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Muhammad in the Bible

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A Word of Thanks

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Introduction

All praises are due to Allah, the Exalted. May the blessings and peace of Allah be upon Al Mustafa, the Chosen one, his family, his companions, and all those who follow his way until the Day of resurrection.

The necessity of elucidating the Prophecy of Muhammad (*Salallahu 'alaihi wasalam*): blessings and peace of Allah be upon him) in the presentation of Islam is becoming a crucial point today. The information that was mentioned in the Bible long years ago to the extent describing Muhammad (*Salallahu 'alaihi wasalam*) by name had become valid by his advent for the salvation of humanity in the 7th century. The Noble Qur'an also encourages us to ask the People of the Book (Christians and Jews) about the subject matter under discussion in the following Qur'anic verse (interpretation of meanings):

“So if you are in doubt, [O Muhammad], about that which We have revealed to you, then ask those who have been reading the Scripture before you. The truth has certainly come to you from your Lord, so never be among the doubters.”

(The Holy Qur'an / Sura (chapter) 10: verse 94)

Therefore, this book seeks to disclose the hidden information to the public by putting together some Prophecies, further analyses and their interpretations in respect with the qualities of the Prophet Muhammad.

Many Muslim scholars have written about the prophecies of the Prophet Muhammad (*Salallahu 'alaihi wasalam*) by describing different aspects in different books.

This book, however will serve as a collection of all in one text to provide the information to the truth seekers. Besides, it provides responses to the allegations made in misinterpretations of these Biblical prophecies. So that we should pay a great attention on what is behind the curtain!

We are highly impressed by the opinions of different neutral scholars about the real life situation of this great man and the last part of this book comprises their views and witnesses about him under the topic, "Do you know Him?" These scholars have revered Prophet Muhammad (*Salallahu 'alaihi wasalam*) as a great man due to the fact that they were thoroughly imbued with the aspiration toward truth and understanding.

In dealing with the prophecies of the Prophet Muhammad (*salallahu 'alaihiwasalam*), we will try to see the aspects of their fulfillment by correlating them with his life and missions. We will examine the biblical prophecies which were foretold long time before his birth and fulfilled by his advent as complementary pieces of evidence complying with the everlasting living evidence (i.e. the Qur'an). The other aspect is to review on the Christians' claims of the fulfillment of these prophecies attributed to other prophets while the reality is far from their thoughts and we would like to recommend them to think critically and make a research-based reading in order to reach the truth.

There are more prophecies in the Bible than the Christians think about the Prophet Muhammad (*salallahu 'alaihi wasalam*). Nowadays, this issue is a point of interest and importance to the Muslims and the Christians. Whenever

we ask them, "What does the Bible say about Muhammad?" No doubt they reply in the negative. As the saying goes, *"Before anything else, if the eyes are blind, one must look with the heart"*.

The Holy Qurán states:

"O mankind, indeed We have created you from male and female and made you peoples and tribes that you may know one another. Indeed, the most noble of you in the sight of Allah is the most righteous of you. Indeed, Allah is Knowing and Acquainted." (Sura 49: verse13)

Reviewer's Note

At first, it is a great pleasure for me to revise and edit this important booklet, since it provides a well-organized compilation on an important topic in the field of *Da'wah* work "Muhammad in the Bible."

Second, I did my best to give each and every bit of information its correct form and sound content. In addition to that, I have carefully checked and clarified the meanings and spelling of the translation of the Qur'anic texts and Prophetic Hadith, Islamic terms and expressions mentioned in the booklet.

Third, this piece of work "Muhammad in the Bible." constitutes an essential step in serving and producing authenticated literature in English language, especially in regards to Prophet Muhammad's Prophet Hood issue.

I do pray to Allah, the Exalted, to accept our humble participation and grant us pardon; and that He will bless this work and make it useful for the Muslim – and non-Muslim – of the English speaking world.

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My Religious Background

As the author of this book I am very glad to share my exposure to different groups of Christian sects which is crucial and helpful to notice how Christianity was familiar to me and it was my favorite religion. In the beginning, I found myself on Ethiopian Orthodox as it was the religion of my father and ground father too. Spiritually speaking, the children ought to attend the religion of their parents be it Christianity or Islam. It was in 1973 that I changed my religion to the Protestant and the name of my Church was SIM or Sudan International Missionaries. It had a Christian- affiliated academic education in which the Bible was not only compulsory but also it was an obligatory to score a good mark in that I used to score a higher grade than any other students in my class. Because of this good score, I often used to sing a song in my local Church. Before I completed my primary education from SIM, occasionally I went to another missionary school called the Seventh Day Adventist where my faith in Christianity was deteriorated for the first time due to the difference in observing the Church day. In my former Church, we used to celebrate Sunday whereas Saturday was celebrated in my latter one. It was at that time that I tried to ask, "What was the root cause for their differing while they were preaching the same Christianity, believing in the same Jesus and reading the same Bible?" None of the Church men of both sects could answer my question except appreciating their own and discrediting their counter Church. This further created in my mind another philosophical question as to which sect is to succeed or to lose as both cannot at the same time. I stopped going to

the Church gradually because of this confusion. While I was in a dilemma whether the Adventists or the SIM to succeed or lose, I joined another missionary school called Gambo Catholic Mission for my Junior Secondary School. In my two years of studies at that school, I could learn that the Catholic Church claims that it is the only Mother of the Christianity but all other sects like the Protestants, the Adventists, etc. were the betrayers which were separated from the Catholic so that they were cursed. At this point, my religious life became complicated and resulted in a loss of confidence and faith in any one of the sects.

It was during my high school life that I could breath free air which was not contaminated with the teachings of Christology; however, searching for the true Christianity was in my long run agenda after my college studies but I have never dreamt to read about Islam leave alone to embrace it as I was considering that it was worthless to waste my time to do so and any student of Islamic education was considered a zero class level in my that day's understanding.

While I was studying in a college, I was chanceful to get the translation of Qur'aan in Amharic language and I read it either to falsify or to appreciate and pass over thinking that it would be no more than an Arabic literature and could not bring any spiritual changes in my life. Shocking! When I arrived at the fifth Chapter of the Qur'aan, I couldn't believe my eyes that there is a sentence that shocks the whole Christian world. What is that? The existence of the future condition of Jesus in the Qur'aan as a warning against the Christians which already exists in the Bible too

about what he will say those who worship him without his authority.

Let us first read from the Bible for the sake of comparative analysis:

Not everyone who says to me, "Lord, Lord, will enter in the kingdom of heaven, only he who does the will of My father who is in heaven. Many will say to me on that day, Lord, Lord, did we not prophecy by your name, and in your name drive out demons, perform many miracles? Then I will tell them plainly, ' I never knew you, go away from me you evildoers!' Matthew 7:21-23.

Having this future tense in my mind as I was a good Bible student, I found again the same thing repeated in the Qur'aan indicating that Jesus will deny those who worship him and his mother as deities besides Allah on the Day of Resurrection.

And [beware the Day] when Allah will say, "O Jesus, Son of Mary, did you say to the people, ' Take me and my mother as deities besides Allah' ?" He will say, "Exalted are you! It was not for me to say that to which I have no right. If I had said it you would have known it. You know what is within myself and I do not know what is within Yourself. Indeed, it is you who is Knower of unseen. I said not to them except what you commanded me to say-Worship Allah my Lord and your Lord. And I was a witness over them as long as I was among them. But when you took me up you were the observer over them and you are overall things witness. " Qur'aan 5:116-117.

That was my understanding about the real Jesus in the Bible after I read the statement of confirmation of his teaching from the Qur'aan which convinced me to revert to Islam which means submission to the will of God, the exact reflection of "Only he who does the will of my father who is in heaven." As he was also worshipping one God, he must have been a Muslim. It was not an easy decision but I took it preparing myself for every action and reaction I would face from the society. There is a bad culture in my society that hinders to come to the fold of Islam especially to the so called educated people in Ethiopia.

I embraced Islam while I was working as a Manager of Assela Town Water Supply and Sewerage Authority in Ethiopia which was a sudden action to both sides; to the Christians and to the Muslims. It was unthinkable for both of them that I would become a Muslim in the same town in which I was working as a manager which was actually unusual situation. After Islam, multi-faceted problems were challenging my spiritual life almost for the periods of the first five years among which the following were severely affecting my spiritual, social and psychological life:

Firstly, on top of criticizing and insulting me for my taking such an action, my parents and relatives concluded that I must have been mad to embrace Islam. Calling me by nick name and imitating me were some of the entertainments I used to receive from my friends and society. Secondly, because my embracing Islam was unexpected, some Muslims were confused and gave hasty judgment to conclude that I had a hidden agenda other than the

religious which might probably have been an assignment from the government for the special mission.

Thirdly, the worst of all was the negative opinion of the local administrators against me thinking that my embracing Islam was not for the sake of spiritual affairs; rather it might be coverage for the implementations of some political missions of some political parties or groups opponent to the government.

Therefore, my first five years religious life was oscillating in the above-mentioned vicious circled problems but I dealt with them patiently by the help of Allah.

It was in 2003 that I got mental relief when I officially resigned from the government employee to serve for Islam and the Muslims which shaped my life another way round contrary to the above mentioned fallacies. In the same year I could publish the book in Amharic language and distributed freely to the Muslims and non Muslims too and subsequently I could establish the former Huda Islamic Association in 2005 now called Bilal Memorial Association for Islamic propagation in Ethiopia and I joined the former Qatar Islamic Cultural Center now called Sheikh Abdullah bin Zaid Almahmood Islamic Cultural Center as an employee in the department of Islam Presentation in 2008.

When I read the religious backgrounds of some great men who reverted to Islam, they had similar confusions about Christianity like that of mine. I found Islam as the only religion which is acceptable to analytical mind as it is based on rational thinking and the right religion that best fits for any generation regardless of race, geography and social status. After having understood the facts about

Islam, nothing but presenting Islam is likely to satisfy me so that my motto is to present it comparatively and specifically focusing on the scientific miracles of the Holy Qur'aan in my country and in abroad too. I would like to focus and dedicate in my remaining future career on this endeavor indeed Allah willing. And let there be arising from you a nation inviting to{ all that is}good enjoining what is right and forbidding what is wrong and those will be the successful. Qur'aan 3: 104.

The People of Scripture Concealed the Truth

The Holy Qurán states:

“O children of Israel! Call to mind the (special) favor which I bestowed upon you, and fulfill your covenant with me and I shall fulfill My covenant with you and fear none but Me. And believe in what I have revealed confirming the revelation which is with you, and be not the first to disbelieve therein, nor sell my revelations for a small price: and fear me, and me alone. And cover not Truth with falsehood, nor conceal the Truth when you know (what it is).” (Sura 2: verses 40-42)

In order to understand the truth that has been concealed, we kindly advise you to use a neutral mind while investigating this issue because the children of Israel had deliberately concealed the truth about the Prophet Muhammad (salallahu ‘alaihi wasalam) while they knew him as they knew their sons.

“The People of the Book know this (Prophet Muhammad /the Qur'an) as they know their own sons; but some of them conceal the truth which they themselves know. The truth is from your Lord so be not at all in doubt.” (Sura 2:verses146-7)

The first point that caused the Israelites to turn away from the Noble Prophet (salallahu ‘alaihi wasalam) was that their desire for worldly things had become so predominant in them and they had become such slaves to their desires that nothing could move them from this, not even the

command of Allah(God). Therefore Allah, the Most High, has stated in the Holy Qur'an:

“And we indeed gave Moses the Book and We sent messengers after him one after another; and we gave Jesus, son of Mary, clear arguments and strengthened him with the Holy Spirit. Is it then that whenever there came to you a messenger with what your souls desired not, you were arrogant? And some you gave the lie to and others you would slay.” (Sura 2:verse87).

Another Qur'anic evidence reads:

“O people of the Scripture, there has come to you our messenger making clear to you much of what you used to conceal of the scripture and over looking much there has come to you from Allah a light and a clear book i.e. Qur'an by which Allah guides those who pursue His pleasure to the ways of peace and brings them out from darkness into the light, by His permission and guides them to the straight path.” (Sura 5: verses15-16)

According to the Prophetic Hadith narrated by Al-Nu'uman Ibn Bashir(*radiyallahu 'anhu* : May Allah be pleased with him) the Prophet Muhammad(*salallahu 'alaihi wasalam*) was reported to have said, "Verily, there is a piece of flesh in the body, if it is healthy, the whole body is healthy, and if it is corrupt, the whole body is corrupt. Verily, it is the heart. "

The worldwide growth of the interfaith dialogue has created many opportunities and challenges. Because of this the mind will sometimes face conflicting problems and doubts. We need to rely on the heart to avoid the misunderstanding about the real world. In doing so, together we may change the world's negative attitudes towards the genuine Prophet of Islam. The pure heart and mild mind will bring a profound influence in your religious life on condition that there is a freedom of choice between the right and wrong. Thus, you may attain your eternal life, Allah willing.

When we speak of the descriptions of our noble Prophet Muhammad (*salallahu 'alaihi wasalam*) in the Bible, we are reasonable enough to make assertive communication with the People of Scripture as there are certain provable facts. While tackling with this universal question of eternal life, we, as Muslims, are expected to use a sound knowledge of creating a thought awareness that changes the negative thinking of the People of Scripture to the positive by presenting provable pieces of evidence. We have our indicative points in the Holy Qur'an by which we could investigate the facts about our Noble Prophet (*salallahu 'alaihi wasalam*) in the Bible; some of them are quoted above.

Therefore, the observation of the afore-mentioned and other Qur'anic verses thoroughly is of prime importance in the interpretation of the descriptions of our noble Prophet (*salallahu 'alaihi wasalam*) in the Bible. However hard they tried to conceal the truth, these descriptions are purely in coincidence with the life, history, geography, actions and

the personality of the Noble Prophet of Islam which are not applicable to any other prophet in the history of mankind. This shows that Islam is cross checked in the Bible laboratory. If the People of the Scripture dare reject these facts, it implies that they reject their Bible. In spite of their utmost efforts to conceal the truth, the Bible has coherently related information with the Islamic teachings of the universal messenger of Allah which can guide mankind to the straight path of Allah.

The Prophet of Covenant

The truth revolves around the promise made to the Prophet Abraham and his son Ishmael (Peace be upon both of them). In fact, the Ceremonies mentioned with regard to Mount Paran and Kedar have illuminated certain indicative points which can reveal the truth. In the end, the truth will be examined and concluded in the context of Jesus' cursing the Israelites indicating that they will be deprived of the right of establishing the Kingdom of God. Jesus (Peace be upon him) said to them:

“Have you never read in the Scriptures: “The stone the builders rejected has become the corner stone; the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes?”

“Therefore, I tell you that the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.”⁴⁴ Anyone who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; anyone on whom it falls will be crushed.”
(Mathew 21:42-44)

This, for sure, refers to the change of the prophet hood from the Israelites to the Ishmaelite. The truth which has come from the descendants of Ishmael has been capstone to the world as a light which is ever living as it can be learned from the following beautiful Hadith in which the Noble Prophet Muhammad (*sallallahu 'alaihi wasalam*) said: "The similitude of mine and that of the Prophets before me is like that of a person who built a house and he completed it and made it perfect but for a space of a brick. People entered therein and they were surprised at it and said: Had there been a brick (it would have been

complete in all respects). Allah's Messenger (*salallahu 'alaihi wasalam*) said: I am that place where the brick (completing the building is to be placed), and I have come to finalize the chain of Prophets."

We can find out the truth when we answer the question whether there is the fulfillment of the promise made to Abraham that would God bless all the nations by his descendants through Israelites or Ishmaelite? When we try to find out the Biblical prophecy about the Prophet of Islam (*salallahu 'alaihi wasalam*), we are striving to unveil the truth which was hidden intentionally by the party of the People of the Scripture. We are tired of learning from the Christians that Ishmael was an 'illegitimate son' and he could not inherit the prophet hood from his father. But the Bible does not support this false accusation. Jesus also forecasted the transition of Prophet Hood from the Israelites. If this transition is agreed upon definitely it should be transferred to Ishmaelite for the sake of the fulfillment of the promise made to Abraham as the Israelites were lost.

"And as for Ishmael, I have heard you: I will surely bless him; I will make him fruitful and will greatly increase his numbers. He will be the father of twelve rulers, and I will make him into a great nation." (Genesis 17:20)

Look! Abraham asked his Lord to bless his firstborn and Allah immediately heard him and blessed him.

"If a man has two wives, and he loves one but not the other, and both bear him sons but the firstborn is the son

*of the wife he does not love, ¹⁶ when he wills his property to his sons, he must not give the rights of the firstborn to the son of the wife he loves in preference to his actual firstborn, the son of the wife he does not love. ¹⁷ He must acknowledge the son of his unloved wife as the firstborn by giving him a double share of all he has. That son is the first sign of his father's strength. The right of the firstborn belongs to him."***(Deut. 21:15-17)**

If the Christians are claiming that Abraham had an 'illegitimate son', it is an insult against the Prophet of Allah and the father of all the Prophets. As for those who curse Abraham, Allah has promised to curse them while he promised to bless those who bless him. Woe to those who curse him! The Muslims do not curse him. Rather, for the Muslims, it is a part of worship to send the following greeting at the end of each and every prayer:

"O Allah bless Muhammad and his household the same way as you blessed Abraham and his household. Verily You are worthy of all praise full of all glory!"

"I will bless those who bless you and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you."^[GENESIS 12:3] *"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."* **(Romans 3:23)**

Woe to the Christians for their cursing Abraham!!! Did Abraham sin and fall short of glory of Allah if the sayings of all have sinned apply to him also?

The Holy Qur'an states:

"And commemorate our servants Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, possessors of Power and Vision. Verily we did choose them for a special (purpose) --- remembrance of the Hereafter. They were, in our sight, truly, of the company of the Elect and the Good. And commemorate Ismail, Elisha, and Dhu al Kifl: each of them was of the company of the Good." **(Sura 38: verses 45-48)**

*"And through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed, because you have obeyed me."***(Genesis 22: 18)**

The Christians claim that Jesus has fulfilled it but the Bible does not support them because Jesus was not sent for all the people on earth.

"These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Do not go among the Gentiles or enter any town of the Samaritans. ⁶Go rather to the lost sheep of Israel." (Matthew 10: 5-6)

In the Holy Qur'an:

Say, [O Muhammad], " O mankind, indeed I am the messenger of Allah to you all."(Sura 7: verse158)

Here is the difference between the two Prophets; the former was sent to Israelites while the latter was sent to all mankind who fulfilled the promise made to Abraham. See also the Gospel of Mathew 15:24. Had it not been for the Prophet Muhammad (*salallahu 'alaihi wasalam*), the promise made to Prophet Abraham (*'alaihi salam*: Peace be upon him) would have not come true which makes the

Bible incomplete. Jesus could never ever become the prophet of covenant as his mission was only to one nation.

The next important point that makes things clear to our mind is the religious ceremonies mentioned in the Bible with respect to Mount Paran which have nothing to do with Christianity and the geographical areas of Israelites but they are directly related to Islam and within the vicinity of the Ishmaelite.

"While he (Ishmael) was living in the Desert of Paran, his mother got a wife for him from Egypt"
(Genesis 21:21)

The desert of Paran is located in Makkah the very interested and beloved city of the Prophet Muhammad (salallahu 'alaihi wasalam). There are also certain religious activities mentioned in the Bible in reference with the sons of Ishmael like Kedar, Teman and Nabiot. (Genesis 25: 12-13)

"God came from Teman, the Holy One from Mount Paran. Selah His glory covered the heavens and His praise filled the earth." (Habakkuk, 3:3)

In this prophecy, the Islamic rituals of Hajj and 'Umrah in the two Holy Provinces of Makkah (Mount Paran) and Al-Madinah (Tema) were foretold indicating that these two Holy Provinces will be inundated by the mass of population who glorify and praise Allah. And this is the blessing, where with Moses the man of God blessed the children of Israel before his death. And he said, *"The LORD came from Sinai, and rose up from Seir unto them;*

he shined forth from mount Paran, and he came with ten thousands of saints: from his right hand went a fiery law for them." (Deut. 33:1-2)

This shows the subsequent coming of the great Prophet of Allah Moses (Sinai), Jesus (Seir) and Muhammad (Mount Paran) (Blessings and peace of Allah be upon them all.) What do you know about ten thousands of saints who came shining forth from the mount Paran in Christianity? How do the Christians interpret?

In Islam, we know that the number of the Muslim army on the conquest of Makkah or Mount Paran was exactly 10,000 persons which had no a difference of +1 or -1.

A Prophet Like Moses (Deut. 18:18)

As this subject became the request that grew more and more imperative, it calls for stating the verse from The Holy Qurán that tells us how the Prophets Muhammad and Moses (Blessings and peace of Allah be upon them both) are alike.

The Holy Qur'an states:

"We have sent to you, (O men!) a messenger (Muhammad), to be a witness concerning you even as We sent a messenger (Moses) to Pharaoh." **(Sura 73: verse15)**

The New International Version Bible in its heading of *Deut. 18:18* says, "A Prophet like Moses." *"I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers; I will put my words in his mouth, and he will tell them everything I command him."*

In the Old Testament we have the statement which says, "Since then no prophet has risen in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face." (Deut. 34:10)

In his book, "What the Bible Says about Muhammad?", Sheik Ahmed Deedat had exhaustively done on the comparisons among the three prophets: Moses, Jesus and Muhammad (Blessings and peace of Allah be upon them all). The followings are some of the logics which best illustrate how the prophecy of Deut.18:18 has been fulfilled by the advent of the Prophet Muhammad (*salallahu 'alaihi wasalam*):

1. The brethren of the 12 sons of the children of Israel are the 12 sons of Ishmael.
2. "I'll put my words in his mouth" draws our wanders when we evaluate how the Holy Qur'an was put into the mouth of the Prophet Muhammad (*salallahu 'alaihi wasalam*) who could not read nor write word by word through Archangel Jibril (Gabriel - *'alaihi salam*) and this word is preserved without undergoing alteration.
3. "He speaks by my name." Every point this prophet (*salallahu 'alaihi wasalam*) was to speak, he used to do it in the name of Allah.
4. Allah called the Arab pagans who did not listen to this Prophet to account.

Up to now we have seen how the Islamic view is very strong and sensitive as to the fulfillment of this Biblical prophecy by the prophet hood of the Prophet Muhammad (*salallahu 'alaihi wasalam*). Who was the prophet like Moses mentioned in Deut.18: 18 according to the Christians? Their answer is Jesus. As there was no prophet raised in the Old Testament after Moses, the prophecy of Deut 18:18 refers either to Jesus or Muhammad (*salallahu 'alaihi wasalam*).

Now it requires disproving wisely why it was not for Jesus. For both religious groups this issue has become a hot topic debate, wherein the debaters are committed to their points of view, and mean to win the debate, either by persuading the opponent, proving their argument correct, or proving the opponent's argument incorrect. The truth could be discovered through reason and logic in the Bible proving the Muslims' argument correct in the Gospel of John.

¹⁹ Now this was John's testimony when the Jewish leaders in Jerusalem sent priests and Levites to ask him who he was. ²⁰ He did not fail to confess, but confessed freely, "I am not the Messiah." ²¹ *They asked him, "Then who are you? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" He answered, "No." (John 1:19-21)*

If we look into the Bible with cross-references, we will find in the marginal notes where the words "the Prophet" occur in John 1:21 refer to the prophecy of Deuteronomy 18:15 and 18:18. We draw a conclusion that Jesus Christ is not the prophet mentioned in Deuteronomy 18:18. As John was neither Elijah nor that prophet who was referred to the Deut.18:18. Please see the marginal notes in *The NIV Study Bible, New International Version* on verse 1:21, p. 1594.

For your consideration, there were three people expected to come, Christ, Elijah and that Prophet (other than Jesus Christ) who was referred to the one mentioned in Deut.18:18. If the prophecy of Deut. 18:18 were to refer to Christ, the Jewish leaders would ask only about two persons Christ and Elijah. However, they further more asked about the third person that was mentioned in Deut. 18:18. If there is still a claim of that prophet to be Jesus, it implies that "*No one is as deaf as the man who will not listen*" Jewish Proverb.

"All truth passes through three stages. First, it is ridiculed. Second, it is violently opposed. Third, it is accepted as being self-evident." ¹

The Prophet Muhammad (*salalahu 'alaihi wasalam*) had passed through all the three stages. Now we would like to ask some simple questions for the simplicity of the case under debate: What is the name of that Prophet mentioned in John 1:21?

Why was his name not mentioned?

Has he already come if he is other than Muhammad?

If not come, are the Christians looking forward for his coming? Once it is understood from the foot note of the Bible that this prophet is the one mentioned in Deut. 18:18, he cannot be Jesus according to John's testimony as three distinct persons were mentioned. One of the following three alternatives should be taken into consideration by the Christians:

1. If somebody must have come they have to accept him.
2. In case if they believe that he will come in the future it contradicts their belief that there is no way after Jesus.
3. If he will not come, still it makes the Bible questionable for foretelling untrue prophecy that could not be fulfilled.

Today, the Prophet like Moses who has never come according to the Torah and the Gospels has already come according to the Holy Qur'an whose name is Muhammad (*Salalahu 'alaihi wasalam*) which makes the Bible complete.

¹ -Arthur Schopenhauer (German philosopher, 1788-1860)

An Oracle Concerning Arabia

"An oracle concerning Arabia: You caravans of Dedanites, who camp in the thickets of Arabia, Bring water for the thirsty; you who live in Tema, bring food for the fugitives. They flee from the sword, from the drawn sword, from the bent bow and from the heat of battle. This is what the Lord says to me: "Within one year, as a servant bound by contract would count it, all the pomp of Kedar will come to an end. The survivors of the bowmen, the warriors of Kedar, will be indices" will be few." The LORD, the God of Israel, has spoken." (Isaiah 21:13-17)

This prophecy was fulfilled by the Hijra (migration) of the Prophet Muhammad (*Salallahu 'alaihi wasalam*) and his companions from Makkah (Kedar) and hosted by the people of Al-Madinah (Tema) who are always remembered by their famous names "Al-Muhajirun" and "Al-Ansar" respectively. It further speaks about the battle of Badr which was the first decisive war in the history of Islam. When the condition of Makkah was so harsh that the hostility reached to an irreversible degree with the enemies of Islam, migration to Medina was ordered. Kedar and Tema are names of the children of Ishmael which can be seen from Genesis 25: 12-13. The dwellers of Al-Madinah had warmly welcomed the Prophet (*Salallahu 'alaihi wasalam*) and his companions. After one year as it was mentioned in the Bible, the Muslims and the polytheists fought each other at Badr and this war was concluded by the victory of the Muslims over the Makkan pagans.

"The Battle of Badr, fought Saturday, March 13, 624 AD (17 Ramadan, 2 AH in the Islamic calendar) in the Hejaz region of western Arabia (present-day Saudi Arabia), was a key battle in the early days of Islam and a turning point in Muhammad's struggle with his opponents among the Quraish tribe in Makkah. The battle has been passed down in Islamic history as a decisive victory attributable to divine intervention, or by secular sources to the strategic genius of Muhammad. It is one of the few battles specifically mentioned in the Holy Quran. Most contemporary knowledge of the battle at Badr comes from traditional Islamic accounts, both Prophetic Hadith and biographies of Muhammad, recorded in written form some time after the battle.

Prior to the battle, the Muslims and Makkans had fought several smaller skirmishes in late 623 and early 624, as the Muslim *Ghazawāt* (pl. of Ghazwa /Prophet-led battles) had become more frequent. Badr, however, was the first large-scale engagement between the two forces. Advancing to a strong defensive position, Muhammad's well-disciplined force broke the Makkan lines, killing several important Quraishi leaders including Muhammad's chief antagonist, 'Amr Ibn Hishm, often known as Abu Jahl. For the early Muslims, the battle was the first sign that they might eventually defeat their enemies among the Makkans. Makkah at that time was one of the richest and most powerful cities in Arabia, fielding an army three times larger than that of the Muslims. The Muslim victory also signaled other tribes that a new power had arisen in Arabia and strengthened Muhammad's position as leader of the often fractious community in Al-Madinah."

The Servant of the Lord (Isaiah 42)

"Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on him, and he will bring justice to the nations. (Isaiah 42:1)

He will not shout or cry out, or raise his voice in the streets. (Isaiah 42: 2)

A bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out. In faithfulness he will bring forth justice; ... (Isaiah 42: 3)

he will not falter or be discouraged till he establishes justice on earth. In his teaching the islands will put their hope."(Isaiah 42: 4)

Among all the hidden descriptions of the prophet hood of our Noble Prophet Muhammad (salallahu 'alaihi wasalam) in the Bible, the prophecy of Isaiah 42 has strong support from the Holy Qur'an and Hadith. It matches with the attributes of the Prophet (salallahu 'alaihi wasalam) and his step by step missions including the geographical locations. With regard to this prophecy, Ibn Al Qayyim commented, "Who else does this description suit but Muhammad Ibn Abdullah. If all mankind on earth gathered together, they would not be able to mention any prophet who had all these qualities."²

²- *Muhammad's Prophethood: Reality or Myth? Pp.207.*

An important point while examining the fulfillment of this prophecy for the Prophet Muhammad (*salallahu 'alaihi wasalam*) is also to take into consideration the claims of the Christians for Jesus of Nazareth. We can evidently disprove why this prophecy does not match with Jesus. To make our final decision we have to carefully study the missions of the two Prophets (Blessings and peace of Allah be upon them both) with respect to this prophecy.

I met Abdullah Ibn `Amr Ibn al-`Aas and asked him, " Tell me about the description of the Messenger of Allah which is mentioned in the Torah." He replied, 'Yes. By Allah, he is mentioned in the Torah with his qualities found in the Holy Qur'an as follows: 'O Prophet! We have sent you as a witness, and a giver of glad tidings, and a Warner, and guardian of the illiterates. You are My slave and My Messenger. I have named you '*al-Mutawakkil*' (meaning the one who relies on Allah). You are neither discourteous, harsh, nor a noise-maker in the markets; You do not do evil to those who do evil to you, but you deal with them with forgiveness and kindness. Allah will not let him die till he makes upright the crooked people by making them say: *None has the right to be worshipped but Allah*, with which will be opened blind eyes, deaf ears and enveloped hearts."³

We are familiar with Christians' interpretation of this prophecy. They claim that it was foretold for Jesus (*salallahu 'alaihi wasalam*). We would have agreed if both messengers had not been sent and their missions were unknown to the world. The good thing is that both of them

³ -The Authenticated Collection of al-Bukhari, 3:335

had come and physically appeared with influential personality that could divide the world into two big religious camps. Today, we are standing on their beautiful history to identify who was best addressed in the above prophecy. We will also use the simple illustrations to show the difference between the two Prophets as follows with respect to this prophecy. The Prophet Muhammad is the servant of Allah according to the Holy Qur'an.

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“Blessed is He Who sent down the Criterion upon His Servant (Muhammad) that he may be a Warner to the worlds?” (Sura 25: verse1)

2. According to the Christians' belief, Jesus is Lord not a servant. Look at Romans 1:1 can the Lord become a servant of Lord or a servant of himself?

3. Allah upheld the Prophet Muhammad and the real Jesus (Blessings and peace of Allah be upon both of them) too according to the Qur'an.

“Whoever thinks that Allah will not help him (Muhammad) in the Present World and in the Hereafter, let him stretch out a rope to the ceiling and cut (himself) off: then let him see whether his plan will remove that which enrages (him)!”
(Sura 22: verse15)

The disbelievers plotted to murder him, broke one of his incisors and wounded his face. They killed the most beloved person to him and mobilized armies to get rid of him. In spite of all such things, he pardoned and forgave them when Allah the Almighty gave him dominion over them. From the Islamic point of view, Allah upheld the real

Jesus (Blessings and peace of Allah be upon both of them) when He took him up unto Himself. But the mythical Jesus whom the Christians are claiming to be their Lord was not upheld as it can be proved from the following Biblical pieces of evidence:

A. *"Very heavy" - He was weighed down with a feeling of uncertainty and acute distress.* (Mathew. 26:37)

B. *"Exceeding sorrowful unto death" - He was surrounded by grief to the degree that it threatened his very life!* (Mathews. 26:38)

So far the above Biblical verses do not support the promise made of "upheld."

4. "The chosen" meaning '*Al Mustafa*' another name of the Prophet Muhammad (*Salallahu 'alaihi wasalam*).

5. In the book of Isaiah 42:4-6 we have the completeness and universality of Islamic religion foretold because the Prophet of Islam was sent for the whole world as it is mentioned in Holy Qur'an:

"And We have not sent you, [O Muhammad], except as a mercy to the worlds." (Sura 21: verse 107)

In another verse, the completeness of Islam is mentioned as follows:

"This day those who disbelieve have despaired of [defeating] your religion; so fear them not, but fear Me. This day I have perfected for you your religion and completed my favor upon you and have approved for you Islam as religion." (Sura 5: verse 3).

This is exactly the same as this verse in the Bible: *"He will not falter or be discouraged till he establishes justice on earth. In his teaching, the islands will put their hope."*

The above Biblical verse does not describe Jesus as he left the world suddenly before his completion of his mission as we can see from the following:

"I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. ¹³ But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth." (John 16:12-14)

This shows that Jesus' mission was not finished in his time and at the same time he was not sent for the Gentiles but only for the children of Israel according to the Bible:

"He will reign over the house of Jacob forever," (Luke 1:33).

If Jesus was sent to reign over the house of Jacob, what is the benefit of the whole world to believe in him as the savior?

When the Christians' reject the Prophet Muhammad (*Salallahu 'alaihi wasalam*) they blame him that he was a warrior. They quote from the Bible,

"But whoever slaps you on your right cheek, turn the other to him also. If anyone wants to sue you and take away your tunic let him have your cloak also." (Matthew 5: 39-40)

Jesus' only credentials were himself. He never wrote a book, commanded an army, held a political office, or owned property. He mostly traveled within a hundred

miles of his village, attracting crowds who were amazed at his provocative words and stunning deeds. The messenger of covenant had practically fulfilled the prophecy of war and victory over his enemies as it was foretold in the following verse:

"The LORD will march out like a champion, like a warrior he will stir up his zeal; with a shout he will raise the battle cry and will triumph over his enemies."(Isaiah 42:13).

Is there anything ridiculous than interpreting the above verse for Jesus who did not even throw a single stone against his enemy?

No one was as brave as the Prophet Muhammad (*salallahu 'alaihi wasalam*), who said: "By the One Who has my soul in His hand, I would love to be killed in the way of Allah, to then be resurrected, and to then be killed (again)." ⁴

6. *"But those who trust in idols, who say to images, 'You are our gods,' will be turned back in utter shame."(Isaiah 42:17)*

On the authority of Abu Hurairah (May Allah be pleased with him) it is reported that the Messenger of Allah (*Salallahu 'alaihi wasalam*) said:

"Allah (Glorified and Exalted Be He) said: "And who is more unjust than those who try to create the likeness of

⁴Muhammad as if you can see him: pp46.

My creation? Let them create an atom, or let them create a wheat grain, or let them create a barley grain."

Allah Most High, informs us in this Hadith *Qudsi*, through the mouth of His Prophet, Muhammad (salallahu 'alaihi wasalam), that there is none more unjust than those people who make pictures of living things, wishing to resemble Allah (Glorified and Exalted Be He) in His act of Creation. Then He, Almighty, All-powerful, challenges such people to create even the smallest and most insignificant of His visible, living creations, which is an atom, or to create the simplest of plant materials, such as a grain of wheat or a grain of barley; this He (Glorified and Exalted Be He), does, in order to expose their weakness and inability.

On its Seventh Session (October 13, 787) the Second Nicene Council issued a declaration of faith concerning the veneration of holy images:http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Ayasofya_Iznik_902.jpg"It was determined that "As the sacred and life-giving cross is everywhere set up as a symbol, so also should the images of Jesus Christ, the Virgin Mary, the holy Angels, as well as those of the Saints and other pious and holy men be embodied in the manufacture of sacred vessels, tapestries, vestments, etc., and exhibited on the walls of churches, in the homes, and in all conspicuous places, by the roadside and everywhere, to be revered by all who might see them."

7."Let the settlements where Kedar lives rejoice." Isaiah 42:11 By Jesus or Muhammad (peace be up on them) have the dwellers of Makkah rejoiced? The people of

Kedar are the original Arabs. They are today's Saudis and Yemenis, and these are 100% Muslims! So the "light of the Gentiles" and "Kedar Lives rejoice" are clear Prophecies and Signs for the Divine and Truthful Religion of Islam."⁵

8. *"Hear, you deaf; look, you blind, and see! Who is blind but my servant, and deaf like the messenger I send? Who is blind like the one in covenant with me, blind like the servant of the LORD?"* Isaiah 42:18-19. Muhammad (*salalahu 'alaihi wasalam*) is recognized as a servant and also the messenger of covenant.

Comparative analogies of these Biblical verses show that the Prophet Muhammad was unlettered. The Holy Qur'an was revealed in a rich language. At the time when the Arabs were very articulate in the Arabic language, they were known for that, and they were strong in poetry. It's well known that Prophet Muhammad (*salalahu 'alaihi wasalam*) was raised as an orphan, he did not learn from any formal and informal schools, the knowledgeable people, or from the clever ones. Rather he was a Prophet without pen.

Allah, the Exalted, says in the Holy Qur'an: *"And you did not recite before it any scripture, nor did you inscribe one with your right hand. Otherwise the falsifiers would have had [cause for] doubt."* (Sura 29: verse 48.)

9. *Last but not least is the greatness of God's Law would be assured when the servant of God would be sent as it was mentioned in Isaiah 42:20-22.*

⁵ -Answering Christianity.com

"We ordained therein for them: "Life for life, eye for eye, nose for nose, ear for ear, tooth for tooth, and wounds equal for equal." (Sura 5: verse 45)

The same case is available in Old Testament without a letter difference. *"Show no pity: life for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot."* Deut.19:21

The advocates of Jesus teach us that the promised Law is abolished which falsifies the Messianic Prophecy of Isaiah 42. The Prophet Muhammad's (*Salallahu 'alaihi wasalam*) teachings proved the importance of the Divine law forever. But we have the former law abrogated in the New Testament which contradicts the greatness of God's law maintained in Isaiah 42:20-22

"The former regulation is set aside because it was weak and useless ¹⁹ (for the law made nothing perfect), and a better hope is introduced, by which we draw near to God." Hebrew 7:18-19.

He will Speak What He Hears!

Dear readers! We have been able to examine some of the Biblical pieces of evidence about the prophecies of the Prophet Muhammad (*salallahu'alaihi wasalam*) in the Old Testament. Now we will also try to find in the New Testament if there are any.

"I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. ¹³ But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. ¹⁴ He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you." (John 16:12-14)

We are very familiar with the Christians' interpretation of this prophecy is for the Holy Spirit. But the Holy Spirit had already descended by the time of Jesus' baptism.

"As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him."(Matthew 3:16).The third person singular " He" does not refer to the holy spirit rather it refers to a human being who would come after Jesus.

Good evidence which nullifies the interpretation of this prophecy to the Holy Spirit is the statement that says, *"He will not speak on his own and he will speak what he hears."*

Because the Godhead in Christianity is the composition of the three coequal Gods i.e. the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit with co- equal power over the universe in unity

and harmony, it is a futile act to attempt to interpret this prophecy for the Holy Spirit.

In case if this prophecy is claimed for the third godhead, it implies that the third godhead the Holy Spirit is such a powerless God for "He cannot speak on his own but speaks what he hears." From whom does he hear? This degrades the power and knowledge of the godhead the Holy Spirit and if it happens to be so, it dissolves the trinity putting Christianity in everlasting dispute. If it is claimed that he hears from God this disproves his godhead. But this prophecy is fulfilled by the advent of the Prophet Muhammad (*salallahu 'alaihi wasalam*) 600 years the only Prophet after Jesus to complete what Jesus left without accomplishing. Here is a good evidence from the Holy Qur'an that which coincides with the teachings of Jesus (Peace of Allah be upon him.)

"Nor does he speak from (his own) inclination." (Sura 53: verse 3)

The final Prophet Muhammad (*salallahu 'alaihi wasalam*) has taught the world the true nature of Jesus Christ by respecting him as a great Prophet of Allah and purified him from the false charges cast to him and his mother by the Jews or any other party.

The Faithful and True, Who is He?

This is also another very interesting and relevant prophecy mentioned in the New Testament so that we have to go deeper to find out the secret behind this revelation.

"I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice he judges and wages war. ¹² His eyes are like blazing fire, and on his head are many crowns. He has a name written on him that no one knows but he himself. ¹³ He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and his name is the Word of God. ¹⁴ The armies of heaven were following him, riding on white horses and dressed in fine linen, white and clean." (Revelation 19:11-14)

Did such a man appear to this world according to the Christians' view? Did he judge? Did he wage wars? Did he have the name that he only knew? These are the most important leading questions.

All the answers are yes! How and why yes? In order to answer these questions critical reading of your Bible is recommended to you in relation to the history of the Prophet Muhammad (*salallahu 'alaihiwasalam*). Let us see what it meant by the critical reading from the following.

"You must be able to say, with reasonable certainty, "I understand," before you can say any one of the following things: "I agree," or "I disagree," or "I suspend judgment." I hope you have not made the error of supposing that to criticize is always to disagree [and to be completely skeptical]. That is an unfortunate, popular misconception. To agree is just as much an exercise of critical judgment

on your part as to disagree. To agree without understanding is inane. To disagree without understanding is impudent. --"⁶

The following qualities of the Prophet Muhammad (*salalahu 'alaihi wasalam*) will prove the fulfillment of this prophecy if we try to examine with an inquiring mind:

The Prophet Muhammad (*salalahu 'alaihi wasalam*) was traditionally called the trustworthy or Muhammad 'Al Amin' for he was the man of the truth in his community. Of all men who have ever walked on the earth, none has been, nor will any ever be as truthful as the Prophet of Islam.

"The Prophet (*Salalahu 'alaihi wasalam*) never once fled from a battle; more telling to be sure, is the fact that he never even retreated: If others defensively moved back a few feet or more when the enemy attacked, the Prophet (*salalahu 'alaihi wasalam*) maintained his position refusing to give up even an inch of ground to the enemy."⁷

One of the Prophet's companions called Salman (May Allah pleased with him) a Persian origin, had been searching for the truth proved that the Prophet Muhammad (*Salalahu 'alaihi wasalam*) had the name written on him.

"Salman had been hosted by different bishops and when the death approached his last bishop, the man said "O

⁶The Etiquette of Talking Back." *How to Read a Book* :page 241

⁷Muhammad As If You Can See Him, pp 106

son! I do not know of anyone who is upon the right religion as we are. However a prophet will emerge in your life time and this prophet is on the same religion as Abraham." ⁸ The bishop described the quality of this prophet to come at age of Salman as follows: he'll accept and eat the food given to him as gift but not from the charity and the seal of the prophet hood will be between his shoulders. After undergoing hardships, Salman arrived in Al-Madinah and tested the Prophet (*Salallahu 'alaihi wasalam*) with giving him food as a gift and charity. When the Prophet (*Salallahu 'alaihi Wasalam*) ate the first and refused the latter. Salman went to check whether there is the name written on him or not.

Salman said, I greeted him and then moved towards his back attempting to see the seal [of the prophet hood] which was described to me by companion. When he (*Salallahu 'alaihi wasalam*) saw me [doing so] he knew that I was trying to confirm something described to me. He took the garment off his two shoulders and I looked at the seal. I recognized it. I fell down upon it, kissing it and crying."⁹

Let us read how the armies of the heaven were following the Prophet Muhammad (*Salallahu 'alaihi wasalam*) from the Holy Qur'an as follows:

"[Remember] when your Lord inspired to the angels, "I am with you, so strengthen those who have believed. I will cast terror into the hearts of those who disbelieved so

⁸In search of the truth: pp 20

⁹In Search of the Truth, pp 27

strike [them] upon the necks and strike from them every fingertip." (Sura 8: verse 12.)

Let us add one point from the Prophetic Hadith as an evidence and leave to you to take your own judgment.

Ibn Abbas (May Allah be pleased with him) said," verily, the Prophet(*Salallahu 'alaihi wasalam*) said on the day of Badr, ' Here Is Jibreel taking hold of his horses head; and upon him is an instrument of war.." ¹⁰

Remark! Is Christianity a political religion or spiritual? If it is spiritual, the religious book of the Christians has foretold the coming of the person whose name is Muhammad' *Al Amin'* or the *Trustworthy*. He came and judged, became a king of kings, waged a war in which the armies of the heaven fought with him and had the name written on him that he only knew. Now the religious demand curve has to shift from Christianity to Islam so long as to follow Christianity is not for the sake of the political or economic advantages. So that Islam is nothing but the continuation of many things that Jesus was to say which has been successfully accomplished by the seal of the prophets; the Holy Qur'an states:

{Muhammad is not the father of [any] one of your men, but [he is] the Messenger of Allah and last of the prophets. And ever is Allah, of all things, Knowing. } (Sura 33: verse 40.)

¹⁰Sahih Al Bukhari, the Book of Battles, Chapter " The Angels witness Badr" Hadith number 3995.

"And on his head are many crowns and he is dressed in a robe dipped in blood," are synonymous with Islamic turban and dressings.

The Holy Qur'an states:

"And when a messenger from Allah came to them confirming that which was with them, a party of those who had been given the Scripture threw the Scripture of Allah behind their backs as if they did not know." (Sura 2: verse 101)

Makkah is mentioned in the Bible

The Most challenging question most frequently asked by the Christians to embarrass the Muslims is about the direction of the Muslims' prayer. Those who ask such a question are called the fools by Allah in the Holy Qur'an: "The foolish among the people will say, "What has turned them away from their Qiblah, which they used to face?" Say, "To Allah belongs the east and the west. He guides whom He wills to a straight path." (Sura 2: verse 142).

The Muslims are ordered to face to the direction of Ka'bah while performing their prayers.

"For every nation there is a direction to which they face (in their prayers). So hasten towards all that is good. Wheresoever's you may be, Allah will bring you together (on the Day of Resurrection). Truly, Allah is Able to do all things." (Sura 2: verse 148).

"So from wherever you go out [for prayer, O Muhammad] turn your face toward al- Masjid al-Haram, and indeed, it is the truth from your Lord. And Allah is not unaware of what you do." (Sura 2: verse 149)

While discussing about the Muslims' Prayer direction and its critiques of the Christians, we have to look at the prophecy of Jesus Christ which was foretold to show the sign of changing in the direction of prayer in the future after him.

"Sir," the woman said, *"I can see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews*

claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem."

"Woman," Jesus replied, "believe me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem."(John 4:19-21).

It may be due to the fact that the time has come not to worship Allah on that mountain or in Jerusalem but in Makkah the reason why the Muslims are facing to the Ka'bah in their worshipping. Here is the Qur'anic evidence in comply with this idea:

"The first House (of worship) appointed for men was that at Bakka: full of blessing and of guidance for all kinds of beings: (96) In it are signs manifest; (for example), the Station of Abraham; whoever enters it attains security; Hajj thereto is a duty men owe to Allah—those who can afford the journey; but if any deny faith; Allah stands not in need of any of His creatures." (Sura 3: verses 96-97).

The Bible also mentions about the religious ceremonies in the valley of Bacca (Bakka /Makkah) in reference with the Hajj and Zamzam water in Psalm 84:6:

As they pass through the Valley of Bakka, they make it a place of springs; the autumn rains also cover it with pools.
NIV Bible

They passed by the valley of weeping and they have made it a dwelling place, also blessings will cover The Lawgiver.
Aramaic Bible in plain English.

Dear Christians! Who was the Lawgiver to be covered by blessings in the valley of Baca or Weeping? He was Muhammad (*salallahu 'alaihi wasalam*)

Makkah or Zion? (Isaiah 60:1-22)

The Christians argue that this prophecy is made for Zion but not for Makkah. However, whatever hot argument they may put against the Muslims' claims of this prophecy about Makkah, they could never substantiate with evidential justification because of the following points. In the Bible:

"Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

"Foreigners will rebuild your walls, and their kings will serve you" 60:3.

"No longer will violence be heard in your land." (Isaiah 60:18)

The Christians' religious book foretold about the secured, peaceful, and wealthy holy land to which the prosperity of the world will be brought. Is this city Zion?

"The wealth on the seas will be brought to you; to you the riches of the nations will come." (Isaiah 60:5)

Fortunately, Makkah is the only Holy land over the world which qualifies the above descriptions whether we believe it or not.

Today, more than 13 million Muslims visit Mecca annually, during the few days of the Hajj including several millions of the visitors for Umrah every year. As a result, Makkah has become one of the most cosmopolitan and diverse cities in the Muslim world.

In addition, it unifies Muslims from around the world and brings rich and poor ...Muslims who are financially able to

make a trip to this holy land. It had been a sacred site from very ancient times.

Let us see what the Qur'an says about the security of Makkah:

And [mention] when Abraham said, "My Lord, make this a secure city and provide its people with fruits - whoever of them believes in Allah and the Last Day." [Allah] said. "And whoever disbelieves - I will grant him enjoyment for a little; then I will force him to the punishment of the Fire, and wretched is the destination." (Qur'an 2:126)

"Our Lord, I have settled some of my descendants in an uncultivated valley near Your sacred House, our Lord, that they may establish prayer. So make hearts among the people incline toward them and provide for them from the fruits that they might be grateful." (Qur'an 14:37)

1. For the familiarity of the Quraish,
2. Their familiarity with the journeys by winter and summer,-
3. Let them adore the Lord of this House,
4. *Who provides them with food against hunger, and with security against fear (of danger).*" (Al Qur'an: 106)

Now let us see the situation of Zion Biblically, historically and practically as follows:

The Romans destroyed Jerusalem and its Temple in 70 C.E under Titus, decidedly ending the Great Jewish Revolt that had begun four years earlier. Therefore because of you, Zion will be ploughed like a field; Jerusalem will become a heap of rubble, the temple hill a mound overgrown with thickets. (Micah 3:12)

He set fire to the temple of the LORD, the royal palace and all the houses of Jerusalem. Every important building he burned down.(Jeremiah 52:13)

See also the Jewish's "Three Weeks Sorrow."

It is a ridiculous if we try to interpret the fulfillment of this prophecy in Zion as we cannot escape history. The past and present history of Zion which we practically know contradicts this prophecy which says," I will make peace your governor and well-being your ruler."

Currently if you are watching your TV or listening to your radio while you are reading this book, do you think you can see or hear the sound of peace or war from Zion? The truth will be unveiled if we evaluate the previous and prevailing situation of Zion against this particular prophecy. Having the practical violence of Zion in mind, it is a misunderstanding or ignorance to interpret this prophecy to Zion while Makkah fulfills peace; security and stability in comply with the above Biblical Prophecy.

2" Herds of camels will cover your land, young camels of Median and Ephah. And all from Sheba will come, bearing gold and incense and proclaiming the praise of the LORD." (Isaiah 60:6)

We could disprove the fulfillment of this prophecy in Zion because Sheba is located in Yemen. How do you judge if you practically see the covering of herds of camels the land of Makkah from Yemen, the Muslim country? The covering of herds of camels from the Islamic country such like Sheba to Zion has never happened and will never happen.

3 "All Kedar's flocks will be gathered to you, the rams of Nebaioth will serve you; they will be accepted as offerings on my altar, and I will adorn my glorious temple." (Isaiah 60:7)

As Nebaioth and *Kedar* are the names of the first and second sons of Ishmael, their flocks and rams are serving Makkah which shows that this prophecy addresses the slaughtering on the Day of Arafat. Logic will let you analyze an argument or a piece of reasoning, and work out whether the flocks and rams from the lands of Arab are serving Zion or Makkah. The Christian church believed that Christ's death occurred as the ultimate expiation of sins and that it annulled the need for sacrifices named by the Old Testament. In Islam, animal sacrifice is a yearly periodical activity forever.

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5. *"Although you have been forsaken and hated, with no one traveling through, I will make you the everlasting pride and the joy of all generations."*(Isaiah 60:15)

Zion was not forsaken because it was the political, colonial and spiritual center from the very beginning of its history while Makkah was not. Makkah has become an international city after Islam meaning after the fulfillment of this prophecy and it is the place of joy for all generations since then

***Qiblah* in the Bible and Qur'an**

The word Qiblah is used in the Holy Quran to mean a focal point for prayers (as in Sura 10: verse 87) and in a more general sense as a focal point for our Hajj (pilgrimage). We read in (Sura 2: verse 143) that Allah changed the Qiblah, and that in that change there was a test for the followers of the messenger:

"We did not appoint the Qiblah which you were on except to know those who follow the messenger and those who would turn back on their heels." (Sura 2: verse 143)

The words "We did not appoint the Qiblah which you were on" asserts that Allah changed the Qiblah. Note the use of the past tense in the words "which you WERE ON". The Holy Quran gives us the full details of this change in the following words:

"And from wheresoever's you start forth (for prayers), turn your face in the direction of Al-Masjid-Al-Haram (at Makkah), that is indeed the truth from your Lord. And Allah is not unaware of what you do." (Sura 2: verse 149)

The above verses confirm that the test set by Allah for the believers was related to who will follow the new Qiblah (Al-Masjid Al-Haram: Sacred Mosque) and who will disobey the messenger and stay with the old Qiblah.

Moreover, another very important fact emerges from other verses. The Holy Qur'an indicates that before the Qur'an was revealed, and probably in the early years of the Revelation as well, there were in fact multiple places of worship or Mihrabs (Mihrab is a semicircular niche in the

wall of a mosque that indicates the Qiblah) towards the Qiblah.

1- *{And even if you were to bring to the people of the Scripture (Jews and Christians) all the proofs (signs and revelations.), they would not follow your Qiblah (prayer direction), nor are you going to follow their Qiblah (prayer direction). And they will not follow each other's Qiblah (prayer direction).}* (Sura 2: verse 145)

This verse confirms that at the time of the Prophet there were more than one Qiblah. Different people of the scripture had their own Qiblah. This is evidently proved by the following verses from the Holy Qur'an:

{They do not follow one another's Qiblah}

2- *"For every nation there is a direction to which they face (in their prayers)"* (Sura 2: verse 148)

This verse once again confirms that there was more than one Qiblah.

3- *"We inspired Moses and his brother, 'Maintain your homes in Egypt for the time being, turn your homes into Qiblah, and observe Salah (prayers). Give good news to the believers'"* (Sura 10: verse 87)

In this verse we notice that the word used is "Qiblah". We note that the words to turn their homes into Qiblah are followed by the command to observe the Salah. In this context, the word Qiblah means a place of worship or a Mihrab (it is a semicircular niche in the wall of a mosque that indicates the Qiblah) towards the Qiblah.

4- *"Verily! We have seen the turning of your (Muhammad's) face towards the heaven. Surely, We shall turn you to a Qiblah that shall please you, so turn your face*

in the direction of Al-Masjid- Al-Haram (at Makkah).” (Sura 2: verse 144.)

This verse gives the impression of someone who is strongly longing for facing towards Al-Masjid Al-Haram at Makkah, not to Al-Aqsa Mosque in Jerusalem, while performing prayers.

Biblical References to Qiblah:-

1- In Daniel 6:10 we read about Daniel (messengers to Israel), who observed three daily prayers. We read how his prayers were done while facing the direction of Jerusalem:

"When Daniel knew that the document had been signed, he went to his house where he had windows in his upper chamber open toward Jerusalem; and he got down upon his knees three times a day and prayed and gave thanks before his God, as he had done previously"

Biblical evidence indicates that this ritual (Qiblah to Jerusalem) started at the time of Solomon and his father David.

2- In 1 Kings we read how Solomon and his people prayed in the direction of the Temple that he built for God in Jerusalem (1 Kings 8:22-44). In these verses Solomon states repeatedly that servants of God, the people of Israel and foreigners, should pray toward the city He has chosen (Jerusalem) and in the direction of the temple he has built there for God's Name: That is the concept of Qiblah in the Bible.

"That thy eyes may be open night and day toward this house, the place of which thou hast said, 'My name shall be there,' that thou mayest hearken to the prayer which thy servant offers toward this place"[1Kgs 8:29]

"And hearken thou to the supplication of thy servant and of thy people Israel, when they pray toward this place; yea, hear thou in heaven thy dwelling place; and when thou hearest, forgive"[1Kgs 8:30]

[1Kgs 8:35] "When heaven is shut up and there is no rain because they have sinned against thee, if they pray

toward this place, and acknowledge thy name, and turn from their sin, when thou dost afflict them".

"Whatever prayer, whatever supplication is made by any man or by all thy people Israel, each knowing the affliction of his own heart and stretching out his hands toward this house"[1Kgs 8:38]

"For they shall hear of thy great name, and thy mighty hand, and of thy outstretched arm), when he comes and prays toward this house"[1Kgs 8:42]

"Hear thou in heaven thy dwelling place, and do according to all for which the foreigner calls to thee; in order that all the peoples of the earth may know thy name and fear thee, as do thy people Israel, and that they may know that this house which I have built is called by thy name"[1Kgs 8:43]

"If thy people go out to battle against their enemy, by whatever way thou shalt send them, and they pray to the Lord toward the city which thou hast chosen and the house which I have built for thy name"[1Kgs 8:44]

source:www.quran-islam.org/.../qibla old and new

Hajj (Islamic Pilgrimage) in the Bible

While the writing of this book was undergoing, the following article was forwarded to us from unknown source. When we made cross reference with the Bible and the Islamic "Hajj and Umrah", we found that the miraculous coincidence has not come merely by chance. Appreciating the Brother Silent Wisdom and his colleague who forwarded this golden information, we would like to include it in this booklet for the sake of the reflection of those who have the reflecting mind.

The Holy Qurán states:

"Say, "Are those who know equal to those who do not know?" Only they will remember [who are] people of understanding." (Sura 39: verse 9).

In the Book of Ezekiel (Ch, 40-47), he tells us about a journey that had been done for him by the Lord (or an Angel) in his vision. From his description to this journey we can conclude the following points:

In the five and twentieth year of our captivity, in the beginning of the year, in the tenth day of the month, in the fourteenth year after that the city was smitten, in the self same day the hand of the LORD was upon me, and brought me thither. (Ezekiel 40:1)

In the visions of God he brought me into the land of Israel, and set me upon a very high mountain, by which was as the frame of a city on the south. (Ezekiel 40:2)

In his opinion, the writer correlates these 2 verses of Ezekiel with the rituals of Hajj and Umrah as of the time of

this journey (in the beginning of the year, in the tenth day of the month) similar with Islamic ceremony. The Jews used to use the Lunar months exactly as Muslims and it's well known that the 10th day of the LAST month is Eid Al Adha (the Festival of Sacrifice) during the pilgrimage to Mecca.

But the priests of the Levites, the sons of Zadok that kept the charge of my sanctuary when the children of Israel went astray from me, they shall come near to me to minister unto me, and they shall stand before me to offer unto me the fat and the blood, saith the Lord GOD. (Ezekiel 44:15)

They shall enter into my sanctuary, and they shall come near to my table, to minister unto me, and they shall keep my charge. (Ezekiel 44:16)

And it shall come to pass, that when they enter in at the gates of the inner court, they shall be clothed with linen garments; no wool shall come upon them, whiles they minister in the gates of the inner court, and within. (Ezekiel 44:17)

They shall have linen bonnets upon their heads, and shall have linen breeches upon their loins; they shall not gird themselves with anything that causes sweat. (Ezekiel 44:18)

And when they go forth into the utter court, even into the utter court to the people, they shall put off their garments wherein they ministered, and lay them in the holy chambers, and they shall put on other garments; and they shall not sanctify the people with their garments. (Ezekiel 44:19)

Neither shall any priest drink wine, when they enter into the inner court.(Ezekiel 44:21)

Well, I think the image of these verses are pretty clear, need no interpretation. Just to note:Ezekiel calls the pilgrims "Priests of Levites". That would happen when people of Israel go astray from God... (So they aren't from Israel*the pilgrims*)

He describes their clothes when they enter the inner court, "they shall be clothed with linen garments; and no wool shall come upon them, while they minister in the gates of the inner court, and within they shall have linen bonnets upon their heads, and shall have linen breeches upon their loins". And this is exactly the clothes of Muslim pilgrims..!

Further description to Pilgrims and lay them in the holy chambers, and they shall put on other garments; and they shall not sanctify the people with their garments." and this is what's called Ihram..!

Conclusion: "Ezekiel was in Pilgrimage (or at least Umrah)"..! Salaam!

42:13 Then said he unto me, The north chambers and the south chambers, which are before the separate place, they be holy chambers, where the priests that approach unto the LORD shall eat the most holy things: there shall they lay the most holy things, and the meat offering, and the sin offering, and the trespass offering; for the place is holy.

42:14 When the priests enter therein, then shall they not go out of the holy place into the utter court, but there they shall lay their garments wherein they minister; for they are

holy; and shall put on other garments, and shall approach to those things which are for the people.

In these verses Ezekiel refers to the sacrifice during Al Hajj, "the meat offering and the sin offering".

Furthermore, he talks about Al Ihram at the beginning of the Hajj..*"They shall lay their garments wherein they minister, and shall put on other garments", and they are the garments described by him in Ezekiel 44:17-19.*

Important Note: During this journey, Allah has asked Ezekiel to preserve the place and its measures...Lets read:

And the LORD said unto me, son of man, mark well, and behold with thin eyes, and hear with thin ears all that I say unto thee concerning all the ordinances of the house of the LORD, and all the laws thereof; and mark well the entering in of the house, with every going forth of the sanctuary. (Ezekiel 44:5)

44:6 and thou shalt say to the rebellious, even to the house of Israel. Thus saith the Lord GOD; O ye house of Israel, let it suffice you of all your abominations. But, why did God ask for such thing? The answer comes from the Holy Qur'an:

{We see the turning of your face (for guidance) to the heavens; now shall We turn you to a Qiblah that shall please you. Turn then your face in the direction of the Sacred Mosque; wherever you are turn your faces in that direction. The people of the book know well that, that is the truth from their Lord nor is Allah unmindful of what they do.} (In Surah 2: verse 144)

The matter of changing the Qiblah was very confusing matter for Muslims. The Jews at Al-Madinah used that for their own advantage, yet Allah unveiled them in the Holy Qur'an.

Allah says: {the people of the Book know that is the truth from their Lord. (2:144)}, so that God ordered Ezekiel to preserve the place and its description to be a proof against them in their own books even after their corruptions indeed."

Every year...Whatever the case it may be there are similarities between the 2 dates (*Eid Al Adha* and the Journey of Ezekiel) .The rest of the story will make things clear.

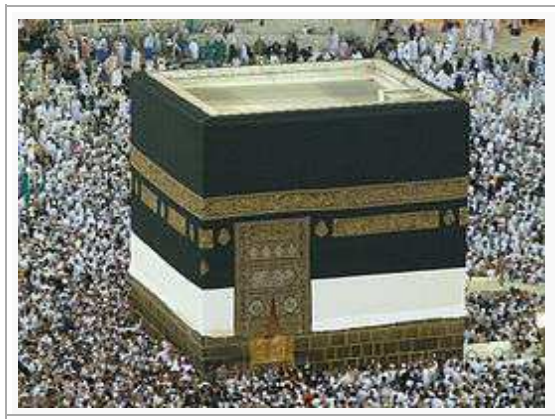
What about the PLACE? Well. Let's read: "*God brought me into the land of Israel, and set me upon a very high mountain, by which was as the frame of a city on the south.*"

"The City is in SOUTH to the Land of Israel, where it's enclosed by mountains". What is this City? Without any doubt Makkah just lies in the south of the land of Israel and it is enclosed by mountains. Yet, further proofs are followed in his description to the shape of that place which will be discussed in the next topic.

Ka'bah in the Bible

In the province of Hejaz in the western part of Arabia, not far from the Red Sea, there lies the town of Makkah. In the center of this town there is a small square building made of stones, about 60 feet long, 60 feet wide and 60 feet high. Since time immemorial this town and this stone built house have been known to the world travelers. This is Baitul- Allah, the House of Allah. Its sanctity and antiquity is older than history itself.

Ka'abah is as square in shape as described in the Bible!



Ezekiel describes the shape of that place:

Now when he had made an end of measuring the inner house, he brought me forth toward the gate whose prospect is toward the east, and measured it round about. (Ezekiel 42:15)

He measured the east side with the measuring reed, five hundred reeds, with the measuring reed round about. (Ezekiel 42:16)

He measured the north side, five hundred reeds, with the measuring reed roundabout. (Ezekiel 42:17)

He measured the south side, five hundred reeds, with the measuring reed. (Ezekiel 42:18)

He turned about to the west side, and measured five hundred reeds with the measuring reed. (Ezekiel 42:19)

He measured it by the four sides: it had a wall round about, five hundred reeds long, and five hundred broad, to make a separation between the sanctuary and the profane place. According to this shape, this place is foursquare in shape..! (Ezekiel 42:20)

So he measured the length thereof, twenty cubits; and the breadth, twenty cubits, before the temple: and he said unto me, this is the most holy place. (Ezekiel 41:4)

According to the shape of this HOLY PLACE, it's also foursquare and it's well known that Al-Ka'bah is as well four square building...Is there any other sacred house having the same shape in Christianity or Judaism? Furthermore, Ezekiel predicts the enlargement of the House. Let's read:

And there was an enlarging, and a winding about still upward to the side chambers: for the winding about of the house went still upward round about the house: therefore the breadth of the house was still upward and so increased from the lowest chamber to the highest by the midst. (Ezekiel 41:7)

Afterward he brought me again unto the door of the house; and, behold, waters issued out from under the threshold of the house eastward: for the forefront of the house stood toward the east, and the waters came down from under

from the right side of the house, at the south side of the altar. (Ezekiel 47:1)

Then he brought me out of the way of the gate northward, and led me about the way without unto the utter gate by the way that looked eastward; and, behold, there ran out waters on the right side. (Ezekiel 47:2)

And when the man that had the line in his hand went forth eastward, he measured a thousand cubits, and he brought me through the waters; the waters were to the ankles. (Ezekiel 47:3)

Again he measured a thousand, and brought me through the waters; the waters were to the knees. Again he measured a thousand, and brought me through; the waters were to the loins. (Ezekiel 47:4)

Afterward he measured a thousand; and it was a river that I could not pass over: for the waters were risen, waters to swim in, a river that could not be passed over. (Ezekiel 47:5)

Well, in these verses Ezekiel talks about his going around the House and exactly at the side of the Muslim pilgrimage, but he has found water under the house, what kind of water?

It's superabundant water coming down from under the right side of the house and south of the altar (will be discussed later)..!

His description to this water and how it's superabundant, just refers to the Water of Zamzam....it's been now for more than 1400 years used in Makkah and the surrounding places and it's still abundant well...!

Concerning Ezekiel's description to the water Prophet Muhammad (Salallahu 'alaihi wasalam) was reported to have said: "May Allah bestow Mercy on Ishmael's mother! Had she let the Zam-zam (flow without trying to control it) (or had she not scooped from that water) (to fill her water-skin), Zam-zam would have been a stream flowing on the surface of the earth."

"It was a river that I could not pass over: for the waters were risen, waters to swim in, a river that could not be passed over..." (Ezekiel 47:5)

Does the above description of the House of Allah really represent the Temple that was built by Solomon? The answer is no. Let us compare with Al-Ka'bah as follows: And the house which King Solomon built for the LORD, the length thereof was threescore cubits, and the breadth thereof twenty cubits, and the height thereof thirty cubits. 1 Kings 6:2 But Al-Ka'bah is about 60 feet long, 60 feet wide and 60 feet high.

According to the description of Solomon's temple, it's pretty clear that it differs from the one described by Ezekiel in Ezekiel 40-43, that refutes any tries to claim that Ezekiel described the House of Allah in Jerusalem as it wasn't a foursquare temple.

Is there anyone who can identify the foursquare house of Allah mentioned in the Bible to be realized anywhere on the surface of earth other than Al-Ka'bah?

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Prophet Muhammad (*Salalahu 'alaihi wasalam*) is mentioned by name in the Song of Solomon chapter 5 verse 16:

"HikkoMamittakim we kullo Muhammadim ZehdoodehwaZehraeeBayna Jerusalem."

"His mouth is most sweet: yea, he is altogether lovely. This is my beloved, and this is my friend, O daughters of Jerusalem."

In the Hebrew language «im» is added for respect. Similarly «im» is added after the name of Prophet Muhammad (*salalahu 'alaihi wasalam*) to make it Muhammadim. In English translation they have even translated the name of Prophet Muhammad (*Salalahu 'alaihi wasalam*) as "altogether lovely", but in the Old Testament in Hebrew, the name of Prophet Muhammad (*Salalahu 'alaihi wasalam*) is yet present according to Dr. Zakir Naik's explanations.

Recently, Turkish authorities have assured that the old bible thought to be 1,500 years old is being kept safe after being seized from a gang of smugglers. The following video broadcasted by international news channel Euro news shows the Aramaic-language old bible containing Jesus prediction of Mohammed (Peace be upon Him) coming after him.

"We will soon show them Our signs in the universe and in their own souls, until it will become quite clear to them that

it is the truth. Is it not sufficient as regards your Lord that He is a witness over all things?" (The Holy Qur'an 41:53)

Therefore, once we understood the description of the Prophet Muhammad (*Salallahu 'alaihi wasalam*) in the Bible we have to accept the message with which he was sent as the role model for humanity. The following verses from the Noble Qur'an define his motto in a clearly stated self-explanatory manner:

"O Prophet, indeed We have sent you as a witness and a bringer of good tidings and a Warner. And one who invites to Allah, by His permission, and an illuminating lamp. And give good tidings to the believers that they will have from Allah great bounty." (Sura 33: verses 45-7)

We have the synonymous idea in the existing Bible that was spoken by Jesus (*Áleghi salam: Peace be upon him*) when he forecasted the role of the person who would come after him and this man is "Muhammad" without doubt.

"Nevertheless I tell you the truth; it is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you. And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: Of sin, because they believe not on me; Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more; Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged. I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. However, when he the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he

shall hear, [that] shall he speak: and he will show you things to come. He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall show [it] unto you." (John 16:7-14)

Surprisingly, these Qur'anic and Biblical verses show the inevitability of the prophecy of Jesus ('*Aleihi Salam*) to occur and at this junction it is imperative for the Christians to make self-reflections and show their willingness to learn the spiritual connection between the two great Prophets of Allah (Blessings and peace of Allah be upon them both). Just a quick note, the Arabic word "Muhammad" is an expression which means "The honorable one" or "The glorified one" or "The admirable". Prophet Muhammad was the first in the world to be named "Muhammad". Below, you will see how Jesus in today's Gospel of John had called this human prophet which he predicted his coming "The honorable one".

Jesus in the Greek Bible used the Greek word "Periklytos" which means the admirable or glorified one. He called that predicted human prophet "Periklytos". This word corresponds exactly to the Arabic word "Muhammad" which also means the "admired one" or "glorified one." In other words, "Periklytos" is "Muhammad" in Greek.¹¹

I would like to wind up this topic by the following Qur'anic text which describes how Jesus foretold the coming of the Prophet Muhammad (*salallahu 'alaihiwasalam*) after him by his second name Ahmad:

¹¹ -Source, [www. Answering-Christianity.com](http://www.Answering-Christianity.com)

"And [mention] when Jesus, the son of Mary, said, "O children of Israel, indeed I am the messenger of Allah to you confirming what came before me of the Torah and bringing good tidings of a messenger to come after me, whose name is Ahmad." But when he came to them with clear proofs, they said, "This is obvious magic." (Sura 61: verse 6)

Do You Know Him?

You will like to know this Man, Who is he?

Cartoonists made many caricatures of him. Wise men revere him as a great man .Over 1.5 billion bear witness that he is the Messenger of Allah.

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".... A mass of detail in the early sources show that he was an honest and upright man who had gained the respect and loyalty of others who were like-wise honest and upright men." (Vol. 12)

MUHAMMAD is the most successful of all Prophets and religious personalities."

GEORGE BERNARD SHAW

- ❖ I have always held the religion of **MUHAMMAD** in high estimation because of its wonderful vitality. It is the only religion, which appears to me to possess that assimilating capacity to the changing phase of existence, which can make itself appeal to every age.
- ❖ I have studied him," the wonderful man and in my opinion far from being an anti-Christ, he must be called the savior of humanity."
- ❖ "I believe that if a man like him were to assume the dictatorship of the modern world, he would succeed in solving its problems in a way that would bring it the much needed peace and happiness."
- ❖ "I have prophesied about the faith of MUHAMMAD that it would be acceptable to the Europe of

tomorrow as it is beginning to be acceptable to the Europe of today.”

- ❖ If any religion had the chance of ruling over England, nay Europe within the next hundred years, it could be Islam.”



(Sir George Bernard Shaw in 'The Genuine Islam,' Vol. 1, No. 8, 1936.)

He did it...

- ❖ He was by far the most remarkable man that ever set foot on this earth.
- ❖ He preached a religion, founded a state, built a nation, laid down a moral code, and initiated numerous social and political reforms.
- ❖ He established a powerful and dynamic society to practice and represent his teachings and completely revolutionized the worlds of human thought and behavior for all times to come. Yes, *he was Prophet MUHAMMAD (peace be upon him)*

HIS MISSION IMPOSSIBLE

He was born in Arabia in the year 570, started his mission of preaching the religion of truth, Islam (submission to One God) at the age of forty and departed from this world at the age of sixty-three.

During this short period of 23 years of his Prophet Hood, he changed the complete Arabian Peninsula.

- From paganism and idolatry to SUBMISSION to the One True God,
- From tribal quarrels and wars to national solidarity and cohesion,
- From drunkenness and debauchery to sobriety and piety,

- From lawlessness and anarchy to disciplined living,
- From utter bankruptcy to the highest standards of moral excellence.

Human history has never known such a complete transformation of a society or a place before or since.

- IMAGINE all these unbelievable wonders in JUST OVER TWO DECADES.

REV. REGINALD BOSWORTH SMITH,

"He was Caesar and Pope in one; but he was Pope without Pope's pretensions, Caesar without the legions of Caesar: without a standing army, without a bodyguard, without a palace, without a fixed revenue; if ever any man had the right to say that he ruled by the right divine, it was Mohammed, for he had all the power without its instruments and without its supports."

MICHAEL H.HART, when he ranked him 1st in the list wrote:

"My choice of Muhammad to lead the list of the world's most influential persons may surprise some readers and may be questioned by others, but he was the only man in history who was supremely successful on both the religious and secular levels.'

THE 100: A RANKING OF THE MOST INFLUENTIAL PERSONS IN HISTORY, New York, 1978, p. 33)

NEPOLEAN BONAPARTE,

I hope the time is not far off when I shall be able to unite all the wise and educated men of all the countries and establish a uniform regime based on the principles of Qur'an which alone are true and which alone can lead men to happiness.

*QUOTED IN CHRISTIAN CHERFILS' BONAPARTE ET ISLAM
(PARIS 1914)*

LAMAR TINE,

The renowned historian, speaking on the essentials of human greatness wonders:

"If greatness of purpose, smallness of means and astounding results are the three criteria of human genius, who could dare to compare any great man in modern history than MUHAMMAD?

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

His forbearance in victory, his ambition, which was entirely devoted to one idea and in no manner striving for an empire; His endless prayers, his mystic conversations with God, his death and his triumph after death; all these attest not to an imposture but to a firm conviction which gave him the power to restore a dogma. Philosopher, orator, apostle, legislator, warrior, conqueror of ideas, restorer of rational dogmas, of a cult without images, the founder of twenty terrestrial empires and of one spiritual empire that is MUHAMMAD. As regards all the standards by which Human Greatness may be measured, we may well ask, IS THERE ANY MAN GREATER THAN HE?"

(ALPHONSE DE LAMAR TINE, HISTOIRE DE LA TURQUIE, PARIS, 1854, VOL. II, PP 276-277)

The world has had its share of great personalities.

But these were one-sided figures who distinguished themselves in but one or two fields, such as religious thought or military leadership.

The lives and teachings of these great personalities of the world are shrouded in the mist of time. There is so much speculation about the time and place of their birth, the mode and style of their life, the nature and detail of their teachings and the degree and measure of their success or failure that it is impossible for humanity to reconstruct accurately the lives and teachings of these men.

PROFESSOR HURGRONJE,

"The league of nations founded by the Prophet of Islam put the principle of international unity and human brotherhood on such universal foundations as to show candle to other nations." He continues: "The fact is that no nation of the world can show a parallel to what Islam has done towards the realization of the idea of the League of Nations."

EDWARD GIBBON and SIMON OCKLEY,

"I Believe In One God, and **MUHAMMAD**, is the Apostle of God is the simple and invariable profession of Islam." The intellectual image of the Deity has never been degraded by any visible idol; the honor of the Prophet has never transgressed the measure of human

virtues; and his living precepts have restrained the gratitude within the bounds of reason and religion.”¹²

THOMAS CARLYLE in his book **HEROES AND HEROWORSHIP:**

"The lies (Western slander) which well-meaning zeal has heaped round this man (MUHAMMAD) are disgraceful to ourselves only...How one man single-handedly, could weld warring tribes and wandering Bedouins into a most powerful and civilized nation in less than two decades....A silent great soul, one of that who cannot but be earnest. He was to kindle the world; the world's Maker had ordered so.

Nothing more than a human being

MUHAMMAD was nothing more or less than a human being. But he was a man with a noble mission, which was to unite humanity on the submission to ONE and ONLY GOD and to teach them the way to ideal and upright living based on the commands of Allah. He always described himself as, 'A Servant & Messenger of Allah,' and so indeed every action of his proclaimed to be. The world has not hesitated to raise to divinity, individuals whose lives and missions have been lost in legend. Historically speaking, none of these legends achieved even a fraction of what MUHAMMAD accomplished. And all his striving was for the sole purpose of uniting mankind for the worship of One God on the codes of moral excellence.

¹²(HISTORY OF THE SARACEN EMPIRES, London, 1870, p. 54)

MUHAMMAD accomplished so much in such diverse fields of human thought and behavior in the fullest blaze of human history.

Every detail of his private life and public utterances has been accurately documented and faithfully preserved to our day. The authenticities of the record so preserved are vouched for not only by the faithful followers but also even by his prejudiced critics. "

MAHATMA GANDHI says in 'Young India'...

"I wanted to know the best of one who holds today's undisputed sway over the hearts of millions of mankind. I became more than convinced that it was not the sword that won a place for Islam in those days in the scheme of life. It was the rigid simplicity, the utter self-effacement of the Prophet the scrupulous regard for pledges, his intrepidity, and his fearlessness, his absolute trust in God and in his own mission...."

SAROJINI NAIDU, the famous Indian poetess says ...

"It was the first religion that preached and practiced democracy; for, in the mosque, when the call for prayer is sounded and worshippers are gathered together, the democracy of Islam is embodied five times a day when the peasant and king kneel side by side and proclaim: 'God Alone is Great'...

(S.NAIDU, IDEALS OF ISLAM, VIDE SPEECHES & WRITINGS, MADRAS, 1918)

ANNIE BESANT in The Life and Teaching of MUHAMMAD says: "It is impossible for anyone who

studies the life & character of the great Prophet of Arabia, ..., to feel anything but reverence for that mighty Prophet, one of the great messengers of the Supreme. And although in what I put to you I shall say many things which may be familiar to many, yet I myself feel whenever I re-read them, a new way of admiration, a new sense of reverence for that mighty Arabian teacher."

Today after a lapse of fourteen centuries, the life and teachings of MUHAMMAD (pbuh) have survived without the slightest loss, alteration or interpolation. They offer the same undying hope for treating mankind's many ills, which they did when he was alive.

This is not a claim of MUHAMMAD'S (pbuh) followers but also the inescapable conclusion forced upon by a critical and unbiased history.

MUHAMMAD (pbuh) was a teacher, a social reformer, a moral guide, an administrative colossus, a faithful friend, a wonderful companion, a devoted husband, a loving father - all in one.

No other man in history ever excelled or equaled him in any of these different aspects of life - but it was only for the selfless personality of MUHAMMAD (pbuh) to achieve such incredible perfections.

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in 'Speeches and Table Talk of the Prophet' He was the most faithful protector of those he protected, the sweetest and most agreeable in conversation. Those who saw him were suddenly filled with reverence; those who came near him loved him; they who described him would say, "I have

never seen his like either before or after." He was of great taciturnity, but when he spoke it was with emphasis and deliberation, and no one could forget what he said...

WASHINGTON IRVING, His military triumphs awakened neither pride nor vain glory as they would have done had they been effected by selfish purposes. In the time of his greatest power he maintained the same simplicity of manner and appearance as in the days of his adversity. So far from affecting regal state, he was displeased if, on entering a room, any unusual testimonial of respect was shown to him.

PROF. JULES MASSERMAN of USA Psychiatric Association:

People like Pasteur and Salk are leaders in the first sense. People like Gandhi and Confucius, on one hand, and Alexander, Caesar and Hitler on the other, are leaders in the second and perhaps the third sense. Jesus and Buddha belong in the third category alone. Perhaps the greatest leader of all times was MUHAMMAD, who combined all three functions. To a lesser degree, Moses did the same."

Now please relax for a moment ...

The least YOU could do as thinking and concerned human being is to stop for a moment and ask yourself: Could these statements sounding so extraordinary and revolutionary be really true? And supposing they really are true and you did not know this man MUHAMMAD (peace be upon him) or hear about him, isn't it time you responded

to this tremendous challenge and put in some effort to know him?

It will cost you nothing but it may prove to be the beginning of a completely new era in one's life, even of a Muslim!

The Beauty of Islam

The very epicenter of a Muslim's belief is their relationship with their Creator; Allah SWT. It is imperative to have an increased awareness of our Lord to enable us to attain everlasting peace, happiness, and contentment in both this world and the Hereafter.

It is of utmost importance to follow our Creator's guidance, by way of the Holy Qur'an, in order to sustain this close relationship with our Lord; this guidance was not bestowed upon this world for Muslim's, it was gifted to all of mankind.

"Truly, in remembering Allah SWT do hearts find peace and rest?" The Holy Qur'an (13:28)

However, it is very easy to get lost in the material aspects of this world and lose sight of why we have really been put here. We have not been placed here to acquire possession of worldly goods – they have no true value; we have been placed on Earth as a test. Ask yourself "Why has Allah SWT not given equal wealth and possessions to all of humanity? Why has Allah SWT not given the same level of health to all of mankind?" This is exactly what we as humans are being tested on. The wealth and worldly good we possess on Earth are not ours to own, they are only temporary. Allah SWT is testing us to see if we share this wealth with his other creation; to see if we help our brothers and sisters in their time of need. Once we identify this purpose in life, we are then able to recognize our overall purpose on Earth. Not only does giving to others

please our Creator, we are also greatly rewarded for it in countless different ways.

The very existence of Islam is based on clear evidence, such as the Holy Qur'an.

The Holy Qur'an was not only sent down as guidance for mankind, but it also contains true scientific facts that humans are only just discovering today. Unlike any other known book, and although it was revealed over a time span of 23 years, the Holy Qur'an still remains unchanged and free of any inconsistencies.

"He has certainly sent down signs that make things clear, and Allah SWT guides whom He wills to the right path."
The Holy Qur'an (24:46)

It is not our social standing, worldly respect, or the balance of our bank accounts that will give us the ultimate standing in front of Allah SWT. It is our worldly good deeds, our acts of giving, our obedience to our Lord, our humility and generosity towards others, and most importantly, our intention.

So let's unite and increase our standing in front of our Lord and do what we can to help others. Donate to Humanitarian Aid and help raise awareness for those in need today.

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1500-Year-Old Bible Discovered In Turkey Indicates Jesus Christ Was Not Crucified



A 1500-year-old bible has been discovered in Turkey. The holy book claims Jesus Christ was not crucified, the work is allegedly the Gospel of Barnabas.

A 1500-year-old bible has been discovered in Turkey. Discovered in 2000, the book that contains purportedly the Gospel of Barnabas has been transferred by the Turkish government to the Ethnography Museum of Ankara with a police escort. Barnabas was a disciple of Christ, and in the work, claims that Jesus was not crucified, instead it says he ascended to heaven alive and Judas Iscariot was crucified in his place. Furthermore, the 1500-year-old bible states that Jesus Christ was not the son of God, but simply a prophet who passed on the word of God.

According to a report for The National Turk, the bible and alleged Gospel of Barnabas was seized from smugglers in the Mediterranean area in 2000 and held in a Turkish courthouse until safe transfer to the museum could be

arranged. Authorities charged the thieves with “smuggling antiquities, illegal excavations and the possession of explosives,” they since been sent to trial, Turkish police testified in regards to the incredible age of the bible, claiming it could be as old as "2000 years.

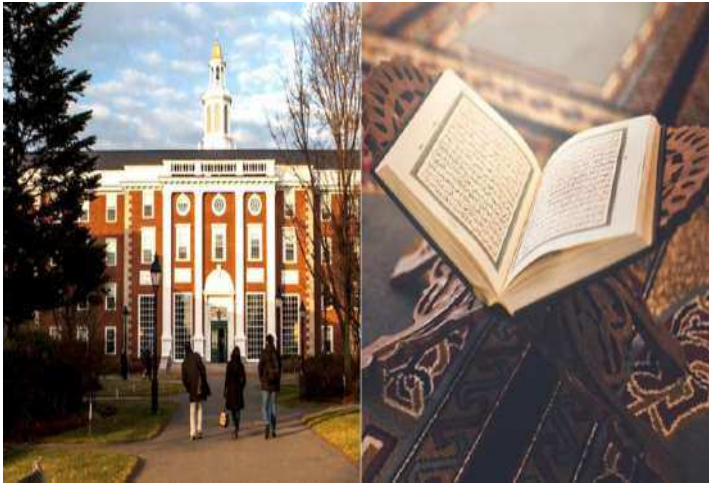
The Vatican has made an official request to be granted access to the 1500-year-old bible, however the bible that is said to be worth \$28 million is currently held by the Turkish government securely. The holy words are hand written in Syriac in luminous gold lettering on loosely bound together animal hides. Syriac is a dialect of Aramaic – the reported native language of Jesus Christ. Aramaic itself is a nearly dead language, rarely present in today's modern society. Aramaic is only spoken in a small village near Damascus.

According to the Christian Post, merely photocopies of the holy book's pages are being sold for a staggering \$1.7 million. In addition to the age and impeccable construction of the bible, the contents of the holy book are what make it so valuable. The Gospel of Barnabas is not included in the New Testament alongside Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

The Gospel of Barnabas even contains a story in which Jesus predicts the coming of Prophet Muhammad. Due to this fact, many followers of Islam believe the original gospel work was repressed by the Vatican Library.

Harvard recognizes Quran as one of best expressions for justice

The university references a verse from the Quran, regarding it as one of the greatest expressions of justice in history.



When it comes to the law, both legislation and implementation are deemed relative. But the same can't be said for justice as by definition it is the offering of what is morally fair and right. As we know, the law should seek justice and Harvard knows exactly how Islam is doing so.

Harvard Law School, one of the world's most prestigious institutions No. 7 in the world, to be exact), actually speaks of justice at the entrance of its faculty library. In doing so, it references a verse from the Quran, regarding it as one of the greatest expressions of justice in history.

The phrase at hand is Verse 135 of *Surat Al-Nisaa* (The Women), which is posted on a wall facing the faculty's main entrance, a wall that portrays some of the best phrases with regards to justice. The first media reports of the news date back to February 2014, but the news resurfaced on our newsfeed this week. We thought it's worth a reminder especially in the age of >rising Islamophobia in the U.S., particularly.

Source: [Harvard Law School Library](#)

Surat Al-Nisaa is known for its empowerment of women. Islam generally has championed women's rights since day one. The religion was among the first to tackle female infanticide, encourage women to work, and spread equal treatment between the sexes in marriage and Islamic duties. It has been credited for being the >first religion to give women inheritance rights. But as the world progressed, some Islamic laws - that differ between the sexes - remained unchanged. One such law is the one governing inheritance as Muslim women inherit half of what their brothers' do, a discriminatory law that many have been challenging in recent years.

Despite this, Harvard Law School has decided to highlight Islam's fight for justice. Here is a part of the verse posted on the wall:

"O ye who believe! Stand out firmly for justice, as witnesses to Allah, even as against yourselves, or your parents, or your kin, and whether it be (against) rich or poor: for Allah can best protect both."

Established in 1817, Harvard is the oldest continually-operating law school in the U.S. and hosts the largest academic law library globally.

The Words of Justice exhibition, a collaboration between students, faculty, and staff at the university, is a testimony of the endurance of humanity's yearning for fairness and dignity through the law, as stated on its [website](#).

"The words on these walls affirm the power and irrepressibility of the idea of justice," it adds.

"It reflects a hope that the aspirations and ideals expressed here will continue to inspire all who struggle for laws that are just."

CONCLUSION

It has been discussed in depth how Biblical prophecies confirmed the truthfulness of the Prophet Muhammad (*Salallahu 'alaihi wasalam*) as a final messenger for mankind. The effort made is to bring to the attention of the Christians that there are such cases which they have knowingly or unknowingly overlooked in their book.

A pre-established belief of the Jews to reject him when he will come and the dominant nature of the Christianity culture over the world are some of the major causes for the resistance of the people to accept the truth. When we look back at the Islamic history, there were people both from Jews and Christians who accepted Islam when they were reminded that the Prophet of Islam was none other than the one foretold in the Torah and the Gospels. The same is also true for those people who are currently embracing Islam from every corner of the world having realized such facts in the Bible.

The Holy Qurán states:

{Is it not a sign to them that the learned scholars of the Children of Israel knew it (as true)?} (Sura 26: verse 197.)

"The truth may hurt for a little while but a lie hurts forever."
Please accept it!"

{ Those who follow the Messenger, the unlettered prophet, whom they find written in what they have of the Torah and the Gospel, who enjoins upon them what is right and forbids them what is wrong and makes lawful for them the

good things and prohibits for them the evil and relieves them of their burden and the shackles which were upon them. So they, who have believed in him, honored him, supported him and followed the light which was sent down with him, it is those who will be the successful.} (Sura 7: verse157).

Allah, the most Exalted, knows the best when He indicates in the Holy Qur'an that we can find the qualities of His beloved or chosen Prophet (*Salallahu 'alaihi wasalam*) written in the Torah and the Gospels. All generations of the Muslims Ummah (community) strongly and sincerely believe that there is no book truer than the Noble Qur'an, they had no doubt to believe that the coming of their prophet was mentioned somewhere else in the Bible be it in this or that book or in this page or that page of the Scriptures even though they could not mention for instance, Deut.18:18 or Isaiah 42, etc. at the spot like Ahmed Deedat.

The development of research and study between Islam and Christianity, the translation of the Bible into Arabic, the dialogue between the Muslims and the Christians and the prevailing increasing number of reverts from Christianity to Islam who have the best knowledge of the Bible have recently unveiled what the People of the Book were concealing and denying. For this and the coming generations, there is no confusion to interpret the biblical prophecy about the Prophet of Islam as the way has been paved. Therefore, any prophecy which is discussed in this booklet has strong support from the Holy Qur'an and Prophetic Hadith in describing the qualities of the Prophet

Muhammad (*Salallahu 'alaihi wasalam*). This coincidence was not happened by mere chance. But it was pre-designed by the Designer Who has sent all the messengers before him and assigned them to teach their corresponding people about the final messenger who would come from the descendants of Ishmael as a mercy for humanity.

If you understand the facts presented to you and accept the truth, here is your promise from your Lord which motivates you or as your compensations:

{And if only they had acted according to the Torah, the Gospel, and what has (now) been sent down to them from their Lord (the Qur'an), they would surely have gotten provision from above them and from underneath their feet. There are from among them people who are on the right course, but many of them do evil deeds.} (Sura 5: verse 66)

However, in case if you overlook your own Book which immediately invites you to admit the slave of Allah, or the unlettered Prophet whom you would find written in your Book, your consequence is mentioned as follows in the Holy Qur'an as well:

{And whoever desires a religion other than Islam, it will never be accepted from him and he, in the Hereafter, will be among the losers.} (Sura 3: verse 85.)

Allah the Al-mighty has purposefully shouldered over the people of the Scripture a great responsibility of the

description of His final Messenger preserving in their Books and disclosing to mankind.

{And remember) when Allah took a covenant from those who were given the Scripture (Jews and Christians) to make it (the news of the coming of Prophet Muhammad) known and clear to mankind, and not to hide it, but they threw it away behind their backs, and purchased with it some miserable gain! And indeed worst is that which they bought.}(Sura 3: verse 187).

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