

THE GREAT ADVICE FOR THE NEW GENERATION

***Miss not the Opportunity You Have to Know the Right
Religion***

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Introduction

Verily all praise is due to Allah I praise Him, seek His help and ask for His forgiveness. I seek refuge in Allah from the evil in my own soul and from my sinful deeds. Whomsoever Allah guides, no one can mislead and whomsoever Allah allows to go astray, no one can guide. I bear witness that there is none worthy of worship except Allah, the One having no partner and I bear witness that Muhammad is His servant and Messenger. May peace and blessings of Allah be upon him, his family and his companions.

Verily the purpose of this book is to present Islam to mankind based on its foundation and thus this foundation is the Holly Qur'aan which was revealed to the Prophet Mohammed (pbuh). The Qur'aan is the last of all the revelations from the Creator while its focal point is about the unique Oneness of Lordship of Allah exactly which confirms what was taught by the preceded Scriptures. When the previous Holy Scriptures prior to the Qur'aan are carefully examined with analytical mind, they firmly teach about the Oneness of Lordship of the Creator while the Qur'aan is nothing but the confirmation of them and it is an act and responsibility of the Muslims to call the non- Muslims to the way of Allah by producing all the available spiritual, historical, technological and practical facts. Lack of dedicated Muslims to present the true essence of Islam paved the way for the missionaries to make their utmost efforts to reach for the Muslims with their Gospels. Some people who are engaged in the presentation of Islam are strongly advised to relate the technique of Islamic calling with the current situations and international relations. Now the problem calls for the awareness creation on the Muslim preachers to investigate about the objective reality of Christianity along with its Scripture to acquire a balanced

knowledge of both Islam and Christianity. This investigation will help the Muslims to establish the strategic Dawah methodology and comparative approach to bring Islam to non-Muslims effectively.

Meanwhile, the missionaries are making their outreach to convince the Muslims about the Lordship of Jesus. But the question can be asked or the problem they are challenged by is that they do not have the concrete evidence that they can directly quote from their Bible. However, they are busy producing and cultivating unplanted trees by supporting with the humanitarian and material aids. They are in problem with the direct speeches of Jesus Christ which are openly available in a clearly stated manners and eloquent language in the Bible. They do not have a crystal-clear stand as to the position of their human being god Jesus. Their teachings change from the Lord to the Son of God or Son of man, sometimes the prophet or the slave of God. Nevertheless, they would never say he is God rather prefer to say equal to God. We will see where and when the equality came into being later on in this book.

These days they dare to misquote some Qur'aanic verses and use as evidences to apostate the Muslims. In this regard, the Muslims must be aware of the ongoing danger against the right religion. With this understanding both the Muslims and the Christians have the ever living admonitions in the Holy Qur'aan until the Day of Judgment as follows respectively:

1. *O you who believed, if you obey a party of those who were given the Scripture, they would turn you back, after your belief {to being} unbelievers. (3:100)*

2. *Say O people of the Scripture do not exceed limits in your religion beyond the truth and do not follow the vain desires of a people who had gone astray before and misled many from the right path. (5:77).*

Therefore, all the weak Muslims and the present Christian generations should analyze their faiths in terms of the above Qur'aanic verses. The above mentioned Qur'aanic verses are very good references for both to make self evaluation to know their positions.

The new generation should be the one who could analyze and synthesize rather than following a religion without investigating the fact about the right path of the eternal life.

The title of this book is chosen from this perspective that the new generation would rectify the misleading happened by the people who had gone astray before after careful study of the Holy Scriptures comparatively to come to the right religion. The greatest thing we contribute in this world for ourselves is to save our soul from the hell-fire. So far we should work on it. May Allah guide us to the straight path!!

And with the truth We have sent it [i.e., the Qur'aan] down and with the truth it has descended. Qur'aan 17:105.

As far as the issue of the choice of the right religion is concerned, there is no point in negotiating our soul for some biased social, cultural, material and psychological satisfactions.

The publication of this book is not achieved by overnight but it is a result of my cumulative knowledge from the background of what I had before Islam and pursued after Islam. The original source document of this book was produced in September 2003 in

Ethiopia in Amharic language and it was also translated into Afaan Oromoo in June 2010 .The importance of this book was proven from its first two languages publications that have been distributed to Ethiopians both in the country and in abroad. Allah has guided many non Muslims to revert to Islam because of it. I am impressed and encouraged by the feedback from the readers to translate it into English to reach for English speakers which further more will pave the way for its translation into other international languages. It is not word for word translation of the original text but it has been revised and summarized while some pages are totally abandoned to minimize the size of the book which helps its effective circulations as easily as possible.

Some of the books which are written on the comparative studies between Islam and Christianity focus only on the specific topics. But this book discusses many topics of the basic elements of Christianity and outshines their origin and critics by emphasizing on Trinity as the focal point. The unique approach of this book is that it tests one sects of Christianity with the other and evaluates the pen they cast against one another to draw the conclusion that the Christians are bringing their cancellation which is applicable to all in their endeavor to eliminate one another. Apart from awareness creation on the Christians, encouraging their critical thinking and stimulating their imaginations of reading the Bible and the Qur'aan side by side, this book can serve as a tool for Dawah or field kit for Islam propagators.

In its final analysis, this book presents consolidated synonymous elements in the Qur'aan and Bible which enable you to remove the rooms for doubt about Islam and show you Who is the true God that has to be worshipped truly according to the teachings of all the Prophets. In reading this book you will really gain strength,

courage and confidence by every Qur'aanic verse brought forward to your eyes to quench your thirsty of the truth and I wish you all the best to know that Islam is the way of life for mankind. If you arrived at this stage you are kindly advised to contact any Islamic organization, Masjid, or Muslims in your locality or check from the internet how to become a Muslim or how to take Shahada online. May Allah help you and guide you to Islam.

"And Allah eliminates falsehood and establishes the truth by His words." Qur'aan 42:24.

Almost all the Biblical verses which were presented in this book were collected from the New International Version Bible because of its clarity in language and any idea which might seem has no reference can be easily available from the websites. An abbreviation (Pbuh) means peace and blessings of Allah be up on him. Please forward any corrections to improve the next editions.

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 was 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 Al Mahmoud 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 Necessity of Having the Right Religion

The diversity of different religions over the world in line with the emergence of new religions from time to time and the divisibility of one and the same religion into different sects are some of the major factors which contributed to mankind's ignorance about the right religion or the straight path of the eternal life. Naturally men are reluctant to strictly adhere to the rules and regulations set by the Creator. This recklessness doubled with the struggle for the achievement of the material world, plays a significant role in putting the people astray from the right guidance of Allah. The accumulation of the material resources illegally or legally blinds the eyes of many people to the extent of becoming open rebel against their Master who created them from none. Everybody is sure that he was created from none. So what? By whom? Why he was created? How long will he live? Then? Another surety is that whatever long life he may attain, at the end everybody will die. For some the obedience and sincere worship of Allah seems the sign of uncivilization and they are proud of their false promise which they fabricated without knowledge.

"Beautified for those who disbelieve is the life of this world, and they ridicule those who believe. But those who fear Allah are above them on the Day of Resurrection and Allah gives provision to whom He wills without account." Qur'aan (2:212).

Whatever the luxurious worldly life he may live, no doubt that man will be caught by death forcefully and he will receive his recompense according to his belief of Allah or disbelief.

As for the one who disbelieves in Allah, his seat will be in the hell-fire forever. For their false belief Allah has said:

Rather We dash the truth upon falsehood and it destroys it and thereupon it departs. And for you is destruction from that which you describe Qur'aan. (21:18).

Mankind is strongly admonished not to associate any partner to the Creator or at the same time not to worship any other gods save Allah who is the ever living. He must bear witness His Oneness and stand on the firm basis whatever it may cost him. In the first place he has to accept the existence of the Creator of the universe and all that exists heartedly without any doubt. Most people do not have any problem in accepting this but the problem is that they are confused of the straight path to worship Him.

For the simplicity of such a complex problem of the majority of human race, systematic approach to identify the right religion from the wrong one is highly recommended through reading all the existing source documents or literatures. Before you complain about your confusion to identify the right religion, how many books have you ever read on religions? How many libraries have you visited? And how many scholars from different religions have you ever consulted? If you want to know the right religion, in the first place you are advised to fight against your ignorance. Secondly you are kindly asked to be natural and avoid partisanship during your investigation about the true religion and finally your investigation should not be based on your previous prejudice. If your conclusion is based on your own emotions, no doubt that you are masking ignorance over the reality and the question how you can find where the reality is will remain unsettled forever.

I have a good indication in the Bible so long as you are prepared to search for the truth to attain an eternal salvation. ***Make an acid test before you declare that Jesus is Lord!!!***

"Do not treat prophecies with contempt but test them all, hold on to what is good." 1 Thessalonians 5:21

"God gave us all minds and intellects to enable us to make the crucial decision. It is the most important decision in the life of human being upon which his future will depend. Consequently each and every one of us must examine dispassionately the evidence presented and choose what appears to be right until further evidence arises." Dr. A.A Bilal Philips (PhD. In Theology, Wales)

So far the non Muslims have to evaluate the prophecies of Islam to have enough knowledge and come to the right path. That is why you are kindly advised in this book to make use of all the opportunities you have to know the right religion to avoid ignorance.

"Allah has prepared for them a severe punishment, so fear Allah, O you of understanding who have believed. Allah has sent to you a message (i.e the Qur'aan)." 65:10

The wonderful thing is that only men of understanding could have believed in the message of the Qur'aan. The opposite may be true that those who disbelieve in it have no understanding as it has been pointed out in the Qur'aan and this situation only leads to nothing but the destruction of eternal life. Don't you feel something in your heart?

Today, the Muslims and the Christians should develop a common culture of learning from one another and on top of this they ought to sit down and discuss about the subject matter which they are differing in. The major difference is definitely the position of Jesus

Christ coupled with the mystery of Trinity which is in comprehensible according to the Christians' belief. If these two major differences are solved between the Muslims and Christians, all the problems are solved. God and Jesus are common to both.

In Islam, there is no such a mysterious belief which equates Allah with His creatures. In case if you ask them how? The answer is, "O it is the holy secret or in comprehensible but accept it without proof!" As to the Holy secret, the Bible also badly rejects that there is no spirituality based on secrecy.

"So do not be afraid of them, for there is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed, or hidden that will not be made known."
Matthew 10:26

That is why the Muslims do not afraid of rejecting the Trinity and courageous enough to disclose its mystery which was based on Nicene Ecumenical Council is now open to the public from the Church history and the world history too. Does every Christian know the Nicene Ecumenical Council of 325 CE?

This issue will be dealt with in depth in this book later. However the Islamic Creed differs from the Nicene Creed. The Islamic creed was, is and will be the same subject which had been taught by the prophet Mohammed throughout the world that is none has the right to be worshiped except Allah and Mohammed is His Messenger, the simplest article of faith easily comprehensible unlike the Trinitarian controversy.

Strictly speaking, the scholars are sick of the changing nature of the morphology of Jesus Christ in the Christians belief and they are enforced to come up with the conclusion which says, "Theology is the subject taught by men who did not understand it. The

intention is that not to tell the truth but to satisfy the questioner.”
Albert Hubbard.

This misunderstanding would be solved only by the Qur'aan and Islam as the Qur'aan is the book of wisdom and Islam is the religion of truth based on sure knowledge that can be easily understood by great mind. Islam has the clear guidance in which there is no crookedness. Therefore, Islam is the right religion that is much more important than the air we breathe so that everybody is reminded to accept it by the last revelation of Allah without any preconditions. What makes it advantageous over all religions is the authenticity of its doctrine.

"This is the book about which there is no doubt, guidance for those conscious of Allah." 2:2

"O mankind! Be dutiful to your Lord, Who created you from a single person (Adam) and from him (Adam) He created his wife [Hawwa or Eve], and from them both He created many men and women; and fear Allah through Whom you demand (your mutual rights and (do not cut the relations of wombs)(kinships). Surely, Allah is Ever an All- Watcher over you." Al Qur'aan 4:1

Comparison between Islam and Christianity

The comparative analysis discussed under this topic is focused on the difference between Christianity and Islam. The Christians' approach of worshipping God is grounded on the Nicene Constantinopolitan creed as a statement of faith, which is common to all three branches of Christianity, Roman Catholicism, Eastern Orthodoxy and Protestantism. Up to 325CE, there had been much opposition to establish the idea that Jesus was god on the Biblical ground. The unbaptized Emperor Constantine of the Roman Empire had played a crucial role in favor of the Trinitarians both militarily and politically. He summoned all bishops to Nicaea for the Council to decide about Jesus and they humanly decided his divinity while he was badly warning them from doing such an act of apostate. Look at Matt. 7:21.

The Islamic creed was based on Qur'aan and Sunnah during the life time of the prophet Mohammed (pbuh) in 23 years and all its important and fundamental aspects were taught in Makah and Medina, the two Holy cities which were the sources of the revelation. This is what makes Islam the complete way of life and rational religion of all.

Dear the readers!!

As the saying goes, "Schools do not solve all your problems, but they show you how and the way you can find answers for them." Likewise, this book may not remove all your confusions but it is highly believed that it would sensitize and motivate you to do your best in searching the true God logically and rationally indeed, Allah willing. It indicates that the basic elements of Christianity have been established by the Churchmen but not by Jesus.

Some people give hasty judgment and conclude that the issue of religion is not easily understandable as there are a lot of denominations and cults. At this junction it requires a great mind to identify which is the right religion, which is not and why?

"And no one will be reminded except those of understanding"
"Qur'aan 3:7.

There are also some people who ignore totally about any religion if it happens that they are dissatisfied with the religion that they inherited from their parents. This is always true in the case of Christianity. I advise such people to taste Islam once in their life. When such people are oriented to explore Islam, their complaints are very minor for which they would no more be excused. Some say that they do not know Arabic language. Some of the objectives of this book are to reach for those people who do not know Arabic and to fight against the **'We do not know Arabic'** syndrome. This problem could be simplified in two ways:

One is to learn Arabic language as it is an international language and the simplest to understand provided attention has been paid. A number of people study Arabic for the sake of looking for the job in the Middle East. By way of doing this there are a lot of people who are embracing Islam once they understood the fact about it from its authentic source. The second way of finding the truth about Islam is to read the translated Qur'aan. Today, the translation of the Holy Qur'aan is in circulation in different languages of the world's communities. Apart from this, the information communication network is available at your pace and your home. Please touch your computer and ask, "what is Islam?'...'what is the book of Qur'aan and its miracles?" What makes it different from the Bible? What I would like to assure you

is that you will find that Islam is the Monotheist religion and the Qur'aan is the clear guidance and miraculous book of Allah which has never been distorted and revised ever since its revelation. Is Christianity a Monotheist?

After all, lack of authenticity of some religious doctrines particularly that of the Christianity is another barrier for mankind to choose the right religion. From the beginning of its production to its compilation, the Bible has been remained the book of critiques and found to have a lot of errors linguistically and spiritually. Some of the books of the Bible authors are unknown. The various books of the Bible were the works of many persons over many centuries while very few of them are the works of the individuals whose names have been attached to them by tradition and the majorities have been heavily edited to the point where their original form and history of composition are uncertain. Today coupled with this, the inconsistency of the Bible about the true nature of the person Jesus who is the son of man in one time and the son of God in another is the challenge that the Biblical scholars could not overcome forever and it will leave the room for doubts as one person cannot be the son of man and God at the same time and there is no such a reality.

Apart from these we have different copies and versions of Bibles from different branches of Christianity over the world. For instance, the Catholic uses the 73 books of the Bible while the Protestants claim that the true Bible is only 66. But the Ethiopian Orthodox uses 81. Do you think that there is such a case in Qur'aan? Not at all! Were there really 73 books of the Bible or 66 books of it or that of 81 books used as guidance for the world at the time of Jesus? none of them. He knew them not. Again, we have to carefully identify the canonized and hidden New Testament books which will be discussed later on in this book.

This topic is a brain storming of those who are committed to search for the true religion by digging up the facts from different angles of view point. So that take time to look into any religious doctrine and test its divinity by an acid test method before your death.

Just to bring to your attention, the Qur'aan is the only religious doctrine that exists in its original language and easily understandable and acceptable to human mind because of its clarity and detail explanation of every things. There is no hidden Qur'aan. Unlike the Bible, you will not find two or three Qur'aan but one that is a universal message and clear guidance for the universal religion i.e. Islam. We have one Qur'aan over the world maintaining its validity and originality. It is always the same throughout the world as it had been so by the time of the prophet (pbuh) within the period of 23 years. The same and pure book exists with no errors in it. In case if the Prophet (pbuh) comes back and see it, he will surely approve it. Let's hear once from the Qur'aan:-

"Falsehood cannot approach it from before it or from behind it." (41:42).

Then do they not reflect upon the Qur'aan, if it had been from any other than Allah, they would have found much contradiction within it. (4:82).

Dr. Gary Miller was a very well known Christian missionary, logical thinker and very knowledgeable about the Bible who decided to read the Qur'aan for fault finding purpose in it. He was most stunned when he read a great verse of the Qur'aan 4:82. In his falsification test he says no writer in the world has the courage to

write a book and say that it's empty of mistakes but the Qur'aan on the contrary, tells you that it has no mistake and asks you to try to find one and you won't find any. Just write his name and give to your computer to know how he embraced Islam also.

Unfortunately, the Christian theologians have already acknowledged that the Bible has a lot of errors within itself that they could not correct however hard they tried.

"Indeed when the Bible was copied down by hand in its 3000 years life, the scholars have done their utmost efforts to edit the errors from it for the last 100 years. Even though this was done with great care and by repetitive proof reading, all the published books could not be free from errors and this is actually understandable to all readers."¹

The availability of some scientific facts in the Qur'aan which have been recently discovered by sophisticated and advanced laboratory equipment are becoming the area of interest to modern scientists today. Having known this many of them are embracing Islam while those who do not know the wisdom and miracles of Qur'aan are going astray from the right path.

Some chauvinists claim that the Qur'aan was copied down from the Bible so that nothing is new in it. For their false claim, they do not produce a scratch of evidence but it is only their own fabrications with no ground. The revelation of the Qur'aan to Prophet Mohammed (pbuh) through Arch Angel Jibril (ph) was carefully recorded at the spot as the message was so fresh. The free thinkers are witnessing it in appreciating the way it was preserved in the memory of the Muslims leave alone the written

¹ The Christians Answers for the Muslims Questions, by Gerhard Niles Amharic translation pp 11.

document which is the quality that any other book does not bear in the history of mankind.

In 1981 during the Seventh Medical Conference in Dammam, Saudi Arabia, Professor Moor said: **"It has been a great pleasure for me to help clarify statements in the Qur'aan about human development. It is clear to me that these statements must have come to Mohammed from God, because almost all of this knowledge was not discovered until many centuries later. This proves to me that Mohammed must have been a messenger of God."**²

Embryology, "And certainly did We create man from an extract of clay. Then We placed him as a sperm drop in a firm lodging (i.e. in the womb) then We made the sperm drop into a clinging clot, and We made the clot into a lump (of flesh) and We made (from) the lump bones, and We covered the bones with flesh, then We developed him into another creation so blessed is Allah, the best of creators." Qur'aan 23:12-14

Geology, *"And He has cast into the earth firmly set mountains lest it shake with you, and made rivers and roads that you may be guided."* Qur'aan 16:15.

Metrology, *"Do you not see that Allah drives clouds then He brings them together, then He makes them into a mass, and you see the rain emerge from within it. And He sends down from the Sky Mountains of clouds within which is hail, and He strikes with it whom He wills and averts it from whom He wills. The flash of its lightning almost takes away the eyesight."* Qur'aan 24:43.

² www.islam-guide.com/truth..

Nuclear Physics and Biology, "Have those who disbelieved not considered that the heavens and the earth were a joined entity, and We separated them and made from water every living thing then will they not believe? " Qur'aan 21:30.

If we analyze the above mentioned and other Qur'aanic verses, there is definitely something which is incredible to our mind in case if the Prophet Mohammed (pbuh) had copied them from the Bible as it had been asserted by some individuals. The simplest question which disproves their assertion is that from which part of the Bible were they? The next thing that has to be recognized by all the individuals who unknowingly or knowingly conclude that the Qur'aan was copied from the Bible is the educational or academic status of the Prophet) Mohammed (pbuh). He was the unlettered Prophet (who could never read nor write even his name) and taught the world by explaining everything in detail orally." *Everything We have set out in detail.*" Qur'aan 17:12.

The Qur'aan is neither an art of human beings nor the copy of the Bible. It is also neither the philosophical works of the Greek philosophers nor the tales of ancient people. It is the word by word revelation from Allah to mankind taught by the beloved Prophet Mohammed (PBUH).

Some may argue that it might be the scientific discovery of some philosophers of the 7th century. But they could never ever substantiate their argument by concrete evidence. For instance, they cannot tell us from where such knowledge was taken and included in the book of Allah. There was no book from which the Qur'aan was copied. The scientists are appreciating that new system of classification of an embryo could be developed using the

terms mentioned in the Qur'aan and Sunnah. How about those who are non scientists?

O! Do they say He invented it? Say, and then bring ten Surahs like it that have been invented and call upon for assistance whomever you can besides Allah if you should be truthful. And if they do not respond to you then know that it is i.e. the Qur'aan was revealed with knowledge of Allah and that there is no deity except Him. Then would you not be Muslims? Qur'aan (11:13-14).

Islam is a universal religion, while Christianity is not. It is absolute belief in Islam that all mankind is born on Islam. Let us see the argumentative examination whether mankind is created upon Christianity or contrary to this born upon Islam according to the doctrine of the Muslims. If there were both cases, we would be in problem in settling the contradiction based on the two Scriptures. But there is no single Christian who claims this and there is no evidence from the Bible that shows that mankind is created upon Christianity. No religious doctrine teaches the world on which religion mankind is born except the Qur'aan.

Now let us ponder over the following Qur'aanic verse which supports the idea that mankind is born upon Islam:

"So direct your face i.e. self toward the religion inclining to truth. Adhere to the Fitrah of Allah upon which He has created all people. No change should there be in the creation of Allah. That is the correct religion, but most of the people do not know." 30:30.

For surely we are safe and there is no fear as we are not created upon Christianity, there is no dilemma to choose between Christianity and Islam. As it is reported in the Qur'aan, the correct

religion is Islam which most of the people do not know because of various problems among which some of them may be resolved radically by this book and other evidences and the truth will be unveiled, in fact Allah willing.

No prophet had taught the world to embrace or believe in Jesus as a God, even Jesus himself had not taught to believe in him, rather he had taught to believe in God who has sent him. Look at in the Gospels attentively. Rather all the prophets of God were busy inviting mankind to believe in one God and leaving any deity other than Him. That is exactly the meaning of Islam in Arabic language. Submission to the will of God is the common teachings of all the prophets.

There is practical evidence which supports that mankind is born on Islam from the Christians' religious ceremony. Baptism is the process of changing the infants from Islam to Christianity. Any child born from any parents is naturally Muslim by the divine law whereas the children born from the Christian parents should pass through the process of baptism to get conversion to Christianity. So far Christianity is not by birth. Strictly speaking, Islam is the only birth right whose meaning is nothing but submission to the will of God whereas Christianity is defined as following Jesus Christ who was born himself from a human being, who was baptized and was sent for the lost sheep of the children of Israel according to the Bible and the Qur'aan too.

"And who is more unjust than one who invents about Allah untruth while he is being invited to Islam. And Allah does not guide the wrong doing people." Qur'aan 61:7.

The methodology of calling is another demarcation between the two religions. The Christians invite us to accept the Trinity God, by avoiding our cognitive development. As the mystery of Trinity is incomprehensible according to them, an attempt of proof is an apostate. The Church men strongly warn the Christians by any means not to define the Trinity; rather they are intimidated not to go beyond the established dogma. The Islamic methodology of calling is based on sure knowledge.

"Say, this is my way, I invite you to Allah with sure knowledge, I and those who follow me." Qur'aan 12:108.

Is with mystery or with sure knowledge logical and acceptable to your mind? Here is the opportunity you have to know the right religion by avoiding emotions, hatred, cultural influence and one sidedness. In order to identify which religion is right and which is not try to make a comparative analysis based on sure knowledge.

Biblical Evidences about the Messenger ship of Jesus

Jesus said to them, if God were your father, you would love me, for I have come here from God. I have not come on my own: God sent me. John 8:42.

1. As it is, you are looking for a way to kill me, a man who has told you the truth that I heard from God. John 8:40.
2. For I did not speak on my own but the father who sent me commanded me to say all that I have spoken. John 12:49.
3. Those words you hear are not my own: they belong to the father who sent me. John 14:24.
4. For the father is greater than I. John 14:28.
5. As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. John 17:18.
6. My pray is not that you take them out of the world but you protect them from the evil one. John 17:15.
7. May they also be in us so that the world believes that you have sent me. John 17:21-23.
8. I am ascending to my father and your father and to my God and to your God. John 20:17.
9. Verily truly I tell you, the son can do nothing by himself John 5:19.
10. If I testify about myself, my testimony is not true. John 5:31.
11. Nor does his word well in you, for you do not believe the one he sent. John 5:38.
12. Jesus answered; the work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent. John 6:29.
13. I am not here on my own authority, but he who sent me is true. John 7:28-30.

14. Not everyone who says to me, Lord, Lord, will enter the kingdom of heaven. But only the one who does the will of my father who is in heaven. Many will say to me on that day Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and in your name perform many miracles? Then I will tell them plainly I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!! Matthew 7:21-23.
15. Jesus said to him, away from me, Satan! For it is written: worship the Lord your God, and serve him only. Matthew 4:10.
16. At that time Jesus said, I praise you, father, Lord of heaven and earth. Matthew 11:25.
17. Then Jesus looked up and said Father, I thank you that you heard me. John 11:41-42.
18. After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountain side by himself to pray. Matthew 14:23.
19. And do not call anyone on earth father, for you have one father and he is in heaven. Matthew 23:9.
20. But about the day or hour no one knows, not even the Angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the father. Matthew 24:36.
21. Truly I tell you, he continued no prophet is accepted in his hometown. Luke 4:24.
22. Have faith in God Jesus answered Mark 11:22.
23. About Jesus of Nazareth they replied He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. Luke 24:19.

From the above mentioned verses which are quoted from the New Testament we can learn without ambiguity and controversies that even the Bible proves that Jesus Christ was a prophet (human being). Let those who have ears hear, who have eyes see and who

have heart reflect. The main issue that has to be focused on about Jesus Christ is not what the churchmen have taught, rather what the Scriptures have said or approved. Success in our eternal life will be achieved if and only if we act in this manner and study the Bible from its contextual meaning as it is self sufficient to explain itself.

The Church dogmas have got great attentions and the words of Jesus Christ about himself are understood as heretics, some were banned and some were hidden from the public.

The Christians would stop in the middle of the road and have to investigate the source of the right belief based on the teachings of Jesus Christ. If they strictly adhere to his true words, they would take another alternative that is Islam which is the only way of life for humanity and synonymous with his teachings. That is why the Muslims believe that Jesus Christ is not the Lord of the Christians rather; he is the Prophet of Islam. The above mentioned teachings of Jesus Christ about his own messenger ship of God exactly coincide with the Islamic belief and teachings of Issa (A.S) the son of Maryam and the Messenger of Allah. There is no point in getting confused. When the Christians are openly declaring that Jesus is a Lord, it seems that they are rectifying his errors and instructing him as though he did not know what he was?

"They have certainly disbelieved who say Allah is the Messiah, the son of Mary, while the Messiah has said O children of Israel worship Allah my Lord and your Lord." Qur'aan 5:72.

Look! Both the Bible and the Qur'aan in the Gospel of John 20:17 and in the chapter of Maidah 5:72 respectively are telling us the same thing. The pure teaching of Jesus Christ was that God is his

Lord and the Lord of mankind. Has this coincidence occurred merely by chance? The answer is definitely no because there is no confusion that Jesus Christ who had God as his Lord could never become equal to God again which is a self contradictory.

Jesus Was the Son of Mary Sent for the Children of Israel

Dear the readers! The subject we have been dealing with is to present the pure teachings of Jesus Christ about his Prophet Hood. There are some genuine Christians who are committed to remain as Christians by accepting his Prophet Hood even if his Lordship is disproved. Now the problem is half solved. As far as we are successful to bring to the attention of the Christians that we have a lot of evidences to disprove about the Lordship of Jesus, we are left with three overshadowing problems surrounding Jesus Christ. If the major one is solved, the rest will be pruned away from the true Jesus. These are His Messenger ship to all mankind, his being the son of God and his death and resurrection. The first two will be dealt with caution under this title while the last one about his death and resurrection will be discussed later on in this book.

After the confusion of the Lordship of Jesus Christ has been removed from the mind of the Christians by concrete evidences from the Bible, there is no point in believing in him as Prophet Hood for the very reasons that his Prophet Hood was not for all mankind. Be it an American or a European accepting the prophet hood of Jesus will no more benefit the Christians because his Prophet Hood was only for the Children of Israel of those days of his Messenger ship surely until the time periods of the advent of the Prophet Muhammad [pbuh]. The children of Israel were ordered to accept this last Prophet together with the prophet hoods of all the rest. The following verses from the Bible are the witnesses for the messenger ship of Jesus to the children of Israel:

1. But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah are by no means least among the rulers of Judah. For out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel. Matthew 2:5-6.

2. Do not go among the Gentiles or enter any town of the Samaritans go rather to the lost sheep of Israel. Matthew 10:5-6.
3. He answered, I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel. Matthew 15:24.
4. Jesus said to them, truly I tell you; at the renewal of all things when the son of man sits on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel. Matthew 19:28.
5. The most important one, answered Jesus, is this hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one. Mark 12:29.
6. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David and he will reign over Jacobs's descendants forever. Luke 1:32-33.
7. I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world. I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me. John 17:6-9.
8. God exalted him to his own right hand as prince and savior that he might bring Israel to repentance and forgive their sins. From this man's descendants God has brought to Israel the savior Jesus, as he promised. Acts 13:23.
9. And Jesus said to them, a prophet is not without honor, except in his own country, and among his own kin, and in his own house. Mark 6:4, Matthew 13:57, Luke 4:24, John 4:43.

The Qur'aan also supports the Messenger ship of Jesus to the Children of Israel as follows:

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 Ahmed. But when he came to them with clear evidences they said this is obvious magic. Qur'aan (61:6).

He (Jesus) was not but a servant upon whom We bestowed favor and We made him an example for the children of Israel. Qur'aan (43:59).

And make him a messenger to the children of Israel. Please see Qur'aan 3:45-49

The very crucial question is that who was sent for the whole world if Jesus was sent for the Israelites? The Qur'aan answers like this:

Regarding who was sent to the entire mankind, I would like to give you a reading assignment "What the Bible Says About Muhammed pbuh" and look what Allah has said to His Messenger Muhammad [pbuh] in the Qur'aan as well:

And We have not sent you except comprehensively to mankind as a bringer of good tidings and a Warner. But most of the people do not know. 34:28_

And we have certainly revealed to you verses which are clear proofs and no one would deny them except the defiantly disobedient. Qur'aan (2:99).

The second complicated issue that I want to indicate is whether Jesus was the son of man or the son of God. Why the Jews denied his son ship of God and what extra ordinary knowledge did the Christians have to call him the son of God? There are about 88 instances in the Bible where Jesus called himself that he was the son of man. Just to quote one, look at Luke 7:34.

"The son of man is come eating and drinking." This statement of Jesus from the Bible belongs to the Christians not to Jews or any other people. If the Christians are told that Jesus was the son of man by their Bible and this is also strongly supported by the Holy Qur'aan, enough is for them to embrace Islam at once if they are seeking the true God that has to be worshipped.

They say Allah has taken a son. Exalted is He! Rather to Him belongs whatever is in the heavens and the earth. All are devoutly obedient to Him. Qur'aan 2:116.

And to warn those who say, "Allah has taken a son." They have no knowledge of it, nor had their fathers. Grave is the word that comes out of their mouths; they speak not except a lie." Qur'aan 18: 4-5.

Why Jesus was Sent Only for the Children of Israel?

The Christians of the present day and age are mostly confused of the difference between the Jewish people and the rest of the world. They have to be able to figure out what was written in the Scriptures without giving their own interpretations. That is why some scholars are crying out! "Let the Bible Speak." Jesus was a promised Messiah for Jewish but not the savior of the world. This reality can be exposed if we could understand what it meant by the word Messiah. Messiah is used in the Hebrew Bible to describe priests and kings, who were traditionally anointed with holy anointed oil as described in exodus 30:22-25. In the later Jewish Messianic tradition and eschatology, Messiah refers to a leader anointed by God in some cases as a future king of Israel physically descended from the Davidic line who will rule the people of Israel. In Judaism, the Messiah is not considered to be God or the son of God. That is the reason why the Jews and the Christians are disputing with each other and this contradiction will continue until the last Day.

The Israelites who have a perfect knowledge of their book than the Christians believe in one God, the only God of the universe, who is no more amalgamated with the son and the holy spirit.. Belief in the eventual coming of a future Messiah is a fundamental part of Judaism. However, when he came they did not accept him though the concept of his coming was expected in the highest regard. In Judaism today, they believe in the coming of the Messiah and await it daily because they rejected Jesus and accused him as a false Messiah while the true Messiah is on the way to come from them for them very soon. But the Christians believe Jesus to be the Messiah that the Jews are expecting. The

same person who was rejected by Jewish is exalted to the level of God with his all human characters by the Christians.

The scholars have exhaustively found and done their best and found out the reason why the Jewish did not accept Jesus as a Messiah. They claim that Jesus did not fulfill the Messianic prophecies:

- A. Build the third temple Ezekiel 37:26-28.
- B. Gather all Jews back to the land of Israel Isaiah 43:5-6.
- C. Usher in an era of world peace, and end all hatred, oppression, suffering and disease. As it says: Nation shall not lift up sword against nation neither shall man learn war any more. Isaiah 2:4.
- D. Spread universal knowledge of God of Israel, which will unite humanity as one as it says: God will be king over all the world on that day, God will be one and His name will be one, Zechariah 14:9.

But the Christians counter that Jesus will fulfill these in the second coming while the Jewish sources in fact shows that the Messiah would fulfill these prophecies outright and no concept of a second coming exists.

Let us come back to the reason why Jesus was sent to the children of Israel. The situation between the Israelites and God before the birth of Jesus gives some high lights of this reason.

"My name will be great among the nations, from where the sun rises to where it sets. In every place incense and pure offerings will be brought to me because my name will be great among the nations. Says the Lord Almighty but you profane it by saying the

Lords table is defiled and its food is contemptible. And you say what a burden, says the Lord Almighty." Malachi 1:11-13.

Because of their breaking covenant through blemished sacrifices, divorce, injustice, with holding tithes, speaking arrogantly against God, God the Almighty cursed them respectively during the periods sooner than the coming of Messiah. When we see the time line of the prophets of Old Testament, this was the last prophecy which was revealed approximately 420-400BC. It was the time of preparation for the Israelites to live in Gods law by repenting to Him and receive forgiveness for their sins.

"I will send my messenger who will prepare the way before me. Then suddenly the Lord you are seeking will come to his temple: the messenger of the covenant, whom you desire will come, says the Lord Almighty. " Malachi 3:1.

Therefore, the sending of Messiah to the children of Israel was aimed by God to show them his signs or miracles in case if they would repent by accepting Jesus as His messenger. That was the distinction between the righteous and the wicked between those who serve God and those who do not. Eventually, they did not only reject the Messiah but also charged him and persecuted him to kill him. However, they couldn't.

The Jews and the Christians differ about Jesus in such a way that the Jews do not recognize any personalities of Jesus of Christology while the Christians strongly believe that he is the son of God, the God of gods, the savior of the whole world and crucified for the sins of Adam and Eve which was inherited to mankind and in their belief, it is only the blood of Jesus which expiates the original sins. No original sin inheritance in Jew.

The Jews further criticized and are criticizing the Christians for their idea of God's in carnation and it was found hard to be accepted by the people from which Jesus was sent and how his presence in Jerusalem could benefit all the millions people who believed elsewhere in the world or who had lived and died before his incarnation? If God wanted to reform humanity, why did he choose to descend and live on earth or die on the cross by the wrongdoers while he could actually kill them by his power?

We have seen so many things in our discussions and presentations about the way the Jewish and the Christians dispute on the personality of Jesus. The Bible foretold in the Old Testament that Messiah would come to reconcile the children of Israel with their God. The same thing was confirmed in the New Testament that Jesus was sent to the children of Israel. The dramatic effect in this regard is the New Testament which the Jewish never accept its divinity favors the Jewish themselves rather than its advocates or the Christians. The New Testament in its last book teaches that 144,000 Israelites shall be saved while all mankind will be burned. Let us read from the Bible itself as follows: I heard the number of those who were sealed: 144,000 from all the tribes of Israel.

From the tribe of Judah 12000 were sealed.

From the tribe of Reuben 12000 were sealed.

From the tribe of Gad 12000 were sealed.

From the tribe of Asher 12000 were sealed.

From the tribe of Naphtali 12000 were sealed.

From the tribe of Manasseh 12000 were sealed.

From the tribe of Simeon 12000 were sealed.

From the tribe of Levi 12000 were sealed.

From the tribe of Issachar 12000 were sealed.

From the tribe of Zebulon 12000 were sealed.

From the tribe of Joseph 12000 were sealed.

From the tribe of Benjamin 12000 were sealed.
Revelation 7:4-8

The unfortunate Christians who have been declaring the Lordship of Jesus are not sealed. What is wrong with them? Isn't the New Testament the property of the Christians which excluded them from being sealed?

They were told not to harm the grass of the earth or any plant or tree, but only those people who did not have the seal of God on their foreheads. They were not allowed to kill them but only to torture them for five months. And the agony they suffered was like that of sting of scorpion when it strikes. During those days people will seek death but will not find it. They will long to die, but death will elude them. Revelation 9:4-6.

Who are to be saved strictly speaking? The Bible scholars have not arrived at a consensus as to 144,000 what it may be while the ordinary Christians might have not read at all. The Jewish who rejected Jesus were favored by having equal quota of 12,000 of all from each 12 tribes are not grateful as they do not recognize the New Testament as the book of God. The Christians' opinion on the number 144,000 is quite diverse and they do not give the same answer as to what would be the benefit of the Christians from this revelation. Please try to ask each sect about 144000 for surety.

1. Either 144000 is a symbolic number of all of God's chosen people to be raised up to spend eternity in heaven with God.
2. It may refer to a literal 144,000 people who will be chosen from the tribes of Israel.

3. It may denote a 144,000 people from spiritual Israel to be saved or finally.
4. It may have a deeper mystical significance and symbolic meaning that is too obscure to be understood.

The question that arises to our mind is that who knows the prophecies in the Bible best, the Jewish or the Christians? Allah knows the best. The final Book of Allah for humanity, the Qur'aan in which there is no crookedness and a clear guidance that purifies falsehood from the truth criticizes the disputation between the Jewish and the Christians as well as within the Jewish or the Christians. It is for this character that it bears the name Al Furqan, meaning the criterion between the right and wrong.

And we have revealed to you O Mohammed the book i.e. the Qur'aan in truth confirming that which preceded it of the Scripture and as a criterion over it. (5:48).

Indeed this Qur'aan relates to the Children of Israel most of that over which they disagree. (27:76).

The Jews say Ezra is the son of Allah and the Christians say the Messiah is the son of Allah. That is their statement from their mouths; they imitate the saying of those who disbelieved before them. Qur'aan 9:30.

The Jews say the Christians have nothing true to stand on, and the Christians say the Jews have nothing to stand on although they both recite the Scriptures. Thus do those, who know not i.e. the polytheists, speak the same as their words. But Allah will judge between them on the day of resurrection concerning that over which they used to differ. Qur'aan (2:113).

The Secret Beyond Crucifixion

The role of the prophets is to convey the message of Allah to mankind to worship Him and leave worshipping any other gods or idols but not to die on the cross for the sin of the world.

And we certainly sent into every nation a messenger, saying worship Allah and avoid false objects of worship. Qur'aan (16:36). The purpose of the coming of Jesus to the children of Israel was also part and parcel of the above Qur'aanic verse. However, what we learn from the Christians is contrary to practical experiences of the preceding prophets. The Bible does not support this idea of crucifixion of one genuine messenger of God for the salvation of the sins of the world.

It is the one who sins who will die. A son is not to suffer because of his father's sins, nor a father because of the sins of his son. Ezekiel 18:20.

Similarly, we have supportive evidence from the Qur'aan to the above Biblical prophecy.

And every soul earns not blame except against itself, and no bearer of burdens will bear the burden of another. (6:164).

Had it not been for the Qur'aan which has plainly explained and effaced all the confusions in which mankind had been as to the personality of Jesus, the whole world would have been in a continuous darkness over darkness from generation to generation or from century to century. (All Praise is due to Allah to whom belongs whatever is in the heavens and whatever in the earth, and to Him belongs all praise in the hereafter. And He is the Wise, the acquainted. He knows what penetrates into the earth and what

emerges from it and what descends from the heaven and what ascends therein. And He is the Merciful, the Forgiving. (34:1-2).

The point is that as Allah is the most Merciful and the most forgiving, there is no need to crucify His prophet on the cross for the salvation of the world or it is not the attribute of God to be killed on the cross by the sinners while he can forgive or He Himself can kill the sinners.

And for their saying indeed we have killed the Messiah, Jesus, the son of Mary, the messenger of Allah. And they did not kill him nor did they crucify him but another was made to resemble him to them. And indeed, those who differ over it are in doubt about it. They have no knowledge of it except the following of assumption. And they did not kill him, for certain. Qur'aan (4:157).

They killed him not, nor crucified him, they have no knowledge but following conjecture. It is not only the Qur'aan but also early Christian literatures and Scriptures were used to cast doubt on official Christian doctrine. Dr. Dirks assures in his book called, the Cross and the Crescent that there was a confusion and doubt about the crucifixion of Jesus in early Christians' writing as follows: In his tarlatans, Ignatius, the bishop of Antioch who died around 110 CE, and who wrote during the first decade of the second century CE) was quite eloquent in his attack against the early Christians who denied that the crucifixion of Jesus was anything more than an illusion. Page, 79.

We have had enough evidence from the early Christianity that the crucifixion was an illusory and this illusion has been confirmed by the Qur'aan in the 7th century. Having this in mind, we will carefully examine what was recorded in the New Testament and take our own judgments if we are searching for truth to save our soul from

the hell-fire. The short cut to find what was recorded in the NEW TESTAMENT is to go to the last chapters of each of the four Gospels and compare whether there is heterogeneity or homogeneity regarding crucifixion among all the writers of the Gospels.

Jesus facing down to the ground prayed three times to his God saying that, Father, if it is possible, takes this cup of suffering from me. Matthew 26:39-45.

In great anguish he prayed even more fervently: his sweat was like drops of blood falling to the ground. Luke 22:41-44.

The same situation of praying was written in mark also. But in the Gospel of John, Jesus prayed only for his disciples but not for himself opposite to what he did in the first three Gospels. What makes the Gospel of John different from the rest regarding his prayer?

The succeeding paragraphs are my remarks:

1. While the 1st three Gospels wrote the praying of Jesus for himself to the extent that his sweat was like blood falling to the ground, the 4th writer wrote only his praying to his disciples. There is again a very clear sign that shows that Jesus was not crucified even from the existing Bible but what matters is to use your free mind to accept.

Again Jesus said to them, I will go away: you will look for me, but you will die for your sins. You cannot go where I am going. John 8:21 Where was he going? He was going to the place where his enemies could not go! If they could go where he was going it implies that he was lying. Neither the Christians nor the Muslims dare say that Jesus was a liar.

2. According to the Qur'aan, rather, Allah raised him to Himself. And ever is Allah exalted in Might and Wise. 4:158.

Similarly we have the same sign in the Bible; an Angel from heaven appeared to him and strengthened him. Luke 22:43.

The question is that how could his enemies come and arrest him since he said that they could not come to the place where he was going? Two things are mixed up. Obviously one is true and the other must be false. If the enemies could go to the place where he was going and arrested him, he was wrong for his foretelling that they could not come to that place. Because every Christian believes that Jesus is a truthful person, his prophecy would have come true and Allah has raised him up probably by the power of an Angel that was strengthening him. What was the use of strengthening him if he was killed?

3. His enemies would die in place of him and this idea is strongly supported by the Qur'aan. But another person was made to resemble him to them. 4:157.

4. Who is that another person who was made to resemble him to them? We don't know as the Qur'aan does not tell us his name. But if we correlate the saying of Jesus, you will die for your sins and we have to further investigate who this man was. There is another indicative warning from Jesus as follows:

The son of man will go as the Scriptures say he will but how terrible for that man who will betray the son of man! It would have been better for that man if he had never been born. Matthew 26:24-25.

5. What happened to Judas at the end of the drama of Jesus' arrest or taken up? We have two self contradictory deaths of Judas Iscariot, the betrayer. Why and how?

- a. Judas threw the coins down in the temple and left, then, he went off and hanged himself. Matthew 27:3.
- b. With the money that Judas got for his evil act he bought a field. Where he fell to his death, he burst open and all his insides spilled out. Acts 1:16-18.

Is the death of Judas mentioned in Matthew or in Acts correct as both cannot happen at a time? Let's look behind the curtain and search for the truth because there are facts to be explored again and again.

6. In the same way that Jonah spent three days and nights in the big fish, so will the son of man spend three days and nights in the depth of earth. Matthew 12:40. When we calculate the time at which Jesus was buried at the sunset on Friday, we have one night as the report said the tomb was found empty on Sunday morning before the sun rises. So we have only 1 day (Saturday) and 2 nights

(Friday and Saturday evenings). So where are 3 days and 3 nights in the depth of the earth?

7. During the arresting of Jesus the 1st two Gospels have the same opinion in that Judas, the betrayer came to Jesus and kissed him. By that sign, Jesus was caught. Matthew 26:47-50 and Mark 14:44-45. Luke differs that Jesus spoke to Judas while he was hurriedly going to kiss him. In this there was no sign of being kissed. Luke 22:47.

The Gospel of John which was the last Gospel recorded opposite to the 1st three Gospels. When Jesus said to them I am he they moved back and fell to the ground. John 18:3-9. This matter was not reported in the rest of the Gospels. Judas also did not kiss him as it has been reported by others. Which of the Gospels are the eye witnesses or written by an authority of the Holy Spirit who inspired different inspirations about one subject matter which happened at the same time?

8. Confusions about the empty tomb and the resurrection lead to great doubts. Things will be clear if we strictly look into what are reported in the existing Gospels. You have to evaluate the reliability of the statements or the validity of the information in the reports. Was he the same Jesus who was reported to have left for Galilee or to have been found around the tomb by his mother?

After the supposed resurrection of Jesus, we have different reports which are again more confusing and widening of the room for doubt about the subject under discussion.

1. Matthew 28:3-7.

1 Angel was seen sitting on the stone. It was reported that he left for Galilee.

2. Mark 16: 5-6.

So they entered the tomb where they saw a young man sitting at the right wearing a white robe, and they were alarmed. He is going to Galilee ahead of you. In Matthew they didn't enter the tomb but saw 1 angel outside of the tomb.

3. Luke 24:3-5.

So they went in, but they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus ... 2 men in bright shining clothes stood by them. Full of fear the women bowed down to the ground. Bowing down was not reported in Matt. and Mark.

4. John 20:11-18.

Mary stood crying outside the tomb. While she was still crying, she bent over and looked in the tomb and saw 2 angels there dressed in white sitting where the body of Jesus had been, one at the head and the other at the feet. Then she turned around and saw Jesus standing there.

Generally speaking, for Christianity to be the way of life, it must have been built on a good ground of its spiritual book which should be free from contradictions. The Christians' scholars differ as to the authority of some of the books of the New Testament which leaves the rooms for doubt open. As a matter of fact the New Testament could not provide a uniform evidence of crucifixion. Lack of clarity in the religious doctrine in Christianity is becoming the headache of a day to day to every individual who is seeking after the truth. The issue of the New Testament will be briefly discussed in the next topic. I would like to see Dr. Dark's conclusions in his book *Cross and the Crescent* pp 111.

"The Qur'aan clearly states that Jesus Christ was not crucified. Large segments of the early Christian churches and of the early

Christian Scriptures agree with that statement. For Christians, the lesson may be that the doctrine of the crucifixion was very much questioned and debated by the early churches. With that in mind, perhaps they might be willing to a second look at the teachings of Islam, and to consider the similarities between the teachings of Islam and the foundation of early Christianity."

Origin of New Testament and Its Critics

Some Biblical scholars still look critically at the NEW TESTAMENT and analyze those parts of it which are based on historical facts rather than the spiritual facts. The four Gospels according to Matthew, Mark, Luke and John are known as the book of history by the Churches.

Jesus was teaching orally without any written religious guidance. As many scholars conclude, the oral traditions were codified after so many years. By the end of the second century many books were appeared as the Gospels from which early Church fathers argued and disagreed to accept or not accept the four Gospels. This shows that there were also some Gospels which were written apart from the existing ones. But they were said heretics. At the beginning of its movement, early Christianity was split among many different communities having different opinions about who Jesus was and what he was teaching and whether he was died or not.

Whatever the case behind it might be, there was no scratch of Jesus' teaching given to the disciples in a written form in that the disciples were without visions and missions as to what to do after the ascension of Jesus to the heaven. By 367CE, the aforementioned Gospels were selected while these days the fifth Gospel is found i.e. the Gospel of Thomas and it is a pity for it was no more compiled in the existing Bible. Before we jump into its critics, we have to bear in mind that there are two types of NEW Testaments, the Cannon and Apocrypha. What is the difference between the two is an ingenious question of the great mind. What the Apocrypha really means simply the hidden books whereas the cannon defined as the collection of books accepted as authoritative by some religious bodies. Back in the fourth century,

some bishops took a vote on it. Rather several Church Councils voted for conflicting lists, the contradictions of which took centuries to be resolved.

Early lists of the canon of the Bible can be found from the Church history and the website. If we are convinced that there are books accepted, obviously there must also be unaccepted books. Who was authorized from God to canon some and to hide others? Athanasius?

For every Church, there are canons of its own. For instance the Canon of Anglican Church falls between Catholic and Protestant Churches. Generally, in the fourth century, Athanasius wrote in A.D 367 by citing the twenty seven books as being the only true books. Who was Athanasius who could act as a yardstick to the true and untrue books?

Audio English. Net dictionary entry over view defines Athanasius the great as (Roman Catholic Church) Greek patriarch of Alexandria who had campaigned Christian Orthodox against Aryanism, a Church father, Saint and doctor of the Church (293-373).

Being the founder of the Roman Catholic Church by siding to Constantine during the Nicene Ecumenical Council in 325 CE, he was also the first person to identify 27 books of the New Testament that are in use today. Why he didn't canon the Gospel of Thomas?

There is also an Athanasius creed which says whosoever will be saved, before all things it is necessary that he holds the Catholic faith.

Now something that must be clear to any free and neutral thinking mind is that the origin of the New Testament is dated back to the founder of the Roman Catholic Church. Why do all the Christians sects which accuse Roman Catholic for many reasons accept the books canonized by the same Church? As long as they acknowledge the 27 books canonized by the Catholic, so far there is nothing that makes them different from their mother. If the Protestants criticize the Catholic it implies that they are criticizing themselves as their Book was canonized by it.

As to the Apocryphal or the hidden books I would like to give you a reading assignment to some of the lists from *The Cross and The Crescent* by Jerald F. Dirks pp 82.

Since we have already understood the way the NEW TESTAMENT had been canonized, now we directly go into its critics from the different sources. The NEW TESTAMENT is criticized for its bias unreliability and contradiction at large by the Christian scholars. The Bible does not tell us whether it is the Bible or any other book as it has no name in its internal pages. But what we have as a Bible is only written on its outer cover, the Holy Bible.

The other issue which is endangering the authenticity of the Bible is lack of trustworthiness of the writers and almost most of the books of the NEW TESTAMENT were written by the writers who were not the eye witnesses to their testimony. Lack of original language in which it was revealed and loss of original manuscripts in which it was preserved are some of the limitations of the Bible. The Bible was banned and burned by the Catholic Church and the Christians had no access to read it for centuries. According to Canada's online true Baptist paper during the dark ages (A.D 500-1500), Rome burned Bibles along with their owners.

In the first place, the selection of the Bible was done by the Roman Catholic Church founder, Athanasius. Still we found that the same Church was guilty of banning and burning its own books which is an astonishing. If we think the other way rounds, those Christians who are non Catholic, can they look for any other religious guidance apart from the existing one?

It is evidently proved that the world has at least three forms of the books of the NEW TESTAMENT, Cannon, Apocryphal and the lost or burned books.

The objective of focusing on this topic is to prove that Islam is the only religion which has its own authenticated religious doctrine in such a way that there is only one Qur'aan in one text and original language, i.e. Arabic from which no part was lost, hidden or burned. For any brilliant mind, I would like to leave an assignment to explore what is behind the curtain and find out why some books were lost, some were hidden and others were cannoned? Who had an authority over the books of God to hide them from the sight of the people?

"But Allah bears witness to that which He has revealed to you. He has sent it down with His Knowledge. And the Angels bear witness as well and sufficient is Allah as witness." Qur'aan 4: 166

The Qur'aan also tells us in a clearly stated statement that the people of the Scriptures have concealed or hidden some parts of their books.

"And (remember) when Allah laid a charge on those who had received the Scripture (He said): Ye are to expound it to mankind and not to hide it. But they flung it behind their backs and bought

thereby a little gain. Verily evil is that which they have gained thereby. "Qur'aan (3:187).

"Lo! Those who hide aught of the Scripture which Allah hath revealed and purchased a small gain therewith, they eat into their bellies nothing else than fire. Allah will not speak to them on the Day of Resurrection, nor will He make them grow. Theirs will be a painful doom." Qur'aan (2:174).

The Qur'aan again tells us that there is no lose of any kind from it. The whole Qur'aan existed without undergoing revision and corruption.

"Indeed, it is We Who sent the message i.e. the Qur'aan, and indeed, we will be its guardian." 15:9.

The way the Qur'aan has been guarded is a dramatic effect which has never been happened to any other books in the history of mankind.

For the comparative purpose, we will see the way in which the Qur'aan was written and compiled in the existing form and shape. In his book, *The Bible the Qur'aan and Science* pp 126-127 Dr. Maurice says, " Thanks to its undisputed authenticity, the text of Qur'aan holds a unique place among the books of revelation, shared neither by the Old nor the New Testament."

He goes on saying; the situation is very different for the Qur'aan. As the revelation progressed, the Prophet and the believers following him recited the text by heart and it was also written down by the scribes in his following. It therefore, starts off with two elements of authenticity that the Gospels do not possess. This continued up to the prophet's death. At a time when everybody

could write, but everyone was able to recite, recitation afforded a considerable advantage because of the double checking possible when the definitive text was compiled.

Finally in his conclusion, the same author suggests about the Bible: "Contradictions, improbabilities and incompatibilities with modern scientific data may be easily explained in terms of what has been said above and the Christians are nevertheless very surprised when they realize this. So great have been the continuous far reaching efforts made until now by many official commentators to camouflage the very obvious results of modern studies, under cunning dialectical acrobatics orchestra by apologetic lyricism."

The general knowledge we have about the books of the NEW TESTAMENT is that these books were not written by Jesus and he did not instruct his disciples to do so. The writers were not the eye witnesses of what happened. Look at the Gospel according to Luke 1:1-6.

Mark and Luke were not the disciples of Jesus and the disagreement between the Gospels of Matthew and John on some points also under questioned their authenticity. For instance, they do not have the same opinion about crucifixion, its exact time, resurrection and what was in the tomb or around the tomb or the going of Jesus to Galilee in Matthew while he was seen around the tomb by his mother in John. As to the contradiction just to quote one case in point is the difference of Matthew and Luke on the genealogies of Jesus. There was also the time gap for the Christians to have their religious guidance as the historians recorded. It was during the second half of the second century that the books of the NEW TESTAMENT were emerged in multitude

from among which some were cannoned, some were lost and some were hidden.

"And among them are unlettered ones who do not know the scripture except indulgent in wish full thinking, but they are only assuming." Qur'aan (2:78).

"So woe to those who write the scripture with their own hands, then say this is from Allah, in order to exchange it for a small price, woe to them for what their hands have written and woe to them for what they earn." Qur'aan (2:79).

Without mentioning their name Allah told us those who wrote the book by their hands saying that this was from Allah. But surprisingly Paul confessed in the Bible that it was he who wrote the book with his own hand: See what big letters I make as I write to you now with my own hand. Galatians 6:11. So far this is sufficient food for an inquiring mind about the origin of the New Testament and its critics.

Origin of Christianity and Its Diversity

Christianity is from where? If we ask why they are Christians, there is no doubt that many of them would answer; they found it from their fathers. How about their fathers? They found it from their forefathers. How about their forefathers? They found it from their ancestors?

"And when it is said to them: Follow that which Allah has sent down", they say; "Nay, we shall follow that which we found our fathers (following)." Would they do so, even if Shaitan (Satan) invites them to the torment of the fire?" Al Qur'aan 31:21.

Now, if we ask them, do you know about Christianity from A-Z? The answer would be no except for few of them. Here is the point where to apply the great advice for new generation the very great advice of the first of its kind in your life perhaps. To know from where Christianity emerged, I would like to advise you to know that there was no ground for it and even the name was not heard in Jerusalem but it was declared in Antioch and deep rooted in Rome and generally the mechanism by which it was spread in Africa and overseas was through colonization which can be deduced from its historical and geographical facts. Today, when the world is in one basket through electronically interconnected devices; your computer is the best teacher available for you to know the timelines of Christianity. Just for the sake of understanding, did Christianity emerge immediately with the mission of Jesus Christ or after him?

As far as Islam is concerned, the same religion was taught by the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) at the beginning of his mission in 610 CE and the same Islam is flourishing up to present with the fundamental principles and Creeds established during the life time

of the Prophet. So far, in our endeavor to present Islam to mankind as the only universal religion exclusively, we would like to define Christianity in terms of Islam or within the frameworks mentioned in the Holy Qur'aan.

We have gained enough knowledge how the message of the Bible and the Qur'aan have coincided upon the messenger ship of Jesus Christ to the children of Israel in the preceding chapters. After the ascension of Jesus to the heaven two major innovations were intervened into his teachings:

1. The Apostles were named the Christians in 42CE at the absence of Jesus. And the disciples were first called the Christians in Antioch. Acts 11:26.

Remark! Why weren't the disciples called Christians in Jerusalem, Galilee and Nazareth the most common cities in which Jesus was teaching from 30-33 CE? What was the religion of Jesus as he was not present in Antioch when this very new name was introduced to the world? What was wrong with him for he did not name his disciples this very famous and influential name in the world history in his life time on this world? Is the present day Christianity from Jesus or from the disciples? Or do you mean that it is really God given?

2. Jesus denied commissioning his message to the Gentiles officially in the day light. His preaching was Torah, the Gospel or he was teaching the Jews to follow his words, Judaism plus his mission. After him, the Jews took the divinity of the Law of Moses and remained adherent to it while rejecting Jesus and his message but some very few Jews were preaching the teachings of Jesus together with his disciples by running Judo-Christianity until the decision of the council of Jerusalem which

demarcated the break between Christianity and Jewish faith. At the beginning, the early followers of Jesus considered themselves to be fulfilling their Jewish inheritance adhering to the Law of Moses.

It was another Jewish sect which had acknowledged the Message of Jesus with no Trinity by maintaining the Sabbath also. However, the council of Jerusalem (Acts 15:23-29) decided that Gentiles converts to this Judo- Christianity were exempted from obeying most of The Mosaic Laws. It was conducted ranging from 48-52 CE although the historians argue about the exact date.

Since then onwards many traditions which were not in the teachings of Jesus were introduced and the Mosaic Laws were to have been abolished while in the strict sense Jesus has warned that whoever therefore breaks one of the least of those commandments, and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven. (Matthew 5:19). Does it mean that all the Christians who claim that Mosaic Laws were abrogated, are the least in the kingdom of heaven? If yes, what is the goal of Christianity? The name by itself was given to them Christian as an insult by those non Christians who were not happy with the movement at that time. How the Christians were happy by the name they had it from their enemies is another drama. Dead surely speaking, Jesus did not name his followers any name except believing in one God. Look at the Gospel of Mark 12:29.

Once we have a glance at the origin of Christianity, the remaining problem is its diversity. How Christianity is diversified to three large groups, i.e. Catholic, Orthodox and Protestant and the further breakdown of the Protestant into different denominations and sects has nothing to do with the teachings of Jesus Christ.

In the first place, we will never find such names in the Bible and their occurrence is merely by chance. If we are the followers of Catholic Church, we should be able to substantiate by concrete evidence from the Bible whether it was taught by Jesus or even Paul. The same argument applies to the rest two. Here comes the difference between Christianity and Islam. For the sake of comparative purpose or for its divine origin, its name must be mentioned in its guidance or doctrine. In Islam, the Holy Qur'aan tells us that the only religion approved to mankind by Allah is Islam and the prophet also taught.

"This day I have perfected for you your religion and completed my favor upon you and have approved for you Islam as religion."
Qur'aan 5:3.

"Indeed, the religion in the sight of Allah is Islam. And those who were given the Scripture did not differ except after knowledge had come to them out of jealous and animosity between themselves."
Qur'aan 3:19.

Islam is the religion which is chosen for mankind by Allah whereas Catholic by Athanasius, Protestant by Martin Luther, Anglican by Hennerly viii, Adventist by William Miller(1782-1849) and Jehovah Witnesses by Charles Taze Russell in (1872). Is the one which is chosen by Allah better or by the individuals for your salvation? Speaking in reality, no Christian claims that his religion was chosen for him by God, Jesus or Paul. As Islam is mentioned in the Qur'aan, we will never find the mentioning of any sects of Christianity in the Bible which proves that their origin is only human source. Had they been from God or the Messenger Jesus we would have had the verse from the Bible which teaches the

world to follow Catholic, or Orthodox or Protestant. As they were originated after the Bible has been written and compiled there has not been the way for any group of them to get support of the existence of each religion from the Bible. Above all three of them have their own particular Bibles criticizing one another for corrupting or misplacing or banning the books.

The Qur'aan not only tells you that the only religion approved for mankind is Islam but also it further elaborates the very reason why the Christians are divided.

"They divided that only after knowledge has come to them." When they had no knowledge, they didn't have such names like Catholic, Orthodox or Protestant.

Islam has the religious doctrine which tells about everything in detail in that it exposes why the Christians are differing. In the following Qur'aanic verse, we will see the application of Qur'aanic prophecy against the Christians and this has come true to such an unbelievable extent that they have been divided into different groups and denominations. These divisions and segregations are quite continuous and endless until the end of the world. Check how many newly emerging sects are appearing today just like the cell division and are also breaking down separating from one another by establishing their own constitutions apart from the Bible.

"And from those who say we are Christians We took their covenant, but they forgot a portion of that of which they were reminded. So We caused among them animosity and hatred until the day of resurrection. And Allah is going to inform them about what they used to do. " Qur'aan 5:14.

"So if they believe in the same as you believe in, then they have been rightly guided, but if they turn away, they are only in dissension, and Allah will be sufficient for you against them and He is the Hearing, the Knowing." 2:137.

Look! Allah has told in the Qur'aan the disagreement in which the Christians are swimming. There was no time in the history of Christianity when they agreed upon many issues as to which book is to be canonized or not. At the same time to believe in Trinity is the subject of argument among many Christian sects meanwhile.

Before we evaluate the application of this very great Qur'aanic saying against the whole Christians of the world, first we will look into their situations before Qur'aan and secondly after Qur'aan. For nearly a century, the early Christians were split into two hostile camps, one group followed Peter, one of Jesus' original disciples. They were predominantly Jews and continued with many Jewish traditions as Jesus himself had done so. The other group followed Paul who was far more open to non-Jewish converts and waived much of Jewish law for those not born into it. The battle between these groups was won by Paul. Some critics suggest that Christianity ought to be Paul's. This was the beginning but not an end of the division of Christianity which underwent kindling of wars against one another also.

There is concrete evidence from the existing Bible that Paul and Barnabas separated Acts 15:36-40. By early second century, the illegality of Christianity was well established. It was simply accepted policy that the practice of Christianity was illegal and that those who were convicted of adhering to it and refused to renounce their beliefs were subject to execution, often in a rather unpleasant way. The struggle within the Christian community to

establish a common theology was accompanied by a less dramatic but remained fluid in the first half of the second century. There was no general agreement as to what writings were divinely inspired.

The second century of our era was characterized by the age of definition before Christianity. The Christian Church itself was now emerging as a new independent group without the agreed upon religious dogma. No longer was the New Testament before the collections of texts during the second century. The Church figured out which books are sacred, which ones are not. The debate went on without arriving at a consensus. By the third century of our era, we had something called Christianity with its own sacred books, its own rituals, its own ideas and traditions apart from Judaism or the beginning of Judo-Christianity. In the fourth century, Christianity became the state religion and it was illegal to do any form of public worship other than Christianity in the entire Roman Empire. This Christianity was licensed by Roman Emperor Constantine the great. From the beginning of its movement Christianity had faced a problem of the unity of the Church until the time of the declaration of the Nicene Creed. It had nothing to do with spiritual but it had rather a political advantage of Emperor Constantine who called the Council of the bishops and became the supporter of the outcome of the Council with all the means. This Council which took place in 325CE was a response to a crisis that developed in the Church over the teachings of a presbyter, or priest, of the Church in Alexandria who denied the divinity of Jesus.

After the Nicene Council, one of the first things Constantine did was persecuting other Christians particularly the Arian groups. The Gnostic Christians were targeted with other dualists because they

did not accept the decision of Nicaea Council. Aryanism is defined as those teachings attributed to Arius which is in opposition to Trinitarians Christological doctrine as determined by the first two Ecumenical Councils of 325CE and 381CE. It is also referred to other non Trinitarian theological systems of the 4th century.

Much of South Eastern Europe and central Europe including many of the Goths and Vandals respectively embraced Aryanism Christianity in 376CE which led to Aryanism being a religious factor in various wars in the Roman Empire. Today's Unitarian Christianity is the remnant of Aryanism. I advise you to be acquainted with the councils of 325,381,431 and 451CE as samples to get a clear picture of pre-Islamic history of Christianity.

What happened after the Qur'aan? Allah, the Almighty has planted enmity and hatred until the Day of Judgment amongst the Christians. From the beginning of the 5th century to the 10th, there was the continuous growing conflict between the East and West. Many attempts of separating the East from the West were made. The contradiction could not be resolved and during the 11th century i.e. in 1054CE the Greece Orthodox was separated from the Catholic which gave rise to the division of Christianity into two big groups. Why did the Eastern Orthodox and the Western Catholic Churches were split was not the issue of religion, while they do not only seem similar but also alike in practice. The primary cause was a dispute over the papal authority.

The East is Greek speaking while the West is Latin speaking. The West stated that the Holy Spirit came from the father and the son while the East believed only from the Father. There were also severe wars between the two sects and one of the remarkable severe wars was the one took place in 1204 which caused the

downfall of Constantinople by European Christians. Since then onwards the hostility between the Eastern and the Western Christianity has remained unsettled although many meetings of reconciliations were held between their popes.

Until these days, the split between the East and the West had fueled open hatred in former Yugoslavia escalated into war in the 1990CE. The Ukraine is split between West Latin West and pro Russian East. The splitting of Christianity into Western Catholic and Eastern Orthodox was not an end. The Slavic world has been permanently divided between Greek Christianity and Latin.

The worst situation was the separation of Protestant from its mother Christianity in the 16th century which gave rise to the occurrence of three large groups of Christianity over the world. Was this separation happened by peaceful transformation? Severe wars were carried out to unify the Catholic Church during the 16th also. To know the aftermaths of those wars I would like to refer you to the Thirty year's religious war in Germany and Hundreds year's religious war in Europe which suffice the application of the Qur'aanic Prophecy against the Christians. The retaliation of the Protestants against Catholic during the French Revolution is also another evidence to be cited. To dates, there is a religious war between the Catholic and the Protestants in Ireland.

The separation of the Protestant was not an end for further division of the Western Christianity. It was followed by the separation of Anglican Church in 1534CE. Henry viii of England was the supporter of Catholic against Protestant for some times after the reformation of Martin Luther's in 1525CE. Because he wanted to marry his second wife, this King of England asked the

Catholic Church to permit him to do so. When his answer was negative, he angrily initiated and agitated the Catholic members in England against the Pope and established another very new kind of Church which permits the marriage of the second wife. Today it is estimated that there are about 26 millions of Anglican Church members in England as opposed to Roman Catholic Church and it is also believed that this is the largest group of Christianity next to Catholic and Orthodox.

After Martin Luther separated the new reformed Church, it was named Protestant which came from the root verb to protest. This name was given to newly reformed Church by Catholic by ignoring after it could not unify it." Leave them, they are Protestants." How about the Protestants, are they unified? The division within the Protestant Church is much more increasing alarmingly than any other Christian groups. Without exaggerations, every year we hear new names of the Christians sects separated from the Protestants which show the effectiveness of the above Qur'aanic verse against the Christians until the Day of Resurrection.

*In a close examination of the Qur'aanic verse that has been justified against the Christians, " **Enmity and hatred till the Day of Resurrection**" one can conclude that it is a congratulatory information for the Muslims as it proves the truthfulness of the Holy Qur'aan whereas it frustrates the whole Christians because their attempt of their unification is already the failed experiment which happened due to the fact that they have abandoned the good part of the message from their book that was sent to them.*

In the final analysis of their criticizing one another for this and that in line with the splitting of one denomination from the other, we may come up with another conclusion that they are making the

cancellation of one another which eventually cancels all of them. If we could bring all the Christian sects in one meeting hall and let them describe themselves each and every sect claims that it is the only true Christian religion given from God while all the rest are wrong. It means that it cancels all the Christian Churches and singles out only itself as the true Church established for mankind.

For instance, Jehovah witness claims that all the Christians over the world are apostates and there is no Christianity as such but Christendom except Jehovah which is the only true religion. According to the seventh Day Adventist, Jehovah plus all the Christendom are invalid because they do not obey the rule of Sabbath. So that they claim that the true Christianity is only the Seventh Day Adventist which cancels all but itself.

By the cancellation method of application, each sect is eliminating the other. Now we are left with Adventist which is adherent to the Mosaic Law in keeping Sabbath which is the 4th commandment of ten commandants. Let us see from the Old Testament what happened to the man who broke the Sabbath. So the whole community took him outside the camp and stoned him to the death, as the lord had commanded. Numbers 15: 32-36.

This is the logic behind the emergence of the Seventh Day Adventist in 1844CE in U.S.A. However, Jehovah plus Christendom negate the existence of Adventist by the idea that all the Mosaic Laws were abolished by Paul,

"The old rule then is set aside, because it was weak and useless. For the Law of Moses could not make anything perfect. And now a better hope has been provided through which we come near to

God." Hebrews 7:18-19. The Adventist falsifies the above by quoting the following:

"Do not think that I have come to do away with the Law of Moses and the teachings of the prophets. I have not come to do away with them. "Matthew 5:17-19.

In this regard, the Seventh Day Adventist must have been true because Jesus did not come to do away with Mosaic Law while all the rest are against the teaching of Jesus by acknowledging Paul's message of abrogating the Laws.

Now it is clear that the teacher of the Law confirmed that the Mosaic Law would never ever be done away with as long as the heaven and earth last while Paul who had never seen this teacher authorized and taught it was done away with. So far the Adventist would have been correct but for its acceptance of Paul. If it attempts to reject Paul it is going to reject the New Testament as the majority of the books of New Testament are the messages of Paul. If Adventist rejects the NEW TESTAMENT, no doubt it is going to be converted in to Judaism. There is no Christianity without the New Testament and there is no NEW TESTAMENT without Paul's Epistles which implies that no more Adventist too.

Therefore, the cancelation method is applicable to all the Christians such that the question of their existence will remain unanswerable forever as long as they recognize both Jesus and Paul at the same time. Because it is not possible to reject Jesus who came not to abolish the Mosaic Laws rather to ratify them on the one hand and to acknowledge Paul who abolished the Laws.

"Say, we have believed in Allah and in what was revealed to Abraham, Ishmael, Isaac, Jacob, and the descendants (Al Asbat) and in what was given to Moses and Jesus and to the Prophets from their Lord. We make no distinction between any of them, and we are Muslims (submitting to Him)." Qur'aan (3:84).

"And whoever desires, other than Islam as religion never will it be accepted from him, and he, in hereafter, will be among the losers." Qur'aan 3:85." (Or do you say that Abraham and Ishmael and Isaac, Jacob, the descendants were Jews or Christians? Say, do you more know or is Allah?)" Qur'aan 2:140.

To sum up, Allah Who knows well has ordained mankind to be submitted to His will which means Islam but not Christianity. Who told the Christians to submit to Jesus or named this very golden name in history? They called themselves the Christians in Antioch. Jesus was not a Christian but a Muslim, meaning he was worshipping one God and anyone who worships one God is a Muslim.

Origin of Trinity and Its Founders

We are familiar with a very great spiritual warning to the Christians from the Church leaders not to ask any thing about Trinity. There was also the time in the history of Christianity when reading the Bible was a crime but what was established as a rule was every Christian was supposed to learn the Bible from the Church leaders. This was deliberately done so as not to expose the mystery of Trinity. There is a general saying in Christology as follows: "The mystery of Trinity is incomprehensible. To define it, you have to forget your mind. To deny it, you have to forget your soul."

Today, scientists are studying about the origin of life leave alone about the historical fact which happened some 1700 years ago. They are calculating the ages of the rocks and the trees. Every movement of Christianity has been registered in the Church history and the world history. Under this topic we will see when, where and by who the Trinitarian dogma was established even if we may forget our soul. The Holy Trinity right from its establishment up to present has been the subject of dispute among the Christians as no one could find a single word of Trinity in a written form in the Bible. If it is not found in the Bible, there is no confusion about from where it came into being because if some spiritual facts are not found in the Bible they have a human source which has nothing to do with the divine law.

So far the idea of lordship of Jesus was first introduced at the meeting of 318 Church leaders at the Nicaea Ecumenical Council which was conducted in 325CE when Roman emperor Constantine was a motive force of bringing together those bishops to formulate the spiritual law and ratify it as a permanent Church dogma for the 1st time in the history of the world. What is

astonishing is that the Roman Emperor who was the founder and vanguard of this dogma was a pagan in his belief. He was baptized two years before his death in 337CE.

The Lordship in Christianity was single God until 325CE. After 325CE the Lordship doubled which means God and Jesus. There was no third Godhead the Holy Spirit at that time. After the Nicaea creed was applied by ballot or bullet, the Christians were dissatisfied with their God as though the two Godheads, the father and the son had no power because of the missing part from the trinion Lordship. This formulation by itself was not enough and necessitated another similar conference which was concomitant to the Nicene and came up with the kind of God who has the trinion organizational structure like an equilateral triangle. After 56 years of trials and errors in applying two Godheads, another proposal was forwarded by the Church leaders and in 381CE the second Council in which the Holy Spirit was declared as the third Godhead appeared in the world. Since then, the three in one had equal power and capacity according to the Christians' view.

From the Islamic teaching point of view, there is no such a Godhead structure and God is very distinct from his creatures and vice versa. It means that God neither becomes human being nor human beings become God. Even though the Christians say God is one but their application is different from the Islamic viewpoint because in Islam, the ascribing of any partner to God is polytheism.

"O people of the Scripture do not commit excess in your religion or say about Allah except the truth. The Messiah, Jesus the son of Mary was but a messenger of Allah and His word which He directed to Mary and a soul created at a command from Him. So believe in Allah and His messengers. And do not say three, desist it is better

for you. Indeed, Allah is but one God. Exalted is He above having a son. To Him belongs whatever is in the heavens and whatever is on the earth. And sufficient is Allah as disposer of affairs." Qur'aan (4:171).

"And Allah has said do not take for yourselves two deities, He i.e. Allah is but one God, so fear only Me." Qur'aan 16:51.

As every point is brought forward to the Christians based on concrete evidences from the reliable sources I wholeheartedly invite them to embrace Islam which means submission to the will of God.

"Say O people of the Scriptures come to a word that is equitable between us and you that we will not worship except Allah and not associate anything with Him and not take one another as lords instead of Allah. But if they turn away, then say bear witness that we are Muslims submitting to Him." Qur'aan 3:64.

Dear readers!! Do you think that the mystery of Trinity was acknowledged and welcomed by all the Christians? The attribute of God before the birth of Jesus Christ and within his life time as well as before the Nicaea Creed was only one God. Not only the Muslims but also the Jews and the Unitarian Christianities view point of the Trinity is the same and it is the inculcation of the Paganism into Christianity (Greco- Roman) which had no divinity as it lacks single evidence from the Scriptures.

This will remain an everlasting dispute among the Christians as it has been so since the time of its declaration. It was Arius one of the leaders of Christians in North Africa who stood against the combined might of Constantine and the Catholic Church and

reminded them the inequality of Jesus with his Creator God by quoting from the Gospel of John 14:28," For my father is greater than I."

However, Arius was condemned and excommunicated from the Church as his idea was not important for the purpose of the pagan emperor of Rome who was standing behind the Council of Nicaea. Because the growing Christian communities were a threat for his empire, he hoped to gain the Church support by remodeling Christianity and he succeeded in doing so.

In North Africa and West Asia, the teachings of Arius were accepted by the majority of the people who readily embraced Islam when it later came to them. So that it is very clear to any free and neutral thinker that Trinity was rejected right from the moment of its establishment during the 4th and 5th centuries by the Arian groups whose movement was banned by Catholic by force. In the later day's Unitarians, it was Michael Servetus (1511-1553CE) and his followers who rejected the Trinitarian doctrine and in his book, "The Errors of Trinity" which caused such violent actions and the cause for his burning in the fire, he writes:

"The philosophers have invented a third separate being which they call the third person or the Holy spirit and thus they have conceived an imaginary Trinity, three beings in one nature while they admit a plurality of beings, a plurality of entities a plurality of essences, a plurality of substances and taking the word God strictly, they will have a plurality of Gods." Jesus A prophet of Islam" page 119.

The present day Unitarian Christianity such like Jehovah Witnesses and the Apostolic Church are the remnants of those early

combatants of Trinity and have been developed as new Christians' sects or modern Arians. Allah the Almighty knows how and when the people made their own religions without any authority so that criticizes as follows:

"O have they partners i.e. other deities who have ordained for them a religion to which Allah has not consented? But if not for the decisive word, it would have been concluded between them. And indeed, the wrongdoers will have a pain full torment." Qur'aan (42:21).

To avoid confusion, we will try to examine what the defenders of the Trinity use to mislead the mankind from the straight path of One eternal God. They open the 1st page of their book and tell us that God is plural and He is a Trinion as He said, let us create a man. Genesis 1:26. This does not tell us whether God is 2, 3, 4 ...etc.

No son (or offspring) did Allah beget, nor is there any ilah (god) along with Him. (If there had been many gods), then each god would have taken away what he had created, and some would have tried to overcome others! Glorified is Allah above all that they attribute to Him. Qur'aan 23:91.

If God is in association with others, He has to remain plural throughout the Book and we might be in forced to accept it. But God became plural only during his creation of a human being while He always remains singular. God was singular when He was creating the heavens and the earth but unfortunately as if He could not create a man by Himself he needed the assistance of the godhead the son who was even not born at that time and the godhead of the Holy Spirit. Immediately after creating the human

with the assistance of the other two godheads he became singular according to the Bible.

At the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Genesis 1:1 singular God. Whereas plural during the creating of a man: Let us create a man. Gene 1:26. After creating a human being God again became singular. As it is mentioned in Genesis 1:27 which say: God created man with his own image. Gene 1:27.

The creation of the heavens and earth is greater than the creation of mankind, but most of the people do not know. Qur'aan 40:57.

The unique Oneness of God is mentioned in the Bible throughout the book and God is always singular. This is also the focal point of Islamic creed and there are some verses from the Qur'aan and the Bible which are exactly one and the same as the Qur'aan is nothing but the confirmation of the Scriptures before it. But what matters is that as the Bible has been corrupted and distorted by human knowledge, the Qur'aan corrects those human mistakes in the Bible and confirms the truth in the Bible. In the first place we will present only one Qur'aanic verse and based on this we would like to correlate with the similar Biblical facts.

"Whatsoever is in the heavens and earth exalts Allah and He is the exalted in Might, the Wise. His is the dominion of the heavens and earth He gives life and causes death, and He is over all things competent. He is the First and the Last the Ascendant and the Intimate and He is of all things, knowing." 57:1-3.

And understand that I am He. Before me there was no God formed. Nor shall there be after Me. Isaiah 43:10. It seems that the Trinitarians might have not understood this part of the Bible

when they formed two gods equal to God after Him, in 325 and 381CE contrarily. Let us understand," Nor shall there be after me."

"Thus says the Lord I am the first and I am the last, besides Me there is no God. And who can proclaim as I do?" (Isaiah 44:6-7).

This is exactly what is in the Qur'aan and the Muslims are adherent to such pure teachings of the true God.

"I am the Lord, who makes all things, who stretches out the heavens all alone, who spreads abroad the earth by Myself." Isaiah 44:24.

Here is the point to be noticed that Allah made everything by Himself without support from Jesus or the Holy Spirit. Having the above Biblical verses in your mind, those of you who are totally singling out Jesus from the elements of the Trinity by saying Jesus is the savior, Jesus is the Lord, Jesus is praised, and Jesus is the Lord of Lords, what do you think the roles of the rest of two Godheads?

"Who has directed the spirit of the Lord, or as His counselor has taught Him? With whom did He take counsel and who instructed Him, and taught Him, in the path of justice? Who taught Him knowledge, and showed Him the way of understanding?" Isaiah 40:13-14

Please go through the impressive Qur'aanic verse in one sentence but explains to you your understanding level which helps you to make your own self evaluation.

"Look how We make clear to them the signs: look how they are deluded." Qur'aan 5:75.

"Indeed, the example of Jesus to Allah is like that of Adam. He created him from dust, then He said to him be and he was."
Qur'aan 3:59.

"Woe to him who strives with his Maker!" Isaiah 45:9.

"Do not fear, nor be afraid, Have I not told you from that time, and declared it? Is there a God besides Me? Indeed there is no other Rock, I know not one." Isaiah 44:8.

With all that has been explained in their Bible, the Christians or the church leaders of the 4th century went on establishing the new form of God, whom the world have never heard before the Nicene- Constantinople Ecumenical Council. The intellectuals should to try to find out the true God who is eternal and who is the same Lord for the Christians and for the Muslims.

Since the end of the Apostolic Age and beginning of Church Age, Saints began questioning, debating, fighting and separating over the question "Who is Jesus Christ?"

How happy are the Christians to believe in Trinity which was formulated after centuries of the ascension of Jesus to heaven as a Creed without any authority from God? Such a formulation of a doctrine by Ecumenical Councils was unknown to Jews who were the servants of God for thousands of years. This innovation which is beyond the grasp of human reason, one that admittedly had a pagan background of Constantine who was not even baptized during the ratification while his objective was largely a matter of politics not spiritual has been the cause for many life losses.

"Rome and her daughters have persecuted Monarchist, tortured, mutilated, and confiscated their homes and property. They have

murdered those who would not recant the monotheism of the Scriptures. And, out of respect for that righteous blood, a true Monarchian will never concede to trinitarianism, Papalism, or Creeds which were used as their law and authority to kill our people, and allow descendents of such to parade upon our platforms and speak behind our Pulpits. And, only the dead can forgive this injustice against their faith in Jesus Christ as their God and Saviour." By Pastor G. Reckart, Pastor

This disreputable history of Trinity fits in with what Jesus and his apostles foretold would follow after their time. Everybody has to work for his own soul to differentiate which is the right path and which is not? Why? Wishing all the best for all seekers of the truth to arrive on a good conclusion in a proven methodology approach, I recommend to the Christians to think twice ahead of time as to what their future will be on the Day of Judgment. I have tried to put every logical explanation with the supportive evidences from both religious books and historical facts with great care to avoid confusion. Now it is you who should take the alternative by careful examinations of the existing religious documents before your death that best guarantees your eternal salvation.

The Holy Qur'aan tells us that Allah will guide those people who strive hard in seeking after the truth to the straight path and so does the Bible and we can see how both books are alike.

"And those who strive for Us- We will surely guide them to Our ways." Qur'aan 29:69.

Joel 2:12 "Even now," declares the Lord, "return to me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning."

Deuteronomy 4:29 "But if from there you seek the LORD your God, you will find him if you look for him with all your heart and with all your soul."

According to the School of Thought of the Trinitarians, "The Mystery of Trinity is not comprehensible." If the question of the equality of God with His Creation is unknowable to human mind, there is no point in accepting such a mysterious God. Surprisingly, we are told to accept a kind of God who was killed on the cross once upon a time by the people while he could actually kill them by His power. On top of this we are intimidated not to define the mystery of Trinity as it is not comprehensible even though we know that it is comprehensible because its formulation is well known with its exact time and places by the Churchmen in 325CE and 381CE in Nicene---Constantinople Ecumenical Councils. We appreciate those Church and world historians for their keeping the historical records of those Ecumenical Councils which can be handed down even for the future generations who are yet unborn *and the Qur'aan too.*

"They have certainly disbelieved who say, Allah is the third of three. And there is no god except one God. And if they do not desist from what they are saying there will surely afflict the disbelievers among them a painful torment. "Qur'aan(5:73)

Conclusion and Recommendations

O mankind there has come to you a conclusive proof from your Lord and We have sent down to you a clear light. Qur'aan (4:174)

In the above mentioned Qur'aanic verse Allah the Almighty conclusively tells us that the Qur'aan is the proof from Him and a clear light which guides mankind to the straight path. This straight path is to bear witness that there is none who has the right to be worshipped but Allah.. It is an obligation of mankind to believe and accept His Oneness. When we bear witness this Oneness of God, we have to do it only in the way that He expressed Himself in the Holy Scriptures without addition or further fabrication by associating partners to Him. No need of conducting Nicene-Constantinople Councils to proof what has not been mentioned in the Bible. We have a very motivating Qur'aanic verse for the Christians who believe in Torah, Gospels and Qur'aan. The problem is that they claim that the law of Torah was abrogated and at the same time they deny the divinity of Qur'aan.

And if only they had upheld the law of the Torah, the Gospel and what has been revealed to them from their Lord(i.e., the Qur'aan) they would have consumed (provision) from above them and from beneath their feet. 5:66.

In my opinion, everything mentioned in this book is good enough to clear off all the false deities fabricated against Allah without the sound knowledge. Comparing and contrasting between Islam and Christianity based on the Holy Scriptures can quench human mind which is thirsty of the truth because of the religious bias.

Our part is to reach for others with what Allah has granted us. But the final decision of believing or disbelieving is up to the reader

himself. We pray for our Lord to give us His light and guidance and all praises and thanks are due to Him. Careful analysis and synthesis on the difference between Christianity and Islam and the recognition of their spiritual connections, based on their corresponding doctrines may build a confidence that leads to the right religion. There are some facts in the Bible about Oneness of God exactly as same as in the Qur'aan. These common facts can solve ultimately the controversies in Trinity which has been the subject of dispute among the different sects of Christianity since the day of its establishment by Ecumenical Councils. The outcomes of these Ecumenical Councils are overshadowing the ancient divine Laws which are clearly stated in a simple language well understandable by each and every reader of the Holy Scriptures.

We may save our souls from the hell-fire by avoiding one-sidedness information by acquiring a balanced knowledge that guides us to the absolute truth. We should be aware of the validity of each religious doctrine in line with further studying of the historical emergence of each religion which really requires a great mind to differentiate.

A great mind as the saying goes means:

**Great mind discusses ideas,
Good mind discusses thoughts,
Poor mind discusses people.**

Sorry to say, but is it really a great mind to become a Christian by appreciating the dogma of the Nicaea Ecumenical Council while it has been proven that it is not even mentioned as a single word in the Bible? Importantly, the subject Trinity was not only refuted by the Muslims but also by Jews, Unitarian Christians, and some

Nicene conference attendant bishops. How sure you are to worship the God structure who is unknown to Jews in the Old Testament and who was neither taught by Jesus? The concept of Trinity was not taught even by Paul because he was teaching that God is the Creator and Jesus as the human being between mankind and God.

Paul said, "For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus." 1Timothy 2: 5.

Dear brothers and sisters! I am sick of the saying that we have already been indulged into Christianity knowingly or unknowingly so that there is no room for changing our mind. My advice for such people is that religion is not a socially inherited culture or wealth from the parents, tribes, or friends to satisfy your material life only but it is the final decision of your choice for the sake of salvation from the great torment of the Day of Judgment as well guiding your worldly life in doing good to humanity. In my understanding, we have to come to the correct religion before our death if our goal of having a religion is for the eternal salvation so long as we recognized the truth.

We have a brain, an organ which is created and facilitated for grasping knowledge and reflect it. Failure to use the benefit of this great organ, i.e. brain is not the sign of intellectuality; rather it is as equal as trying to ask for help from the others to open your room which you yourself locked up against yourself while in fact the key is actually at your hand. It is of no use to shout for help while you have the key at your hands.

Therefore, the Christians must evaluate all the concepts discussed in this book from the different angles by making an intensive

research and widening the scope of understanding by sharing the Islamic teachings from the Muslims. That is the way to acquire a balanced knowledge rather than declaring one sidedness information.

The spiritual advice of the author of this book is to find out the solution for the problem of mankind's confusion about the right religion of God. Particularly the Christians' outlook about the Qur'aan is such a weak that they consider it a secular book. But this consideration is emanated from the lack of scholarship. In one way or the other, they have to know that the originality and eloquences of language, authenticity, applicability to the real world, and its scientifically miraculous are some of the features of the Holy Qur'aan which the Bible lacks to bear and these qualities of the Qur'aan are becoming the subject of envy. It goes without saying that you will improve your opinion about Islam after reading this book which may be the great advice in your life.

." Say, He is Allah who is one. Allah is the eternal refuge. He neither begets nor is born. Nor is there to Him any equivalent." (112:1-4).

The great advice of this book is to indicate that we should not follow a religion while still we have doubts in our mind as to the surety of its guidance because of the blindly love we have for it that has been developed through inheritance. It is great to differentiate the truth from the falsehood by searching and researching based on the facts available in the Holy Scriptures. There should be a behavioral change about Qur'aan which is wisdom and explains everything in detail and invites mankind to the truth.

"And say truth has come and falsehood has departed. Indeed is falsehood by nature ever bound to depart." 17:81.

So far what forbids you to come to the fold of Islam which is nothing but bearing witness that none has the right to be worshipped except Allah and Mohammed pbuh is His Messenger? This is the foundation of Islam which is easily comprehensible to which you are kindly invited to accept with all your heart and tongue and practice.

1. O people of the scripture why do you mix i.e. confuse the truth with falsehood and conceal the truth while you know it? (3:71).

2. O people of the Scriptures, 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'aan, 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.(5: 15-16).

[And say, "Ours is] the religion of Allah and who is better than Allah [in ordaining religion? And we are worshippers of Him."2:138.

The above Qur'aanic verse shows the big difference between Islam and Christianity in such a way that Christianity does not have any evidence of its ordinance by God or Jesus in the Bible. Rather, anybody who claims that he is a Roman Catholic is following the religion made by Athanasius while a Protestant is following the religion made by Martin Luther, and so on. Now that the situation calls for applying a critical thinking to make your own self evaluation why you are a Christian and draw a warranted conclusion and generalization.

To accept Islam you have to avoid the negative thinking about it that you have developed because of some distorted information

or misconceptions you had up to present. In doing so, you will gradually develop the positive thinking about Islam.

The positive habits of mind that characterize a person strongly disposed toward critical thinking include a courageous desire to follow reason and evidence wherever they may lead, open-mindedness, foresight attention to the possible consequences of choices, a systematic approach to problem solving, inquisitiveness, fair-mindedness and maturity of judgment, and confidence in reasoning. Islam is such a religion which is acceptable to any rational thinking and intellectual mind.

"Islam does not recognize faith when it is attained through blind imitation, when it is accepted blindly or unquestioningly. This fact is very important as far as the intellectual life of man is concerned. Islam requires Faith in God; and the Qur'aan makes numerous statements calling for Faith in God. But the significance of such statements is not in shelving them in the study room or even in the mind. The significance of such statements is that they constitute a warm invitation and an urgent appeal to the intellect to wake and think. to ponder and mediate.

It is true that the Qur'aan reveals the essential truth and facts about God, yet it is equally true that it does not want man to behave like a lazy heir who makes no efforts of his own. It wants man to enrich his intellectual wealth through serious endeavor and honest earning, so that he may become intellectually secure." Quoted from Islam in Focus by Hammudah Abdalati, pp 108.

The writer has not forwarded the above quotation from his own opinion but it is the Qur'aan which encourages mankind to make a research by traveling through the land and use his observations,

reflections and his sense organs- intellects to accept the truth, knowledge and guidance.

The following Qur'aanic verses are provided as concrete evidences to support the search for truth for men of understanding and show how Islam is based on rational thinking:

Say, [O Muhammad], "Travel through the land and observe how He began creation. Then Allah will produce the final creation [i.e. development]. Indeed Allah over all things is competent." 29:20.

"Made for you hearing and vision and hearts [i.e. intellect] little are you grateful." 32:9.

Indeed in the creation of the heavens and the earth and the alternation of the night and day are signs for those of understanding. 3:190.

Who remember Allah while standing or sitting or [lying] on their sides and give thought on the creation of the heavens and earth, [saying], "Our Lord, You did not create this aimlessly; exalted are you {above such a thing}; then protect us from the punishment of the fire." 3:191.

Therefore, as the whole is the sum of its parts, Christianity as a whole has no foundation to stand on since its elements trinity, crucifixion and the son ship of Jesus Christ are disproved and above all the books of New Testaments do not recognize any denomination of the Christian sects which further proves that it lacks divinity in its origin.

In the Name of Allah, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful

Praise be to Allah, Lord of the Worlds, The Beneficent, the Merciful. Owner of the Day of Judgment, Thee (alone) we worship; Thee (alone) we ask for help. Show us the straight path, The path of those whom Thou hast favoured. Not (the path) of those who earn Thine anger nor of those who go astray. (1:1-7).