

A DISCUSSION WITH A

# COPTIC CHRISTIAN



**By Jalal Abualrub**

Edited by Alaa Mencke

**MADINAH PUBLISHERS AND DISTRIBUTORS**

# A DISCUSSION WITH A COPTIC CHRISTIAN

This book is a dialogue we had with an Arab Coptic Christian about the core of the Islamic and Christian religions. In this book the reader can compare the Islamic faith to the Christian faith about these aspects: Quran's Praise of Jesus; Bible vs. Quran vs. Abrogation; Stories of the Prophets Between the Bible and the Quran; The Personal God; Biblical God vs. Allah vs. Jealousy; Incarnation; How the Bible Describes 'God'; True Peace; Allah (God) Loving Creation, and other pertinent topics.



MADINAH PUBLISHERS AND DISTRIBUTORS



[www.IslamLife.com](http://www.IslamLife.com) | [IslamLife@gmail.com](mailto:IslamLife@gmail.com)  
ISBN 979-8-89480-402-6



**By Jalal Abualrub**

A DISCUSSION WITH A  
**COPTIC CHRISTIAN**

MADINAH PUBLISHERS  
AND DISTRIBUTORS

A DISCUSSION WITH A

# COPTIC CHRISTIAN



**By Jalal Abualrub**

Edited by Alaa Mencke



MADINAH PUBLISHERS AND DISTRIBUTORS

**Madinah Publishers and Distributors**

**A Discussion with a Coptic Christian**

**By Jalal Abualrub**

**Edited by Alaa Mencke**

**First Edition**

Copyright © May 2024

All copyrights for this first edition, and for any subsequent editions of this book, are reserved for Madinah Publishers & Distributors (MPD) and for its owners Jalal Abualrub and Alaa Mencke. Distribution and publishing rights for this book are also reserved for, Madinah Publishers & Distributors (MPD) and its owners Jalal Abualrub and Alaa Mencke.

Without written permission of, Madinah Publishers and Distributors, no part of this book may be utilized, copied or reproduced in any way or form or by any means, electronic or mechanical, including recording and photocopying, or by any retrieval systems and information storage.

الطبعة الأولى مايو 2024 م

كافة حقوق الطبع والنشر والتوزيع لهذا الكتاب، الطبعة الأولى، تعود لشركة "المدينة للطباعة والنشر" ولصاحبها جلال أبو الرّب وآلاء منكي.

لا يسمح بإعادة طبع أو تصوير أو بث هذا الكتاب بأي وسيلة كانت أو باستخدام الكمبيوتر أو غير ذلك من وسائط البث والتصوير بدون إذن كتابي من المدينة للطباعة والنشر.

**Madinah Publishers and Distributors**

www.IslamLife.com; IslamLife@gmail.com

ISBN 979-8-89480-402-6

## **Contents**

A Discussion with a Coptic Christian .....	4
The Essence of the Islamic Faith .....	6
The Essence of the Christian Faith.....	9
Meaning of the Quran’s Praise of Jesus .....	12
Are Muslims Naive? .....	14
Bible vs. Quran vs. Abrogation.....	16
Stories of the Prophets Between the Bible and the Quran .....	18
Repetition in the Quran.....	22
Abrogation .....	26
The Personal God.....	28
Biblical God vs. Allah vs. Jealousy .....	31
Allah is ‘Jealous’ .....	38
Allah Grants Knowledge .....	39
Incarnation .....	41
Is Allah Ready to Smite Us? .....	43
How the Bible Describes ‘God’ .....	45
Fear from Allah and Hope in Him .....	48
True Peace .....	51
God Loving Creation.....	53
Muslims Have Divided Into Sects.....	55
Selected Books Jalal Abualrub Translated or Authored (Partial) ...	57

## **A Discussion with a Coptic Christian**

This is a dialogue we had with an Arab Coptic Christian about the core of the Islamic and Christian religions. We omitted his name here. The subtitles to each section followed by our answers reference the relevant questions or remarks made by the Arab Coptic Christian.

**An Arab Christian wrote:** “There are numerous articles that we have posted on many sites (in Arabic and in English) that answer your questions. We have many articles where we list verses that show Jesus Christ's Deity in the Bible. We also have many articles in Arabic that we quote from the Quran about Jesus Christ and His preeminence among all prophets. The issue is this: out of all my conversations with fellow Muslims followers such as yourself, who are passionate and sincere to their religion, I find that after all the proofs and debates, the answer I get (which is perhaps similar to yours) – The Quran abrogates the Bible and our Bible is corrupt after all. So this is a fatalistic approach. If you want us to prove from the Book of God (The Bible) -the deity of Jesus Christ and the Trinity and then you will come back to claim that the Quran abrogates the Bible – so why do you ask the question in the first place? **(1)** I read the Quran in Arabic of course – and I find it containing many distorted stories from the Bible. Apparently, the prophets of Islam heard bits and pieces from the Jews and from Heretic Christians – what we got is a book that distorts God's previous revelations. **(2)** I find the Quran repeating itself over and over again – and I find that many verses abrogates other verses to a point where I do not know what is good for present day Muslim and what is not. **(3)** I do not see God as a personal God in the Quran. I see Him this Entity sitting in heaven ready to smite us – human beings – form doing something not according to His will – His will is not clear and it is all up in the air as far as Salvation (Khalaas). **(4)** I find in the Quran much fear embedded in who God. I see that clearly with my interaction with Muslims – they have fear practicing Islam and fear leaving Islam. There is not real peace in Islam. Yet, I find that clearly in the Bible. God is personal, God is interacting with us at a human level. God is entering with covenants with his creation ... God is



*A Discussion with a Coptic Christian*

loving his creation something that is clearly missing in the Quran. (5)  
Coptic Christians in Egypt have their traditions which they implemented through the years to match the influence of Islam around them. There are Christians such as myself who do not agree in denominations such as Coptics –Those Christian who are Evangelicals who follow the Bible entirely do not have the traditions you find in Coptic or Catholic churches and unfortunately, Muslims like you mix them us up. That is all right –I do mix up Shiites with Sunnis or with Ismailites as well and I find hard to discern what a Muslim who is very Quranic vs others. I will be willing to point you to many links in Arabic about the deity of Christ in the Bible. I will be willing to point to you to many links that shows that the Bible is THE WORD OF GOD and it is not corrupted. If you believe that your Quran abrogates the Bible – then it is a waste of your time and my time.”



## The Essence of the Islamic Faith

### First Introduction

If Muslims are asked about the core of the Islamic faith, then here it is, plain, clear, simple, unequivocal, and without interpretation or the need for interpretation. Here, *in shaa Allah*, meaning Allah willing, we will describe each of the major aspects of the Islamic Faith in just one *ayah*, meaning, Quranic sentence or statement, for each Islamic concept and tenet.

### Who is Allah?

Allah ﷻ<sup>1</sup> said in the Quran, which is the holy book of Islam, the Final Revelation,

﴿ذَٰلِكُمُ اللَّهُ رَبُّكُمْ لَا إِلَٰهَ إِلَّا هُوَ خَلَقَ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ﴾

{ *Allâh, your Lord! Lâ ilâha illa Huwa* (none has the right to be worshipped except Him), *the Creator of all things.*} (6:102)

### Who is Muhammad ﷺ<sup>2</sup>, and what is his nature?

Allah ﷻ said in the Quran,

﴿مُحَمَّدٌ رَّسُولُ اللَّهِ﴾

{*Muhammad is the Messenger of Allâh*} (48:29), who Allah ﷻ ordered to declare to humankind,

﴿إِنَّمَا أَنَا بَشَرٌ مِّثْلُكُمْ﴾

{*"I am only a human being like you"*} (41:6).

---

<sup>1</sup> ﷻ, 'Sub`hanahu wa-Ta`ala': This statement is recited after mentioning Allah's Name; translated, it means, 'He (Allah) is Glorified and Exalted.' There are other statements of glorification that Muslims recite on mentioning Allah's Names.

<sup>2</sup> ﷺ, 'Salla Allahu `Alaihi wa-Sallam': This statement, which is recited after mentioning the Prophet Muhammad, means, 'Allah's blessings, mercy, and honor on him.'

## **Who is `Esa (Jesus) ﷺ<sup>3</sup>, the son of Maryam (Mary), and what is his nature?**

Allah ﷻ said that `Esa (Jesus), Allah's blessings and mercy on him, said,

﴿ قَالَ إِنِّي عَبْدُ اللَّهِ ؕ آتَانِي الْكِتَابَ وَجَعَلَنِي نَبِيًّا ۖ ... مَا كَانَ لِلَّهِ أَنْ يَتَّخِذَ مِنْ وَلَدٍ ۗ سُبْحٰنَهُ ۗ ﴾

{“Verily, I am an `Abd (slave and servant) of Allâh; He has given me the Scripture and made me a Prophet” ... It befits not Allâh that He should beget a son; Glorified be He} (19:30 & 35).

## **Is trinity a valid creed?**

Allah ﷻ ordered Prophet Muhammad ﷺ to make this declaration,

﴿ قُلْ هُوَ اللَّهُ أَحَدٌ ۝ اللَّهُ الصَّمَدُ ۝ لَمْ يَلِدْ وَلَمْ يُولَدْ ۝ ۝ وَلَمْ يَكُن لَّهُ كُفُوًا أَحَدٌ ۝ ﴾

{Say: “He is Allâh, One. Allâh-us-Samad (Who sustains everything; He stands in need of no one). He begets not, nor was He begotten. And there is none co-equal or comparable unto Him.”} (112:1-4)

One may also refer to Allah's Statement about trinity, where He ﷻ says,

﴿ لَقَدْ كَفَرَ الَّذِينَ قَالُوا إِنَّ اللَّهَ ثَالِثُ ثَلَاثَةٍ وَمَا مِنْ إِلَهٍ إِلَّا إِلَهُ وَاحِدٌ وَإِنْ لَمْ يَنْتَهُوا عَمَّا يَقُولُونَ لَيَمَسَّنَّ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا مِنْهُمْ عَذَابٌ أَلِيمٌ ۗ ﴾

{Disbelievers are those who said: “Allâh is the third of the three.” But there is no Ilâh but One Ilâh. And if they cease not from what they say, verily, a painful torment will befall the disbelievers among them.} (5:73)

Therefore, Muslims can easily explain their Islamic faith by using clear, plain, unequivocal, un-interpreted evidence; one *ayah*, at least, per each aspect.

---

<sup>3</sup> ﷺ, ‘Alaihi As-Salam’: This statement generally means, ‘[Allah’s] blessings and mercy on him’; it is recited on mentioning individual prophets and angels.

## *A Discussion with a Coptic Christian*

If one asks `Esa (Jesus) ﷺ about his faith, which is also the same faith described in the Old Testament, his answer will be plain and clear, *“The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord”* (Mark 12:29). This is the same as the Islamic faith.

## The Essence of the Christian Faith

### Second Introduction

If one asks any Christian about the core and the essence of the faith that makes one Christian, one will *not* find a single plain biblical text quoting any of Allah's Prophets, including Prophets Noo`h (Noah) ﷺ, Ibraheem (Abraham) ﷺ, Musa (Moses) ﷺ, and `Esa (Jesus) ﷺ that, without interpretation or the need for interpretation, affirms any part of the Christian dogma, such as: Jesus is divine; Jesus created the world; Trinity is a valid creed, let alone being the valid creed; God has begotten a divine son; The Holy Ghost is the lord; Jesus demanded his worship as God is worshipped; Jesus was sent to atone for the sins of humankind through his crucifixion; Adam's sin is inherited by everyone among his offspring.

No Christian can prove that Jesus ﷺ, nor any other prophet mentioned in the Bible, ever made any of the statements listed here. No Christian can prove that `Esa (Jesus) ﷺ ever said these words: "People! I created you; worship me, as you worship God; I am divine; God is one-in-three and three-in-one; you all inherited Adam's sin; I came to die on the cross to atone for your sins; I am your lord and savior; I am God."

All Christians can bring are statements made by anonymous people who came after `Esa (Jesus) ﷺ, who never met `Esa (Jesus) ﷺ, who can never quote a single statement from `Esa (Jesus) ﷺ –or any other prophet before him- that partially or totally affirms the creed they have invented.

All Christians can bring are interpretations of vague biblical texts, none of which is in its original form or original language. They bring claims that these texts mean this or that, without clear evidence. No two Christian sects can sincerely agree on all of the details of any major part of the Christian creed.

Prophet Musa (Moses) ﷺ never heard of the Christian faith and never preached it. Prophet Ibraheem (Abraham) ﷺ never heard of the Christian faith and never preached it. Prophet Noo`h (Noah) ﷺ never heard of the Christian faith and never preached it. Adam ﷺ

## *A Discussion with a Coptic Christian*

never heard of the Christian faith and never preached it. The Torah never heard of the Christian faith and never preached it. Prophet `Esa (Jesus) ﷺ never heard of the Christian faith and never preached it.

All that humankind hears from Christians on this core issue of their faith, is that they reference this article or that book which, they claim, proves Jesus' divinity. However, the said article and the referenced book contain no clear, unequivocal evidence establishing the Christian creed. They just have references to numerous biblical verses that are interpreted in a certain way to mean this or that, added to other biblical verses also interpreted to mean this or that, where the author or the preacher concludes that they have proven Jesus' divinity using this utterly vague, flimsy, glued-together evidence.

Nevertheless, even on the vague biblical texts that are interpreted at will to make them mean whatever various Christian sects wish them to mean, no two Christian sects completely agree on their meaning or on any other major aspect of Christianity, including trinity and the nature of Jesus ﷺ. Each Christian sect declares that theirs –and theirs alone- is the true Christian faith and the true interpretation of biblical texts.

Arab Christians, for instance, do not even call `Esa by his European name, Jesus, but by his Arab, and true name, `Esa, or by another name various sects have invented such as, Yasu'. They also do not use the term, god, to describe the Creator, but instead use the Creator's true name, Allah.

In addition, another clear fact that no human can ever change or dispute is that the Jews and the Christians do not have access to the original books contained in their respective version of the Bible in the original language they were written in. If the Christian creed is the creed to follow, why didn't Jesus say so in the clearest of terms, then safeguarded his statement from corruption, so that every human being is able to read and understand it, without needing any interpretation?

Even if the Christians have only one unequivocal statement from *Al-Masee`h*, the Messiah, `Esa, Jesus ﷺ, wherein he appears to call to his own worship or to affirm trinity, they would have celebrated his statement and made it apparent for all of humankind to read and see. However, Christians do not have even one statement affirming trinity, yet, this is the core of the Christian faith. Christians should not need

## *A Discussion with a Coptic Christian*

articles or books to prove it; only one verse is enough to prove such edict, just one original, clear, authentic verse.

The unequivocal truth is that *Al-Masee`h*, the Messiah, `Esa, Jesus ﷺ, never called to any of the Christian creeds, totally, partially, or by hint,

﴿وَإِذْ قَالَ اللَّهُ يٰعِيسَى ابْنَ مَرْيَمَ ءَأَنْتَ قُلْتَ لِلنَّاسِ اتَّخِذُونِي وَأُمِّيَ إِلَهَيْنِ مِن دُونِ اللَّهِ ۗ قَالَ سُبْحٰنَكَ مَا يَكُونُ لِي أَنْ أَقُولَ مَا لَيْسَ لِي بِحَقِّ ۖ إِن كُنتُ قُلْتُهُ فَقَدْ عَلِمْتَهُ ۚ تَعَلَّمْ مَا فِي نَفْسِي وَلَا أَعَلَّمْ مَا فِي نَفْسِكَ ۚ إِنَّكَ أَنْتَ عَلَّمُ الْغُيُوبِ ﴿١١٦﴾ مَا قُلْتُ لَهُمْ إِلَّا مَا أَمَرْتَنِي بِهِ ۗ أَنۢ أَعْبُدُوا اللَّهَ رَبِّي وَرَبَّكُمْ ۚ وَكُنْتُ عَلَيْهِمْ شَهِيدًا مَّا دُمْتُ فِيهِمْ ۗ فَلَمَّا تَوَفَّيْتَنِي كُنْتُ أَنتَ الرَّقِيبَ عَلَيْهِمْ وَأَنْتَ عَلَىٰ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ شَهِيدٌ ﴿١١٧﴾﴾

{*And (mention) when Allâh will say (on the Day of Resurrection): "O `Îsâ (Jesus), son of Maryam (Mary)! Did you say unto people: 'Worship me and my mother as two gods besides Allâh?'" He will say: "Glory be to You! It was not for me to say what I had no right (to say). Had I said such a thing, You would surely have known it. You know what is in my inner-self though I do not know what is in Yours; truly, You, only You, are the All-Knower of all that is hidden (and unseen). Never did I say to them aught except what You (Allâh) did command me to say: 'Worship Allâh, my Lord and your Lord.' And I was a witness over them while I dwelt amongst them, but when You took me up, You were the Watcher over them; and You are a Witness to all things.*<sup>4</sup>} (5:116-7)

The unequivocal truth is that *Al-Masee`h*, the Messiah, `Esa, Jesus ﷺ never was a Christian, but he was a human Messenger from Allah, the All-Mighty, the All-Wise.

---

<sup>4</sup> This is a strong admonition and a stern warning to all Christians.

We quoted the full text of *ayat* 6:116-7 here for the benefit they contain.

## Meaning of the Quran's Praise of Jesus

Surely, the Quran contains exceptional praise of Prophet `Esa, Jesus, Allah's blessings, honor and mercy on him. However, the Quran clearly describes Prophet `Esa, Jesus ﷺ, to be a human prophet not divine; it rejects trinity, refutes the worship of `Esa, Jesus ﷺ, in the most-clear terms, and perfectly denies Allah ﷻ having a son or a partner to Him in the lordship or the worship.

The Quran also praises several other prophets more than it praises Prophet `Esa, Jesus ﷺ, and mentions miracles which those prophets performed, by Allah's permission, that are as unique and, in some instances, greater than the miracles Prophet `Esa, Jesus ﷺ, performed, by Allah's permission.

For instance, in the Quran, Allah ﷻ praised His Prophets Ibraheem (Abraham) ﷺ and Musa (Moses) ﷺ, more than He praised His Prophet `Esa (Jesus) ﷺ. The Quran also praised Allah's Prophet Muhammad ﷺ more than it praised any other prophet and mentioned some of the miracles he performed, by Allah's permission, that are greater than the miracles which Prophet `Esa, Jesus ﷺ, performed, by Allah's permission.

**Example:** The splitting of the moon witnessed by the inhabitants of Makkah and surrounding towns, "No material (physical) miracle we know of is as extraordinary as the manifest miracle Allah ﷻ gave our Prophet, Muhammad, Allah's praise, blessings, and mercy on him: The splitting of the moon. This miracle is mentioned in the Quran, *Surat Al-Qamar*, which is Chapter 54, *ayah* (Quranic statement) number 1, and in, *Saheeh Al-Bukhari* and *Saheeh Muslim*, the two most authentic records of the Prophet Muhammad's *'hadeeth*<sup>5</sup> statements and reports of his actions and practices. ... Allah ﷻ stated in the Quran,

﴿ أَقْرَبَتْ السَّاعَةَ وَانْشَقَّ الْقَمْرُ ﴾

---

<sup>5</sup> *Hadeeth* literally means, 'Speech'; with regards to the Prophet Muhammad, Allah's blessings, mercy and honor on him, *hadeeth* is in reference to his statements and reports of his actions and his agreeing to or rejecting some statements or actions.



## *A Discussion with a Coptic Christian*

{The [Last] Hour has drawn near, and the moon has been cleft asunder} (Quran 54:1)." (Jalal Abualrub. *Miracles of Jesus*, Pg., 13)

The fact that the Quran praised Prophet `Esa, Jesus ﷺ, as he should be praised, and mentioned the unique miracles he ﷺ has performed, by Allah's permission, does not support Christian claims that Jesus is divine. For the Quran's praise of the Prophet `Esa, Jesus ﷺ, to justify the Christian faith regarding his divinity, the Quran must clearly and explicitly state that `Esa, Jesus ﷺ, is divine; that Allah ﷻ is one in trinity; and that Jesus ﷺ is Allah's begotten son, begotten not made.

Instead, the Quran rejects this false dogma in the clearest of terms and condemns it as pure polytheistic disbelief in Allah ﷻ, as quoted above. The Quran also rejects the Christian idea of Original Sin,

﴿ أَلَّا تَزِرُ وَازِرَةٌ وِزْرَ أُخْرَىٰ ﴾

{No burdened person (with sins) shall bear the burden (sins) of another} (53:38).

## **Are Muslims Naive?**

Muslims indeed have great passion for Islam, but not because they are naive or because they are overcome by emotion. To the contrary, Muslims are passionate about Islam, because the Islamic faith is the true faith. Muslims believe in Islam based on precise evidence and proof, and on knowledge. Muslims are much more aware of Islam than most Christians are aware of Christianity. Muslims, in general, know much more about other religions, than the average Christians know about other religions.

Muslims read the Quran every day in their life, as Egyptian Copts know well. In Egypt, Copts hear the Quran being recited aloud three times a day from the loudspeakers of the tens of thousands of *masjids*, meaning, the Islamic places of worship, found in Cairo and all other Egyptian cities, villages, and areas, let alone hearing it being recited aloud while walking in the streets, riding buses or taxis, on the airwaves, and also during voluntary congregational nightly prayers in Ramadan, the month of the fast.

Muslims have access to innumerable scholarly books that explain every part of the Quran and Prophet Muhammad's Sunnah practices and traditions, supported by clear, powerful evidence. Many Muslims are more learned about the Bible than the majority of common-folk Christians know about their own holy book, especially since most practicing Christians only hear the parts of their Bible which their priests choose to recite to them during their religious ceremonies, if they attend such ceremonies that is.

Christians of the world do not recite every part of their Bible numerous times every month, or every year, or even in their lifetime. In contrast, the Quran is found wherever Muslims go, especially in their hearts. Currently, hundreds of thousands of Muslims, both Arab and non-Arab, memorize the entire Quran by heart. Hundreds of millions of Muslims, including Muslim children, both Arab and non-Arab, memorize -by heart- at least a part of the Quran.

Muslims know their Islam well. Muslims know their Quran and their Muhammad ﷺ so well that, they have developed a passion for

*A Discussion with a Coptic Christian*

them that is unsurpassed in its depth and scope. Visit Muslims in China, Indonesia, India, Turkey, any Arab country, North or South America, Africa, Europe, or Australia, and compare the copies of the Quran Muslims there have to each other and one will come to know for certainty that they all are exactly the same. This is not only passion, but also scientific precision in its most beautiful form.

## **Bible vs. Quran vs. Abrogation**

Muslims believe, and Islam teaches, that the Quran abrogates the divine books that were revealed before the revelation of the Quran, including the Torah of Moses ﷺ and the Injeel (Gospel) of Jesus ﷺ. The Two Testaments, which are not the original Torah or the original Injeel, were corrupted massively and repeatedly over the centuries. The Quran is Allah's Last and Final Revelation; it abrogates earlier divine books and corrects the parts in them that were corrupted and changed.

As proof, following are undisputed clear facts for people who sincerely seek the truth, "There is an erroneous belief among many that Islam considers the Old Testament and the Torah, and the New Testament and the Injeel, as synonymous. This is not true. The Torah, a book of religious instructions, was sent *to* Moses ﷺ, *not about* Moses, *not* written *by* Moses. The Injeel, also a book of religious guidance, was revealed *to* Jesus ﷺ, *not about* Jesus, *not* written *by* Jesus." (Jalal Abualrub. *Did Jesus and Muhammad Practice Crossdressing*, pg., 58)

One may say that they do not believe in the Quran, so how can Muslims prove that the Quran is correct regarding the Bible being corrupted? One answer will be to mention at least one story of a prophet whose image was distorted in the Bible, then, compare it to the Quran's version which refutes the clear biblical fabrications about Allah's Prophets and affirms their honor and obedience to Allah ﷻ.

Another answer is to refer the questioner to the numerous articles and books written by Jewish and Christian scholars stating that the Bible was changed and altered, or to the numerous biblical texts that clearly contradict each other.

**Example:** The appearance and disappearance of *1 John 5:7*, a major biblical verse and a foundation of Christianity, between the Standard and the KJV versions of the Bible, "*For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.*" Even versions of the Bible that kept this verse almost intact translate it differently, especially the last part of it: "... *and the three agree as one*"; "... *and the three agree in one.*"

## *A Discussion with a Coptic Christian*

Furthermore, Bible scholars have always disagreed with each other regarding who wrote most of the books contained in the Bible and in which original language and timeframe they were written in. Surely, there is far more evidence found in Jewish and Christian writings that affirm the corruption of the Bible than one can read in a lifetime.

## **Stories of the Prophets Between the Bible and the Quran**

The claim that there are distorted stories from the Bible found in the Quran is simply strange. Muslims believe the complete opposite- that there are numerous distorted stories in the Bible written by unknown authors, absolute fabrications that the Quran corrects.

Does any 'sincere' Jew or Christian seriously believe that they are faithful true believers while Prophet Sulaiman (Solomon) ﷺ died as an idol-worshipper, "**Did Prophet Sulaiman (Solomon) ﷺ have a change of heart:** ... 1 Kings 11 reports that Sulaiman (Solomon ﷺ) had a change of heart, '**1. But king Solomon loved many strange women. ... 2. Of the nations concerning which the Lord said unto the children of Israel, Ye shall not go in to them, neither shall they come in unto you: for surely they will turn away your heart after their gods. ... 3. And he had seven hundred wives, princesses, and three hundred concubines. ... 4. For it came to pass, when Solomon was old, that his wives turned away his heart after other gods: and his heart was not perfect with the Lord his God, as was the heart of David his father. ... 6. And Solomon did evil in the sight of the Lord. ... 8. And likewise did he for all his strange wives, which burnt incense and sacrificed unto their gods. 9. And the Lord was angry with Solomon, because his heart was turned from the Lord God of Israel, which had appeared unto him twice.'** (1 Kings 11:1-9)" (Jalal Abualrub. 50 Righteous and Humane Concepts Brought by Muhammad, Pg., 91)

Does any 'sincere' Jew or Christian seriously believe that they are purer and cleaner than Prophet Lut (Lot) ﷺ, "**Prophet Lut (Lot) ﷺ** is the subject of one of the worst accusations the Old Testament has ever made against the honorable Prophets of Allah ﷻ. Genesis 19 details this shameful false claim against Prophet Lut, '*And the firstborn said unto the younger, Our father is old, and there is not a man in the earth to come in unto us after the manner of all the earth. Come, let us make our father drink wine, and we will lie with him, that we may preserve seed of our father. And they made their father drink wine that night: and the firstborn went in, and lay with her father; and he perceived not when she lay down, nor when she arose. And it came to pass on the morrow, that the firstborn said unto the younger, Behold, I lay yesternight with my father: let us make him drink wine*

*this night also; and go thou in, and lie with him, that we may preserve seed of our father. And they made their father drink wine that night also: and the younger arose, and lay with him; and he perceived not when she lay down, nor when she arose. Thus were both the daughters of Lot with child by their father.'* (Genesis 19:31-6) **Comments. A shameful story; no biblical**

**comment:** This is the story, no biblical chastisement of this [falsely claimed] horrible incest, no biblical comment, no biblical apology, no biblical rebuke. Complete silence. **'Son of his mother's father' as an ancestor of Jesus:** According to the Old Testament, Lot's oldest daughter called her son, Moab, which means, from the father! Her sister called her son, Ben Ammi, meaning, Son of my people! Moab, son of his mother's father -literally, so the Old Testament tells us- is an ancestor of Ruth, and therefore, of David, Solomon, and Jesus. It doesn't seem to be of importance to Christians that their lord and savior is a descendant of an illegitimate child, worse, a result of incest. **Biblical Lot seems to have not perceived much:** He did not perceive that his daughters made him drunk on two consecutive nights. He did not perceive that his daughters slept with him on two consecutive nights. He, even though an old man, did not perceive that he had sexual relations on two consecutive nights. He did not perceive that, for his daughters to become pregnant, he would be the only man responsible for their pregnancy since, as his older daughter is falsely reported to have said, 'There is not a man in the earth to come in unto us after the manner of all the earth'; and since Lot had before described his two daughters as, 'Have not known man' (Genesis 19:9). Biblical Lot did not perceive to inquire about whom the father was, that is, whoever 'came in unto' his two daughters when there was 'not a man in the earth.' Lot's daughters did not perceive that not all the men of the earth perished along with the people of Sodom. At least the men of a small town, Zoar, survived the destruction, since Lot pleaded to save them from annihilation, and his request was accepted. There were plenty of men on earth to go 'in unto,' them. **The Bible does not admonish this terrible incest:** Some Christians justify this shameful story by claiming that Lot was not a prophet. Even if we agree that Lot was not a prophet, even though indeed he was an honorable prophet, the Old Testament mentioned this story without a single comment, admonishment, rejection, or apology. **Even though it was changed**

**and corrupted, the Old Testament still mentions the good qualities of Prophet Lut (Lot) ﷺ.** This refutes the false claims that he ﷺ wasn't a prophet or honorable, false claims made by some fanatical Christians against Prophet Lut ﷺ. **Brief analysis on the 19<sup>th</sup> chapter in Genesis:**

*'And there came two angels to Sodom. ... Lot sat in the gate of Sodom: and ... rose up to meet them. ... And he said ... turn in, I pray you, into your servant's house, and tarry all night ... they said, Nay; but we will abide in the street all night. And he pressed upon them greatly; and they ... entered into his house; and he made them a feast. ... But before they lay down, the men of the city ... of Sodom, compassed the house round. ... And they called unto Lot ... Where are the men which came in to thee this night? bring them out unto us, that we may know them. And Lot went out ... and shut the door after him. And said, I pray you, brethren, do not so wickedly. ... And the men said unto Lot. ... we will destroy this place, because the cry of them is waxen great before the face of the Lord ... when the morning arose, then the angels hastened Lot, saying, Arise, take thy wife, and thy two daughters ... lest thou be consumed in the iniquity of the city ... the Lord being merciful unto him ... they ... set him without the city. ... And Lot said unto them ... thy servant hath found grace in thy sight, and thou hast magnified thy mercy ... this city is near to flee unto ... let me escape thither. ... And he said unto him, See, I have accepted thee concerning this thing also, that I will not overthrow this city, for the which thou hast spoken ... escape thither; for I cannot do any thing till thou be come thither.'* (Genesis, Chapter 19) **Comments.**

**Generosity:** Prophet Lut (Lot) ﷺ rose to accept two guests who came to the wicked city, cooked for them, and pleaded with them to rest at his house and leave in the morning, for obvious reasons. **Courage:** When the wicked city knew about the two guests, its men came to Lot's house. Lot went out and confronted them –alone- and asked them not to act wickedly. **Piety:** The angels said to Lot that they will destroy the city because of its society's sin; they urged him to leave, so that he wouldn't be consumed because of the townspeople's iniquity. **Chosen:** The Lord was being merciful to Lot ﷺ, as the verses state; the angels were also being merciful to Lot, wishing to save him from the consequences of the iniquity of Sodom. Lot's request not to destroy a small town was accepted. Lot was told that Sodom's punishment will only start *after* he left the city. **Honor:** This is not the description of a man who would tolerate dishonor in his own household, as the



anonymous authors of the Old Testament falsely and [so] wickedly allege.'" (Jalal Abualrub. *50 Righteous and Humane Concepts Brought by Muhammad*, Pg., 86-9)

Muslims will never believe that they are more-pure or more-clean, outwardly or inwardly, than Prophet Lut (Lot) ﷺ or that they are true faithful believers while Prophet Sulaiman (Solomon) ﷺ died as a disbeliever. And the Bible does not even mention if Lut asked his daughters who was the father of their children. What is the moral lesson to gain from this false biblical story? What moral values would one teach their daughters from what Prophet Lut (Lot) ﷺ is falsely accused of doing? Would anyone honestly and openly allow their young daughters to read this filthy story, let alone believe that it is in, The Word of God?

Humankind needs the Quran to correct this clear and deliberate biblical falsehood. The Quran was revealed for the purpose of, among many other substantial reasons, correcting the massive slander against Allah's Honorable Prophets that the Bible propagates,

﴿ وَمَا كَفَرَ سُلَيْمٰنُ وَاٰلِڪِنَّ الشَّيْطٰنِ كَفَرُوْا ﴾

{Sulaimân (Solomon) did not disbelieve, but the Shayâtîn (the devils) disbelieved} (2:102);

﴿ \* فَمَا كَانَ جَوَابَ قَوْمِهِۦٓ اِلَّا اَنْ قَالُوْٓا اَخْرِجُوْٓا ؕ اَل لُّوٓطِۙ مِنْ قَرْيٰتِكُمْ اِنَّهُمْ اُنَاسٌ يَّتَطَهَّرُوْنَ ﴿٥٦﴾ ﴾

{There was no other answer given by his people, except that they said: "Drive out the family of Lût (Lot) from your city; verily, these are a people who want to be clean and pure"} (27:56).

Compare this better Quranic stance to how the Bible so wickedly slanders Allah's Honorable Prophet Lut (Lot) ﷺ and his family, when, as the Quran narrates, their own people declared that, "these are a people who want to be clean and pure." This is the truth, while the Bible had the story completely wrong, and many other stories written by 'Authors Anonymous' in the numerous books found in the Bible.

## Repetition in the Quran

As for repetition in the Quran, the wisdom behind it is plain and clear to those who read the Quran with care, as we will explain, Allah willing. There are numerous instances of repetition in the Bible with clear variations between them, in addition to entire books that repeat the census of the Children of Israel counting their tribes, sub-tribes, families, children, cattle, sheep, and everything material that pertains to the Children of Israel; sadly, chickens were not numbered. There is no benefit for humankind in these repeated stories about census in, 'The Literal Word of God.'

Allah's revealed Scriptures contain religious guidance, not records of censuses or counts of the gold and the other items the Children of Israel allegedly stole from Egypt, by command from Moses as the Jews so wickedly claim, "35. And the children of Israel did according to the word of Moses; and they borrowed of the Egyptians jewels of silver, and jewels of gold, and raiment: 36. And the LORD gave the people favor in the sight of the Egyptians, so that they lent unto them such things as they required. And they spoiled (New International Version: 'plundered', meaning, stole from) the Egyptians." (Exudes 12:35-6). This is what the Jews did to the legacy of their most prominent Prophet, Musa (Moses), Allah's mercy and honor on him, who is innocent of this vicious lie and act of intentional betrayal.

The Children of Israel are part of Allah's creation. Allah ﷻ did create other men and women and did send prophets to other nations,

﴿ وَقَالَتِ الْيَهُودُ وَالنَّصَارَىٰ نَحْنُ أَبْنَاءُ اللَّهِ وَأَحِبَّوهُ ۗ قُلْ فَلِمَ يُعَذِّبُكُمْ بِذُنُوبِكُمْ بَلْ أَنْتُمْ بَشَرٌ مِّمَّنْ خَلَقَ يَغْفِرُ لِمَن يَشَاءُ وَيُعَذِّبُ مَن يَشَاءُ ۗ وَلِلَّهِ مُلْكُ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ وَمَا بَيْنَهُمَا ۗ وَإِلَيْهِ الْمَصِيرُ ﴿١٨﴾ يَا أَهْلَ الْكِتَابِ قَدْ جَاءَكُمْ رَسُولُنَا يُبَيِّنُ لَكُمْ عَلَىٰ فَتْرَةٍ مِّنَ الرُّسُلِ أَن تَقُولُوا مَا جَاءَنَا مِن بَشِيرٍ وَلَا نَذِيرٍ ۚ فَقَدْ جَاءَكُمْ بَشِيرٌ وَنَذِيرٌ ۗ وَاللَّهُ عَلَىٰ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ ﴿١٩﴾ ﴾

## *A Discussion with a Coptic Christian*

{*And (both) the Jews and the Christians say: "We are the children of Allâh and His loved ones." Say: "Why then does He punish you for your sins?" Nay, you are but human beings of those He has created, He forgives whom He wills and He punishes whom He wills. And to Allâh belongs the dominion of the heavens and the earth and all that is between them; and to Him is the return (of all). O, people of the Scripture (Jews and Christians)! Now has come to you Our Messenger (Muhammad) making (things) clear unto you, after a break in (the series of) Messengers, lest you say: "There came unto us no bringer of glad tidings and no warner." But now has come unto you a bringer of glad tidings and a warner. And Allâh is Able to do all things.*} (5:18-9)

To continue, not only one, but four different Gospels, the most famous Gospels to Christendom, narrate the same story of the same man, even though they contradict each other in many parts of their narratives, which -again- were written by, 'Authors Anonymous', as numerous Christian scholars admit.

For instance, **Genealogy of Jesus**: "Ever since the four Gospels, written by, Authors Anonymous, appeared decades after Jesus departed this earthly life, alive and well and without being crucified as Islam asserts, Christendom has tried in vain to explain the dramatic discrepancies between these two genealogies [for Jesus] in the number of generations, twenty-seven (27) names in *Matthew* 1:1-17 vs. forty-two (42) names in *Luke* 3:23-38, and also in the names. Christians give various explanations for the clear discrepancies, always based on conjecture, but they always avoid answering this crucial question: Why did the writers of these two Gospels, whoever they really were, collect a paternal genealogy for Jesus to begin with? Additionally, why would *Matthew* (1:1) write this, '*The book of the generation of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham*', when this statement contradicts the foundation of Christianity, that is, Jesus being the son of God? Why would *Luke* (3:38) write this, '*Adam, which was the son of God,*' when according to Christians, it was Jesus who was the son of God, not Adam? Even if the two genealogies of Jesus were perfectly identical, *why would they appear in the Bible to begin with?*" (Jalal Abualrub. *The Bible*, by 'Authors Anonymous', Pg., 7)

Thus, it seems bizarre that Christians would forget all these facts about their holy book and criticize repeated stories in the Quran, without giving specific evidence why they think this is strange.

Every repetition in the Quran serves a beneficial, moral purpose, by either offering more details or additional moral values to learn. The Quran is also called, *Adh-Dhikr*, which means, The Reminder. The reminder is repeated in various ways, so that the various moral values it teaches remain present and alive in the believer's heart and mind. Every instance of repetition in the Quran uses the most eloquent Arabi speech and different ways to describe the same meaning, the same truth. Every instance of repetition in the Quran has an added benefit for the guidance of humankind. Also, the Quran has numerous topics, not only stories as the Bible mainly does.

Here are two clear examples from the Quran narrating the same story with added details and benefits in each example, such as "*Thus truth was confirmed, and all that they did was made of no effect*",

﴿ وَجَاءَ السَّحَرَةُ فِرْعَوْنَ قَالُوا إِنَّ لَنَا لَأَجْرًا إِن كُنَّا نَحْنُ الْغَالِبِينَ ﴿١١٣﴾ قَالَ نَعَمْ وَإِنَّكُمْ لَمِنَ الْمُقَرَّبِينَ ﴿١١٤﴾ قَالُوا يَمُوسَى إِمَّا أَنْ تُلْقِيَ وَإِمَّا أَنْ نَكُونَ نَحْنُ الْمُلْقِينَ ﴿١١٥﴾ قَالَ أَلْقُوا فَلَمَّا أَلْقَوْا سَحَرُوا أَعْيُنَ النَّاسِ وَاسْتَهَابُوهُمْ وَجَاءُوا بِسِحْرِ عَظِيمٍ ﴿١١٦﴾ \* وَأَوْحَيْنَا إِلَىٰ مُوسَىٰ أَنْ أَلْقِ عَصَاكَ فَإِذَا هِيَ تَلْقَفُ مَا يَأْفِكُونَ ﴿١١٧﴾ فَوَقَعَ الْحَقُّ وَبَطَلَ مَا كَانُوا يَعْمَلُونَ ﴿١١٨﴾ فَغَلِبُوا هنَالِكَ وَانْقَلَبُوا صَغِيرِينَ ﴿١١٩﴾ وَأَلْقَى السَّحَرَةُ سِجِّينَ ﴿١٢٠﴾ قَالُوا ءَامَنَّا بِرَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ ﴿١٢١﴾ رَبِّ مُوسَىٰ وَهَارُونَ ﴿١٢٢﴾ ﴿

الأعراف: ١١٣ - ١٢٢

{*And so the sorcerers came to Fir'aun (Pharaoh). They said: "Indeed there will be a (good) reward for us if we are the victors." He said: "Yes, and moreover you will (in that case) be of the nearest (to me)." They said: "O Mûsâ (Moses)! Either you throw (first), or shall we have the (first) throw?" He [Mûsâ (Moses)] said: "Throw you (first)." So when they threw, they bewitched the eyes of the people, and struck terror into them, and they displayed a great magic. And We (Allâh) revealed to Mûsâ (Moses) (saying): "Throw your stick," and behold! It swallowed up straight away all*

## *A Discussion with a Coptic Christian*

*the falsehood which they showed. Thus truth was confirmed, and all that they did was made of no effect. So they were defeated there and returned disgraced. And the sorcerers fell down prostrate. They said: "We believe in the Lord of the 'Âlamîn (humankind, jinn and all that exists). The Lord of Mûsâ (Moses) and Hârûn (Aaron)."* } (7:113-122);

﴿ فَلَمَّا جَاءَ السَّحَرَةُ قَالُوا لِفِرْعَوْنَ أَإِنَّا لَنَأْتِيَنَّكَ إِن كُنَّا نَحْنُ الْغَالِبِينَ ﴿٤١﴾ قَالَ نَعَمْ وَإِنَّكُمْ إِذَا لَمِنَ الْمُقَرَّبِينَ ﴿٤٢﴾ قَالَ لَهُم مُوسَى أَلْقُوا مَا أَنْتُمْ مُلقُونَ ﴿٤٣﴾ فَأَلْقَوْا حِبَالَهُمْ وَعَصِيَّهُمْ وَقَالُوا بِعِزَّةِ فِرْعَوْنَ إِنَّا لَنَحْنُ الْغَالِبُونَ ﴿٤٤﴾ فَأَلْقَى مُوسَى عَصَاهُ فَإِذَا هِيَ تَلْقَفُ مَا يَأْفِكُونَ ﴿٤٥﴾ فَأَلْقَى السَّحَرَةُ سَجِيدِينَ ﴿٤٦﴾ قَالُوا ءَامَنَّا بِرَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ ﴿٤٧﴾ رَبِّ مُوسَى وَهَارُونَ ﴿٤٨﴾ ﴾

الشعراء: ٤١ - ٤٨

{So when the sorcerers arrived, they said to Fir'aun (Pharaoh): "Will there surely be a reward for us if we are the winners?" He said: "Yes, and you shall then verily be of those brought near (to myself)". Mûsâ (Moses) said to them: "Throw what you are going to throw!" So they threw their ropes and their sticks, and said: "By the might of Fir'aun (Pharaoh), it is we who will certainly win!" Then Mûsâ (Moses) threw his stick, and behold, it swallowed up all that they falsely showed! And the sorcerers fell down prostrate. Saying: "We believe in the Lord of the 'Âlamîn (humankind, jinn and all that exists). The Lord of Mûsâ (Moses) and Hârûn (Aaron)."} (26:41-8)

## Abrogation

Just like the Bible, the Quran contains abrogation. If, and when, any Christian mentions this topic while criticizing the Quran, they should immediately be asked about what happened to the law 'God' revealed to Moses ﷺ, such as stoning the adulterer? Christians have done away with most of the Law of the Torah, which Prophet Jesus ﷺ abided by, "But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law" (Galatians 4:4). So, it is astonishing that this topic is even mentioned by Christians.

**Examples of abrogation in the Bible: "To many Christians, *Thou shalt not*, seems to mean, *Thou shalt*:** Here is an example of Christian doctrines being explained in such a way as to start with the Divine Commandment saying 'don't', but ending with the Christian Dogma somehow saying 'do'. Here is how 'worship' is made different from 'adoration': 'Something must be said about Catholic principles concerning the worship of sacred images. ... Worship by no means implies only the supreme adoration that may be given only to God. It is a general word denoting some more or less high degree of reverence and honor, an acknowledgment of worth. ... We need not then hesitate to speak of our worship of images; though no doubt we shall often be called upon to explain the term. We note in the first place that the First Commandment (except inasmuch as it forbids adoration and service of images) does not affect us at all. The Old Law -- including the ten commandments -- as far as it only promulgates *natural* law is of course eternal. No possible circumstances can ever abrogate, for instance, the Fifth, Sixth, and Seventh Commandments. On the other hand, as far as it is positive law, it was once for all abrogated by the promulgation of the Gospel (Romans 8:1-2; Galatians 3:23-5, etc.; Acts 15:28-9). Christians are not bound to circumcise, to abstain from levitically unclean food and so on. The Third Commandment that ordered the Jews to keep Saturday holy is a typical case of a positive law abrogated and replaced by another by the Christian Church.' (*The Catholic Encyclopedia* (Vol. VII, Pg. 670-672) (1910).)" (Jalal Abualrub. *50 Righteous and Humane Concepts Brought by Muhammad*, Pg., 73).

Consequently, the Catholic church, the largest and most dominant Christian church throughout the history of Christianity, reduced the 'The Ten Commandments' to, 'The Three Commandments'.

**Example of abrogation in the Quran:** Allah ﷻ permitted Muslims to continue drinking *khamr*, meaning intoxicants, in the early era of Islam, especially since many of them were heavy drinkers before Islam came. Allah ﷻ then gradually prohibited consuming intoxicants for Muslims, until it was completely and forever outlawed both, in the Quran and in Prophet Muhammad's Sunnah traditions and practices.

Muslims are not confused about *khamr*, intoxicants, because more than fourteen centuries before the current era, and since the early Islamic era at Madeenah, *khamr* had been outlawed for every Muslim, forever. Where is the confusion?

The questioner must have been reading or has heard about claims of abrogation in the Quran that are not substantiated or based on the Quran or Prophet Muhammad's Sunnah, the two exclusive resources of Islam. Major scholars of Islam have discounted the correctness of many abrogation claims with regards to the Quran, due to lack of established specific evidence supporting such claims.

Abrogation was meant to make things easy for Muslims, gradually replacing the temporary laws which served limited purposes and aims, with permanent eternal laws that are suitable for all Muslims and for all times,

﴿ مَا نَنْسَخْ مِنْ آيَةٍ أَوْ نُنسِخْهَا نَأْتِ بِخَيْرٍ مِّنْهَا أَوْ مِثْلَهَا أَلَمْ تَعْلَمْ أَنَّ اللَّهَ عَلَىٰ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ ﴾

{Whatever an Ayah (revelation) do We (Allâh) abrogate or cause to be forgotten, We bring a better one or similar to it. Know you not that Allâh is Able to do all things?} (2:106)

## The Personal God

The concept of, 'the personal god', did not come from Allah ﷻ. It is not found in the Bible either. Adam ﷺ, Noo'h (Noah) ﷺ, Ibraheem (Abraham) ﷺ, Musa (Moses) ﷺ, and `Esa (Jesus) ﷺ did not speak of this alien concept. Yet, we ask, what do Christians mean by saying that Allah is not 'the personal god'?

Has not the questioner read in the Quran that Allah ﷻ will forgive all sins if one sincerely repents from them,

﴿ فَسَبِّحْ بِحَمْدِ رَبِّكَ وَاسْتَغْفِرْهُ إِنَّهُ كَانَ تَوَّابًا ﴿٣﴾ ﴾

{So, glorify the Praises of your Lord (Allâh), and ask His forgiveness. Verily, He (Allâh) is the One Who accepts the repentance and Who forgives.} (110:3)?

Allah ﷻ informed His creation that He is near to them by His knowledge and infinite forgiveness,

﴿ وَإِذَا سَأَلَكَ عِبَادِي عَنِّي فَإِنِّي قَرِيبٌ أُجِيبُ دَعْوَةَ الدَّاعِ إِذَا دَعَانِ فَلْيَسْتَجِيبُوا لِي وَلْيُؤْمِنُوا بِي لَعَلَّهُمْ يَرْشُدُونَ ﴿١٨٦﴾ ﴾

{And when My slaves ask you (O, Muhammad) concerning Me (Allâh), then I am indeed near (to them by My Knowledge). I respond to the invocations of the supplicants when they call on Me. So, let them obey Me and believe in Me, so that they may be led aright.} (2:186)

Allah ﷻ informed His creation that they should never feel despair or hopelessness in His Mercy, by saying,

﴿ \* قُلْ يَاعِبَادِيَ الَّذِينَ أَسْرَفُوا عَلَىٰ أَنفُسِهِمْ لَا تَقْنَطُوا مِن رَّحْمَةِ اللَّهِ إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَغْفِرُ الذُّنُوبَ جَمِيعًا إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ ﴿٥٣﴾ ﴾

{“O, 'Ibâdî (My [i.e., Allâh's] slaves) who have transgressed against themselves (by committing evil deeds and sins)! Despair not of the Mercy of Allâh, verily, Allâh forgives all sins. Truly, He is Oft-Forgiving, Most Merciful.”} (39:53)

Allah ﷻ informed His creation through the words of His Final and Last Prophet and Messenger, Muhammad ﷺ, that His mercy has



overcome His anger, according to an established *hadeeth* collected by the major *hadeeth* scholar Muhammad Ibn Isma`eel Al-Bukhari<sup>6</sup>,

"لَمَّا قَضَى اللَّهُ الْخَلْقَ كَتَبَ فِي كِتَابِهِ فَهُوَ عِنْدَهُ فَوْقَ الْعَرْشِ إِنَّ رَحْمَتِي غَلَبَتْ غَضَبِي"

"When Allah finished creating creation He wrote in His book, and it is with Him above His Throne, 'My Mercy overpowers My Anger'" (Bukhari).

The doors to earn Allah's forgiveness, pardon and mercy are wide open, always, to and for His creation, without intermediaries between Him ﷻ and them. There is no need for a priest or a pope to intervene between one and Allah ﷻ or to claim to offer forgiveness on behalf of Allah ﷻ. One can and should always sincerely and directly invoke Allah ﷻ for His mercy and forgiveness, for Allah ﷻ is the only One Who forgives sins. How can the relationship between creation and the Creator ﷻ be more personal than this?

In contrast, there is no denying that the god of the Bible is not the 'personal god' to the vast majority of Christians. Most Christians go to a sinner like them, a priest who cannot forgive his own sins let alone forgive sins of others, and ask this person to forgive their sins for them. How can they then claim that God is their personal god, if they do not invoke Him directly for His forgiveness? Instead, they must always directly invoke Allah ﷻ, 'God', the One and Only Creator, without intermediaries, and beg only Him ﷻ for forgiveness.

Certainly, Allah ﷻ forgives all sins, including *shirk*, polytheism, if one sincerely repents from this, which is the biggest of all sins, before death comes to them,

---

<sup>6</sup> Muslims agree that *hadeeth* collections of scholars Muhammad Ibn Isma`eel Al-Bukhari (194-256AH/817-879CE) and Muslim Ibn Al-`Hajjaj Al-Qushairi (204-261AH/827-884CE) are the two most authentic collections of Prophet Muhammad's *hadeeth* statements. Normally, it is sufficient to say that a *hadeeth* is found in *Saheeh Al-Bukhari*, *Saheeh Muslim*, or both of them, to indicate authenticity. As for other *hadeeth* collections, it is necessary to establish the authenticity of *hadeeths* found in them, by relying on the statements of *hadeeth* scholars who study chains of narrators and the texts for every *hadeeth* to determine authenticity of the narrations or the lack thereof.

**AH**, means, after the *hijrah*, that is, after Prophet Muhammad's migration from Makkah to Madeenah, which occurred in 623CE.

*A Discussion with a Coptic Christian*

﴿ إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يَغْفِرُ أَنْ يُشْرَكَ بِهِ وَيَغْفِرُ مَا دُونَ ذَلِكَ لِمَنْ يَشَاءُ وَمَنْ يُشْرِكْ بِاللَّهِ فَقَدِ  
أَفْتَرَىٰ إِثْمًا عَظِيمًا ﴾

*{Verily, Allâh forgives not that partners should be set up with Him (in worship), but He forgives except that (anything else) to whom He wills; and whoever sets up partners with Allâh in worship, has indeed invented a tremendous sin} (4:48).*

## Biblical God vs. Allah vs. Jealousy

The god of the Bible, i.e., the false image of god that the Bible propagates, is not a 'personal god.' He cannot bear the thought of humankind gaining knowledge, "And the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever" (Genesis 3:22). This type of 'jealousy' demeans the Creator of all that exists.

This description of 'God' is blatantly false. What does "...man is become one of us," mean? Does it mean that with knowledge, man or woman becomes divine? Why would 'God' worry that man should know good from evil, when the entire purpose of creating creation and sending prophets to them, is precisely to guide them to good, so they can embrace it, and for them to know evil, so they can avoid it? In addition, 'God' is the giver of life, Alone, without partners. If a man or a woman eats from the 'tree of life,' their life is still entirely, wholly and perfectly in God's Hands. Eating from 'the tree of life,' whatever that means, does not negate or preempt Allah's absolute control over life and death. After all, the tree that Adam and Eve ate from, was falsely portrayed by the devil as the tree of eternity, when in fact it exposed the private parts of Adam and `Hawwa (Eve),

﴿ وَقَدْ عٰهَدْنَا اِلٰى ءَادَمَ مِنْ قَبْلِ فَاٰسِي وَ لَمْ نَجِدْ لَهُ عَزْمًا ﴿١١٥﴾ وَاِذْ قُلْنَا  
لِلْمَلٰٓئِكَةِ اسْجُدُوْا لِاٰدَمَ فَسَجَدُوْا اِلَّا اِبْلِيسَ اَبٰى ﴿١١٦﴾ فَقُلْنَا يٰۤاٰدَمُ اِنَّ هٰذَا عَدُوُّ  
لَكَ وَاَزْوَاجِكَ فَلَا يُخْرِجَنَّكَمَا مِنَ الْجَنَّةِ فَتَشْقٰى ﴿١١٧﴾ اِنَّ لَكَ اَلًا تَجْمُوْعَ فِيْهَا وَلَا  
تَعْرِىٰ ﴿١١٨﴾ وَاِنَّكَ لَا تَنْظَمُوْا فِيْهَا وَلَا تَضْحٰى ﴿١١٩﴾ فَوَسْوَسَ اِلَيْهِ الشَّيْطٰنُ قَالَ يٰۤاٰدَمُ  
هَلْ اَدْرٰكَ عَلٰى شَجَرَةِ الْخُلْدِ وَمَلِكٍ لَا يَبْعٰى ﴿١٢٠﴾ فَاَكَلَا مِنْهَا فَبَدَتْ لَهُمَا سَوْءَاتُهُمَا  
وَوَطَّفَقَا يُخِصِّمٰنِ عَلَيْهِمَا مِنْ وَّرَقِ الْجَنَّةِ وَعَصٰى ءَادَمُ رَبَّهُ وَاَعْوٰى ﴿١٢١﴾ ثُمَّ اٰجَبْتَهُ رَبُّهُ  
فَتَابَ عَلَيْهِ وَهَدٰى ﴿١٢٢﴾ قَالَ اَهْبِطَا مِنْهَا جَمِيْعًا بَعْضُكُمْ لِبَعْضٍ عَدُوٌّ فَلَمَّا يٰۤاٰتَيْنِيْكُمْ

مَيِّ هُدَى فَمَنْ أَتَّبَعَ هُدَاىَ فَلَا يَضِلُّ وَلَا يَشْقَى ﴿١٣٣﴾ وَمَنْ أَعْرَضَ عَن ذِكْرِى فَإِنَّ لَهُ مَعِيشَةً ضَنْكًا وَنَحْشُرُهُ يَوْمَ الْقِيَمَةِ أَعْمَى ﴿١٣٤﴾ قَالَ رَبِّ لِمَ حَشَرْتَنِى أَعْمَى وَقَدْ كُنْتُ بَصِيرًا ﴿١٣٥﴾ قَالَ كَذَلِكَ أَتَتْكَ آيَاتُنَا فَنَسِيَتْهَا كَذَلِكَ الْيَوْمَ تُنسَى ﴿١٣٦﴾ وَكَذَلِكَ نَجْزِى مَنْ أَسْرَفَ وَلَمْ يُؤْمِنْ بِآيَاتِ رَبِّهِ وَلِعَذَابِ الْآخِرَةِ أَشَدُّ وَأُنْفَى ﴿١٣٧﴾ ﴿

{And indeed We (Allâh) made a covenant with Adam before, but he forgot, and We (Allâh) found on his part no firm will power. And (remember; mention) when We (Allâh) said to the angels: "Prostrate yourselves to Adam." They prostrated themselves (all) except Iblîs (Satan, the devil); he refused. Then We (Allâh) said: "O, Adam! Verily, this (Satan) is an enemy to you and to your wife. So let him not get you both out of Paradise, so that you will be distressed. Verily, you have (a promise from Us [Allâh]) that you will never be hungry therein (in Paradise) nor naked. And you (will) suffer not from thirst therein (in Paradise) nor from the sun's heat. Then Shaitân (Satan, the devil) whispered to him (Adam), saying: "O, Adam! Shall I lead you to the Tree of Eternity and to a kingdom that will never waste away?" Then they (Adam and `Hawwa [Eve]) both ate of the tree, and so their private parts became manifest to them, and they began to cover themselves with the leaves of the Paradise for their covering. Thus did Adam disobey his Lord (Allâh), so he went astray. Then his Lord (Allâh) chose him, and turned to him with forgiveness, and gave him guidance. He (Allâh) said: "Get you down (from the Paradise to the earth), both of you (Adam and Satan), together, some of you are an enemy to some others. Then if there comes to you guidance from Me (Allâh), then whoever follows My Guidance he shall neither go astray, nor shall be distressed. But whosoever turns away from My Reminder (i.e., neither believes in Allâh's revelations nor acts on their teachings) verily, for him is a life of hardship, and We (Allâh) shall raise him up blind on the Day of Resurrection." He (a disbeliever) will say: "O, my Lord (Allâh)! Why have you raised me up blind, while I had sight (before)." (Allâh) will say: "Like this: Our Ayât (proofs, evidences, verses, signs, revelations, etc.) came unto you, but you disregarded them (i.e., you left them, did not think deeply in them, and you turned away from them), and so this Day, you will be neglected (in the Hell-fire, away from Allâh's Mercy)." And thus do We (Allâh) requite him who

## *A Discussion with a Coptic Christian*

*transgresses beyond bounds [i.e., commits great sins and disobeys his Lord (Allâh) and believes not in His Messengers and His revealed Books, like this Qur'ân], and believes not in the Ayât (proofs, evidences, verses, signs, revelations, etc.) of his Lord (Allâh); and the torment of the Hereafter is far more severe and more lasting.} (20:117-127)*

The Quran's narration of this story is superior to anything the anonymous authors of the Bible can claim or write, and then falsely ascribe to 'God.' Following are benefits from Quranic *ayat*, meaning statements, 117-127 found in *Surat Taha*, meaning, chapter *Taha*, the 20<sup>th</sup> chapter in the Quran.

**First:** Allah ﷻ made a covenant with Adam ﷺ but, when Adam was put to the test, Adam and his wife, `Hawwa (Eve), forgot the covenant.

**Second:** The angels were ordered to prostrate in front of Adam, to honor Adam ﷺ for being created by Allah's Own Hands. All of the angels obeyed Allah ﷻ, except Iblees, the devil, Satan, he refused to obey Allah ﷻ. Satan was with the angels, but was not one of them; he is from the *Jinn*; the devils are the disbelieving *Jinn*.

**Third:** Allah ﷻ informed Adam ﷺ and his wife that Satan is their sworn enemy, so they should be aware of his danger and should not allow him to lure them to disobey Allah ﷻ. Allah ﷻ declared that the consequence of the disobedience of Him ﷻ is for Adam and `Hawwa (Eve) to be expelled from Paradise, since if they obey Him ﷻ they will remain in Paradise. So, the matter was about dwelling in Paradise.

**Fourth:** Allah ﷻ had already promised Adam ﷺ and `Hawwa (Eve) eternal life in Paradise where they will never become hungry, naked, thirsty, or had to work, but only if they keep away from disobedience to Allah ﷻ.

**Fifth:** Adam and `Hawwa (Eve) allowed the devil to whisper to them, but what the devil promised them, which he did not own to begin with, they were already enjoying, being in Paradise.

**Sixth:** The devil's promise to Adam ﷺ and `Hawwa (Eve) was false. Adam ﷺ forgot that what the devil promised, he and his wife were enjoying in Allah's Paradise, and would have continued to enjoy had they continued in obedience to Allah ﷻ.

**Seventh:** Adam and `Hawwa (Eve) sinned and forgot Allah's Promise, and instead, they obeyed the devil.

**Eighth:** What the Christians have invented as being the 'Original Sin', according to their fabricated dogma, is that Adam's sin stained all of Adam's and Eve's offspring, forever, for a sin they did not commit and believing that Jesus ﷺ was crucified to atone for Original Sin, i.e., specifically to atone for all of the sins Christians commit. Adam and `Hawwa (Eve), Allah's mercy on her, sinned. But they both repented to Allah ﷻ sincerely, and Allah ﷻ forgave them their sin.

**Ninth:** Adam and `Hawwa (Eve) were expelled from Allah's Paradise, but only temporarily, unlike Satan, the devil, for he was expelled forever. Having departed Paradise, now Adam, `Hawwa (Eve) and their offspring will have to live on this earth where they will get hungry, need clothes to cover their nakedness, become thirsty and have to struggle for a living. That was the 'eternal life and a kingdom that will never waste away' the devil promised them.

**Tenth:** Adam, `Hawwa (Eve), and their offspring will need to provide the proof and bring forth justification to Allah ﷻ to be sent back to Paradise, to dwell there forever. The proof is to obey Allah ﷻ and believe in Him and in His Prophets and Messengers in this earthly life. They will thus end up where humankind started, in the eternal Paradise enjoying the infinite care and love of their Lord, Creator, Sustainer, and King, Allah, the Ever-Merciful, the Most-Generous. They sincerely loved Allah ﷻ and dutifully worshipped Him in the life of this world. They obeyed His Prophets and Messengers. They are now back where their species started, but this time, there will be no commandments to fulfill and no devil to whisper to them to do evil; only eternal delight under the shade of the Throne of Allah, the Most-Merciful ﷻ.

**Eleventh:** After both, Adam ﷺ and `Hawwa (Eve), Allah's mercy on her, sincerely repented to Allah ﷻ from their sin and Allah ﷻ accepted their repentance, they then became free of their sin and Allah ﷻ chose Adam ﷺ to be His first Prophet. Adam and his wife `Hawwa (Eve) became the first human monotheists to ever dwell on earth. They are now back where their life started, in Paradise, where they will never be hungry, naked or thirsty and will never have to work or struggle again, Allah's mercy and blessings on both of them.

**Twelfth:** As for Satan, the devil, what he started in Paradise when he whispered to Adam and `Hawwa (Eve) to disobey Allah ﷻ and to sin,

he and his offspring, the disbelievers among the *Jinn*, will continue to do in this life following the evil guidance of their father, Satan. The devils will try their utmost effort to deviate humankind and also the *Jinn* from the obedience of Allah ﷻ.

**Thirteenth:** The devils, and those from among humankind and the *Jinn* who obey them and close their hearts and minds to the faith and to obedience to their Lord and Creator, Allah ﷻ, and who die on the lack of faith, will also end up in eternal life. They will dwell in the Hell-Fire that Allah ﷻ has promised to those who disbelieve in Him ﷻ, who disobey His Prophets and Messengers and who, consequently, abandon His Revelations and Promises and ignore His Warnings.

Indeed, those who read the stories mentioned in the Quran with care, will be able to elevate their hearts and minds to levels of faith, knowledge and certainty they could never have imagined. It is Allah ﷻ guiding their hearts to reach such insights that only deserve His Mercy and His Paradise which He ﷻ promised for those who die on the true faith,

﴿ نَحْنُ نَقُصُّ عَلَيْكَ أَحْسَنَ الْقَصَصِ بِمَا أَوْحَيْنَا إِلَيْكَ هَذَا الْقُرْآنَ ﴾

{We (Allâh) relate unto you (Muhammad) the best of stories through Our Revelations unto you, of this Qur'ân} (12:3).

In contrast, what would humankind benefit from learning about these biblical passages about David, "**Prophet Dawood** (David) ﷺ, the most famous king among the Children of Israel, was also accused of various crimes such as: 'And it came to pass in an eveningtide, that David arose from off his bed, and walked upon the roof of the king's house: and ... saw a woman washing herself; and the woman was very beautiful to look upon. And David sent and inquired after the woman. And one said, Is not this Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite? And David sent messengers, and took her; and she came in unto him, and he lay with her; for she was purified from her uncleanness: and she returned unto her house. And the woman conceived, and sent and told David, and said, I am with child. And David sent to Joab, saying, Send me Uriah the Hittite. And Joab sent Uriah to David ... in the morning ... David wrote a letter to Joab, and sent it by the hand of Uriah. And he wrote in the letter, saying, Set ye Uriah in the forefront of the hottest battle, and retire ye from him, that he

## *A Discussion with a Coptic Christian*

may be smitten, and die. ... And the men of the city went out, and fought with Joab: and there fell some of the people of the servants of David; and Uriah the Hittite died also. ... And when the wife of Uriah heard that Uriah her husband was dead, she mourned for her husband. And when the mourning was past, David sent and fetched her to his house, and she became his wife, and bare him a son. But the thing that David had done displeased the Lord.' (2 Samuel 11:2-27). **Comments: Crimes of adultery, deceit, and murder.** This dreadful false accusation against the honorable Prophet Dawood (David) ﷺ alleges that he committed the crime of adultery with the wife of another man, of course *after* making sure 'she was purified from her uncleanness.' He then had her husband killed through an act of betrayal he ordered and which was then duly fulfilled by David's aids." (Jalal Abualrub. *50 Righteous and Humane Concepts Brought by Muhammad*, Pg., 89-90)

This shameful, fabricated biblical story stains the reputation and the honor of Prophet Dawood (David) ﷺ, a mighty Messenger from Allah ﷻ Whose decisions as to who qualifies to be a Messenger from Him ﷻ are always wise and true.

Contrast biblical slanders of Prophet Dawood (David) ﷺ to how the Quran praises his qualities and faith, "*Prophet Dawood* (David) ﷺ: In the Quran, revealed to Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, Allah ﷻ defends the honor of Prophet Dawood,

﴿ أَصْبِرْ عَلَىٰ مَا يَقُولُونَ وَادْكُرْ عَبْدَنَا دَاوُدَ ذَا الْأَيْدِ إِنَّهُ أَوَّابٌ ﴿١٧﴾ إِنَّا سَخَّرْنَا الْجِبَالَ مَعَهُ يُسَبِّحْنَ بِالْعِشِيِّ وَالْإِشْرَاقِ ﴿١٨﴾ وَالطَّيْرَ مَحْشُورَةً كُلٌّ لَهُ أَوَّابٌ ﴿١٩﴾ وَشَدَدْنَا مُلْكَهُ وَأَتَيْنَاهُ الْحِكْمَةَ وَفَصَلَ الْخِطَابِ ﴿٢٠﴾ ﴾

{Be patient (O, Muhammad) of what they say, and remember Our slave Dâwûd (David), endued with power. Verily, he was ever oft-returning in all matters and in repentance (toward Allâh). Verily, We (Allâh) made the mountains to glorify Our Praises with him [Dâwûd (David)] in the 'Ashî (i.e., after the mid-day, until sunset) and Ishrâq (i.e., after the sunrise, until mid-day). And (so did) the birds assembled, all obedient to him [Dâwûd (David)] [i.e., they came and glorified Allâh's Praises along with him]. We (Allâh) made his kingdom strong and gave him Al-Hikmah (Prophethood) and sound judgement in speech and decision.} (38:17-20);



﴿يٰدَاوُدُ اِنَّا جَعَلْنَاكَ خَلِيفَةً فِى الْاَرْضِ فَاحْكُم بَيْنَ النَّاسِ بِالْحَقِّ وَلَا تَتَّبِعِ الْهَوٰى فَيُضِلَّكَ  
عَنْ سَبِيْلِ اللّٰهِ اِنَّ الَّذِيْنَ يَضِلُّوْنَ عَنْ سَبِيْلِ اللّٰهِ لَهُمْ عَذَابٌ شَدِيْدٌۢ بِمَا نَسُوْا يَوْمَ  
الْحِسَابِ ﴿٣٦﴾﴾

{O, Dâwûd (David)! Verily, We (Allâh) have placed you as a successor on the earth; so judge you between men in truth (and justice) and follow not your desire — for it will mislead you from the path of Allâh. Verily, those who wander astray from the path of Allâh (shall) have a severe torment, because they forgot the Day of Reckoning.} (38:26)" (Jalal Abualrub. 50 Righteous and Humane Concepts Brought by Muhammad, Pg., 95-6)

## Allah is 'Jealous'

In Islam, Allah, the Exalted, the Honored, is described as being 'Ghayyur (jealous)', but for an entirely different explanation. Allah ﷻ is Ghayyur, meaning protective and jealous in that He dislikes for His male and female slaves to dishonor themselves by committing *zina*, meaning fornication or adultery, so He ﷻ outlawed fornication and adultery,

" يَا أُمَّةَ مُحَمَّدٍ وَاللَّهِ مَا مِنْ أَحَدٍ أَغْيَرُ مِنَ اللَّهِ أَنْ يَزِيَّ عَبْدَهُ أَوْ تَزِيَّ أُمَّهُ "

"O, Ummah (followers) of Muhammad! By Allah, none has more Ghairah (Jealousy) than Allah; this is why He forbade for His slaves, male or female, to commit adultery." (Bukhari and Muslim)

This type of 'Ghairah (jealousy)' befits the majesty of the Creator ﷻ, Whose attributes are nothing like the attributes of creation,

﴿ قُلْ هُوَ اللَّهُ أَحَدٌ ۝١ اللَّهُ الصَّمَدُ ۝٢ لَمْ يَلِدْ وَلَمْ يُولَدْ ۝٣ وَلَمْ يَكُنْ لَهُ كُفُوًا ۝٤ أَحَدٌ ﴾

{Say: "He is Allâh, One. Allâh-us-Samad (Who sustains everything; He stands in need of no one). He begets not, nor was He begotten. And there is none co-equal or comparable unto Him."} (112:1-4)

The meaning of, 'ghairah', here thus pertains to all that is righteous, honorable and good for Allah's creation that will earn them eternal benefit from Him ﷻ.

## Allah Grants Knowledge

To continue, Allah ﷻ did not only grant humankind knowledge,

﴿عَلَّمَ الْإِنْسَانَ مَا لَمْ يَعْلَمْ﴾

{He (Allâh) has taught man that which he knew not} (96:5), but He ﷻ also ordered humankind to invoke Him ﷻ for more knowledge,

﴿وَقُلْ رَبِّ زِدْنِي عِلْمًا﴾

{Say: "My Lord (Allâh)! Increase me in knowledge."} (20:114)

Certainly, there is nothing that Allah, the Creator ﷻ, fears from His creation, including if they gain knowledge. Those who wrote the Bible and then ascribed what they wrote to 'God', just cannot grasp the might and power of Allah ﷻ.

In the Quran, Allah ﷻ informed humankind about the limits of their knowledge,

﴿وَمَا أُوتِيتُمْ مِنَ الْعِلْمِ إِلَّا قَلِيلًا﴾

{And of knowledge, you (humankind) have been given only a little} (17:85).

In the Quran, Allah ﷻ described His Might and the inability of His creation to fully appreciate His Glory and Power as He should be appreciated,

﴿وَمَا قَدَرُوا اللَّهَ حَقَّ قَدْرِهِ وَالْأَرْضُ جَمِيعًا قَبْضَتُهُ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ وَالسَّمَاوَاتُ مَطْوِيَّاتٌ

بِيَمِينِهِ سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى عَمَّا يُشْرِكُونَ ﴿٦٧﴾

{They (polytheists; disbelievers) made not a just estimate of Allâh such as is due to Him. And on the Day of Resurrection the whole of the earth will be grasped by His Hand and the heavens will be rolled up in His Right Hand. Glorified be He, and High be He above all that they associate as partners with Him.} (39:67)

Biblical concepts that accuse the Creator, Lord and Sustainer of the entire existence, of fearing that human beings might attain knowledge and eat from the tree of eternity, is an absurd idea invented by those

## *A Discussion with a Coptic Christian*

drowned in weakness, who think that Allah ﷻ is prone to weakness as they are,

﴿اللَّهُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ الْحَيُّ الْقَيُّومُ لَا تَأْخُذُهُ سِنَّةٌ وَلَا نَوْمٌ لَهُ مَا فِي السَّمَوَاتِ وَمَا فِي الْأَرْضِ مَنْ ذَا الَّذِي يَشْفَعُ عِنْدَهُ إِلَّا بِإِذْنِهِ يَعْلَمُ مَا بَيْنَ أَيْدِيهِمْ وَمَا خَلْفَهُمْ وَلَا يُحِيطُونَ بِشَيْءٍ مِّنْ عِلْمِهِ إِلَّا بِمَا شَاءَ وَسِعَ كُرْسِيُّهُ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضَ وَلَا يَئُودُهُ حِفْظُهُمَا وَهُوَ الْعَلِيُّ الْعَظِيمُ ﴿٢٥٥﴾﴾

{*Allâh! Lâ ilâha illa Huwa (none has the right to be worshipped but He), Al-Hayyul-Qayyum (the Ever Living, the One Who sustains and protects all that exists). Neither slumber nor sleep overtakes Him. To Him belongs whatever is in the heavens and whatever is on the earth. Who is he that can intercede with Him except with His Permission? He knows what happens to them (to His creatures) in this world, and what will happen to them in the Hereafter. And they will never compass anything of His Knowledge except that which He wills. His Kursî (literally a footstool or chair) extends over the heavens and the earth, and He feels no fatigue in guarding and preserving them. And He is the Most-High, the Most-Great.*} (2:255)

## Incarnation

The concept of 'God' needing to come down to earth in the shape of a man to be able to feel what humans feel, is not a concept which the Torah of Musa (Moses) ﷺ, the Injeel of `Esa (Jesus) ﷺ, or the Quran of Muhammad ﷺ spoke of. It is another Christian fantasy that Jesus ﷺ never preached while living on this earth.

In Islam, Allah ﷻ is the All-Knowing Who has perfect knowledge in creation and in all that pertains to them,

﴿أَلَا يَعْلَمُ مَنْ خَلَقَ وَهُوَ اللَّطِيفُ الْخَبِيرُ﴾

*{Should not He (Allâh) Who has created know? And He is the Most-Kind and Courteous (to His creations), All-Aware (of everything).}* (67:14);

﴿إِنِّي أَعْلَمُ الْغَيْبَ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ وَأَعْلَمُ مَا تُبْدُونَ وَمَا كُنْتُمْ تَكْتُمُونَ﴾

*{I (Allâh) know the Ghaib (the Unseen) in the heavens and the earth, and I (Allâh) know what you reveal and what you have been concealing}* (2:33);

﴿\* وَعِنْدَهُ مَفَاتِحُ الْغَيْبِ لَا يُعَلِّمُهَا إِلَّا هُوَ وَيَعْلَمُ مَا فِي الْبَرِّ وَالْبَحْرِ وَمَا تَسْقُطُ مِنْ وَرَقَةٍ إِلَّا يَعْلَمُهَا وَلَا حَبَّةٍ فِي ظِلْمَتِ الْأَرْضِ وَلَا رَطْبٍ وَلَا يَابِسٍ إِلَّا فِي

كِتَابٍ مُبِينٍ﴾

*{With Him (Allâh) are the keys of the Ghaib (all that is hidden), none knows them but He. And He knows whatever there is in the land and in the sea; not a leaf falls, but He knows it. There is not a grain in the darkness of the earth, nor anything fresh or dry, but is written in a Clear Record.}* (6:59)

The very notion that Allah ﷻ needs to come down to taste what man tastes, demeans His perfect knowledge and describes Him with a shortcoming, a clear defect. Christians claim that Jesus, Allah's honor, mercy and blessings on him, is all knowing, but apparently, they do not believe in this false statement, since they claim that he –being their supposed lord and savior- needed to come down to earth in the shape of a man so as to live like a man, feel what humans feel, and then, be executed for the sins of Christians, which Jesus ﷺ did not commit.

## *A Discussion with a Coptic Christian*

If Jesus ﷺ is all-knowing, i.e., being the lord and savior as the Christians falsely claim, then, he does not need to come down in the shape of a man to learn what it feels to be human, because he already knows it. Add this to other Christian claims that their lord and savior was spat on, humiliated, cursed, stripped naked in public, then put to death on the cross by the hand of some of his supposed creation. This, indeed, is not glory, but utter humiliation, dishonor and disgrace. How can Jesus ﷺ save anyone if he could not save his own self from death and from the humiliation of crucifixion, "...for a hanged man is cursed by God" (Deuteronomy 21:23)?

To the contrary of the false Christian incarnation dogma, the Bible clearly states that Jesus ﷺ had no idea that he was supposed to die on the cross so Christians can sin all their hearts desire, "And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is to say, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" (Matthew 27:46)

This segment in the New Testament has been with Christians for centuries. To date, no Christian has been able to explain what it really says in light of the Christian doctrine of the Crucifixion. However, Jesus ﷺ did not die on the cross, as Islam rightfully asserts. Jesus ﷺ, one of the best, most righteous men of all time, can never be accused and cannot be the subject of a humiliating death that is condemned by and in the Bible.

Islam describes Allah ﷻ differently than the Bible describes 'God.' Allah ﷻ is the Pure, free from defects. It does not befit the majesty of Allah ﷻ that some Jewish disbelievers would spit on Him and some Roman infidels would crucify Him; glorified He is, above His Throne, the All-Mighty, Owner of Honor and Power ﷻ.

## Is Allah Ready to Smite Us?

The concept of Allah ﷻ being ready to 'smite us,' is simply not true, even silly. Those who read the Quran with care will read this wonderful description of Allah ﷻ,

﴿أَمَّنْ خَلَقَ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضَ وَأَنْزَلَ لَكُمْ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ مَاءً فَأَنْبَتْنَا بِهِ حَدَائِقَ ذَاتَ بَهْجَةٍ مَا كَانَ لَكُمْ أَنْ تُنْبِتُوا شَجَرَهَا ۗ إِنَّهُ مَعَ اللَّهِ بِلَّ هُمْ قَوْمٌ يَعْدِلُونَ ﴿٦١﴾

﴿أَمَّنْ جَعَلَ الْأَرْضَ قَرَارًا وَجَعَلَ خِلَالَهَا أَنْهَارًا وَجَعَلَ لَهَا رَوَاسِيَ وَجَعَلَ بَيْنَ الْبَحْرَيْنِ حَاجِزًا ۗ إِنَّهُ مَعَ اللَّهِ بِلَّ أَكْثَرُهُمْ لَا يَعْلَمُونَ ﴿٦٢﴾

﴿أَمَّنْ يُجِيبُ الْمُضْطَرَّ إِذَا دَعَاهُ وَيَكْشِفُ السُّوءَ وَيَجْعَلُكُمْ خُلَفَاءَ الْأَرْضِ ۗ إِنَّهُ مَعَ اللَّهِ قَلِيلًا مَا تَدَكَّرُونَ ﴿٦٣﴾

﴿أَمَّنْ يَهْدِيكُمْ فِي ظُلُمَاتِ اللَّيْلِ وَالْبَحْرِ وَمَنْ يُرْسِلُ الرِّيْحَ بُشْرًا بَيْنَ يَدَيْ رَحْمَتِهِ ۗ إِنَّهُ مَعَ اللَّهِ تَعَالَى اللَّهُ عَمَّا يُشْرِكُونَ ﴿٦٤﴾

﴿أَمَّنْ يَبْدَأُ الْخَلْقَ ثُمَّ يُعِيدُهُ وَمَنْ يَرْزُقُكُمْ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ وَالْأَرْضِ ۗ إِنَّهُ مَعَ اللَّهِ قُلْ هَاتُوا بُرْهَانَكُمْ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ صَادِقِينَ ﴿٦٥﴾﴾

{Is not He (Allâh) Who created the heavens and the earth, and sends down for you water (rain) from the sky, whereby We (Allâh) cause to grow wonderful gardens full of beauty and delight? It is not in your ability to cause the growth of their trees. Is there any ilâh (god) with Allâh? Nay, but they are a people who ascribe equals (to Allâh)! Is not He (Allâh) Who has made the earth as a fixed abode, and has placed rivers in its midst, and has placed firm mountains therein, and has set a barrier between the two seas (of salt and sweet water)? Is there any ilâh (god) with Allâh? Nay, but most of them know not! Is not He (Allâh) Who responds to the distressed one, when he (or she) calls on Him, and Who removes the evil, and makes you inheritors of the earth, generations after generations? Is there any ilâh (god) with Allâh? Little is that you remember! Is not He (Allâh) Who guides you in the darkness of the land and the sea, and Who sends the winds as heralds of glad tidings, going before His Mercy (rain)? Is there any ilâh (god) with

## *A Discussion with a Coptic Christian*

Allâh? High Exalted be Allâh above all that they associate as partners (to Him)! Is not He (Allâh) Who originates creation, and shall thereafter repeat it, and Who provides for you from heaven and earth? Is there any ilâh (god) with Allâh? Say: "Bring forth your proofs, if you are truthful." (27:60-4)

Allah ﷻ forgives all sins, including disbelief in Him, providing one sincerely repents from disbelief in this life,

﴿إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَغْفِرُ الذُّنُوبَ جَمِيعًا إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ﴾

{Allâh forgives all sins; Truly, He is Oft-Forgiving, Most Merciful} (39:53).

Allah ﷻ is Ar-Ra'heem, the Most-Merciful; He ﷻ delays punishment of the disbelievers in Him in this life, if they still invoke Him for forgiveness,

﴿وَمَا كَانَ اللَّهُ لِيُعَذِّبَهُمْ وَأَنْتَ فِيهِمْ وَمَا كَانَ اللَّهُ مُعَذِّبَهُمْ وَهُمْ يَسْتَغْفِرُونَ﴾ (٣٣)

{And Allâh would not punish them while you (O, Muhammad) are amongst them, nor will He punish them while they seek (Allâh's) forgiveness} (8:33).

Allah ﷻ describes Himself in the Quran, by saying,

﴿وَرَبُّكَ الْغَفُورُ ذُو الرَّحْمَةِ﴾

{And your Lord (Allâh) is Most Forgiving, Owner of mercy} (18:58);

﴿إِنَّ اللَّهَ بِالنَّاسِ لَرءُوفٌ رَحِيمٌ﴾

{Verily, Allâh is, for humankind, full of kindness, Most Merciful} (22:65).

Therefore, if the topic is Allah's Mercy as described in the Quran and how wide and encompassing it is, then, these are the *ayat* to bring, not the *ayat* about punishing disbelievers. If the topic is about Allah's punishment that He ﷻ sends down on disbelievers, then, there are *ayat* in the Quran that discuss this topic. It is not acceptable to quote parts of Allah's Quran on treatment of disbelievers by Allah ﷻ in the context of speaking about Allah's Mercy and Forgiveness. The Bible can receive the same treatment as well, as follows.



## How the Bible Describes 'God'

According to Christian religions, Jesus ﷺ is the lord of both the Old Testament and the New Testament. However, there is a drastic difference between the two 'personalities', or, 'manifestations.'

The Bible describes the God of the Old Testament as being ever ready to smite those who defy him, commanding the extermination of entire cities, men, women, children, and animals, "*Slay both man and woman, infant and suckling, ox and sheep, camel and ass*" (I Samuel 15:3), as well as destroying entire cities because they committed the crime of sodomy (Genesis 19).

The Old Testament also describes 'God' as a vengeful god, "*To me belongeth vengeance*" (Deuteronomy 32:35). Reverts from the faith who say, "*Let us go and serve other gods, which ye have not known,*" are treated like this, "**14.** *Then shalt thou inquire, and make search, and ask diligently; and, behold, if it be truth ... 15.* *Thou shalt surely smite the inhabitants of that city with the edge of the sword, destroying it utterly, and all that is therein, and the cattle thereof, with the edge of the sword. 16.* *And thou shalt gather all the spoil of it into the midst of the street thereof, and shalt burn with fire the city, and all the spoil thereof every whit, for the LORD thy God: and it shall be an heap for ever; it shall not be built again.*" (Deuteronomy Chapter 13)

The God of the Old Testament has also reportedly destroyed an Ethiopian army consisting of one million soldiers, "*2 Chronicles 14:1-13, 1.* *So Abijah slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the city of David: and Asa his son reigned in his stead. In his days the land was quiet ten years. 2.* *And Asa did that which was good and right in the eyes of the LORD his God: 3.* *For he took away the altars of the strange gods, and the high places, and brake down the images, and cut down the groves ... 8.* *And Asa had an army of men that bare targets and spears, out of Judah three hundred thousand; and out of Benjamin, that bare shields and drew bows, two hundred and fourscore thousand: all these were mighty men of valour. 9.* *And there came out against them Zerah the Ethiopian with an host of a thousand thousand, and three hundred chariots; and came unto Mareshah. 10.* *Then Asa went out against him, and they set the battle in array in the*

## *A Discussion with a Coptic Christian*

valley of Zephathah at Mareshah ... 12. So the LORD smote the Ethiopians before Asa, and before Judah; and the Ethiopians fled. 13. And Asa and the people that were with him pursued them unto Gerar: and the Ethiopians were overthrown, that they could not recover themselves; for they were destroyed before the LORD, and before his host; and they carried away very much spoil.' **Total Israeli army: 580,000 soldiers; Ethiopian army: 1,000,000 soldiers, who, apparently, all perished.**" (Jalal Abualrub. *When the Evangelist Becomes a Shaikh*, Pg., 24)

Suddenly, a new personality emerges in the New Testament, a weak god who needs to eat, sleep, and relieve the call of nature, who allows some of his creation to humiliate and crucify him. Christians celebrate describing this 'personality' as 'the prince of peace' who, it seems, has now acquired a drastically new vision of the world, and of man and of human suffering. Was it because 'God' came down in the shape of a man and thus tasted how it feels to be human?

Christians who may offer such a false excuse will, in fact, be admitting that the Jesus of the Old Testament was ignorant in the nature of man and was so bloodthirsty that he caused tremendous killing of men, women, children, ox, sheep, and, for some peculiar reason, donkeys, "For some strange reason, the Old Testament kept instructing the Children of Israel to kill donkeys (such as *1 Samuel* 15:3). Surely, donkeys' braying is not pleasant; their voice is just plain ugly as Allah stated in the Quran,

﴿ وَأَقْصِدْ فِي مَشْيِكَ وَأَعْضُضْ مِنْ صَوْتِكَ إِنَّ أَنْكَرَ الْأَصْوَاتِ لَصَوْتُ الْحَمِيرِ ﴿١٩﴾ ﴾

{*"And be moderate (show no insolence) in your walking, and lower your voice. Verily, the harshest of all voices is the braying of the asses."*} (31:19) However, donkeys are useful animals created by Allah ﷻ to serve humankind. At least one donkey was good, to Esa (Jesus) ﷺ that is, since all four gospels agree in narrating that, when he entered Jerusalem, 'Esa (Jesus) ﷺ was riding a donkey.'" (Jalal Abualrub. *Jewish Temple Rebuilt by the Shia*, Pg., 48)

Yet, the 'prince of peace' contradicted Christian description of him, by saying, "*Think not that I came to send peace on the earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword*" (Matthew 10:34).

## *A Discussion with a Coptic Christian*

No doubt, any and all ill descriptions of the Creator of all things, Who created all people including `Esa (Jesus) ﷺ, constitute a false fantasy dreamt up by those who corrupted both, the Old Testament and the New Testament with their own hands, inserting their own prejudices and opinions and then ascribing the corrupted parts to 'God.' To correct all evil, especially erroneous, adverse descriptions of Allah ﷻ, humankind needs the Quran, which describes Allah ﷻ as He should be described, and He is the All-Mighty, the Most-Merciful.

## Fear from Allah and Hope in Him

Knowledgeable, sincere Muslims always feel hope in Allah ﷻ and fear from His Might in their hearts. The bizarre notion that Muslims fear both practicing and not-practicing Islam, is truly clear nonsense as is explained, next.

Muslims worship Allah ﷻ because He is the only deity worthy of worship, Who created and sustains everything, Who saves creation from harm and grants them of every type of bounty and comfort. The best delight Muslims ever feel occurs when they worship their Lord, Allah ﷻ, and invoke Him for all things good and righteous, especially eternal residence in Paradise under the shade of His Throne, and seek refuge with Him from all types of harm and sin, especially invoking Him ﷻ to be saved from Hellfire.

It pleases Muslims, to please Allah, the Exalted, the Honored, to worship Him, Alone, and to humble themselves before Him ﷻ. Muslims also strive hard not to sin, because sin is an act of injustice to Allah ﷻ Who gave creation everything, and also for fear of His Might, being always afraid they might end up in Hell forever if they worship others besides Allah ﷻ and die in the state of *shirk*, polytheism. The invented, false notion that Muslims worship Allah ﷻ *only* because they are afraid of Him, completely spoils this honorable, plain, clear and well-balanced creed.

Muslims worship Allah ﷻ because He, Alone, deserves all and every act of worship, all the while having hope in His infinite Mercy, appreciating His endless favors on them, and wishing to enter His Paradise. Muslims also strive hard to avoid all kinds of sins and disobedience to Allah ﷻ, all the while having fear from His torment. One statement in the Quran combines this honorable creed,

﴿أُولَئِكَ الَّذِينَ يَدْعُونَ يَبْتَغُونَ إِلَىٰ رَبِّهِمُ الْوَسِيلَةَ أَيُّهُمْ أَقْرَبُ وَيَرْجُونَ رَحْمَتَهُ وَيَخَافُونَ عَذَابَهُ﴾

{Those (like 'Îsâ (Jesus) - son of Maryam (Mary), 'Uzair (Ezra), angels, and others) whom they (polytheists) call upon (invoke) desire (for

themselves) means of access to their Lord (Allâh), as to which of them should be the nearest; and they hope for His Mercy and fear His Torment} (17:57).

These two feelings, fear from Allah ﷻ and hope in His Mercy, must exist in one's heart side by side. Those who tend to have more fear from Allah ﷻ than hope in His mercy, might feel despair of His mercy. Those who tend to have more hope in Allah ﷻ than feeling fear of His punishment, might end up downplaying the danger of sinning and disobedience.

Sincere Muslims strive hard to perform as many acts of obedience to Allah ﷻ as they are able to perform. Sincere Muslims also strive hard to continue and remain on this righteous path hoping to better their standing with Allah ﷻ and to please Him ﷻ, so that He ﷻ grants them His mercy and enters them into Paradise,

﴿إِنَّ الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ وَأَخْبَتُوا إِلَىٰ رَبِّهِمْ أُولَٰئِكَ أَصْحَابُ الْجَنَّةِ ۖ هُمْ فِيهَا خَالِدُونَ ﴿٢٣﴾﴾

{Verily, those who believe (in the Oneness of Allâh — Islâmic Monotheism) and do righteous good deeds, and humble themselves (in repentance and obedience) before their Lord (Allâh), they will be dwellers of Paradise to dwell therein forever} (11:23);

﴿فَأَمَّا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ فَيُدْخِلُهُمْ رَبُّهُمْ فِي رَحْمَتِهِ ۚ ذَٰلِكَ هُوَ الْفَوْزُ ۖ الْمَبِينُ ﴿٣٠﴾﴾

{Then, as for those who believed (in the Oneness of Allâh — Islâmic Monotheism) and did righteous good deeds, their Lord (Allâh) will admit them to His Mercy. That will be the evident success.} (45:30)

When sincere Muslims remember their mistakes, they strive hard to repent from the mistakes and to perform more acts of obedience to Allah ﷻ to erase the evil deeds,

﴿وَالَّذِينَ إِذَا فَعَلُوا فَحِشَةً أَوْ ظَلَمُوا أَنفُسَهُمْ ذَكَرُوا اللَّهَ فَاسْتَغْفَرُوا لِذُنُوبِهِمْ وَمَن يَغْفِرِ الذُّنُوبَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَلَمْ يُصِرُّوا عَلَىٰ مَا فَعَلُوا وَهُمْ يَعْلَمُونَ ﴿١٣٩﴾﴾

جَزَاءُ لَهُمْ مَغْفِرَةٌ مِّن رَّبِّهِمْ وَجَنَّاتٌ تَجْرِي مِن تَحْتِهَا الْأَنْهَارُ خَالِدِينَ فِيهَا وَنِعْمَ أَجْرُ  
الْعَمِلِينَ ﴿١٣٦﴾

{*And those who, when they have committed Fâhishah (dishonorable sins) or wronged themselves with evil, remember Allâh and ask forgiveness for their sins; — and none can forgive sins but Allâh — and do not persist in what (wrong) they have done, while they know. For such, the reward is forgiveness from their Lord (Allâh), and Gardens with rivers flowing underneath (Paradise), wherein they shall abide forever. How excellent is this reward for the doers (who do righteous good deeds according to Allâh’s Orders).*} (3:135-6);

﴿إِنَّ الْحَسَنَاتِ يُذْهِبْنَ السَّيِّئَاتِ﴾

{*Verily, the good deeds remove the evil deeds (i.e., small sins)*} (11:114).

Fear from Allah ﷻ compels the faithful believers to do righteously good; it does not make them weary of performing good deeds or not performing good deeds as the Christian questioner claimed. Compare this better, righteous Islamic quality to how the questioner spoiled it by claiming that Muslims fear both practicing and not practicing Islam.

## True Peace

The only true peace there is, is that achieved through truthful worship of Allah ﷻ, Alone, without partners, and by fulfilling one's duty to Allah ﷻ, as much as possible,

﴿الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا وَلَمْ يَلْبِسُوا ءِيمَانَهُمْ بِظُلْمٍ اُوَّلٰئِكَ لَهُمُ الْاَمْنُ وَهُمْ مُهْتَدُونَ ﴿٨٢﴾﴾

*{It is those who believe (in the Oneness of Allâh and worship none but Him Alone) and confuse not their Belief with wrong (they do not worship others besides Allâh), for them (only) there is security and they are the guided} (6:82).*

This is the peace that extends from this life to the Hereafter, the peace that only truthful, sincere Muslims enjoy. How can anyone possibly dismiss this peace, if one has not yet tasted it by saying, “*La ilaha illa-Allah* (none has the right to be worshipped except Allah), *Muhammadun rasulu-Allah* (Muhammad is the Messenger of Allah)”?

In contrast, Christians are ever in doubt of the essence of their faith. They differ bitterly on the very nature of the god they worship and on every other major tenet of Christianity. They worship a man like them who never called on them to worship him. They are never quite sure where their creed came from, differing on the meaning and accuracy of every biblical text, every ‘holy book’, and every claimed author of every book contained in the Bible.

Christians do not have indisputably clear evidence to establish any of the ideas they believe in and promote. Christians only have interpretations on translations of vague texts, written by unknown, anonymous authors in an unknown original language and timeframe.

This is why many Christians came to ask themselves this question, “What if all this I believe in is based on nothing?” The fact is that millions of Christians left Christianity and embraced other religions, especially Islam. They include the best the Christian world has to offer: the educated; practicing Christians; priests; the un-educated –as people perceive them to be- who are truly brilliant since they recognize and embrace the truth, Islam; men and women; brown, black, yellow and white; young and old.

## *A Discussion with a Coptic Christian*

In stark contrast, reverts from Islam are the worst 'Muslims' ever: those who never truly understood the religion of Islam nor practiced it properly; the opportunists who seek money, fame, immigration, free medicine, and/or free education; the hypocrite and the useless who will abandon Christianity to any other material opportunity that may present itself to them.

Whoever seeks eternal peace, should and must believe in Allah ﷻ according to the way Allah's Honorable Prophets Adam ﷺ, Noo'h (Noah) ﷺ, Ibraheem (Abraham) ﷺ, Musa (Moses) ﷺ, and `Esa (Jesus) ﷺ believed in Allah ﷻ; this is the true peace; it is Islam that Allah's Prophet Muhammad ﷺ was sent with.



## God Loving Creation

The famous Christian concept of, 'God loving the creation', has always brought intrigue. We have repeatedly asked Christians this simple question: According to Christian scriptures, what fate awaits more than four-fifth of humanity who, today and for most of history, did not, do not, and will not believe in Jesus as the lord and savior? When they die, will the Christian god love them enough to enter them into heaven even though they did not believe in His claimed son as their lord and savior, nor believe in trinity, or in any other Christian dogma? And, where are the biblical texts that answer these questions? The world should read the Quran with care, including this Quranic *ayah*,

﴿ وَمَا أَرْسَلْنَاكَ إِلَّا رَحْمَةً لِّلْعَالَمِينَ ﴿١٧﴾ ﴾

{*And We (Allâh) have sent you (O, Muhammad) not but as a mercy for the 'Âlamîn (all that exists)*} (21:107), and the many Quranic *ayah* that describe Allah ﷻ as,

﴿ الرَّحِيمُ ﴾

{*The Most Merciful*}.

Mercy encompasses love. One may love someone, yet this does not necessarily mean that the loved person is benefitting from such love. Mercy, in contrast, is founded on love and extends benefits and gain to those who are being loved.

Allah's mercy, kindness and care for humankind is evident in the fact that He ﷻ sent a prophet to every nation to guide them to Him ﷻ and, ultimately, to Paradise, "**Allah ﷻ sent a prophet to every nation that existed.** Allah ﷻ said,

﴿ وَإِن مِّنْ أُمَّةٍ إِلَّا خَلَا فِيهَا نَذِيرٌ ﴿٢٤﴾ ﴾

{*And there never was a nation but a Warner (prophet) had passed among them*} (35:24). Allah ﷻ also said,

﴿ وَكَمْ أَرْسَلْنَا مِن نَّبِيِّ فِي الْأَوَّلِينَ ﴿٦﴾ ﴾

## *A Discussion with a Coptic Christian*

{And how many a prophet have We (Allâh) sent amongst the people of old} (43:6). Allah ﷻ also said,

﴿وَلَقَدْ أَرْسَلْنَا رُسُلًا مِّن قَبْلِكَ مِنْهُمْ مَنْ قَصَصْنَا عَلَيْكَ وَمِنْهُمْ مَنْ لَّمْ نَقْصُصْ عَلَيْكَ﴾

{And, indeed We (Allâh) have sent messengers before you (O, Muhammad), of some of them We have related to you their story and of some We have not related to you their story} (40:78). **The First of all Commandments Sent to Every Nation.** In the Quran, Allah ﷻ summarized the message He ﷻ sent every prophet and messenger with, by saying,

﴿وَلَقَدْ بَعَثْنَا فِي كُلِّ أُمَّةٍ رَّسُولًا أَنِ اعْبُدُوا اللَّهَ وَاجْتَنِبُوا الطَّاغُوتَ﴾

{And verily, We (Allâh) have sent among every Ummah (community; nation) a messenger (proclaiming): "Worship Allâh (Alone), and avoid Tâghût (shun all false deities)" (16:36)."} (Jalal Abualrub. *Muhammad's Role in Islam*, Pg., 21)

Allah ﷻ is patient and merciful with the disbelievers that if one of them repents to Him ﷻ in this life, after decades of disbelief, He ﷻ will accept the sincere repentance and forgive all sins. Allah ﷻ is also patient -in this life- with those who live in His Kingdom, enjoy the food and the air He created for them, yet thank someone else besides Him for these bounties, such as taking Jesus as god, even though Jesus ﷺ never claimed this status for himself. This is why Allah ﷻ sent Muhammad ﷺ to the world, including to the Christians, to guide them back to the worship of Allah ﷻ, Alone, without partners. This is mercy in its utmost beauty.

## Muslims Have Divided Into Sects

Imitating the Jews and the Christians before them, Muslims have divided into sects, a defect that has no valid excuse. However, and in contrast to the Bible, the Quran clearly rejects division in the religion, outlaws sectarianism, and ordains unity around Allah's Quran and on Prophet Muhammad's Sunnah traditions and practices,

﴿وَأَعْتَصِمُوا بِحَبْلِ اللَّهِ جَمِيعًا وَلَا تَفَرَّقُوا﴾

{And hold fast, all of you together, to the Rope of Allâh (the Quran and Sunnah), and be not divided among yourselves} (3:103).

Also, Allah ﷻ said,

﴿فَأَقِمْ وَجْهَكَ لِلدِّينِ حَنِيفًا فِطْرَتَ اللَّهِ الَّتِي فَطَرَ النَّاسَ عَلَيْهَا لَا تَبْدِيلَ لِخَلْقِ اللَّهِ ذَلِكَ الدِّينُ الْقَيِّمُ وَلَكِنَّ أَكْثَرَ النَّاسِ لَا يَعْلَمُونَ ﴿٣٠﴾ \* مُنِيبِينَ إِلَيْهِ وَاتَّقُوهُ وَأَقِيمُوا الصَّلَاةَ وَلَا تَكُونُوا مِنَ الْمُشْرِكِينَ ﴿٣١﴾ مِنَ الَّذِينَ فَرَّقُوا دِينَهُمْ وَكَانُوا شِيعًا كُلُّ حِزْبٍ بِمَا لَدَيْهِمْ فَرِحُونَ ﴿٣٢﴾﴾

{So set you (O, Muhammad) your face towards the religion (of pure Islâmic Monotheism) *Hanîf* (worship none but Allâh Alone). Allâh's *Fitrah* (i.e., Allâh's Islâmic Monotheism) with which He has created humankind. No change let there be in *Khalq-illâh* (i.e., the religion of Allâh — Islâmic Monotheism), that is the straight religion, but most of people know not. (And remain always) turning in repentance to Him (only), and be afraid and dutiful to Him; and perform *As-Salât* (*Iqâmat-as-Salât*) and be not of *Al-Mushrikûn* (polytheists, idolaters, disbelievers in the Oneness of Allâh). Of those who split up their religion (i.e., who left the true Islâmic Monotheism), and became sects, [i.e., they invented new things in the religion (*Bid'ah*), and followed their vain desires], each sect rejoicing in that which is with it.} (30:30-2)

Yet, Muslim sects, even though divided amongst themselves, still agree that Allah ﷻ is One, Prophet Muhammad ﷺ is the Messenger of Islam, and Prophet `Esa (Jesus) ﷺ is human, not divine. Are there

## *A Discussion with a Coptic Christian*

two Christian sects that agree with each other in the details of any major edict of the Christian religion?

And the last of our speech is: All thanks and praises are due to Allah ﷻ, the Creator of all things, and may Allah's Blessings, honor and mercy be on all of His Prophets and Messengers, starting with Prophet Adam ﷺ, and including Prophets Noo'h (Noah) ﷺ, Ibraheem (Abraham) ﷺ, Musa (Moses) ﷺ, and Esa (Jesus) ﷺ, and ending with Prophet Muhammad ﷺ.

**Jalal Abualrub**

May 18, 2024

## **Selected Books Jalal Abualrub Translated or Authored (Partial)**

### **All Books and Articles Edited by Alaa Mencke**

#### **First: for Madinah Publishers and Distributors**

##### **Translated**

1. Ibn Al-Qayyim. Volumes: 1, 2, 3 & 4 of the English Translation of the Encyclopedia of Prophetic Tradition, *Zad-ul Ma`ad fi Hadyi Khairi Al-`Ibad*.
2. Abdullah Ibn Baz. *Warning Against Riba (Usury) Transactions*.
3. Ibn Taimiyyah. *Visiting Graves and Invoking the Dead*.
4. Ibn Taimiyyah. *Kitab Al-Eman* (not published yet).

Translated hundreds of articles for numerous scholars discussing various aspects of Islam.

##### **Authored**

1. *50 Righteous and Humane Concepts Brought by Muhammad*.
2. *Muhammad's Role in Islam*.
3. *Holy Wars, Crusades, Jihad*, 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Editions.
4. *Biography of Muhammad Ibn Abdul Wahhab*.
5. *The Jewish Temple Rebuilt by the Shi`a*.
6. *Did Jesus and Muhammad Practice Cross-Dressing?*
7. *Did Allah Forget the Wives?*
8. *Length of a Day with Allah*.
9. *Christian-Muslim Dialogue*.
10. *The Bible, by Authors Anonymous*.
11. *Discussion with a Coptic Christian*.
12. *Evangelical Poetry*.
13. *How Prophet Muhammad Legislated*.

## *A Discussion with a Coptic Christian*

14. *Ridvan Aydemir: Atheist Prophet.*
15. *Crucifixion: The Greatest Delusion.*
16. *Three Abrahamic Religions.*
17. *When the Evangelist becomes a Shaikh.*
18. *Holy Wars, Crusades, Jihad, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition.*
19. *Interfaith Movement.*
20. *The Miracles of Jesus.*
21. *Dr. Deceiver and Mr. Hide.*
22. *Prophet of Mercy or Prophet of Doom.*
23. *A Discussion about Islam, the Quran, and Prophet Muhammad.*
24. *Ru`yatul Hilal (Moon-sighting), Between Sharee`ah and Astronomical Calculations.*
25. *Is Allah the Moon-God?*

Thousands of articles on various aspects of Islam.

## **Second: Books and Booklets translated for Darussalam Publishers & Distributors ([www.dar-us-salam.com](http://www.dar-us-salam.com))**

1. Ibn Katheer. *Tafseer Ibn Katheer*. Chapters (Juzu) 1-10, 12, 13, 25-27.
2. Abdur-Rahman As-Sa'di. *Tafseer As-Sa'di*. Volumes 1 & 10.
3. Abdur-Rahman As-Sa'di. *How to Achieve Happiness*.
4. Ibn Qayyim Al-Jauziyyah. *Healing With the Medicine of the Prophet*.
5. Chapters 1-2 of, *Selected Friday Sermons*. (Chapters 3-4 translated by Ibrahim Ezghair).
6. Abdullah Ibn Jabrin. *Pillars of Islam*.
7. Abdul-Malik Al-Qasim. *Establish the Prayers & the Prize is Paradise*.
8. Abdul-Malik Al-Qasim. *Silent Moments*.
9. Abdul-Malik Al-Qasim. *Charity even with a Trifle*.
10. Abdul-Malik Al-Qasim. *Life is a Shadow*.
11. Abdul-Malik Al-Qasim. *Seeds of Righteousness*.
12. Abdul-Malik Al-Qasim. *Kindness to Parents*.
13. Abdul-Malik Al-Qasim. *The Road to Good Friendship*.
14. Abdul-Malik Al-Qasim. *Hindrances on the Path*.
15. Al-Mubarakpuri. *Seerah (Biography) of the Prophet*. (Not Published).
16. *The Devil's Arrow*.
17. A series of children's booklets on: *Manners of the Young Muslim*.
18. A series of booklets titled, *To the Pearl of the Society* (for women).

*A Discussion with a Coptic Christian*

19. Brief booklets on: *Tau'heed; Music; Important Lessons; La Ilaha Illa-Allah; Photographic Pictures; Free Mixing between Men and Women; An Advice to the Ummah; Tawassul; Wala and Baraa; Creed of the Salaf in Brief; Az-Zuhd.*

**Third: Books & Booklets translated for Dar At-Turath Al-Islami (Dar for Islamic Heritage)**

1. Nasiruddin Al Albani. *The Hadith is Proof Itself in Belief and Laws.*
2. Sali'h Al Fozan. *Innovation, and its Evil Effects.*
3. Muhammad Al Uthaymeen. *Rights Basic to the Natural Human Constitution.*
4. Mohammad Al Uthaymeen. *Explaining the Pillars of Iman.*
5. Abdurrahman Abdul-Khaliq. *Marriage in Islam.*
6. Abdurrahman Abdul-Khaliq. *Priorities of Islamic Work in the West.*
7. Abdurrahman Abdul-Khaliq. *The Bible's Testimony that Jesus is the Slave-Servant and Messenger of Allah.*
8. Abdurrahman Abdul-Khaliq. *The Clear Distinction Between Iman & Kufr.*
9. Husain Al Awaysa. *Kitab Al Ikhlas (Book of Sincerity).*
10. Nathim Sultan. *Basics & Benefits from the Forty Hadith Nawawi.*
11. Saleh Al-Munajjid. *The Weakening of Faith: Its Symptoms, Causes, and Cure.*
12. Abdullah As-Sabt. *The Ever-Merciful, He Rose Over His Throne.*

Hundreds of articles on various Islamic topics.