the cross. His crucifixion was a well prepared, pre-planned drama to make it look so to the angry Chief Rabbi and angry Jewish crowd. The acts were well executed and Jews were led to stop shouting and agitating with anger against Jesus. But they were deceived so that they could get some how satisfied and passified.

Now look at the sequence of events which will prove the point. According to Bible, (Ref. Gospel of John 19:20-21) Jesus

was put on the cross on the late Friday afternoon on the Day of Preparation and the special Sabbath was to commence only after 2 to 3 hours. Preparations for cooking of meals for the next 24 hour Sabbath had to be made. And also when the Sabbath night would commence the Jewish Sabbath prayers had to be recited.

So the Jews who had gathered to witness the crucifixion from the fairly distant position started to return to their homes well before the evening fell because they had to prepare spices, perfumes and meals for the next day's of Sabbath and Sabbath was about to begin after 2 to 3 hours only. (Ref. Gospel of-Luke 23:56) and (Ref. Gospel of Luke 23:54). Also a storm was near and just approaching.

Crucifixion of Jesus was a drama – well planned, well prepared and well executed. It was a hoax perpetuated on the angry Jewish Rabbi and their angry Jewish crowd. (Ref. Gospel John 19).

Recording to Bible account at the site of crucifixion there were three separate places for three persons to be crucified simultaneously- Jesus was put on the central cross whereas the other two robbers (Ref. Gospel of Mark 15:27) were put on his right and on his left. (Ref. Gospel of John 19:18) In those days death through crucifixion used to take 3 to 4 days or even longer. It used to be a slow process of death as a sign of cruel punishment and to instill fear into the hearts of onlookers.

Now look further at the drama of Jesus crucifixion. According to Bible statement, Jesus was declared "dead" only within three hours and no bones of his were even broken. (Ref. Gospel of Mathew 27:45) Even Roman Governor Pilate was surprised to hear that Jesus was dead so soon. (Ref. Gospel of Mark 15:44 and Gospel of John 19:28-37). In fact Jesus may have just fainted and lowered his head at the ninth hour (Ref. Gospel of John 19).

The declaration of Jesus' death within three hours or so was pre-planned and pre-arranged. His crucifixion was a brilliant drama and a hoax that was played on angry chief Rabbi named Caiaphas and the angry Jewish crowd. (Ref. Gospel of John

18:1-40) but the rumour had already spread that Jesus was crucified so must be dead because no one had ever returned alive once he was put on the cross.

According to Bible, then, as soon as the darkness started to fall the drama started and one Joseph Arimathea was clandestinely allowed to take away the 'unconscious body of Jesus' with the express permission from Roman Governor Pilate, This too was already preplanned, bribed and pre-arranged. Joseph Arimathea took away wounded and fainted Jesus temporarily to the tomb in his nearby private garden (Ref. Gospel of Matthew 27: 66).

According to Bible, as per pre-arrangement and pre-planning another gentleman named Nicodemus had already prepared some 75 pounds of mixture of myrrh and aloes (a kind of ointment.) (Ref. Gospel of John 19:39). This mixture he had prepared well in advance and then he had brought it to the garden to apply it on the body of wounded Jesus. This alone shows that Jesus must have remained alive but unconscious, because this kind of ointment is not applied to the dead human body.

Due to medication and first aid care, Jesus recovered considerably within the next 36 hours. Next day was Saturday, the day of Sabbath. So nothing happened and no body came to look for Jesus. (Ref. Gospel of John 19 and 20).

According to Bible, on Sunday morning Mary Magdalene came looking for him (Ref. Gospel of John 20:1). When she saw him alive, she was surprised! She thought Jesus was crucified so he must be dead. How come he is alive! (Ref. Gospel of John 20:1.) She wanted to embrace Jesus but Jesus said "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet returned to the Father....." (Ref. Gospel of John 20:17). (Meaning - I am still alive. I have not yet returned to Heaven). Then Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news – "I have seen the Lord (alive)."

So a statement by one woman Mary Magdalene who was under intense emotional grief led first, to a false rumour of death and then to a false belief that Jesus had risen from the dead,

though Jesus had been unconscious for only few hours at the most. Why two births and two deaths for Jesus only? Incomprehensible!

According to Bible on the same Sunday evening Jesus walked to the gathering of his eleven disciples and said “Shalom” (Peace be with you). After this Jesus showed them his hands and side to show that he is slightly wounded only and not dead. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw Jesus alive. (Ref, Gospel of John 20:20).

According to Bible after a week Jesus appeared to his disciples again when at this time disciple Thomas was also there. Jesus said to them “Shalom” (Peace be with you). Then Jesus said to Thomas "Put your finger here, see my hands. Reach out your hand, put it into my side. Jesus further said: “Stop doubting and believe.” (Ref. Gospel of John 20:27).

From these Bible statements any lawyer of the world can conclusively prove that Jesus never died on the cross. To believe it otherwise is to believe in a lie. Jesus crucifixion was a drama to fool the angry Jewish Crowd. It was a hoax. It was a deception, (for detailed reading please refer to Gospel of John Chapters 15,20 and 21)

So it is wrong to believe that Jesus is one of the Trinity, and that he died on the cross. No. According to Bible statement he was lowered alive from the cross within three hours or so. Since he was unconscious he was taken to the garden where he was given first aid and he recovered and he was moving around.

What Qur’aan Says About Prophet Jesus's Crucifixion

- a) Holy Qur’aan is the word of ALLAH and whose word could be more true than that of ALLAH! Death of Jesus is denied by Qur’aan.

(In the Holy Qur’aan word “EESA (Jesus) comes 97 times. word Maryam (Mary-mother of Jesus) comes 34 times and the word Injeel (Bible) comes 12 times.)

- b) Qur’aan at Surah An-Nisaa 4:157-158 says –“But the plotters boastfully said we killed Christ Jesus, the son of

Mary. the Prophet of ALLAH. No, they did not kill him, neither they crucified him. Only a likeness of him was shown to them. Those who disagree concerning him are surely in doubt regarding him. They have no knowledge of it. They only surmise. Certainly they did not kill him. ALLAH raised him unto HIMSELF. And ALLAH is Almighty and All Wise.

- (c) Respected Pope Benedict XVII ! You spoke the word ‘SWORD’ to the audience of German University. Incidentally the word ‘sword’ is also mentioned at two places in Bible. At Luke 22:34-38 and at John 18:10-11. Now what have you to say?

With regards and concern for you.

Respectfully yours

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WHY THEY HAVE CHOSEN ISLAM ?

Every day apparently the world is getting smaller and smaller and people of different cultures and faiths are intermixing with each other. We all share the same earth. Our goal, aspiration and destiny are the same. We all are fellow travellers in space and time. It is therefore necessary that we all should know each others way of life, faith and belief.

Socrates said— “An unexamined life is not worth living.” To this dictum it could be added that “An unexamined faith is not worth believing in either.”

At present Islam is the fastest growing religion in the world and is even gaining many converts from amongst Christians. In most of the world where Islam and Christianity are competing for converts, Islam is gaining at an astonishing rate of ten to one !

This leads to a question. Why do Christians after all revert to Islam? The answer to this question lies in the basic differences between the Central Doctrines of Christianity and Islam. While Christians tend to hold on to beliefs which are illogical and misleading, on the other hand, Muslims firmly hold their belief in what is rational and truthful.

Islam is more truthful and direct than Christianity. It gives man what he wants most — to be ever God Conscious. In Islam one tries to remain subservient and in total submission to his Creator, the Ever Living One True God — ALLAH.

In addition to this, Islam offers man a more practical and more noble and sublime way of life than Christianity for achieving the best not only in this world but also in the

Hereafter. These are the two advantages because of which Christians convert to Islam.

The Church authorities fairly well contradict Bible Teachings. On the contrary they say what their own idiosyncrasies tell them to say and there is none to contradict them. For their spoken words and for projection of their views they can be challenged squarely by the authority of the Bible itself! Words of Pastors and Bishops do not always reflect the teachings of Bible nor the preachings of Jesus. Quite often they project points of view which are contrary to Bible itself.

Disjointedly, they quote Bible from one page and some times from another page confusing the poor listener who sits like a dumb prisoner in their presence— himself fairly ignorant of the Bible.

The Priest loses sight of the very intention and meaning of overall teachings of Jesus. Partly through over enthusiasm and partly through misplaced faith. Church orators conveniently skip over those passages, paragraphs, phrases and words of Bible which are of vital importance to Christians.

Straight and truthful message of Jesus is camouflaged while the contrary message of Paul is propagated. A sure hypocrisy is there, and faithful, devoted Christians, do not even notice it because they themselves are ignorant of Bible Text.

The question is why don't Christians themselves read and study Bible. They will be better aquatinted with the teachings of Jesus whom we all love and respect as a prophet and not as God.

The purpose of this book is to convince our Christian friends that they should strive for Paradise and not for Hell, merely because of their ignorance and misplaced faith. Since the Christian friends are in a spiritual spin they need help. My humble attempt is to help them so that they can

safely walk out of the dilemma they had been in for the last 2000 years. My attempt is honest and truthful. Only the Truth has been exposed while no disrespect to any one is intended at all. If one accepts it, it would be for his own good. If he rejects it, the loss would be his own.

In writing this book my greatest concern has been to save people from the Fire of Hell in the Hereafter, by warning them and by showing them the right path. It is like a blind man who is walking towards a deep ditch and I rush to hold his hand and save him from falling. Or it is like somebody's house is on fire and I rush with water to save his house. I care for humans. I love them. I remain concerned about their welfare now, as well as for their welfare in the Hereafter.

They should themselves read and study the Bible and Qur'aan. It is an important matter concerning their faith, the value of it surpasses the value of their all other assets. Their ignorance and arrogance would vanish. They would then be walking along in the right direction towards Paradise.

If one accepts the Truth from Jesus that another Councilor (i.e. Prophet Muhammad (P.B.U.H.) would be coming then Christians should follow him. Ref. John 14:16; 14:26; 15:26; 16:7. It would be for their own good but if they continue to walk along with Paul then the loss would be their own and Jesus would say— "I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers." Matthew 7:23

These are the reasons because of which Christians are choosing Islam. People of wisdom, intellect and criterion surely think upon them. The purpose of writing all this is to convince Christian friends that they should strive for Paradise and not end up in the Fire of Hell simply because of ignorance, misplaced faith or even arrogance. Christian friends are in spiritual spin for the last 2000 years and they need help to be convinced intellectually. My humble

attempt is to help them. For enlightenment, all mankind should read both Bible and Qur'aan and see the gigantic difference between the two.

Now, given on next page are the profiles of those distinguished men and women who were inspired by Holy Qur'aan to change their faith from Christianity to Islam. Blessed they are for finally they believed in Monotheism., Therefore, they are destined to go to Heaven.

1. Islam my Choice by George Fowler

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Today is one of the happiest days of my life, in that, I have just had the privilege and pleasure of declaring my faith and belief in Islam, on this anniversary of the Prophet's birth. I made this declaration before you all, in all seriousness and joy, realizing that I was joining many millions of people, of every race and color, throughout the whole world, who worship God alone, and respect equally all prophets.

I was brought up in a strict Methodist household, my father being a local preacher and my mother an ardent Church worker. I have always honoured them for their beliefs, and although I agree with the precepts put forward by Jesus, **I do not and cannot accept the idea of the Trinity.** This non-acceptance caused me to withdraw from the Christian religion and left me feeling somewhat perplexed.

Just before the last war, I came in contact with an older man whom I respected, who clarified religion for me and gave me a much clearer understanding of God. I joined the Spiritualist Church because the Universal Brotherhood of Man was taught and people of all race, colors and creeds were welcomed. This seemed to be much better.

Having come to reside in Woking, I eventually became President of the Spiritualist Church here, insisting that the teaching of the unity of mankind, as spoken by all the prophets throughout the ages, was an integral part of the teaching of the Church. It was during this time that I met Mr. Muhammad Tufail, the Imam of the Shah Jehan Mosque, Woking, and asked him if he would kindly address the congregation of the church on the subject of Islam. He very readily consented and who so ever heard him enjoyed his talk immensely. Since then I have attended

the prayers at the mosque fairly regularly and have received a great deal of benefit by so doing. I also enjoyed the social gatherings, which followed, meeting many interesting and delightful people. Mr. and Mrs. Tufail are extremely kind and untiring hosts, and they have become true and personal friends of mine. Needless to say I have asked many and no doubt wearying questions, but I was always met with tolerance and good humour.

As you can readily understand, it was no quick decision, which made me join Islam. I have given the matter very serious thought for quite a long time, but having reached that decision, I wanted to make my declaration of faith in the presence of my friend Dr. M.W.A Quraishi. He has shown me great understanding and love, and I recognize in him a true and sincere brother. Also our host today, Dr. S.M. John. He is not a new friend; I met him during the winter at the Mosque at Woking and more recently when he was accompanied by his wife and daughter.

In Conclusion, I would like to say that it is my earnest desire to help in any way that I can to further the cause of Islam. If I can be of assistance in any capacity, then I shall be delighted.

May God bless you all.

2. How I became interested in Islam.

By Margaret Marcus (Maryam Jamilah)

I trace the beginning of my interest in Islam when as a child of ten, while attending a reform Jewish Sunday School, I became fascinated in the historical relationship between the Jews and the Arabs. From my Jewish text books, I learned that Abraham was the father of the Arabs as well as the Jews. In these same books, I read how centuries later when in medieval Europe, Christian

persecution made their lives intolerable, where as the Jews were welcome in Muslim Spain, and that it was this same Arabic-Islamic civilization which stimulated Hebrew culture to reach its highest peak of achievement. At that time, completely unaware of the true nature of Zionism, I naively thought the Jews were returning to Palestine to strengthen their close ties of kinship in religion and culture with their Semetic cousins. Together I believed the Jews and the Arabs would co-operate and achieve another Golden Age of culture in the Middle East.

Despite my fascination with the study of Jewish history, I was unhappy at the Sunday School. I identified myself strongly with the Jewish people and their horrible fate under the Nazis. I was pained that none of my fellow classmates took their religion seriously. For instance, during religious services at the synagogue the children would read comic strips hidden in their prayer books and make fun of the rituals. The children were so noisy and disorderly that teachers found it almost impossible to conduct classes. Meanwhile I delved into the stories of Jesus in the new Testament and was puzzled why so great a prophet who led such a beautiful and noble life had been rejected by his own people. Perhaps my classmates' complete lack of respect for their teachers was justified. I found them narrow-minded and bigoted, emphasizing their hatred and fear of Christians far more than their love of Judaism.

At home, the atmosphere for religious observance was scarcely more congenial. On the Jewish High Holy Days instead of attending synagogue I felt it blasphemous that my sister and I were taken out of school to go out on picnics and parties. When I told my parents how miserable I was at the reform Jewish Sunday School, they joined, an agnostic humanistic organization known as the Ethical Culture Movement.

The Ethical Culture Movement was founded in the late 19th century by Felix Adler. While studying for the

rabbinate, Felix Adler became convinced that devotion to ethical values as relative and man-made regarding any supernaturalism or theology as irrelevant, constituted the only religion fit for the modern world. I attended the Ethical Culture School for five years. Here I grew into complete accord with the ideas of the movement and looked upon all traditional organized religions with scorn.

Throughout my adolescence I remained under the influence of humanistic philosophy until after graduation from secondary school, when I chose to study at the university a course entitled "Judaism in Islam." My professor was a Rabbi who tried to convince his students—all Jews—that Islam was derived from Judaism. Our textbook took each verse from the Qur'an, painstakingly tracing in to its allegedly Jewish sources. His lectures were liberally illustrated with films and colored slides in praise of Zionism and the State of Israel. Although his real aim was to prove to his students the superiority of Judaism over Islam, he convinced me of just the opposite. As I plunged deeper and deeper into the study of the Old Testament and the Qur'an, the contrast between the two scriptures became increasingly evident. In a sense The Old Testament could almost be considered a history of the Jews as God's special chosen people. Although the Qur'an was revealed in Arabic to an Arab Prophet its message is a universal one directed to the entire human race.

When my professor explained that the divine right of the Jews to Palestine has always been a central theme of Judaism, I was instantly repelled by such a narrow-minded conception of God. Does not the Qur'an say that "to God belongs the East and the West; whenever ye turn there is His face?" Did not the Prophet Muhammad say that the whole earth is a mosque? Zionism preaches that only in Palestine can the Jew feel at home and elsewhere he is living in exile. The claim of my professor that only in Palestine could the Jews make their contribution to human civilization seemed baseless when I pondered over the fact that Moses received his revelation in Egypt, the most

important parts of the Talmud were written in what is now Iraq, and some of the most beautiful Hebrew poetry was composed in Muslim Spain. The rigid exclusiveness of Judaism, I felt had a great connection with the persecutions of the Jews who have suffered throughout their history. Perhaps this would never have happened if the Jews had competed vigorously with the other faiths for converts. Zionism is a combination of the racist tribalistic aspects of Judaism with modern secular nationalism. Zionism was further discredited in my eyes when I discovered that Israeli leaders such as David Ben-Gurion are not observant Jews and that perhaps nowhere in the world is orthodox Judaism regarded with such contempt as in Israel! The Zionists have made the worst aspects of Western materialistic philosophy their very own. Only a complete rejection of all moral and spiritual values could account for such a systematic uprooting of an entire people from their homeland and an utter disregard of any sense of justice. When I found that nearly all-important Jewish leaders supported Zionism and felt not the slightest twinge of conscience for the terrible wrong inflicted on the Arabs, I could no longer consider myself a Jew at heart.

At the same time my professor convinced me that ethical values had a Divine origin and were the absolute eternal truth. I could not understand how people like my parents could cherish moral and spiritual values and then consider their theological foundations irrelevant. If morals were purely man-made, they could be changed at will according to whim, convenience or circumstance. Belief in the Hereafter I came to feel as essential not merely because it was comforting. If ethical and spiritual values are of Divine origin, we are directly responsible to God for developing our highest potentialities. **Each one of us will be called upon to render an account of our life on earth and be rewarded or punished accordingly.** Therefore one who has a firm faith in the Hereafter is willing to sacrifice transitory pleasures and endure hardship to attain lasting good.

As I studied the beliefs of all the major faiths, I came to the conclusion that originally all the great religions were one, but as time passed they became corrupted. Idol worship, the idea of reincarnation, and the caste system began to permeate Hinduism. Passivity became characteristic of Buddhism. Ancestor worship of Confucianism, the doctrine of original sin, the Trinity, the divinity of Jesus resulting in an anthropomorphic conception of God and the atonement by the death on the cross, of Christianity and the exclusive chosen people idea of Judaism. All these ideas, which so repelled me were not to be found in Islam. **Increasingly I began to feel that Islam was the original religion that alone had retained its purity. Other religions were only partially true. Only Islam contained the whole truth.** Above all, Islam provided its adherents with a complete comprehensive way of life in which the relation of the individual to society and the material to the spiritual were balanced into a perfect harmony.

Although I wanted to become a Muslim, my family managed to argue me out of it. I was warned that Islam would complicate my life since the faith is no part of the American scene. I was told that Islam would alienate me from my family and isolate me from the community. At the time my faith was not sufficiently strong to withstand these pressures. I became so ill, I had to discontinue my college for a long time, I remained at home under private medical care, steadily growing worse. In desperation my parents had me confined to a hospital, where I stayed for more than two years. While in the hospital. I vowed that, if I recovered, I would become a Muslim.

After I was finally allowed to go home, discharged, I investigated all the opportunities for meeting Muslims in New York City and making friendships, and it was my pleasure to make the acquaintance of some of the finest people that anyone could ever hope to meet. I also began to write articles for Muslim magazines and to carry on an extensive correspondence with Muslim leaders all over the world.

As Ramadhan approached my desire to embrace Islam grew so strong, that I began to practise the five daily prayers, and I am now undertaking the fast for the first time. **I am doing this with a firm belief that nothing but good can result in living according to my deepest convictions.**

3. Mrs. Malika Frances Citrine, a Roman Catholic in the Fold of Islam

“I was indeed amazed to discover in **Islam a monotheistic faith of pure and fervent devotion to God**, prescribing a complete and practical discipline for all to follow, and by means of which the religious spirit is constantly deepened and developed. Here in Islam the simple essentials of true faith had been surprisingly well preserved from the complicated additions and elaborations which have been superimposed upon other religions, making them difficult to accept or to follow sincerely. Above all this is a faith which commanded belief in all of God’s prophets, not claiming to be a rival and exclusive depository of Truth, but a reminder and confirmation of the original core of true guidance which had been given by all of God’s previous Messengers to the different nations of mankind.”

Many Europeans have been drawn to Islam as a result of visiting Islamic countries and being impressed by the devotion and fervor of Muslim peoples, which forms such a sharp contrast to the religious indifference of the Western world. Yet this was not so in my case, for I have never yet visited an Islamic country, nor did I even meet any Muslims until after I had accepted Islam in my heart. **It was simply through personal study that I was able to travel through many realms of the spirit until I finally came to the end of the journey in the house of Islam.**

4. Quest of the Spirit by Malika Frances Citrine

I was born and brought up in a Roman Catholic family, and educated in a convent school. Yet some time before I left this school **I had begun to doubt the truth of many of the Church’s doctrines**, since they seemed to me to be not only irrational and sometimes harmful in their effects, but were not even truly substantiated by the Gospels themselves. Above all, I felt very strongly that if God existed and was good and just, He would not have given the whole of His Truth to one community only, leaving all the rest of humanity in total error and darkness. It therefore seemed to me that there were two possibilities: either that all the great religions were true in their fundamentals, or that they were all equally false and meaningless.

Since it is apparent that all religious belief must hinge upon the conviction that the spirit of man survives the death of the body, and since spiritualists claim to be able to prove this survival, I began by studying their claims. Among several others, the work in particular of Sir Oliver Lodge, the notable scientist who had turned his attention to this subject, **convinced me that the soul of man does indeed survive the grave.** Of course there is much fraud and deception in this field, but there is certainly also a core of truth which cannot be ignored.

Having satisfied myself on this point I began to study the religions of the Eastern world, and since the teachings of the Hindu Vedanta and Yoga have received considerable publicity in the West, I started with these. I became familiar with the Upanishads, the yoga-Sutras of Patanjali, and above all the Bhagavad-Gita, from which I gained much inspiration and delight. For a number of years I lived by the light of this philosophy and the regular practice of meditation. Although I realized that the Hindu faith as popularly practised is marred by caste, by superstition, and even crude idolatry. I felt without doubt that the higher reaches of Hindu thought could be seen to bear the imprint of Divine inspiration.

Yet philosophy, however, noble, is not religious practice, and tends to remain an intellectual rather than a living force in one's life.

5. Why Islam is My Only Choice

A Study of the Contents of the Vedas, the Bible and the Qur'an. A Discussion of the Articles of Faith in Islam
By late Al-Hajj Khwaja Kamal-Ud-Din.

The historicity of faiths and their founders.

All religions are a matter of history. Even with Islam, the latest of all, more than thirteen hundred years have passed since its birth, and if a man must look to some Holy scripture for the light he has to receive from a religion, no religion should claim our allegiance unless its record is absolutely unimpeachable on the score of authenticity. In this respect Islam seems to me to possess merits of its own, merits which attach to no other religion. **For example, the Scriptures of all other religions have now been found, as is even admitted by their respective adherents, to be waiting in genuineness. Even Rabbis and high dignitaries of the Church are today ceasing to believe in the authenticity of the Holy Bible. The followers of Zarathustra can only point to five or six verses that have come to them in their original purity,** out of all the revealed mass ascribed to that great prophet of Persia. Vedicism, popularly known as Hinduism, presents another insurmountable difficulty. The Holy Vedas were written in a language now obsolete and what we should call "dead"; no one in India speaks it or understands it. The Vedic verses are susceptible to contradictory interpretations; they have given rise to innumerable sects, who differ from each other even in the fundamentals of their religion while they all receive their inspiration from the same Book. There are atheists, theists, agnostics and deists, image-worshippers and image-breakers, among Hindus, but they all take the same book as the authority to substantiate their respective

views. **The translation of the Vedas given by one class of Hindus is condemned by the others. On the other hand, the Qur'an, the Holy Book of Islam, is admitted by friend and foe to be the very words revealed to Muhammad.** It has maintained its purity till now. Fortunately we live in time when reliable criticism has established the above facts, and its verdict has not been questioned. Now whatever may be the worth of the teachings of a religion, I think I could not consider or accept its claims when the very source of our information with respect to it is of a dubious character. **From this point of view I think I am justified in saying that there is no comparison between Islam and other religions.**

I was constrained to come to the same conclusion as to the Founders of the various religious systems. The Vedic religion is the oldest of all; but we know nothing about the authors or recipients of Vedic revelations excepting their names, and these are but incidentally mentioned at the beginning of the different Vedic mantras (hymns). Similarly, the strictly historical aspect of the Lord of Christianity is not free from doubt and suspicion. Even if Jesus may be admitted to be an historic character, we know very little of him. Mary, we read, gave birth to the illustrious Nazarene; but soon after the event she and her husband fled from Judaea with the child, and after some twelve years Jesus seen in synagogues finding fault with the Rabbis and joining issue with the teachers of Judaism. Then the curtain drops again. Another gap of some eighteen years, and the Master comes out of an Essence monastery and is seen on the banks of the River Jordan. **But his ministry was too short for him to become our perfect specimen and guide in the manifold and divine walks of human life. A few sermons, a few miracles, a few prayers accompanied by a few curses, are not enough to give humanity a religion.** His movements are of a meteoric character and present few incidents of note and consequence, excepting his Crucifixion. Moses was no doubt a great law-giver, an

historic character, liberator of his nation from its bondage in Egypt, worker of wonders and performer of miracles, but not an example for practical purposes in real life. In a word, the life of all these founders is enshrouded in much mystery.

6. Why I accepted Islam

by Fatimah J.B. Katergi-Van Der Grijn

Born a Dutch Christian, lived in Indonesia several years before and after the Second World War, where I made acquaintance with Muslim people. Gradually, I saw the Islamic conception of life and the difference between Islam and other religions. **Islam reveals itself as the solution of the spiritual and social problems in our divided world.** Not only is Islam a religion in the spiritual sense, but in the practical sense as well. God is not a reserved god for a religious service, but God is always and everywhere within ourselves and around us. God's light warms our heart world.

Why should the Prophet Jesus be better than the Prophet Buddha? When I can accept the Prophet Jesus, why should, I not accept also prophets of other religions, as bringers of divine light? There was again Islam, which saved me in my profound confusion. **Only Islam bestows honours upon all the prophets**, who had been sent to the world with a part of the divine truth, till the coming of the great Prophet Muhammad, religion of progress and has a universal character.

Islam appeals directly to human nature and is able to provide us with contentment, which is so necessary for our restless souls.

I was wondering whether a person living in one of the darkest places of our earth—uptill now unaware of any religion—would be able to enter into the Paradise of God or not, and what about the preceding inhabitants of the world? We know there are several religions, one against the other. I did not believe that—when judging his deeds—

God would first ask the name of the religion of a person. It was God who gave the answer to this burning question by means of the Qur'an. Every good deed of every person is never in vain.

I thought that all the prophets had their task in this.

The Qur'an, which contains the true and complete revelations of God, is a source of divine light and offers beauty and spiritual richness to us. Gradually the change took place in myself. I studied and discussed a lot of questions with persons, who gave me their help to find the right path, and finally on 9th March 1955 I embraced Islam at the hands of Mr. S.M. Tufail, M.A., whom I cannot thank enough for his guidance.

When seeking the light of God, I never acted under compulsion. I embraced Islam by my own free will and felt that it is true !

ALLAH has perfected your religion and have chosen ISLAM as your Religion. (The Qur'aan 5:3; 9:100; 39:22; 49:17).

7. Why I Accepted Islam

by H.F. Fellowes

I have spent most of my life in the Royal Navy, which includes service at sea in both the 1914 and 1939 wars.

At sea you cannot escape from the immense forces of nature even with powerful and efficient twentieth century machinery and apparatus. Simple examples are fog and gales. In wartime there are additional hazards.

There is a book in constant use called Queen's Regulations and Admiralty Instructions. This book defines the duties of every officer and man. It specifies the rewards in the form of promotion, award for good conduct, pay and pensions. It details the maximum punishments for offences against naval discipline and it covers every other aspect of life within the service. By obeying the instructions

contained in this book a large number of men have been united to form a happy, efficient and discipline service.

If I may say so without disrespect or irreverence, the Qur'an is a similar book but on an immeasurably higher plane. It is the instructions of Almighty God to every man, woman and child on this earth.

For the past eleven years I have been a flower grower. This happens to be another occupation which demonstrates man's dependence on God. If you work in accordance with God's orders He helps you and your plants prosper. If you disregard His laws, plant failures are the reward. Trained men issue weather forecasts but not infrequently they prove incorrect.

I am convinced that the Qur'an is the Word of God and that He chose Prophet Muhammad to repeat His Word to the whole world.

Islam harmonizes with the life in this world. It is simple and straightforward, free from elaborations which cannot be believed. This form of worship reflects this honest sincerity.

Even so, born and bred a Christian in a Christian country, the Christian tradition becomes so firmly embedded that to forsake it requires considerable persuasion. In this connection **I must make it clear that the persuasion came from within myself. Although my questions were answered, no body ever even suggested that I should become a Muslim.**

The Fundamental beliefs of both Islam and Christianity are the same. A further examination is therefore necessary.

Because Martin Luther believed that the Christian Church had retained many pagan rites and beliefs he started a revolt which held to the Reformation and the foundation of the Protestant Church.

When her country was threatened by Roman Catholic Spain and, at the same time, Central Europe was threatened by the advancing Ottoman Empire, Queen Elizabeth I identified the cause of Islam with that of Protestantism on the ground of their common hostility to idolatry.

It would not be correct to maintain that Martin Luther was unaware or ignorant of the fact that some nine centuries earlier, under Divine guidance, Prophet Muhammad had reformed, purified and perfected not only the Christian religion but also all other revealed religions. **Martin Luther had studied the Qur'an.**

Yet the Reformation by no means eliminated all the pagan beliefs and ceremonies from Christianity. What it did was to inaugurate a period of cruelty and intolerance which to some extent endures to the present day.

It is noteworthy that at a time when the Spanish Inquisition was most vicious, Islam demonstrated its tolerance. The Turks gave asylum to persecuted Jews in Spain.

Jesus said that we were to obey the Ten Commandments given to Moses on Mount Sinai. The First Commandment, **'I am the Lord thy God, thou shalt have none other gods but Me,'** is comprised by the Doctrines of Trinity and Atonement. Loyalty to Jesus Christ can intercede for us on the Day of Resurrection. **Yet Christians believe that Jesus Christ is God Incarnate.** My conception of God has always been that He directs everything, knows everything and that He is infinitely Kind, Forgiving, Merciful and Just. Man can therefore be absolutely sure that he will be fairly judged and that all extenuating circumstances will be considered.

In this life you expect to be held responsible for your own behaviors. If you are an accountant and falsify your employer's accounts you will be sent to prison. If you drive a motor car too fast on a twisting slippery road you will have an accident soon. To blame somebody else for your

own misdeeds is considered to be cowardly. **I do not believe that we were born miserable sinners.** It is my experience that normal people like to please others unless they come across an unpleasant individual. Children value the opinion of their parents and school-teacher. Adults who are respected by their fellows also respect the responsibilities of those in authority over them, and they take pleasure in helping their neighbors. There are times when for some reason or another we are seized by a mutinous impulse and inflict damage on somebody or something. The frequency and degree of these outbreaks varies. When we do this we sin. Organized games are another example. If a player breaks a rule the referee penalizes him.

Bearing these considerations in mind the Doctrine of Trinity Atonement become confusing and incomprehensible.

The Second Commandment starts: “Thou shalt not make for thyself any graven image”, and later it says “Thou shalt not bow down nor worship them.” There are churches and cathedrals littered with images before which some people actually bow down.

I have often wondered why the life, death and Resurrection of Jesus made no immediate impression at the Turkish waters. This stimulated an interest in Islam. **The elemental declaration. “ There is no god but God and Muhammad is His Messenger” compels attention.** I bought books about it. Most of them were prejudiced against Islam. The behavior of the Caliphs during the previous three centuries and the corruption of Turkish politicians and government officials cast an unfavorable light on Islam. Gradually I let the matter drop. I retained a profound faith in God but it was entirely passive.

A year or so ago I began investigating the subject again. I wrote to the Woking Muslim Mission at Woking and I was supplied with books by Muslim authors. These books exposed Western misconceptions, distortions and inventions and

explained why and how they had arisen. They showed that Islam is reawakening and that there are constructive movements actively restoring Islam to its original purity in the light of present-day progress and scientific knowledge with which Islam is in complete harmony.

Recently newspapers have been reporting statements by philosophers and authors to the effect that present religions are obsolete. This reflects the skepticism of the mass of Western people in the complexities and ambiguities of the Christian religion. These would-be reformers are again making the same mistake as Martin Luther. **Islam, the complete answer, is still here.**

It is a paradox that if you never go near a church nobody thinks anything about it. If you become a Muslim, you are liable to be considered eccentric, to say the least.

To sum up, I have become a Muslim because Islam is the only true religion in theory, in practice and in all other respects. Doubts and misgiving are swept away by a feeling inside me that Islam is unquestionable “the Right Path” on which we ask God “to guide us” and that it will remain eternally the Right Path.

8. Why I accepted Islam

by Reverend R.J. Flowers

Mr. Flowers was a Methodist Clergyman before accepting Islam.

The reason for my change from Orthodox Western so-called Christian Church to “Islam” or a proclaimed Eastern Religious faith is a very serious and vital one. This is not an act of impulse, but one of long and due deliberation, meditation and prayer. I am not a youth living in a world of fantasy but an aged, fully, matured man who has served 13 years with H.M. Forces, seen much of the world in all its aspects, and from youth brought up in a

dominating Western Orthodox and Unorthodox so-called Christian home and atmosphere.

My service with the Crown Forces and wide travels brought me in contact with Eastern countries and the people themselves, which naturally enough had religious beliefs other than the Western dogmas, creeds, etc. **The actions and attitudes of our Western races under the cloak of so-called Christianity caused me much revulsion, and in disgust I became a free-thinker.** In consequence of this decision. I decided to investigate the truth and sincerity of **Orthodox Christian teachings, practice and actions** generally; again an investigation into unorthodox movements likewise, **and in both cases proved them a mass of fabrication and hypocrisy.** Yes, full of pomp, vanity, malice and racial discriminations, all too often carried out by intrigue, or alibis on grounds of hierarchy ruling, but in truth class distinction.

After my ordination I gave up church work and devoted my time to welfare work among all ages and races, no matter their creed or color, and do so today. A great deal of my time is devoted to visiting the sick, needy and infirm, and in faith healing and animal welfare world. Here again I tested and proved the sincerity of Orthodox and Unorthodox Churches as to the welfare side of their movements. Alas, the same sad story, dogmas and creeds must be the first consideration.

The simplicity of truth and the sincerity of the

Muslim people and Islamic doctrine has finally brought me to my decision to change to the Islamic faith. I gladly give up all association with Western so-called Christianity, and have only one aim, that of complete and utmost service to humanity of all life in and through the one and only God. **Praise be to God for this vital decision,** and by the Grace of Allah, I hope to be of service

to the Islamic faith and people. I am but a humble servant devoted to that sincere cause of Universal Brotherhood in the Fatherhood of the One and only God, and to Universal Humanity to All Life.

I herewith publicly proclaim that no influence or pressure has ever been used, and that my decision is one of absolute free will from the depths of my heart to the glory of God and Truth.

9. Cat Stevens(Yusuf Islam)

A famous British Muslim and a former popular song writer and singer, who now works to improve the lives of Muslims around the world. When Cat Stevens tried to enter Palestine, his passport was stamped by Israeli government to indicate that he could not ever enter the country. Mr. Steven's said:- "There is no peace in this Holy land while the Israelis control Palestine. They are not qualified to protect the Holy Land." And he stated, **"If Jesus were to come to the Holy Land to help the weak and the poor of this country, he would be imprisoned for helping the Palestinians.**

10. Professor Abdul Ahad Dawud

The book "Muhammad in The Bible" by Prof.. Abdul Ahad former bishop of Uramiah. Professor Abdul Ahad Dawud B.D., the writer of the present series of articles is the former Reverend David Benjamin Keldain B.D, a Roman Catholic priest of the United-Chaldean sect. When asked how he came to Islam he wrote: **"My conversion to Islam can not be attributed to any cause other than the gracious direction of the Almighty Allah.** Without this Divine guidance all learning, search and other efforts to find the Truth may lead one astray. **The moment I believed in the Absolute Unity of God, His holy Apostle Muhammad became the pattern of my conduct and behaviour.**

PROPHET MOHAMMED (PEACE BE UPON HIM) IN HINDUISM

Bis Millaa Hir Rahmaa Nir Raheem

(In the name of ALLAH, Ever Gracious, Ever Merciful.)

Pundit Vedaprakash Upadhyay, a Hindu professor, in his stunning book Kalki Avatar claims that the description of Kalki Avatar found in the holy books of the Hindu religion matches the personality of Holy Prophet Mohammad (P.B.U.H.).

Recently in India, this fact-revealing book has been published. The book has been the topic of discussion all over India.

The author of this book, Pundit Vedaprakash Upadhyay, is a learned and a famous Hindu professor. He is a Hindu Brahmin of Bengali origin. He is a research scholar at Allahabad University.

After years of research of Vedas, Purnas and Upnishads he published this book, and no less than eight pundits have endorsed and certified his point of argument as authentic. According to Hindu belief, the Hindu world awaits “the guide and leader”, named Kalki Avatar. However, the description of Kalki Avatars given in the holy scriptures of the Hindus points only to Prophet Mohammed (P.B.U.H.) of Arabia. Therefore, the Hindus should not wait any longer for the arrival of Kalki Avatar but should readily accept Prophet Mohammad (P.B.U.H.) as Kalki Avatar.

What the author says is that the Hindus, who are still awaiting the arrival of Kalki Avatar are simply subjecting themselves to never ending wait. Because, such a great messenger has already arrived and departed from this world fourteen centuries ago. The author produces the following sound evidences from the Vedas and other holy books of Hindu religion in support of his claim.

1. In Hindu religious books (Hindu scriptures), it is stated that Kalki Avatar would be the last messenger of God in this world. He would come as a guide to the whole world and for all human beings. (Rahma-tul-lil-Aalameen).

2. According to a Hindu religious prediction the birth of Kalki Avatar would take place in a desert place i.e. in an Arab region.

3. Indication about Kalki Avatar given in Hindu Religious book is that he would be born on the 12th of a month. Incidentally Prophet Muhamamd (P.B.U.H.) was also born on the 12th of Rabi-ul-Awwal (Hijra Calendar).

4. In the books of Hindus, the names of the father and the mother of Kalki Avatar are given as VISHNU-BHAGAT and SUMAANI respectively. If we examine the meaning of these names we shall come to some very interesting conclusion.

(A) VISHNU (meaning God) and BHAGAT (meaning Slave). Slave of God . ABDULLAH (in Arabic) is the name of Prophet’s father. It means the same — The slave of Allah.

(B) SUMAANI (Meaning peace or calmness). Aminah (in Arabic means peace). Aminah is the name of Prophet’s Mother.

5. It is stated in Vedas (holy books of Hindu Religion) that the birth of Kalki Avatar would take place in an honourable clan. This perfectly fits the dignity of Quraish tribe in which Prophet Mohammed (P.B.U.H.) was born.

6. In the religious books of Hindus, it is mentioned that the staple food of Kalki Avatar would be dates and olives and he would be the most honest and truthful person in the region. Without doubt the Prophet Mohammad (P.B.U.H.) is acclaimed to possess these qualities.

7. God would teach Kalki Avatar through His messenger (angel) in a cave. Allah taught Prophet Mohammed (P.B.U.H.) through His messenger Jibraeel (Gabriel) in a cave known as Ghaar-e-Hira.

8. God would provide Kalki Avatar with a very speedy horse to ride and travel through the seven skies. It is an indication of burraq (horse) and Meraaj (the night when Prophet travelled through the seven skies to the Majestic throne of ALLAH in heaven).

9. God would provide Kalki Avatar with divine help. This was proved in the battles of Badar and Uhad.

10. Hindu religious books say that Kalki Avatar would be an excellent horse rider and a swordsman. This discription fits in well with Prophet Muhammad (P.B.U.H)

11. Sweet smell would come out from the body of Kalki Avatar. It is a fact that sweet fragrance always radiated out from the body of Prophet Muhammad (P.B.U.H.).

12. The author has given enough evidence and arguments in favour of his claim that Kalki Avatar is in fact Prophet Mohammed (P.B.U.H.). So it would be wrong on the part of Hindus to still expect Kalki Avatar to come in any future.

13. Torah at Denteronomy 18:15 and Bible at John at 14:16, 15:26 and 16:7 had also forecasted the coming of Prophet Muhammad (P.B.U.H.). Buddhist and Parsi religious books also mentioned about his arrival. The whole world should now un-hesitatingly accept Prophet Muhammad (P.B.U.H.) as the Last Messenger of ALLAH.

BUDDHISM

Bis Millaa Hir Rahmaa Nir Raheem

(In the name of ALLAH, Ever Gracious, Ever Merciful.)

These days in America Buddhism is gaining ground. For some inexplicable reasons, people from other religious faiths are being attracted to it. Its message of NIRVANA, peaceful existence and successful life, is appealing.

In order to understand the philosophy of Buddhism, we should first study the life of Buddha himself. Buddhism is today a major religion of the world. Millions of people follow it. It is mostly prevalent today in Japan, China, Korea, Vietnam, Tibet and Ceylon (Sri Lanka). The irony of fate of Buddhist Religion is that it is almost non-existent in a country called India where it was born, 500 to 600 years before Jesus. So today it is about 2500 years old. Now only Dalai Lama is there as their spiritual leader, living in India as an exile from his native Tibet.

The name of the founder of Buddhism is "Siddharta Gautama." The word or title of Buddha was added to his name later on when he received the so called enlightenment. Buddhist religious books do not throw any light as to from where or from whom he got the enlightenment. Was it from within or without?

Siddharta Gautama was born at a place called 'Kapil Vas' which is in the foothills of Himalayas near the Nepal-Indian border. His father 'Siddho Dhana' was a warrior king of a powerful royal family.

Siddharta Gautama enjoyed the luxuries, facilities and privileges of a prince in the royal palace. Within the palace he never saw a single dried or withered leaf or a petal. He never saw a face within the palace that was unhappy, sickly

or in pain. He did not know what was unhappiness, pain or difficulty.

At the age of 20, Siddharta Gautama was married to princess 'Yasodhra.' He had a child son named 'Rahula.' The small family was leading a satisfied, contented and well provided life in the palace.

Then one day, when he was 29, he has an occasion to go out of the palace. In the market place he happened to see a frail old man, then a weird sick man and finally a corpse of a dead man. These has a deep impact on his mind. For the first time he noticed what aging is what sickness is and what death is. He was mentally upset. What is this life all about. How one can get a release from the pangs and the miseries of this life. Release from sufferings of not only present life but also from the sufferings of repeated lives. He aspired to get a release of NIRVANA from the process of repeated lives and deaths—a concept or a doctrine found only in Buddhism and Hinduism. (This concept is not found in any other religion of the world).

Shaken and upset by seeing the stark realities of life, he decided to abandon his young wife and child son for ever. He abandoned them. He went to jungles and into wilderness,— never to return.

Let us stop here for a while. Was it proper for him to abandon his wife or child son? How would it be taken in America or in any civilized society? Can any man do this kind of a thing today and get away without being condemned or even prosecuted? A good religion should encourage and direct human beings towards proper behaviour and towards his duties and responsibilities to his family and to his country. Withdrawing from one's own family and loved ones in the name of searching the Truth, amounts to shirking personal responsibilities. It is cowardice. No other religion encourages this kind of inhuman behaviour.

The point to note is that he not only missed the natural love between the wife and husband but also shirked the prime responsibility of caring and raising his own child. Further, he also did not get the chance to lead a life of an ordinary man. Thus he had no experience in human dealings, in business or agriculture or statecraft. He did not get an opportunity to understand the miseries and expectations of an ordinary man in life, he did not have a chance to face the vicissitudes of life of an ordinary man. He remained inexperienced in the art of statecraft, in organizing and commanding standing armed force. He was not exposed to justice and judiciary, to mutual dealings among relatives and clan and society. It is therefore obvious that there is an absence of this experience in his teachings. It is due to these limitations that the religion and the teachings of Buddhism fall much short of human demands on body and soul. In Buddhism there are restrictions on food on eating and on living a full life. Earning for living, having a bank balance and raising a decent family are far off things to the Buddhist doctrine. A Buddhist monk lives and sustains himself on begging – a tradition undignified.

Let us now see what Siddharta Gautama did after he left his palace, wife and son. For the next six years he underwent an extreme sense of self-punishment by denying himself every conceivable thing on earth, which were there for his asking. He lived in filth and in starvation. It is said that he only ate a morsel of rice a day. He even pulled out the hairs of his beard one by one (that is why his statues always look clean shaved). After six years of wandering and self denial and self punishment, he came to realize that such forms of self denial and self punishment would never lead to enlightenment, he therefore abandoned this mode of living.

Then he decided to sit down on a meditation station and meditated without getting up till he gained enlightenment. It is said that days and nights passed before he

gained enlightenment. And what were the pointations of his enlightenment, he realized two things. First he learned that man could achieve NIRVANA (i.e. release from repeated birth— a concept taken from Hindu mythology). And secondly that complete happiness and peace can only come if man frees himself of all desires and worldly things. These were the two indications. One is a myth and the other is an impossibility.

For some reason, Gautam Buddha believed that life is filled with suffering alone. By running away from his palace, wife and son, he thought that he could escape from his unhappy existence. One is not certain whether Siddharta Gautam, after releasing and freeing himself of all desires and worldly things, died as a really happy man!

After the experience of “Enlightenment”, his name and fame spread widely. Many stories called JATA-KAAS spread out regarding his belief, religion and message. At this point of time people began to call him “BUDDHA”, the wise. People were impressed by his religious insight, compassion and even a magical influence on others.

For the rest of his life after achieving “Enlightenment”, he preached to his followers how to overcome suffering. He called his message as DHARMA. DHARMA means “saying the truth.” His first sermon was in a park near Banaras City in India to a group of fine men. Subsequently, he delivered more and more sermons in Northern India where more and more people were attracted to him. His humility, compassion, zeal to teach what he thought was right, were the remarkable features of his personality. His message was of his own creation. It was not a Divine Message.

Siddharta Gautama Buddha died at the age of 80. His body was buried as ashes just like a Hindu cremation. His ashes were distributed as relics far and wide.

Buddhist believe in three things; The personality of Buddha as God; His teachings are called DHARMA; and the Buddhist Religious Community is called SANGHA. These three are called the 3 Jewels. The analysis of Buddha’s belief—called DHARMA are as follows:

1. He believed that life was filled with suffering. This to some extent is true but the entire life is not suffering. There are moments and periods of joy and happiness too.
2. Like Hindu belief, he also believed that human existence was a continuing cycle of death and re-births. This thinking was his own, not propagated by Judaism, Christianity or Islam. It is not even proven by modern science. So is it a fact or a fiction?
3. Each person’s present life status was determined by his deeds in the previous life. If his deeds in the previous life were good he can get a birth as a human being. And if his deeds were not that good he maybe born as a monkey or a donkey.
4. Good deeds in previous life may even lead him to a birth as a wise, wealthy and well provided man.
5. Evil deeds in the previous life on the other hand may automatically lead him to a birth as a poor, sickly and ill-provided man.
6. This cycle of repeated births and deaths, according to him, would continue. Thus his pain and suffering will continue too.
7. According to him, this cycle of births and deaths would continue. This process could be broken by achieving NIRVANA and the sufferings of life could be reduced by eliminating all attachments to worldly life!

According to him, the sufferings of life could be reduced by adapting a **Middle Way in life**. He advocated

to avoid the extremes in life. For this **Middle Way of Life**, he advocated the following Eight Fold Noble Path.

1. Avoid extremes in achieving uncontrolled satisfaction and human desires.
2. Acquire knowledge of TRUTH— But he did not define Truth.
3. Resist evil—including demands of sex and social necessities.
4. Do not hurt others by words and deeds
5. Respect life and property.
6. Control your feelings and thoughts. Have positive approach in thought, behaviour and action. Think positive. Act positive.
7. Avoid evil—He did not define evil.
8. Concentrate and Meditate. Though there is no idol or deity, worship in Buddhism; yet he did not define the ultimate goal or ideal, or the point to which an individual should concentrate his mind, thought and his spiritual energy. There is no concept of GOD in Buddhism. Followers of Buddhism therefore take Gautam Buddha as their god and they pray and worship him saying— “you are our Lord, our protector, guardian and helper.”

Buddhism was born in India as a result of Religious Revolt against Hinduism particularly against idol worship and caste system. Therefore, one can notice that in each of the above mentioned eight fold Noble paths, there is a principled stand against Hindu caste system. All these 8 paths or principles are the Buddhist way of leading a life. But they are lacking towards leading a happy, healthy human life. It is an unnatural way and falls short of many physical, mental and spiritual demands of human life. It is

an unnatural way and falls short of many physical mental and spiritual demands of a human life. It may apparently look an easy and an ideal way of life, but it is unrealistic and imaginary. Life is much more. In an ideal religion all demands of body, mind and soul must be met. Man is a composite being of physical, intellectual and spiritual needs. He needs answers to his moral, intellectual, physical and spiritual needs and aspirations. For these reasons, Buddhism falls short of being called a Truly Complete Religion.

Now we will discuss the third jewel of Buddhist belief which is called SANGHA, i.e., the composition of orthodox Buddhist Religious Community. This community comprises of those who have achieved higher spiritual development. This community consists of Monks and Nuns who dress in Saffron colored unstitched sheets of cotton without shoes or cap. They do not allow hair to grow on their heads. This special class of people not only preserve Dharma (8 principles of Noble Path) but also spread Dharma to Others. These monks live a monastic way of life which they consider is essential for seeking NIRVANA. This means that ordinary human beings with families and who work for a living, both men and women, cannot achieve NIRVANA.

Who is a Monk? One who lives in poverty. His only job is to meditate and concentrate sitting quietly. He spends most of his time in studying the 3 books of Buddhist religion. Those three books are known to them as Three Baskets (of wisdom), leading to NIRVANA. A monk could be a full time monk or even a part time one. His job is to avoid sexual activity and adapt a Basic Moral Law consisting of 8 Fold Noble Path. A monk does not work or earn a living, instead he goes from door to door every day begging with a beggar’s bowl in hand, asking for food. This type of living is bound to give him an inferiority complex. His ego and pride as a normal human being suffers. He becomes a parasite on the society. It is against the demands

of nature and is not the dignified way of living. It is for this reason that ordinary men and women in Buddhism have really no role for themselves in their religion except to continue to honor and dignify the monks and keep living their own way of life.

By today, four schools of thought have developed in Buddhism. They are (a) Thera-Veda, (b) Maha-Yana, (c) Mantra-Yana and (d) Zen.

In Buddhism, there is no concept of a Prophet or Messenger of God. Therefore Buddhist rely on Siddharta Gautam Buddha as their god. Gautam Buddha preached in PAALI language which was the language of the day. Today, PAALI is not spoken anywhere in the world. Paali language is lost to humanity. Only weak religions lose their original language of preaching.

Buddhism is more of an imaginary religion. It is neither fully secular nor fully spiritual. Its structural foundations are weak and conceptual. Buddhism does not meet the ordinary requirements of body, mind and soul. Its doctrines fall short on all three fields. Buddhism does not provide answers to the demands and values of an individual or of a clan or of a society either in Buddhism belief in GOD is elusive.

For a better model for life, men of understanding carrying the burdens of their thirsty souls, will have to look elsewhere—for an ideal answer.

QADIYANIAT

Bis Millaa Hir Rahmaa Nir Raheem
(In the name of ALLAH, Ever Gracious, Ever Merciful.)

Purpose:

The purpose of this Article is to forewarn the Muslims lest they are caught in the evil trap of Qadianism due to their ignorance.

To a Muslim, Islam is the force of his life. It is a spiritual light of his heart and also an outside visible sign too. Islam is the substance and rule of his life. A Muslim lives by his faith in Islam and he dies by his faith in Islam.

There are two principles of Muslim faith. One is that ALLAH is ONE and One alone, and the second is that Holy Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon Him) is the seal of prophethood. (Surah Al Ahzaab 33:40) No other prophet would come after him.

Muslims love their leader Prophet Muhammad (Peace Be upon Him) more than their own lives. Muhammad P.B.U.H. exercises enormous influence upon his followers. Muslims follow him. He is their unquestioned leader and a supreme guide in all matters worldly and spiritual. The spiritual bond between Muhammad P.B.U.H and Muslims is very strong and secure. To Muslims Prophet Muhammad P.B.U.H is the best example of a human being and he is the most beautiful person amongst all peoples of the world.

Prophet Muhammad P.B.U.H has changed their lives, customs, character, dress and food. He pulled them from darkness into light. Through Qur'aan he gave them intellectual and spiritual awakening to make life successful and meaningful in this world and even beyond. He gave them a spiritual identity.

The Spiritual Magnet

To Muslims Prophet Muhammad P.B.U.H is a spiritual magnet, Muslims from all corners of world converge to his name. This strange and willing subjugation of Muslims around him is a very unique and strange phenomenon of human history the like of which has not been known or heard before. This spiritually strong bond has remained a matter of discussion and study amongst the scholars of philosophy and social sciences of the West for a long time. This they want to demolish somehow. They use various means.

Birth of Qadiyaa-niat

So, one Mirza Ghulam Ahmed (The Servant of Ahmed) came to attack upon Muslim Religious Frontiers from within. The then British rule in India supported and nourished this movement to bring about this crack as all previous attacks to bring about a crack in this spiritual bond had failed.

Thus Mirza Ghulam Ahmed (M.G.A. 1839-1908) was to defile and desecrate Muslims faith which they had upheld for the last 1432 years till then.

M.G.A. declared that he was a new prophet (phoney/imposter) even beyond Prophet Muhammad P.B.U.H. He said he received “Wahees” (Revelations) through an angel named “Tochy Tochy.” He said that after his arrival Prophet Muhammad P.B.U.H. has gone in the list of past bygone prophets. He claimed that he was superior to previous prophets all put together.

This imposter prophet of deceit and camouflage then named himself as Muhammad (of Qadian). To compound his fraud he then adopted Kalima -i-Tayyiba to himself. LAA ILAHA IL LAL LAAHU, MUHAMMADUR RASOO LUL LAAH (There is no god worthy of worship

except ALLAH, and Muhammad is HIS Messenger). (To Qadianis Muhammad means Muhammad of Qadian Mirza Ghulam Ahmed.)

M.G.A. Called Himself Rasoo Lul Laah

Then he declared that the whole of Qur’aan was re-revealed upon him once again at his village Qadian! Then he changed the meanings of number of Qur’aanic Aayats to suit his ideosyncracies.

Then he called the people of his community — Qadianees as true Muslims and declared the rest of Muslim Ummah as Kafirs! The truth is that neither Qadianees believe in Islam nor they are Muslims.

M.G.A. camouflaged himself and his Qadiani Movement. For this he adopted all those Muslim titles and epithets which Muslims use for their own revered pious personalities e.g. Huzoor, Wahee, Sal Lal Laahu ‘Alai hi Wa Sallam, Sunnat, Ahle Bait, Razi ALLAHU Anho, Ummul Momineen etc. The idea was to deceive and cheat Muslims through lies and to raise his own status.

M.G.A. called this deviated form of worship as namaz, called his place of worship as mosque and a call to prayer as Azan. All this was only to deceive Muslims that they should think that Qadianees are good practising Muslims. Some ignorant people were caught in their net. Inside their heart is hatred and enmity against Muslims and Islam.

M.G.A. Declared Jihad—as Unnecessary

M.G.A. did not understand the difference between a war for worldly purposes and a Jihad Fee Sebee Lil Laah (In the cause of ALLAH). To Muslims Jihad is an important item of their faith. In Qur’aan there are 27 Aayats on Jihad. Giving up Jihad becomes the cause of all defeats whether political, economical or ideological.

A single day spent in the vigilance of Islamic ideological frontiers is better than a full life span of worldly life. A martyr is forgiven by ALLAH the moment he enters his grave and he is shown his place in heaven. A martyr remains alive, getting sustenance from his Rabb. Those who strive through their wealth and life in the cause of ALLAH, ALLAH then shows them the way to success in life. Jihad is success, honour, dignity and existence itself amongst nations.

M.G.A was Seven in One

M.G.A. first declared himself as Mujaddid (Renovator), then a Mohaddad (Holder of conversation with ALLAH), then a Muhlam (receiver of Divine Revelations), then a Misaale Maseeh (Like Jesus), then a Maseeh Mow'ood (re-incarnated Jesus), then a Mahdee (reformer of the last days). M.G.A.'s thirst for self-glorification did not get quenched there. He claimed that he was the embodiment/incarnation of Prophet Muhammad P.B.U.H. He spoke lies.

M.G.A. called people to believe in him, or else he threatened them that they will go to hell (as if he is one to decide). Those who disagreed with him, he abused them mouthfully. He called them that they were the sons and daughters of prostitutes and whores. In desperation he also used abusive language against Jesus and also against pious and revered personalities of Islam including Ahle Bait.

Never call Qadianees / Mirzais as Ahmadees

Qadianees/Mirzais should never be called Ahmadees because the other name of Prophet Muhammad P.B.U.H. is Ahmed. Surely Qadianees are not pro-Ahmed. They are in fact anti-Ahmed. They desecrate and try to demolish the religion of Islam.

Qadianees Pose As Muslims

Qadianees pose as Muslims which they are not. They cheat others by saying that they also recite Kalima Tayyiba. (But in the name of Muhammad of Qadian). They say that they also recite Qur'aan. (But their interpretation of certain Ayaats is different). They say that they also say prayers, observe fasts and all other Islamic rituals and customs. But they are hypocrites. Within their hearts they are anti-Prophet Muhammad P.B.U.H. They are anti-Muslim and anti-Islam. They want to destroy Muslim Ummah through the support of enemical forces against Islam. A Qadianee has a viper up his sleeve. They receive money to sabotage Muslim interests. Qadianees are in Israeli Secret Service. Roles of Zafarullah Khan, M.M. Ahmed, Waqar Ahmed, Air Marshal Zafar Choudhry and many senior Army, Navy, Air Force, Central and Provincial Government Officers are an eye opener. Muslims should always remain on guard less any harm or espionage or sabotage is done to Muslim world wide causes. A Qadianee is not a Muslim and a Muslim can not be a Qadianee.

A Qadiani is a "Kafir" of the lowest order known as "Zindeeq" because they cause damage from within. They do not say their prayers behind a Muslim Imam nor raise their hands for prayer behind him. They do not marry amongst Muslims and they do not attend Muslim funerals.

Decision of World Muslim Conference

Therefore Rabita Alam-e-Islam convened a conference at Mecca, which was attended by 144 Muslim Religious Organisations of Islamic countries from Morocco to Indonesia. The conference adopted a unanimous resolution which said:-"Qadianiat is a false movement which under the guise of Islam, and for the sake of financial interests,

contrives and plans to damage the foundations of Islam”. Therefore, the World Muslim Conference resolved that:-

- (a) Qadianees/Mirzais/Lahorees should be declared “Kafirs” non-Muslims and be ex-communicated from the field of Islam.
- (b) All Muslim countries should keep a vigil and a watch over all Qadiani activities, traps and conspiracies.
- (c) Qadianees were debarred from entering Harmain Shareefain at Mecca.
- (d) Muslims should avoid social, political and matrimonial dealings with Qadianees.
- (e) Ulemas should inform and forewarn Muslims about “KUFR” in their Friday sermons.

Preaching of Qadianiat is Punishable — Three Years Imprisonment and Police Does not know it.

In 1952 Aalami Majlis Tahaffuz-e-Khatme Nubuwwat was established to save Muslims from becoming Qadianees.

In 1953 Anti-Qadiani riots took place in Lahore/Punjab when about 1000 people were killed.

In 1974 Pakistan National Assembly declared Qadianees as Kafirs and Constitution of Pakistan was changed accordingly through Article 260.

In 1980 yet another Article to the Constitution was introduced which debarred all courts including Supreme Court of Pakistan from entertaining any further proceedings in respect to Qadianees.

In 1984 ordinance No. 20 to Pakistan Penal Code was issued. But the police does not know about it. It prescribed three years imprisonment and a fine if a Qadiani.

- (a) Poses himself as a Muslim thereby deceiving and misleading people. or
- (b) Calls his Qadiani faith as Islam. or
- (c) Calls Mirza Ghulam Ahmed as Muhammadur Rasool Lul Laah. or
- (d) Invites Muslims to become Qadianis. or
- (e) Calls Azan with a design to deceive Muslims. or
- (f) Calls his place of worship as Masjid. or
- (g) Uses Muslim personalities titles and epithets for M.G.A. or for his family or for his disciples e.g. Huzoor, Salal Laahu ‘Alai hi Wa Sallam, Sunnat (of M.G.A.) Wahee, Ummul Momineen, Ahle-Bait, Razi ALLAHU Anho and Sahabee etc. Use of all these Muslim titles is prohibited for them. or
- (i) Uses any insulting or abusive language against Islamic personalities and Qur’aanic Injunctions. or
- (j) Declares that Qur’aan was re-revealed on M.G.A.

“ WA MAA ‘ALAI NAA IL LAL BALAA GHUL MUBEEN”

(And our duty is to convey the message clearly)

(Qur’aan: Surah Yaa seen 36:17)

THE JOURNEY OF A MAN

Bis Millaa Hir Rahmaa Nir Raheem

(In the name of ALLAH, Ever Gracious, Ever Merciful.)

For man his life is a Journey. A human soul is on loan to him from his Creator. The Creator gave a soul to man when man was virtually nothing in his mother's womb. The same Creator takes back and collects that very soul when man breathes his last breath. That is because man's soul was given to him temporarily and it is HIS property.

The journey of a man has Four Stages. At each Stage there is a challenge for him. The First Stage is his mother's womb. The Second Stage is his life in this temporary world. The Third Stage is his grave. And, the fourth and Final Stage is Everlasting Life in the Hereafter— either in Heaven or in Hell. Everyone has to pass through each of these Stages. There is no escape. All men have to go through this journey. It is a blueprint of human destiny. It is a human soul's journey in time and space. The way this journey is traversed in this world is called a "Way of Life" or in other words following "a particular Religion."

Since the Creator of this World is One, and the humanity is one, and the life and death of all human beings is also similar, and the entire process through which all humanity has to go through is also similar therefore it is obvious that **the Religion of All Humanity should also have been One. Each soul is born with a Mission. But somewhere along the way one may forget what it is.**

Why? Because the Man is his own worst enemy. He devises new ways in his religion. He adds and subtracts, and modifies his religion according to his own whims and idiosyncracies. He interferes and changes the Revelations of his Creator. He deviates from the Commands and the Guidance of the Creator. He willfully entangles himself

into traps and deceits of *Shaytan*, (Satan) the accursed. Thus he deviates from the True Religion of One True God.

All religions lay down certain do's and don'ts. They give guidelines for human conduct. So there are similarities in religions, but there are also serious and major dissimilarities as well. If any religion or any man fails to address the fundamental issue of the existence of **One True GOD, then that religion is not worthy of claiming to be a right religion.**

A true religion of **One True GOD** adheres to the dictates of nature. The very innate nature of a human being obeys and follows all the Laws of Nature. The birds, the animals and all that exists in the universe they all abide by those Laws. Such a person who is in tune with nature is called a Muslim because he surrenders his complete self to the Will of his Creator. Those who believe in their Creator as the Supreme Power find contentment and satisfaction. They have peace within and they have peace without. They are satisfied with their existence. They do not complain. They live even longer.

But unlike birds and animals, man is an exception. He is a revolter and a rebel just because he has been given a Free Will by his Creator. This Free Will is a burden on human soul. It can take man either to Heaven or to Hell. Therefore man must use this gift of Free Will with care, caution, wisdom, and discretion.

In today's world, religions and religious books abound. But the integrity of some of these religious books, as mentioned earlier, is compromised by human manipulations. Human authors have modified them, amended them and even substituted some of the doctrinal matters. Sometimes in them the Divine Message is compromised or even entirely lost. As such these Religious Books lose their Divine status. They become merely religious Scriptures and they remain no more the

Revelations from **One True GOD**. And there is a great difference between a Scripture and a Divine Word from **One True GOD**.

Thus man falls into a trap in his religion. He then adopts man-made laws and his own devised doctrines. And this is the saga of human history and of many world religions.

One such example of the trap is the Bible. In it there is no Gospel of Prophet Jesus. What church has today is the writings of Paul who was the first to write his Epistles say within twenty years of Jesus' departure. 40 to 60 years after him, other authors like Mark, Matthew, Luke and John also wrote their parallel Gospels, all from their failing memory. Since they were written much after Paul, therefore these four Gospels are heavily influenced by the doctrines and thinkings of Paul. They all tow the same line and thought of Paul. After all, the Words of Gospels are human words. They are not the inspired Words of One True God. They are not the Divine Words. They are not canonical. Human interpolation has heavily come in these writings. The original teachings of Jesus are thus either lost or highly misrepresented. Today any genuine Jewish or Christian Scholar would honestly accept that most of the Bible writings currently available are spurious, false, weak, and cooked up. Certainly, they are not the Divine Words.

So now, not only of Prophet Jesus', but of all the previous Prophets teachings are enshrined afresh correctly and truthfully in the Holy Qur'aan by ALLAH Himself.

The Holy Qur'aan says:- "The Jews say that the Christians are not on the right path, and the Christians say that the Jews are not on the right path. Yet, they both read the same Book." Ref. Holy Qur'aan Surah Baqarah 2:113. How strange it is?

Those who follow the Bible, cannot but make mistakes and errors in their man-made faith and religious doctrines. Therefore, the job of Holy Qur'aan is to correct the errors and mistakes of the Bible and of other Religions Scriptures and to act as an Arbiter. It was also for this very reason that finally, Muhammad (*Sal Lal Laahu Alai hi Wa Sallam*) was sent by the Creator as the Last Prophet, and Holy Qur'aan was revealed to him. It was reduced to writing verbatim immediately as and when a Message was revealed to Prophet Muhammad (Peace Be Upon Him). Holy Qur'aan consolidates all previous Messages but in correct perspective. It is free from errors, omissions, additions and deviations to Divine Message. Holy Qur'aan is the uncompromised word of ALLAH. It is for this reason that Holy Qur'aan supersedes all previous Scriptures in Truth and Certainty. Humanity has to go only to Holy Qur'aan for True Guidance.

There are many statements in the Bible about Prophet Abraham, Moses, David, Solomon, and Jesus etc. (Peace Be Upon all of them). Some of these statements are negated by Holy Qur'aan. Please keep in mind that by negating the Bible statements by Holy Qur'aan does not mean negating the real and the true message of those earlier Prophets. Only the record of those faulty writings is corrected, and it is set aright in the Holy Qur'aan by ALLAH to bring them in conformity with the TRUTH. If one wishes to look for a true and a correct version on any matter, he should turn only to the Holy Qur'aan. **Only in the Holy Qur'aan will he find the "TRUTH, and NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH."**

Holy Qur'aan appeals to human logic, to human wisdom, to his criterion of right and wrong, and to human judgment. The writings of Holy Qur'aan ever remain uncompromised by human hands. Only the Holy Qur'aan remains in its pure, original, uncorrupted form. Not a single comma, letter or a word has yielded to human manipulation

or change. It is the ABSOLUTE TRUTH. It is for this reason that the Holy Qur'aan becomes a dominating force in one's thoughts and life. ALLAH in Holy Qur'aan says: **“These are the verses that make things clear.”** (Holy Qur'aan, Surah Yusuf, 12:1).

Those faithfuls who daily recite the Holy Qur'aan assert that the Holy Qur'aan will have their eyes overflowing with tears, because they recite the very words of their Creator. Because in the Holy Qur'aan they recognize the Absolute Truth about Man. Holy Qur'aan is the Word of ALLAH and not of any human being. The readers of the Holy Qur'aan perceive that they are in “one to ONE” conversation with their Creator. Qur'aanic words were revealed to Prophet Muhammad (Peace Be Upon Him), by inspiration through Angel Gibrael ('Allai His Salaam). Prophet Muhammad (Peace Be Upon Him), as such, is not the author of Holy Qur'aan.

A reader would not see One True GOD each time he reads the Holy Qur'aan, but he would virtually hear HIM each time he reads it. Reader would also feel the awe that he is virtually in the Majestic Presence of his Rabb —his Creator.

Therefore in order to seek the true guidance, in the Journey of man, one should read, understand, and follow the Holy Qur'aan.

The Journey of a Man is a reality for us all. The True Guidance in life can only come from Holy Qur'aan. And only the Holy Qur'aan has the answer to change the tears of the world into smiles.

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THE HOLY QUR'AAN AT A GLANCE

Bis Millaa Hir Rahmaa Nir Raheem

(In the name of ALLAH, Ever Gracious, Ever Merciful.)

1. Islam is in fact in the Holy Qur'aan as much as it is in the personality of Holy Prophet Muhammad Mustafa (*Sal Lal Laahu 'Allehi Wa Sallam*). We should therefore first have a look into the pages of Holy Qur'aan.

2. The word “*Qur'aan*” means: “that which is read or “that which should be read again and again.” The Holy Qur'aan is a Divine Scripture. It is the Word of One True GOD—ALLAH. Holy Qur'aan was revealed by ALLAH through Angel Jibreel '*Alle his Salaam* in Arabic language to Prophet Muhammad (*Sal Lal Laahu 'Allehi Wa Sallam*) bit by bit over a period of about twenty-three years. As soon as these verses were revealed to Prophet Muhammad (Peace Be Upon Him) they were dictated by him immediately to the ready scribes who wrote them down immediately and the *Hafiz-e-Qur'aan* then memorized them by heart. No other Book of Revelation can claim such an authenticity. Holy Qur'aan is the Revealed Book of ALLAH and not of any human being.

3. ALLAH (Sub haana wa t'a 'laa) had sent a number of Messengers for the guidance of mankind. Besides many small size Scriptures (*Sahufaz*), ALLAH had also revealed *Towrah* (Torah), *Zaboor* (Psalms), and *Injeel* (Gospel), the originals of which are lost. Moreover, human authors have modified them considerably. (Holy Qur'aan, Surah Baqarah 2:59 and Surah Maaidah 5:14).

4. Holy Qur'aan at Surah *Maaidah*, 5:44 and 5:46 confirms that ALLAH did send those Scriptures to the People of the Book, i.e. to Jews and to Christians, as a guidance and light. Then ALLAH says at Surah Maaidah

5:14: “But they forgot a good part of Message that was sent to them.” Again at Surah Baqarah 2:59 ALLAH says: “But those who did wrong changed the word from that which had been told to them for another... .”

5. Holy Qur’aan is, therefore, the Final Guidance from ALLAH, and Islam, as a Religion, is a “Complete Way of Life.” ALLAH says at (Surah *Maaidah* 5:3): “This day I have perfected your Religion for you, and have chosen for you Islam as your religion.”

6. After the Final Revelation from ALLAH i.e. the Holy Qur’aan, all other earlier Scriptures and Books, which were modified by humans, are superseded by ALLAH. Mankind from now onwards will receive all time guidance from Holy Qur’aan only. Since the Last Book i.e. the Holy Qur’aan has arrived, ALLAH has therefore confirmed that HE will not send any more Messenger or any other Divine Book in future. ALLAH confirms this by saying:- “Muhammad is *Rasool* (a Messenger and a Prophet) of ALLAH and he is the Seal on Prophethood. (Surah *Ahzaab*, 33:40). Muhammad (P.B.U.H.) is the Last and the Final Messenger of ALLAH. ALLAH further says: “We have without doubt, sent down the Message, (i.e. the Holy Qur’aan) and WE (i.e. ALLAH) will assuredly guard it from corruption. (Surah *Al-Hijr*, 15:9).

7. Holy Qur’aan is the Mother of All Books. It is all embracing. ALLAH has given various qualifying names and has used other adjectives and titles in Holy Qur’aan itself to indicate its many splendoured qualities and to highlight its multidimensional magnificence. These titles are: “The Book”, “The Criterion of Right and Wrong”, “The Reminder”, “Full of Wisdom”, “The Protecting Guardian”, “The Divine Illumination”, “The Revelation from the Merciful”, “The Book in Which There is No Doubt whatsoever”, “The Book Full of Glorious Material”

and “The Book Which Takes One Beyond Experience and Knowledge” etc.

8. Holy Qur’aan is written in the purest of *Arabic* Language. It is neither poetry nor a straight prose, yet it has its most exalted style of its own. It is the Word of ALLAH. Therefore, its linguistic charm and sublimity of style has no parallel. Its lucidity, fluency and eloquence, is singularly its own. The elegance and the grace of Holy Qur’aan, is unmatched. Its expressions are short and direct. Its verses are loaded with wisdom, beauty and thought. They have a stunning effect not only on heart and mind, but also on the soul of a reader. The Message of Holy Qur’aan is the ABSOLUTE TRUTH. Its Message therefore penetrates right into the deepest recesses of the reader. And it is for this reason that the Message of Holy Qur’aan becomes the dominating force in one’s thoughts and life.

9. The Holy Qur’aan, which is in Arabic Language has a unique pattern. It has its own special terminology. From any one basic word, many other words are derived, each word meaning differently. Its innumerable stops and pauses, short and long, are there to give clarity of expression. They also provide an eloquent manner of speech. In fact there is no other Book in the World that it is so heavily and so meticulously punctuated as the Holy Qur’aan is. There are Signs to indicate where to “Stop” and where “Not to Stop.”

10. Holy Qur’aan is the only Book in the world that remains unaltered even to the minutest of inflexions till today. Not even a single word has been replaced. ALLAH declared that HE Himself is its Protector and Guardian. (Surah *Al-Hijr*, 15:9). It has been preserved as it was originally revealed, and thousands of thousands of Muslim men, women and children have memorized it by heart. This process of memorization of the entire Holy Qur’aan in *Arabic* language has gone on from generations to generations

and it, ALLAH willing, will continue till the end of the world. This feature of Holy Qur'aan is of special attention and it proves conclusively, to anyone that Holy Qur'aan certainly is the Word of ALLAH. This also proves, with certainty, the superiority of Islam over all other religions.

11. There never will be a revised version of Holy Qur'aan. It is, and it will always remain the same as it was originally revealed. If Holy Prophet Muhammad (Mustafa *Sal Lal Laahu 'Allehi Wa Sallam*) were to return to the earth today, he would find the faithful Muslims reading exactly the same Holy Qur'aan, worshipping and praying to ALLAH in exactly the same manner as he had taught. He would find them fasting, giving charity and performing Haj etc. in exactly the same manner as he had taught them over fourteen centuries ago.

12. Originally, the Qur'aanic words were the "spoken words." These verbatim words used to be reduced to writing immediately. Therefore these spoken words have a life and a force. They are dynamic in power, effect and result. These words are explosive in meaning and carry an all conquering effect on the hearts. The Holy Qur'aan speaks for itself. Holy Qur'aan is the embodiment of Living Truth. Unless people understand the existence of ALLAH — the Eternal Living GOD, they cannot understand and comprehend the Message of Holy Qur'aan.

13. There is a unity of purpose in the entire Holy Qur'aan. The topics of each of its 114 Surahs (Chapters) revolve around the same central theme, i.e. the existence of **One True GOD** —ALLAH. There is a great emphasis on the arrival of Day of Judgment. This was also the Message of all previous Prophets. Each Surah is a complete whole, and within it, the verses are closely interwoven. The Message of Holy Qur'aan is an eye opener.

14. The rhyme of Holy Qur'aan is remarkable and most beautiful. It is absorbing, captivating and grasping. The sounds of its verses are exceptionally sonorous. In the recitation of the Holy Qur'aan, the Divine symphony, the articulation and the resonance of its Divine Words echo into the heart. They touch the very core of the heart. The heavenly music entralls the heart. The Divine Words bring spiritual ecstasy both to mind and to the soul. The sounds of Qur'aanic Words, when recited in absolute spiritual devotion completely overtake the feelings of the reader. These verses then arouse in the reader's heart uncontrollable ecstasy that is beyond description. As an external expression of deepest devotion to ALLAH, the tears begin to roll down the cheeks. This is the miracle of Holy Qur'aan that no other scripture can match. Try its recitation, enjoy its richness and feel happiness and satisfaction. Read a little of it at a time but understand its meaning. Then meditate, ponder and contemplate more on it. One would be moved. In fact one would feel himself close to ALLAH. Therefore, "recite Qur'aan in slow measured rhythmic tones." (Surah *Muzzammil*, 73:4)

15. The Holy Qur'aan itself is a miracle of ALLAH because as mentioned earlier, the entire Holy Qur'aan can be memorized by heart by thousands of faithfuls known as *Hafiz-e-Qur'aan*. Yet another miracle of Holy Qur'aan is hidden in the numerical figure of Nineteen (19) that appears in Surah *Muddassir* 74:30. In Holy Qur'aan most of the figures and verses that are revealed are divisible by figure 19. It is no co-incidence. Surely no human being can produce a Book with such a precision. For detailed information concerning figure Nineteen, please read my Article: "The Holy Qur'aan is a Mathematical Miracle."

16. It is also a miracle of Islam that it has forcefully come back again. It was erroneously thought by the West that Islam was lost and finished and had no further role to play. They thought that Islam, was almost lost and

forgotten. Yet Islam is to play a decisive role in shaping the future of mankind and in saving the crumbling modern civilization. In fact it is the only tool available to humanity today to civilize the society and the nations. Holy Qur'aan is the only therapy that is available to humans to eradicate the ills of the society. All other religions and scriptures would wane away with the passage of time, except Islam and the Holy Qur'aan. In fact the Holy Qur'aan is the Greatest Gift of ALLAH to all HIS creatures.

17. The Holy Qur'aan is an encyclopedia of Divine Knowledge. It is the Last, the Final and also the Most Comprehensive Revealed Book. There is a constant and a repeated mention of ALLAH (One True GOD) to be worshipped by all humans. None else is worthy of worship except ALLAH. HE is Omnipotent, Omniscient and Omnipresent. HIS is the Kingdom on the Earth and in the Heavens, and all that exists in between belongs to HIM. Stories of 26 Prophets is mentioned. There is a repeated mention of another Life in the Hereafter that would be eternal. Holy Qur'aan gives warnings to the Guilty, and hope to the Righteous. Holy Qur'aan constantly warns men and women against *Shaytan's* (Satan's) misgivings and the consequent perils of Hell. Holy Qur'aan also gives men and women the guidance and shows the Straight Path to ALLAH and that is an attractive goal to aspire for, i.e. "the Blessings of Heaven." Holy Qur'aan constantly condemns idolatry, erroneous concepts of begotten son and trinity. It condemns all kinds of evils. It encourages man to be righteous with Right Belief.

18. Holy Qur'aan provides guidance to humanity in every sphere of human life whether it be religious, social, monetary, secular or spiritual field. Thus the scope and the spread of Qur'aanic teachings is far more wide and far more comprehensive than any other religion. In its light, the right can be clearly distinguished from the wrong and

the virtue from the vice. It gives guidance in improving morals, character, and personality right up to the ultimate perfection stage. It lays down laws for marriage, divorce, inheritance, charity, congregational prayers, mental hygiene and various other aspects of social life from cradle to the grave, and even beyond. It prescribes strictest punishments for sex crimes. Holy Qur'aan gives a woman a high moral status and respect. It treats her as a free and an equal individual and gives her the right to own a property, and to do business. For information please read my book. "The Personality of ALLAH's Last Messenger."

19. According to Holy Qur'aan all human beings form one universal brotherhood and one community irrespective of colour of skin, area of origin, or spoken language. ALLAH forbids racism and discrimination within humanity. In the sight of ALLAH only right faith and good deeds give a person superiority over others. All knowledge projects from only one source— ALLAH. Holy Qur'aan is a treasure of knowledge and wisdom. Holy Qur'aan urges mankind to explore space and the heavens. It urges mankind to build up a close relationship with nature. Let then the whole mankind read ALLAH's Book —the Holy Qur'aan and ponder, reflect, think, and contemplate over its contents. It should be studied with a critical eye and an analytical mind. The meanings of its verses are like the fragrance from the rose buds. More of it is hidden in the successive layers of their petals. Deeper you go more you understand.

20. To bring the points home to the reader's mind references to 18 males and 15 females of the past are mentioned. Twenty-eight stories are mentioned. Thirty-one ancient communities are mentioned. Thirty-seven parables are quoted. There is repeated mention of the teachings of Twenty-six Messengers of ALLAH. Some forty five major sins are mentioned. Forty prayers (Duas/Supplication/

Invocation) begging ALLAH for various things are quoted. Holy Qur'aan is full of reasonings, appeals, persuasions and commands of ALLAH to lead a righteous life. The Holy Qur'aan has 114 Surahs, 558 Rukoos, 6236 Ayaas (Verses) having 76,546 words which contain 3,25,026 letters. For more information please read my book "Qur'aanic Information."

21. Those faithful who daily recite the Holy Qur'aan assert that the Holy Qur'aan will have their eyes overflowing with tears because they recite the very words of ALLAH—their Creator. In the Holy Qur'aan they recognize the Absolute Truth about man. While reading the Holy Qur'aan a reader would perceive that his Creator is directly addressing him through HIS verses. A reader would feel as if he is in "one to ONE" conversation with his Creator. A reader would not see ONE TRUE GOD—ALLAH each time he reads the Holy Qur'aan, but he would virtually hear HIM each time he reads it. The reader would feel the awe that he is virtually in the Presence of his Almighty RABB.

22. Unfamiliarity un-awareness and ignorance of the Message of Holy Qur'aan amounts to degradation of intelligence and life itself. Surely such a Divine Book deserves to be read again and again, and adopted more readily and more widely. Reading the Holy Qur'aan in the Arabic Script is the only right and the most beautiful way. But it is pity that even many Muslims cannot read it in Arabic Script and yet call themselves literate and educated. They depend upon its translation. But no translation, no matter how good and close to perfection can ever take the place of Arabic Scripted Holy Qur'aan. It is impossible to reproduce that matchless, enchanting grand style of Arabic Qur'aan. Its forceful diction and rhetoric can never be recreated in any other human language no matter how rich that language may be. One must understand that the Arabic

Qur'aan is a Divine Word whereas its translation is a human word. The difference is obvious. If one reads the translation alone, then of course, the message would get into his mind but not the real effect of those Spiritual and Divine Words of ALLAH on his soul.

23. Centuries of biased propaganda, ignorance and neglect continue to prevent people from reading the Holy Qur'aan. They remain ignorant of its deepest and the most sublime message and its blessings to humanity. They should try to understand the Message of Holy Qur'aan. If they fail to do, then the loss is their own. The entire humanity should read it, debate it and think over its contents, and then form its own independent and honest opinion about its usefulness to human life. This would give them a new orientation in life and a new goal to aspire for. They should therefore, read the Arabic Scripted Holy Qur'aan, then go through its translation. Holy Qur'aan should be accepted after the total inner satisfaction of mind, heart and soul. Only then it should be accepted and adopted on its merit and excellence alone.

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HOLY QUR'AAN Is a Mathematical Miracle

Bis Millaa Hir Rahmaa Nir Raheem

(In the name of ALLAH, Ever Gracious, Ever Merciful.)

Muslim scholars have done a lot of research work on Holy Qur'aan with the help of Computer. I have collected their findings and have compiled them all. Surely Holy Qur'aan is a mathematical miracle. Please see the following:-

1. Figure nineteen (19) is mentioned in Surah Muddassir No 74:30. In Holy Qur'aan most of the figures are divisible by 19.
2. Holy Qur'aan has 114 Surahs and 114 is divisible by 19. $114 \div 19 = 6$.
3. Every Surah starts with "Bismillah" (In the name of ALLAH. The Holy Qur'aan is the word of ALLAH, therefore it starts in the name of ALLAH.
4. In the name of ALLAH is "Bismillah-hir-Rahmaa-nir-Raheem." It has 19 Arabic letters in it.
5. Surah Iqra' or Al-'Alaq has 19 verses.
6. In Holy Qur'aan the word ALLAH comes 2,698 times. This figure 2,698 is divisible by 19. $2698 \div 19 = 142$.
7. The word "Ar-Rahman" comes in Holy Qur'aan 57 times. This figure 57 is divisible by 19. $57 \div 19 = 3$.
8. The word "Ar-Raheem" comes in Holy Qur'aan 114 times. This figure 114 is divisible by 19. $114 \div 19 = 6$.
9. The word "Ism" (meaning-name) comes in Holy Qur'aan 19 times.
10. There are 14 letters in "Harroof-e-Muqatta-'aat." They come in 14 sets of combinations. They come in the beginning of 29 Surahs. Now total them. $14+14+29=57$. This figure 57 is divisible by 19. $57 \div 19 = 3$.
11. If we add the title numbers of 29 Surahs where Harroof-e-Muqatta-'aat occur i.e. Surah number 2, 3, 7, 10 and upto No. 68 it comes to fig. 822. Then add 14 letters of Harroof-e-Muqatta-'aat. It comes to $822+14=836$ and $836 \div 19 = 44$.
12. Between Surah Baqara (Surah No 2) and the last Surah (Al-Qalam) (Surah No 68) where Harroof-e-Muqatta-'aat occur, there are 38 other Surahs in between where Harroof-e-Muqatta-'aat do not occur. $38 \div 19 = 2$
13. From Surah No. 9 (where Bismillah is missing) to Surah No. 27 (where there are two Bismillahs), the difference is of 19 Surahs.
14. If we total the Surah numbers from Surah 9 to Surah 27, i.e. $9+10+11+12\dots$ upto 27) it comes to $=342$. $342 \div 19 = 18$
15. Surah No 27 has two Bismillahs. From first Bismillah to the second Bismillah of this Surah there are 342 Arabic words. $342 \div 19 = 18$.
16. The first five verses of Surah AL-'ALAQ/IQRA'. (No 96) has 19 words.
17. These 19 words of Surah AL-'ALAQ/IQRA' has 76 letters. $76 \div 19 = 4$
18. Surah IQRA' No. 96 consists of 19 Ayats.
19. From Surah IQRA' No 96 to Surah NAAS No 114 the difference is of 19 Surahs.

20. Surah IQRA No 96 consists of 304 Arabic letters.
 $304 \div 19 = 16$
21. The last Revelation (Surah Nasr No 110) consists of 19 words.
22. The Holy Qur'aan mentions the following thirty numerical numbers.
 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12, 19,20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80, 99, 100, 200, 300, 1000, 2000, 3000, 5000, 50,000 & 100,000.
 The sum total of these numbers is 162146. $162146 \div 19 = 8534$.
23. The exact numbering of verses where the word ALLAH occurs add up to 118123. $118123 \div 19 = 6217$.
24. The dominant message of Holy Qur'aan is that there is only "ONE GOD." The word "One", in Arabic is "Wahid" in reference to ALLAH. It occurs 19 times in the Holy Qur'aan.
25. The word "Qur'aan" occurs in the Holy Qur'aan 57 times. $57 \div 19 = 3$.
26. The first Pillar of Islam as stated in Surah Ale-'Imran No 3:18 is "Laaa ilaaha illaa hoo." (There is no other God except ALLAH). This most important expression occurs in another 19 Surahs also.
27. Number of times the words mentioned on the left column are exactly equal to the number of times the words that are on the right column.

Dunia 115 times.	Aakhirat 115 times.
Malaika 88 times.	Shaytan 88 times.
Life 145 times	Death 145.

benefit 50.	Corrupt 50.
Messengers 50.	People 50.
Iblees 11.	Seek refuge from Iblees 11.
Museebah (calamity) 75.	Thanks 75.
Spending (sadaqah) 73.	Satisfaction 73.
People who are Mislead 17.	Dead people 17.
Muslimeen 41.	Jihad 41.
Gold 8.	Easy life 8.
Magic 60.	Fitnah (dis-suasion, misleading) 60.
Zakat 32.	Barakah (increasing or blessings on wealth) 32.
Mind 49.	Noor (light) 49.
Tongue 25.	Sermon 25.
Desire 8.	Fear 8.
Speaking publicly 18.	Publicising 18.
Hardship 114.	Patience 114.
Muhammad (P.B.U.H.) 4.	Sharee'ah (Muhammad's [P.B.U.H.] teachings) 4.
Man 24	Women 24

28. It is amazing how many times the following words appears in Holy Qur'aan.

Salaat (Prayer) appears 5 times.

Month appears 12 times.

Day appears 365 times.

Sea appears 32 times.

land appears 13 times.

Sea+Land = $32+13=45$, i.e. Sea is 32 parts of a total of 45, i.e. Sea is 71.111 per cent—which is true.

Land + Sea=13+32, i.e. Land is 13 parts of a total of 45, i.e. Land is 28.889 per cent—which is true.

29. All this is no co-incidence? No, it is a MATHEMATICAL MIRACLE. It is ALLAH's miracle for wise men to ponder upon. No human being can compose a book of about 700 pages, which will use figures with such precision which can be divisible by figure 19. Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) was "Ummi" i.e. Unlettered. He could neither read nor could he write. So how come this miracle is in Holy Qur'aan? The answer is simple—it is the Word of ALLAH, and hence a miracle.
30. Who taught Prophet Muhammad (P.B.U.H.) all this? ALLAH, the Almighty taught him. As The Holy Qur'aan tells us:- **"(This is) a Book, the Verses whereof are perfected (in every sphere of knowledge) and then explained in detail from One (ALLAH), Who is All-Wise and Well-Acquainted (with all things)."** (Holy Qur'aan Surah Hud No 11:1)."

PRAYER

Bis Millaa Hir Rahmaa Nir Raheem

(In the name of ALLAH, Ever Gracious, Ever Merciful.)

1. What is a prayer to a man? Prayer is a tool to avert the calamities. Prayer is a tool to convert misfortunes into fortunes, impossibles into possibles. Prayer can do most un-imaginable feats. Prayer is a silent power. Prayer is the transformer of destinies. Prayer can override all natural laws of nature.
2. Prayer is a bridge between man and his Creator, between a slave and the Master Supreme. Prayer is contemplation. It is meditation. Prayer is the adoration of the Creator, the Sustainer. Prayer is man's acceptance and acknowledgment of ALLAH's Power and HIS Magnificence. Prayer is a direct communion of a slave with his Master. Prayer is imploring, it is begging piteously. Prayer is surrender. It is an expression of man's humility to his Creator.
3. Prayer is an expression of one's helplessness. It is a submission and a surrender of self to HIS Creator and Preserver. Prayer is an expression of man's indebtedness to ALLAH. It is the crystallisation and re-affirmation of one's faith in ALLAH . It is a declaration of bond and a covenant between man and his Creator.
4. In prayer there is thanks giving, hope for mercy and a demand for a thousand things. In prayer man repents and remorse for his sins, frailties and failures. He bemoans over his guilts and expresses regrets and sorrows. He begs for forgiveness, help and purification. Man begs and implores for spiritual light and guidance. He prays to ALLAH so that he can

walk on a Straight Path. True penitence, repentance and atonement can expiate the sins.

5. There is nothing more acceptable to ALLAH than man's humble prayer to HIM begging and imploring HIM. Man's prayers and his supplications to his Creator are the surest indication of one's surrender and submission to HIM.
6. While one is in prayer, his hands are outstretched and his eyes are tearful in total expectation. His heart gets overwhelmed and he himself gets inundated by Divine Power. In total helplessness and surrender he undergoes an experience well beyond his mental capacity to understand. In prayer man is closest to ALLAH.
7. In prayer man puts a thousand petitions and requests to ALLAH. Man pours out his heart's desires, longings, aspirations and demands both of secular as well as of spiritual nature. Man begs for himself and he begs for those whom he loves.
8. Man intensely desires ALLAH's grace and help. Man desires ALLAH's acceptance of him as a righteous person. In prayer, man while feeling helpless, exhausted, weary and without a mooring throws all his heart's burdens and weight on ALLAH to sort them out for him. In prayer man solicits ALLAH's help to set his things and problem aright for him. By himself he expresses his helplessness and weakness. Man prays humbly and silently to lighten his burden. In prayer, man protests to ALLAH for the injustices of the cruel world and seeks relief. In desperation, man cries for assistance, help and succour because by himself he can do nothing without ALLAH's help. With prayer man wants refuge in the Mighty preserve of ALLAH.

9. Prayer exerts pressure, influence and weight. Prayer is a compelling power and a spiritual force. Prayer is mighty, mystical, metaphysical and supernatural energy. It has its own dynamics. Influence of prayer is beyond human calculation and imagination. It is beyond his understanding.
10. ALLAH is Almighty and All Powerful. Prayer can accomplish any result whatsoever! With prayer and with ALLAH on your side, nothing is impossible. With prayer even miracles can take place. It is in ALLAH's nature to accept the humble prayers of his devotees. HE accepts them. HE grants them. Pray, always pray to ALLAH.
11. But remember, ALLAH too has certain expectations from his devotees. So next time you raise your hands in prayer to HIM, do not forget to do HIS biddings.

“Wa maa ‘alainaaa il lal balaa ghul mubeen”

(And our duty is only to deliver the clear message)

(Surah Yaa Seeeen 36:17)

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YOUR DUTY TOWARDS YOUR PARENTS

Bis Millaa Hir Rahmaa Nir Raheem

(In the name of ALLAH, Ever Gracious, Ever Merciful.)

1. Your parents are a great asset to you. Your very self, your genes, your blood, and your bones are a part of them. Therefore you have a duty towards your parents. If you desire success in this life and in the Hereafter, then act according to the following advice:-
2. Address your parents with respect. Do not speak words of anger or disrespect to them. Do not scold or reproach them, but speak to them with kindness.
3. Always be obedient to your parents. (So long as they do not order you to act in disobedience to ALLAH and His Messenger.)
4. Be kind to them and do not frown at them or look at them with anger.
5. Answer immediately when they call you, with a smiling face, saying: "Yes mother," or "Yes, father."
6. Protect their reputation, honour and property and take nothing from them without their permission. Do not lie to them.
7. Do that which pleases them, even without their requesting for it, such as serving them, purchasing their daily needs and trying to anticipate them. Be accommodating when dealing with them.
8. Consult them in all matters pertaining to your home. If you are compelled to ignore their advice, then ask for their forgiveness and pardon.

9. Be respectful to their friends and their near relatives, both living and deceased. Never criticise or talk against your parents. Always use words of praise for them.
10. Discuss matters with them with respect and politeness. Try to explain to them politely what is correct. Do not tease them. Do not be overbearing to them.
11. Do not oppose them or raise your voice at them. Listen to their words and be polite to them.
12. Whenever your parents enter your room get up as a mark of respect and honour.
13. Help your mother and father in the daily house-hold works.
14. Do not travel or stay out without their knowing about it. If you have no choice, then apologize to them and keep in contact with them.
15. Do not enter their room without permission, especially when it is time for them to sleep or take rest.
16. If you are addicted to smoking, then do not smoke in their presence.
17. Whenever you eat or take refreshments in their presence, do invite them to join you.
18. Give preference to your parents over all others. Seek their approval in everything.
19. ALLAH's pleasure and approval lie in the pleasure and approval of your father; and ALLAH's displeasure and disapproval lie in father's displeasure and disapproval.
20. Do not sit at a higher place than theirs and do not arrogantly extend your legs towards them.

21. Do not show pride in comparing your position with that of your father, even if you have a very important job. Parents have run their race. Do not hurt them directly or indirectly even by a single word.
22. For your build up, for your education and for your well being and comfort they had denied many things to themselves. They had denied and sacrificed many of their urges and desires, comforts and pleasures only to build your future at the cost of their own sacrifices. You can never repay them for their sacrifices. You can not count the parental favours towards you.
23. Do not be miserly in providing for them, causing them to complain to you, for this would be very shameful for you; and you will see it reflected in future in the behaviour of your children. You will reap what you will sow.
24. Visit your parents frequently and bring them gifts. Thank and praise them for caring for you, and for bringing you up with love, care and ambition—fighting many odds in their lives. Their favours upon you can not be counted. Never try to enumerate your obligations towards them. The balance will always tilt in their favour. You owe a huge debt of gratitude to them. Is there any return for good other than good.
25. Try to seek their blessings by all possible means and show deep gratitude to ALLAH and to them. Do good deeds both financially and physically to please them.
26. Mother is more deserving of your love, respect and care than your father. Remember, Paradise lies under the feet of your mother. She fought for your welfare and well being the bravest battles, in suffering and in pain, that were ever fought in the world. And remember in

- any language there are no sweeter words than “mother, my loving mother !”.
27. Your parents are the best amongst all the finest peoples of the world. When you fell down it was they who ran to pick you up, hugged you and caressed you all over your tearful face. You were and you are their pride. Their wish for your well being is eternal.
 28. Their old age has now brought suffering, pain and frailty in their body and limbs. So be ever helpful and a source of strength to them physically in every possible way.
 29. Kiss those golden hands which have gone wrinkled and tired and which have done so much for your welfare over the years, and years and years.
 30. Kiss the dear silver that now glitters in the sparsely hair of their heads.
 31. Admire, revere and honour their furrowed foreheads which must have bowed down in prayer for you a thousand, nay a million times.
 32. Honour and revere their wrinkled and furrowed faces which have gone aged, old and withered with time.
 33. Parents are always the parents. Their love will follow you wherever you are in the world. They are the holiest people in the world.
 34. You owe to them a thousand sincere thanks with a deep sense of gratitude. Always look after them and always pray for them.
 35. And remember what you are or what you hope to be, you owe it all to the prayers of your loving parents.

36. Now let us see what Qur'an says in this respect:-

- (a) Surah Bani Israeel 17:23- "Allah has decreed that you worship none but HIM. And that you be kind to parents. Whether one or both of them attain old age in your lifetime. Say not to them a word of contempt, nor repel them. But address them in terms of honour."
- (b) Surah Ankaboot 29:8- "ALLAH has enjoined on man to do good to his parents. But if they force you to associate with ALLAH another (deity) whom you do not know, then, you should not obey them. For you all have to return to ALLAH and then ALLAH will tell you what you had been doing."
- (c) Surah Luqmaan 31:14- "And ALLAH has enjoined on man to recognize the rights of his parents. His mother bore him in her womb with weakness upon weakness. And his weaning took two years. Show gratitude to ALLAH and to your parents. (Know that) You have to return to ALLAH."
- (d) Surah Al-Ahqaaf 46:15- "ALLAH has enjoined on man to treat his parents with kindness. His mother bore him with pain and she gave him birth with trouble. His bearing and his weaning took thirty months until when he attained his full strength and became forty years old. He says- O my Rabb! Grant me the grace that I may thank YOU for the favours that YOU have bestowed upon me and upon both my parents. And that I should work such good deeds as may please YOU. And my children should also do good deeds to comfort me. Truly, I have turned to YOU in repentance, and truly, I am one of the Muslims (submitting to YOUR will)."

- (e) Surah Al-Ahqaaf 46:17- Do not say to your parents- "Fie upon you both! -----."

37. My advice to you is that you should thank and love your parents, respect them, look after them and pray for them. If you have done wrong, then repent, and seek ALLAH's forgiveness for ALLAH is Ever Gracious, Ever Merciful.

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KNOWLEDGE

1. GOD gave humans the gift of wisdom and knowledge so that man may ponder over His gifts in the Universe and make good use of them for his benefit, according to the wish and commands of ONE TRUE GOD.
2. The glory and Majesty of GOD is manifested through HIS innumerable expressions in nature and history-all over in the Universe.
3. All knowledge comes from a Teacher. One is incomplete without a teacher. But the Last word of knowledge rests with GOD alone. Human capacity is limited to contain only a fraction of knowledge. When human mind stops and can go no further then ALLAH guides man through HIS commands and Divine Revelations.
4. The life of this world is a place of learning. It is a University for survival through learning.
5. Man gives expressions to his acquired knowledge either through his tongue or through his pen. Knowledge is light and ignorance is darkness. Knowledge means - "to know." The world of knowledge is an ocean. Knowledge in any form enriches human faculties of mind and soul.
6. Let us see what is said about knowledge:-
 - (a) Stars are like ornaments in heaven whereas knowledgeable persons are like ornaments on earth.
 - (b) The greatest gift that parents can give to their children is the gift of knowledge.
 - (c) An hour of sitting with a wise and a knowledgeable person is better than years of university education.

- (d) Knowledge must be put to use. Knowledge without good use is a criminal waste of GOD's gifts.
- (e) Many difficulties come across while acquiring knowledge. A child who can not put up with them has to put up with even greater difficulties later in his life – of sorrow and regret.
- (f) A wise and a knowledgeable person is a doer of good deeds. He discards the rags of arrogance, pride and rudeness and adores himself with the beautiful robes of politeness, humility and gives due regard to others feelings and expectations. Good manners overweigh even university education.

THE CRISIS IN HIS FAITH

Mr. John had a crisis in his faith. There was confusion, tension and anxiety in his life. His life had become an emotionally draining prospect for him. He had always tried to be a religious and a righteous person of sort. He always wanted to know-why he was here in the world? Where was he going to end up? What is his role and function in this world? What is the purpose of his existence?

He has grown up in a Christian orthodox society. The Bible, the Pastors, the Priests and the Study Groups had failed to convince him. They did not give him the real answers to life and to his destiny.

The Church pretended to know the Truth but failed to give him intellectual and spiritual satisfaction. Words like original sin, Trinity, the Father, the son and the Holy Ghost, three in one and one in three, God made in flesh, resurrection, redemption, Jesus died for your sins, bread as Jesus's flesh and wine as his blood, the wages of sin is death but the gift of God is eternal life in Jesus Christ, dead to sin and alive in Christ continued to keep him confused.

The battle was between Jesus's monotheism and Paul's concept of Trinity. In the Church he felt claustrophobic as if he was sitting in a vacuum all by himself alone in the crowd. He felt that he was being deceived by the loud oratory of the speakers. The verbosity of the Church was confusing and unconvincing. He found that its doctrinaire was complicated and intellectually unconvincing.

So, instead of his spiritual growth, he felt that he was actually going down. He tried to find diversions in

jogging, hiking, swimming, fishing, playing golf and even in mountains. He found they all pertained more to his body than to his mind and soul. They were escapist, illusionary and diversionary.

In the pursuit of spiritual satisfaction he tried yoga. It did not satisfy him. It was cruel punishment to his body. He sat in the company of mystics, gurus and saints. Brief associations with Bhai Group and Sufi Group was not fulfilling. He found them ethnical and cultish and limited in scope. It did not give freedom to his freedom loving soul.

In search of truth he went from places to places but they could not rescue him. He studied the eight fold Buddhist doctrine of nirvana. It was like living in Utopia, more idealistic than realistic. He even stood in places of Hindu worship. He chanted their mantras and hymned their lyrics but soon realized that they all related to a kind of social gatherings. They failed to have a hold on his soul. He was in search of eternal truth. He was trying to find inner peace with intellectual conviction and not with confusion.

In all these years instead of his spiritual growth he felt he was actually going down in a spiritual spin. He felt all these years he was trying to cover and hide himself within the canvas of deception and easy escape.

His soul was still starving. Nothing gave him lasting satisfaction. He thought that there was no elixir to the spirituality of his soul.

By now his body was getting weekend and weary. All these dilemmas and confusions were haunting him increasingly evermore.

He desperately needed to be introduced to the real Divine guidance and spirituality.

Finally he had an appointment with 'Truth'. He read the Translation of Holy Qur'aan' He found spiritual satisfaction and guidance which he was looking for all his life. He realized that he had remained ignorant till he read the Holy Qur'aan. In all these years of his life he had remained stuck up without the guidance of Divine spirituality. Now he discovered the Divine guidance.

When he read the Holy Qur'aan his inner eyes were opened. Now there was light. He found answers to all the puzzles of his life and beyond. He found out that Holy Qur'aan indeed provides the light and guidance to the starving human soul. He acknowledged now that Holy Qur'aan shows the most straight, most truthful path to reach upto man's goal in life. He found out that the Holy Qur'aan is the absolute truth and therefore it is convincing.

My friend John always knew that a child is afraid of darkness but he fails to understand why a grown up educated people are afraid of light- 'The Light of Holy Qur'aan'. He suggests that the entire humanity should read the Holy Qur'aan, debate and think over its contents and then form its own independent and honest opinion before its adoption in life.

THE CURSE OF USURY AND INTEREST

Bis Millaa Hir Rahmaa Nir Raheem

(In the name of ALLAH, Ever Gracious, Ever Merciful.)

1. For a theft you send a man to jail. For a murder you hang him. What do you do to a usurer? There is no human law against a usurer. Here Allah himself comes in to punish the usurer. A usurer is at war against Allah. Allah will raise him in disgrace on the Day of Judgment as if possessed with madness. Surah Baqarah 2:275-280: "YATA RABBATU HUSH SHAITAANU MINAL MASS." Usury is prohibited in Qur'aan whereas trade is permitted. Exploitation of man by man is prohibited but clean business is permitted. Usury is against Allah's laws of equity and justice. A usurer by his usury causes financial imbalance in society. He fleeces others.
2. Allah says usury will be deprived of all blessings of Allah, whereas charity will be given an increase by Allah. Usury is exploitation. It is destined for a doom. Usury is grabbing others labour and sweat and that too while he is in times of need, difficulty and misery. A usurer takes an undue advantage of one's misery and plight. That is why it is prohibited in Towrah and Gospels also. The job of a usurer is not to toil with his own hands and sweat, but to coil and entangle the borrowers neck. Usurer's are satanic people. They are rebels to God.
3. There are occasions in ones life when one is hard pressed for money. Under pressure-man goes to a usurer and asks for a loan. Usurer is only too pleased to accommodate him. A usurer is always ready to

show compassion to the borrower while in his heart he cherishes an intense desire to make maximum gain out of his bad situation. Now let us see his methodology. He gives him a certain amount of loan on a compound interest but immediately deducts the first month's loan instalment. Say if the loan was of a thousand rupees at a monthly repayment rate of one hundred rupees per month, then the borrower will get only nine hundred rupees but the compound interest would be on one thousand rupees!

4. A usurer lends say 1000 but gets back fifteen hundred or even more and yet the borrower somehow still remains in debt. A usurer thus doubles up his money. His religion is to make money. Therefore a usurer is keen to loan to anybody even to his wife. The spirit to make profit and gain, is all that is there in his heart. He has no other humane consideration. The worst part is that he is an exploiter of humans when they are in a bad situation. A usurer is an oppressor and an exploiter par excellence! A usurer has an incredible greed for money. Fraud, deceit, cunning, cheating all play their role in usury transactions.
5. Usury is inhumane, uncivil, and ungentlemanly. Usury is like stealing or a day light robbery. It is a financial deceit. A usurer is a plunder of the society. Usury endangers the general well being of the society. A usurer is a corrupter of the society. He is God's rebel because he sucks the blood of other human beings. He is an enemy of mankind. Usurer is a menace and a curse to the society. Usurer bleeds the borrower to a gradual ruin while he gets fat on borrowers labour and his possessions. A usurer thrives on the blood of his borrowers who happens to become his victims. A usurer is a wicked person who

has no care and feelings for others. A usurer is a sweet-tongued fellow, but he is clever, cunning, and cruel to his clients. A usurer is a parasite and a bloodsucker.

6. Once a borrower of a loan is under usurer's debt, the borrower is in trouble. The loaned amount under the curse of compound interest continues to get accumulated to a large amount. To get rid of this fast compounding interest, first the borrower sells off his cow to pay off the debt. Now his children are without butter and milk. Next time the borrower will have to surrender his whole crop to the money lender who will sell it off and take his commission too. By now the loan giving usurer has got his interest as well as his commission. May be the borrower's whole debt is not cleared as yet.
7. Soon that amount under the curse of compound interest goes up. A farmer always remains in debt through some mysterious method of calculation. The loan giver is always ever ready to "help him" once again by loaning him yet another amount on the same terms and conditions thereby tightening his grip even more over the borrower. Soon a time comes for a settlement day. Finally the borrower sees his mistake but generally it is too late. First his cow had gone. Then his crop was taken over. Then his land had gone. This time his house also goes. A usurer usurps them all.
8. The usurer can do nothing because of the terms and conditions of the loan agreement were such by which the farmer had agreed to forego his possessions if he became a defaulter. Well that was the agreement he himself had agreed upon and had signed! And he had to sign because he was in a bad situation.

0. Now the farmers woman and children weep and cry. What has happened to their fate. They are on the road without a roof and without means of subsistence. You see this is the curse of usury and its accompanying financial fall outs. It is obnoxious, despicable and disquieting. It is cruel. That is what the loan giver does. He gobbles the cow, the crop, the land and finally the borrower's home!
10. Usury with its attendant system of compound interest is like Allauddin's Jinn. It grows, multiplies, doubles, and redoubles in a matter of weeks, months, and years. For example, if you borrow only one rupee at the rate of fifteen percent per annum. Thinking that the amount of one rupee is trivial and it can be paid off any time. But you forget to pay back. after one hundred years under compound interest the amount would go over 1.5 million rupees! Usury is a misery. It is destruction of future. Usury is swindling. It is without honor. A usurer lacks dignity and human grace because he devours others labour, toil, possessions and even their honour. He causes inequity and imbalance in the society.
11. A usurer has no sympathy, no scruples. His function in life is to swindle and rob others through sweet usury mechanism. A usurer seldom speaks the whole truth. His methods are fraudulent and satanic. Usurers are thieves of others labour honour and properties. Gradually a usurer buys up everything of the borrower and finally abandons him high and dry-a destitute.
12. A usurer is dishonest and crafty in his means. He is a cheat and a rogue at heart. He is a parasite who sucks the blood of his clients.
13. Lending money at compound interest or even at simple interest is prohibited in Torah, in Gospel and in Qur'aan. It is exploitation of one by the other. It is

- taking undue advantage of others especially when one is in trouble, need or in misery. Usury is despoiler of society. Usury is like cannibalism of the society. It is slow yet it is sure. Usury is depravity. It is devoid of humanness. Usury lacks the fine integrity of a healthy, robust society. Usury is cancerous to the general well being of the society. Hence, it is prohibited in all religions.
14. There are other bad effects of usury as well. When one is in debt, up to his neck, he is dominated by the loan giver. He is considered inferior. He is looked down. His liberty and his freedom is jeopardized. The sense of equity goes off. The usurer considers his right to subordinate his client. The result is that the borrower begins to accuse the usurer and vice versa. Bad blood comes in. The hatred and enmity breeds in the society.
15. A usurer is a curse of the society. He is never respected, admired or loved by his neighbours. He is considered as a devil incarnate. A usurer's character is molded by his passion for deceit and cunning. He is ever on wait to pray upon others. A usurer's happiness lies in his evil money but he is equally hated for his this ill gotten evil money. A usurer's success is his capacity to make more and more money fast, but that is exactly the cause that makes him the enemy of the society. A usurer dirties the face of the earth. He is a deadly poison to human society because he exploits the poor and the weak of the society and he deprives them their means of livelihood and existence. A usurer is an evil genius of the society, one must be on guard against him and should keep away from him.
16. Usurers are the exploitory class of people of the society. Each of their five senses is focussed towards the greed of money. They see, hear, taste, smell and

feel only one thing and that is money. They are the universal despoilers. They are the blood hounds of the society who due to their greed for profit want to murder even the whole world. This is the reason that they are the enemies of ALLAH because they create mischief upon His earth. As Holy Qur'aan says in Surah Baqarah at 2:275-280. "Those who devour usury will not stand (in front of Allah on the Day of Judgment) except as one stands whom shaitan has touched or possessed and he is driven to madness. "Yata khabbatu hush shaitaanu minal mass."

17. These are the fellows who call usury as trading in money. But trading is permitted. Usury is not. It is illicit. Usury is a sure tool to destroy civilization. Gain from usury is deprived of blessings of Allah—whereas charity and trade has Allah's blessing. Usury is sinfully grabbing other toil and possessions. It is depriving them of their means of livelihood, whereas charity is helping, it is humane, it is blessed.
18. International financial agencies also come under the same definition of usurers. They encourage weaker democracies and banana republics to take loan. They dominate their national policies and aspirations by loosening or tightening the purse strings till that country is fully subjugated. International loan giving agencies are like leaches who suck the blood of poor nations to the point of exhaustion. Thus about 300 men or so of the top usury management all acquainted with each other control the destiny of the poor countries.

Bank, bankers, bank note, funds, and credit cards are all cunning scheming baits to lure clients. National debt is a national death. It is a corrupter of society. So beware of usury, usurer, usurper and usurpation. They are all vile because they all deal with interest.

19. Capitalism was born from money lending. They are hand in glove. American President Lincoln of years refused to borrow from Europe when there was need for money. Instead he got floated the government bonds and borrowed from his own people. He did not allow the sovereignty of America to be surrendered to Europe. Thus European dominance over America was side tracked by him.
20. Capitalism means the monetary exploitation by the rich countries of the poor countries. That is why that the money lending countries of the world are getting so rich. See the result of the last fifty years alone. Today America is having the financial domination of the world and the few Jews are master minding their strategy and their schemes.
21. Apparently borrowing money looks like receiving financial help. But due to inherent interest in it, it is monetary ruin of that country. It is mortgaging the national sovereignty. It does not let a poor nation stand on its feet. Bribery and corruption also creep in. Borrowing does not let a poor nation stand on its feet with honour. Loan taking is like drinking sea water. More you take—more you are thirsty.
22. So beware of loans, usury, usurer, usurper, and usurpation. They are all vile because they all indulge in interest.

PROPAGATION OF ISLAM

During these troubled times fallacious notions are being deliberately and repeatedly spread throughout the world by many biased, ill informed, mentally sick and even mischievous persons regarding Islam and Holy Prophet Mohammad S.A.W.S. (PBUH). Those writers and speakers who occupy the highest government offices and the most exalted religious positions have willfully tried to damage the beautiful and towering personality of Mohammad S.A.W.S. (PBUH) in the eyes of the ordinary and simple people of the world. The evil campaigners have used every means to malign Islam, Mohammad (PBUH) and Muslims. Thus, today Islam is under pressure from radio, television, print media, journalists, publishers, politicians, religious high ups and even financial world donor institutions.

We live today in a Society which is a mix of many religions and cults. They all exert political, economical and propagandist pressure. Islam is being maligned and misrepresented with ulterior motives. Anti Islam forces and agencies do not miss an opportunity to belittle and insult Muslims. Muslims are portrayed as fanatics, fundamentalists and terrorists. They are called even foreign infiltrators in the Western World.

If a Muslims talks to them about the fundamentals of life and religion, then he is branded as a fundamentalist. And if he expresses anger at the wrong doings of the West, then he is called a terrorist. But if he accepts their criticism like a lamb, and sits quietly and allows his religion to be disgraced, then he is called a good Muslim.

The result of all this propaganda is that anti Islam feelings and activities are on the rise. They try to portray that Muslims are a threat to the Western way of life. This breeds prejudice and hatred resulting in offensive dialogue. All this in turn results in suspicion, oppression and even Muslims bashing. They call it ISLAMO-PHOBIA.

Muslims should enlighten people of other faiths about Islam. Muslims should not remain frozen in the past. Muslims should not remain satisfied only in the glories of their past. They should once again rise and deliver the message of Qur'aan. They should not remain confined to their own community but they should also reach out to other communities of other religions also. Islam is a universal religion (deen). It is for the entire world. Islam is not limited to Muslims alone. It has no geographical barriers. So arise and deliver the message of Qur'aan, by all means, by word, by print media and by the electronic and computer media.

The mist of prejudice needs to be cleared away. Let this age be of global resurgence and renaissance of Islam. Islam means surrendering to the will of Allah. Let the true understanding of Qur'aanic and Islamic ideals once again reach out to all in the world. Now a storm should arise within us. Let there be turmoil in our souls.

Inter Faith Dialogue is also encouraged by Qur'aan so that people of other religions can understand Islam and Qur'aan in a better perspective.

Surah Aale Imraan 3:61 says- "let us gather together, our sons and your sons, our women and your women, ourselves and yourselves. Let us then earnestly pray and invoke the curse of Allah on those who lie". .

And remember the last sermon of Prophet Muhammad S.A.W.S. (PBUH). He said:- "I have left amongst you that which will never lead you astray - the Book of Allah - the Qur'aan. If you hold fast to it, you will never go astray. So let him, who is present, convey all this to him who is not here because he may be better guided".

Today it is not the age to convince man by showing miracles. By today man has reached an age of reason and has acquired an ability to draw his own logical conclusions regarding his faith and religion. So, O you Muslims, wake

up and start delivering the Message of Qur'aan to the whole world. See what the Holy Qur'aan commanded Prophet Muhammad-in Surah Muddas-sir. No.74:1-2 Yaaa ayyo hal mud-das-sir. Qum fa an zir. "O thou (Muhammad) wrapped up in your covering, arise and deliver thy warning." So you too, O Muslims arise and deliver the message of Qur'aan to the whole world. Remain determined, resolute against oppositions. Show patience, perseverance, courage and conviction like Muhammad (P.B.U.H.). Like him remain sincere, loyal and steadfast to your mission. Follow him and put in hard work. Speak with conviction and sincerity.

Your effort will give positive results. Finally the conscience of man will challenge him and ALLAH will lead him to true guidance. A sudden realization will dawn upon him and he will acknowledge the truth. The truth of ONE TRUE GOD-ALLAH. That will be the moment of his release from the bondage of his religion and he will get freedom. He would then realize that which of the blessings of his ONE TRUE GOD could he deny. "Fa bi ayyi aalaa i rabbi kumaa tu kazzi baan".

Tell them that-

- (a) Word Qur'aan means that book which is read again and again. It is a word of ALLAH and its message is Divine. [Al-Waaqia 56:80]
- (b) Qur'aan at Surah-az-Zumar at 39:41 and Surah-'Abasa at 80:11 says: "say that Qur'aan is a message for all mankind"
- (c) Qur'aan at Surah-al-Haaqqa at 69:51 says that- "Qur'aan, certainly, it is an absolute Truth."
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- (d) Qur'aan at Surah-an-Nahl at 16:101 says that- "Qur'aan supersedes all previous scriptures."
- (e) Qur'aan at Surah-al-Baqarah 2:23, and at Surah Yunus 10:38, and at Surah-al-Israa 17:88 and at Suarh-at-Toor 52:34 "challenges all mankind and Jinns to produce even one Surah like that of Qur'aan and call upon whomsoever they can besides ALLAH, if they are truthful.
- (f) Qur'aan is the Book that guides to what is just and right. Surah-al-Israa 17:9
- (g) Qur'aan is the Book that makes things clear. Surah-Ad-Dukhan 44:2
- (h) Qur'aan appeals to the wisdom and sense of man. Surah Yunus 10:16
- (i) Only disbelievers reject Qur'aan. Reference Surah-Al Burooj 85:19

When you would invite him to Qur'aan the Divine word of ALLAH, he would begin to understand the meaning and the purpose of his life. He would begin to realize that after his life's journey, a stark reality of death lies in front of him. What would happen of him? Where, would be his final destination after death? Reverence, fear and immediate obedience to his ONE TRUE GOD-ALLAH would follow. This awakening, this realization then would give him a new meaning, a new direction, a new orientation and a new purpose in his life, then he would begin to realize that the aim of his life is to prepare for the next life which is eternal. The purpose of this life then would become a lifetime endeavour and an achievement and not a wasting of time in frivolities of his life. When one would acknowledge this fact, then he would kneel down and

would prostrate his head down to his ONE TRUE GOD-ALLAH. Then Islam would become the only logic and rationale behind his existence. Then he would disentangle himself and would walk clear out of his chained existence in his religion. Then he would walk away from slavery to freedom, from darkness into light. Then he would walk into the arena of reality and truth. Then he would come into the fold of Qur'aan and Islam. He would accept Islam and would become a Muslim-God willing. It would be for his own benefit.

So, tell the whole world that Islam and only Islam is the true religion of all religions. Therefore in Islam all the energies of life should lie. Islam is the only right way of life. Only Islam gives the true spiritual light and power to his body, mind and soul. For any man, only Islam and Qur'aan should be the substance and rule of his life. All human beings for their own good should live by Islam and should die in Islam. Islam is the only true religion. They should be encouraged in all sincerity, honesty and humility to read the Qur'aan. That would give them a new orientation in life and a new goal to aspire for. Request them not to be proud, prejudiced, ignorant or arrogant. Tell them to open their hearts and come to the Truth. Pray for them so that they come to enlightenment from darkness. Request them not to reject the Truth. Request them to examine their faith because an unexamined faith is not worth believing. We hope people of wisdom, intellect and criterion would surely think afresh about their misplaced, hitherto followed faith.

So, O our Rabb! Grant us victory over the unbelievers. "Fan surna 'alal qawmil kaafireen". Wa maa 'alainaa il lal balaa ghul mubeen". (And our duty is only to deliver the clear message.) (Surah Yaa Seeen 36:17)

TREATMENT TO WOMEN IN JUDAISM, CHRISTIANITY AND ISLAM

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1. ADAM AND EVE

Bible:

1. Only EVE is at fault in Bible.
2. Genesis 2 and 3:- "It says that GOD prohibited both Adam and Eve not to eat from the forbidden tree. But it was Eve who seduced Adam to eat with her. When GOD asked Adam – "Have you eaten from the tree that I Commanded you not to eat from." Then Adam replied – "The woman you put here with me – she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it." Then GOD asked the woman – "What is this you have done?" Eve replied- "the serpent deceived me and I ate it."
3. So in Bible only Eve is at fault and not Adam.

Qur'aan

1. Qur'aan Surah Al-A'araf 7:19-33. Says:- " O Adam! Dwell with your wife in the garden and enjoy as you wish, but approach not this tree lest you become of the unjust. Then Satan began to whisper suggestion to them in order to reveal to them their shame that was hidden from them." Satan said:- "Your GOD only forbade you this tree lest you should become angels or such beings as live for ever. And Satan swore to them both that he was their sincere adviser. So by deceit Satan brought about their fall, when they tasted the tree."
2. So Qur'aan places equal blame on both Adam and Eve for their mistake.
3. There is not a slightest hint in Qur'aan that Eve tempted Adam to eat from the tree. In Qur'aan – Eve is not the seducer. According to Qur'aan they both ate it. Later

both Adam and Eve asked for GODs forgiveness and GOD forgave them both.

2. ROLE OF EVE

Bible

1. Bible at Ecclesiastes – 7:26 says:- “I find more bitter than death the woman who is a snare, whose heart is a trap and whose hands are chains. (Result) The man who pleases GOD will escape her, but the sinner she will ensnare.”

2. Bible at Ecclesiastes 7:28 says:- “While I was still searching but not finding. I found one upright man among a thousand but not one upright woman among them all.”

3. According to Bible, Prophet Jesus Christ was sent to the earth only to atone and redress Eve’s disobedience to GOD. She had sinned and thus seduced Adam’s progeny. Thus according to Bible all humans are born sinners. In order to purify their original sin, according to Bible, GOD had to crucify his only son Jesus. According to Bible, Eve is responsible for her own mistake, her husband’s sin, the sins of all humanity and the death of God’s only son Jesus. In short, one woman Eve is responsible for the fall of entire Christian community.

4. Saint Paul at Timothy I at 2:11-14 downgrades woman as “ A woman should learn in quietness and full submission. I don’t permit a woman to teach or to have authority over a man; she must be silent. For Adam was formed first, then Eve. And Adam was not the one who deceived but it was the woman who was deceived first and Adam later.

5. In Bible inequity between man and woman is obvious. The status of woman is derogatory in Bible. According to Bible all women of the world are believed to have inherited the sin from their mother Biblical Eve. Therefore they are untrustworthy and wicked.

Qur’aan

1. In Qur’aan woman is raised to a status of a dignified human being.

2. Qur’aan at Surah Al-Ahzab says:- “For Muslim men and women, for believing men and women, for devout men and women, for true men and women, for men and women who are patient, for men and women who humble themselves, for men and women who give charity, for men and women who fast, for men and women who engage much in praising ALLAH. For them ALLAH has prepared forgiveness and a great reward.”

3. Here equality between man and woman is highlighted.

4. Qur’aan at Surah At-Towba 9:71 says:- “The Believer, men and women are protectors of one another. They enjoin what is just and forbid what is evil. They observe regular prayers, practice regular charity and obey ALLAH and HIS Messenger. On them ALLAH will pour HIS Mercy. For ALLAH is Exalted in power and is Wise.”

5. Here both men and women are given equal responsibility and duty.

6. Qur’aan at Surah Aale‘Imraan at 3:195 says:- “And their GOD has accepted of them and answered them. I will never cause to be lost the work of any of you. Be you a

male or a female, you are members of one another --.” Here again the equity is evident.

7. Qur’aan at Surah Al-Mu’min (Ghafir) at 40:40 says:- “Whoever does evil shall be recompensed to the extent of the evil done, and whoever does good – whether man or woman provided that he is a believer, all such people shall enter paradise where they shall be provided without measure.” Here again the equity is evident.

8. According to Qur’aan the roles of women are no different than that of men in aspirations and achievements. Both women and men are GOD’s creatures whose goal on earth is to worship GOD, do righteous deeds and avoid evil and they both will be judged accordingly. Qur’aan does not mention that woman is a deceiver or she is an evil.

3. THE HEAD SCARF

Bible

1. Saint Paul in Testament Two at Chapter of 1 Corinthians 11:3-10 says:- “Now I the head of every man is Christ, and the head of woman want you to realize that head of Christ is GOD. And is man. Every man who prays with his head COVERED dishonours his head. But every woman who prays with her head UNCOVERED dishonours her head, as if her head is shaved. A man ought not to cover his head, since he is the image and glory of GOD. But the women is to cover her head since she is the glory of man ——.”

2. (a) It was the custom among Jewish women to go out in public with the head covering. It covered the whole face leaving one eye free.
- (b) It was said:- “ cursed be the man who lets the hair of his wife be seen.”
- (c) It was said:- “ a woman who exposes her hair for self adornment brings poverty.”
- (d) Jewish Law said that uncovering of hair by a married woman was considered NUDITY.
- (e) Jewish woman’s failure to cover her head was considered an affront to her MODESTY.
- (f) For Jewish women the Veil personified DIGNITY and SUPERIORITY of noble women.
- (g) The Jewish veil represented a woman’s INACCESSIBILITY (to any other man) as she was the sanctified possession of her husband.
- (h) The veil signified the Jewish woman’s SELF RESPECT and SOCIAL STATUS.

- (i) In old Jewish society prostitutes were not allowed to cover their hair.
- (j) Catholic Nuns cover their heads till today.

Qur'aan

1. Qur'aan at Surah An-Nur at 24:30-31 says:- "Say to the Believing Men that they should lower their gaze, and guard their modesty And says to the Believing Women that they should lower their gaze and guard their modesty. That they should not display their beauty and ornaments except what ordinarily appear. That they should draw their veils over their bosoms and not display their beauty....."
2. Qur'aan at Surah Al-Ahzaab at 33:59 says:- "O Prophet, tell your wives and daughters and to the Believing women that they should cast their outer garments over their bodies (when outside), so that they should be known (as pious) and not be molested."
3. Qur'aan is quite clear that Veil and Head Covering are essential for piety and modesty.
4. Veil or Head Covering is neither a man's authority over a woman nor it is a sign of woman's subjugation to man.
5. Islamic point of view is that veil is essential. It is always better to be safe than to be sorry later on. It is to save modesty and to protect body. A culture of modesty is necessary.
6. Qur'aan at Surah Al-Nur at 24:2 says:- " The woman and the man guilty of fornication, flog each of them with a hundred stripes. Let not compassion move you in their case, in a matter prescribed by ALLAH, if you believe in ALLAH and the Last Day. And let the party of believers witness their punishment."

7. Qur'aan is so concerned to protect woman's modesty, and reputation that any man who dares to even falsely accuse a woman of unchastity will need to be punished. Therefore Qur'aan at Surah An-Nur at 24:4 says:- "And those who launch a charge against chaste women, and produce not four witnesses (to support their allegation), then flog them with eighty stripes. And reject their evidence ever after. For such men are wicked transgressors."

4. FEMALE EDUCATION

Bible

1. Torah is the religious book of Jews and Talmud is their book of supplementary instructions. Talmud says:- “Women are exempt from the study of Torah.” Jewish Rabbais declared- “Let the words of Torah rather be destroyed by fire than it is imparted to women”. It further says:- “Whoever teaches his daughter Torah is as though he taught her obscenity.”

2. There are passages in Bible which even a husband would be shy to read to his wife in a closed room. Bible should be kept under lock and key, away from the reach of young boys and girls. (e.g. Chapter of EZEKEIL 4:13, 16:1, 23:2)

3. Saint Paul in New Testament at 1 Corinthians 14:34-35 says:- “As in all congregations of the Saints, women should remain silent in the churches. They are not allowed to speak, but they must be in submission as the LAW says. If they want to enquire about something, they should ask their own husbands at home; for it is disgraceful for a woman to speak in the church.”

Qur’aan

1. Contrary to Bible teaching, in Qur’aan it is different. A Muslim woman named KHAWLAH was being divorced by her husband AWS. She went straight to Prophet Muhammad (Peace be Upon Him) to plead her case. Khawlah kept arguing with the Prophet. Immediately ALLAH (S.W.T) revealed a Qur’aanic Ayat and Khawla’s plea was accepted. This Divine verdict in favour of women was accepted and the unjust custom of calling – “You are to me as the back of my mother” was abrogated.

(Ref. Qur’aan Surah Al-MUJA-DILAH meaning “The Woman who is arguing.”)

2. Qur’aan gave a woman the right to argue even with the Prophet of Islam. She is not ordered to be silent and she is under no restriction to consider her husband the one and the only guidance in matters of religion.

3. A Woman in Qur’aan is not the property of Father or of Husband.

5. POLYGAMY

Bible

1. Towrah in Testament One at 1 Kings 11:3 says:- “King Solomon is said to have had 700 wives and 300 concubines.”
2. Towrah at 2 Samuel 15:13 says:- “King David had many wives and concubines.”
3. But Towrah at Leviticus 18:18 puts restriction on taking a wife’s sister as a rival wife.
4. Oriental Jews continued to practice polygamy until they arrived in Israel where now it is forbidden under a Civil Law.
5. In New Testament there is no explicit command that marriage should be only monogamous. Jesus has not spoken against polygamy.

Qur’aan

1. Holy Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him) married a total of 13 wives. The reasons are-
 - (a) He married, daughters of his companions and daughters of hostile tribes either to foster friendly relations or to avoid further warfares.
 - (b) He fought a total of 27 small and major battles against the enemies of Islam. Many women became widows from both sides. As a courageous, noble and humanitarian example he married them and provided shelter to such large number of destitutes and their children. It was no easy responsibility. He also asked his companions to share the responsibility to some extent. If any one in his ignorant and biased mood consideres him a sensual man, he would

indeed be erring widely under satanic influence.

2. It was later on when the Command came in Qur’aan to limit the number of wives to four.
3. Qur’aan allowed polygamy but with certain restriction. Qur’aan at Surah An-Nisaa at 4:3 says:- “If you fear that you shall not be able to do justice with the orphans, then marry women of your choice – two or three or four, but if you fear that you shall not be able to deal justly with them, then marry only one.”
4. Why polygamy is permissible. It is because there are times when there are compelling social and moral reasons for allowing polygamy such as war when remaining women may outnumber males. Polygamy then offers the best answer to shelter widows and orphan children.
5. The rationale behind allowing upto four wives is to give to the Muslim widows and divorcee women a home, a protection, succour and a guardianship. Marriage through a proper process of wedlock not only gives these widows home, shelter, respectability and security but also cheer and hope to them and to their children. Surely this is in the noblest and in the highest interest of humanity and morality at large. It is by far the best solution to solve the problem of surplus women in society.
6. Islam is a universal religion suitable for all times and for all places. Abandoned wives, widows and orphan children could be socially a great burden on a balanced society. Imbalanced sex ratios are likely to become truly problematic at times of war and today, the world posses more weapons of mass destruction than ever before. See what happened to Europe after Second World War.

7. What is more dignifying to a woman – either to be second wife or a virtual prostitute as it is in the “Civilised West.”

8. Islam prohibits fornication, adultery and any extra indulgence outside the holy wedlock as a great sin and this is the reason that the sexual morality of Muslim men and women has remained superior to peoples of other faiths.

9. In Western World women do not walk alone in a dark street or on an empty parking lot. Cases of sexual harassment in the workplace are reported on media every day. A radical change in the society’s life style and culture is absolutely necessary otherwise only women would be paying the price. France which expels young Muslim women from schools because of their modest dress and head scarf is, in fact, simply harming its own nation.

6. ADULTERY

Bible

Bible at Chapter of LEVITICUS 20:10 SAYS:- “If a man commits adultery with another man’s wife both the adulter and the adulteress must be put to death.” (See also Deuteronomy 22:22; and Proverbs 6:20 and 7:27)

Qur’aan

1. Qur’aan at Surah An-Nur at 24:2 says:- “The woman and the man guilty of fornication (Zina) — Flog each of them with a hundred stripes. Let not compassion move you in their case — in a matter prescribed by ALLAH, if you believe in ALLAH and the Last Day. And let the party of believers witness their punishment. (It gives a lesson to others as well)

2. Qur’aan does not allow any woman to be the possession or the property of a man. Qur’aan describes the relationship between wife and husband in these beautiful words. Qur’aan at Surah Ar-Rum 30:21 says:- “And among HIS Signs is that HE created for you mates from among yourselves, that you may dwell in tranquillity with them. And HE has put love and mercy between your hearts. Most surely in that are Signs for those who reflect.”

3. This is Qur’aanic prescription of marriage of love and mercy towards each other and tranquillity at home. It is not possession or property.

7. DIVORCE

Bible

1. Judaism allows divorce. The husband has right to divorce his wife even if he just dislikes her. (Ref. Deuteronomy 24:1-4)
2. But Testament II at Malachi 2:16 says:- “I hate divorce – says the Lord GOD of the Israel.”
3. Testament I at Matthew 19:3 says:- “Therefore what GOD has joined together, let man not separate.”
4. Testament I at 1 Corinthians 7:10-11 says:- “A wife must not separate from her husband. But if she does, she must remain unmarried, or else be reconciled to her husband. And the husband must not divorce his wife.”
5. Christian society found all this unreasonable. So now they have allowed divorce on their own in their society.

Qur’aan

1. Marriage in Islam is a holy bond that should not be broken. But Qur’aan recognizes divorce, yet it discourages it vehemently. Among all the permitted acts, divorce is the most hateful in the sight of ALLAH. Qur’aan gives husband the right to give Talaaq and it also gives right to wife to take Khula from husband. In both case there are some preconditions that are to be followed.
2. Qur’aan at Surah An-Nisaa 4:19 says:- “Live with them (i. e. your wives) on a footing of kindness and equity. If you dislike them, it may be that you dislike something in which ALLAH has placed a great deal of good.”
3. Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon Him) said:- “The best Muslims are those who are best to their wives.”

4. The best of you are those who are best to their wives (Tirmizi).
5. A believing man must not hate a believing women. If he dislikes one of her traits, he will be pleased with another.”(Muslim)
6. Qur’aan at Surah An-Nisaa at 4:34-35 says:- “As to those women on whose part you fear disloyalty first do the following before divorcing them.
 - (a) First-admonish them.
 - (b) Second – refuse to share their bed,
 - (c) Third – Beat them (mildly), but if they return to obedience then seek not means of annoying them.
 - (d) Fourth – In the end if you fear a break, then appoint an arbitrator from your people and an arbitrator from her people. If both parties desire agreement, ALLAH will cause their reconciliation. ALLAH will effect harmony between them. Surely ALLAH is acquainted with all things.”
7. Qur’aan at Surah An-Nisaa at 4:128 says:- “If a wife fears cruelty or desertion on her husband’s part, there is no blame on them if they arrange an amicable settlement between themselves. And such a settlement is best.”
8. Qur’aan at Surah An-Nisaa 4:20 says:- If you decide to take one wife in place of another, even if you had given her the whole treasure for dower, take not the least bit of it back. Would you take it by slander and manifest wrong?”
9. Qur’aan at Surah Al-Baqara at 2:229 says:- “It is not lawful for you (men) to take back any of your gifts which you may have given her. There is no blame on either of them if she gives (voluntarily) something of hers, to get freedom (i. e. Khula). These are the limits ordained by ALLAH, so do not transgress them.

8. INHERITENCE BY FEMALES

Bible

1. According to Bible female members of the household i.e wife and daughter have no right of succession to the family estate. All of the inheritance go to sons.
2. Towrah in the Chapter of Numbers 27:1-11 says:- “A wife is given no share in her husbands estate. A daughter can inherit only if she had no brothers.”
3. Gospels are silent on the subject of inheritance by sons and daughters when their parents die.
4. Women in U.K. were not entitled to a share in estate and property of their parents after their death. But the Bible Laws were changed by the House of Commons in the last century.

Qur’aan

1. Qur’aan at An-Nisaa at 4:33 says:- “To (benefit) every one, WE have appointed Sharers and heirs to property left by parents and relatives. To those, to whom your right hand was pledged, give their due portion too, for truly ALLAH is witness to all things.”
2. Qur’aan at An-Nisaa at 4:7 says:- “ From what is left by parents and those nearest related – there is a share for men and a share for women, whether the property be small or large – a determined share.”
3. Qur’aan at An-Nisaa at 4:11, 4:12 and 4:176 gives a very detailed methodology and value of shares to sons, daughters, brothers, sisters and mother etc. A determined portion.
4. At the outset it appears that a son gets twice the share than the daughter. But at closer look it is daughter

who will ultimately amass more wealth than the son. Thus the presumption gets defeated.

5. Qur’aan has treated women fairly and generously.

9. VOWS OR SOLEMN OATHS

Bible

1. According to Bible a man must fulfil any vow he may make. He must not break his word. But in the case of a woman it is not binding. Her father before marriage, or her husband after marriage, are authorized to annul any vow she might have made. Bible authorizes them either to accept or nullify any of her vows or solemn oaths.

Bible at Chapter of Numbers 30:2-15 says:- “Her father may accept or reject and nullify any of her vows or pledges by which she may have obligated herself. Similarly her husband may confirm or nullify any vow she makes.”

2. According to Bible a woman’s word is not binding, because she is owned by her father before marriage and by her husband after marriage. It is a transfer of control from father to husband. For this command of Bible, women have suffered now over two thousand years. No body takes her word seriously. A woman is owned by her husband as he owns, a slave. She even loses her name.

Qur’aan

1. In Islam, the vow of any Muslim male or female is binding on him or her. No one has power to cancel that vow. If a Muslim male or a female fails to keep his or her solemn oath it can only be expiated in the following manner as commanded in Qur’aan.

2. Qur’aan at Surah Al-Maaidah 5:89 says:- “ALLAH will not call you to account for what is void in your oaths. But HE will call you to account for your deliberate oaths. For expiation – feed ten poor persons out of the normal

food which you feed your families with, or clothe them, or give a slave his freedom. If all that is beyond your means then fast for three days. That is the expiation for the oath you have taken. But keep your vows and solemn oaths.”

3. In Islam a man neither can take a vow or solemn oath on behalf of his daughter or his wife, nor he could repudiate the oath made by any member of his family.

10. WOMAN'S TESTIMONY

Bible

1. Bible at Chapter of Numbers 5:11-13 says:- “ If a man accuses his wife of unchastity, her testimony will not be considered at all. The accused wife has to be subjected to a trial. In this trial, the wife faces complex and humiliating questions which are supposed to prove her guilt or innocence. If she is found guilty after this ordeal – she will be sentenced to death. If she is not found guilty, her husband will be innocent of any wrong doing.”

2. Bible at Chapter of Deuteronomy 22:12-21 says:- “If a man takes a wife and says I did not find proof of her virginity. The town elders at the gate will listen and decide the case. If the charge is proved true, the woman shall be brought back to the door of her father’s home and there the men of the town shall stone her to death—.”

Qur’aan

1. In Financial Dealings:- Testimony of two male witnesses or, one male and two female witnesses is required.

(Qur’aan Surah Al-Baqara 2:282)

2. In all other matters Qur’aan accepts the testimony of a woman as equal to that of man.

3. In case of unchastity the husband’s testimony can be invalidated by the wife by her solemnly swearing five times against the evidence of a husband. She is then not considered guilty.

(Qur’aan Surah An-Nur 24:6-11)

11. WOMAN'S PURIFICATION AFTER CHILD BIRTH

Bible

1. Bible states that the mothers ritual impurity is twice as long on a girl’s birth compared to a boy’s birth. One week for a son and two week for a daughter.

2. Bible at Leviticus 12:2-5 says:- “A woman who gives birth to a son will be ceremonially unclean for seven days. But if she gives birth to a daughter she will be ceremonially unclean for two weeks.”

3. Further Bible says that if a boy is born then the woman must wait thirty three days to be purified from her bleeding . But if she gives birth to a girl then she must wait sixty six days to be purified from her bleeding.

4. Catholic Bible is more anti daughter than protestants Bible. Catholic Bible says:-

(a) “The birth of a daughter is a loss.”

(Ecclesiasticus 22:3)

(b) “Keep a headstrong daughter under firm control, or she will abuse any indulgence she receives. Keep strict watch on her shameless eye, do not be surprised if she disgraces you.” (Ecclesiasticus 26:10)

(c) “If your daughter is headstrong. Keep a sharp look-out that she does not make you the laughing stock of your enemies, the talk of the town, the object of common gossip, and put you to public shame.”

(Ecclesiasticus 42;11)

Qur'aan

1. Before coming of Qur'aan, daughters were considered as a source of shame and it led even to the practice of female infanticide. Qur'aan severely condemned this evil practice. Qur'aan at Surah An-Nahl at 16:58-59 says:- "When news is brought to one of them of the birth of a female child, his face darkens and he is filled with inward grief. With shame does he hide himself from his people because of the bad news he has had. Shall he retain her on contempt or bury her in the dust? Ah! What an evil action they decide on." (The same is said in Qur'aan at Surah at Az-Zukhruf 43:17 and at Surah At-Takweer 81:8:9) (This was before Qur'aan came)

2. Qur'aan at Surah Al-Shoora 42:49 says:- "To ALLAH belongs the dominion of the heavens and the earth. HE creates what HE wills. HE bestows (children) males or females according to HIS will.

3. Here are three Hadees of Prophet Muhammad (Peace be Upon Him) (Ref. Bukhari & Muslim)

- (a) Prophet Muhammad (Peace be Upon Him) promised those who were blessed with daughters would have a great reward if they would bring them up kindly.
- (b) Prophet Muhammad (Peace be Upon Him) said:- He who brings up daughters and gives them benevolent treatment, for him will be protection from Hell Fire.
- (c) Prophet Muhammad (Peace be Upon Him) said:- Whoever maintains two girls till they attain maturity, he and I will come on the Day of Judgment like this - and He joined his two fingers and raised his hand.

4. Qur'aan makes no distinction between the births of boys and girls. In contrast to Bible, the Qur'aan considers the birth of a girl child as a gift of GOD similar to a boy.

12. MENSTRUATING WOMAN

Bible

1. Bible at Chapter of LEVITICUS 15:19-23 says:- "When a woman has her regular flow of blood, the impurity of her monthly period will last seven days, and anyone who touches her will be unclean till evening. Anything she lies on during her period will be unclean, and anything she sits on will be unclean. Whoever touches anything she sits upon must wash his clothes and bathe with water, and he will be unclean till evening. Whether it is the bed or anything she was sitting on, when anyone touches it, he must be unclean till evening."

2. Jewish Women still refer to menstruating period as the "Curse".

Qur'aan

1. Islam does not consider a menstruating woman to possess any kind of – "Contagiousness". She is neither "untouchable" nor she is "Cursed". A Muslim woman is allowed to carry on day to day work with her daily life, except with one restriction – a married couple is not allowed sexual intercourse during the period of menstruation. Any other physical contact is permissible.

2. A menstruating Muslim woman is also exempted from daily prayers and fasting.

13. RESPECT TO MOTHERS

Bible

1. Torah at Leviticus 20:9 says:- “If anyone curses his father or mother, he must be put to death.”
2. Torah at Proverbs 13:1 says:- “ A wise man heeds to his father’s instruction.”
3. Torah at Proverbs 15:20 says:- “A wise man brings joy to his father but a foolish man despises his mother.”
4. In New Testament Prophet Jesus at Gospel of Mark at 3:31-35 is depicted as indifferent or even disrespectful to his own mother – Mary. For example when his mother Mary had come to meet her son, Jesus while he was preaching to a crowd, he did not care to go out to meet her.
5. New Testament at Gospel of Luke 14:26 says about Prophet Jesus as follows. “If anyone comes to me and does not hate his father and mother – and yes – even his own life, he can not be my disciple.”
6. New Testament at Gospel of Luke 11:27-28 says about Prophet Jesus as follows. “As Jesus was saying these things to the crowd, a woman in the crowd called out “Blessed is the mother who gave you birth and nursed you.” To this Prophet Jesus replied:- “Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it.”
7. If Mary his mother was treated with such discourtesy by Prophet Jesus, then how differently an average Christian mother is expected to be treated by Christian sons?

Qur’aan

1. On the contrary Qur’aan gives a beautiful command to Muslims – Qur’aan at Surah Banees Israaeel at 17:23-24 says:- “Your ALLAH has decreed that you worship none but HIM. And that you be kind to your parents. Whether one or both of them attain old age in your life. Say not to them a word of contempt, nor repel them. But address them in terms of honor. And out of kindness, lower to them the wings of humility. And say – My RABB! Bestow on them your Mercy as they cherished me in my childhood.”
2. Qur’aan at Surah An-Nahl at 31:14 says:- “And WE have enjoined on man to be good to his parents. His mother bore him in her womb with weakness upon weakness and his weaning took two years. Show gratitude to ME and to both your parents. And to ME is your eventual return.”
3. A man asked Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him)- “Whom should I honour most? The Prophet replied – ‘Your mother’. Then the man asked who comes next? The Prophet replied – ‘Your mother’. Then the man asked who comes next and the Prophet again replied – ‘your mother’. The man again asked who comes next and the Prophet replied – ‘your father.’”
4. There is a very special place for mothers in Islam. Muslim sons are very considerate to their mothers. Their respect and honour is exemplary. There are intensely warm relations between Muslim mothers and their sons. Muslim sons approach their mothers with utmost respect and love and this amazes the Westerners with sighs.

14. CONCLUSION

Bible

1. The position of women in Jewish and Christian religions seems frightening. They were then according to those prevailing conditions. Bible was written by men and not by GOD. Different authors wrote it at different times. For example adultery law of Old Testament was death for both.
2. They were followed till the end of last century. Now all of it has been changed by them.
3. Status of women in Jewish and Christian world was of indignity and humiliation.

Qur'aan

1. In Islam the status of women is dignified and on equal footing with men. Qur'aan gives Muslim women all the right endowed to them by their Creator-GOD. It has much improved their status and given them many rights. It is dignity, respect and protection. Qur'aan provides women all the means for fulfilling all her spiritual, intellectual, physical and emotional needs. Today women converts to Islam outnumber males 4 to 1. Islam has so much to offer to the world for moral and spiritual guidance. It is for this reason that today Islam is the fastest growing religion of the world.
2. But the present day tragedy of Muslim women is no better. Because —
 - (a) On one hand Muslim women have either gone ultra orthodox or she has gone ultra modern. In both cases she has deviated from the basic commands of Qur'aan.
 - (b) At birth she is received with less joy. Today in rural society she is under an armoured cloth

veil right from head to toe. Nothing should be visible of her. She may not be allowed to go to school. Higher education for her is out of question. She might be denied share in fathers inheritance. She is kept under constant strict surveillance at home. She might be killed for any immoral behavior. She has no or little say in family and community matters. She may not be allowed to enjoy the full benefit of her gifts. And to receive a higher status among her husband and mother-in-law, she should only produce boys not girls.

- (c) But on the other hand some urban Muslim women are swept over by Western glamour, culture and richness. Unthinkingly they copy like monkeys and imitate whatever they receive from the West. For such modern women's top priority is the physical appearance of their body, of clothes, or shoes and of hair styles. Men must be attracted by all means. They give undue importance to their weight, waist, shape and size. A modern woman gives more time to her charm, dress, make up and hair style and jewelry than to her built in GOD given faculties of intellect, educational excellences and social work for the less privileged of the society. Her purse is getting bigger and bigger by the years – full of cosmetics, polishes, combs, brushes and mirrors. But there is no copy of Qur'aan for guidance. Her sense of spirituality remains dormant. Such pseudo Westernized Muslim women are psychologically diseased and their disease is contagious from mothers to daughters to sisters.

The Muslim Problem

1. Rural as well urban Muslim women have deviated much from Qur'aanic ideals of Islam. Both types of Muslim societies are not obeying Qur'aanic Commands. There is a wide gap between what Muslim women are supposed to believe and what they actually practice. The gap is old and it has been widening by the year.

What is the Remedy

1. There is a widening gap between the rural orthodox Muslim women's life and the Urban woman's life, as they both are running towards fragmentation, economic backwardness, social injustice, intellectual and spiritual stagnation – away from Qur'aan. They both are now in deep waters. They both have to go back to Qur'aan for guidance.

2. Muslim world of both men and women needs a renaissance that will take them towards a balanced Islamic way of life. Today Islam is most misunderstood, maligned and misrepresented. The problem of Muslims is entirely due to their detachment from Qur'aan rather than to its attachment. Their sense of self respect, self recognition has gone. Muslims should follow – “Back to Islam” policy. Only there lies their emancipation.

WA MA A ILAINAA IL LAL BALAA GHUL MUBEEN.

(And Our Duty is only to deliver the clear Message, Holy Qur'aan Surah Yaa Seen 36:17)

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TIE

1. Putting on a tie really means accepting the Christian Faith.
2. Initially it was in the shape of a BOW TIE which represented the Cross †
3. Later on when Christian Western Empires occupied most of the world, they introduced putting on a tie as a compulsory formal wear.
4. Christians wrongly believe that Prophet Jesus died on the cross. Bible at Chapt. John says it otherwise.
5. Qur'aan denies Jesus's crufixion outright. He was raised unhurt, alive, into the Heaven.
6. By continuing to use tie, one is either ignorant of Qur'aanic verdict, or else, he is just showing-off.
7. Hell Fire is awaiting for those who deny the Qur'aan