

The God Muslims worship

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Out of hatred or ignorance, or maybe due to an agenda planned to attack the religion of Islam, some non-Muslim bigots and hate mongers claim that the God Muslims worship is a moon god, a monkey god, or a fictitious god! These misconceptions and deliberate lies might misguide seekers of true Islamic knowledge regarding the true nature of Allah, a matter compelling me to explain who Allah is, and why Muslims worship Him as the sole God of the universe.

All Prophets preached Islam

Islam is not the name of some unique faith presented for the first time by Muhammad - peace be upon him – who should, on that account be called the founder of Islam. The Koran makes it abundantly clear that Islam – the complete submission of man to God – is the one and only faith consistently revealed by Allah to mankind from the very beginning. Noah, Abraham, Moses and Jesus as well as Prophets who appeared at different times and places – all propagated the same faith. They were not founders of faiths to be named after them. They were each reiterating the faith of their predecessors.

What distinguishes Muhammad from the other Prophets?

- 1- He was the last Prophet of Allah.
- 2- Allah revealed through him the same genuine faith, which had been conveyed by all the Prophets.
- 3- The original Message was corrupted and split into various religions by people of different ages, who indulged in interpolations and admixture. Allah eliminated these alien elements, and Islam in its

pure and original form, was transmitted to mankind through Muhammad.

4- Since there was to be no Messenger after Muhammad, the Book revealed to him was preserved word for word by Allah, so that it should be a source of guidance for all times.

5- The life of Muhammad and the manner, in which he conducted himself, was also mentioned in a unique manner by his companions and by later compilers of the tradition. A more complete and authentic account of the life, sayings, and actions, of any Prophet or historical personage has never been compiled.

6- In this way, the Koran and the authentic Sunnah of the Prophet together became a reliable source of knowing what Islam is, what it stands for, and what obligations it places upon us.

As Muslims we believe in all the Prophets who preceded Muhammad, and this is such an integral part of our faith that if we were to abandon it we should cease to be Muslims. But for guidance we turn to Prophet Muhammad alone not on account of any prejudice, but because:

1-As the last of Allah's Prophets, he brought us the latest divine dispensation.

2- The Word of Allah which reached us through Muhammad is pure divine language, free of human admixtures, and preserved in its original form. Its language is a living language, spoken, written and understood by millions of people, and whose grammar, vocabulary, idiom, pronunciation, and script have remained unchanged from the time of revelation till today.

That the Message of Islam was universal in character is proved by the fact that those who accepted it acquired equal rights and status as believers, regardless of all differences of origin.

The Koran says: "The believers are all like brothers".

The Prophet said: "Those who subscribe to our beliefs, and adopt the Islamic way of life, have the same rights and the same obligations as we have.

The Prophet announced: “Listen! You have one God and you have one father (Adam). There is no distinction between an Arab and non-Arab. There is no preference for the black over the fair, or the fair over the black. There is distinction only in submission to God (Allah). The most virtuous among you is the most honorable in the eyes of Allah.

It is a fact of history that Muhammad succeeded in establishing the kingdom of Allah on earth as it is in the heavens. Muslims are Allah’s knights defending His religion on earth and promulgating it until the Day of Judgment.

Allah described their qualities in the Koran:

You are the best nation ever brought forth to men, bidding to honor, and forbidding dishonor, and believing in Allah. Had the people of the Book believed (Jews and Christians), it would have been better for them; some of them are believers, but the most of them are ungodly (Al-Imran, 110).

Who is Allah, the God Muslims worship?

Among the fundamentals of Islam, the most important is belief in one God, Allah, not just the conviction that He exists or that He is One – but that He is alone the Creator, Master, Ruler, and Administrator of all that exists. The universe exists because Allah wills it to exist, it functions because Allah wills it to function, and Allah provides the sustenance and the energy, which everything of the universe requires for its existence and growth. All the attributes of sovereignty reside in Allah alone, and no one else has a share in them in the slightest degree. He alone possesses all the attributes of divinity. And no one other than Allah possesses any of those attributes. He views the whole universe, and all that it contains in a single instantaneous glance. He has direct knowledge of the universe, and all that is there in it. He knows not only its present, but its past and its future as well. This omnipresence and omniscience is an attribute of Allah alone and of no other. There was no ‘before’ Him and there is no ‘after’ Him. He has been there always and will be there always – eternal and abiding. All else is transient. He alone is eternally living and present. He is no one’s progeny and he has no progeny. Whatever exists, besides His Self, is His own creation, and no other can identify himself in any manner with the Lord of the universe, or

claim to be his son or daughter. He is man's single Deity. To associate anyone in His worship (Jesus, pope, priest, saint, idol, animal, tree, nature etc...) is a great sin as it is an act of glaring infidelity. He responds to man's prayers and He alone has the power to accept or reject them. Not to ask of Him is senseless arrogance, and to turn to others is sheer arrogance. To seek of Him and also of others, is to associate equals with him (1).

The Koran clearly reveals:

Say: "I am forbidden to serve those you call on apart from Allah."

Say: "I do not follow your caprices, or else I had gone astray, and would not be of the right-guided (Al-An'am, 56).

Say: "Shall we invoke others besides Allah (false deities), that can do us neither good nor harm, and shall we turn back on our heels after Allah has guided us (to true monotheism)?...(Al-An'am, 151).

Say: "Come, I will recite what your Lord has prohibited you from: join not anything in worship with Him... (Al-An'am, 151).

Jesus taught that salvation comes from submitting man's will to Allah and worship Him alone:

"Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, 'Lord, lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and in your name drive out demons and perform many miracles? Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers.'" (Mathew 7: 21-23).

Because religion with Allah is only one, we can see that Jesus taught to rinse before praying as Muslims do (John 13: 10).

Jesus bowed down in submission on the ground to Allah as Muslims do (Mathew 26: 39).

The name of God in Jesus' Aramaic language was very similar to the word Allah, it was Allaha and not God.

Jesus said, "All of you who submit your will to God, are my brothers and sisters (Mark 3: 31-35) as Muslims do.

Islam is pure monotheism and total submission to the Creator, Allah. This is the only religion that Allah will accept from His servants on the Day of Judgment, the same religion which all prophets without exception came to teach over time.

The purpose of creation in Islam

As Islam teaches, Man has not been unleashed on the earth as an irresponsible savage. He is accountable to Allah for his actions. Today's life is only a test and an examination. At the end we will all be called upon to render a complete account of our acts to Allah.

The time of accountability is fixed by Allah, the tenure allotted to mankind on this earth shall terminate on the doomsday, when the present order will be annihilated and replaced by another. The whole human race will rise once again in the new world. That will be the time when all people appear before Allah, Almighty, and everyone will face the consequences of his personal acts, sayings and deeds in his individual capacities. On the Day of Judgment, complete record of the actions of every individual, without the slightest alternation, will be put in the open Court, and evidence, of different categories, will be presented to prove what was done by man in private or public, and the motives which inspired his conduct.

There will be no undue intercession. Neither bribery, nor advocacy against the truth will be tolerated. No one will be able to shift his burden to another. Even the closest relations, friends, leaders, religious guides, or self-styled deities, will not be able to offer any help to anyone. Man will stand by himself – helpless and alone and render his account, and await his pronouncement of the judgment, which shall be in the power of Allah alone.

On the Day of Judgment the judgment will rest on one question: did man conduct himself, in submission to Allah in strict conformity with the truth revealed to the prophets, and with the conviction that he will be held responsible for his conducts in life on the Day of Judgment? If the answer is in the affirmative, the reward will be Paradise, and if in the negative, Hell will be the punishment (1).

There will be no vicarious atonement as the Christians of today claim. Jesus will not be there to atone for the sins of the Christians, because he will be busy working out his own salvation, he will be busy answering Allah about the innovations the Christians invented in their religion after Allah raised him up to Him.

The Koran says in this respect:

And when Allah said: "O Jesus son of Mary, didst thou say unto men, 'Take me and my mother as gods, apart from god'"? He said, 'To thee be glory! It is not mine to say what I have no right to. If I indeed said it, Thou knowest it, knowing what is within my soul, and I know not what is within Thy soul; Thou knowest the things unseen. I only said to them what thou didst command me: "Serve Allah, my Lord and your Lord." And I was a witness over them, while I remained among them; but when Thou didst take me to Thyself, Thou wast thyself the watcher over them; Thou Thyself art witness of everything. If Thou chastisest them, they are Thy servants; if Thou forgive them, Thou art the All-Mighty, the All-Wise.' (Al-Maidah 116-118).

What Jesus will say to Allah on the Day of Judgment as indicated in the verse above is a great admonition and warning to the Christians of the whole world.

When man decides to submit his will to the will of Allah and accepts His Law as the supreme Law, and organizes his life in accordance with the revealed moral code, on the principle of accountability to Allah, the quality and character of his life cannot be limited to the precincts of prayer halls. It must extend itself to every sphere of his work as a man of Allah.

The Day of Resurrection is terrible and frightening. As the Koran stated, In that mighty Day, Allah will say to the angels:

"Throw into Hell every stubborn disbeliever (in the Oneness of Allah and

in His Messengers) – hinderer of good, transgressor, doubter, who set up another god with Allah. Then cast him in the severe torment.” His companion (Satan) will say, “Our Lord! I did not push him to transgression (in disbelief, oppression, and evil deeds), but he was himself in error far astray.”

Allah will say, “Dispute not in front of Me, I had already in advance sent you the threat. The Sentence that comes from Me cannot be changed, and I am not unjust to the slaves.”

On the Day when We will say to Hell, “Are you filled?” It will say: “Are there any more (to come)?” (Qâf 24-30).

This is the God Muslims worship. Do non-Muslims worship another God? If they do, they are then far astray from the way. Allah has no compromises; he has only two options, either Paradise or Hell.

In Islam there is no compulsion in religion; people are free to believe or not to believe. Man is free to choose the way of salvation, or the road to perdition. If he chooses the latter, he must bear the consequences.

