

There is no such a thing as Islamic apologetics

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I frequently read the expression “Islamic apologetics.” At first, I did not understand the meaning of the word apologetic when it is attached to the word Islamic. Does it mean that Muslims are apologizing for their religion? Is Islam so bad as to be apologized for?

When Muslims explain the truth about their religion, the Christian apologists obstruct and oppose. Unfortunately, most of them are hired with the objective to attack Islam as part of a vicious war against Islam. They love to see Muslims suffer; their hatred is evident from the words which fall from their mouths. But what their hearts conceal is far worth. Whenever something good happens to Muslims, it grieves them, and when evil befalls Muslims, they rejoice. When Islam prospers and is embraced by thousands every day, they bite their fingers with rage. I say to them, “Die of rage, Allah is aware of what your black hearts contain.”

These hired persons, pulpits, platforms and biased media, spew their venom against Islam day and night. They fool the people by pretending that they offer logic evidences supporting their malicious views about Islam, but when Muslims read their views they find it shallow, void and soaked with falsehood.

Unfortunately, there are Christian apologists, who omit, hide, or lie about their religion. When Muslims explain to them that their religion was corrupted, and that they must abandon the corruptions their fathers added to Jesus religion, they swerve and equivocate, and forward fables and superstitions of their predecessors as proof for their current belief. They use an endless list of fallacious and silly arguments in defending their corrupted Christianity. They have no knowledge to base this on. They

follow nothing but conjecture; and conjecture avails nothing against truth. They follow what their own souls desire even though there has already come to them the Koran as a guidance from their Lord!

I wonder: is that the ultimate extent of their knowledge? Will they teach the Lord His religion, when He knows everything in the heavens and earth? Surely Allah knows best those who stray from His path and He knows best those who follow His guidance.

They act not out of concern of God, but in order to figure well in the eyes of their fellow-men. They struggle to acquire the pleasures of life, forgetting that the life of this world is nothing but an illusionary enjoyment.

When Muslims invite them to believe in the Koran and abide by its principles regarding Allah's oneness, and to accept this fact with consenting mind, they say, 'We only lean on the particular system of faith and worship on which our fathers were bent. But how it will be if their fathers had lacked the soundness of judgment in the choice of means and ends and had missed the path of rectitude. In fact, the highest wisdom and the most salutary regulations are lost in them.

When Muslims explain the religion of Islam to them haply they might understand, they indulge in nonsense jugglery by belying the Koran and nullifying its verses instead of accepting the facts. By belying the Koran they became liars in the sight of the Lord. Had it not been for the grace of Allah and His mercy on them in this world, a terrible punishment would have afflicted them for their plunging headlong into belying the Koran and the slander of the Prophet. They consider the belying of the Koran and the slander of the Prophet to be a trivial matter, but in Allah's sight, it is a great sin. They don't know that their rejection of the truth amounts to denying the signs of Allah. Such people will receive severe punishment at Allah's behest.

Their dispute with the Muslims is meant to conceal the truth and distract people from it. This puts them in an awkward position, and helps show the

lengths to which they will go in their efforts to defend their adulterated religion.

Arrogance is the motivation behind this sort of dispute – the arrogance that prevents people from accepting the truth and acting upon it.

Allah says:

Verily, those who dispute about the signs of Allah without any authority having come to them, there is nothing else in their breasts except pride which they will never attain. Seek refuge in Allah, for He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing (40: 56).

This sort of dispute destroys, misleads, blinds and makes those who practice it losers on the Day of Resurrection.

Allah says:

And among mankind is he who disputes concerning Allah, without knowledge, and follows every rebellious (disobedient to Allah) devil. It has been decreed concerning anyone whom he befriends, that he shall mislead him and guide him to the punishment of the Fire (22: 3, 4).

And of the people is he who disputes about Allah without knowledge or guidance or an enlightening book [from Him], twisting his neck [in arrogance] to mislead [people] from the way of Allah. For him in the world is disgrace, and We will make him taste on the Day of Resurrection the punishment of the Burning Fire (22:8-9).

Out of their stubbornness, they reject what Islam brought them. In order to vindicate their position, they indulge in false talks, and think they had been very clever and that they have provided evidences supporting their falsehood. But when the blast of the Doomsday opens the secrets of realities, they will come to know that their attempts at vindication were simply a series of false words taught by Satan. They oppose the call for truth, but in the Hereafter, when they see that the things on which they relied on are of no avail, they will be struck with horror.

They are like dumb driven cattle who can merely hear calls, but cannot distinguish intelligently between shades of meaning or subtle differences of values.

Allah said about them in the Koran:

But when they are told, 'Follow what Allah has sent down,' they answer, 'We will follow the ways of our fathers,' even though their fathers did not use their reason, and were devoid of all guidance. Those who deny the truth are like animals which hear nothing in your call but the sound of a voice, without understanding its meaning. They are deaf, dumb, and blind. They understand nothing (2: 170, 171).

The Christian apologists instead of understanding what the Last Testament to the world (the Koran) instructed them to do, they act rebelliously by criticizing and dispraising the Koran!

The Christian apologists are doubly annoyed at the Muslims: (1) that being outside their ranks received Allah's revelations, and (2) that having received such revelations, they should be able to convict them out of their own scriptures before their Lord.

The big mockery is that they believe that whatever they believe and practice is nothing but the truth. They think that guidance has something to do with a particular community rather than being a matter of principle, and are unwilling to accept such truth as has been revealed elsewhere. They believe that whoever was one of them was on the right path, and that whoever was not, was misguided!

They foolishly think that it was impossible that someone else may be granted revelation such as they were granted. This mentality casts such a veil over their eyes that they become unable to see any merit outside their own religion even though it was corrupted. Even in the face of clear signs and arguments, they doubt the veracity of any outsider, and strongly oppose the truth. In obedience to their false standards, they try to stifle the truth. But Allah's true Message always prevail even though the polytheists and the disbelievers may detest it.

But they should have known that all grace is in the Hands of Allah; He grants it to whom He wills; He singled out Muhammad – peace be upon him – for His mercy and granted him the universal Message of Islam and made him the seal of the prophets. Allah is boundless and all Knowing, He is the Lord of exceeding bounty.

When Islam is attacked by Christian apologetics, Muslims think innocently that the attackers were wrong in their views because they lack true knowledge of the religion of Islam, so they hasten to explain the truth about their religion. But again and again they are bombarded with opposition, ignorance, illiteracy and impudence.

Among their accusations is that Muslims do not use their heads and follow blindly their religion without thinking. But as for them, they are open-minded, and they discuss every big and small passage or verse in the Bible. They are free-thinkers to the extent of undergoing reformation in their religion!

If we look at the Protestant reformation which was considered by the Catholic Church as a schism, we find that Martin Luther began his reformation by criticizing the selling of indulgences, insisting that the Pope had no authority over purgatory and that the Catholic doctrine of the merits of the saints had no foundation in the gospel. The Protestant position, however, would come to incorporate doctrinal changes such as sola scriptura and sola fide.

There were also reformation movements throughout continental Europe known as the Radical Reformation, which gave rise to the Anabaptist, Moravian and other Pietistic movements. Radical Reformers, besides forming communities outside state sanction, often employed more extreme doctrinal change, such as the rejection of the tenets of the late antique councils of Nicaea and Chalcedon (the Doctrine of the Trinity).

The Roman Catholic Church responded with a Counter-Reformation initiated by the Council of Trent. Much work in battling Protestantism was done by the well-organized new order of

the Jesuits. In general, Northern Europe, with the exception of most of Ireland, came under the influence of Protestantism. Southern Europe remained Roman Catholic, while Central Europe was a site of a fierce conflict, culminating in the Thirty Years' War, which left it devastated.

Undertaking reformation in the Christian religion means without doubt that Christians realized that their religion was altered in a way that needed reformation. The reformation that happened in the Christian religion implies that something may be rotten within the Bible itself.

The Koran however is none reformable because the sanctity of the verses are non-negotiable.

The historical events of the Christian reformation explicitly demonstrates that the Christian religion of Jesus was corrupted and changes were to be made in order to restore it to its pure form. But any reformation that had been done in the Christian religion and hadn't touched the blasphemous concept of the Trinity is to no avail. Why? Because as Allah said in the Koran and in all His Holy Books before the Koran, that no one will enter Paradise and has associated with Him in worship another partner or partners (Jesus, the Holy Ghost, Mary, idol, nature, priest, pope, animal, etc.).

Monotheism i.e. belief in Allah as One God and that He is to be worshipped alone, is the pillar of Allah's religion in all ages.

We read in the Koran”

Allah. There is no god but He, the Living, the Self-Subsisting, Eternal (3: 2)

He it is Who shapes you in the wombs as He pleases. There is no god but He, the Exalted in Might, the Wise. (3: 6).

Every Prophet taught His people strict monotheism:

“Indeed, We sent Nuh (Noah) to his people and he said: “O my people! Worship Allah! You have no other Ilah (God) but Him. Certainly, I fear for you the torment of a Great Day!” (7: 59).

“And verily, We have sent among every Ummah (community, nation) a Messenger (proclaiming): “Worship Allah (Alone), and avoid (or keep away from) all false deities” Then of them were some whom Allah guided and of them were some upon whom the straying was justified. So travel through the land and see what was the end of those who denied (the truth).” (16:36).

Yes, the brain is important in the human body because it allows a person to think, feel and store memories, and it controls and coordinates the body's actions and reactions. This is why I urge the Christian apologists to use their brain in understanding what Muslims explain to them about the religion of Islam. The Muslims explanation is not a sort of apology or lying as the Christian apologists claim, but a warning of how will they feel on the Day when Allah will gather them and every person will be paid in full what he or she has earned. A Day where every soul will be recompensed for what it earned. A Day when hearts are at the throats, filled with distress. The explanations the Muslims forward to the Christian apologists is to urge them to sober up now in order to guard themselves against a day when one soul shall not avail another nor shall intercession be accepted for her, nor shall compensation be taken from her nor shall anyone be helped from outside. Allah is swift in account.

Muslims are not obliged in any way to apologize for their religion.

It became evident that the war the Christian apologists launch against Islam is not due to incognizance or ignorance about Islam but rather a deliberate attack on the religion in order to humiliate it and demonize it and hence misguiding their people about Islam further and further.

It is amazing to see that the Christian apologists and all the other haters of Islam, do not realize that by attacking Islam – the last Testament to the

world – they are but compiling sins over sins upon their heads. This obstinate rebellion against the Book of Allah and His religion will lead to damnation. Allah sees what they utter against his religion.

These obstinate and unjust Christian apologists and all other hate mongers, should remind themselves of the responsibility they carry when they talk about the religion of Islam. They must guard their tongues by speaking only the truth and abstain from lies and hypocrisy because Allah knows the inmost desires and motives of man even better than man does himself. He is nearer to man than his own jugular vein.

To destroy Islam is to destroy humanity. Islam is meant for the whole world, none but the devil alone would aim to destroy or corrupt it, and the one who aims to do it, would be the worst enemy of Allah and mankind. He would naturally be the devil in human form. And the one who saves the religion from being destroyed or getting corrupted, would undoubtedly be the greatest benefactor and the savior of truth and humanity as a whole.

The Christian apologists and the Islamophobia hate mongers think that they can smear Islam without punishment. They think they can get away with their guilt without accountability.

As Islam teaches, every word man utters or writes is recorded. Two angels are constantly by man to note his thoughts, words and actions. One sits on the right side writing down his good deeds and the other on the left, writing his bad deeds.

The Lord of creation says in His Holy Book the Koran:

We created man, and the two recording angels are recording, sitting on the right and the left: each word he utters shall be noted down by vigilant guardian (50: 16-18).

Those who reject Allah and excel in Humiliating Him, belying His Koran and slandering His prophet await them a terrible chastisement. Allah is well

aware of their evil-doing; and they must rest absolutely assured that there is enough space in Hell to engulf them.

Allah says in the Koran:

On the Day of Judgment We shall gather them (the disbelievers) together, prone on their faces: blind, dumb, and deaf! Their abode will be Hell! Every time it shows abatement, We shall increase for them the fierceness of the Fire! (17: 97).

In another verse Allah says:

But those who reject (Allah) for them will be the Fire of Hell: no term shall be determined for them so they should die, nor shall its Penalty be lightened for them: thus do We reward every ungrateful one! (35: 36).

The first purpose of this article is to tell Muslims that Islam as the last religion, is not to be apologized for because religion with Allah is Islam and no other; Islam is universal for all, final and complete. The second purpose is to tell the Christian apologists and the Christians in general that arguing the religion with the purpose of nullifying it is sinful, useless and of no avail, because Allah's religion will prevail. We read in the Koran:

"It is He (Allah) who has sent his Messenger with guidance and the religion of truth, in order for it to be dominant over all other religions, even though the disbelievers hate it." (9: 33 & 61:4-9, 13).

I therefore urge Muslims not to apologize for their religion, but only to explain it, haply the disbelievers and the polytheists may believe.

In this article I will touch some Islamic issues that were revealed in the Koran and the Christian apologists oppose and contradict out of obstinacy, hatred, illiteracy, shallowness and ignorance. The purpose is to state divine facts that do not accept doubt or uncertainty. Divine facts that must be well understood by the Christians and not to be opposed or rejected out of ignorance and stubbornness. The intention is to invite the enemies of

Islam, and all non-Muslims to the one and only religion of Allah – Islam. The Islamic issues will be explained based on the contradictions and oppositions forwarded by the Christian apologists against the injunctions and principles of the religion of Islam.

Why the Koran

In the West, and in America in particular, the Koran was mistreated to the extent of being defiled, belied and burned. These criminals who did such horrendous acts think that what they did was an act of bravery, an act of patriotism that would elevate them in the eyes of their people. But they were not aware that they have committed a terrible sin when they attacked, defiled, belied, and burned the Koran, the Last Testament to the world.

Their misguided followers however, applauded them without even thinking. But as the Koran teaches, the misguided will carry the same guilt as that of those who misguided them. That is why I find myself obliged to explain the purpose of the Koran to those misguided, haply they might understand.

The Koran is the literal Word of God (Allah in Arabic) revealed to Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) through the Angel Gabriel.

Allah says about the Koran: “The revelation of The Book is from Allah, the Mighty, the Wise.” (39: 1).

The Koran is “a guidance for mankind... and the distinction (between right and wrong).” (2: 185). It provides direction to help mankind judge between right and wrong, without which, man would surely be in loss.

The Koran is the last scripture revealed by Almighty Allah, confirming what little truth remains in parts of previous scriptures and refuting and correcting fabrications and additions which have crept into current day versions of such scriptures.

Islam which the Christian apologetics obstruct and oppose, is the religion taught in its fundamentals by all the prophets. It is the religion which the

first human being was instructed to follow. It is the religion of Noah, Abraham, Moses, Jesus and Muhammad and all other prophets (peace be upon them all) throughout the existence of human beings.

“O you who have been given the Scripture! Believe in what We have revealed confirming what is (already) with you...” (4: 47).

The Koran is the only religious sacred text that has been in circulation for a lengthy period, and yet remains as pure as the day it was revealed. Nothing has been added, removed or modified from it, since its revelation over 1400 years ago.

“We have, without doubt, sent down the Message; and We will certainly guard it (from corruption).” (15: 9).

Not only has the Koran been preserved in written form, but also in the hearts of men, children and women. Today, millions of people have memorized the Koran from cover to cover.

Ever since its revelation, no person has been able to produce a single chapter like that of the Koran in its beauty, eloquence, splendor, wisdom, prophecies, and other perfect attributes.

“And if you are in doubt as to that which We have revealed to Our servant, then produce a chapter like it and call on your witnesses besides Allah if you are truthful.” (2:23).

The people that rejected Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) failed this challenge, even though they were extremely eloquent in the language of the Koran. This challenge remains unanswered to this very day.

When people write, they are bound to make mistakes such as spelling and grammar, contradictory statements, incorrect facts, omission of information, and other various errors. The Koran has no contradictions whatsoever.

“Had it been from other than Allah, they would surely, have found in it (the Koran) many contradictions.” (4:82).

The Christian apologists claim that the Koran is a theft from the Bible, and Muhammad has authored it. The Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) was known in history to be illiterate; he could not read nor write. He was not educated in any field that could account for neither the scientific and historical accuracy, nor the literary beauty of this magnificent Book. The precision of historical recounts of previous peoples and civilizations mentioned in the Koran is also too great to be authored by any man.

“And this Koran is not such as could ever be produced by other than Allah.” (10: 37).

The Koran came to restore the belief in Allah’s oneness; to believe in the One true God Allah. Due to the corruption made in the Bible and the old divine Books, the Christians of today worshipped Jesus as God or the son of God, they worshipped him as a man nailed to the cross, they worshipped him as one in three or three in one, they believed in the innovations Paul of Tarsus invented in the Gospel of Jesus such as original sin, the Trinity, crucifixion, vicarious atonement – or the worship of God through intermediaries such as priest, bishop, pope, or in the form of idol, animal, tree, nature, etc.).

The most important topic mentioned throughout the Koran is the belief in the One, True God. God informs us that He has no partner, no son, no equal, and that none has the right to be worshipped except Him alone. Nothing is comparable to God and none of His creation resembles Him. The Koran also rejects the notion of attributing human qualities and limitations to God.

Allah emphasizes His oneness in the Koran:

“And your god is One God. There is no god but He, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful.” (2: 163).

The Koran rejects all false gods.

“And worship Allah and associate none with Him.” (4: 36).

Since Allah alone is the only One worthy of worship, false deities and false gods must be rejected. The Koran also rejects the notion of attributing divine qualities to anyone or anything other than Allah.

The Koran contains many narratives with beneficial lessons, including the true stories of previous Prophets such as, Adam, Noah, Abraham, Jesus and Moses. Of these stories, Allah says:

“Indeed in their stories, there is a lesson for men of understanding.” (12: 111).

The Koran reminds us that everyone will taste death and will be held accountable for all his actions and sayings:

“We shall set up scales of justice for the Day of Judgment, so that not a soul will be dealt with unjustly in the least...” (21: 47).

Importantly, the Koran teaches that the purpose of life is to worship God alone, and live one’s life according to the way of life prescribed by Him. In Islam, worship is a comprehensive term that includes all actions and sayings (whether private or public) that Allah loves and is pleased with. Therefore, by doing what Allah commands, a Muslim is worshipping God and fulfilling his purpose in life.

“Verily, We have sent down to you (O Muhammad) the Book for mankind in truth. So whosoever accepts the guidance, it is only for his own self; and whosoever goes astray, he goes astray only for his own loss.” (39: 41).

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“We have, without doubt, sent down the Message; and We will certainly guard it (from corruption).” (15:09).

The Koran, the Word of Allah is perfected in truth and justice. None can change His words. Thus, the Koran has been preserved in both the oral as well as written form in a way no other religious book in history has.

But why the Koran has been guarded from loss or corruption?

The Koran was guarded from loss and corruption because it is universal. It was sent to the whole world. It was not sent to a sect or a cult as with the case of the Torah of Moses or the Gospel of Jesus. Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) was the last prophet whom Allah sent, and he was not sent to a particular people or a particular time. He was sent to all of mankind until the end of the world.

Allah says in the Koran:

"I have only sent you (Muhammad) as a giver of glad tidings and a warner to all mankind, but most men do not understand." (34: 28).

According to the teachings of the Koran, most of the world's major religions originated in the pure religion of Islam itself and only through the teachings being lost, forgotten or willfully corrupted have these religions changed. Judaism claims special status for the Jews as the chosen people - a status which cannot be acquired except through birth and which makes a Jew superior to any non-Jew (goyim) whatever their beliefs. Christianity insists that one must believe in various doctrines which form the foundations of the distinctively Christian belief in order to be saved (i.e. Jesus died to atone for the sins of Mankind, that God is a trinity etc.). The doctrine of the Trinity,

which the Catholic church itself admits, didn't develop until several hundred years after Christ and so cannot possibly have applied to those before Jesus nor to his early followers. In contrast to this, Islam has at its core, a simple message which applies to all human beings before Muhammad and also after his time:

"...And they say: "None shall enter paradise unless he be a Jew or a Christian." Those are their (vain) desires. Say: "Produce your proof if you are truthful." Nay whoever submits his whole self to Allah and is a doer of good, he will get his reward with his Lord; on such shall be no fear nor shall they grieve." (2: 111, 112).

The word used in this verse for 'submits' is 'aslama'. It is from this verb that the word 'Islam' comes as 'the submitting'. Islam is a word that doesn't have any connection with an area or a particular character from history, it is the one and only truly universal religion and fittingly it has a truly universal name: "Islam" – the universal religion for mankind.

The concept of God (Allah) in Islam is unique in its strict Unitarian aspect. The jurisdiction of God is not limited to any section of humanity or to any part of the world. God according to Islam is the Lord of the Worlds i.e., the Absolute Monarch of the whole universe. Prophets sent before the Holy Prophet Muhammad, were not for the human race as a whole, they were for particular peoples in various parts of the earth. Even Jesus, the immediate predecessor of the Holy Prophet Muhammad, about his own self, had said: "I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the House of Israel." (Math. 15-22 26).

But Prophet Muhammad as the seal of the prophets, was not to guide any particular tribe, community or any part of the human race, but for mankind as a whole. Islam was revealed to be current for all times until the Day of Judgment. The Holy Prophet Muhammad had been sent as a Mercy unto the Worlds.

In several verses Allah says in the Koran:

"We have sent thee not but a Mercy unto the Worlds." (21: 107).

Say: "O' ye people, I am the Apostle of God unto you all" (7: 158).

No creed preached by any religious leader or apostle prior to the Holy Prophet, was ever given any name, for it was incomplete and no imperfect thing, is ever given any name. Since the religion preached by the Holy Prophet, was the divinely perfected code of discipline for human life on earth, it was named Islam and was prescribed for the human race for all times till the end of the world.

Allah the God of the universe says in the Koran:

"Today I have perfected your religion for you, and I have completed My blessing upon you, and I have approved Islam for your religion..." (5: 3).

"The true religion with God is Islam. Those who were given the Book were not at variance except after the knowledge came to them, being insolent one to another. And whoso disbelieves in Allah's signs, Allah is swift at the reckoning" (3: 19).

"Whoso desires another religion than Islam, it shall not be accepted of him; in the next world he shall be among the losers" (3: 85).

All these magnificent benefits are for those who wish to be guided. For those who insist on prejudice and arrogance regarding the revelation of Allah the Exalted, this Holy Book can cause nothing but perdition.

Dominance of the Koran over previous Scriptures

Allah, the Almighty, revealed the Koran to be His last, all-embracing Scripture containing the final manifestation of the Divine Law. This necessitates that it has to be safeguarded from the mischievous hands of men and from all corruption. This protection has been a reality from the time the Koran was revealed until today and will remain so forever. It contains no additions or deletions. It has reached us by so many chains of transmission that it is impossible for them to have conspired on a lie. It has been recorded and memorized innumerable times.

There has been no change in its text over time, not even in a single letter. Some of those who have committed it to memory cannot speak Arabic; nevertheless, they recite it exactly as it was revealed.

Allah has guaranteed the preservation of the Koranic text, as He, the Most Exalted, says: "Indeed, it is We who sent down the Koran and indeed, We will be its guardian." (15:9).

Allah also says: "And the word of your Lord has been fulfilled in truth and in justice. None can alter His words, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing." (6: 115).

As for the previous Scriptures, they were for a limited duration of time. Allah gave human beings the responsibility of preserving them.

Allah says:

"Indeed, We sent down the Torah, in which was guidance and light. The prophets who submitted [to Allah] judged by it for the Jews, as did the rabbis and scholars by that with which they were entrusted of the Scripture of Allah, and they were witnesses thereto." (5: 44).

But the Torah was changed through corruption, alteration, and concealment.

Allah says in the Koran:

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

Being the final, all-encompassing and preserved against any change, the Koran abrogated all the previous Scriptures which sustained human interpolations. Abrogation generally takes place with regards to secondary matters of divine Law. As for fundamental principles, like the Oneness of Allah, the prohibition of idolatry, and the fundamentals of worship – matters

that form the basic call of all the Messengers, they are not subject to abrogation.

The Law that came with Prophet Jesus abrogated part of the Law that came with Moses. Relating the words of Prophet Jesus to the Children of Israel, the Koran says, "And I have come confirming that which was before me of the Torah and to make lawful to you part of what was forbidden to you..." (3: 50).

The Islamic Law is lasting, remaining suitable for every place and time, and embracing the goodness of the previous manifestations of the Law.

Allah says in the Koran: "And We have revealed to you, [O Muhammad], the Book in truth, confirming that which preceded it of the Scripture and as a criterion over it." (5: 48).

The Koran is different from the previous Scriptures in many points:

- (1) The Koran is miraculous and inimitable. Nothing similar to it can be produced by human beings. Allah challenged both humans and jinn to produce the like of the Koran.

Say, "If mankind and the jinn gathered in order to produce the like of this Koran, they could not produce the like of it, even if they were to each other assistants." (17: 88).

- (2) Allah further challenged the disbelievers among the Arabs to produce even one chapter similar to the Koranic chapters:

"And if you are in doubt about what We have sent down upon Our Servant [Muhammad], then produce a chapter the like thereof and call upon your witnesses other than Allah, if you should be truthful." (2: 23).

- (3) After the Koran, no more Scriptures will be revealed by Allah. Just as the Prophet Muhammad is the last Prophet, the Koran is the last Scripture.

(4) Allah has taken it upon Himself to protect the Koran from alteration, to safeguard it from corruption, and to preserve it from distortion. On the other hand, the previous Scriptures suffered alteration and distortion and did not remain in their originally revealed form.

(5) The Koran, for one, confirms early Scriptures and, for another, is a trustworthy witness over them (5: 48).

(6) The Koran cancels the rulings of the previous Scriptures and renders them inapplicable. The Law of the old Scriptures is no longer applicable; the previous rulings have been abrogated with the new Law of Islam.

Accordingly, Allah does not accept any religion except Islam as a way to His pleasure, as He says in His Holy Book the Koran:

"And whoever desires other than Islam as religion never will it be accepted from him, and he, in the Hereafter, will be among the losers." (3: 85). (1).

The Koran came as a last warning because the Bible was corrupted

The Koran came also because the Jews corrupted the Torah of Moses and the Christians corrupted the Gospel of Jesus. False doctrines were added to the Bible and as a consequence, people went astray. The Koran came to explain, correct and guide people astray to the right path again. In that sense, the Koran is a mercy from the Lord of the universe to guide people astray to His right path.

Corruption of the Bible

Christians are often quick to tell you that their modern-day "Bible" is the "true living word of God." This is despite the fact that whatever bible we're confronted with, we can easily find countless contradictions between

verses and contradictions even with history! Not only that, but ironically, even the Bible's own theologians admit that the bible is corrupt and was written by "mysterious" people. Moreover, they also declare that the bible(s) contain fictions, fairy tales and fables.

The Koran, which has God's stamp of assurance that He Himself had perfectly preserved it from corruption (15:9), says that the Torah was entrusted upon the rabbis who were supposed to be the keepers of the Law, but they failed in their dispensation and altered the message of Moses. They certainly had the ability and means to change, alter and corrupt what they wrote if they so desired and indeed they did. The Torah has been tampered with and the scribes were responsible for this.

Tampering with the Old Testament

Are the scribes, the ones responsible for the so called preservation of the Old Testament trustworthy? How can they be trusted when they were the ones who plotted to kill Jesus and treated him in such vile ways? The scribes and Pharisees spat in his face, and buffeted him; and others smote him with the palms of their hands.

In Jeremiah 8:8, we see evidence of the scribes lying or making false witness.

Dr. James Smith comments on Jeremiah 8:8:

“Among the wise men, the scribes were singled out for special comment. The scribes were men who could write. The pen (‘et) was probably made from a reed. The scribes in Jeremiah’s day were as corrupt as the priests and the prophets. Somehow through their writings they were attempting to nullify the written word of God. Perhaps they were publishing the false teaching of the prophets and priests... Some have proposed that these scribes were even guilty of altering the very text of the word of God. Whatever they were doing these perverse scribes were distorting the truth.”

Commenting on Jeremiah 8:8, Reverend David Bauscher writes:

“A very egregious example of probable deliberate alteration can be found in the Massoretic Hebrew of Jeremiah.” Rebuking them further, he writes, “To indict one group is to indict all, the Scribes, Prophets and the Priests. What is the major crime of the Scribes? “the false pen of the scribes has turned it into falsehood.” What is “it”? The previous sentence gives the answer: “the law of Jehovah”. The law of Jehovah is the written word of God. The Scribes perverted the written scriptures which they were entrusted to copy and preserve without error. There was a way to do that, according to the rules of the school of the Sopherim, in which every Scribe was carefully trained.”

Bauscher sees Jeremiah 8:8 as a textual testimony of the unreliability of the scribes as they used the skills that they honed while training for the profession to finally corrupt and “pervert the written scriptures.” (2).

In Deuteronomy 4:2 we read: “ Do not add to what I command you and do not subtract from it, but keep the commands of the Lord your God that I give you.”

When God Almighty clearly Commanded the followers of His Holy Words to not add anything nor subtract anything from His Words and/or mix them up with man-made corrupt words, then this without any doubt or dispute proves that Deuteronomy 4:2 is indeed a clear-cut proof that the Bible is indeed a corrupt book that is filled with man's lies and alterations in it!

Jeremiah 8:8 confirms Deuteronomy 4:2!

"How can you say, 'We are wise, and the law of the LORD is with us'? But, behold, the false pen of the scribes has made it into a lie.” (From the RSV Bible, Jeremiah 8:8).

In Deuteronomy 30: 5-6 we read:

See that you do all I command you; do not add to it or take away from it.

Proverbs 30:5-6

5 Every word of God is flawless; he is a shield to those who take refuge in him.

6 Do not add to his words, or he will rebuke you and prove you a liar.

Those who are familiar with the Bible (any modern-day bible) know that it is divided into the following categories:

1- The Torah. Also known as the five books of Moses. They are: Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy.

2- The Prophets. These are the remaining books of the Old Testament. Their quantity varies between bible to bible, and the quantity of verses vary between bible to bible.

3- The New Testament. This also has sub-categories in it such as:

(1) the four gospels (Mark, John, Luke and Matthew); (2) the Acts of the Apostles; (3) Pauline Epistles; (4) Epistle of the Hebrews; (5) General Epistles; (6) Revelation. The quantity of verses in the four gospels varies between bible to bible.

In the books of Moses which were supposed to be written by Moses himself, the scribes wrote how Moses died and got buried. Obviously, Moses would not have been able to write about himself after he died.

Tampering with the New Testament

The authenticity of the texts of the New Testament have been debated and have often been outright rejected by the majority of the Muslim population. On the other hand, the Christian world see it as the complete truth, words inspired by God Himself to chosen men who wrote down the events and narrations of Jesus as within a few years of his departure and have been copied accurately till this day.

It is a fact however, that the New Testament does not match up to its reputation of being 'Gospel Truth'. Mistakes were very common in the transmission of the Bible. Some of the mistakes were honest and genuine; others were scribal corrections where later scribes sought to correct earlier scribes by second guessing what the text should have said.

Jesus himself was vehemently against this elite group of falsifying scholars called the scribes. In Matthew chapter 23 alone Jesus curses the scribes saying "Woe be to you" no less than six times and called them hypocrites eight times over, which is a record in a single chapter in the whole Bible!

And they that had laid hold on Jesus Christ led him away to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders were assembled. Now the chief priests, and the elders and all the council, sought false witness against Jesus, to put him to death." (Matthew 26:57)

To list every single instance of Jesus reproaching the scribes in this article would be a most tedious task and we do not have the luxury of time nor strength to do that. It is suffice to say that Jesus condemns the scribes in more than 60 verses! In Matthew chapter 23 mentioned earlier, the heading reads, "Jesus Denounces the Scribes and the Pharisees". You may refer to Mark 12:38 to 40, Luke 20:45-47 etc. for more on Jesus against the scribes.

But most worrying is that many alterations to the text were made for doctrinal reasons. Entire passages were added, words modified to suit the purpose of the later church, and all of this occurred whilst still being attributed to the original writers of the gospels, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. It is these types of modifications which are cause for concern and discredit the authenticity of the Bible, thus making it impossible for many people to see it as a Holy Book written and preserved by God-inspired people.

The late 19th century marked a turning point in biblical criticism. B. F. Westcott and F. J. A. Hort compiled some of the oldest manuscripts of the New Testament. Their compilation has served as the template for almost every modern translation of the Bible. Because of this, people often forget

that Westcott and Hort's critical text faced considerable controversy. John Burgon was perhaps the fiercest enemy of the movement Westcott and Hort had begun. Instead of the new compilation, Burgon favored the Textus Receptus, or the collection of Greek texts that provided the material for the King James Version and the German Luther Bible. His treatise "The Causes of the Corruption of the Traditional Text of the Holy Gospels" compares the Textus Receptus with the Westcott and Hort texts, finding points of disagreement and potential error. Today, many associate Burgon and his arguments with biblical inerrancy. This would take us to the question: "Is the entire Bible truly the word of God?"

No credible Biblical scholar on this earth will claim that the Bible was written by Jesus himself. They all agree that the Bible was written after the departure of Jesus peace be upon him by his followers. So, if the authors of the Bible were people other than Jesus, then did they have Jesus or the Holy Spirit in them guiding their hands and dictating to them word for word what to write? As it happens, once again the answer is no. Who says so? The majority of today's credible Christian scholars do. For example:

Dr. W Graham Scroggie of the Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, a prestigious Christian evangelical mission, says:

"..Yes, the Bible is human, although some out of zeal which is not according to knowledge, have denied this. Those books have passed through the minds of men, are written in the language of men, were penned by the hands of men and bear in their style the characteristics of men...."

Another Christian scholar, Kenneth Cragg, the Anglican Bishop of Jerusalem, says:

"...Not so the New testament...There is condensation and editing; there is choice reproduction and witness. The Gospels have come through the mind of the church behind the authors. They represent experience and history..." (The Call of the Minaret," Kenneth Cragg, p 277).

For example, we read in the Bible the words of the author "Luke":

"It seemed good to me (Luke) also, having had perfect understanding of all things from the very first, to write unto thee in order, most excellent Theophilus, (Luke 1:3)"

If you consider the Bible the word of GOD, well, it is quite obvious that Luke decided to write his Gospel because he wanted to please the president or the leader at that time Theophilus. This however has several problems: (1) It compromises God because there is a bigger purpose than God to write the Gospel, (2) It shows that Luke wouldn't have written his Gospel if it wasn't for that leader, and (3) Luke was not inspired when he wrote his Gospel because he said that he decided to write it after he had full understanding of it, which means that he wrote it with his own human words and thoughts and not God's.

The lie of verse¹ John 5:7 verse, was later discovered to be a manmade corruption inserted into the Bible.

The only verses in the whole Bible that explicitly ties God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit in one "Triune" being is the verse of 1 John 5:7 "For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one."

This verse is now universally recognized as being a later "insertion" of the Church and all recent versions of the Bible, such as the Revised Standard Version, the New Revised Standard Version, the New American Standard Bible, the New English Bible, the Phillips Modern English Bible ...etc. have all unceremoniously expunged this verse from their pages. Why is this? The scripture translator Benjamin Wilson gives the following explanation for this action in his "Emphatic Diaglott." Mr. Wilson says:

"This text concerning the heavenly witness is not contained in any Greek manuscript which was written earlier than the fifteenth century. It is not cited by any of the ecclesiastical writers; not by any of early Latin fathers

even when the subjects upon which they treated would naturally have lead them to appeal to it's authority. It is therefore evidently spurious."

Others, such as the late Dr. Herbert W. Armstrong argued that this verse was added to the Latin Vulgate edition of the Bible during the heat of the controversy between Rome, Arius, and God's people. Whatever the reason, this verse is now universally recognized as an insertion and discarded. Since the Bible contains no verses validating a "Trinity" therefore, centuries after the departure of Jesus, God chose to inspire someone to insert this verse in order to clarify the true nature of God as being a "Trinity." Notice how mankind was being inspired as to how to "clarify" the Bible centuries after the departure of Jesus (pbuh). People continued to put words in the mouths of Jesus, his disciples, and even God himself with no reservations whatsoever. They were being "inspired"!

If these people were being "inspired" by God, I wondered, then why did they need to put these words into other people's mouths (in our example, in the mouth of John). Why did they not just openly say "God inspired me and I will add a chapter to the Bible in my name"? Also, why did God need to wait till after the departure of Jesus to "inspire" his "true" nature? Why not let Jesus say it himself?

The great luminary of Western literature, Mr. Edward Gibbon, explains the reason for the discard of this verse from the pages of the Bible with the following words:

"Of all the manuscripts now extant, above fourscore in number, some of which are more than 1200 years old, the orthodox copies of the Vatican, of the Complutensian editors, of Robert Stephens are becoming invisible; and the two manuscripts of Dublin and Berlin are unworthy to form an exception...In the eleventh and twelfth centuries, the Bibles were corrected by LanFrank, Archbishop of Canterbury, and by Nicholas, a cardinal and librarian of the Roman church, secundum Orthodoxam fidem. Notwithstanding these corrections, the passage is still wanting in twenty-five Latin manuscripts, the oldest and fairest; two qualities seldom united, except in manuscripts....The three witnesses have been established

in our Greek Testaments by the prudence of Erasmus; the honest bigotry of the Complutensian editors; the typographical fraud, or error, of Robert Stephens in the placing of a crotchet and the deliberate falsehood, or strange misapprehension, of Theodore Beza." (3).

The Christians claim that the stories of the disciples and prophets should be included in the Bible because they were inspired by God. But God Almighty is not the author of contradictions, lies and confusions. These stories contain countless contradictions in text, countless contradictions and conflicts with history and archeology, and many of them are outright lies because they never happened! Ironically, even the Christian and Bible theologians call them "fables" and "fictions" that exist in the Bible.

The bottom line is that the original and real Bible of today should've been a much smaller book than what it is now. But the fact that its laws and integrity are all mixed up together and compromised proves that the book or books are indeed corrupt. So for one to lump up the bibles and their many problems and say that the Bible is "the true living word of God Almighty" would be indeed a very ridiculous and absurd statement (4).

300 Changes in the NIV & other modern Bible versions were found (5).

Mark Twain the famous American writer, entrepreneur, publisher and lecturer said:

"The Bible has noble poetry in it; and some clever fables; and some blood-drenched history; and a wealth of obscenity; and upwards of a thousand lies." – Mark Twain, Letters from the Earth.

Now let us look at what Allah Almighty said in the Noble Koran about the Bibles of today:

"That they (the Children of Israel) rejected Faith; That they uttered against Mary A grave false charge; That they said (in boast): 'We killed Christ Jesus the son of Mary, the Messenger of Allah.' But they killed him not, nor crucified him, but so it was made to appear to them, and those who differ

therein are full of doubts, with no (certain) knowledge, but only conjecture to follow, for of a surety they killed him not. Nay, Allah raised him up Unto Himself; and Allah Is Exalted in Power, Wise. And there is none of the people of the book (Jews and Christians) but must believe in him (Jesus) Before his death; And on the Day of Judgment He (Jesus) will be a witness Against them.” (4:156-159).

"Know they not Allah Knows what they conceal and what they reveal? And there are among them illiterates, who know not the Book (i.e., the Bible), but (see therein their own) desires, and they do nothing but conjecture. Then woe to those who write the Book with their own hands, and then say: 'This is from Allah,' to traffic with it for a miserable price! Woe to them for what their hands do write, and for the gain they make thereby.” (2:77-79).

"O Apostle! let not those grieve thee, who race each other into unbelief: (whether it be) among those who say "We believe" with their lips but whose hearts have no faith; or it be among the Jews,- men who will listen to any lie,- will listen even to others who have never so much as come to thee. They change the words from their (right) times and places: they say, 'If ye are given this, take it, but if not, beware!' If any one's trial is intended by God, thou hast no authority in the least for him against God. For such - it is not God's will to purify their hearts. For them there is disgrace in this world, and in the Hereafter a heavy punishment.” (5:41).

There is among them a section who distort the Book with their tongues (as they read) you would think it is a part of the Book, but it is not part of the Book; and they say: 'That is from Allah,' but it is not from Allah: it is they who tell a lie against Allah, and (well) they know it (3: 78).

Those who exchange Allah's signs that are binding for a miserable featured in the vanity of the fleeting world, shall be denied Allah's grace in the Hereafter, nor shall He bless them, and their awaits them a terrible chastisement.

Allah warns in the Koran:

Those who sell out Allah's covenant and their oaths for a paltry price will have no share in the life to come on the Day of Resurrection. Allah will neither speak to them nor cast a look upon them on the Day of Judgment, nor will He purify them. For them there shall be a grievous punishment (3: 77).

Is Islam a violent religion?

Some Christian apologists claim that the Koran inspire terrorism, and drive violent jihad. Evangelist Franklin Graham has described his horror on finding so many Koranic passages that command the killing of infidels: the Koran, he thinks, "preaches violence." Prominent conservatives Paul Weyrich and William Lind argued that "Islam is, quite simply, a religion of war," and urged that Muslims be encouraged to leave US soil. Dutch politician Geert Wilders demands that the Koran be suppressed as the modern-day equivalent to Hitler's "Mein Kampf."

Even Westerners who have never opened the book assume that the Koran is filled with calls for militarism and murder, and that those texts shape Islam.

In the minds of ordinary Christians - and Jews - the Koran teaches savagery and warfare, while the Bible offers a message of love, forgiveness, and charity. For the prophet Micah, God's commands to his people are summarized in the words "act justly, and love mercy, and walk humbly with your God" (Micah 6:8). Christians recall the words of the dying Jesus: "Father, forgive them: they know not what they do."

If Christians or Jews want to point to violent parts of the Koran and suggest that those elements taint the whole religion, they open themselves to the obvious question: what about their own faiths? If the founding text shapes the whole religion, then Judaism and Christianity deserve the utmost condemnation as religions of savagery. Of course, they are no such thing; nor is Islam.

In terms of ordering violence and bloodshed, any simplistic claim about the superiority of the Bible to the Koran would be wildly wrong. In fact, the Bible overflows with "texts of terror," to borrow a phrase coined by the

American theologian Phyllis Trible. The Bible contains far more verses praising or urging bloodshed than does the Koran, and biblical violence is often far more extreme, and marked by more indiscriminate savagery. The Koran often urges believers to fight, yet it also commands that enemies be shown mercy when they surrender. Some frightful portions of the Bible, by contrast, go much further in ordering the total extermination of enemies, of whole families and races - of men, women, and children, and even their livestock, with no quarter granted. One cherished psalm (137) begins with the lovely line, "By the rivers of Babylon we sat and wept"; it ends by blessing anyone who would seize Babylon's infants and smash their skulls against the rocks."

The Bible has plenty of passages that read painfully today. Tales of war and assassination pervade the four books of Samuel and Kings, where it is hard to avoid verses justifying the destruction of God's enemies. In a Standard English translation of the Old Testament, the words "war" and "battle" each occur more than 300 times, not to mention all the bindings, beheadings, and rapes.

The Christian apologetics claim that the Koran urges Muslims to kill and slaughter the innocents. But Islam in truth is the religion of peace and love. The root of the word Islam, silm, refers to "making peace". By submitting to Allah and accepting His authority, in a peaceful environment, Muslims live peacefully with one another in the safe shade of Islam.

Since Islam means living in a peaceful environment that emerges as a result of submission to Allah, the Koran calls all humanity to embrace silm, that is, peace, and reminds us to avoid following Satan.

Allah says:

"O you who believe! Come in full submission to Allah, all of you, (without allowing any discord among you due to worldly reasons), and do not follow in the footsteps of Satan, for indeed he is a manifest enemy to you (seeking to seduce you to rebel against Allah, with glittering promises) (2: 208).

Islam is a religion revealed to mankind with the intention of presenting a peaceful life where the infinite compassion and mercy of Allah manifests on earth. God calls all people to live by the moral values He sets so that compassion, mercy, peace and love can be experienced all over the world.

“O You who believe! Enter absolutely into peace (Islam). Do not follow in the footsteps of Satan. He is an outright enemy to you.” (2: 208).

In the verse above, Islam intrinsically calls for peace and fosters a life in absolute sincerity and honesty before Allah. Therefore it is vitally important for an individual to believe in Allah with his own will and aspiration, and observe Allah’s commands and advice through personal conscientious contentment.

Allah wished for the Muslim community to be united in feeling and purpose, and to enjoin what is right and forbid what is wrong. If Muslims abide by such principles, they are the ones to attain felicity.

The Koran says:

Let there be a group among you who call others to good, and enjoin what is right, and forbid what is wrong; those who do this shall be successful (3: 104).

We also read in the Koran how the Lord addressed the Muslim community:

“You are indeed the best community that has ever been brought forth for the good of mankind. You enjoin what is good, and forbid what is evil, and you believe in Allah. If people of the Book (Jews and Christians), had also believed, it would have surely been better for them. Some of them are true believers, but most of them are disobedient (3: 110).

The Christian apologists are introduced to the Koran only through the media, generally have the impression that the Koran is a book of jihad, and jihad to them is an attempt to achieve one’s goal by means of violence. But this idea is based on misunderstanding. Anyone who reads the Koran for himself will easily appreciate that its message has nothing to do with violence. The Koran is, from beginning to end, a book which promulgates

peace and in no way countenances violence. It is true that jihad is one of the teachings of the Koran, but jihad taken in its correct sense, is the name of peaceful struggle rather than of any kind of violent action. The Koran concept of jihad is expressed in the following verse:

So obey not the disbelievers, but strive against them (by preaching) with the utmost endeavor with it (the Koran) (25: 52).

Obviously the Koran is not a weapon, but a Book which gives us an introduction to the divine ideology of peaceful struggle. The method of such a struggle according to the Koran is to speak to them a word to reach their very soul.

They (hypocrites) are those of whom Allah knows what is in their hearts; so turn aside from them (do not punish them), but admonish them, and speak to them an effective word (i.e. to believe in Allah, worship Him, obey Him, and be afraid of Him) to reach their inner selves (4: 63).

So, the desired approach, according to the Koran, is one which moves man's heart and mind. That is, in addressing people's minds, it satisfies them, convince them of the veracity of the Koran, and brings about a, intellectual revolution within them. This is the mission of the Koran, and this mission can be only performed by means of rational arguments. This target can never be achieved by means of violence or armed action.

It is true that there are certain verses in the Koran, which convey injunctions similar to the following:

“Slay them wherever you find them” (2: 191).

Referring to such verses, the Christian apologists attempt to give the impression that Islam is a religion of war and violence. This is totally untrue. Such verses relate, in a restricted sense, to those who have attacked the Muslims. The above verse does not convey the general command of Islam.

The truth of the matter is that the Koran was not revealed in its complete form in which it exists today. It was revealed from time to time, according to the circumstances, over a time span of 23 years. If this is divided into years of war and peace, the period of peace amounts to 20 years, while that of state of war amounts only to 3 years. The revelations during these peaceful years were the peaceful teachings of Islam as are conveyed in the verses regarding the realization of God, worship, morality, justice, etc.

This division of commands into different categories is a natural one and is found in all religious Books.

For instance, in the Old Testament there is so much war and violence commanded by God. For example, we read in Deuteronomy verse 16: "If a city does not accept Israel's offer of peace and open its gates, then "when the Lord your God delivers it into your hand, put to the sword all the men in it" (verse 13). With regard to other cities, the command is (verse 16), "Do not leave anything that breathes."

We probably also recall that the walls of Jericho came tumbling down, and then the Israelites "destroyed with the sword every living thing in it - men and women, young and old, cattle, sheep, and donkeys" (Joshua 6:21). And we may also consider Joshua 11:20, "For it was the Lord himself who hardened their hearts to wage war against Israel, so that he might destroy them totally, exterminating them without mercy, as the Lord had commanded Moses."

Yet there is clearly another side to Allah as well. While the prophet Ezekiel does not spare the wicked in his denunciations, he also records Allah's words of grace: "If a wicked man turns away from all the sins he has committed and keeps all my decrees and does what is just and right, he will surely live; he will not die" Do I take any pleasure in the death of the wicked? Declares the Sovereign Lord. Rather, am I not pleased when they turn from their ways and live?" (Ezekiel 18:21, 23). And he goes on in verse 32, "For I take no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Sovereign Lord. Repent and live!" And there is this compelling verse recorded in 2

Chronicles 16:9, "For the eyes of the Lord range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to Him."

All these descriptions of Allah depict him as unwavering in retribution on evil, though he takes no delight in it, and also unwavering in love and encouragement toward those hearts that are turned toward him. Allah's obvious desire is that sinners should repent and live. But there comes a point where evil is finally intolerable and must be wiped off from the surface of the earth.

Similarly Jesus said: "Do not think that I came to bring peace on earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword." (Mathew, 10:34).

It would not be right to conclude that the religion preached by Jesus was one of war and violence, for such utterances relate purely to certain occasions. So far as general life is connected, Jesus taught peaceful values, such as the building up of a good character, loving each other, helping the poor and needy, etc.

The same is true for the Koran. When the Prophet Muhammad immigrated from Makkah to Madinah, the idolatrous tribes were aggressive towards him. But the Prophet always averted their attacks by the exercise of patience and the strategy of avoidance. However on certain occasions no other options existed, save that of defense. Therefore, and according to the commands of Allah, he had to do battle on certain occasions. It was these circumstances, which occasioned those revelations relating to war. These commands, being specific to certain circumstances had no general application. They were not meant to be valid for all time to come. That is why; the permanent status of the Prophet has been termed as, "mercy for all mankind." (21: 107).

Islam is the religion of peace in the fullest sense of the word. The Koran calls its way "the paths of peace" (5: 16). It describes reconciliation as the best policy (4: 128). And states that Allah abhors any disturbance of the peace (2: 205) (6).

Therefore, we must look at wars in the divine Books in their historical setting. The spread of wickedness was so pervasive that immorality,

disbelief, idolatry, degradation, and barbarity invaded every facet of life. Children were sacrificed to pagan gods. Male and female prostitution took place right in the temple as part of the religious rites. Idol worship was rife and the society wholly contaminated. This evil was contagious and Allah's people were in danger of being infected as well. Allah's awesome judgement was finally unleashed.

Today we have lost that black and white distinction between good and evil. Tolerance is presented as the great religious value. Indeed, tolerance of diversity is a high value in all religions, but often today tolerance is taken to mean the virtue of accepting nearly every behavior under the sun. Anything goes - in the name of tolerance! A sweeping moral relativism is the result, and children grow up with fewer and fewer moral absolutes to guide them. We seldom hear the term sin anymore, but instead a dozen much milder words are employed. Surely the Lord will not tolerate this abomination to his holiness forever (7).

In my opinion, violent verses in the Bible and the Koran are not an issue to stop at. The Lord is the one who is talking in His Books and not the prophets. The prophets are just transmitters of the divine commands and work hard to implement them. The Lord is the Creator, He creates and eliminates, and no prophet or messenger would dare disobey His commands. If they do, they would certainly subject their souls to a dreadful punishment in the present life and in the Hereafter. No true believer would ever dare accuse the Lord of the worlds by being violent. Every divine action or deed has behind it a deep wisdom.

In the final reckoning, the prophets and messengers will give evidence of their teaching the truth, and the wicked will themselves have to acknowledge the truth.

Allah says in the Noble Koran:

“So We shall certainly question those to whom messengers were sent – and We shall question the messengers themselves – and with full

knowledge, for We were never far from them, We shall tell them what they did (7: 6, 7).

The prophets should obey the commands of their Lord otherwise they would suffer Allah's in the present life and in the Hereafter. Allah commands Muhammad in the Koran:

Say, "Indeed I fear, if I should rebel against my Lord, the chastisement of a dreadful day." From whosoever it is averted on that day, He will have mercy on him; that is the manifest triumph (6: 15, 16).

O Messenger! Make known that which hath been revealed unto thee from thy Lord, for if thou do it not, thou wilt not have conveyed His message. Allah will protect thee from mankind. Lo! Allah guides not the disbelieving folk (5: 67).

In order for the Lord to establish His religion on earth, He orders His prophets to wage wars against the disbelievers rebelling against His religion. He commands the prophets and the believers to inherit their land, kill them, take them as captives or expel them from the land. These acts are not atrocities, but purifying the land from the abomination of the disbelievers, and make it fit to accommodate the true religion.

Saying that the commands of the Lord are violent, means opposing and rejecting His instructions, and forgetting His Lordship, for He is the Compeller, the Absolute Ruler, the victorious, the Greatest, the Creator. His punishment is exemplary for former times and for the latter, and an admonition to such as god-fearing.

Along history Allah has destroyed many evil nations and wiped them out from the surface of the earth. He is the Lord of the universe. He Creates and destroys without fearing the consequences.

The People of Thamûd rejected the truth because of their arrogance, when the most wicked man among them rose up. Then the Messenger of Allah said to them, 'This is Allah's she-camel. Let her drink. But they called him a liar, and hamstrung the she-camel. So their Lord destroyed them for their

crime and razed their city to the ground. He did not fear the consequences (91: 11-15).

It is part of Allah's wisdom that He tries His servants with goodness and evil in order that the believer might increase in his belief. Believers are commanded therefore to exercise patience with what Allah predestines in order that their reward might multiply. Trials also make Muslims fear the bad consequences of sins and therefore give them up.

Allah says: "And certainly, We shall test you with something of fear, hunger, loss of wealth, lives and fruits, but give glad tidings to the patient, who, when afflicted with calamity, say: "Truly! To Allah we belong and truly, to Him we shall return. They are those on whom are blessed and will be forgiven from their Lord, and they are those who receive His Mercy, and it is they who are the guided ones." (2: 155-156).

Allah also says: "Or think you that you will enter Paradise without such (trials) as came to those who passed away before you? They were afflicted with severe poverty and ailments and were so shaken that even the Messenger and those who believed along with him said, "When (will come) the Help of Allah?" Yes! Certainly, the Help of Allah is near! (2: 214).

Allah also says: "and We shall make a trial of you with evil and with good. And to Us you will be returned." (21: 35).

All these Koranic verses point out that Allah tries His servants as He did with the preceding nations. If they exercise patience and repent and return to Him with regard to all that befalls them, they will receive His reward, forgiveness and satisfaction and they will be admitted to paradise and compensated with what is better than what they missed.

All the signs that happen in this universe that arouse sympathy like thunderbolts, fierce wind, floods that destroy everything, earthquakes that cause great destruction to lofty buildings, great trees, properties and

mankind, volcanoes that destroy all that surrounds them, solar and lunar eclipses and other things with which Allah tries His servant, are but means of frightening and warning them to give up aggression.

This also may urge them to fear Allah and return to Him. These signs also try their patience for what Allah predestines. This means that whoever is afflicted with any of these calamities and believes that it is predestination of Allah and receives it with patience seeking His reward, Allah will guide his heart to certainty and belief. He also has to realize that what befell him was not to miss him and what missed him was not to befall him. He also should believe that Allah will compensate him with guidance in his heart and truthful certainty. Allah may also make up for him what is better than what he missed.

Allah says: "No calamity befalls on the earth or in yourselves but it is inscribed in the Book of Decrees before We bring it into existence. Verily, that is easy for Allah. In order that you may not grieve at the things that you fail to get, nor rejoice over that which has been given to you. And Allah likes not prideful boasters." (57: 22-23).

Allah points out in the Koran some of the punishments He sent down upon the nations who disobeyed His commands and deviated from the right path from among the perished nations who belied His messengers.

"So We seized each one for his sins; some We struck with a violent storm; some of them were overcome by a sudden blast; some were swallowed up by the earth; and some We drowned. Allah did not wrong them: they wronged themselves". (29: 40).

In the final reckoning, the prophets and messengers will give evidence of their teaching the truth, and the wicked will themselves have to acknowledge the truth.

Allah says in the Noble Koran:

“So We shall certainly question those to whom messengers were sent – and We shall question the messengers themselves – and with full knowledge, for We were never far from them, We shall tell them what they did (7: 6, 7).

How Islam became suddenly a violent religion?

Islam as a religion had been attacked since its onset in the seventh century, and it will be attacked from its enemies until the Day of Resurrection. But Allah is always there to defend His religion.

The present attacks against Islam however, were well planned and organized especially after September 11. Millions of dollars were allocated by hostile organizations within the United States to attack Islam. Belligerent websites were established to smear Islam and humiliate it. Religious and political platforms were designated to stain Islam with rubbish and lies. The Christian leaders in America – some call them false prophets – used their churches and private TV stations as pulpits to attack Islam. And all of a sudden we noticed a group of Christian and Jewish demons appeared on the scene claiming that they are scholars in Islam. They wrote silly books belittling and refuting Islam and gained a lot of money – unlawful money that will tear their flesh apart. They earned it by humiliating the Lord, rejecting and belying His Book and slandering the Prophet of Islam. The dirty books they wrote about Islam that showed their bias, prejudice, hatred, illiteracy, and above all ignorance, are now a best sellers in the West!

In the West, in America in particular, the Koran was defiled and burned, the Prophet of Islam was slandered, and Allah the Lord of creation was humiliated. The war against Islam did not stop at that, it rather extended to annihilate Afghanistan, Iraq, Syria, and Yemen. The haters of Allah and Islam launched proxy wars against the defenseless Muslim countries. They hired, trained, supported and financed Islamic militias and implanted them in the Arab countries to ruin and destroy governments and cities.

ISIL and DAESH are militants created by America to get the Muslim world to its knees and blunder its rich resources without paying any costs. They called this mischief in the land: "The New Middle East, or the Arab Spring". The plot is to wage war against Islam and to divide the Middle East into religious and ethnic factions living in small sectors without borders, so that America and the West could draw the map of the Middle East in accordance with its geostrategic needs and objectives. And what was the result of such overwhelming disaster? Millions of deaths occurred, including women, children, men and the elderly! Millions of displacements and refugees are now scattered on the borders of foreign countries without shelter, food or water. But who cares, the victims are not Americans, they are not westerners, they are Arabs, they are Muslims, they do not deserve to live!

The horror spread by ISIS and DAESH, the two organizations implanted in our land to deliberately destroy and cause ruin, are considered by the Christian apologists as political Islam, violent Islam and acts of terrorism. The blind siding of America with Israel on the expense of the Palestinians is considered as legitimate and to hell with the right of the Palestinians to live in peace on their land.

In Palestine, the Palestinians are long-suffering at the hands of the Israelis. Entire Palestinian villages have been bulldozed and replaced with Jew settlers. Barehanded and with only rocks, the Palestinians face automatic rifles, machine gun fires, tanks, and helicopters. It is a conflict of an unarmed people against a well-equipped modern military machine. It is men with guns against youth with slingshots.

When the Palestinians respond back by throwing stones on the Israeli heavily armed troops, the Christian apologists consider them terrorists desiring to throw Israel into the sea!

When the conquered Muslim countries shout for piece and some of their citizens do small insignificant acts of retaliation here or there, they are then terrorists terrifying the West!

The Muslim hostility we see now from the vanquished Muslims by the West, is not because Islam is inherently violent as the Islamophobia hate mongers claim, but because the oppressive countries have deliberately exported terrorism to our land to kill the innocents and spread mischief in the land.

The solution for terrorism then is to change the imperialistic policy of America and its allies towards the Middle East. The policy in the Middle East must be just and fair and based on equal footing and not the opposite. Air bombing or any other fighting whatever severe will never cure the anger contained in the oppressed breasts.

Is the attempt of the West to suppress Islam feasible?

The efforts of the West to suppress Islam are useless. Islam is not suppressible. Some morons say: "Islam is the fastest shrinking religion in the world", some other idiots say: "Islam will die a natural death". These morons are trying to escape from reality by hiding their heads in the sand.

They know perfectly well that Christianity is losing its edge. In 35 years, Christianity will be only negligibly larger than Islam, with 31.4% of world population vs. 29.7% for Islam. Islam is projected to be the number one religion by 2070.

The Muslim fraction of Europe will almost double by 2050 to 8.7%. In Africa, Islam will more than double to 960 million. The big winner will be Asia, with 1.74 billion Muslims in 2050. The top four Muslim states will be India, Pakistan, Indonesia, and Nigeria.

While the Church of England is only "one generation away from extinction," as Lord Carey, the former Archbishop of Canterbury, warned earlier this year, Islam is quickly coming forward to take its place. During the past two years the Church of England lost two million followers, whereas the number of Muslims in Britain grew by a million, according to NatCen's British Social Attitudes Survey.

In 2012, Muhammad became the most common name given to baby boys born in London, and the second most common among newborn male babies across the entire UK and Wales.

As the fastest growing religion in the world, Islam is expected to pass Christianity by the end of the century and the number of Muslims will grow more than twice as fast as the world's population from now until 2050, according to the Pew Research Center.

But why Islam is the fastest growing religion in the world? Because this is Allah's will. Allah wished it to spread and propagate because it is the only true religion existing now in the world.

America and her allies waged war against Islam in the Middle East. The aim was to suppress Islam. But what was the result of such devastating war? More than 1 million refugees arrived in Germany last year, and about 100,000 refugees arrived this year. Italy accommodated 10,000 and Greece about the same number. Most of the refugees ended up, primarily in Germany, but also in Sweden, Austria, the Benelux countries, and Finland.

So, in just a short time, Islam increased in Europe to tremendous levels, a matter expressing the will of Allah to see His religion spreading immensely in different lands. Although its adherents were meant to be destroyed by the West!

To explain further, and as the Islamic scholar Abdullah Yussuf Ali put it, "Every religion which commends itself widely to human beings and lasts through some space of time has a glimpse of truth in it. But Islam being the perfect light of truth is bound to prevail. As the greater light, through its own strength outshines all lesser lights, so will Islam outshine all else, in spite of the displeasure of those to whom light is an offence." (8).

Today Islam is the only religion in the text of which no changes could be made. Islam is the only religion which is historically authentic. Islam is the only religion whose teachings are found in a living language. The candle lit

by Allah in the shape of Islam has never been dimmed or extinguished. It is there in its entirety before the world, maintaining its ideological superiority over all other religions (6).

Allah says in the Koran:

It is He who has sent His Messenger with guidance and the religion of truth, so that He may make it prevail (ideologically) over every other religion, even though the polytheists may detest it (9:33).

Over every other religion means ideologically superior over them because with Allah, there is only one religion and that is Islam. Islam is the total submission to the will of Allah. It is the religion preached by Moses and Jesus; it was the religion of Abraham, Noah, and all the prophets by whatever name it may be called. If people corrupt that pure light, and call their religions by different names (Judaism, Christianity, Hindu, etc.), we must bear with them, and we may allow the names for convenience. But truth must prevail over all (8).

The enemies of Islam are constantly trying to suppress it. But Allah, the God of Islam, defends His religion, and has His plans also against which the evil ones will have no chance whatever. And who can gain advantage on Allah! Thus no opposition to Allah succeeds in suppressing the light of Islam to reach the hearts of the believers. Those who oppose the call of truth are mischief makers in the eyes of Allah. This is because they stop believers from reaching the path of Paradise. No evil can be greater than obstructing the path of those striving to enter Allah's Paradise.

Allah says to the traitors and deceivers:

And they devised, and Allah devised, and Allah is the best of devisers (3:54).

The Christian apologists accuse Muslims by believing in Allah – an invented God - while their God is Jesus Christ the true God

This ignorant accusation is against what the Koran actually stated. As Allah instructed in the Koran, Islam is not a sect or an ethnic religion. In its view all religion is one, for the truth is one. It was the religion taught by all the earlier prophets. It was the truth taught by all the inspired Books. In essence it amounts to a consciousness of the will and plan of Allah and a joyful submission to that will and plan. If anyone wants a religion other than that, he is false to his own nature, as he is false to Allah's will and plan. Such a one cannot expect guidance, for he has deliberately renounced guidance (8).

Allah says in the Koran:

If anyone desires a religion other than Islam (submission to Allah) never will it be accepted of him, and in the Hereafter he will be among the losers (3: 65).

Muslims worship the one God who created the universe and was worshipped by all prophets before Muhammad including Noah, Abraham, Moses and Jesus. Allah ordered Muhammad in the Koran to declare in explicit terms that Muslims believe in Allah with hearts impressed with spiritual virtues, and that they believe in all that has been imparted to them in the Koran and in all that was imparted to Abraham and Ishmael, to Isaak and Jacob and to the tribes of his twelve sons and in what was imparted to Moses and Jesus. Muslims believe in all that was imparted to all the prophets from Allah, their Creator; they do not discriminate one of them from another and they conform their will to Allah's blessed will because He is the heart of their purpose.

The Lord says in the Koran:

“Say, ‘We believe in Allah and in what has been sent down to us and to Abraham, Ishmael, Isaak, Jacob, and the Tribes. We believe in what has been given to Moses, Jesus and the prophets from their Lord. We make no distinction between any of them, and to Allah do we bow our will (in Islam) (3: 84).

The believer is not he who believes in Jesus as God or the son of God. The believer is not he who believes in Allah as one in three or three in one. This ugly concept of the Trinity should be washed off from the mind of the Christians and their apologetics. Allah considers this illogic and man invented concept as strict polytheism. The believer is he who believes in the Oneness of Allah and worships Him alone without associating Jesus or any other partner or partners with Him. The believer is he who keeps Allah, the One and only true God in mind, and regards Him with breast filled with reverential awe.

Allah has created us from a single pair of male and female, and made us into nations and tribes that we may know each other. The tribes, nations and races, are convenient labels by which we may know certain differing characteristics. These characteristics are for the purpose of identification not for the making of distinctions. Indeed, many evils have stemmed from these differences being used to discriminate between one person and another, between one nation and another. Humanity has been eternally torn asunder by such prejudice.

Before Allah all people are one, and he gets more honor who is most righteous.

The Lord says in His Koran:

Mankind! We have created you from a male and female, and made you into people and tribes, so that you may come to know each other. The noblest of you in Allah's sight is the one who fears Allah most. Allah is All-Knowing, All-Aware (49: 13).

If at all there is any basis of distinction, it is as to who is fearful of God and who is not. Allah knows what the hearts conceal. He knows who is pious, and who the denier of the truth is. He is All-Knowing, All-Aware.

Every principle or commandment issued by the Koran, is refuted and opposed by the Christian apologists. They forward silly, biased and illogic explanations. They explain verses of the Koran their own distorted way showing their bias, ignorance and illiteracy of the Arabic language. They

distorted words from their proper usage, thus exposing themselves to the wrath of their Lord.

The problem with the Christians in general, and their apologists in particular, is that they think that Muhammad – peace be upon him – is not a prophet but a pretender, the Koran is not a divine Book but the invention of Muhammad and a theft from the Bible; Allah the God Muslims worship, is not the true God, He is rather a moon god, ape god and a demon god. Believing in such nonsense made them release their unlimited grudge against Islam and attacked the religion on all fronts with impudence and without shyness. They gave the reins to their grudge and hatred and fled to dangerous skies insulting their Lord and His Last Message to the world.

The fools do not know that by attacking Islam, they were but compiling sins over sins upon their heads. Their ugly words against Islam are recorded and will take them by the nose to Hell Fire. The fools didn't know that their utterances and their actions are all in the knowledge of their Creator. All affairs of all human beings are entered in the registers of the angels.

Allah says in the Koran:

“We created man – We know the promptings of his soul, and are closer to him than his jugular vein – and the two recording angels are recording sitting on the right and the left; each word he utters shall be noted down by a vigilant guardian (50: 16-18).

The Christian apologetics with their narrow mind do not accept the simple fact that Islam is not a new religion. It is the religion of all prophets including Jesus. Islam is the final culmination and fulfillment of the same basic truth that Allah (God) revealed through all His prophets to every people.

As there is only One God, there is only One Religion. Islam is the preserved pure religion of all prophets sent by Allah. Islam means the complete submission and obedience to Allah (God). Therefore, all prophets were indeed Muslims because they were true submitters to the will of Allah, the Creator.

Allah says in the Noble Koran:

"Truly, the religion with Allah (God) is Islam. Those who were given the Scripture (Jews and Christians) did not differ except, out of mutual jealousy, after knowledge had come to them. And whoever disbelieves in the Ayat (proofs, evidences, verses, signs, revelations, etc.) of Allah, then surely, Allah is Swift in calling to account." (3: 19).

We also read in the Koran:

"And whoever seeks a religion other than Islam, it will never be accepted of him, and in the Hereafter he will be one of the losers." (3: 85).

As the Koran states:

(1) Prophet Abraham (peace be upon him) and his sons were Muslims

"Ibrahim (Abraham) was neither a Jew nor a Christian, but he was a true Muslim, one who had submitted himself to Allah. He was not one of those who associate partners with Allah (3: 67).

"And this submission to Allah in Islam was enjoined by Abraham upon his sons, and Jacob enjoined his sons to live as Muslims and die as Muslims.

"When his Lord said to him (Abraham) 'submit' (i.e. be a Muslim), he said, 'I have submitted myself (as a Muslim) to the Lord of the universe,' And Abraham enjoined his sons to do the same, as did Jacob, 'My sons, Allah has chosen this religion for you; so do not let death overtake you, except when you are in a state of Islam (2: 131, 132).

"Or were you witnesses when death approached Jacob? When he said unto his sons, "What will you worship after me?" They said, "We shall worship your God, the God of your fathers, Abraham, Ishmael, Isaac, One God, and to Him we submit (in Islam, Muslims)." (2: 133).

(2) Prophet Joseph (peace be upon him) was Muslim

Joseph said: "My Lord! You have indeed bestowed on me of the sovereignty, and taught me something of the interpretation of dreams - the (Only) Creator of the heavens and the earth! You are my Protector in this world and in the Hereafter. Cause me to die as a Muslim (the one submitting to Your Will), and join me with the righteous." (12: 101).

(3) Prophet Jesus (peace be upon him) and his disciples were Muslims

"Then when Jesus came to know of their disbelief, he said: "Who will be my helpers in Allah's Cause?" The disciples said: "We are the helpers of Allah; we believe in Allah, and bear witness that we are Muslims (i.e. we submit to Allah)." (3:52).

"And when I (Allah) revealed to the disciples (of (Jesus) to believe in Me and My Messenger, they said: "We believe. And bear witness that we are Muslims." (5: 111).

Islam came to reject all the Christian doctrines invented by Paul of Tarsus whom the Christians consider a saint. The Koran states that there is no original sin. Adam was forgiven and was descended to earth to begin the human life. Man is not responsible for Adam's sins, but only for his own sins.

In conclusion, he who adopts a system of faith and worship other than Islam – or submission to Allah's blessed will and His will alone, simply bends on a system of faith and worship which does not have the standing upon the vantage ground of truth; such system of faith shall not be accepted from him on the Day of Judgment and he shall be a great loser.

If anyone seeks a religion other than Islam [submission to Allah], it will not be accepted from him; he will be among the losers in the Hereafter (3: 85).

The Koran rejects the concept of original sin:

The idea of original sin held by Christians implied that sins were handed down from one generation to the next. Such beliefs have no basis in truth.

Everyone will be rewarded by Allah according to his or her own personal actions; no one can be held responsible for the deeds of others.

Let's see what Allah said about this in His Holy Book the Koran:

"When your Lord said to the angels, "I am going to place a vicegerent on the earth," the angels said, "Will You place on the earth the one who shall act wickedly in it and shed blood; whereas we sing Your praise and glorify You?" Allah said, "Surely I know what you do not know."

"And [after creating Adam] Allah taught Adam all the names. Then He presented those to the angels and said, "Tell me the names of these if you are true [in what your assumption that you are more superior than Adam]." They said, "Glory be to You! We have no knowledge except what You have taught us. You are surely the All-Knowing, the Wise." [Then] He said, "O Adam! Tell them the names I have taught you." When Adam told them those names, Allah said [to the angels], "Didn't I say to you that I know the unseen things of the heavens and the earth, and I know what you manifest and what you hide."

"And [remember] when We said to the angels, "Prostrate before Adam." All of them prostrated except Iblis (the name of Satan) who refused and was haughty, and [thus] he became one of the unbelievers.

In Paradise:

"[After creating Eve], We said, "O Adam, Dwell you and your wife in the Garden and eat from it [freely] as many [things] as you wish; but do not approach this tree, otherwise you will become one of the wrongdoers."

"But Satan made them slip from that [Garden by luring them to eat the fruit of the forbidden tree] and thus got them out from the state [of felicity] in which they had been.

"So We said [to Adam, Eve, and the Satan that all of them] "Get down (from the Garden to the earth) some of you being the enemies of the other, and there is on the earth your abode and the necessities [of life] for a [fixed period of] time." [Adam felt ashamed and intended to ask Allah's

forgiveness.] So Adam learnt some words from his Lord, and Allah turned to him mercifully and forgave him. Surely He is the Most- Forgiving, the Merciful. We said, “All of you get down from the Garden. [Once you are on the earth], a guidance will certainly come to you from Me: whosoever follows My guidance, there will be no fear for them nor shall they grieve. But those who disbelieve and reject Our revelation, they are the inmates of the Fire, in it, they shall abide.” (2: 30-39).

The Koran rejects the concept of the Trinity and considered it as glaring blasphemy.

If the Christian apologists have brain in their heads, they should have asked themselves: why we Christians are the only people who worship God (Allah in Arabic) as a man nailed to the cross? Is God so weak as to let his enemies crucify him on the cross and He is the One when he desires a thing He but says to it “Be” and it is? Had all prophets before Jesus and until Muhammad worshipped Allah as a father, a son and a Holy Ghost? But the Christians followed blindly the superstitions which Paul invented in Jesus religion without thinking.

This takes us to the true words of Jesus to his people. What did he say to them about God? Words that had disappeared from his corrupted Gospel. Did he say to them I am God or the son of God so worship me? That never happened. What he said to his people was what the Lord said in the Koran: (I have come to you), to attest the Law which was before me. And to make lawful to you part of what was (before) forbidden to you; I have come to you with a sign from your Lord. So fear Allah and obey me. It is Allah who is my Lord and your Lord; then worship Him. This is a way that is straight (3: 50, 51).

But said Christ, ‘Children of Israel, serve Allah, my Lord and your Lord. If anyone associates anything with Allah, Allah will forbid him the Garden, and the Fire will be his home. The wrongdoers shall have no helpers (5: 72).

The Christians believe that Jesus is God or the son of God, but in the sight of Allah Jesus was as dust just as Adam was or humanity is. If it is said that the divinity of Jesus is due to the fact that he was born without a father, Adam existed without a father or a mother.

Allah says in the glorious Koran:

The similitude of Jesus before Allah is as that of Adam; He created him from dust, then said to him: 'Be'. And He was (3: 59).

Jesus, son of Mary was no more than a messenger. Many messengers passed away before him. His mother was a virtuous woman; and they all ate food [like other mortals]. See how We make the signs clear to them! See how they turn away! Say, 'Do you worship something other than Allah that has no power to do you harm or good? Allah alone is the All-Hearing and All-knowing (5: 75, 76).

The greatness of Jesus arose from the command 'Be'. For after that he was more than dust – a great spiritual leader and a teacher.

The Christians of old concealed the nature of Jesus by confusing the truth with falsehood.

The Lord says in the Koran:

People of the Book! Why do you clothe truth with falsehood, and conceal the truth while you have knowledge (3: 71).

Allah amounted the Trinity to disbelief:

"Surely, disbelievers are those who say, "Allah is the third of the three" while there is no god but One God. If they do not desist from what they say, a painful punishment shall certainly befall such disbelievers." (5:73).

The Christian apologetics claim that the Koran (the literal Word of Allah) misrepresents the doctrine of the Trinity, hence facilitating the way for the Christian polemic that the Koran in no way admonishes Christians for their Trinitarian doctrine, and they forward silly and void interpretations showing

their ignorance and shallowness. But Allah's words about this matter and all other matters are decisive.

Allah says in the Noble Koran:

O People of the Scripture, do not commit excess in your religion or say about Allah except the truth. The Messiah, Jesus, the son of Mary, was but a messenger of Allah and His word which He directed to Mary and a soul [created at a command] from Him. So believe in Allah and His messengers. And do not say, "Three"; desist - it is better for you. Indeed, Allah is but one God. Exalted is He above having a son. To Him belongs whatever is in the heavens and whatever is on the earth. And sufficient is Allah as Disposer of affairs (4: 171).

Allah teaches in the Koran that infidels indeed are those who say: "God in Trinity; "God is only One And absolutely One."

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

Jesus, the servant of Allah, shall never turn indignant for being a servant of Allah, nor shall be the angels nearest to Allah. Jesus often worshipped and prayed as a humble worshipper of Allah; and his agony in the Garden of Gethsemane was full of human dignity, suffering and self-humiliation (see Matt. Xxvi. 36-45) (8).

Allah says in His Holy Book:

Never would the Messiah disdain to be a servant of Allah, nor would the angels near [to Him]. And whoever disdains His worship and is arrogant - He will gather them to Himself all together (4: 172).

Jesus will be reprimanded by Allah on the Day of Resurrection due to the wrongs done by sinful Paul and the sinful scribes to the Bible and those

who followed them without thinking. Paul shall have to suffer the most burdens for his wrongs done to innocent Jesus and Mary.

The Lord says in the Koran:

And when Allah will say, “O Jesus, son of Mary, did you say to men, ‘Take me and my mother for two gods beside Allah?’”, he will answer, “Glory be to you! How I could ever say that to which I have no right. If I had said it, You would surely have known it. You know what is in my mind, and I know not what is in Your mind. It is only You Who are the Knower of hidden things (5: 116).

“I said nothing to them except that which You did command me — ‘Worship Allah, my Lord and your Lord.’ And I was the witness over them as long as I remained among them, but since You did cause me to die, You were the Watcher over them. You are the Witness over all things (5: 117).

The above verse clearly states that Jesus invited his people to: “Worship Allah, his Lord and their Lord.” His religion was purely submission to the will of Allah, which is Islam. He never said worship me, he never mentioned vicarious atonement or crucifixion or original sin.

Jesus continued his dialogue with his Lord;

“If You punish them, they are Your servants; and if You forgive them, You surely are the Mighty, the Wise.” (5: 118).

Who would ever believe that God the Supreme, the Most High, would stay in Mary’s womb for nine months to be born, then grows up to play with his mates, eat food, urinate and defecate like humans, walks and bargain in the market, and then wait until reaching the age of twenty to deliver the Gospel to his people. What kind of God is that?

This false doctrine of the Trinity, this erroneous concept of the human god, created by Paul and approved by Constantine, the Roman Emperor, made the Christians forget the identity of God along the way. The Last Testament

to the world, the Koran, enlightened the people about the true nature of God.

Associating other deities with Allah in worship is in the sight of Allah a glaring form of polytheism. This sin is unforgivable. Never shall Allah forgive the impious irreverence of incorporating with Him other deities, but forgive He all else to whom He will.

Surely, Allah will not forgive the ascribing of partners to Him. He forgives whoever He will for anything other than that. Whoever ascribes partners to Allah has strayed far indeed (4: 116).

Monotheism - belief in one God - is the most important and foundational concept in Islam. Muslims believe in one God who created the universe and has power over everything within it. He is unique and exalted above everything He creates, and His greatness cannot be compared to His creation. Furthermore, He is the only one deserving of any worship and the ultimate purpose of all creation is to submit to Him. The Islamic understanding of God is distinct from all other religions and beliefs in various respects since it is based on a pure and clear understanding of monotheism.

Muslims often refer to God as Allah. This is a universal name for God and does not refer to an exclusively 'Islamic' God. Interestingly, this name is related to the Aramaic and Hebrew names for God, Allaha and Elohim. Therefore, Allah is simply the Arabic name for God which affirms that He is One singular God with no partners or equals. The name Allah cannot be pluralized or limited to a specific gender, which establishes that God is One and that He is unique from everything He creates. Muslims continue to use this original Arabic name for God (Allah) since it perfectly expresses His unique qualities.

God in Islam is the Creator and the Sustainer of the universe who created everything for a reason. Muslims believe that He created humankind with a simple purpose – to worship Him. He sent messengers to guide people in fulfilling this purpose. Some of these messengers include Adam, Noah,

Abraham, Moses, Jesus, and Muhammad, peace be upon all of them. They all taught a consistent message about God by affirming His greatness as the Creator and guiding people to worship Him alone. This basic concept has always resonated with people's natural understanding of God.

When the final prophet, Muhammad, peace be upon him, was asked about God, the answer came directly from God in the holy book of Muslims the Koran: "Say, 'He is God the One, God the eternal. He begot no one nor was He begotten. No one is comparable to Him.'" (112: 1-4). This is a clear statement by God describing Himself to humanity without any room for confusion. God is One and is exalted above everything He creates and He is capable over all things.

Fully accepting the oneness of God is to accept that He is distinct from everything else. It would not suit God's majesty and glory to associate the limited attributes of His creation to Him because He is not restricted in any way, while His creation is. He is the First with no beginning and the Last with no end. Everything in the universe was created by His will. He is not confined by space or time and He is the only One who is in control and provides for His creation.

"He is God: there is no god other than Him. It is He who knows what is hidden as well as what is in the open, He is the Lord of Mercy, the Giver of Mercy. He is God: there is no god other than Him, the Controller, the Holy One, Source of Peace, Granter of Security, Guardian over all, the Almighty, the Compeller, the Truly Great; God is far above anything they consider to be His partner. He is God: the Creator, the Originator, the Shaper. The best names belong to Him. Everything in the heavens and earth glorifies Him: He is the Almighty, the Wise." (59: 22-24).

All the people of the world must understand that their God is one God, no God there is but He, the Compassionate, the Merciful.

Allah says in the Koran:

Your God is One God. There is no deity save Him. He is the Compassionate, the Merciful (2: 163).

Those who denied Allah and renounced faith and entered the gates of death captivated in disbelief, have come within the measure of Allah's wrath. Such like persons have earned the curse of Allah and of the angels and of all mankind. Such curse shall beset them on all sides until the Day they are dragged in chains into Hell, confined with shackles and put to the torment which shall not abate nor shall their punishment be put in respite.

Allah says in the Koran:

Those who deny the truth, and die as deniers, on them shall be the curse of Allah and of angels and of men altogether. Under it they shall remain forever; their punishment shall not be lightened, nor shall they be granted respite (2: 161, 162).

It is therefore better for the Christians to disassociate themselves from the falsehood the sinful Paul and the sinful scribes added to the Gospel of Jesus and caused people to go astray.

The Koran rejects the concept of crucifixion

The Koran affirms Jesus existence, and his miraculous birth. It rejects his dying on the cross and resurrection. The Koran treats the question of Christ's crucifixion in a single verse where it affirms that the Jews did not kill Christ but rather that this was made to seem to happen to them.

That they said (in boast), "We killed Christ Jesus the son of Mary, the Messenger of Allah"; - but they killed him not, nor crucified him, but so it was Made to appear to them and those who differ therein are full of doubts, with no (certain) knowledge, but only conjecture to follow, for of a surety they killed him not (4:157).

The same verse talks about his being raised to heaven. The Koran is silent beyond this, leaving two possible conclusions: that another person in the

likeness of Jesus was crucified or that the crucifixion never took place, but was made to seem so.

The Koran rejects the concept of vicarious atonement.

Who would ever believe that the wisdom of creation as the Christians think it is, is to commit sins as much as you like, and Jesus the eraser of sins, had erased the sins of the Christian sinners when he died on the cross. Who would ever believe that the god Jesus, has sacrificed himself to give salvation to the sinners? This distorted thinking encourages the sinners to increase in sin, because they will not be punished – Jesus is always there to erase their sins – so why bother?

According to the Koran, every man is responsible for his own deeds. On the Day of Resurrection, Jesus will not be there to give salvation to the sinners and carry their sins.

Allah says in the Koran:

"Whoever goes right, then he goes right only for the benefit of his own self. And whoever goes astray, then he goes astray to his own loss. No one laden with burdens can bear another's burden..." (17: 15).

Allah also says in the Noble Koran:

"Whosoever does righteous good deed it is for (the benefit of) his own self, and whosoever does evil, it is against his own self, and your Lord is not at all unjust to (His) slaves." (41: 46).

We also read:

"And no bearer of burdens shall bear another's burden, and if one heavily laden calls another to (bear) his load, nothing of it will be lifted even though he be near of kin..." (35: 18).

The previous verses and many others in the Koran emphasize that the responsibility of any person is exclusively his, since he has free will, choice, and sane enough to distinguish between good and evil. This point has a

great effect in building the human personality in the level of morality, and in the practical field as well. Since it plants in every person's mind the feeling that he is rewarded for his own deeds, good or bad, and not for anybody else's deeds.

In other words, every human being is a pledge for whatever he has earned. No soul shall bear the burden of another. Man shall have only that for which he strives, and the fruit of his striving shall soon be seen; and in the end he shall be repaid for it in full. All things in the end shall return to Allah for judgment.

In the Hereafter, it will not happen that one man's sins are attributed to another, and nobody will be able to enter paradise except on the basis of his faith (believe in Allah's oneness – strict monotheism), and his own righteous deeds.

The Christian apologists are angry because Islam disapproves homosexuality

They say that Islam goes beyond merely disapproving of homosexuality. Sharia teaches that homosexuality is a vile form of fornication, punishable by death.

Hasn't God punished the people of Sodom by destroying them all because they transgressed all bounds and practiced their lusts in men in preference to women? This is mentioned in the Koran and in the Bible.

We read in the Koran:

But the (mighty) Blast overtook them before morning, And We turned (the cities) upside down, and rained down on them brimstones hard as baked clay. Behold! In this are Signs for those who by tokens do understand. And the (cities were) right on the high-road. (15: 73-76).

When Our Decree issued, We turned (the cities) upside down, and rained down on them brimstones hard as baked clay, spread, layer on

layer,-Marked as from thy Lord: Nor are they ever far from those who do wrong! (11: 82-83).

But the rest We destroyed utterly. We rained down on them a shower (of brimstone): and evil was the shower on those who were admonished (but heeded not)! : Verily in this is a Sign: but most of them do not believe. And verily thy Lord is He, the Exalted in Might, Most Merciful. (16: 172-175).

We read in the Bible:

Genesis 19:23-26

23 The sun was risen upon the earth when Lot entered into Zoar.

24 Then the LORD rained upon Sodom and upon Gomorrah brimstone and fire from the LORD out of heaven;

25 And he overthrew those cities, and all the plain, and all the inhabitants of the cities, and that which grew upon the ground.

26 But his wife looked back from behind him, and she became a pillar of salt.

Homosexuality and lesbianism are a great sin. Allah doesn't want debauchery to spread in His earthly kingdom. The punishment of the people of Lot is an example of Allah's wrath when it overtakes the indecent people. No law or prophet before Muhammad would have approved this human distortion in his community.

But as it seems, the Christian apologists think that this disgraceful act, which is now a legitimate practice in their communities, lies within their civil rights, and freedom of choice, and to hell with the Lord's commandments. The debauchery in their communities reached to the extent of having now churches with homosexual priests, and whole communities with homosexuals and lesbians living together without shyness or fear from Allah's wrath.

If Muslims reject such horrendous act, this would be a virtue to be followed and not to be taken as an act of brutality. Accepting such a dirty act

encourages the spread of debauchery and effeminacy in the society.

The Christian apologists claim that although Muslims reject homosexuality, they will enjoy an orgy of virgins and immortal boys in Paradise.

In such accusation they relied on the Koranic verse:

They (the god-fearing) will be waited upon I (in Paradise) by immortal youths, like pearls hidden in their shells (52: 24).

And also:

They will be waited on by ageless youths carrying goblets and ewers and cups filled with the purest wine, neither causing headaches, nor intoxication; along with fruits of their choice; and the meat of any bird that they may desire; and fair maidens with large, lustrous eyes like the pearls in their shells (56: 17-26).

Their explanation is that these verses strongly imply having sex with the boys and committing adultery with the maidens. I wonder: does the presence of boys means sex? But it is their twisted mind that is bent to change the words of Allah from their meaning in order to stultify the religion. They fabricate lies against Allah, while they know.

Lying is one of the most evil characteristics, of which all religions and systems of ethics warn against and which man's innate common sense (Fitrah) agrees that it is wrong. Allah warns those who lie about His religion with loss, punishment and doom on the Day of Resurrection.

We will drag him by the forelock. A lying sinful forelock. Then let him call for help to his counsel of comrades. We will call on the angels of punishment to deal with him (96: 15-18).

Allah has enjoined truthfulness and honesty, and has forbidden lies and concealment with regard to matters which should be known and revealed to

people. The most evil kinds of lies are those told about Allah and His Messenger.

The prophet said:

“Whoever tells lies about me, let him take his place in Hell.”

The Christian apologists claim that Muslims follow the commandments of the Koran blindly without using their heads

Muslims understood the Koran and believed in it after realizing its divine logic and meaning. They understood clearly that the Word of their Lord was perfect and complete and was not vulnerable to deviation or alteration. This perfect understanding of the divine Word of God was attained after intense studies of the Koran and the Sunnah of the Prophet for more than 1400 years. Thousands of books, dissertations, essays and articles in the Islamic fields of jurisprudence, Koran exegesis, Hadith, life of the Prophet, history of Islam, revelation-based politics, and many others were published and became a light guiding the believers to the right path to salvation.

The Muslims also invented the concept of *ijtihad*, which is the process of deriving the laws of the sharia from its sources.”

If Islam is a religion which is to stay till the end of time, then there must always be some people who can guide Muslims in the changing circumstances of time and of place.

Ijtihad is an obligation in Islam to study everything which is necessary for the spiritual development and material well-being of the Muslim community.

Ijtihad is such an important obligation that Allah has exempted those who go to seek religious knowledge from the duty of jihad. He says:

"It is not (right) for the believers to go forth all together (for jihad). So why should not a party from every section of them (the believers) go forth to become learned in the religion, and to warn their people when they return to them-so that haply they may beware?" (9:124).

All these studies in the main domains of the religion of Islam that had been undertaken by Muslims along more than 1400 years, and are being still

undertaken until the end of time, show clearly that Muslims followed their religion after adequate scrutiny and evaluation. They realized after all these studies that their religion is from Allah the Lord of creation and not from the work of man as we see now in contemporary Christianity. Therefore, they followed their religion out of conviction, and their Lord rewarded them by showing them the right path to Paradise.

As for the Christians who followed the fables and superstitions of their fathers to the extent of worshipping the Creator as a man nailed to the cross, and believing that Jesus the son of Mary - as the Koran called him to emphasize his human identity – will atone for their sins through his death and resurrection, thus enabling the reconciliation between God and his creation – it is they who are not using their heads because they are blindly following without thinking the falsehood their ancestors added to the monotheistic religion of Jesus.

It is incumbent upon every Christian to revise the corrupted Christian religion and restore it to the monotheistic religion of Jesus. Their reference in correcting their adulterated books must only be the Koran, the Book that stood the test of time, and narrated exactly what Jesus and all the other prophets said to their people about Allah the Creator. The purpose of creation, and how the Lord of creation is to be worshipped to attain the great success – Paradise – are fully narrated and described in detail in the Koran.

The Christian apologists answer back by forwarding Koranic verses admitting the existence of the Bible and its veneration and sanctity. Yes, the Koran admits the existence of all the divine Books, but when the Koran mentioned them, it meant the pure Books in their original form that were given to the prophets and not the corrupted books of today.

In Islam there is no compulsion in religion

Allah states in the Koran:

“There is no compulsion where the religion is concerned.” (2: 256).

As stated in the verse, no one can be compelled to live by Islamic morals. Conveying the existence of God and the morals of the Koran to other people is a duty for believers, but they call people to the path of God with

kindness and love and they never force them. It is only God Who guides people to the right way.

This is related in the following verse:

“You cannot guide those whom you like, but Allah guides whom He wills. He knows best those who would accept guidance. (28: 56).

Islam is a universal religion – it came to all the people of the world

The religion brought by the prophets before Muhammad did not remain in its original form. The religion brought by Moses and Jesus has been distorted, hence it was not possible for them to become the givers of good tidings and warning. The voice of the previous messages may reach everyone but its blessing will not.

The Christian Gospels were written up to four decades after the crucifixion of Jesus by his eyewitness disciples, based on their repeated recollections of his words and deeds.

However, the Koran is the actual words of God as revealed and recited as verses through Archangel Gabriel to his messenger Mohamad, in the Arabic language, without translation, without interpretation.

The Jews were hampered by many restrictions, and their religion was racial. Christianity, as originally preached was a hermit religion: “sell whatsoever thou hast” (Mark x. 21), “take no thought for the morrow” (Matt vi. 34). Islam as originally preached, gives freedom and full play to man’s faculties of every kind. It is universal for all.

There is a prediction in the Bible that all the tribes of the earth will be blessed through Prophet Muhammad (Genesis, Ch. 12). It has been possible for his blessings to reach all nations because the religion brought by him has been preserved in its original state. The prophet-hood of the Prophet Muhammad has two distinct aspects. One is to convey the Message to the Arabs living in Arabia, and the second is to convey it to the world at large.

Allah says in the Koran:

“Say, ‘People, I am Allah’s Messenger to you all, He has sovereignty over the heavens and the earth. There is no god but Him. He ordains life and death, so believe in Allah and His messenger, the unlettered Prophet who believes in Allah and His words. Follow him that you may be rightly guided.’” (7: 158).

The task of delivering the Message of Islam to the whole world was performed by Prophet Muhammad for all the people of his own times, and his followers were required to perform this same task for their contemporaries until Doomsday.

Allah says in the Koran:

“You who are true believers, kneel and prostrate yourselves, worship your Lord and do good deeds, so that you may succeed. Strive for the cause of Allah as you ought to strive. He has chosen you and laid on you no burden in the matter of your religion, the faith of Abraham your forefather. In this, as in former scriptures He has given you the name of Muslims, so that the Messenger may be a witness over you, and so that you may be witnesses over mankind. Therefore, say your prayers regularly and pay the alms and hold fast to Allah. He is your master. An excellent master and an excellent helper (22: 77, 78).

The Koranic message is relevant to every nation and era. It is intended to remain a source of guidance, inspiration, wisdom and healing for all of humanity. Allah designed the Koran’s divine Message to transcend the bounds of time; it applies to all aspects of life and rises above the superficial differences among humans. Its teachings guide the spiritual, social and intellectual needs of humanity. It encourages us to remember Allah often, to humble ourselves before Him, to fulfill our promises, to work together as a community and to remain patient and perseverant in times of hardship. Koranic stories teach us the importance of placing our trust in Allah, speaking the truth in the face of injustice and dealing with fellow humans with mercy.

This is a blessed Book which We sent down to you [Muhammad], for people to ponder over its message, and for those with understanding to be reminded. (38: 29).

There is no doubt that the Koran is a Book of guidance. But it guides only those who are sincere in their search for truth, and who are anxious to be guided. One who searches for truth unravels the closed faculties of his own inner self. Thus with Allah's help, the vague yearnings of his nature begin to receive a definite response.

The awakening within one of these sincere yearnings is an attempt to discern the world of meaning (the hidden world) behind the world of forms (the present world). When this leads to a discovery, it is transformed into faith in the unseen. That which is initially an urge to submit to some superior power, later takes on the form of bowing to the Almighty; a wish to sacrifice oneself for some greater good, like spending one's wealth for the cause of Allah.

The sincere believers discover the wisdom of creation, and that Allah has not created anything in vain but for a purpose. They realize that Allah created the universe with truth in order for mankind to know Him by His names and attributes, and to worship Him alone without partners. They realize that they were created to be tested, if they were obedient to the Lord, He will reward them, if not He will punish them. They understand that He has created them to command them to worship Him, not because He has any need of them. They believe in the life to come, and fear the Day of accountability.

They raise their consciousness to the level of the supreme reality, and come to see the truth as it really is. No rigidity, convention, or prejudice can come between them and the truth. Allah gives protection to people having this nature. His universal order embraces them, so that they may be guided on a sure course in this world. Heaven will be their final destination in the life to come. Only those who seek truth can find it. On this path, there is no divide between seeking and finding (6).

Allah says in the Noble Koran:

“This is the Book; there is no doubt in it. It is a guide for those who are mindful of Allah, who believe in the unseen, and are steadfast in prayer, and spend out in what We have provided them with; those who believe in the revelation sent down to you and in what was sent before you, and firmly believe in the life to come – they are people who are rightly following their Lord and it is they who shall be successful (2: 2-5).

In a world starved of love and compassion, the Koran’s universal message provides the solution to the collective despair of the human condition.

Islam is the complete religion and the immutable Word of God

Islam is the best way of life for all. It serves as the best solution to all sorts of problems no matter how perplexing they may be. Islam is the absolute answer to those who seek a perfect religion and a complete way of life. It guides people to a well-balanced life, one that makes them happy and contented in this world and in the life hereafter. It is the way to attaining supreme success in the everlasting world to come. In short, Islam, as the complete way for all, is Allah’s Mercy to the whole of mankind (9).

The nonsense, loquacity and blunder we see from the haters of Islam about the Koran, is in fact a great sin they are going to pay dearly for. By belying the Koran and vilifying it, these ignorant do not realize that they are misusing and mistreating the Word of Allah the way they please and according to their evil desires and whims. They neglect the fact that the Word of Allah – the Koran – is unchangeable and immutable (10).

The Koran is Allah's last word to all. So you will not find any historical documents or ancient books that are protected, kept and honored as much as the Koran (11).

The prophet said: He who innovates something in this matter of ours that is not of it, will have it rejected. The Prophet said: “You must keep to my Sunna and of the Sunna of the rightly-guided Caliphs, cling to it firmly... Beware of newly invented matters, for

every new matter is an innovation and every innovation is misleading.

Allah says:

...And whatsoever the Messenger (Muhammad) gives you, Take it, and whatsoever he forbids you, abstain (from it)...(59: 7).

Allah says:

Indeed in the Messenger of Allah (Muhammad) you have a good example to follow for him who hopes in the meeting with Allah and the Last Day and remembers Allah much. (33: 21).

The Lord says:

This day, I have perfected your religion for you, completed My Favor upon you, and have chosen for you Islam as your religion (5: 3).

This verse decisively indicates that Allah has completed the religion for the Islamic nation, and has showered His blessings on Muslims. His Prophet passed away only after he had imparted the complete message of Allah to the Muslim nation as well as his legislations concerning sayings and deeds. The prophet also stressed that all things invented by people and then attributed to the religion of Islam are innovations and must be rejected, even if their inventors did so in good faith.

Even though Allah's signs are everywhere in nature and in men's own conscience, yet in addition Allah has sent human messengers to every people to call their attention that Allah is the only one entitled to be worshipped and prayed to. So they cannot pretend that Allah has abandoned them or that He does not care what they do. While some people accept the guidance of the divine grace, other so surrender themselves to evil and worship false gods. Satan divert them from worshipping the Creator.

When once Allah's guidance is rejected by a group of people, such people lose all help and guidance, and remain enmeshed in trivial issues and can never find the truth. They vindicate themselves and justify their wrongs. But indeed it is only Allah who has the absolute authority to vindicate whom He will.

We sent a Messenger to every community saying, 'Worship Allah and shun false gods' (Jesus as God or son of God, idol, pope, priest, man, animal, tree, nature, etc.). Among them were some Allah guided; misguidance took hold of others. So travel through the earth and see what the fate of those who denied the truth was. Though you [prophet] may be eager to guide them, Allah does not guide those whom He lets go astray [because of their refusal to give a positive response to the truth]. They will have no supporters (16: 36, 37) (12).

Conclusion

The Christian apologists deny Islam, and the divine disposition of events in the coming of Islam and its promulgation by the Holy Prophet are themselves evidence of the truth of Islam and its all-reaching character; for there is nothing which it has not influenced.

Christians use more tricks to defend their corrupted Christianity. Whenever they are faced with Islamic facts calling them to revert to the monotheistic religion of Jesus, they swerve and equivocate, and present falsehood to justify their wrongs. They innovate weird justifications to defend their irrational beliefs. This is in fact is a cowardly way to defend their corrupted ideology.

Christians always react with shriek and insolence when Muslims advise them to follow the monotheistic religion of Allah and abandon polytheism and idolatry. They even increase in their insolence when claiming that Islam is not a true religion and Muhammad is not a true prophet of Allah.

Forgery and deception are their weapon to support their illogical and erroneous religion. If their religion is founded on truth, they would defend it with reason and logical arguments, not with lies and falsehood.

They followed the corrupted religion of their forefathers without using their brains. When Muslims explain the truth to them, they reject the highest wisdom and increase in their insolence. Their insolence took them to slander the prophet of Islam, belie the Koran, defile it and burn it, without shame or fear.

Their deliberate negative response to Muslims when they call them to worship the one true God – Allah – is like him who shouts to flock of sheep that hears nothing but calls and cries. They are deaf, dumb, and blind. So they do not understand.

Allah says about them in the Koran:

And the example of those who disbelieve, is as that of him who shouts to the (flock of sheep) that hears nothing but calls and cries. (They are) deaf, dumb and blind. So they do not understand. (2: 171).

Allah refers to the disbelievers in the Koran as the “deaf” and the “blind”.

And those who deny Our signs are deaf and dumb in realms of darkness; Allah may send astray whomever He wills; and may place on the Straight Path whomever He wills (6: 39).

They sealed their hearts and ears from the truth. Could Muslims then, make the deaf hear, and make the blind see? These disbelievers although can see and listen, they purposely turn deaf and blind to guidance. They are actually worse than animals.

Allah says about them:

And indeed We have created many jinn and men for hell; they have hearts in which there is no understanding; and the eyes they do not see with; and the ears they do not hear with; they are like cattle - in fact more astray; it is they who are the neglectful (7: 179).

He who has been blind here below and has been lacking in intellectual moral and spiritual perception, shall be just as blind Hereafter. On the Day of Judgment men and women of light will receive and peruse their record, and will render joyful thanks to Allah for His guidance and mercies.

Men and women of darkness who had already been blind in the world's life, are not going to receive the light of Allah's countenance. They will find that the longer the time they have travelled on earth, the farther away they have gone from the right path. They were blind in this world and will be blind in the Hereafter. Allah refers to the disbelievers in His signs as "blind" – and He will also raise them blind unable to see, as a punishment on the Day of Resurrection.

Whoever is blind in this life will be blind in the Hereafter, and even more astray (17: 72).

The Christian apologists and the haters of Islam must understand that they are the ones who waged war against Islam, and Muslims are just answering back. There is a well-planned plot designed by the West to destroy Islam as a religion. The plot began after September 11 and is still continuing. The Muslim countries were destroyed one by one under the guise of fighting terrorism or weapons of mass destruction. The Koran was burned, the Prophet of Islam was slandered, and Allah the only God of creation was accused of being a monkey god, a moon god, a demon god. Millions of Muslim refugees due to the western plot against the Middle East [The Arab Spring] to divide it into factions and sects living in small sectors without borders, are now

scattered without shelter or food and water on the borders of foreign countries. They are even denied the right to enter the foreign countries because they are terrorists. The real terrorists (America and her allies) who expelled the innocents from their homes and properties, are the ones who are accusing them of being terrorists, and depriving them from having shelter and a decent living in foreign lands.

The morons think they are fighting Islam, the only religion Allah will accept from His servants on the Day of Judgment. Their stupidity took them to believe that the religion of the Lord is false, so they destroyed the Muslim countries, vilified, refuted and nullified the religion of Allah their Lord! But is Allah to be frustrated?

As a result of this vicious war against Islam, Millions of Muslims refugees left their nations and travelled to the West, thus enabling Islam to prosper and flourish more and more in the West. War against Islam increased the number of Muslims in Europe to many folds.

Because those attacking Islam are ignorant of its fundamental principles, they do not understand that a person's will and ability do not operate outside the will and decree of Allah. What He has shown us from His creation, we know and believe in, and what He has hidden from us, we accept and believe in. We do not dispute with Allah concerning His actions and rulings with our limited minds and comprehension, rather we believe in Allah's complete justice and wisdom, and that He is not to be asked about what He does, may He be glorified and praised.

Allah says:

"And you cannot will unless (it be) that Allah wills the Lord of the worlds (81: 29).

Allah hates war and loves peace. But He willed that the result of the wars in the Middle East to be a dramatic increase in the number of Muslims in the western lands.

They are trying to fight Islam, but Allah knows how to defend His religion in extraordinary ways one cannot perceive.

Those who challenge Allah and His Messenger are cursed; they are beset by sin and covered with ignominy as were the like before them, and there awaits them a terrible chastisement. One day shall he resurrect them all, and tell them of all that they had done, and bring the charge against them, and impute their evil. Allah has computed it all and they have forgotten it all. Their evil deeds will be the witness of their worth and their faces will witness their behavior.

Allah says in the Koran:

Surely those who oppose Allah and His Messenger shall be frustrated as those before them were frustrated. Now We have sent down signs, clear signs; and for the unbelievers awaits a humbling chastisement. On the Day Allah raises them all up from the dead, He will make them understand what they have done. Allah has taken everything into account, even though they have forgotten, for Allah is a witness to all things (58: 5, 6).

They are utterly ruined because they chose Satan as a patron instead of Allah. He holds out promises to them, and fills them with vain desires; but Satan's promises are nothing but delusion. Hell shall be their home, they shall find no refuge from it. to believe

In their definition: the Muslim is a terrorist! But is that true? Who are we going to believe? Their false accusation or what the Koran defined who the Muslim really is?

As the Koran teaches, the true Muslim is the person who has made Allah the center of his life and the source of his trust and confidence. A Muslim is one who believes in the Prophet and his guidance to the exclusion of all else. A Muslim is the one who adheres to the revealed Scripture in such a manner that his thinking and his feelings become totally subordinated to it. A Muslim is one to whom belief in the angels means that he is surrounded by Allah's guardians who are constantly watching him. A Muslim is the one whose belief in the Hereafter is so profound that he begins to examine all his words and deeds in the balance of the Hereafter. One who becomes a believer in this sense is in the eyes of Allah on the right path, on the straight path to success in the Hereafter. One who does not become a believer in that sense has gone astray, however much he may consider himself a Muslim, a believer (6).

Believers, believe in Allah and His Messenger and the Scripture He sent down to His Messenger, as well as what He sent down before. He who denies Allah, His angels, His messengers and the Last Day has surely gone far astray (4: 136).

Islam is a mercy to all mankind. Allah sent Muhammad – peace be upon him – with Islam to the whole world in order to correct His original monotheistic Message that was corrupted by those who were given the trust to guard it from corruption. Instead of delivering the divine Message to the people in its original form, the Jews and the Christians contaminated it by additions and curtailments in accordance to their whims and evil desires. They sold Allah's Message with a small price and led people astray. Muhammad was then sent to restore the original Message of Allah, and establishes it in the hearts of the people before a momentous Day comes when no soul for another shall give

satisfaction, and no intercession shall be accepted from it, nor any counterpoise be taken, neither shall they be helped.

Allah entered into a covenant with the Children of Israel that they would lead a godly life. But the Jews breached their covenant with Allah. They began to sin against truth and religion by misusing Scripture itself, and by taking words out of their right meaning, or applying them to things for which they were never meant. In doing so, they forgot a part of the Message and purpose of Allah and they invented new deceits to support the old ones. They devised various means to justify worldly expenditures. They concocted a religion of their own keeping purely worldly considerations in view, and started calling it the religion of Allah.

Allah also entered with the Christians into a covenant: never to deviate from the path of rectitude and to adhere faithfully to their authentic Scripture which betoken Allah's Oneness, Sameness, Uniqueness, and Ultimate Authority. But they willfully neglected a part of what was imparted to them. They have broken their solemn pledge with Allah, and instead of worshipping Him alone, they worshipped Jesus instead (glaring idolatry), and considered God as one in three or three in one (outrageous polytheism). The Christians also invented in the monotheistic religion of Jesus false doctrines like the Trinity, crucifixion, vicarious atonement, and original sin.

The people of the Book (Jews and Christians) made two mistakes in their religion. One is that they omitted some teachings from it by means of either of deliberate interpretations or distortion. For instance, they made certain changes in their Book obviating the necessity to accept any further prophet for their salvation; their attachment to the religion of their forefathers was considered enough for their salvation.

All these erroneous beliefs amount to unbelief, for they really deny Allah's universal love and care for all.

Allah says in the Koran:

Those who deny Allah and His Messengers and seek to make a distinction between Allah and His messengers and say, 'We believe in some messengers and disbelieve in others', and desire to adopt a position in between. Those indeed are they who are denying the truth beyond doubt and We have prepared a humiliating punishment for the deniers. To those who believe in Allah, and His messengers, and make no distinction between any of them, to those – We shall surely give them their rewards. Allah is most forgiving and merciful (4: 150-152).

The other mistake which they made in the name of their religion, was that they imposed upon themselves restrictions which has not been ordained by Allah: for example, the petty rites of sacrifice, which were not commanded by their prophets, but which were concocted by their scholars by means of their hair-splitting interpretations.

The Koran came to the Jews and the Christians as a blessing. It revived or renewed their divine religion, when they had been groping in the darkness in a path which they mistakenly thought was leading them towards paradise, when it was actually taking towards the wrath of Allah. The Koran pulled them back from this darkness. The Koran presented their lost teachings in their original form, and liberated them from the unnecessary religious restrictions by which they had shackled themselves.

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 Allah is Able to do all things. (5:19).

Now those who disobey and follow their desires will remain groping in the dark, and those who seek the pleasure of Allah, will find the right path. With the help of Allah's guidance, they will be successful in pulling themselves out of darkness and enter the brightness of light. The fact of truth being truth and falsehood being falsehood, is clear to all, but it always in terms of reasoning and reasoning appeals to the minds of only those people who keep their minds open.

Allah states in His Koran:

And Allah had already taken a covenant from the Children of Israel, and We delegated from among them twelve leaders. And Allah said, "I am with you. If you establish prayer and pay the alms and believe in My messengers and support them and loan Allah a goodly loan, I will surely remove from you your misdeeds and admit you to gardens beneath which rivers flow. But whoever of you disbelieves after that has certainly strayed from the straight path (5: 12).

So for their breaking of the covenant We cursed them and made their hearts hard. They distort words from their [proper] usages and have forgotten a portion of that of which they were reminded. And you will still observe deceit among them, except a few of them. But pardon them and overlook [their misdeeds]. Indeed, Allah loves the doers of good (5: 13).

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

Muhammad came to the Jews and the Christians to make things clear to them. A light has now come to them from Allah, and a clear Book, whereby Allah guides to the way of peace all who seek His good pleasure, bringing them from darkness to light by His will, and guiding them to a straight path. That is Allah's Grace He granted to Muhammad. He bestows it on whom He pleases; for Allah is limitless in His grace.

O People of the Scripture, there has come to you Our Messenger making clear to you much of what you used to conceal of the Scripture and overlooking much. There has come to you from Allah a light and a clear Book (5: 15).

What is revealed to Muhammad however, increased in them their obstinate rebellion and denial of truth. And here I wonder: do they hate us only because we believe in Allah, our Lord and their Lord? Do they hate us because we believe in Allah and in what has been revealed to us and to others before?

Allah's revelation however, is continued in the Koran which comes with manifest proof and a clear light to those who understand. Islam is indeed the final religion, and this is because everything that was needed to be taught to mankind, directly from God, had been satisfied.

Allah has sent Muhammad with the Koran but the Jews and the Christians rejected Muhammad as a prophet and belied the Koran. But the Koran proceeds from the knowledge of Allah, and Allah bears witness that Muhammad is His Messenger and that the Koran is the last divine Book to the entire world, so that mankind would have no excuse before Allah on the Day of Judgment.

But Allah bears witness to what He has sent down to you. He has sent it down with His knowledge. The angels too bear witness. And Allah suffices as a witness (4: 166).

If Allah and His angels bear witness that Muhammad was sent with the Koran to the world entire, do we need the witness of any mortal who will perish after a while to receive his accountability before Allah the Lord of the universe?

Those who respond negatively to the call of Allah by rejecting it, they have indeed strayed from the true submission to Allah. They took up a position against a plan which is supported by the Lord of the universe. Obviously, there is no greater foolishness than this. Day by Day they are removed further from the truth, until they ultimately fall into the pit of damnation. Those who deny the call of Allah are in fact showing their audacity in the face of Allah Himself. Impudence and presumptuousness are the greatest crimes in the eyes of Allah.

Allah says:

Allah will not forgive those who deny the truth and act wrongfully, nor will He guide them, to any path other than the path of Hell, wherein they shall abide forever. That is easy enough for Allah (4: 168, 169).

Allah's solicitude for His servants is for their own good, not because he gets any advantage from it. For He is independent of all things, and everything declares His glory and praise.

Mankind! The Messenger has brought you the truth from your Lord, so believe for your own good. And if you deny the truth, know that to Allah belongs all that the heavens and the earth contain. Allah is all Knowing and Wise (4: 170).

Those who believe in Allah's religion and do good deeds will be fully recompensed by Allah. And He will give them yet more out of His bounty; and for those who were disdainful and proud, He will punish them with a painful punishment. And they will not find anyone to help or protect them against Allah.

Now the call of Islam has reached all people. Islam distinguished very clearly between truth and falsehood that no one finds it difficult to understand. However, in order to see the sun, man has to open his eyes. Similarly, to receive guidance from the divine call, it is necessary to pay full attention to it. One who does not pay heed will remain deprived of it, even as the divine call is being made.

We read in the Koran:

Men, you have received clear evidence from your Lord. We have sent down a clear light to you. As for those who believe in Allah and hold fast to Him, He will admit them to His mercy and His Grace; He will guide them towards Him on a straight path (4: 174, 175).

The Message of Islam is simple: There is nothing worthy of worship except God alone, and Muhammad is his messenger and servant. There are today, over one-thousand million followers of Islam.

After establishing Islam as a religion, the role of the Prophet was just to proclaim the Message. Under His tutelage, Allah protects him from the people with malice and hostile intentions.

Allah says:

O, Messenger (Muhammad) proclaim (the Message) which has been sent down to you from your Lord. And if you do not, then you have not conveyed His Message. Allah will protect you from mankind. Verily, Allah guides not the people who disbelieve (5: 62).

Obey Allah and obey the Messenger, and beware! But if you turn away, then know that the duty of Our Messenger is only plain conveyance (of the message) (5: 92).

The duty of the messenger is only to convey (the message). Allah knows what you proclaim and what you hide (5: 99).

I convey unto you the messages of my Lord and am for you a true adviser (Al-A'raf, 68).

Clear insights have come to the Jews and the Christians from their Lord. Whoever chooses to see, does so for his own good; and whoever chooses to remain blind, does so to his own loss. Muslims are not here as their keepers.

Muslims take care of their own souls. The misguided cannot harm them as long as they are guided.

Everything around and within us points to unity of purpose and design; it points to the unity of Allah. Yet the Christians think something else is equal to Allah. If only they could see the consequences, they would see the terrible penalty, and that all power is in the hands of Allah, not in that of any one else. Worshipping Jesus apart from Allah, or considering him God or the son of God, is an act of blasphemy as the Koran mentioned. If only the worshippers of Jesus and the worshippers of other deities besides Allah could visualize the torture that awaits them, they would realize that to Allah belongs all power and that Omnipotence is asserted as His own, and that He indeed punishes severely.

On the Day of Judgment, the eyes of those who blasphemed and rejected Allah as the only God of the universe, will be opened, and the artificial relation between them and the false deities they worshipped will dissolve. Those who were falsely worshipped will clear themselves from those who worshipped them, and those who worshipped them would see their deeds as nothing but regrets. Thus will Allah show them the fruits of their deeds. There will be no way for them out of the Fire.

Allah says in the Koran:

"Yet there be men who take to themselves compeers apart from Allah, loving them as Allah is loved; but those that believe love Allah more ardently. O if the evildoers might see, when they see the chastisement that the power altogether belongs to Allah, and that Allah is terrible in chastisement. When those that were followed disown their followers, and they see the chastisement, and their cords are cut asunder, and those that followed say, 'O if only we might return again and disown them, as they have disowned us!' Even so Allah shall show them their works. O bitter regrets for them! Never shall they issue from the Fire (2: 165-167).

They are wicked plotting against Muslims everywhere, yet it is only against themselves that they scheme, though they may not perceive it. Humiliation before Allah and severe torment will befall them for their scheming. That is how Allah heaps ignominy upon the evildoers.

Warning to the attackers of Islam

Allah encompasses you from every direction. Safeguard yourselves from a Fire fueled by people and stones, and watched over by angels, stern and strong; angels who never disobey Allah's commands to them, but promptly do as they are commanded.

You who are bent on denying the truth, you will not be able to make excuses on the Day of Judgment; on that day, you will be rewarded according to your deeds, and you are already polytheists drowned in sins.

So where are you going? Do you not realize that you will be raised up, on a fateful day? The day when mankind will stand before the Lord of the worlds. Allah's grip is indeed severe.

Guard yourselves against the day on which no soul shall in the least avail another, when neither intercession nor ransom shall be accepted from it, nor shall help be given to it.

Who is more unjust than one who without knowledge, fabricates a lie against Allah, so that he may lead people astray?

By the Lord of the heaven and the earth the Koran is certainly the truth. It is as true as your ability to speak. It is true as the needle to the pole.

Is it not time for you to humble your hearts to the remembrance of Allah and the truth that has been revealed to Muhammad so that you should not become like your ancestors who were given the Gospel before you, whose hearts with the passage of time became hardened and many of whom were disobedient?

You had better bow down in adoration to Allah your Creator, and prostrate your reason to His Omnipotence, and pay to Him reverence and adoration. So vie with one another for Allah's forgiveness and for a Paradise as vast as heaven and earth, which has been made ready for those who believe truly in Allah and His Last Testament to the world.

If you believe in Allah and His Messenger Muhammad, Allah will show you mercy in double measure and will forgive all your past sins. Allah will provide a light for you to walk in, He is forgiving and Merciful.

When Allah desires to guide someone, He opens his heart to Islam; and whoever He wills to let go astray, He causes his breast to be constricted unable to receive the Message of Islam.

Allah cares for all His subjects, including the meanest and the most ignorant, and sends His prophets and messengers to them. He is the Holy One, and therefore purifies and sanctifies those who were steep in superstition and wickedness.

Out of His grace, Allah has guided Muslims to a straight path, and to an upright religion, the religion of Abraham the upright, who was not of those who associated partners with Allah.

He who fears Allah will believe in the Koran, but it will be ignored by the most unfortunate, who will enter the great Fire where he will neither live nor die.

Those who fear Allah and follow His true religion, Islam, Allah will pave their way to ease. But for those who reject the Message of truth, Allah shall pave their way to hardship, and their wealth will not profit them when they fall into the pit.

Muslims will keep reminding you of your duty to Allah, proclaiming His Message to the world, because exhortation benefits the believers.

This is where I leave you; to reflect upon my words and discover their veracity. Perhaps Allah will shower you with His blessings and expand your hearts to Islam the true religion. If not, I leave you to wander blindly in your insolence. I leave you alone to wade in your fabrication and false inventions.

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