

Robert Spencer- the enemy of Allah exposed

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Introduction

After the attack of September 11, Bernard Lewis in his book 'What went wrong?' using subtle arguments, placed the blame on Islam and Islamic traditions for the failure of Middle Eastern societies to develop and modernize like the West. Lewis' book has since been followed by articles and publications, mostly by neoconservative journalists and pundits, who reinforce Lewis' thesis and even blame Islam for the rise of terrorism as well as the rising tension between the West and the Muslim world.

The blame game is led today by neo-conservative pundits who often present Islam as the new villain to be confronted by American military power. They have consistently presented Muslims as incapable of democratic rule, and who espouse values that are antithetical to world peace and religious tolerance.

To ensure that their views are not challenged by academic community, neoconservatives are working hard to undermine academic freedom by intimidating scholars that present a balanced view of the Middle East. Martin Kramer's Ivory Towers and Sand: The failure of Middle Eastern Studies in America, and diatribe against Middle East studies in US universities, and Daniel Pipes' Campus Watch, an organization devoted to smearing professors critical of U.S foreign policy and Israeli's treatment of Palestinians, are two such examples. This campaign is one that aims to intimidate free thinking on Middle East politics and silence voices that challenge their perspective. In addition to that, we must not forget the other on line centers devoted to attack Islam like answering Islam (Sam Shamon), Middle East Forum (Daniel Pipes), Political Islam (Bill Warner), jihad Watch (Robert Spencer) and many others.

These websites are a network of groups and individuals funded by elements within the pro-Israel lobby who are pushing Islam phobia on behalf of Israel. These online websites have been leaders in the

indictment of Islam, and each of whom is, not coincidentally, a vocal advocate of Israel and its policies. They are the alligators in the swamp they have created, and are now frantically engaged in distancing themselves from their words and deeds. But sometimes the truth will appear to overshadow the falsehood they promulgate (1).

In order to hide their bias and bad intentions about Islam, and seems purely scientific and sincerely honest before their readers, they try their hardest to come across as educated, professional and scholarly.

Usually, we Muslims, read only our Islamic authentic books. We read the Koran and its interpretation, and the authentic Sunnah of the Prophet, as well as the books of Islamic jurisprudence written by our eminent scholars. This vast Islamic knowledge is contained in thousands of books. Reading these books, understanding them and deducing the facts from them in order to live according to the verdicts of Allah and His Prophet is life time consuming. It is an infinite knowledge, the more you read the more you learn, the more you learn the more you realize that the knowledge you read is endless. The Islamic knowledge is a deep ocean of divine pearls with no bottom. In other words, we do not have time for reading fictitious hate books written by non-Muslims against Islam to serve their evil political agendas.

The books and articles attacking Islam as a religion are in our view imbecility that will take their authors to perdition. They have foolishly disobeyed Allah their Creator by attacking His last divine revelation to mankind. Since we will all be responsible before Allah on the Day of Judgment for our thoughts, actions and words, Allah will judge our deeds, and the recompense of those opposing Him will be disastrous and calamitous.

Accordingly, Muslims are not offended in the least when these hate books appear, because they are confident that never will Allah grant the unbelievers a way to triumph over the believers. The writers of these books have done nothing to their readers but misguiding them, and in addition, harmed their own mselves by effectively reserving their seats in Hell. Whatever hate books they publish against Islam, and no matter what they plot against Muslims and Islam, they will not be able to frustrate Allah on earth, He sees what they do, and he knows what they conceal and what they reveal. On the Day of

Judgment every soul will be responsible for its own deeds, and Allah's words will be verified against the evildoers, and the recompense will be Hell-Fire for eternity.

Moreover, Allah has instructed Muslims in His Holy Book, the Koran, that should they happen to hear Allah's revelations challenged and denied by those who were born to be losers, then we do not sit with them until they have changed the subject of conversation lest we be alike, for Allah will collect the hypocrites and those who defy faith – all in Hell.

Allah says in the Koran:

He has sent down upon you in the Book: 'When you hear Allah's signs being disbelieved and made mock of, do not sit with them until they plunge into some other talk, or else you will surely be like to them.' Allah will gather the hypocrites and the unbelievers all in Gehenna (Al-Nisa', 140).

For such reason, we don't read these hate books because we don't have time for such dotage. We keep ourselves busy explaining the true Message of Islam to the world, because it is a Message of light and mercy, a Message of peace and tranquility, it shows the road to Paradise.

To be honest, I haven't read any of Robert Spencer's worthless books. I haven't read any of the other Islamophobic hate mongers' books as well. I just read the analysis of the publishers of these books emphasizing the falsehood and the ravings of their authors. I only read summaries and excerpts from here and there, and I became sure that these books contain rubbish, and falsehood that do not deserve my interest.

The authors of such despicable books are in fact writing only to themselves, and to the hypocrite applauders who are willing to read such poisonous texts. In my view, these books are worthless, the scum of the earth, and do not deserve reading, for they have added nothing but error and nonsense. This abominable work will indeed recoil on the heads of its writers and will surely take them to perdition.

Officially the United States claims that she is against these kinds of provocations and that she supports all religions, yet nothing has been done to these individuals to stop them from inciting religious hatred.

Many in the Muslim world and people in general see this bias response of the US Government as a sign of supporting the position of extremist anti-Muslim fanatics. This strange attitude is already tarnishing the image of the United States in the Muslim world.

Among these fanatic hate mongers Robert Spencer is the staunchest enemy of Islam. He is a part of the big conspiracy against Islam. His publications about Islam crossed all limits of reason and decency. He is a rioter raising the banner that Islam is a religion of violence, allowing the persecution of women, urging Muslims to kill Jews and Christians, and the Koran is a book of violence, war and slavery... etc.

I studied the man and realized that he had crossed all bounds. His attitude against Islam was so mean that he deserved Muslims' despise and disgust.

In this article I state my views about him, and I answer his false allegations against Islam - the only religion that stands authentic and perfect today without any alteration compared with all other religions.

Allah says in His Koran;

"This day have I perfected your religion for you, completed My favour upon you, and have chosen for you Islam as your religion" (Al-Maa'idah, 3).

"If anyone desires a religion other than Islam (submission to Allah – God) never will it be accepted of Him" (Al-Imraan, 85).

"Abraham was not a Jew nor Christian; but an upright Muslim." (Al-Imran, 61).

A man of obscure origin – and also a liar

Robert Spencer began his practical life in America with two lies. The first was the claim that his grandparents lived in Turkey, and shortly after World War I were offered the choice of conversion to Islam or exile

from the land where they had lived for many hundreds of years. They chose exile, and then migrated afterwards to the United States.

If his grandparents were citizens of Turkey, they must have lived at the Time of the Turkish leader Kamal Ataturk (1881-1938). Kamal Ataturk has transformed the former Ottoman Empire into a modern, westernized and secular nation-state. Islamic law was separated from secular law, and restricted to matters of religion. He abolished the Caliphate – the office of the head of the Muslim religion – as unfitting for a modern republic. He introduced a new alphabet, switching from an Arabic system to a Roman system. The legal system was completely reworked, giving full rights to all citizens and eliminating Islamic law. To modernize the culture, he forbade the wearing of the traditional Turkish hat, the fez, and did not allow women to cover their heads in Islamic fashion while in the Parliament building.

Besides the fact that in Islam there is no compulsion in religion, who on earth would believe that a man like Ataturk with his pure western ideology would force Christians to convert to Islam?

Robert Spencer claims that he belongs to the Melkite Greek Catholic Church. If that were true, his origin must have been Armenian or Greek. If he were Armenian his name could have been Kazavon or Khatchadour; if he were Greek his name could have been Androkinos or Gerasimos, but never 'Spencer' at any rate. Historically, the Spencer family is one of Britain's aristocratic dynasties. The Spencer earls enjoyed wealth and political power. Robert Spencer out of deceit and inconfidence borrowed this distinguished British name in order to give himself a distinguished social status in a foreign land honoring white Caucasian race. This is the second lie.

The devil incarnate

Robert Spencer began his career by begging compassion from the American fellow citizens when claimed that his grandparents fled to the United States because they were forced in Turkey to embrace Islam, and also when he borrowed a distinguished British name in order to get himself high social distinction. A man half educated like spencer (graduated in 1983 with a B.A. and 1986 with a master in ancient Christian religion) knew that his limited capability would never allow him to survive in a highly competitive society. But he has unique distorted qualities other than knowledge that could make him earn a good living.

He is skilled in the practice of taking advantage of opportunities or circumstances with little regard for principles or consequences. He is in fact a proficient opportunist.

He is also emotionally immature person, he has low levels of self-esteem and self-confidence and consequently feels insecure; to counter these feelings of insecurity he will spend a large proportion of his life creating situations in which he becomes the centre of attention. He is an attention seeker. Being the centre of attention alleviates feelings of insecurity and inadequacy but the relief is temporary as the underlying problem remains unaddressed: low self-confidence and low self-esteem, and consequent low levels of self-worth and self-love.

Insecure and emotionally immature he often exhibit bullying behaviours, especially manipulation and deception. These are necessary in order to obtain attention which would not otherwise be forthcoming.

Satan is looking to be incarnate. He has been waiting for a man who will actually be the epitome of himself, so that he may indwell him: He found Robert Spencer, a man inclining to earth seeking its worldly pleasures, one who is arrogant, self-absorbed, wicked, liar, hypocrite, malicious, treacherous, full of deceit, and malignity. Filled with these satanic traits, Robert Spencer became the devil in human form, the devil incarnate.

Allah says in the Koran:

And We have assigned them (devils) intimate companions (in this world), who have made fair-seeming to them, what was before them (evil deeds which they were doing in the present worldly life and disbelief in the Reckoning and the Resurrection, etc.) and what was behind them (denial of the matters in the coming life of the Hereafter as regards punishment or reward, etc.). And the Word (i.e. the torment) is justified against them as it was justified against those who were among the previous generations of jinns and men that had passed away before them. Indeed they (all) were the losers (Fussilat, 25).

The develish Plan

With these satanic qualities Robert Spencer Began designing his plan; how to start his work? He looked around and examined the present mood of the American society.

Islamophobia as a term and as a phenomena gained currency in part due to the popular thesis developed by Francis Fukuyama and Samuel Huntington that argued about an impending clash of civilization between Islam and the West. When 9-11 terrorist attacks happened, the people already predisposed to viewing Islam with suspicion jumped on this bandwagon and through a multitude of primarily right wing outlets have been successful in creating a climate of extreme prejudice, suspicion and fear against Muslims. This sentiment has also been aided by many pro-Israeli commentators such as Daniel Pipes, Steve Emerson, Judith Miller, and Bernard Lewis among many others.

The horrific attacks provoked a powerful demon with a voracious appetite for vengeance. Many American Muslims have been negatively stereotyped, even vilified, in the United States.

Islamophobia has resulted in the general and unquestioned acceptance that Islam is monolithic and cannot adapt to new realities; Islam does not share common values with other major faiths; Islam as a religion is inferior to the West; it is archaic, barbaric and irrational; Islam is a religion of violence and supports terrorism; Islam is a violent political ideology.

Numerous U.S. citizens began associating those horrible events, committed by a small group of violent foreign extremists, with Muslim Americans who live peaceful and productive lives.

Robert Spencer realized the strong connection between organized Zionism and Islamophobia. Zionists inflame Islamophobia in US. They have raised the spectrum of Islamophobia so high that people feel like there's no restriction in their behavior and hatred towards Muslims. They have done that through the media and key foundations.

He realized that the anti-Muslim sentiment in America is being generated by a cottage industry of Muslim bashers and Islamophobic groups. Some individuals, institutions and groups are at the center of pushing Islamophobia in America.

A recent report - The Roots of the Islamophobia Network in America – by the Center for American Progress report reveals that more than \$42 million from seven foundations over the past decade have helped fan the flames of anti-Muslim hate in America. The top seven contributors to promoting Islamophobia in the country: Donors Capital Fund, Richard

Mellon Scaife foundations, Lynde and Harry Bradley Foundation, Newton D. & Rochelle F. Becker foundations and charitable trust, Russell Berrie Foundation, Anchorage Charitable Fund and William Rosenwald Family Fund and Fairbrook Foundation.

These groups, either directly or through the funding of so-called grassroots organizations and think tanks, have given support to what they call “experts” (I call them the gang) on the danger that Islam poses.

Although Robert Spencer knew that he has no formal training in Islam, the idea of establishing a blog that makes its name with hawkish pro-Israel commentary and keeps up a steady stream of anti-Islam postings was his dream.

Because Allah is not in Spencer’s horizon, and Spencer was structured around worldly grandeur, he chose an attractive general title to work under: ‘Islam-the religion of terror’! This risky title would certainly attract Muslim haters that are already misguided by biased media. This dangerous title would bring him worldly fame and would make him look as a martyrdom sacrificing his soul for the sake of defending human rights and freedom of conscious for the American people. Yes, this is going to be a profitable business; it will bring him quite a fortune.

For fame and material gain Robert Spencer is ready to sell his own soul to the devil. He found that the Zionist David Horowitz Freedom Center is inflaming anti-Muslim sentiment in America. The Center is the main organizer of a racist and xenophobic Islamofacism movement. Its purpose is to scapegoat and vilify the American Muslim community and to spread intolerance and bigotry. Why not then seek the financial support of this Center?

Now the conditions are ripe. It’s time to step forward and grasp the opportunity. The American environment intoxicated with hatred towards Islam is now well prepared to receive the corruption he wants to spread in the land. He will play the game he prefers most, spreading fear, bigotry, misinformation, and stirring up dissension between Muslim and non-Muslim Americans.

In no time the devil made alliance with the Zionist David Horowitz Freedom Center, and now we see the Center running the blog Jihad Watch, a platform for the counterjihad movement!

This was the devilish plan, which was from the beginning a total failure.

If he were a truly a researcher, he should have considered the probabilities. What would be the case if Islam was a true religion, Allah was really the One and Only true God of the universe, Muhammad is the Messenger of Islam, and the Koran is the last divine Message to the world? If these were true, certainly his abode will be calamitous – Hell Fire is his lodging place for eternity!

But this crucial probability must be cancelled, because if considered it would surely prevent him from going forward in his very profitable project. His ignorance and arrogance, his search of fame and fortune, and his greed made him neglect the wrath of Allah which will afflict him with worldly calamities, followed by severe torture in the grave until the Day of Resurrection, and on the Day of Judgment eternal roasting in the Blaze is his final abode!

The ignorant moron thought that he shall be left to roam at will. Maybe He didn't come across the Koranic verse:

What, did you think that We created you only for sport, and that you would not be returned to Us? (Ash-Shura, 128).

He forgot that life is but probation, and goods and chattels of deception. Every soul shall taste of death and on the Day of Judgment he will be paid his full recompense.

He forgot that he has set himself up as a rival to Allah. He forgot that worldly fame is but a breath of wind that blows now this way and now that, and changes name as it changes direction. He forgot that the present life is but the joy of delusion, and the Last Abode is better for those that are god-fearing.

Every soul shall taste of death; you shall sure be paid in full your wages on the Day of Resurrection. Whosoever is removed from the Fire and admitted to Paradise shall win the triumph. The present life is but the joy of delusion (Al-Imran, 185).

In addition to worldly merchandise, Muslims have also merchandise with Allah. They believe in Allah and His Messenger. They love Allah and obey Him even if it involves the sacrifice of all else. They hope for commerce with Allah that will never fail, for Allah will pay them their

wages in full. Neither mundane commerce nor traffic can divert them from the remembrance of Allah. Allah will reward them according to the best of their deeds, and add even more for them out of His Grace. For in giving rewards, Allah's bounty is boundless.

Allah says in the Koran:

O believers, shall I direct you to a commerce that shall deliver you from a painful chastisement? You shall believe in Allah and His Messenger, and struggle in the way of Allah with your possessions and your selves. That is better for you, did you but know. He will forgive you your sins and admit you into gardens underneath which rivers flow, and to dwelling places goodly in Gardens of Eden; that is the mighty triumph (As-Saff, 10-12).

Robert Spencer started his commerce with utter foolishness; he traded error for guidance, he sold the signs of Allah for a miserable gain. Mr. knows it all, meticulously analysed the situation and geniusly brought upon himself Allah's wrath and disgrace. The present life deluded him and his soul has been given up to destruction for what it has earned. His trade will never prosper because the primary objective of his project was to attack the Lord of creation and His last Message to the world. He forgot that Allah commanded that those who defy Him and His Messenger the Fire of Hell is their resting place for eternity.

As we read in the Koran:

That is the recompense of Allah's enemies - the Fire, wherein they shall have the Abode of Eternity as recompense, for that they denied Our signs (Fussilat, 28).

His stupidity brought him this far!

Happy with the applause of the misguided hypocrites, he runs and leaps here and there spreading falsehood humiliating Muslims and their religion. The hypocritical words of praise he hears from the Islamophobic hate mongers incite further his enthusiasm and makes him bite like a rabid dog to everything Islamic. The fool doesn't know that he is but biting the dust.

His work is profitless and will bear no fruit in this life, and in the Hereafter he will be companion of the Fire and will abide therein.

Robert Spencer - an ignorant disputing about Islam without knowledge

Robert Spencer claims that he is an Islamic scholar! He read the Koran and the Sunna of the Prophet. He also read the books of Sharia and jurisprudence. But his writings about Islam all boils down to a Crusade against Islam, a religion that he views as the “chief rival” to Catholicism, that is “incomplete,” “misleading” etc. All his publications are bashing, stabbing and demonizing Islam. He didn’t find in all the Islamic books he read one single virtue that deserves praise or laudation. This attitude showed clearly that the man is either a rabid racist or thoroughly ignorant or just plain hateful. His rabid writings against Islam showed clearly that he and the rest of the gang (experts) are hired to implement a vicious agenda against Islam. Their hateful books and articles, and their despicable websites spreading falsehood without knowledge remind me with the Koranic verse:

Some men there are who buy diverting talk to lead astray from the way of Allah without knowledge, and to take it in mockery; those - there awaits them a humbling chastisement (Luqman, 6).

In order to be knowledgeable in the religion of Islam, one must be specialized in the principles of Islamic jurisprudence (usul al-fiqh).

Before studying Jurisprudence, mastery of many other branches of learning is necessary as a preparation, and these consist of the following:

1. Arabic.

Syntax, conjugation, vocabulary, semantics, oratory as the Quran and Traditions are in Arabic, without knowing at least the usual standard of the Arabic language and literature it is not possible to benefit from the Quran and the Traditions.

2. Commentary upon the Holy Quran (tafsir).

Taking into consideration the fact that the jurisprudents must use the Quran as a point of reference, some knowledge in the study of the commentaries upon the Quran is absolutely essential.

3. Logic, called ‘mantiq in Islam.’

Every branch of learning in which reasoning is used stands in need of logic.

4. The study of the Traditions.

The jurist must have a sound knowledge of the Traditions and must be acquainted with its language

5. The study of the Transmitters (rijal).

The study of the Transmitters means knowing the identities and natures of those who have transmitted the Traditions. The study of the Transmitters is the examining and scrutiny of the men who make up the chains (isnad) of the reporters of the Traditions.

6. The study of the Principles of Jurisprudence.

The most important branch of learning in preparation for jurisprudence is the principles of jurisprudence. The Principles of Jurisprudence is, in reality, the study of the rules to be used in deducing the Islamic laws. It teaches the correct and valid way of deducing from the relevant sources of jurisprudence. In this way, Principles, like logic, is a study of instructions, and is more a skill than a branch of knowledge, meaning that in jurisprudence, that which is discussed is a chain of things that must be, rather than a chain of things which are (2).

There are four sources of Islamic Jurisprudence (Islamic Law): the Koran, the Sunna or tradition of the Prophet, Qiyas or analogies, and Ijma' or unanimous agreement.

Throughout history these sources were used in descending order by Muslim jurists in determining the legality of an issue. If the legality was not based on an explicit command in the Quran, then the jurists turned to look for explicit commands in the hadith, and so on.

The Koran

Islam is a complete code of life, a pious life to live under Allah's law, the Koran. The Koran points out the way to secure everlasting happiness in the afterlife. It is the roadmap showing the way to paradise.

The distinctive approach of the Koran is that its instructions are aimed at the general welfare of man and are based on the possibilities within his reach. In all its dimensions the Koranic wisdom is conclusive. It neither condemns nor tortures the flesh nor does it neglect the soul. It does not humanize Allah nor does it deify man. Everything is carefully placed where it belongs in the total scheme of creation.

The Koran, literally "the recitation" is the central religious text of Islam. It is the final Message from Allah to humanity. It was transmitted to mankind in a chain starting from Allah Himself to the archangel Gabriel to the Prophet Muhammad peace be upon him. The Koran was given to the Prophet of Islam in peaces over a period spanning 23 years (610 CE to 622 CE).

The Koran is the central sacred reality of Islam. As the direct word of Allah and the embodiment of Allah's will, the Koran is considered as the guide par excellence for the life of Muslims. It is the source of all Islamic doctrines and ethics. Both the intellectual aspects of Islam and Islamic Law have their source in the Koran.

The Koran is one leg of two which form the basis of Islam. The second leg is the Sunnah (sayings and deeds of the Prophet). Unlike the Sunnah, the Koran is quite literally the word of Allah, whereas the Sunnah was inspired by Allah but the wordings and actions are the Prophet's. The Koran has not been expressed using any human's words. Its wording is letter for letter fixed by no one but Allah.

Prophet Muhammad was the final Messenger of Allah to humanity, and therefore the Koran is the last Message which Allah has sent to mankind. The Koran is the culmination of all the previous scriptures revealed by Allah.

Muhammad was sent to all mankind and not just to the Arabs. The Koran was revealed for all people, including Jews and Christians. The Koran is a gift of mercy from Allah to all people. It is not meant for one class or race; it is addressed to all the worlds.

Allah sent Muhammad, His universal Messenger and the seal of His prophets, to all mankind to warn them against a mighty Day, the Day of reckoning:

We have sent thee not, except to mankind entire, good tidings to bear, and warning; but most men do not know it (Saba, 28).

The Koran is an admonition, a universal Message, from which no one is to be excluded – rich or poor, old or young, great or lowly, learned or ignorant.

The Koran is in records held greatly in honor, exalted in dignity, kept pure and holy, written by the hands of scribes (angels) honorable, pious and just.

No indeed; it is a Reminder, and whoso wills, shall remember it, upon pages high – honored, uplifted, purified, by the hands of scribes noble, pious (Abasa, 11-16).

The heart of Islam is the holy Koran, and the heart of the Koran is the radiant affirmation that there is no reality but Allah (God).

This (Koran) is a Message for mankind that they may be warned by it, and that they may know that He is One God, and that men possessed of minds may remember (Ibrahîm, 52).

The Koran supersedes previous revelations because it came directly from Allah, and is not a second-hand book written by men after the extinction of authentic divine Books.

And We have given thee a Remembrance (the Koran) from Us (Taha, 99).

And he who rejects the Koran, not believe in it, nor acts according to its orders, shall have rejected Allah's mercy and shall bear a heavy burden of sins on the Day of Resurrection, and shall abide in that state in the Fire of Hell, and evil indeed will it be that load for him on the Day of Judgment.

Whosoever turns away from it, upon the Day of Resurrection he shall bear a heavy burden, therein abiding forever; how evil upon the Day of Resurrection that burden for them (Taha 100, 101).

The Koran is a book of law and prayer, a book of wisdom and invocation, a book of divine commands to mankind. It is the Holy Book

of wisdom containing all the principles necessary for man's happiness both in this world and the next.

The Holy Koran is the divine Word of Allah to the Prophet Muhammad to save mankind from darkness unto light:

A Book We have sent down to thee that thou mayest bring forth mankind from the shadows to the light by the leave of their Lord, to the path of the All-Mighty, the All-Laudable (Ibrahîm, 1).

Allah sent the Koran as the Book in truth and the balance to judge between right and wrong:

It is Allah who has sent down the Book with the truth, and also the Balance.

And what shall make thee know? Haply the Hour is nigh (Ash-Shura, 17).

Allah made the preservation of earlier Scriptures the responsibilities of the followers of these Books. Allah says:

...For to them was entrusted the protection of Allah's Books, as they were witnesses thereto (Al-Maidah, 44).

But the people of the Book were negligent of this; distorted the Books with their interpolations and the reversal of some facts. The present Gospels, as attested by Christian scholars, were written by historians. They are therefore not totally authentic. Parts of these books are authentic, others are fabricated. The falsehood in them supersedes the truth, especially in those parts which deify Jesus Christ and make him the son of Allah. This distortion however was not a total loss, because Allah wished to send another Scripture whose teachings and principles will serve the good of man and under all conditions.

Allah did not give the responsibility of protecting the Koran to man. Knowing that the Koran was the last revelation to mankind, Allah pledged to protect it Himself from human tampering and guards it from corruption.

It is We who have sent down the Remembrance (Koran) and surely We will guard it (from corruption) (Al-hijr, 9).

The Koran is a book announcing blissful tidings to those who believe in the Oneness of Allah and fear Him by abstaining from all kinds of sins, and love Allah much by performing all kinds of good deeds:

Surely this Koran guides to the way that is straightest and gives good tidings to the believers who do deeds of righteousness, that theirs shall be a great wage, and that those who do not believe in the world to come – We have prepared for them a painful chastisement (Al-Isra 9, 10).

A Book whose signs have been distinguished as an Arabic Koran for a people having knowledge, good tidings to bear, and warning, but most of them have turned away, and do not give ear (Fussilat 2-4).

Allah's choice of Prophet Muhammad an unlettered man signifies that the Prophet is not the author of the holy Koran. Every word of the Koranic text is meticulously chosen, chiseled and placed by Allah himself. They carry Allah's fingerprints, and are clear signs of Allah.

Says the Holy Koran:

Nay, here are signs self-evident in the hearts of those endowed with knowledge (among the people of the previous Scriptures), and none but the unjust rejects Our signs (Al-Ankabut, 49).

Allah emphasizes the authenticity of the Koran when He says:

Do they not consider the Koran? Had it not been from other than Allah, they would surely have found therein much discrepancy (Ibrahîm, 82).

This Book is a revelation from the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful. Its verses are well expounded, a Koran in Arabic for people of knowledge. It proclaims good news and warning, but most of them turn away, and pay no heed (Fussilat, 2-4).

And this Koran could not have come from other than Allah; it is a confirmation of what was revealed before it and an expounding of the Book, there is no doubt in it, it is from the Lord of the Worlds (Yunus, 37).

Say: 'If men and jinn banded together to produce the like of this Koran, they will never produce its like, not though they backed one another.' (Al-Isra, 88).

Allah sent the Prophet of Islam to perfect all moral values and to serve as the best example for mankind to follow:

You have had a good example in Allah's Messenger for whosoever hopes for Allah and the Last Day, and remembers Allah much (Al-Ahzab, 21).

The Koran with the extraordinary beautiful meanings it contains, expressed in an extraordinary beautiful Arabic language is presented by Allah as being the miracle He has given to the Prophet.

The Koran was revealed over twenty-three years on different occasions, and during this gradual revelation, each verse, sentence, phrase or chapter was written down and memorized by many companions of the Prophet. Thus the whole Koran was put into writing and collected and arranged under the supervision of the Holy Prophet himself. When the Prophet passed away, all the verses and chapters of the Koran were in written form on pieces of wood, leather and bones, and in the memories of many companions.

The Koran taught the oneness of Allah and guided believers to the path of morality and justice. The Quran outlawed prevalent customs such as idolatry, gambling, liquor, promiscuity, unbridled polygamy, usury, etc. It also improved the status of women by proclaiming women's equality to men and providing women with decreed rights in the areas of marriage, divorce and inheritance.

The shari'a (Islamic law), is based on the verses of the Koran. The bulk of Koranic matter consists mainly of broad, general moral directives as to what the aims and aspirations of Muslims should be - the ought of the Islamic religious ethic. Because many of the directives in the Koan are so broad, there have been so many different interpretations of the Koran. This doesn't just refer to modern scholars, but also includes the founding schools of thought. Nevertheless, the authenticity of the Quran has never been questioned by any Muslim scholar or institution.

The Sunna of the Prophet

The Sunnah of the Prophet is the practical interpretations of the Koran. The role of the Prophet was to convey the Koran as he received it, to interpret it and practice it fully. These interpretations and practices produced what is known as the Sunnah, the traditions of the Prophet.

The Sunnah is considered to be the second source of Islam and must be in complete harmony with the first source, the Koran. If there is any contradiction or inconsistency between any of the traditions and the Koran that means that this tradition is not authentic. No genuine tradition of the Prophet can ever disagree with the Koran or be opposed to it.

The Sunnah as expressed by the deeds, utterances, and tacit approvals of the Prophet together with the Koran, became the basis for the Shari'ah, the sacred law of Islam.

The Sunnah is therefore the collection of the true sayings (Hadith) and deeds and tacit approvals of the Prophet, and their interpretation by great scholars in later times. The Sunnah is the second source of Islamic jurisprudence, the first being the Koran. The Sunnah is not a concept that can be dealt separately from the Koran. Both sources are indispensable; one cannot practice Islam without consulting both of them.

In the Koran it has been mentioned that the Prophet removes heavy burdens, makes rules, and teaches the ummah (society) the meanings of the Koran. The Prophet gave his companions a lot of information about numerous subjects. This information was then interpreted by scholars of the time, continued to be practiced in daily lives and has passed on to Muslims generation after generation.

In many verses of the Koran Allah commands the believers to obey the Prophet and follow his teachings. This important command is crucial because understanding the Koran fully can only be possible with following the Sunnah of the Prophet.

Allah stated in the Koran that the Prophet had the characteristic of teaching the Koran and purifying mankind:

Truly Allah was gracious to the believers when He raised up among them a Messenger from themselves, to recite to them His signs and to purify them, and to teach them the Book and the Wisdom, though before they were in manifest error (Al-Imran, 164).

It is not for any believer, man or woman, when Allah and His Messenger have decreed a matter, to have the choice in the affair. Whosoever

disobeys Allah and His Messenger has gone astray into manifest error (Al-Ahzab, 36).

And whatever the Messenger gives you, take it, and whatever he forbids you, leave it. And fear Allah: truly Allah is severe in punishment (Al-Hashr, 7).

The Prophet used to teach the Sunnah to his companions in word and deed, and urged them to follow it as he said:

"Adhere to my Sunnah" and "Whoever neglects my Sunnah does not belong to me."

Abdallah ibn Mas'ood narrated that the Prophet said:

"There is no Prophet whom Allah sent to any nation before me, but he had disciples from among his nation, and companions who followed his Sunnah and obeyed his commands." (Narrated by Muslim, No. 71).

The religion of Islam is whole and complete only by following the Koran and the Sunnah altogether. The companions of the Prophet and people around him learned and practiced the commands of the Koran by watching the Prophet's deeds and listening to his instructive and teaching words. In other words, the Sunnah of the Prophet taught them how to practice their religion.

To give just few examples, Muslims perform prayers five times a day. There are verses in the Koran giving general information about the necessity of prayers and how to perform it, how to perform ablution, however, there is no detailed information in the Koran showing how to perform prayers, the way of praying, what to say in prayer, the importance of prayers, the details of ablution, what nullifies ablution. Also, the Koran did not talk in detail about how to perform Friday prayers, pilgrimage, and fasting. Muslims learned such details only by watching the Prophet performing these worships.

As Allah guarded the Koran from any alteration, the Sunnah of the Prophet was also meticulously memorized and written down by his wives and companions, and passed down until they were collected in the famous books of Hadith some two to three hundred years after the Hijra (emigration of the Prophet from Makkah to Medina). Hence the science of Hadith evaluation was born.

The collectors of Prophetic sayings were extremely keen of ensuring that any given narration attributed to the Prophet, could be effectively proven as such. The method by which this was accomplished was through the 'Isnad', or chain of narrators. From the earliest days of Islam after the death of the Prophets, various sects began to invent sayings which they attributed to the Prophet. In response, the companions of the Prophet began to demand that anyone that is transmitting a narration must name which companion they had received it from, and thus the truth of narrator ascertained. The students of the companions continued this policy, and further safe guards were added as not only the companion's name was needed, but also the next narrator in the chain of transmission. Conditions were laid down for these narrators to be accepted. The scholars differed over some of the conditions, some being stricter than others, but three basic requirements were agreed by all. First the transmitter must be a pious Muslim, secondly they must be known not to forget, and thirdly they must not be liars. The next generation of Hadith transmitters began to write the names of all those who attended their lectures. No one was allowed to narrate a Hadith unless he attended the lecture in which that Hadith was narrated and its meaning explained. From this developed the book of "Rijal" in which was listed the character, quality of memory, place of habitation, travels, teachers and students, and opinion of other scholars, concerning all the narrators of the Hadith. Thus every available method was used to ensure that when the scholars of the sciences of Hadith declared a narration of the Prophet as being authentic it was, beyond any reasonable doubt said by him. This methodology is not only used for the Prophetic traditions, but also the sayings of the companions and the early scholars. Indeed any true scholar must be able to produce the Isnad of his teachers back to the Prophet himself.

The Sunnah of the Prophet was therefore preserved from abuse, invention and interpolation, through reliable chain of transmitters known for their integrity and soundness of memory. Such transmitters were upright scholars who devoted their lives to the study of Allah's Messenger Hadith. Their chains of narrators (Isnad), text (Matn), degree of corrected ness (authenticity), and status of their narrators and transmitters as to declaration of their eligibility or invalidation were meticulously validated, verified, and purified. As such, they accepted only authentic Hadith and were thus able to free the tradition of the Prophet from false narration.

The life of Muhammad, and the manner in which he conducted himself, was also recorded 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.

Unlike Western legal systems, the Sharia make no distinction between religious and civil matters; it is the codification of Allah's Law, and it concerns itself with every aspect of social, political, economic, and religious life. Islamic law is thus different from any other legal system; it differs from canon law in that it is not administered by a church hierarchy; in Islam there is nothing that corresponds to a "Church" in the Christian sense. Instead, there is the Ummah – the community of the believers – whose cohesion is guaranteed by the sacred Law. Every action of the pious Muslim therefore is determined by the Koran, by precedents set by the Prophet and by the practice of the early community of Islam as enshrined in the Shari'ah.

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, what guidance it provides, and what obligations it places upon its adherences.

Qiyas or analogy

The third source of law, qiyas, is reasoning by analogy. In order to apply qiyas to similar cases, the reason or cause of the Islamic rule must be clear. For example, because the Quran clearly explains the reason that consumption of alcohol is prohibited (because it makes the user lose control of his actions), an analogy can be drawn to drugs which induce the same affect. But because the Quran does not specifically state the reason why pork is prohibited, Muslims cannot justify banning another meat product with a similar cholesterol level, etc. The use of analogies greatly varied among scholars; for example, Spain's Ibn Hazm (10th century) who was formidable proponent of the Zahiri school, rejected the use of qiyas, whereas Imam Abu Hanifa of the Hanafi school (8th century) applied them extensively.

Ijma or unanimous agreement

Ijma constitutes the unanimous agreement of a group of jurists of a particular age on a specific issue and constitutes the fourth and final

source of law in Shafi'i's methodology. If questions arose about a Quranic interpretation or an issue where there is no guidance from either the Quran or Sunna, jurists applied their own reasoning (ijtihad) to come to an interpretation. Through time, one interpretation would be accepted by more and more doctors of law. Looking back in time at the evolved consensus of the scholars, it could be concluded that an ijma of scholars had been reached on this issue. Unfortunately, unanimous agreement rarely happened among intellectual elite and since there were always diverse opinions, one could always find several scholars of the day who concurred on an issue. Also, the definition of ijma and which ijma would be considered valid was a point of contention, because ijma is not simply the consensus of all past jurists. Besides, using the concept of ijma poses the problem of having to look to the past to solve the problems of the future, and scholars of yesteryear didn't wrestle the same issues that are challenging Muslims today.

What is halal (lawful) and haram (unlawful)?

The concepts of halal, permissible, and haram, prohibited, play a major role in deciding the legality of acts. Scholars have created classifications of acts that span the difference between halal and haram, such as makruh, which is an act that is not recommended, but clearly not prohibited. No matter the classification, scholars agreed that if a certain action was not categorically prohibited, then it was permissible (3).

Now I pose the question: Where is Robert Spencer from all these Koranic sciences? Nothing, nil, a big zero, the man doesn't even know Arabic, yet he claims he is an Islamic scholar!

No wonder he produced all these imbecilities which had nothing to do with Islam.

Robert Spencer's deceit and imbecility

It is quite obvious that Robert Spencer is promoting a fanatic Zionist anti-Muslim agenda. Since he founded Jihad Watch in 2003, he published hundreds of articles and blog postings, as well as numerous speaking engagements, and has laid claim to ten books attacking Islam and its adherents. The books showed enmity to Muslims and a black hatred to all that is Islamic. The books slandered the Prophet and denied his existence. Spencer played with the verses of the Koran and changed their meaning by taking them out of their context. Mocking at

the Message of Islam and belittling the Prophet who honestly delivered it is in fact contempt to the values of Islam and to the Lord who sent the final Message to all beings.

Some of Spencer's books were best seller, and Spencer profited a lot from selling them. But the profit he gained is unlawful. The money he got from such books is evil and illegal because it is coming from a work sneezing at Allah's Message and mocking at the seal of the Prophets. According to Islamic teaching, this unlawful money is evil and will hurt Robert Spencer.

Abu Huraira narrated that the Prophet said: 'A time will come upon the people when one will not care how one gains one's money, legally or illegally. (Bukhari).

It is reported by Jabir that the Prophet said: The flesh and body that is raised on unlawful sustenance shall not enter Paradise. Hell is more deserving to the flesh that grows on one's body out of unlawful sustenance. (Ahmad).

The Prophet said, "Indeed, Allah is Good and He therefore accepts only what is good."

In the Koran Allah commanded the believers as He commanded the Messengers by Saying:

"O Messengers, eat from the good things and work righteousness; Surely I know the things you do." (Al-Mu'minun, 51).

"O believers eat from the good things wherewith We have provided you, and give thanks to Allah, if it be Him that you serve." (Al-Baqarah, 172).

Robert Spencer must be sure that this worldly life is not his end, and that he will be reckoned in the Hereafter for every unlawful thing he earned.

Because Robert Spencer has no formal training in Islamic studies, he used a number of treacherous deceitful tactics projecting the action of an individual as an inherent trait of the entire Muslims. He adopted the technique of taking the most extreme opinions and considered them as correct, normative and main stream. He conflated culture with religion,

guilt by association and forging history to suit his arguments. He terrorized his fellow citizens by issuing conspiracy theories about 'Stealth Jihad', and 'Eurabia', 'Islamization of America' and the infiltration of Congress by 'Muslim spy interns'.

The deceiving tactics he employed in his books emphasized war passages in the Koran by taking them out of their context while hiding those expressing love, peace, tolerance, justice and good will. He deliberately picked and chose to suit fit.

Islamic scholar, Carl Ernst, correctly stated that "the publications of Spencer belong to the class of Islamophobic extremism that is promoted and supported by right-wing organizations, which are perpetuating a type of bigotry similar to anti-Semitism and racial prejudice. They are to be viewed with great suspicion by anyone who wishes to find reliable and scholarly information on the subject of Islam."

He deliberately misses out key concepts of Islamic history and relies on what 'Islamic jihadists' say, and not even what other mainstream scholars have to say. Another example of representing one side of the coin is how Spencer highlights quotes of violence in the Quran and seems to forget the ones that urge peace and justice. This reflects a serious case of bias.

Spencer's arrogance and ignorance led him to refer the Koran to 'Mein Kampf'. By doing so he aims to highlight Jihad on his website, but with stances opposing Islam and referring the Koran as 'Mein Kampf'. His despicable attitude is meant to demonize Islam and Muslims.

The first chapter of 'The Politically Incorrect Guide to Islam (and the Crusades)' is "Muhammad: Prophet of War". We know that Muhammad was indeed part of many battles, but he was also part of peace treaties, social justice, welfare and community work too. This is hidden from view in this book.

Muhammad is again attacked in Spencer's book "The Truth About Muhammad: Founder of the World's Most Intolerant Religion". Again, Spencer hides facts about peace treaties, social justice, welfare and community work and focussing more on war and violence through omit and omission. Spencer preached about Quranic violence and forgot Biblical violence.

As mentioned earlier, Spencer has a Master degree in Christian studies, so surely he would know of all the violence mentioned in the Bible? Philip Jenkins studied violence in the Bible and in the Quran, and found that the Bible is 'far more violent.'

In the Bible we have 321 violent passages inciting genocides, rape, killing the elderly, women, children etc. Why didn't he mention these passages as well? His bias made him publish a book named "Religion of Peace? Why Christianity Is and Islam Isn't".

Clearly, Spencer misleads the reader to believe nothing good ever comes out of Islam.

Robert Spencer is funded. In other words, he is hired by Zionist organizations to spread the anti-Muslim rhetoric and propaganda.

In 2011, the Center for American Progress released a report (called Fear Inc: 'The Roots Of the Islamophobia Network In America') showing that almost \$43 million from seven charitable groups since 2001 served as a main driver of anti-Islamic campaigns and works. The report stated that money had flowed into the hands of five key "experts" and "scholars". These I call "the gang". The members of the gang were Frank Gaffney, David Yerushalmi, Daniel Pipes, Robert Spencer and Steven Emerson. It is said that these key players (with others working alongside them) have been helping spread the anti-Muslim rhetoric and propaganda. The report was even covered by Fox News. Additionally, in October 2010, an investigative report by The Tennessean found that IRS filings from 2008 showed that Robert Spencer earned \$132,537 from the David Horowitz Freedom Center (who help Spencer with his website), and Horowitz himself gained over \$400,000 for himself in just one year. This would suggest that Spencer is merely paid to do what he does. That is, to spread hate and criticize Islam and Muslims by any means necessary, whether it be to market his own books and even make close friends support his scholarly claims (i.e. reviewing his books to promote them for him).

Spencer has a close association with hate-groups such as 'Stop Islamization of America'(SIOA) and has even links to key figures also connected to the Islamophobia network (4).

American citizens are constantly being influenced by Robert Spencer, which can possibly lead to catastrophic consequences. With the use of

fear mongering, Spencer and his group 'Stop Islamization of America (SIOA)' are manipulating the minds of the public.

Based on the above, Robert Spencer cannot be trusted (5).

What people say about Robert Spencer's books and articles?

Crane – ex-Nixon Aide, author

“The principal leader...in the new academic field of Islam-bashing.” Spencer's readers are carefully steered away from all contact with the Islamic interpretative tradition, which equals or exceeds that of any other religion, because any scholarly knowledge about Islam would expose all his extremist interpretations to ridicule.

2- Carl Ernst – Islamic scholar UNC

“Robert Spencer has no academic training in Islamic studies whatsoever; his M.A. degree was in the field of early Christianity. The publications of Spencer belong to the class of Islamophobic extremism that is promoted and supported by right-wing organizations, who are perpetuating a type of bigotry similar to anti-Semitism and racial prejudice. They are to be viewed with great suspicion by anyone who wishes to find reliable and scholarly information on the subject of Islam.”

Benazir Bhutto – late prime Minister of Pakistan

“Robert Spencer uses the Internet to spread misinformation and hatred of Islam and presents a 'skewed, one-sided, and inflammatory story that only helps to sow the seed of civilizational conflict.”

Michael Kruse – writer St. Petersburg Times

“When it comes to Robert Spencer scholars of Islamic studies outright dismiss him and his body of work. They call him an unreliable ideologue at best and a divisive bigot at worst.”

Cherif Bassiouni – law professor, scholar, humanitarian

“After looking at your website, I was quite surprised to see how much hate, venom and misunderstanding you are fostering.”

Robert Dreyfuss – Nation Magazine Editor, contributor to Rolling Stone and Mother Jones

“Robert Spencer is an extremist, right-wing anti-Muslim rabble rouser.”

Group of ALA Librarians, scholars and academics

“Mr. Spencer espouses a view of Islam as a system of belief which is essentially violent, undemocratic, totalitarian, exclusive and at war with all non-Muslims. Mr. Spencer in fact goes as far as to equate Islam with fascism.”

Andrew Boston – close friend, ally and blog collaborator

“There is no doubt The Little King [Robert Spencer] ‘plagiarized,’ and therefore is a ‘plagiarist’.”

Charles Johnson – former ally, friend and blog collaborator

“Robert Spencer is an anti-Muslim blogger...And yes, I do mean ‘anti-Muslim’ — Spencer long ago crossed the line from simply criticizing radical Islamists to relentlessly demonizing all Muslims. And the bigoted, hateful comments he allows at his website are beyond disgusting.”

“Spencer’s historical argument is dubious. It emphasizes violent passages in the Koran, while downplaying the passages that urge peace and goodwill. It applies a moral standard to Islamic empires that certainly could not be met by the Roman empire or the empires established by the Portuguese, the Spanish, the French and the British. In the Spain of Ferdinand and Isabella, for example, Jews had three choices: convert to Christianity, leave the country, or be killed. No Muslim empire legislated or systematically enforced such a policy toward its religious minorities.”

10- Kejda Gjermani - Commentary Magazine author

“According to Mr. Spencer, Judeo-Christianity is fundamentally and qualitatively superior to Islam, so to suggest that there could be a degenerative least-common-denominator into which all three religions could converge under any conditions, reeks of cultural relativism, because it denies Judeo-Christianity’s irreducible superiority.”

“I find it curious that Robert Spencer closes both eyes to atrocities perpetrated by Serbs, because if it had only been Muslims on their receiving end, I would understand now (but of course not justify it) seeing where Spencer is coming from, but Serbs have also fought against Croats and Slovenes —their fellow Christians. Yet he takes the side of the most historically aggressive representatives of his own ‘Religion of Peace.’ Could it be that while ostensibly and quite irrationally denying any violence within Christianity, he in fact secretly and perhaps subconsciously admires violent Christianity?”

Louay M. Safi – Islamic scholar

“Robert Spencer, a prolific anti-Islam writer and a leading Islamophobe who is bent on distorting Islam and demonizing Muslims, has persistently argued that violence and terrorism employed by Muslim extremists is rooted in the Quran and its message. Spencer calls the Quran, a book sacred to Muslim, ‘the jihadists’ Mein Kampf,’ in reference to Hitler’s memoir.”

12- Karen Armstrong - author

“The widespread ignorance about Islam in the West makes many vulnerable to Spencer’s polemic; he is telling them what they are predisposed to hear. His book is a gift to extremists who can use it to prove to those Muslims who have been alienated by events in Palestine, Lebanon and Iraq that the west is incurably hostile to their faith.”

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The phoney martyr to the cause of freedom

Robert Spencer hides his real motives and pretends virtues which he does not possess. His vision is narrow and shallow, and his values are false.

Robert Spencer wrote: "Freedom of speech is our foremost bulwark against tyranny." He also claims that he is a tireless defender of freedom and the freedom of speech against Islam.

But this tireless defending when it results into slandering the Prophet, humiliating the Koran, demeaning the Lord of creation and offending one billion and two hundred million Muslims living in the four corners of the world, is in fact an act of audacity and impudence. What is he exactly doing, resisting Allah and His Messenger, resisting the Irresistible? Does he oppose Allah the exalted in might, able to enforce His will? Does he mock at the exalted in power, rank, dignity and majesty, the incomparable!

In the sight of Allah Robert Spencer is the most abject. There are various degrees of humiliation in the Hereafter. But worst is the humiliation of being numbered among those who ignominiously attempted to resist Allah, their Creator.

A man so insolent as to rebel against Allah and His Message means that he doesn't believe in the Hereafter, in the Day of accountability. The man who believes that there is no afterlife and that he will not be accountable in a divine court becomes a slave of this world. He hankers after its comforts and luxuries, and will break any laws that stand between him and success. In his desperate quest for more fame and wealth, he will refuse to differentiate between halal (lawful) and haram (unlawful).

The man doesn't pause to think. He directed his satanic nature earthward, and indulged in disobedience and insurgence against Allah. He remained low and stood similitude exact of a dog which lolls his tongue whether you drive him away or you let him alone.

The Koran says:

And had We willed, We would have raised him up thereby; but he inclined towards the earth and followed his lust. So the likeness of him

is as the likeness of a dog; if thou attackest it it lolls its tongue out, or if thou leavest it, it lolls its tongue out. That is the similitude of those who cried lies to Our signs. So relate the story; haply they will reflect (Al-A'raf, 176).

Allah and the Day of accountability are not in Spencer's horizon. He is occupied in amassing fortunes and achieving instant fame. He doesn't know that success is in escaping the fire of Hell. And the man has committed all sins that would make Hell his final abode.

Allah says in the Koran:

"Every soul shall taste of death; you shall surely be paid in full your wages on the Day of Resurrection. Whoever is removed from the Fire and admitted to Paradise, shall win the triumph. The present life is but the joy of delusion (Al-Imran, 185).

All the evil attempts of Robert Spencer against Islam will never prosper because Allah has decreed:

'I shall assuredly be the victor, I and My Messengers.' Surely Allah is All-Strong, All-Mighty (Al-Mujadilah, 21).

Robert Spencer and the rest of the gang, as well as their sponsors, their supporters, and their hypocrite applauders are the party of evil. They allowed evil to get the mastery over them. They became partisans of evil, and as such they are doomed to perdition. Upon the Day when Allah shall raise them up all together, then He shall tell them what they did. Neither their riches, nor their children shall avail them anything against Allah. They will be the inhabitants of the Fire, therein dwelling forever.

They think they are on something, but surely they are the liars. Satan has gained the mastery over them. Those are Satan's party, surely they are the losers.

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 (Al-Mujadilah, 5).

I doubt that Spencer is a devout Christian as he claims to be. If he were, he wouldn't have attacked Islam in this vicious way. Catholic priests usually study comparative religion, and they understand exactly what Islam truly is. Although they reject Islam as a rival religion, they know for sure that it is divine and the last Testament to the world.

The Koran teaches that the most avowed enemy to Muslims is the Jews and also those who incorporate with Allah other deities. And nearest among them in love to the believers are those who declare that they are Christians (ancient Christians believing in Allah's oneness and that Jesus is His Prophet). This is because among them there are priests and monks, who fear Allah, and they are not extravagant in their accounts of themselves nor do they entertain inordinate self-esteem. And when they listen to the Koran they are excited to tears at the truth which they recognize, and they pray, "O Allah, our Creator, we have recognized the truth; our Lord, join us with those who bear witness to the truth and to the glory of Your system of faith and worship.

As we read in the Koran:

And when they hear what has been sent down to the Messenger, thou seest their eyes overflow with tears because of the truth they recognize. They say, 'Our Lord, we believe; so do Thou write us down among the witnesses.'" Thou wilt surely find the most hostile of men to the believers are the Jews and the idolaters; and thou wilt surely find the nearest of them in love to the believers are those who say 'We are Christians'; that, because some of them are priests and monks, and they wax not proud (Al-Maidah, 82, 83).

Allah says concerning people like Robert Spencer:

And those who strive against Our signs to void them – they shall be the inhabitants of Hell (Al-Hajj, 51).

That is the recompense of Allah's enemies -- the Fire, wherein they shall have the Abode of Eternity as a recompense for that they denied Our signs (Fussilat, 28).

I am confident that Robert Spencer and all other charlatans "experts" who use Islam as a cover for their dirty work will have to face Allah someday and give account of their deeds. The Word of punishment is

justified against them. They may take pleasure in their disbelief for a while; but surely they are the dwellers of the Fire.

What troubles me is that these Futile Rivals of Allah, in the process of harming their own souls, corrupt so many innocent minds and contribute to the destruction of peace between Muslim and non-Muslim Americans.

Allah is their rival, so certainly they shall be routed and turns their backs. Nay, but the Day of Judgment is their tryst, and the Day of Judgment is very calamitous and bitter.

It is the plan of Allah that when Muslims are unable to punish those who seek to harm Allah and His Messenger by means of insults and abuse, Allah takes revenge on his enemies.

Allah says:

So Allah made them to taste the disgrace in the present life, but greater is the torment of the Hereafter if they only knew (Az-Zumar, 26).

We Muslims are patient with a sweet patience. We will defend our religion yes, but we will leave the enemies of Allah to plunge and play, and to increase in their error and madness till they encounter the Day which they are promised, the Day of Judgment. They see it as if far off, but we see it nigh. In that Day heaven shall be as molten copper and the mountains shall be as plucked wool-tufts. The enemies of Allah will wish that they might ransom themselves from the chastisement of that Day even by their sons, their wives, their brothers, their kins who sheltered them, and whosoever is in the earth, all together, so that then it might deliver them.

Robert Spencer and the rest of the gang, as well as their sponsors, barr from Allah's way. We, Muslims, will leave them to increase in their error and foolishness till they encounter the Day of Judgment wherein they shall be faced with terror. The Fire they will encounter is a furnace snatching away the scalp. The Day when their plotting will avail them nothing and no help shall be given them.

Those who ridicule Scripture in any form will all be called to account for their insolence, for they are all alike. If the whole world is ranged against the Prophet of Allah, and scoffs at all that is sacred, Allah's presence and protection outweighs all. And after all, the scoffers are creatures of

a day. Soon will they find their level on the Day of Judgment, and be undeceived as to all their falsehoods.

Did Muhammad Exist?

A recent book by Robert Spencer has the title, Did Muhammad Exist? The book is full of falsehood, wrongs and mistakes. The book exposes Muhammad, the Prophet of Islam of being fake and never existed! The moron concluded that there is little to support the Muslim claims concerning the existence of Muhammad historically. He swindled and presented thirteen lies covered with ignorance, dotage and superstitions.

The dotage he presented in his book claimed that: 'The details of Muhammad's life that have been handed down as canonical—that he unified Arabia by the force of arms, concluded alliances, married wives, legislated for his community, and did so much else—are a creation of political ferment dating from long after the time he is supposed to have lived. Similarly, the records strongly indicate that the Qur'an did not exist until long after it was supposed to have been delivered to the prophet of Islam.'

He also concluded: 'As a prophet of the Arabs who taught a vaguely defined monotheism, he may have existed. But beyond that, his life story is lost in the mists of legend, like those of Robin Hood and Macbeth. As the prophet of Islam, who received (or even claimed to receive) the perfect copy of the perfect eternal book from the supreme God, Muhammad almost certainly did not exist. There are too many gaps, too many silences, too many aspects of the historical record that simply do not accord, and cannot be made to accord, with the traditional account of the Arabian prophet teaching his Qur'an, energizing his followers to such an extent that they went out and conquered a good part of the world.'

In his book he even doubted the authenticity of the Koran and the existence of Allah the Lord of creation. He denied all authentic references talking about Muhammad's biography and relied on hallucinations instantly born in his mind. The man is not adopting any reliable scientific methodology in his book. He is but fooling his readers relying on their ignorance of Islam and the misinformation they get from the biased Zionist media and the hired websites promulgating falsehood about Islam.

Who in the world would argue that the sun rises every morning? No one can argue about that except Robert Spencer of course. If he were hired to reverse the facts he will reverse them without the smallest hesitation.

Answering back his whims and fancies about the none-existence of Muhammad is a big waste because the life of Muhammad is well established, both religiously and historically.

Because Spencer's book is worthless, and the points he raised are erroneous and contradicting any logic, I will show him how he surpassed all bounds when he concluded from the garbage he published that Muhammad didn't exist. I will show him the greatness of the Prophet of Islam and how because of his outstanding achievement Allah honored him and commanded all people to praise him. I will teach him that Muhammad really existed, and he came for a purpose, the purpose of guiding men astray like him.

It is known to all that the life of Muhammad, and the manner in which he conducted himself, was recorded 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 in such a detailed way.

1- Manner and appearance of the Prophet

Allah has ninety-nine beautiful names in the Koran. The 'Light' is one of His beautiful names. In the Koran Allah says about Himself:

"Allah is the Light of the heavens and the earth..." (Al-Nour, 35).

Light is that by which things become known. Things may exist in the dark, but they cannot be seen. Light may be physical like that of the sun or the moon, or intelligible, like the light of the intellect. The latter is that which illuminates the darkness of ignorance with the light of knowledge. Total darkness is non-existence, thus light is that which brings created beings out of non-existence into existence. Light is a creative act of Allah and this is one of the meanings of the verse stated above. The other meaning is that every light in the universe is but a reflection of Allah's mercy, and every knowledge is a reflection of His knowledge and so on.

The Prophet said:

Allah created His creation in darkness, then He sprayed them with His Light. Those whom this Light reached became rightly guided, while those it did not reach went astray (Tirmizi).

The Prophet also said:

"Allah, August and Majestic is He, wrote the destinies of creation fifty thousand years before He created the heavens and the earth. His throne was on the water. Among what He wrote in the Remembrance, which is the mother of the Book, was: 'Muhammad is the seal of the Prophets'".

The mother of the Book is the source of all knowledge, including the divine Scriptures. Allah conceived His creation in the darkness of non-existence, then with the light of His creative act brought them out into existence. Thus the first light was created, a being appearing against the dark background of non-existence.

The Prophet said, "The first thing Allah created was the intellect." (Tirmizi).

He also said, "The first thing Allah created was the pen," which amounts to the same thing, since the first intellect is the primordial light in its passive aspect as recipient of the knowledge of what is to be, while the pen is the primordial light in its active aspect of writing this knowledge on the Guarded Tablet at Allah's command .

The Prophet said, "The first thing that Allah created was the Pen and He said to it: 'Write!' So it wrote what is to be forever." (Tabarani and Abu Nu'aym).

This primordial light is what is called the Light of the Prophet, since he is the created being who received the major share of it.

The origin of the light of Muhammad in pre-eternity is depicted as a luminous mass of primordial adoration in the presence of Allah which takes the shape of a transparent column of divine light and constitutes Muhammad as the primal creation of Allah. When Allah willed to create Muhammad He made appear a light from His light, and when it reached the veil of the majesty it bowed in prostration before Allah. Allah created

from its prostration a mighty column like crystal glass of light that is outwardly and inwardly translucent. When creation began, Allah created Adam from the light of Muhammad, the light of the prophets is from his, and the light of the heavenly kingdom is from his light, and the light of this world and of the world to come is from his light (Sahl at-Tustari – d. 283 A.H./896 C.E.).

When the emanation of the prophets and spiritual universe in pre-eternity was completed, Muhammad was shaped in the body, in his temporal and terrestrial form, from the clay of Adam, which however had been taken from the pre-eternal column of the light of Muhammad. Thus the pre-eternal creation of light was perfected; the primal man was molded from the crystallized light of Muhammad and took the corporate personality of Adam. The Prophet is then like the seed of the human race, and is prior to Adam in essence though outwardly his descendant.

The light of Muhammad's soul was the first creation from the Light of Allah, and all else was created from Muhammad's light.

The Prophet said, "O Jabir (one of his companions), the first creation that Allah created is the soul of your Prophet."

When he was asked when he became a Prophet, he answered, "I was a prophet when Adam was between water and clay."

The companion Maysarat al-Fajr narrated that he asked the Prophet: "O Messenger of Allah, when you became a Prophet?" The Prophet replied: "When Allah created the earth, then turned He to the Heaven, and fashioned it as seven heavens, and created the Throne, He wrote on the leg of the Throne: 'Muhammad the Messenger of Allah is the Seal of the Prophets'. Then Allah created the Garden in which He made Adam and Hawwa' (Eve) dwell, and He wrote my name on the gates, its tree-leaves, its domes and tents, at a time when Adam was still between the spirit and the body. When Allah Most High instilled life into him he looked at the Throne and saw my name, whereupon Allah informed him that 'he (Muhammad) is the liege-lord of all your descendants.' When Satan deceived them both, they repented and sought intercession to Allah with my name (Abu Nu'aym, Dala'il al-Nubuwa).

Allah says:

And We have sent you not but as a mercy for mankind (Al-Anbiya, 107).

The Prophet said, "Whoever sees me sees the truth."

Allah says:

And whoever obeys Allah and His Messenger, He will cause him to enter gardens wherein rivers flow (Al-Fath, 17).

The Prophet said, "As long as you do not love me more than anything else you have, your faith is not complete."

Allah says:

Now there has come to you a Messenger from among yourselves; grievous to him is your suffering; anxious is he over you, gentle to the believers, compassionate (Al-Tauba, 128).

Beyond the light of prophetic revelation there is no other light on the face of the earth from which illumination may be received.

The power of this light made the Prophet's radiation so powerful, once he appeared on earth, that Allah calls him in the Koran, "an illuminating lamp."

Allah says:

O Prophet, We have sent thee as a witness, and good tidings to bear and warning, calling unto Allah by His leave, and as an illuminating lamp (Al-Ahzab, 45).

Some of the Prophet's companions saw his light as even brighter than that of the sun or the moon. When they walked with him they noticed that he cast no shadow on the ground (Tirmizi). Those who saw him in the full moon noticed that his blessed face was brighter than the moon (Tirmizi). Lady Rubayyi', when asked to describe him, said, "My son, had you seen him, you would have seen the sun shining." (Tirmizi).

Ibn Abbas described how he saw the light shining from between his teeth (Tirmizi in Shama'il). Abu Qursafa, as a boy, went to swear allegiance to the Prophet, together with his mother and his sister. When they returned home they told him, "My son, we have never seen the like of this man, nor anyone better looking, cleaner dressed, or gentler in his speech; and we saw as if light came out of his mouth." (Tabarani).

The light of the Prophet manifested itself in his parents before and during his birth. His father's forehead shone with a light that a certain woman from Quraysh noticed. She knew that the appearance of the Prophet of the End of Time was eminent and felt that the radiating forehead of Abdullah signaled his being the father. She offered herself to him, but he refused. Soon Abdullah married Amena bint Wahab, and once she became pregnant with the Prophet, the light vanished from his forehead. He met the same woman again and, noticing she no longer wanted him, asked her why. She replied that he no longer carried that light on his forehead.

As for the mother of the prophet, Amena bint Wahab, when she became pregnant she saw in a dream-vision that a light came out of her that lit the land as far north as Syria. She was also told in her dream that she was pregnant with the master of this nation and the sign of that would be that when she gave birth to him she would see a light coming out with him that would shine over Bosra in Syria. "When this happens", she was told, "Call him Muhammad!" I conceived him" she said, "and suffered no pain until delivery. When he came out of me, a light came out with him that illuminated everything from East to West." She also said, "I saw the night I gave birth to him a light that illuminated the palaces of Syria so that I saw them."

The Prophet later confirmed this, saying, "My mother saw, when she gave birth to me, a light that illuminated the palaces of Bosra."

When his wet-nurse, Halima al-Sa'dia, first saw him, she laid her hand on him and he smiled, "When he smiled," she said, "a light appeared from his mouth that rose to the sky."

Although the Prophet's light is the most powerful in the universe, since he is the nearest created being to Allah, it is not the only one. Angels are made of light, the Koran is light, the spirit of human beings is light, faith is light, and knowledge is light. The sun, the moon and the stars are lights. The light of each human being depends upon his faith, knowledge and virtue. The most powerful lights are those of divine Messengers, then those of Prophets, saints, virtuous believers, and finally those of sinful believers. This is the hierarchy of human beings. Both the first and the last are human, all have lights, and all are slaves of Allah, but the distance between the top of the pyramid and its bottom is so great that those at the bottom, in Paradise, will see those at the top as distant as, in this world, we see the stars at night (3).

One of the names by which Prophet Muhammad is known is the "Best of Creation". He is the one who is sent as a mercy to the universe. Allah honored him in several verses of the Koran:

Surely thou art upon a mighty morality (Al-Qalam, 4).

The Prophet's virtues, the magnanimity of his character, and love for mankind were fully recognized even in his lifetime, and his name stands highest among the heroic leaders of mankind.

Allah says in the Koran:

Did We not exalt thy fame (Al-Sharh, 4).

Allah has ordained that Muslims in the five daily prayers mention the name of Allah joined with the name of Muhammad, "I bare witness that no god is worth worshipping except Allah and that Muhammad is the Messenger of Allah." What higher elevation than to have Muhammad's name joined with Allah's name in the two phrases included in the daily Muslim's prayers.

If people look upon Allah as the heart of their purpose, they should essentially follow the Prophet first, and there shall Allah confer on them His grace and blessings and forgive them their iniquities.

Say: "If you love Allah, follow me, and Allah will love you, and forgive you your sins; Allah is All-Forgiving, All-Compassionate."

Say: "Obey Allah, and the Messenger." But if they turn their backs, Allah loves not the disbelievers (Al-Imran 31, 32).

Allah and His angels honor and bless the Holy Prophet as the greatest of men because he took upon himself to suffer the sorrow and afflictions of this life in order to guide people to Allah's Mercy by following His right path. Muslims were ordered therefore to invoke Allah's Mercy and blessings on the Prophet and pray: "Peace be upon him and blessed be he with all divine favors."

Allah and His angels bless the Prophet, O believers, send your blessings on him too, and salute him with all respect (Al-Ahzab, 56).

Ibn Abbas said, "Allah has preferred Muhammad over all Prophets and over the dwellers of heavens (the angels)." They said: "O Ibn Abbas, how did he prefer him to the dwellers of the heavens?" He replied, "Allah Most High said: 'If any of them (angels or men) says, 'I am a god apart from Him', such a one We recompense with Hell; even so We recompense the evildoers' (Al-Anbyia, 29), but He said concerning Muhammad), 'Surely We have given thee (O Muhammad) a manifest victory, that Allah may forgive thee thy former and thy latter sins, and complete His blessings upon thee, and guide thee on a straight path, and that Allah may help thee with mighty help.' (Al-Fath 1, 2). They said: "And how did He prefer him over the Prophets?" He replied: "Allah Most High says: 'And We have sent no Messenger save with the tongue of his people.' (Abraham, 4), but He said (concerning Muhammad), 'And We have not sent thee (O Muhammad) save unto all mankind' (Saba', 28)."

The outward appearance of Prophet Muhammad was described by several of his companions in the following terms:

The Prophet Muhammad had a handsome constitution and a beautiful appearance. He was innocently bright and had a broad countenance. He had the gentlest nature and the noblest lineage. Anyone suddenly seeing him would be consumed with love. The wise respect him in accordance with their degree. He greatly honored his relatives. He would not however, treat them better than those more worthy than them. He treated his servants well. Whatever he wore or ate, he would give to them to wear and eat. He was generous, beneficial, compassionate, forgiving, brave and mild. In speech, he kept to his word. In essence, his excellent morality, sharp powers of reasoning were greater than those of all other people and worthy of great praise.

His teeth were as white as pearls and bright, and the light gleamed from his front teeth as he spoke. When he laughed, it was as if his mouth gave off rays like soft lightning. His laugh was mostly a smile. Those who saw him stood suddenly in awe of him and those who shared his acquaintance loved him. Those who described him said they had never seen anyone like him before or since.

He was not excessively tall or short, but was a man of medium size. He had neither very curly nor flowing hair but a mixture of both. He was reddish-white. He had black attractive eyes. His eyes were wide with long eyelashes. The hairs of his eye-lashes were profuse. His eye-balls

were black tinged with reddish hue. He had protruding joints and shoulder blades. Between his shoulders was the seal of prophecy. His head was well formed and set on a slender neck. He had a finer chest and was truer in utterance than anyone else.

His forehead was wide and the place between his eyebrows was bright like pure silver. When he smiled or laughed his teeth shone like lightning. His beard was thick, his neck was most beautiful, neither long nor short. If the rays of the sun fell on his neck, it appeared like a cup of silver mixed with gold. His chest was broad. It was even like a mirror and white like the moon light. His shoulders were wide. His palms were softer than wool. His manners were fine. He wore long. His voice was very commanding. His expression was pensive and contemplative, serene and sublime. The stranger was fascinated from the distance, but no sooner he became intimate with him, then this fascination was changed into attachment and respect. His expression was also very sweet and distinct. His speech was well set and free from the use of superfluous words, as if it were rosary of beads. He was singularly bright and fresh. He was always surrounded by his companions. Whenever he uttered something, the listeners would hear him with rapt attention, and whenever he issued a commandment, they vied with each other in carrying it out. He was a master and a commander.

He had a body formed in perfection and uniqueness and blessed. His senses were exceedingly powerful. He could hear from a long way off and see further than anyone.

The Prophet attached a great importance to the cleanliness of his body, hair and beard. It is reported that he always carried with him a comb, mirror, miswak (a small natural toothbrush), tooth pick, scissors and a kohl bottle. The Prophet advised his companions to do the same, and said, "He who has hair should honor it."

The Prophet had a ring made of silver and its inlaid gem was also of silver. When he wanted to write to the leaders of foreign states, he ordered a seal-ring to be made. The inscription engraved on the ring was 'Muhammad the Messenger of Allah' of which in the first line was engraved 'Muhammad', in the second line 'Messenger', and in the third line 'Allah'.

When he walked, he pulled himself forward as though he was walking downhill, and others had difficulty in keeping up with him. When looked

at something, he turned his whole body towards it. He always looked down; his glance was focused more to the ground than toward the sky. His noble habit was to look at something with a slight glance (3).

In company he is like a branch between two other branches, but he is the most flourishing of the three in appearance. He has friends surrounding him, who listen to his words. If he commands, they obey implicitly, with eagerness and haste, without frown or complaint.

He was given to sadness, and there were long periods of silence when he was deep in thought; yet he never rested but was always busy with something. He never spoke unnecessarily. What he said was always to the point and sufficient to make his point clear, but there was no padding. From the first to last he spoke rapidly. Over his feelings he had a firm control. When he was annoyed he would turn aside; when he was pleased, he lowered his eyes. His time was carefully apportioned according to the various demands on him. In his dealings with people he was above all tactful. In the main he was not rough but gentle. His laugh was mostly a smile.

When Muhammad and his close companion Abu Bakr left Makkah heading to Medina they stopped by the tent of a Bedouin woman called Um Ma'bad, she wanted to offer them hospitality, but she told them that her goats were giving no milk because of drought. When the Prophet offered to milk one of her goats himself, she readily agreed, and to her amazement the goat produced abundant milk. After the departure of Muhammad and Abu Bakr, her husband arrived, and she related the story of her remarkable visitor, including a description of the prophet's appearance. She said:

"I saw a man, pure and clean, with a handsome face and a fine figure. He was not marred by a skinny body, nor was he overly small in the head and neck. He was graceful and elegant, with intensely black eyes and thick eyelashes. There was huskiness in his voice, and his neck was long. His beard was thick, and his eyebrows were finely arched and joined together. When silent, he was grave and dignified, and when he spoke, glory rose up and overcame him. He was from afar the most beautiful of men and the most glorious, and close up he was the sweetest and the loveliest. He was sweet of speech and articulate, but not petty or trifling. His speech was a string of cascading pearls, measured so that none despaired of its length."

Before Muhammad was sent as a Prophet to his people at the age of forty, he was popularly known by the appellation of al-Ameen" (the honest), and everyone accepted his arbitration without hesitation. Because of his exalted manner the Arabs used to trust him with their valuable deposits and possessions and consult him about their important affairs.

About the year 605 of the Christian era, the draperies on the outer wall of the ka'bah took fire. The building was affected and could not bear the brunt of the torrential rains that followed. The reconstruction of the Ka'bah was thereupon undertaken. Each citizen contributed according to his means, and only the gifts of honest gains were accepted. Everybody participated in the work of construction, and Muhammad's shoulders were injured in the course of transporting stones. To identify the place whence the ritual of circumambulation began, there had been set a black stone in the wall of the Ka'bah dating from the time of Abraham himself. There was rivalry among the citizens for obtaining the honor of transposing this stone in its place. When there was danger of blood being shed, somebody suggested leaving the matter to providence, and accepting the arbitration of him who should happen to arrive and enter the Ka'bah first. It happened that Muhammad was the first to enter the Ka'bah for work as usual. Because he was trustworthy and honest, everyone accepted his arbitration without hesitation. Muhammad placed a sheet of cloth on the ground, put the stone on it and asked the chiefs of all the tribes to lift together the cloth, and then he himself placed the stone in its proper place in one of the angles of the Ka'bah.

The Prophet of Islam forsook worldly pleasure for the blessedness of the Hereafter. Bliss of the Hereafter awaiting the true believers in Allah is much better than the enjoyment of the present life. The Prophet of Islam said:

“By Allah, this life is to the Hereafter, the same as what your finger gathers if dipped into the sea.”

His house was but a hut with walls of unbaked clay and a thatched roof of palm leaves covered by camel skin. His room contained a rope cot, a pillow stuffed with palm leaves, the skin of some animal spread on the floor and a water bag of leather and some weapons. These were all his earthly belongings, besides a camel, a horse, and an ass and some land, which he acquired, in the later part of his life. He was not

fastidious about his bed; sometimes he slept on his cot, sometimes on a skin or ordinary mattress, and sometimes on the ground. Once dew disciples, noticing the imprint of his mattress on his body, wished to give him a softer bed but he politely declined the offer saying:

The worldly comforts are not for me. I am like a traveler, who takes a rest under a tree in the shade and then goes on his way.

Once Omar Ibn al-khattab (the second Calif) entered the house of the Prophet. Tears came into his eyes. Muhammad asked the reason for his tears. He replied, "O Allah's Messenger! Why don't I cry! The strings of the bed have left marks on your body. This is a small room with all your furniture; I can see what there is. The Byzantine Emperor and the Persian Emperor enjoy luxurious living while you, the Messenger of Allah and the Chosen One, live like this." The Prophet said,

"Ibn al-Khattab! Don't you like that they choose this world and we choose the Hereafter?"

The Prophet also said,

"Every religion has a character and the character of Islam is modesty."

The Prophet lived a simple and modest life, both in Makkah as a trader and the Messenger of Allah, and in Medina as the head of the state and Messenger of Allah.

Omar Ibn al-Khattab reported the Prophet as saying:

"Do not exalt me as the Christians have exalted Jesus son of Mary. I am just His servant, so call me Allah's servant and Messenger."

When the Prophet died, he did not leave a cent, a slave man or woman, or any property except his white mule, his weapons, and a piece of land, which he had dedicated for the good of the community. He advised the people to live simple lives for he himself practiced great austerities. Even when he had become the virtual king of Arabia, he lived an austere life bordering on privation. There was hardly a day in his life when he had two square meals. When he died there was no food in his house except a few seeds of barley left from a mound of grain obtained from a Jew by pawning his armor.

About himself the Prophet said,

“Allah has sent me as an apostle so that I may demonstrate perfection of character, refinement of manners and loftiness of deportment.”

By nature he was gentle and kind hearted, always inclined to be gracious and to overlook the faults of others. Politeness and courtesy, compassion and tenderness, simplicity and humility, sympathy and sincerity were some of the keynotes of his character. In the cause of right and justice he could be resolute and severe but more often than not, his severity was tempered with generosity. He had charming manners, which won him the affection of his followers and secured their devotion. Though virtual king of Arabia and an apostle of Allah, he never assumed an air of superiority. Sincere humility was ingrained in his heart.

All these noble qualities of the Prophet, as well as his physical features were meticulously recorded by his companions and followers. They are mentioned in the authentic books of the Hadith. How come then that the Prophet of Islam never existed?

2- Ancestry of Muhammad

The well known genealogy of the Holy Prophet (S) is as follows: Muhammad, son of Abdullah son of Abdul Muttalib son of Hashim son of Abde Manaf son of Qusayy son of Kilab son of Marrah son of Lavi son of Ghalib son of Fahar son of Malik son of Nuzayr son of Kananah son of Khuzaimah son of Madrasah son of Ilyas son of Mazar son of Nazar son of Maad son of Adnan son of Ov son of Alyasi son of Alhameesa son of Salaman son of Albant son of Hamal son of Qidar son of Ismail son of Ibrahim Khalil (a.s.) son of Tarukh son of Nakhur son of Sharoogh son of Arghu son of Faalagh son of Aabar son of Shaalakh son of Arfahshad son of Saam son of Nuh son of Malik son of Matushalakh son of Akhnoon son of Alyaaraz son of Mahlaail son of Feenaan son of Anoosh son of Sheeth son of His Eminence, Adam (a.s.).

The historians traced the genealogy of Muhammad from Ismail, the son of Abraham. Ismail was born in 1910 B.C., and Muhammad in 571 A.D., therefore, the time elapsed between these two personages was almost 2480 years. During this period, there were seventy generations from Ismail to Muhammad. The most ancient and authentic of all the

traditions of Arabia have been acknowledged without the least hesitation that the temple of the Kaba at Mecca had been constructed in 19th century B.C. by Abraham, who was assisted in his work by his son Ismail. The original name of the temple was Beth-el (House of God), but it received the general appellation of Ka'ba being of a cubical form. At the time of its erection, the temple of Kaba remained in possession of Ismail, after whose death his descendants became the supreme guardians of the sacred building. His descendants for the most part, migrated to different portions of the peninsula. After another considerable interval of time, the Amalekites became the sole owners of the Kaba. On this occasion, the Ismailites and the Jorhamites united together in driving out their common foe, the Amalekites, and having succeeded in so doing, the Jorhamites became the masters of the hallowed edifice.

Ismail had 12 sons, one of them being Kaidar by name whose progeny spread over the Arabian province of Hijaz. Again, it is concurred on all hands among the Arabs that Adnan, to whom Muhammad traced his descent, was also a scion of Ismail in about the fortieth generations. Further down, in the ninth descent from Adnan, there followed Nadzr bin Kinana. Another descent in the genealogical scale and then comes in the ninth place, one, Qassi by name. The supreme charge of the sacred temple then fell into the hands of Qassi in due course. Qassi established a consultative body, its meetings were held in the Kaba for decisions to be taken with regard to war, trade, tribal affairs etc. Qassi collected the scattered tribe, which gave him the title of Qoraish, the word is derived from taqreish means one who brings together to the clans. Qassi died probably in 480 A.D., and from him the charge of the Kaba descended to his eldest son, Abdul Dar, from whom the chief offices held by him were transferred to his brother, Abd Munaf.

It must be known that the principal offices in connection with the Kaba were five altogether:- 1st, Sicaya and Rifada, the exclusive privilege of supply water and food to the pilgrims; 2nd, Kiyada, the command of the army in time of war; 3rd, Siva, the right of becoming standard bearer; 4th, Hijaba, the guardianship of the temple of Kaba, and 5th, Nadwa, the right of presidency of the council. After the death of Abd Munaf, a family strife arose among his sons, on which account the offices were divided in the following order:- Hashim was invested with the charge of Sicaya and Rifada, while the descendants of Abdul Dar retained the

custody of the Kaba, the presidency of the council and the right of becoming standard bearer.

When Hashim was installed to the offices, he was proved a capable and generous. He married a girl from his own family and she gave birth to his son, Asad, who in due course became the maternal grandfather of Ali bin Abu Talib, as Asad's daughter, Fatima bint Asad was Ali's mother. Hashim's second marriage actualised with a girl of Banu Najjar being noble from both sides. She gave birth to a son, called Abdul Muttalib, who later rose to be a man of great nobility and fame. Hashim died in 510 A.D., who left his dignities to his elder brother, Almutallib, after whom his nephew, Abdul Muttalib, the son of Hashim, succeeded to his paternal offices.

The Zamzam, which is a well at present in Kaba, was in days of yore, a small rill of water flowing from one of the neighbouring hills, it being the same fountain which Hagar, the mother of Ismail had discovered in the desert, and where she and her son settled. After a time, however, the water ceased gushing from its mountain source, and the little stream completely dried up. A considerable time afterwards, Abdul Muttalib had a well dug on the very spot where the spring originally was in extant. It was also in the time of Abdul Muttalib that the Yamenite king, called Abrahah invaded Mecca, but was discomfited in his attempt and compelled to make a disgraceful retreat. Since Abrahah's army had come on elephants which the Arabs had never seen before, therefore, they named the year of the event as amul feel (the year of elephant). Abdul Muttalib died in the height of his glory and left indelible marks of his greatness. Abdullah was one of the sons of Abdul Muttalib, who married to Amina bint Wahab. To this noble couple was born Muhammad, but before he was born his revered father died while on a journey.

From this land originated a great revolutionary wave called 'Islam', in the 7th century - a period of darkness when the sun of Islam rose on the horizon of the Arabian Peninsula. Mecca (the Greek's Macoraba or Rabba), a town in the Arab peninsula, has been celebrated through the ages because it encircles the House of Allah (ka'batullah), an ancient sanctuary sacred to the Arabs (6).

3- Muhammad was mentioned in all divine Books

Robert Spencer claims that Muhammad never existed. The Prophet of Islam existed before he was even born. He was mentioned in all former divine Books which came before the Koran. He was alive in the conscious of all Prophets who came before him.

A- Muhammad was mentioned in the Old Testament

The following verses of the Torah promise the coming of the Prophet Muhammad, upon him be peace and blessings:

The Lord said to me [Moses]: 'What they say is good. I will raise up for them a Prophet like you among their brothers; I will put My words in his mouth, and he will tell them everything I command him. If anyone does not listen to My words that the Prophet speaks in My Name, I will Myself call him to account.' (Deuteronomy, 18.17-9)

It is clear from these verses that what is meant by 'a Prophet like you among their brothers' is a Prophet who will come from the line of Ishmael, since Ishmael is the brother of Isaac, who is the forefather of Moses' people, the Children of Israel. The only Prophet who came from the line of Ishmael after Moses and resembled him in many ways, for example, in the bringing of a new law and waging of war on his enemies, is the Prophet Muhammad. Also, the following verse of the Bible in Deuteronomy, 34.12 (Istanbul 1885), clearly states that no Prophet like Moses did ever appear among the Israelites:

With respect to his virtues and awesome deeds, no Prophet like Moses, whom the Lord knows face to face, no longer appeared among Israel.

The Quran points to the same fact:

We have sent to you a Messenger as a witness over you, even as We sent to Pharaoh a Messenger. (al-Muzzammil, 73.15).

The sentence: 'I will put My words in his mouth, and he will tell them everything I command him', means that the promised Prophet will be unlettered and speak whatever is revealed to him. Allah reiterates the same fact in the Quran:

He does not speak out of [his own] desire. It is but a Revelation revealed. (al-Najm,3-4).

In Deuteronomy, 33.2 we read:

The Lord came from Sinai and dawned over them from Seir; He shone forth from Mount Paran. (Deuteronomy, 33.2)

This refers to the Prophethood of Moses, Jesus and Muhammad respectively. Sinai is the place where Prophet Moses spoke to Allah and received the Torah. Seir is a place in Palestine where Prophet Jesus received Divine Revelation. Paran is where Allah manifested Himself to mankind for the last time through His Revelation to Prophet Muhammad.

Paran is a mountain range in Makka. It is mentioned in the Torah (Genesis, 21.19-21) as the area in the desert where Hagar was left by her husband Abraham to live with her son Ishmael. The well of Zamzam appeared in it. As is stated explicitly in the Koran (14.35-7), Abraham left Hagar and Ishmael in the valley of Makka, which was then an uninhabited place within the mountain ranges of Paran.

The verse in Deuteronomy, according to the Arabic version published in London in 1944 and the Ottoman Turkish version published in Istanbul in 1885), continues:

He came with myriads of holy ones; in his right hand appeared to them the fire of the Sharia.

This verse refers to the promised Prophet Muhammad who would have numerous Companions of the highest degree of sainthood. The fire of the Shari'a points to the fact that the promised Prophet would be allowed, and even ordered, to fight against his enemies.

A verse from the Torah says:

Moses said: 'O my Lord, I have found in the Torah a community, as the best of the communities, that will be raised for (the benefit) of mankind;

they enjoin the good and forbid the evil, and they believe in Allah. Let it be my community!' (Allah) said: 'That is the community of Muhammad.

This is a verse from the Psalms:

O David, a Prophet will come after you, named Ahmad (Muhammad), the Truthful and the Lord, and his community will be forgiven.

From the Seven 'Abdullahs, 'Abdullah ibn 'Amr ibn al- 'As, who made extensive studies of earlier Divine books, 'Abdullah ibn Salam, who was the first to embrace Islam from amongst the famous Jewish scholars, and the renowned scholar Ka'b ibn al-Akhbar from amongst the foremost scholars of the Israelites, all pointed out the following verse in the Torah, which was not then corrupted to its present extent. The verse, after addressing Moses, describes the qualities of Muhammad the coming Prophet:

O Prophet, verily We have sent you as a witness, a bearer of good tidings, a warner and a protection for the unlettered. You are My slave; I have named you 'the Reliant on Allah', who are not harsh and stern, and not clamorous in the marketplaces; who do not repel the evil with evil, but instead pardon and forgive. God will certainly not take away his life until He straightens a crooked nation by means of him (by causing them) to proclaim 'There is no deity but Allah.

Another verse from the Torah:

Muhammad is the Messenger of Allah; his birthplace is Makka, he will emigrate to Tayba, the center of his rule is Damascus, and his community is unceasingly occupied with praise of God.

In this verse, for the word Muhammad, a Syriac word meaning Muhammad is actually mentioned.

Another verse from the Torah:

You are My slave and Messenger; I have named you 'the Reliant on Allah.

This verse is also addressed to a Prophet who will emerge after Moses from the progeny of Ishmael, the cousins of the children of Isaac.

Here is another verse from the Torah:

My slave is a 'chosen one', who is not harsh, nor is he stern.

The meaning of 'Mukhtar', a chosen one, is the same as 'Mustafa', a name of Muhammad.

The Prophet who will come after Jesus is referred to as 'the Master of the world' in several places in the Gospels. (John, 14:30).

This verse of the Gospel, describes him:

With him is an iron staff with which he will fight, as will his community.

The verse indicates that a Prophet will come with a sword to wage Jihad. In agreement with this verse of the Gospel, the following Qur'anic verse at the end of Sura al-Fath (Victory), which refers to some other verses of the Gospel as well as the one mentioned above, also states that his community, like him, will be under the obligation of waging Jihad.

And their similitude in the Gospel is: like a seed that sends forth its blade, then makes it strong; it then becomes thick, and it stands in its own stem, filling the sowers with wonder and delight, so that it fills the unbelievers with rage at them. (Al-Fath, 29)

In the Torah, there is the following verse:

The flags of the holy ones are with him, on his right. (Deuteronomy, 33:2) 10

In this verse, the Companions of the Prophet are described as 'the holy ones', that is, his Companions are blessed, righteous, saintly friends of God.

In Chapter 42 of the Book of Isaiah, we read the following verses:

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom I delight; I will put my spirit on him and he will bring justice to the nations. He will not shout or cry out, or raise his voice in the streets. A bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out. In faithfulness he will bring forth justice; he will not falter or be discouraged till he establishes justice on earth. In his law the islands will put their hope. (Isaiah, 42:1-4).

These verses are certain to describe the Prophet Muhammad, who would come in the last phase of human history.

We read the following verses in Chapter 4 of the Book of Micah:

In the last days the mountain of the Lord's temple will be established as chief among the mountains; it will be raised above the hills, and peoples will stream to it. Many nations will come and say, "Come, let us go up the mountain of the Lord, to the house of Allah. He will teach us His ways, so that we may walk in His paths." (Micah, 4:1-2).

These verses obviously describe the Mount Arafat, the most blessed mountain of the world, and the nation of Muhammad, together with the prayers and praises that would be offered by the pilgrims who would flock there from all climes.

The following verses are from Chapter 72 of the Psalms:

He will rule from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth. The desert tribes will bow before him and his enemies will lick the dust. The kings of Tarshish and of distant shores will bring tribute to him; the kings of the Yemen and Seba will present him gifts. All kings will bow down to him and all nations will serve him. For he will deliver the needy who cry out, the afflicted who have no-one to help. He will take pity on the weak and the needy and save the needy from death. He will rescue them from oppression and violence for precious is their blood in his sight. Long may he live! May people ever pray for him and bless him all day long.

May his name endure for ever; may it continue as long as the sun. All nations will be blessed through him, and they will call him blessed. (Psalms, 72:8-17)

These verses describe Prophet Muhammad, the Pride of the World, in a very clear way. Since Prophet David no one came other than Muhammad who spread his religion from east to west, to whose name many rulers pay tribute, and whose way so many obey with deep adoration for him, and on whom one fifth of mankind call, every day, Allah's peace and blessings? Is there anyone who fits this description other than Prophet Muhammad?

In Psalms 118:22 and Matthew 21:44, both are talking about a Corner Stone that completes the Building of Prophets and Allah's Kingdom.

The word Stone (Corner Stone) in both verses was used by Prophet Muhammad himself referring to his similitude with other prophets:

Narrated Abu Huraira:

Allah's Apostle said, "My similitude in comparison with the other prophets before me, is that of a man who has built a house nicely and beautifully, except for a place of one brick in a corner. The people go about it and wonder at its beauty, but say: 'Would that this brick be put in its place!' So I am that brick, and I am the last of the Prophets (Sahih Al Bukhari: Volume 4, Book 56, Number 735).

Let's look at what Allah said about Ishmael, the father of the Muslims:

And Allah said, 'Sarah thy wife shall bear thee a son indeed; and thou shalt call his name Isaac: and I will establish my covenant with him for an everlasting covenant, and with his seed after him. And as for Ishmael, I have heard thee: Behold, I have blessed him, and will make him fruitful, and will multiply him exceedingly; twelve princes shall he beget, and I will make him a great nation. But my covenant will I establish with Isaac, which Sarah shall bear unto thee at this set time in the next year.' (From the KJV Bible, Genesis 17:19-21).

The Jews were Allah's chosen people. The Koran says:

We did aforetime grant to the Children of Israel the Book the Power of Command, and Prophethood; We gave them for Sustenance things good and pure; and We favoured them above the nations (Al-Jathiyah, 16).

But they breached their covenant with Allah, deviated from truth and killed the Prophets:

"O Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not! (From the KJV Bible, Matthew 23:37)"

"You have heard these things; look at them all. Will you not admit them? From now on I will tell you of new things, of hidden things unknown to you. They are created now, and not long ago; you have not heard of them before today. So you cannot say, 'Yes, I knew of them.' You have neither heard nor understood; from of old your ear has not been open. Well do I know how treacherous you are; you were called a rebel from birth. For my own name's sake I delay my wrath; for the sake of my praise I hold it back from you, so as not to cut you off." (From the NIV Bible, Isaiah 48:6-9).

"So I will disgrace the dignitaries of your temple, and I will consign Jacob to destruction and Israel to scorn. (From the NIV Bible, Isaiah 43:28)"

"But now, all you who light fires and provide yourselves with flaming torches, go, walk in the light of your fires and of the torches you have set ablaze. This is what you shall receive from my hand: You will lie down in torment. (From the NIV Bible, Isaiah 50:11)"

They became cursed, and Allah removed His Kingdom from them and gave it to another nation. That nation is none other than the "blessed" Muslims who came from the "blessed" Ishmael.

The liars of the NIV Bible had inserted a forgery into their English translation. In Genesis 16:11-12, they inserted a cheap name-calling "wild ass" for Ishmael, while the original scripts in the King James Version Bible called him "wild man":

"And the angel of the Lord said unto her, Behold, thou art with child and shalt bear a son, and shalt call his name Ishmael; because the Lord hath heard thy affliction. And he will be a wild man; his hand will be against every man, and every man's hand against him; and he shall dwell in the presence of all his brethren. (From the KJV Bible, Genesis 16:11-12)"

Ishmael was a wild man, and a "blessed" one by Allah (Gen. 17:19-21). He fought the pagan Arabs who practiced brutal slavery and degradation of women. It was part of the pagan Arabs' custom to bury daughters alive at the age of 4, because a birth of a female brought shame to the family. Many pagan Arabs used to practice it.

Ironically, the New Jerusalem Bible also agrees with this ridiculous pagan practice: "...and the birth of any daughter is a loss. (From the New Jerusalem Bible, Ecclesiasticus 22:3)"

And Ishmael and Elisha, Jonah and Lot – each one We preferred above all beings; and of their fathers, and of their seed, and of their brethren; and We elected them, and We guided them to a straight path (Al-An'am, 86).

The story of Ishmael was mentioned in the Koran:

He was (strictly) true to what he promised, and he was an apostle (and) a prophet (Maryam, 54).

When Prophet Muhammad became the Messenger of Allah, he brought the Divine Religion of Islam that ended the Judeo-Christian and pagan brutal slavery, lifted the status of women and gave them their rights, and brought Justice, Light and Mercy to the Arabs and to the Muslims world-wide.

Habakkuk

3:3 God came from Teman, and the Holy One from mount Paran. His glory covered the heavens, and the earth was full of his praise.

3:4 And his brightness was as the light; he had horns coming out of his hand: and there was the hiding of his power.

3:5 Before him went the pestilence, and burning coals went forth at his feet.

In fact this is a Clear Prophecy about Prophet Muhammad as he was the only Prophet coming from "Mount of Paran" in Mecca.

According to the teachings of the Koran, Allah entered into a covenant with all the prophets expressing the obligation to which they are bound: "I have given you the Book," He said, "And acquainted your hearts with wisdom to the effects that when comes a Messenger (Muhammad if the Prophets reach his time) with a Book which confirms and validates the authentic Books you have in possession, you shall faithfully recognize him, uphold him and help him to accomplish his mission. And now do you all subscribe to this allegiance and shall you pledge yourselves before Me to Keep the vow!" They said, "We pray the prayer and vow the vow". Then said Allah, "You bear witness to this obligation which you shall relate to your people, and here do I subscribe to be also a witness to this course of action.

The Koran says in this respect:

And when Allah took compact with the Prophets: 'That I have given you of Book and Wisdom; then there shall come to you a Messenger confirming what is with you -- you shall believe in him and you shall help him; do you agree?' He said. 'And do you take My load on you on that condition?' They said, 'We do agree.' God said, 'Bear witness so, and I shall be with you among the witnesses.' (Al-Imran, 81).

Almost all the previous Prophets prophesied the advent of Muhammad. Despite the old divine Books had been altered and changed over time, we can still find as previously shown indications to his coming in the Torah, Psalms and the Gospels.

B- Muhammad was mentioned in the Gospel of Jesus

Jesus said:

Have you never read in the Scriptures: 'The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone; the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes? Therefore I tell you that the kingdom of Allah will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit. He who

falls on this stone will be broken to pieces, but he on whom it falls will be crushed.’ (Matthew, 21.42-4)

The ‘capstone’ mentioned in the verses cannot be the Prophet Jesus for the verses refer to the crushing victories that the followers of the ‘capstone’ will win against their enemies. No people were ever broken to pieces or crushed because they resisted Christianity. Christianity gained ground against the Roman Empire only after it had lost its original identity and been reconciled with Roman paganism. The Western dominion over the world came after scientific thought’s triumph over the medieval Christian view of nature and was realized in the form of a ruthless colonialism. Whereas, Islam ruled almost half of the ‘old’ world for many centuries as a religion in its original purity and its enemies were many times defeated before it. In its struggle with other religions, Islam has always been successful. It is, again, Islam which is on the rise as both a pure, authentic religion and as a way of life, and which is the hope of salvation for humanity. More than that, the Prophet Jesus himself alludes to this fact by stating explicitly that the kingdom of Allah will be taken away from his followers and given to a people who will produce its fruit.

Second, in a telling detail recorded in a hadith in the Sahih of al-Bukhari and Muslim, the Prophet Muhammad, describes himself as the ‘capstone’ completing the building of Prophethood.

In the Gospel of John, Jesus promises the arrival of the Last Prophet using a variety of names:

But I tell you the truth: It is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the ‘Paraklit’ will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. When he comes, he will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment. (John, 16:7-8)

In these verses, the Prophet Muhammad, is referred to as the Paraklit. Paraklit is a Greek word meaning the Distinguisher between Truth and Falsehood. Although Christian interpreters have given this word different meanings such as Counselor (Gideons International) or Helper (American Bible Society) or Comforter (the Company of the Holy Bible), and claimed that it refers to the Holy Spirit, it is impossible even for

Christians to establish whether the Holy Spirit has come down after Jesus and done what Jesus foretold he would do.

Jesus said:

When Paraklit comes - the Spirit of truth - who comes from the Father, he will testify about me. (John, 15.26)

I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. He will bring glory to me by taking what is mine and making it known to you. (John, 16.12-14).

I will not speak with you much longer, for the Prince of this world is coming. And I possess nothing of him. (John, 14.30)

Who has come after Jesus other than the Prophet Muhammad, as the Comforter who has comforted human beings against fear of death, against worries about the future, against spiritual ailments of all kinds? As the Helper, who has helped mankind to attain real peace and happiness in both worlds? As the Prince of the world, who has ruled almost half of the world for fourteen centuries, and who has become the beloved of billions? And as the Spirit of truth who testified to Jesus, brought glory to him by declaring his Prophethood against the denial of the Jews and false deification of him by Christians, and restoring his religion to its pristine purity through the Book he brought?

In the Gospel Muhammad is mentioned with his attributes, in him is the mystery of all the Prophets; he is the bringer of happiness. The Gospel mentions him with his external form and features, and also with his personal virtues and Prophetic qualities.

In the books of other Prophets, Allah's Messenger, is mentioned with Syriac and Hebrew names that correspond to Ahmad, Muhammad and Mukhtar. In the Pages of the Prophet Shu'eb his name is Mushaffah, meaning Muhammad. In the Torah, he is mentioned as Munhamanna, which means Muhammad, and as Himyata, meaning 'the Prophet of al-Haram'. In the Psalms, he is named al-Mukhtar, and again in the Torah,

al-Hatam al-Khatam. Both in the Torah and the Psalms, he is referred to as Muqim al-Sunna, which means the one who establishes and enforces the Divine way for mankind. In the Pages of Abraham and in the Torah, he is mentioned as Mazmaz, and again in the Torah as Ahyad.

Alla's Messenger said, 'My name in the Qur'an is Muhammad, in the Bible Ahmad, and in the Torah Ahyad. In the Bible, he is also referred to as 'the Possessor of the Sword and the Staff'. Among the Prophets who carried the sword, Prophet Muhammad, is the greatest one, who was also commanded to perform Jihad together with his community. The Gospel refers to him also as the one who wears a crown. What is meant here by crown is turban, and it is the Arabs who have worn headcovers with a wrapper around them since ancient times.

Jesus said to the Jews: "Therefore say I unto you, the kingdom of Allah shall be taken from you, and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof." (From the KJV Bible, Matthew 21:43).

According to the Apocalypse of Peter, this nation would come from the Arabs. What other nation beside the modern Muslims of today bow down to Allah in the most proper way? What other nation beside the modern Muslims glorify Alla in their 5-daily Prayers, and fast the month of Ramadan for Him?

The Koran says:

And when Jesus son of Mary said, "Children of Israel, I am indeed the Messenger of Allah to you, confirming the Torah that is before me, and giving good tidings of a Messenger who shall come after me, whose name shall be Ahmad." Then, when he brought them them the clear signs, they said, "This is a manifest sorcery" (Al-Saff, 6).

Further, there were other Gospels that have perished but, but of which traces still remain, which were even more specific in their reference of Muhammad; e.g., the Gospel of St. Barnabas, of which an Italian translation is extant in the state Library of Vienna. It was edited in 1907 with an English translation by Mr. Lonsdale and Laura rag.

4- Muhammad did exist because the world before his advent was heading to perdition

Robert Spencer let his imagination run away with him to the extent of considering Prophet Muhammad a personage that never existed! Denying the existence of Muhammad is in fact a sort of blind hatred and utter madness. This was clearly expressed in the garbage he published about the non-existence of Muhammad.

By publishing such dotage, Spencer's purpose was to deviate the people from the original Message Muhammad brought them. But he didn't mind doing that because he was hired to hide the marks of the road to Paradise which the Koran emphasized.

Muhammad came with a universal religion. He came to the Arabs, the Jews, the Christians, the Hindus, the Budhists etc. Muhammad came to mankind entire.

The greatest of the prophets, the one Spencer denied his existence, came for people astray like Spencer. Yes, Robert Spencer, Muhammad is your Prophet; he came to show you the path of salvation – the road to paradise. Yet you slander him, you deny his existence and you criticize his Koran. Utter foolishness, that's what you are doing. You are but compiling sins over sins upon your empty head, and in the hereafter the Fire will be your terrible abode.

Now you are about to listen to the truth, so calm down for a while and listen to the real facts. The facts you forged in order to satisfy your masters - those who hired you in order to tarnish the religion of Islam. They put you in the front in order that you take all the blows, but they must know that you both are responsible before Allah for the mischief and dissension you are spreading in the land.

The six hundred years between Christ and Muhammad – peace be upon him – were truly the dark ages of the world. Religion was corrupted; the standard of morals fell low; many false systems and heresies arose; and there was a break in the succession of prophets until the coming of Mohammad – peace be upon him.

Before the advent of Muhammad, humankind was immersed in a state of degeneration. The Messages of the past prophets had been distorted and ignored, civilization was on the decline and humanity had slumped into an age of darkness, with disbelief, oppression and corruption prevalent everywhere. The condition of the world at that time presented the gloomiest picture ever of human history.

Beginning with the condition of religions and beliefs in the Arabian Peninsula, the Arabs prior to Islam were committed in their hearts to idols, and what they saw around themselves they made into idols. They had idols made of wood or stones round which they made different turns whenever they went into their houses, and they took permission from them when they went out on a journey. Some of them used to make their own gods from sweets, and subsequently, they would eat them when they got hungry.

The town of Harran, where Abraham started his campaign against star worship, was the center of the Sabaeans. In this town, stars were the object of veneration. Belief in the stars and in the connection between the movements of the stars and earthly destiny was very strong. Each star was the god of one event images of Mars, Jupiter, Venus, etc. The stars were worshipped in the temples, and the worshippers asked them for help, and sometimes sacrificed to them. The thoughts of the Sabaeans sometimes turned to angels and jinn. The angels were the daughters of Allah, and were thought to influence events. They imagined that Allah had a wife who was one of the jinn.

The Arabs of that era turned the house (Ka'ba) which Prophet Abraham had built at the command of Allah in order for people to worship Him alone, into quarters for their idols. They replaced the monotheism of Abraham with the worship of idols, stars and demons. They believed that apart from the life of this world there was no other life.

The people of Makkah used to practice usury on large scale with high interest rates, when the debtors were not able to repay, they were enslaved or obliged to force their wives and daughters to commit adultery, in order to be able to collect enough money to repay the debt.

The Arabs before Islam were slaves of habits and impulses. They used to take pride in invasion and plunder. They were so brutal and insensitive that a number of them used to burry their daughters alive. Tribal rivalries and blood feuds ran among them like the burning desert sands of Arabia.

At the time of the birth of Prophet Muhammad, there existed two great powers on earth, the Persian Empire in the East, and the Roman Empire in the West. The two powers were actively hostile and almost permanently at war with each other.

In Persia many religions were being practiced, but the one which most people followed was Zoroastrianism. If Zoroaster was a true prophet who had a religion based on the Oneness of Allah, his true teachings had been changed by the passage of time. The foundations and principles of Zoroastrianism were transformed by the Magi and the priests to their own advantage and the ruling class. Thus the Oneness of Allah became polytheism. Zoroastrianism was filled with the ancient gods of the first times of the Arian tribes.

The fire-worshipping Persians, with their strange concept of dualism were further plagued by the still weirder Mazdakite doctrine (a socio-religious movement that flared up in the Sassanian Kavad (488-531 CE) founded by Mazdak son of Bamdad), that advocated communal ownership and even ruled that women were the common property of all men. Like Many a few centuries earlier, who had claimed a new religion by combining the teachings of Jesus and Zoroaster. Mazdakite's movement was also a reaction to the corruption of the traditional priestly class. Both creeds died away after the execution of their proponents, who more or less depended on royal patronage. On the other hand, the Sasanian aristocracy aligned with the Zoroastrian clergy was steeped in pleasure, burdening the oppressed masses with heavy taxes and oppression.

At the other end was the Byzantine world, which though claiming to profess a divinely revealed religion (Christianity), had in fact polluted the monotheist Message of Jesus with the sediments of ancient Greek and Roman pagan thoughts. In 281 CE, the Greco-Roman Church Council rejected the doctrine of Arius of Alexandria, to which most of

the eastern provinces of the empire adhered, and in its place the council had coined the belief that Allah and Jesus are of one substance and therefore co-existent. Arius and his followers had held the belief in the uniqueness and majesty of Allah, Who alone, they said has existed since eternity, while Jesus was created in time.

There were colonies of Jews scattered across West Asia and North Africa, to whom several Messengers had been sent by Almighty Allah. However, even these divine favors had failed to reform them. The laws sent to Prophet Moses had been distorted and tampered with. The Jews had numerous sects fighting with each other. Some were altogether out of the pale, e.g., the Samaritans, who had a separate Torah of their own: they hated the other Jews and were hated by them. But even in the orthodox body, there were several sects; the Pharisees, who were literalists, formalists, and fatalists, and had a large body of traditional literature, with which they overlaid the Law of Moses; the Sadducees, who were rationalists, and seemed to have doubted the doctrine of the Resurrection of a hereafter; the Essenes, who practiced a sort of communism and asceticism and prohibited marriage.

Further to the East, lay the once flourishing cultures of China and India, which were groping in darkness. Confucianism had confused the Chinese, robbing their minds of any positive thinking. In India there were various religions, but idolatry prevailed. Hinduism had no universal pretensions whatsoever, and was peculiar to geographical confines of India, or more properly Northern India and its Aryan invaders. Conversion of foreigners was difficult because one had to be born in a particular caste and it was the mystery of 'Karma' that determined one's fate.

The religious situation in Europe was like it was in Persia. Christianity had given up its original form and had become stuck in polytheism and the dogma of the Trinity. In France, Britain and Spain, people did not believe in a unique Allah.

The corruption of Christianity was complete by the end of the sixth century. The intellectual Islamic scholar Dr. Muhammad Fazl-ur-rahman in his book entitled, "Islam and Christianity" described the

condition of Christianity before the advent of Islam based on the statements of eminent Christian scholars. The following is some of their statements:

St Hilary, the bishop of Potiers in the fourth century A.C. and one of the fathers of the church wrote:

"It is a thing equally deplorable and dangerous that there are as many creeds as opinions among men, as many doctrines as inclinations, and as many sources of blasphemy as there are faults among us; because we make creeds arbitrarily and explain them as arbitrarily. The Homousion is rejected, and received, and explained away by successive synods. The partial or total resemblance of the father and of the son is a subject for dispute for these unhappy times. Every year, nay every moon, we make new creeds to describe invisible mysteries. We repent of what we have done, we defend those who repent, and we anathematize those whom we defended. We condemn either the doctrine of others in ourselves or ours in that of others; and reciprocally tearing one another to pieces, we have been the cause of each other's ruin."

The famous church historian Dean Milman supports the above statement with the following observations:

"The Bishop of Constantinople was the passive victim, the humble slave, or the factious adversary, of the Byzantine Emperor; he rarely exercised a lofty moral control upon his despotism. The lower clergy, whatever their more secret beneficent or sanctifying workings on society, had sufficient power, wealth and rank to tempt ambition or to degrade to intrigue; not enough to command the public mind for any great salutary purpose, to repress the inveterate immorality of an effete age, to reconcile jarring interests, to mold together hostile races, in general they ruled, when they did rule, by the superstitious fears, rather than by the reverence and attachment of great-full people. They sank downward into common ignorance, and yielded to the worst barbarism-a worn out civilization. Monasticism withdrew a great number of those who might have been energetic and useful citizens into barren seclusion and religious indolence. But except

when the monks formed themselves, as they frequently did, into fierce political or polemic factions, they had little effect on the condition of the society. They stood aloof from the world—the anchorites in their desert wildernesses, the monks in their jealousy-barred convents, and secure, as they supposed, of their own salvation, left the rest of mankind to inevitable perdition".

About the general degeneration, the rev. Dr. White remarks:

"Divided into numberless parties, on account of distinctions the most trifling and absurd, contesting with each other from perverseness, and persecuting each other with rancor, corrupt in opinion and degenerate in practice, the Christians of this unhappy period seemed to have retained little more than the name and external profession of their religion. Of a Christian Church scarce any vestige remained. The most profligate principles and absurd opinions were universally predominant; ignorance amidst the most favorable opportunities of knowledge, vice amidst the noblest encouragements to virtue, a pretended zeal for truth, mixed with the wildest extravagances of error, an implacable spirit of discord about opinions which none could settle, and a general and a striking similarity in the commission of crimes, which it was the duty and interest of all to avoid.

"The images of the saints who had labored to disseminate, and the bones of the martyrs who had died to confirm the faith, were now by the art of a designing priesthood, and the ignorance of a superstitious multitude, held up as proper objects of religious adoration.

"The blind fury of superstitious zeal extinguished the tenderest sentiments of nature; the majesty of the laws was trampled on and violated with impunity; the cities of the East were deluged with blood."

On an appeal by Dean Wace and others to the authority of the first six centuries, the Church Association of England adopted the following resolution:

"The first six centuries were characterized by fierce controversies as to the most fundamental verities of the Christian faith by the

wholesale introduction of adult converts, who brought with them heathen and Jewish habits of thought and were in many cases of a low type of civilization; and the adulteration of the Gospel was further facilitated by the purely nominal adhesion of persons anxious to stand well with the first Christian emperors. The period was of incessant fermentation and of rapid and continuous change”.

With regard to class and racial differences, in Persia people were divided into classes and each class had special privileges. The class connected with the ruling council had the most privileges. Similarly in Europe and India, society was divided into classes, and the persistent desire to possess land, to trade, and the exemption from taxes was the prerogative of the nobility. At that time also, every one of the people of the world thought themselves superior in terms of race over everyone else.

The situation of women in pre-Islamic society was catastrophic. In Arabia, woman was a commodity, counted in the wealth of the father, husband or son; and after death she was inherited like the other possessions and became the property of the descendents. It was a disgrace to have a daughter, and in some tribes the family buried this shameful thing with their own hands. In Persia, also the form of class society did not bring anything better for women.

In Greece, woman was a creature of perpetual filthiness, a child of Satan, similar to an animal. In India throughout her life, she was under the control of her father, husband or son, and had to address her husband as god, master and lord, and like a slave she had no right to ownership. After the death of her husband she had no right to take another husband.

The revolting custom of Sati, the burning of the widow alive with the funeral pyre of her husband, was also practiced at that time.

In Japan, as well, woman was under the control of her father, husband or son for the whole of her life, and the daughter had no share in inheritance. In China the father was master of the house and had so much power that he could sell his wife and children to bondage and slavery, and sometimes he even had the right to kill

them. On top of this, daughters had no esteem and sometimes they were left in the desert to be the prey of the wild pigs.

The Romans also considered women to be the incarnation of devil and as harmful spirits, and kept them like children under their control.

After all this persecution which took place for centuries between people enjoining the same religion, and after the distortion of the Torah and the Gospel, thus breaching the covenant with Allah, a last Warner to humanity had to be sent as a last resort.

Allah, the All-Merciful, wished to give his servants a last chance. He sent the Prophet of the end of time – the seal of the Prophets – with the Koran, the last of the Revelations. This time, the divine Book of Allah is preserved until the Day of Judgment; its verses are immune to violation or misinterpretation. The Koran was descended on the Prophet of Islam to narrate to the Jews and the Christians the true words of Moses and the true teachings of Jesus without alteration, a Book that will guide them to the path of rectitude. The Message of Islam is therefore a reformation of the former religions which had been distorted by their followers.

Since all previous religions were primarily about Islam (complete surrender to Allah) and believing in His Oneness (there is no God worthy of worshipping but Allah), Islam – the religion of all Prophets before Muhammad – had to be followed.

Muhammad came therefore with the universal Message of Islam to save humankind from disbelief, oppression, corruption, ignorance and moral decadence that was dragging humanity towards self-annihilation.

This divine will is in fact a mercy from the All- Merciful to his servants in order to rescue them from a terrible chastisement awaiting those who deviated from the right path. This is why Muhammad was described in the Koran as a mercy to all mankind.

We have not sent thee, save as a mercy unto all beings (Al-Anbiya, 107).

5- Muhammad existed because he had a weighty Message and a serious warning to deliver to the world

Muhammad came with a universal religion to all mankind. Muhammad came to renew the faith. Muhammad came to re-establish the oneness of Allah on earth. Muhammad came with the Koran which is a complete code of life for those who believe in Allah and the last Day.

The sending down of the Book, wherein no doubt is, from the Lord of all Being (Al-Sajdah, 2).

The Koran confirms the scriptures that came before it and safeguards the Torah of Moses and the Bible of Jesus for it has preserved within it the authentic teachings of the former Books. It watches over these Books in the sense that it will not let the true teachings of the Torah and the Gospel to be lost. It stands as a witness because it bears testimony to the Word of Allah contained in these Books, and helps to sort it out from the interpretations and commentaries of the people which were mixed with it: what is confirmed by the Koran is the Word of Allah and what is against it is that of the people. The Koran testifies the truth that is in the former Books and falsifies the falsehood that was added to these Books.

Muhammad came to the Jews and Christians to make clear to them the facts they concealed in their scriptures, and to help them abandon imagination which is always at war with reason so that they cannot later on claim innocence and say: "No one came to us in the capacity of spectacle and a warning."

The religion of all true and sincere men of faith should be one, and that is the ideal of Islam.

The Jews violated the laws of the Torah to serve their worldly interests. A sect of the Jews called Ozair (Ezra) who allegedly dictated from memory the whole Jewish law which was lost during captivity, a son of Allah. They considered him as fully worthy to have been the law giver if Moses did not precede him. Christianity has digressed from the concept of the Oneness of Allah into a vague and mysterious doctrine that was formulated during the

fourth century. The Christians invented the concept of trinity, thus associating with Allah other partners. In this they but imitate what the unbelievers of old used to say. The Christians further considered Jesus as their lord, yet they were commanded to worship but Allah alone. The Jews and the Christians also took their rabbis and their monks as their lords in derogation of Allah.

The false claim that Allah has begotten a son is considered in Islam as an unforgivable sin. The Koran teaches that never shall Allah forgive setting up partners in worship with Him but less than that He forgives to whomsoever He will. In this regard, Muslim's refutation of Christian teachings is not based on personal whim or malice. Muslims are simply stating Allah's judgment on the matter - whoever ascribes partners to Allah has rejected faith.

Believing in the Oneness of Allah and worshipping Him alone without associating with Him any partners is the core and essence of sound belief. Muhammad came the Jews and the Christians to explain to them most of the matters in which they differ. He came to warn against the breaching of the Covenant of the Jews and the Christians with Allah, and to re-establish the Oneness of Allah on earth.

Allah is One, and His Message cannot come at one place or at one time to contradict His Message in another place or at another time in spirit.

The Christian hate mongers occupy themselves by slandering the Prophet of Islam, belying the Koran and claiming that Muslims worship a god other than theirs. Some of them go to the extent of claiming that Muslims worship a moon god or even a monkey God. Others claim that Muslims are terrorists and want to dominate the world! The insolence the Christian hate mongers launch against Islam must not turn them from the real purpose Islam came to warn them against.

Muslims worship Allah, the only God of the universe. The One who created the heavens and the earth. The One who sent all Prophets beginning with Adam, Noah, Abraham, Moses, until Jesus, till Muhammad. Muslims worship the One God who descended upon Abraham the scrolls, and upon David the Psalms, and upon Moses the Torah, and upon Jesus the Gospel, and upon Muhammad the Koran. If any non-Muslim worship another god than this one God, Allah, he is

then in a real problem.

Islam is not a religion restricted to a group of people or sect as was the case with all previous Prophets before Muhammad. Islam is a universal religion; it came to the Arab pagans of Makkah as well as to the Jews and the Christians.

Muhammad had to come because all divine Books before the Koran disappeared or corrupted. The present adulterated Books contain only partial truths mixed with the erroneous tales and views of their human authors. The knowledge in these Books was infested with falsehood, and falsehood yields nothing but false hopes, and falsehood vested with ignorance and illiteracy afford conjecture.

Allah says in the Koran:

So woe to those who write the Book with their hands, then say, 'This is from Allah,' that they may sell it for a little price; so woe to them for what their hands have written, and woe to them for their earnings (Al-Baqarah, 79).

And there is a sect of them twist their tongues with the Book, that you may suppose it part of the Book, yet it is not part of the Book; and they say, 'It is from Allah,' yet it is not from Allah, and they speak falsehood against Allah, and that wittingly (Al-Imrân, 7).

Out of His mercy, and because Allah means no injustice to any of His servants, He sent Muhammad, the seal of the Prophets with the Koran as the Last Testament to the world.

It is He who sent His Messenger with the guidance and the religion of truth, that He may uplift it above every religion, though the unbelievers be averse (Al-Najm, 91).

After nearly six hundred years from Jesus, Allah has sent Muhammad and for the last time, to make clear to the Christians the facts and to

help them abandon imagination so that they cannot later on claim innocence and say, 'No one came to us in the capacity of a spectacle and a warning.

People of the Book (Jews and Christians), now there has come to you our Messenger, making things clear to you, upon an interval between the Messengers lest you should say, 'There has not come to us any bearer of good tidings, neither any Warner.' Indeed there has come to you a bearer of good tidings and a Warner; Allah is powerful over everything (Al-Maidah, 19).

The Advent of Muhammad was mentioned in the Torah of Moses: Deut. 18: 18-20; 33: 1-2; Genesis 25: 13; 21: 21; Isaiah 42: 1-13; 21: 13-17; 42: 10-11; 28: 11; 28: 10; Habakkuk 3: 3.

The advent of Muhammad was also mentioned in the Gospel of Jesus: John xiv. 16, xv. 26 and xvi 7.

Yet, the Jews and the Christians concealed the prophecies contained in their Scriptures about the Holy Prophet. Because of enmity and jealousy they would not recognize him and would insist on mixing up truth with falsehood rather than accept the truth in its unalloyed purity.

As we read in the Koran:

Those to whom We gave the Book (Jews and Christians) recognize him (Muhammad) as they recognize their sons, but some of them conceal the truth while they know it (the qualities of Muhammad which are written in the Torah and the Gospel) (Al-Baqarah, 146).

People of the Book! Why do you confound the truth with vanity, and conceal the truth while you know? (Al-Imran, 71).

Those who keep from the knowledge of others the clear revelations which Allah presented in His Books, have earned the curse of Allah, the angels and the believers whose curse takes effect against whom it

is uttered.

Those who conceal the clear signs and the guidance that We have sent down, after We have shown them clearly in the Book – they shall be cursed by Allah and the cursers (Al-Baqarah, 159).

Now we have the Koran, a Book containing divine wisdom and guidance to true salvation. A Book that brought good tidings to the believers in Allah's Oneness, and a severe warning to the polytheists, idolaters and disbelievers. The Koran is one unified Book that is not subject to change by curtailments and additions. A Book that is well guarded by Allah until the Day of Resurrection, an unchangeable Book that stood the test of time. The Koran is a decisive Message and no pleasantries, a Book that we must read thoroughly to know the ultimate truth.

Allah says in the Koran:

What, do they desire another religion than Allah's, and to Him has surrendered whoso in the heavens and the earth, willingly or unwillingly, and to Him they shall be returned?

Say: 'We believe in Allah, and that which has been sent down on us (the Koran), and the Tribes, and in that which was given to Moses and Jesus, and the Prophets of their Lord; we make no division between any of them, and to him we surrender (in Islam).'

Whoso desires another religion than Islam, it shall not be accepted of him; in the next world he shall be among the losers (Al-Imrân 83-85).

Now we are asked to listen to the proclamation of Muhammad's universal mission. We contemplate no longer after this, partial truths. It is not now a question of saving Israel from the bondage of Egypt, nor teaching Midian the ethics of business, nor reclaiming the people of Lute from sexual sin or Thamûd from the sin of oppression in power, or Ād from arrogance or ancestor-worship. Now are set forth plainly the issues of life and death, the final Message of Allah, the One universal God to all mankind.

The Message states clearly the one and true religion of Allah which He sent to all Prophets until Muhammad, the seal of the Prophets – Allah is One and He is to be worshipped alone without associating with Him any partners, i.e. Islam. This is the only religion that Allah will accept from His servants on the Day of Resurrection – pure monotheism.

As the Koran states:

Say: ‘O mankind, I am the Messenger of Allah to you all, of Him to whom belongs the kingdom of the heavens and the earth. There is no god but He. He gives life and makes to die. Believe then in Allah, and His Messenger, the Prophet of the common folk, who believes in Allah and His words, and follow him; haply so you will be guided (Al-A’râf, 158).

The Muslim position is clear. The Muslim does not claim to have a religion peculiar to him. 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 preached by all earlier Prophets. It was the truth taught by all 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, and he is false to Allah’s will and plan. Such a one cannot expect guidance, for he has deliberately renounced guidance.

The mission of Muhammad is therefore clear - to re-establish the oneness of Allah on earth.

The Koran says:

Say: ‘I am commanded only to worship Allah and not to join partners with Him. To Him I call, and to Him is my return.’ (Ar-Ra’d, 13).

Say: ‘I have been commanded to serve Allah making my religion His sincerely; and I have been commanded to be the first of those that surrender.’

Say: 'Truly I fear, if I should rebel against my Lord, the chastisement of a dreadful Day.'

Say: 'Allah I serve, making my religion Him sincerely .' (Al-Zumar 11-14).

The Prophet of Islam was ordered to follow the religion of Abraham which was pure monotheism – Islam.

Say: 'As for me, my Lord has guided me to a straight path, a right religion, the creed of Abraham, a man of pure faith; he was no idolater.'

Say: 'My prayer, my ritual sacrifice, my living, my dying – all belongs to Allah, the Lord of all Being.

No associate has He. Even so I have been commanded, and I am the first of those that surrender (Al-An'am 161-163).

Islam came to invite the Christians - who corrupted their Scriptures and invented peculiar dogmas that took them far away from the right path, to worship the One God Allah and not to incorporate with him other deities.

The Koran Says:

People of the Book! Come now to a word common between us and you, that we serve none but Allah, and that we associate no partners with Him, and do not some of us take others as lords apart from Allah. And if they turn their backs, say: 'Bear witness that we are Muslims (Al-Imrân, 64).

Had the people of the Book believed, it would have been better for them; some of them are believers, but the most of them are ungodly (Al-Imran, 110).

The Christians claim that Jesus sacrificed himself on the cross in order to erase their sins. They live without sins because their sins were forgiven! They can even go to a priest and confess their sins, and the priest grants them forgiveness! The priest here serves as a mediator between the sinner and the Creator!

The Christians believe that Adam's sin was inherited by his offspring, so all people are sinners, and Jesus had to sacrifice himself to free the sinners from guilt.

The Christians believe that Eve was the one who tempted Adam to eat from the forbidden tree; this is why she was cursed in their Books!

The Christians believe that God is one in a Trinity, the father, the son and the Holy Ghost, all three are one god. They took Jesus as god apart from the Creator. Jesus is their sole lord whom they worship in a Trinity.

Islam came to reject all the odd and peculiar dogmas the Christians invented in their religion.

Speaking of vicarious atonement, the Books of all Prophets including Abraham, Moses, Jesus and Muhammad, stated that man is responsible for his sins and no other innocent man would carry his sins on the Day of Judgment.

The divine verdict regarding man's responsibility for his own sins was old enough to be mentioned in the scrolls of Abraham and the Book of Moses.

The Koran states:

Or has he not been told of what is in the scrolls of Moses and Abraham, he who paid his debt in full? That no soul laden bears the load of another, and that a man shall have to his account only as he has labored, and that his laboring shall surely be seen, then he shall be recompensed for it with the fullest recompense, and that the final end is unto thy Lord (Al-Najm 36-42).

The Koran strongly emphasized man's responsibility for his own sins, he cannot transfer his sins to someone else, nor can anyone vicariously atone for his sins.

As we read in the Koran:

Say: 'Shall I seek a lord other than Allah, who is the Lord of all things?' Every soul earns only to its own account; no soul laden bears the load of another. Then to your Lord shall you return, and He will tell you of that whereon you were at variance (Al-An'am, 146).

As for the Christian doctrine that Adam sinned and his offspring inherited his sin thus needing Jesus to atone their sins, the Koran rejected this doctrine completely. The Koran also rejects the claim that Eve was cursed because she was the one who tempted Adam to eat from the forbidden tree. The Koran however states that Satan was the one who tempted Adam and not Eve. The Koran clearly states that prompted by the sense of guilt, Adam felt shame, but because guilt did not reside in the intention, Allah in mercy inspired Adam with a prayer for invoking His forgiveness, and in turn did Allah give up resentment against him and pardon his offence. It is he who always accepts true repentance.

The Koran says:

And We said, 'Adam, dwell thou, and thy wife, in the Garden, and eat thereof easefully where you desire; but draw not nigh this tree, lest you be evildoers.'

Then Satan caused them to slip there from and brought them out of that they were in; and We said, 'Get all you down, each of you an enemy of each; and in the earth a sojourn shall be yours, and enjoyment for a time.'

Then Adam received certain words from His Lord (Our Lord! We have wronged ourselves. If you forgive us not, and bestow not upon us Your mercy, we shall certainly be of the losers 7: 23), and His Lord pardoned him; verily He is the One who forgives, the Most Merciful (Al-Baqarah 35-37).

As for Jesus crucifixion, the Christians themselves differed about his identity.

The Jews uphold the theory of the killing of Christ whom they never recognized. The Christians insist on crucifixion, burial and resurrection on the third day. The four Bibles relate the incident differently. The face of Yehuda who led the soldiers to arrest Christ was transfigured into that of Christ who had already been rescued by the angels through the window to the third heaven. By consequence it was Yehuda who suffered crucifixion.

The Basilidians believed in the substitution, on the other hand the Docetae believed that Christ never has a physical body but a phantom body and therefore his crucifixion was only apparent but not real.

The Marcionite Gospel denied that Jesus was born and that he was only phantom who appeared in human form. The Gospel of St. Barnabas supported the theory of substitution on the cross.

The Orthodox Christian Churches make it a cardinal point of their doctrine that his life was taken on the cross, that he died and was buried, that on the third day he raised in the body with his wounds intact, and walked about and conversed, and ate with his disciples, and afterwards taken up bodily to heaven. This is necessary for the theological doctrine of blood sacrifice and vicarious atonement for sins!

The Koranic teaching is that Christ was not crucified nor killed by the Jews but they thought they did. And those who disputed his fate were themselves in a state of uncertainty as to the truth of the incident; their belief was based on empty knowledge and their opposition was formed on grounds admittedly insufficient, for indeed they just did not slay him but the guilt nevertheless resided in the intention. But Allah had taken him up to His August presence.

The Koranic statement that Jesus was not crucified but Allah lifted him up to Him came in the course of the Koranic verses narrating the iniquities of the Jews:

So, for their breaking the compact, and disbelieving in the signs of Allah,

and slaying their Prophets without right, and for their saying, 'our hearts are uncircumcised' – nay, but Allah sealed them for their unbelief, so they believe not, except a few.

And for their unbelief, and their uttering against Mary a mighty calumny, and for their saying, 'We slew the Messiah, Jesus son of Mary, the Messenger of Allah' – yet they did not slay him, neither crucified him, only a likeness of that was shown to them.

Those who are at variance concerning him surely are in doubt regarding him; they have no knowledge of him, except the following of surmise; and they slew him not of a certainty – no indeed; Allah raised him up to Him; Allah is All-Mighty, All-Wise (Al-Nisa 155-158).

Jesus was not God, but only a human. If he were god he wouldn't have prayed for Allah in great agony to take away the cup of death on the cross from him (Mark, 14: 36; Matt. 26: 29; Luke, 22: 42; and out of Allah's mercy his prayer was heard (Heb. 5: 7).

As for considering Jesus as god or the son of God, the Koran clearly states that infidels indeed are those who declare that Allah is the Messiah, Jesus, the son of Mary. The prophet was ordered to say to the Christians, 'Who then can restrain Allah in any way, if He willed to destroy the Messiah, Jesus, the son of Mary, his mother, and all those domiciled on earth!

They are unbelievers who say, 'Allah is the messiah, Mary's son.' Say: 'Who then shall overrule Allah in any way if He desires to destroy the Messiah, Mary's son, and his mother, and all those who are on earth?' For to Allah belongs the kingdom of the heavens and of the earth, and all that is between them, creating what He will. Allah is powerful over everything (Al-Maidah, 17).

As the Koran states, worshipping Jesus as god or apart from God amounts to glaring blasphemy:

They are unbelievers who say, 'Allah is the Messiah, Mary's son.' For the Messiah said: 'Children of Israel serve Allah, my Lord and your Lord.

Verily whoso associates with Allah anything, Allah shall prohibit him entrance to Paradise, and his refuge shall be the Fire; and wrongdoers shall have no helpers (Al-Maidah, 72).

The above mentioned Koranic verse is even confirmed by several Christian Scriptures. We see in Matt. Iv. 10, where Christ rebukes Satan for desiring the worship of others than Allah's. John xx. 17, where Christ says to Mary Magdalene, 'Go unto my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my father and your father; and to my God and your God.' Also in Luke xxiii, 19, where Christ rebukes a certain ruler for calling him good master: 'Why callest thou me good? None is good, save One, that is, God.' In Mark xii. 25 Jesus says: 'the first of all the commandments is, hear O Israel, the Lord our God is one Lord.'

The concept of Trinity is also clearly condemned in the Koran:

They are unbelievers who say, 'Allah is the third of three.' No god is there but One God. If they refrain not from what they say, there shall afflict those of them that disbelieve a painful chastisement (Al-Maidah, 73).

Allah is One, His Message is one; yet how people's perversity transforms truth into falsehood, religion into superstition! The Messiah, the son of Mary, was no more than an Apostle; many messengers like him have passed away before him. His mother was a pious woman vested with saintliness of life and character; she and her son had to consume food to sustain their lives and therefore be destined to die.

The Messiah, son of Mary was only a Messenger, Messengers before him passed away; his mother was a just woman; they both ate food. Behold, how We make clear the signs to them; then behold, how they perverted are! (Al-Maidah, 75).

The Christians worshipped Jesus apart from Allah, although Jesus can neither do them harm nor can he affords them help. Allah is the only one who controls their fate.

Say: ‘Do you serve apart from Allah, that which cannot hurt or profit you? Allah the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing (Al-Maidah, 76).

On the Day of Resurrection Jesus will not be there to carry the sins of others because Allah is the only one who can justly punish His servants for disobedience, no one can say to him nay, for He is high above all. On that mighty Day, Jesus will be busy defending himself before Allah by trying hard to answer Allah’s question: ‘Did you O Jesus, the son of Mary, ask the people to take you and your mother as two gods besides God and pay you the same tribute that is dutiful only to Me!’ Jesus will disclaim any knowledge of the sorts of things that are attributed to him by those who take his name. Jesus will acknowledge that he was mortal, and that his knowledge was limited like that of a mortal.

As we read in the Koan:

And when Allah will say, “O Jesus, son of Mary, did you say unto men: ‘Worship me and my mother as two gods besides Allah?’” He will say: “Glory is to you! It was not for me to say what I had no right (to say). Had I said such a thing, you would surely, have known it. You know what is within my soul, and I know not is within Your soul; truly You, only You, are the All-Knower of all that is unseen.

Never did I say to them aught except what you did command me to say: ‘Worship Allah, my Lord and your Lord.’ And I was a witness over them while I remained among them, but when you took me up, You were the Watcher over them; and You are a Witness to all things.

If you punish them, they are your slaves, and if You forgive them, You are the All-Mighty, the All-Wise.

Allah will say: ‘this is a Day on which the truthful will profit from their truth; theirs are Gardens under which rivers flow (in Paradise) – they shall abide therein forever. Allah is pleased with them and they with Him. That is the great success (Paradise) (Al-Maidah 116-119).

Those who dispute about the signs of Allah which are clear to all who care to see are merely in far error. They turn a deaf ear to Allah's revelation and refuse to listen but to their own conception which is an imagination proceeding from their deviated senses. They will come to know the fatal consequence of their denial of Allah's authority, when in time they bear the yoke and be dragged in chains, plunged into boilers and from thence into Hell where they suffer torment. There and then they will be asked, 'Where are those whom you incorporated with Allah in worship?' They will say, 'They have vanished away.' They further lie and say, 'We did not worship anything before.' Thus Allah leads astray the disbelievers. Allah will throw them in Hell to abide therein forever because they rejected Allah's signs, and incorporated with Him in worship other deities (Jesus, priest, pope, saint, idol, nature, prophet etc...).

Allah says in the Koran:

Hast thou not regarded those who dispute concerning the signs of Allah, how they are turned about?

Those who cries lies to the Book and that wherewith We sent Our Messengers – soon they will know!

When the fetters and chains are on their necks, and they dragged into the boiling water, then into the Fire they are poured; then it is said to them, 'Where are those you associated apart from Allah?' They shall say, 'They have gone astray from us; nay, but it was nothing at all that we called upon aforetime.'

Even so Allah leads astray the unbelievers.

That is because you rejoiced in the earth without right, and were exultant. Enter the gates of Hell to dwell therein forever.' How evil the lodging of those that are proud (Ghafir 69-76).

Such is the requital of the enemies of Allah – the Fire, a fit requital for that they used to deny Allah's signs.

That is the recompense of Allah's enemies – the Fire, wherein they shall have the Abode of Eternity as a recompense, for that they denied His

signs (Fussilat, 28).

The one true reality is that Allah is One. Blessed are those who treasured this truth in their souls while still living their life of probation.

This was the Message of Muhammad to the whole world. A Message of pure monotheism directed to the polytheists who associate with Allah in worship other deities, a warning to the atheists, infidels and disbelievers who deny Allah's presence. Muhammad, the seal of the prophets delivered the Message then travelled up to his Creator. Muslims after him continue and will continue to deliver the Message of monotheism until the end of time. This is how they were ordered by the Prophet and by the teachings of their Lord. They persist in promulgating the message because it is a Message of mercy, the road to paradise. A lot of good will come to them if they succeed in spreading the Message of Islam to the world. Allah is One, and no god worthy of being worshiped but Him alone.

Allah says in the Koran:

This is a Message to be delivered to mankind that they may be warned by it, and that they may know that He is one God, and that all possessed of mind may remember (Ibrahim, 52)."

Muhammad peace be upon him came to say that the true path of salvation is to believe in Allah alone without associating with Him any partners; believe in all His angels; believe in all His Books; believe in all His messengers and the Last day. Abandoning any one of these is considering in the sight of Allah as glaring blasphemy.

The Jews considered Allah as a tribal god and confined Him to themselves. They do not believe in Jesus and his mother, they also deny his gospel. Further, they do not believe in Muhammad and his Koran. According to the teachings of the Koran this is blasphemy.

The Christians considered Allah as one in a Trinity. They invented strange dogmas that changed completely the original religion of Jesus which was pure monotheism – Allah is my God and your god so worship

Him – into ugly polytheism. They further do not believe in the Koran and prophet Muhammad.

Denying some of the Books and some of the Messengers, but believing in some others is in fact preventing Allah's mercy from reaching His servants. How dare the Jews fight Jesus and deny his Gospel! How dare the Jews deny the Koran – the last Testament to the world – and refuse to recognize the Prophet of Islam!

Likewise, how dare the Christians of today in addition to the dogmas they introduced into their religion, do not recognize Muhammad and accept his Book! By this they are but rejecting Allah's last Word to His creation and Muhammad the seal of the prophets.

6- The influence of Muhammad on the world

The Spread of Islam began when Muhammad (570 - 632) began publicly preaching that he had received revelations from Allah at the age of 40 . During his lifetime the Muslim ummah (nation) was established in Arabia by way of their conversion or allegiance to Islam. In the first centuries conversion to Islam followed the rapid growth of the Muslim world created by the conquests of the Rashidun and Umayyad Caliphs.

Muslim dynasties were soon established and subsequent empires such as those of the Abbasids, Fatimids, Ajuuraan, Adal, Warsangali in Somalia, Almoravids, Seljuk Turks, Mughals in India and Safavids in Persia and Ottomans were among the largest and most powerful in the world. The people of the Islamic world created numerous sophisticated centers of culture and science with far-reaching mercantile networks, travelers, scientists, hunters, mathematicians, doctors and philosophers, all of whom contributed to the Golden Age of Islam.

The activities of this quasi-political community of believers and nations, or ummah, resulted in the spread of Islam over the centuries, spreading outwards from Mecca to the Atlantic Ocean in the west and the Pacific Ocean on the east. As of October 2009, there were 1.571 billion Muslims, making Islam the second-largest religion in the world.

The vast lands conquered by the Muslim armies in a short period became Muslim not by force of the sword but by the appeal of the new religion. It was faith in One God, Allah and emphasis upon His Mercy that brought vast numbers of people into the fold of Islam. The new religion did not coerce people to convert. Many continued to remain Jews and Christians and to this day important communities of the followers of these faiths are found in Muslim lands.

Islam was destined to become a world religion. Islam is a religion for all people from whatever race or background they might be. That is why Islamic civilization is based on a unity which stands completely against any racial or ethnic discrimination. Such major racial and ethnic groups as the Arabs, Persians, Turks, Africans, Indians, Chinese and Malays in addition to numerous smaller units embraced Islam and contributed to the building of Islamic civilization. Moreover, Islam was not opposed to learning from the earlier civilizations and incorporating their science, learning, and culture into its own world view, as long as they did not oppose the principles of Islam. Each ethnic and racial group which embraced Islam made its contribution to the one Islamic civilization to which everyone belonged. The sense of brotherhood and sisterhood was so much emphasized that it overcame all local attachments to a particular tribe, race, or language--all of which became subservient to the universal brotherhood and sisterhood of Islam.

The global civilization thus created by Islam permitted people of diverse ethnic backgrounds to work together in cultivating various arts and sciences. Although the civilization was profoundly Islamic, even non-Muslim "people of the book" participated in the intellectual activity whose fruits belonged to everyone. The scientific climate was reminiscent of the present situation in America where scientists and men and women of learning from all over the world are active in the advancement of knowledge which belongs to everyone.

The global civilization created by Islam also succeeded in activating the mind and thought of the people who entered its fold. As a result of Islam, the nomadic Arabs became torch-bearers of science and learning. The Persians who had created a great civilization before the

rise of Islam nevertheless produced much more science and learning in the Islamic period than before. The same can be said of the Turks and other peoples who embraced Islam. The religion of Islam was itself responsible not only for the creation of a world civilization in which people of many different ethnic backgrounds participated, but it played a central role in developing intellectual and cultural life on a scale not seen before. For some eight hundred years Arabic remained the major intellectual and scientific language of the world. During the centuries following the rise of Islam, Muslim dynasties ruling in various parts of the Islamic world bore witness to the flowering of Islamic culture and thought. In fact this tradition of intellectual activity was eclipsed only at the beginning of modern times as a result of the weakening of faith among Muslims combined with external domination. And today this activity has begun anew in many parts of the Islamic world now that the Muslims have regained their political independence.

The Islamic world remains today a vast land stretching from the Atlantic to the Pacific, with an important presence in Europe and America, animated by the teachings of Islam and seeking to assert its own identity. Despite the presence of nationalism and various secular ideologies in their midst, Muslims wish to live in the modern world but without simply imitating blindly the ways followed by the West. The Islamic world wishes to live at peace with the West as well as the East but at the same time not to be dominated by them. It wishes to devote its resources and energies to building a better life for its people on the basis of the teachings of Islam and not to squander its resources in either internal or external conflicts. It seeks finally to create better understanding with the West and to be better understood by the West. The destinies of the Islamic world and the West cannot be totally separated and therefore it is only in understanding each other better that they can serve their own people more successfully and also contribute to a better life for the whole of humanity.

7- Muhammad in the eyes of the renowned historians, philosophers and leaders of the West

Prophet Muhammad is not only the crown Jewel of the human race to the one billion and twenty five million Muslims around the globe, but he is also the most influential figure of all times as admitted by the most intellectual people of the Christian West. The greatness of Prophet Muhammad is so convincing to them that many from all camps, religious, and secular acknowledge him as the undisputed champion of the human race.

Endless are the words which have been spoken to describe his noble life and personality. No one can fail to be moved or inspired by the magnificence of his radiant character. Even Muhammad's greatest enemies had to admit that no fault could be found in his behavior or integrity. Friends and foes alike paid unsolicited tributes to this mighty Messenger of Allah. The Western scholars and historical figures who were brave enough to look at his achievements with an honest heart had testified to this. They paid the Prophet of Islam much ardent and enthusiastic tribute, and defended him from the false charges and calumnies of his enemies.

In *Histoire De La Turquie*, Paris, 1854, Vol. II, PP. 276-277, the French historian Lamartine described Muhammad in the following words:

"If greatness of purpose, smallness of means, and astounding results are the three criteria of human genius, who could dare to compare any great man in modern history with Muhammad? The most famous men created arms, laws and empires only. They founded, if anything at all, no more than material powers which often crumbled away before their eyes. This man moved not only armies, legislators, empires, peoples and dynasties, but millions of men in one third of the inhabited world; and more than that he moved the altars, the gods, the religions, the ideas, the beliefs, and the souls...his forbearance in victory, his ambition, which was entirely devoted to one idea and in no manner striving for an empire; his endless prayers, his mystic conversations with God, his death and his triumph after death; all these attest not to an imposter but to a firm conviction which gave him the power to restore a dogma. This dogma was two-fold, the unity of God and the immateriality of God; the former telling what God is, the latter telling what God is not; the one overthrowing false gods with the sword, the other starting an idea with words...On the basis of a Book (the Koran), every letter of which has become law, he created a nationality which blended together people of every tongue and every race."

Philosopher, orator, apostle, legislator, warrior, conqueror of ideas, restorer of rational dogmas, of a cult without images; the founder of twenty

terrestrial empires and of one spiritual empire that is Muhammad. As regards all standards by which human greatness may be measured, we may well ask, is there any man greater than he?"

Ranking the Prophet No. 1 in his list of the most influential of all heroes of history, the American researcher, astronomer, and mathematician Dr. Heart writes:

"My choice of Muhammad to lead the list of the world's most influential persons may surprise some readers and may be questioned by others, but he was the only man in history who was supremely successful on both the religious and secular levels. It is this unparalleled combination of secular and religious influence which I feel entitles Muhammad to be the most influential single figure in human history."

Jules Masserman, a famous American psychoanalyst, writing under the heading, 'Who were History's Great Leaders', Time Magazine, July 1974, said about the Prophet of Islam:

"Leaders must fulfill three functions: 1) provide the well-being of the led, 2) provide a social organization in which people feel relatively secure, and 3) provide them with one set of beliefs. People like Pasteur and Salk are leaders in the first sense; People like Ghandi and Confucius, on the one hand, Alexander, Cesar and Hitler, on the other, are leaders in the second or perhaps the third sense. Jesus and Buddha belong to the third category alone. Perhaps the greatest leader of all times was Muhammad who combined all three functions. To a lesser degree Moses did the same."

Napoleon Bonaparte said:

"Muhammad was a prince who rallied his compatriots around him. In a few years the Muslims conquered half the world. They snatched away more souls from false gods, pulled down more idols, demolished more pagan temples in fifteen years than the followers of Moses and Jesus did in fifteen centuries. Muhammad indeed was a great man."

Napoleon further added:

"Arabia was idolatrous when, six centuries after Jesus, Muhammad introduced the worship of the God of Abraham, of Ishmael, of Moses, and Jesus. The Arians and some other sects had disturbed the tranquility of the East by agitating the question of the nature of the Father, the son,

and the Holy Ghost. Muhammad declared that there was none but one God, who had no father, no son, and that the trinity imported the idea of idolatry...I hope the time is not far off when I shall be able to unite all the wise and educated men of all the countries and establish a uniform regime based on the principles of the Koran which alone are true and which alone can lead men to happiness."

American scholar Rev. Bosworth Smith wrote:

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

Godfrey H. Janson wrote:

"Even from smaller number (of recordings of Prophets Life), we gain an incomparably detailed picture of the doings, and the personality of Muhammad, such as is not available for Christ and Buddha...Muhammad was much more than a Prophet. He was a soldier...a general...he sent ambassadors and received them; laid down the laws and administered them. Buddha, though once a ruling prince, did not attempt anything like this, nor did Christ with his twelve disciples. Muhammad was also a family man."

Professor Floyd H. Ross, University of Southern California, and Church Educationist Tynette Hills rank him number one when they write:

"No other Prophet spoke with such authority. No other had such complete revelation from God."

MIT Professor Huston Smiths wrote:

"Muhammad's Islam unrolled before us one of the most remarkable panoramas in all of history...Looking at the differences between pre- and post-Islamic Arabia, we are forced to ask whether history has ever witnessed ethical advance among so many in so short a time."

In "The Genuine Islam", vol. 1, no. 81936, George Bernard Shaw wrote:

"If any religion had the chance of ruling over England, nay Europe within the next hundred years, it could be Islam. I have always held the religion of Muhammad in high estimation because of its wonderful vitality. It is the only religion which possesses that assimilating capacity to the changing phase of existence which can make itself appeal to every age. I have studied him – the wonderful man and in my opinion far from being an anti-Christ, he must be called the savior of humanity. I believe that if a man like him were to assume the dictatorship of the modern world, he would succeed in solving its problems in a way that would bring it much needed peace and happiness."

John Davenport wrote:

"The piety of Moses and Christ rejoiced in the assurances of a future Prophet more illustrious than themselves and the Evangelist's promise of a Paraclete or Holy Ghost, the comforter, was prefigured in the name and accomplished in the person of the greatest and last of god's Prophets – Muhammad."

Edward Gibbon said:

"...Muhammad banished from the Arabs within ten years their heart-heartedness, spirit of revenge, anarchy, female degradation, rivalry, lawlessness, usury, drunkenness, infanticide, murderous quarrel and human sacrifice as well as all stupid superstitions and fetishes. Through that religion he brought down upon this very earth the 'Kingdom of Heaven' so profoundly coveted by Jesus."

Edward Gibbon and Simon Ockley in 'History of the Saracen Empire wrote:

"It is not the propagation but the permanency of his religion that deserves our wonder, the same and pure and perfect impression which he engraved in Makkah and Medina is preserved., after the revolution of twelve centuries by the Indian, the African, and the Turkish proselytes of the Koran...The Mahometans have uniformly withstood the temptation of reducing the object of their faith and devotion to a level with the senses and imagination of man.' I believe in One God and Mahomet the Apostle of God' is the simple and invariable profession of Islam. The intellectual image of the Deity has never been degraded by any visible idol; the honors of the Prophet have never transgressed the measure of human

virtue, and his living precepts have restrained the gratitude of his disciples within the bounds of reason and religion."

Mahatma Gandhi, speaking on the character of Muhammad said in 'Young India':

"I wanted to know the best of one who holds today's undisputed sway over the hearts of millions of mankind...I became more than convinced that it was not the sword that won a place for Islam in those days in the scheme of life. It was the rigid simplicity, the utter self-effacement of the Prophet, the scrupulous regard for his pledges, his intense devotion to his friends and followers, his intrepidity, his fearlessness, his absolute trust in God and in his own mission. These and not the sword carried everything before them and surrounded every obstacle. When I closed the second volume (of the Prophet's biography) I was sorry there was not more for me to read of the great life."

Thomas Carlyle in his (Heroes and Hero worship) was simply amazed as to:

"How one man single-handedly, could weld warring tribes and wandering Bedouins into a most powerful and civilized nation in less than two decades...The lies which orient lists and haters of Islam had heaped upon this man are disgraceful to their own selves only."

Carlyle further added:

"A poor, hard-toiling, ill-provided man; careless of what vulgar men toil for. Not a bad man, I should say; something better in him than hunger of any sort, - or these wild Arab men, fighting and jostling three and twenty years at his hand, in close contact with him always, would not revered him so! They were wild men bursting ever into quarrel, into all kinds of fierce sincerity; without right worth and manhood, no man could have commanded them. They called him Prophet you say? Why he stood there face to face with them; bare, not enshrined in any mystery; visibly clouting his own cloak, cobbling his own shoes; fighting, counseling, ordering in the midst of them: they must have seen what kind of man he was, let him be called what you like! No emperor was obeyed as this man in a cloak of his own clouting. During three and twenty years of rough actual trial, I find something of a veritable Hero necessary for that, of itself...These Arabs, the man Mahomet, and that one century, is it not as

if a spark had fallen, one spark, on a world of what proves explosive powder, blazes heaven – high from Delhi to Granada! I said, the Great man was always as lightning out of Heaven; the rest of men waited for him like fuel, and then they too would flame..."

K.S. Ramakrishna Rao, an Indian Professor of Philosophy in his booklet, 'Muhammad, The Prophet of Islam) calls him the 'Perfect model for human life.

"Professor Rao explained his point by saying:

"The personality of Muhammad, it is most difficult to get into the whole truth of it. Only a glimpse of it I can catch. What a dramatic succession of picturesque scenes! There is Muhammad, the Prophet, there is Muhammad the warrior, Muhammad the businessman, Muhammad the statesman, Muhammad the orator, Muhammad the reformer, Muhammad the refuge of orphans, Muhammad the protector of slaves, Muhammad the emancipator of women, Muhammad the judge, Muhammad the saint. All in all these magnificent roles, in all these departments of human activities, he is like a hero."

Dr. Lura Vecci Vaglieri, the Italian orientalist in her book 'An interpretation of Islam' wrote:

"The Arabian Prophet with a voice which was inspired by a deep communion with his Maker preached the purest monotheism to the worshippers of fetish and followers of a corrupted Christianity and Judaism. He put himself in open conflict with those regressive tendencies of mankind which lead to the association of other beings with the Creator."

Dr. Vaglieri continues:

"In order to lead men to a belief in one God, he did not delude them with happenings which deviate from the normal course of nature, the so called miracles, nor did he compel them to keep quiet by using celestial threats which only undermine man's ability to think. Rather, he simply invited them, without asking them to leave the realm of reality, to consider the universe and its laws. Being confident of the resultant belief in the One and indispensable God, he simply let men read in the book of life... Muhammad was content to appeal to the intimate conscience of the individual and to the intuitive judgment of man. Thanks to Islam

paganism in its various forms was defeated. The spirit of man was liberated from prejudice; man's will was set free from the ties which had kept it bound to the so called hidden powers. Priests, the false guardians of mysteries, brokers of salvation, all of those who pretended to be mediators between God and man and consequently believed that they had authority over other people's wills fell from pedestals. Man became the servant of God alone and towards other men he had only the obligation of one free man towards other free men. While previously men had suffered the injustices of social differences, Islam proclaimed equality among all human beings."

Stoddard, A.M.I. wrote in his 'Islam – The Religion of All Prophets':

"The rise of Islam is perhaps the most important event in human history. Springing from a land and a people like previously negligible, Islam spread within a century over half the earth, shattering great empires, overthrowing long established religions, remolding the souls of races, and building up a whole new world, a world of Islam. The closer we examine this development, the more extraordinary does it appear. The other great religions won their way slowly, by painful struggle and finally triumphed with the aid of powerful monarchs converted to the new faith. Christianity has its Constantine, Buddhism its Asoka, Zoroastrianism its Cyrus, each lending to his chosen cult the mighty force of secular authority. Not so with Islam. Arising in a desert land sparsely inhabited by a nomad race previously undistinguished in human annals, Islam sallied forth on its great adventure with the slenderest human backing and against the heaviest material odds. Yet Islam triumphed with seemingly miraculous ease, and a couple of generations saw the Fiery Crescent borne victorious from the Pyrenees to the Himalayas and from the desert of Central Asia to the deserts of Central Africa."

The eminent British writer Robert Briffault wrote:

The ideas of freedom for all human beings, of human brotherhood, the equality of all men before the law of democratic government, by consultation and universal suffrage, the ideas that inspired the French Revolution and the Declaration of Rights, that guided the framing of the American Constitution and inflamed the struggle for independence in the Latin American countries, were not invention of the West. They find their ultimate inspiration and source in the Holy Koran. They are the quintessence of what the intelligentsia of medieval Europe acquired from

Islam over a period of centuries through the various societies that developed in Europe in the wake of the Crusades in imitation of the brother-hood association of Islam. It is highly probable that but for the Arabs (Muhammad and his followers), modern civilization would never have arisen at all, it is absolutely certain that but for them it would never have assumed that character which has enabled it to transcend all previous phases of evolution."

John William Drapper in his "A History of the intellectual Development of Europe", London 1875, wrote:

"Four years after the death of Justinian, A.A. 569 was born at Nakkah, in Arabia the man who, of all men exercised the greatest influence upon the human race."

Encyclopedia Britannica in its 11th edition mentioned that:

"Mohammad was the most successful of all religious personalities."

Annie Besant in "The Life and Teachings of Muhammad", Madras, 1932, PP. 4 wrote:

"It is impossible for anyone who studies the life and character of the great Prophet of Arabia, who knows how he taught and how he lived, to feel anything but reverence for that mighty Prophet, one of the great Messengers of the Supreme. And although in what I put to you I shall say many things which may be familiar to many, yet I myself feel whenever I re-read them, a new way of admiration, a new sense of reverence for that mighty Arabian teacher."

Besant further added:

"But do you mean to tell me that the man who in the full flush of youthful vigor, a young man of four and twenty, married a woman much his senior, and remained faithful to her for six and twenty years, at fifty years of age when the passion are dying married for lust and sexual passion? Not thus are men's lives to be judged. And you look at the women whom he married, you will find that by every one of them an alliance was made for his people, or something was gained for his followers, or the woman was in sore need of protection."

Geoffrey Paririnder in "Mysticism in the World's Religions, New York; Oxford University Press, 1976 PP. 121, wrote:

"No great religious leader has been so maligned as Prophet Muhammad. Attacked in the past as a heretic, an impostor, or a sensualist, it is still possible to find him referred to as 'the false prophet.' A modern German writer accuses Prophet Muhammad of sensuality surrounding himself with young women. This man was married until he was twenty-five years of age, then he and his wife lived in happiness and fidelity for twenty-four years, until her death when he was forty-nine. Only between the age of fifty and his death at sixty-two did Prophet Muhammad take other wives, only one of whom was a virgin, and most of them were taken for dynastic and political reasons. Certainly the Prophet's record was better than the head of the Church of England, Henry VIII."

In "Islam the Misunderstood Religion", Reader's Digest, American edition, May 1955, PP. 68-70, James A. Michener wrote:

Michael Hames writes:

"The central fact of Islam is unity. God is One and Muhammad is His Prophet. Duality has been put away. No father, and no son, no division into sacred and secular, or east or west...it is for this reason racial discrimination cannot exist in such brotherhood...Islam attracts me because it offers a complete philosophy of life, because it is an authentic religion. I believe no one can afford to ignore Islam in this day and age."

This is the opinion of the most popular and eminent scholars, philosophers, scientists, orators and political leaders of the west about Muhammad. Do we compare these giants with a dwarf and a midget like Robert Spencer? Do we believe the ravings of Robert Spencer about Muhammad and neglect the views of the most intellectual people of the west concerning the greatness of Muhammad? Do we deny reason and apply the hallucination of an ignorant that is totally unaware of the religion of Islam and its history?

Jihad Watch!

Robert Spencer is the director of a website known as 'Jihad Watch', a program of the Zionist David Horowitz Freedom Center. He claims that

the purpose of Jihad Watch is to face the concerted effort by Islamic jihadists which is directed to destroy western societies and bring them forcibly into the Islamic world.

He also claims that violent jihad is a constant of Islamic history. Many passages of the Qur'an and sayings of the Prophet Muhammad are used by jihad warriors today to justify their actions and gain new recruits. No major Muslim group has ever repudiated the doctrines of armed jihad. The theology of jihad, which denies unbelievers equality of human rights and dignity, is available today for anyone with the will and means to bring it to life.

Jihad Watch is therefore dedicated to bringing public attention to the role that jihad theology and ideology plays in the modern world, and to correcting popular misconceptions about the role of jihad and religion in modern-day conflicts. Robert Spencer further claims that his work is dedicated identifying the causes of jihad terrorism, which of course lead straight back into the Islamic texts. I have therefore called for reform of those texts... I have dedicated Jihad Watch to defending equality of rights and freedom of conscience for all people. That's Islamophobic? Then is the fault in the phobe, or in the Islam?

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The ignorant moron thinks that the Koran is a human work and he calls for reform of its texts! Allah assails you! How you are perverted!

Allah's Word is not to be changed or reformed, His words are decisive, irrevocable and conclusive.

Perfect are the words of thy Lord in truthfulness and justice; no man can change His words; He is the All-hearing, the All-knowing (Al-An'am, 115).

His words no one or any power can alter.

Recite what has been revealed to thee of the Book of thy Lord; no man can change His words. Apart from Him, thou wilt find no refuge (Al-Kaff, 27).

What is the true purpose of Jihad Watch - bad intention of course!

As a man of deceit, and clever in covering the truth with falsehood, Robert Spencer emptied the word 'Jihad' from its noble meaning and considered it as an inherent evil in Islam - an act of terrorism directed to the west to subdue it and force it to live in humility under the banner of Islam!

This terrifying accusation is sufficient to turn the whole world against Islam. Robert Spencer will live and profit from the confusion and agitation which will result from such terrible accusation. This is how the man earns his living. His books, workshops, articles and meetings go about this very dangerous but attractive subject – Islam is the enemy; jihad is threatening western civilization, Muslims must be deported and kicked out from the west etc.

This outrageous deceit compels me to explain the true meaning of Jihad in Islam.

Jihad' is a term often misunderstood and associated with violent radical militants. This Arabic word is frequently mistranslated as 'holy war'. Holy war is something undertaken to forcibly subject others to certain religious doctrines, and there is no such thing in Islam.

Mujahid: is a person who engages in Jihad for the sake of Allah.
Mujahidin is the plural of Mujahid.

Jihad is usually associated with Islam and Muslims, but in fact, the concept of Jihad is found in all religions including Christianity, Judaism and political/economic ideologies, such as, Capitalism, Socialism, Communism, etc. Islam defines Jihad as striving and struggling for improvement as well as fighting back to defend one's self, honor, assets

and homeland. Also, Jihad is interpreted as the struggle against the temptations of life.

Jihad in Islam is a divinely ordained obligation which is reflected in the following Koranic verses:

The believers are those who believe in Allah and His Messenger, then have not doubted, and have struggled with their possessions and their selves in the way of Allah; those – they are the truthful ones (Al-Hujurat, 15).

And strive in the Way of Allah as His due (Al-Hajj, 78).

O believers shall I direct you to a commerce that shall deliver you from a painful chastisement? You shall believe in Allah and His Messenger, and struggle in the way of Allah with your possessions and your selves. That is better for you, did you but know. He will forgive you your sins and admit you into gardens underneath which rivers flow, and to dwelling-places goodly in Gardens of Eden; that is the mighty triumph... (Al-Saff 10-13).

The Messenger of Allah said:

'Whoever dies without struggling in the Way of Allah, or wishing to do so, dies a Pre Islamic ignorant death.'

Jihad is an Islamic institution that is widely misunderstood. The non-Muslims fearfully regard it as an Islamic practice that aims to wage 'Holy War' against all disbelievers, to convert them to Islam or to kill them. To the common western mind, the word 'Jihad' is synonymous with 'terrorism' and Islam is a 'militant' religion.

The word 'jihad' is derived from the root 'jahd' or 'juhd' which means exertion of power and 'jihad' and 'mujahada' mean the exerting of one's power in repelling the enemy. Jihad is of three kinds; viz., the carrying out of a struggle against : 1. a visible enemy, 2. the devil, 3. one's self (nafs).

Thus, in a broader sense, jihad means striving to the utmost extent of one's ability and power by exerting oneself spiritually in the way of Allah and doing one's best to preach the Message of Islam to others

without compulsion. This is the jihad that a Muslim can carry out for Islam throughout his life. When used in the narrower sense of fighting against a visible enemy, jihad means fighting only in self-defense, when the initiative of attack is taken by the other party.

The spiritual exertion to curb one's lower desires and evil inclinations and to try to increase in the doing of good in order to attain nearness to Allah is an important injunction in the Koran:

But those who struggle in Our cause, surely We shall guide them in Our ways; and Allah is with the good-doers (Al-Ankabut, 69).

And struggle for Allah as His due, for He has chosen you, and has laid on you no impediment in your religion, being the creed of your father Abraham; he named you Muslims aforetime... (Al-Hajj, 78).

The jihad referred to here is clearly jihad against one's own self; it is perhaps the most difficult of all. It would have been easy enough if jihad had only meant the defence of Islam by fighting against an enemy bent upon the extermination of the Muslims when the occasion so demanded; but to be constantly engaged in fighting against one's inner demons, to guard against all sorts of temptations and greed and never to allow oneself to weaken for a moment lest one be overcome is by far more arduous a struggle. Yet when a believer sincerely tries to purify his soul and asks help from his Creator, he finds Him nigh and Allah guides him in his efforts.

Let us now take a look at the Koranic injunction of jihad with the sword, which is the most commonly understood meaning of jihad. Consider the circumstances under which the first permission to fight is given to the faithful. The Muslims had patiently borne the most ruthless persecution at the hands of the Quraish for thirteen years in Makkah. The flight to Madinah, however, had further fanned the anger of the tribe of Quraish since the Muslims were now out of their reach. With individual persecution no longer possible, they now planned the extinction of the Muslims as a nation. They would either annihilate the Muslims or compel them to return to unbelief. In these circumstances came the earliest permission to fight.

As we read in the Koran:

Leave is given to those who fight because they were wronged – surely Allah is able to help them – who were expelled from their habitations without right, except that they said, ‘Our Lord is Allah.’ Had Allah not driven back the people, some by the means of others, there had been destroyed cloisters and churches, oratories and mosques, wherein Allah’s Name is much mentioned. Assuredly Allah will help him who helps Him – surely Allah is All-Strong, All-Mighty (Al-Hajj 39, 40).

Indeed, war with such a pure motive as to establish the principle of religious liberty was truly a jihad, a struggle carried on simply with the object that truth may prosper and that freedom of conscience may be maintained.

The second verse giving the Muslims permission to fight runs as follows:

"And fight in the way of Allah against those who fight against you, and be not aggressive; surely Allah loves not the aggressors" (Al-Baqarah, 190).

Here again the condition is plainly laid down that the Muslims shall not be the first to attack. They had to fight - it had now become a duty - but only against those who fought against them; aggression was expressly prohibited. The words ‘in the way of Allah’ are misinterpreted by most Western writers as meaning for the propagation of Islam, when nothing could be further from the truth since the Muslims were not fighting to force Islam on others, rather they were being fought to force them to renounce their faith.

Moreover, the Koran says :

"There is no compulsion in religion (Al-Baqarah, 256), was revealed after the permission for war had been given, and it is therefore certain that fighting had no connection with the preaching of religion.

The fifth verse of chapter 9 of the Koran is mistakenly called by some people ‘the verse of the sword, as if it inculcated the indiscriminate massacre of all idolators or unbelievers. The misconception is due to the fact that the words are taken out of their context. The words of the fifth verse are:

Then when the sacred months are drawn away, slay the idolaters wherever you find them, and take them, and confine them, and lie in wait for them at every place of ambush. But if they repent, and perform the prayer, and pay the alms, then let them go their way; Allah is All-Forgiving, All-Compassionate (Al-Tawbah, 5).

It is asserted that this verse offers to the disbelievers the alternative of the sword or the Koran. Nothing is farther from the truth. As the title of this chapter and the opening verses show, the Muslims have been freed from their obligations toward keeping peace with the idolatrous tribes as they had repeatedly broken their engagements with the Muslims and repeatedly dealt telling blows to the Muslims whenever they had an opportunity of doing so. The injunction to wage war is clearly against these idolaters that repeatedly violated their agreements with the Muslims, while clear exceptions are made with regard to those idolatrous tribes who adhered to their treaties and those who sought the protection of the Muslims. The latter were to be conveyed the message of Islam but in case they did not accept it, they were to be safely conveyed to their homes. This clearly shows that the war against the idolaters was not because they were idolaters but because they repeatedly violated the trust of the Muslims and invited them to war.

In other words, the emphasis is on the first clause: when the sacred months of grace are drawn away, and the other party show no signs of desisting from their treacherous designs by right conduct, that the state of war supervenes between faith and unfaith. When war becomes inevitable it must be prosecuted with vigor. But even then there is room for repentance and amendment on the part of the guilty party, and if that takes place, our duty is forgiveness and the establishment of peace. The repentance must be sincere, and that is shown by conduct – a religious spirit of true prayer and charity. In that case we are not to bar the gate against the repentant. On the contrary we must do all we can to make their way easy, remembering that Allah is Oft-Forgiving, Most Merciful.

Nowhere does the Koran give the Muslims permission to enter on an unprovoked war against the whole world. Conditions are also laid down as to when war should cease.

And fight with them until there is no more persecution, and religion should be only for Allah (Al-Baqarah, 193).

The words 'religion should be only for Allah' are sometimes misinterpreted as meaning that all people should accept Islam. This misconception, however, is soon dispelled upon comparison with another verse which carries very similar words.

And fight with them until there is no more persecution and all religions are for Allah (Al-Anfal, 39).

This clearly shows that both the expressions 'religion should be only for Allah' and 'all religions are for Allah' carry the same significance, namely that religion is a matter between man and his God, in which nobody has a right to interfere. This teaching was supported by the practice of the Prophet Muhammad who gave full religious liberty to a people who had been subjugated in war. A well-known example is the occasion of the conquest of Makkah.

Far from being a militant creed, Islam is such a peace-loving religion that the Muslims are enjoined to accept peace even in the middle of war if the enemy so desires:

"And if they incline to peace, incline thou also to it and trust in Allah; surely He is the Hearer, the Knower. And if they intend to deceive thee - then surely Allah is sufficient for thee" (Al-Anfal 61, 62).

Over here, peace is even recommended when the enemy's sincerity may be doubtful, and there was good cause to doubt the intentions of the Arab tribes who attached no value to their agreements. Yet the Prophet was always ready to make peace even, as on the occasion of the Hudaibiya truce, taking the position of the defeated party - although he had never been defeated on the battlefield - and accepting terms which his own Companions looked upon as humiliating to Islam. Such remained the practice of the Prophet throughout his life and he never led an aggressive attack (7).

The weakest level of Jihad is the heart's abhorrence of evil, and its highest is fighting in the Way of Allah. Between these two levels are numerous forms of jihad, including struggling with the tongue, pen, or hand, and speaking a word of truth to a tyrannical ruler.

As mentioned by the Prophet in one hadith, jihad is of two forms: lesser jihad and greater jihad. The greater jihad is the struggle which each person should undertake to overcome their faults and the impulse to give way the wrongful thoughts and actions. The lesser jihad is to fight in an armed struggle against oppression.

Jihad may be undertaken for a righteous cause, for example to free refugee children from detention, or against political corruption. In these cases jihad may be waged through a letter writing campaign, public speeches, demonstrations, contributing money and other forms of political lobbying, none of which need involve violence.

In the context of war, Jihad must be performed according to Islamic rules and regulations and only for the sake or in the service of Allah. The military Jihad must be called by a Muslim authority, such as, a president or head of a Muslim country after due consultations with the learned leadership. If this is the case, it then becomes obligatory on each Muslim to the extent of his or her capabilities and in the light of circumstances.

Jihad is not synonymous with war, and it certainly does not include terrorism. The term 'terrorism' does not exist in the Quran or the teachings of the Prophet. Islam is a religion and a way of life that does not separate politics from religion. Islam is a religion of mercy, unity and most importantly peace with one's self and others, to defend not to fight. There is no such term as 'Islamic terrorism' in the Koran or the Sunna and has no place in Islam.

Allah said in the Koran:

Allah does not forbid you from showing kindness and dealing justly with those who have not fought you about religion and have not driven you out of your homes, that you should show them kindness and deal justly with them. Allah loves just dealers." (Al-Mumtahinah, 8).

Fight in the cause of Allah against those who fight you, but do not begin aggression, for Allah loves not aggressors. (Noble Quran Al-Baqarah, 190).

If they seek peace, then seek you peace and trust in Allah for He is the Hearer, the Knower. (Al-Anfal, 61).

And let not the hatred of others make you avoid justice. Be just: that is next to piety; and fear Allah, for Allah is well-acquainted with all that you do." (Al-Maidah, 8).

And the recompense of evil is evil the like of it; but whoso pardons and puts things right, his wage falls upon Allah, surely He loves not the evildoers (Ash-Shura, 40).

Not equal are the good deed and the evil deed. Repel with that which is fairer and behold, he between whom and thee there is enmity shall be as if he were a loyal friend (Fussilat, 34).

The Prophet prohibited Muslim soldiers from killing women, children and the elderly, or cut a palm tree, and he advised them, "do not betray, do not be excessive, do not kill a newborn child."

"Whoever has killed a person having a treaty with the Muslims shall not smell the fragrance of Paradise, though its fragrance is found for a span of forty years."

"The first cases to be adjudicated between people on the Day of Judgment will be those of bloodshed." Killing is the second major sin in Islam.

"Truly your blood, your property, and your honor are inviolable."

"There is a reward for kindness shown to every living animal or human."

The Koran and Sunnah encourage Muslims to respect the life and property of all mankind. In an Islamic State these rights are considered sacred, whether a person is Muslim or not. Islam protects honor, forbids insulting others, and/or making fun of them. Islam rejects certain individuals or nations being favored because of their wealth, power, and/or race.

All Muslims believe that Allah created all humans free and equal, only to be distinguished from each other on the basis of God-consciousness or piety and never on the basis of riches, race, color or ethnicity.

Islam is a practical religion that respects all human beings and it was revealed for all mankind. Its Message is that of peace and submission to Allah. Muslims believe in all the Prophets mentioned in the Bible, and the Koran. The Koran shares many moral teachings of the Old Testament and the New Testament. These three religions (and their books) were founded upon the revelations by One True God, Allah.

Suicide under any pretext is not considered as Jihad in Islam. Converting people to Islam by force or coercion is never Jihad but a crime, punishable by law. The concept of Muslim men rushing out to kill themselves to get "70 dancing virgins" in Paradise is absurd.

In Islam, there is no such thing as holy war. This terminology was generated in Europe during the Crusades and their war against Muslims. Islam recognizes Jews and Christians as the "People of the Book" because they all follow the Prophet Abraham, and believe in Moses, and Jesus' teachings. For many centuries, Muslims have peacefully coexisted with Christians, Jews, and people of other faiths, maintaining social, business, political and economic treaties. Islam respects all humans and faiths as long as there is no religious oppression, forbidding Muslims from serving Allah, preventing others from learning about Islam, and not respecting treaties.

The haters of Islam spread by the sword and by force! The unequivocal and emphatic answer is certainly no. The Qur'an states:

"Let there be no compulsion (or coercion) in the religion (Islam). The right direction is distinctly clear from error." (Al-Baqarah, 256).

Here is a good study of the question of the spread of Islam by a Christian missionary, T. W. Arnold: "...of any organized attempt to force the acceptance of Islam on the non-Muslim population, or of any systematic persecution intended to stamp out the Christian religion, we hear nothing. Had the caliphs chosen to adopt either course of action, they might have swept away Christianity as easily as Ferdinand and

Isabella drove Islam out of Spain, or Louis XIV made Protestantism penal in France, or the Jews were kept out of England for 350 years. The Eastern Churches in Asia were entirely cut off from communion with the rest of Christendom throughout which no one would have been found to lift a finger on their behalf, as heretical communions. So that the very survival of these Churches to the present day is a strong proof of the generally tolerant attitude of Mohammedan governments towards them". Islam does not teach, nor do Muslims desire, conversion of any people for fear, greed, marriage or any other form of coercion (8).

In conclusion, jihad in Islam is striving in the way of Allah by pen, tongue, hand, media and, if inevitable, with arms. However, jihad in Islam does not include striving for individual or national power, dominance, glory, wealth, prestige or pride.

Robert Spencer excels in quoting the Koranic verses out of context and then blames Islam for promoting violence and terrorism. It is just like someone searches through the Bible and picks the following words or sentences to prove that the Bible promotes violence:

“Take all the leader of these people, kill them.” (Numbers 25:7)

“Now kill all the boys. And kill every woman who has slept with a man, but save for yourselves every girl who has never slept with a man.” (Numbers 31:17-18)

“Kill every male and every woman who is not a virgin.” (Judges 21:11)

No fair-minded person will accept such “out of context” presentation of the Biblical verses. Yet we see Robert Spencer and many Christian evangelists and missionaries do exactly the same to the Koran without any hesitation.

I shall present here four examples to show how Robert Spencer and many Christian evangelists take the Koranic text outside its context in order to convince their readers that Islam is a violent religion.

Chapter 2 (Surah al-Baqara), verse 191 is quoted as follows:

“Kill them wherever you find them.”

To understand the full context of this verse, we must read verses 190 to 193 together:

And fight in the way of Allah those who are fighting against you, and do not exceed the limits, surely Allah does not love those who exceed the limits. And kill them wherever you find them, and drive them out from whence they drove you out—persecution is severer than slaughter.

And do not fight them at the Sacred Mosque [in Mecca] until they fight with you in it; but if they do fight you, then slay them; such is the recompense of the unbelievers. But if they desist, then surely Allah is Forgiving, Merciful. And fight them until there is no persecution and religion should be only for Allah; but if they desist, then there should be no hostility except against the oppressors.”

The context clarifies that the verse 191 is allowing Muslims of Medina to defend themselves against the aggression of the unbelievers of Mecca. It surely does not say that Muslims should go around the world killing any infidel that they find!

Chapter 4 (Surah Al-Nisa’), verse 74 which supposedly encourages blood shedding:

“So let them them fight in the way of Allah who sell the present life for the world to come; and whosoever fights in the way of Allah, and is slain, or conquers, We shall bring him a mighty wage (AL-Nisa’, 74).

Those who quote this verse, conveniently leave out the next verse no. 75 which explains the purpose and justification for the minor jihād:

“And what is the matter with you that you do not fight in the way of Allah for [the sake of] the oppressed men, women, and children who pray: ‘Our Lord, take us out of this town whose people are oppressors, and appoint for us from Thee a guardian and give us from Thee a helper...’ (Al-Nisa’, 75)

This verse is clearly urging the Muslim to stand up for the oppressed men, women and children. Should not divine religions defend the oppressed men, women and children.

Chapter 9 (Surah at-Tawba), verse 12:

“Fight the leaders of unbelief.”

This is just part of the whole passage where Allah talks about the Muslims in Medina and their truce agreement with the unbelievers of Mecca. See verses 12 to 14:

“And if they break their oaths after their agreement and revile your religion, then fight the leaders of unbelief –surely their oaths are of no value– so that they may desist.

“What is the matter with you that you do not fight a people who broke their oaths and aimed at the expulsion of the Prophet [from Mecca], and they attacked you first? Do you fear them? But Allah is most deserving that you should fear Him, if you are believers.

“Fight them; Allah will punish them by your hands and bring them to disgrace, and assist you against them, heal the hearts of a believing people, remove the rage of their hearts, and Allah turns (mercifully) to whom He pleases, and Allah is Knowing, Wise.”

The context clearly gives the right of defence to the Muslims but, in no way, does it promote aggression.

Chapter 9 (Surah at-Tawba), verse 36:

Fight the polytheists all together.

In reality, this sentence is part of an entire verse in which Allah talks about the sacredness of four of the twelve months in which fighting is forbidden. Then it says:

And fight the polytheists all together as they fight you all together; and know that Allah is with the god-fearing.

Those who like to take this Koranic verse out of its context conveniently miss out the part “as they fight you all together”. As you see, this verse is also responding to the aggression started by the polytheists against the Muslims; it does not talk about initiating a war.

From these examples, it is quite clear that Islam is not talking about the minor jihād for the sake of aggression; rather it is allowing the Muslims to physically defend their lives, properties, and lands against any aggression, and also to fight for ending tyranny against the oppressed men, women and children (9).

It seems that the injunction to turn the other cheek was being meant only for saints. Christian people over the centuries have not shown any

more restraint in war than have non-Christians. The ideal preached and the practice followed have often little to do with each other.

Now let's talk about double standard and differential treatment of the west to Muslims.

Muslims follow a religion of peace, mercy and forgiveness. If an individual Muslim were to commit an act of terrorism, this person would be guilty of violating the basic tenants of Islam.

When Timothy McVeigh bombed the Oklahoma City building, no American or Christian was labeled as a terrorist or was the target of hate crimes. When Irish Christians carry out acts of terrorism against each other and on the British Isles, the Christian religion is not blamed but individuals or their political agenda. Unfortunately, the same is not true for American Muslims and Arabs. The vast majority of Muslims or Arabs have no association with the violent events around the world yet Islam is invoked with terrorism. It is unfair to 1.5 billion Muslims of the world and religion of Islam.

Innocent until proven guilty in an open court is an accepted universal principle of justice along with liberty and freedom for all humankind. However, the U.S. failed to practice the same principles for those who are not U.S. nationals. Even worse, the U.S. is creating military tribunal for secret trials because there may be inadequate evidence to prove Arabs and Muslims guilty in open courts (10).

This double standard and differential treatment of the west to Muslims compels me to ask:

- 1- Why is a Jew practicing his religion called orthodox, a Christian practicing his called devout; but when a Muslim practices his religion he is labeled a fundamentalist?
- 2- Why can a nun be covered from head to toe and be respected for devoting herself to God; but when a Muslim woman does that, she's considered fanatic or oppressed?
- 3- Why, when a non-Muslim steals, rapes or murders, his religion is irrelevant; but when a Muslim is charged with a crime, it is Islam that goes on trial?

4- Why is it that Prophet Muhammad has been singled out in Western media for abuse and criticism?

But then again, why, in spite of so many negative portrayals, is Islam the fastest growing religion in the world?

If Islam was just another false religion that made no sense, would so many people need to invent so many falsehoods about it?

Our answer is merely that the ultimate truth of Islam stands on unshakeable ground and that its basic fundamental belief in one supreme God is above reproach. Hence, because no one can criticize its doctrines directly, opponents can only resort to spreading misinformation about Islam so that people will be deterred from interest in it and lose the desire to find out more.

This religion comes from Allah, and it is protected by Him. If any other religion had been exposed to the wars, conspiracies and plots that Islam has been exposed to, it would have been dispensed with long ago or essentially altered as other religions have been. This faith, however, has remained unchanged for over 1400 years, while love of it constantly renews itself in the hearts of its followers, and adherence to it increases with their increase in education and knowledge - further evidence that it is truly Allah's religion.

Islam provides mankind with a reason to live and with an ethical code by which to live. It outlines the dimensions of universal relationships - with individuals, societies and all of creation. It protects the institution of the family, upholds principles of justice, self-sufficiency, personal and collective responsibility, and freedom of thought. Islam provides the foundations for a stable society, progress, security and world peace.

If more Muslims were to present Islam correctly and clearly, it would surely make many people reconsider and reevaluate their own beliefs. It is quite likely that both scholars and lay people, upon finding a universal religion that teaches people to worship God and respect His prophets within a framework of pure monotheism, would at least feel the need to reassess the basis for their own beliefs and doctrines. And it is that to which all people are invited by the Qur'an.

Yes, Islam is the fastest growing religion in the world today, and it has the answer to problems facing the modern world. People must not judge the religion by what they see on television or by what some hate mongers with well known agendas like Robert Spencer and the like are doing. People must study Islam from its authentic sources and speak to sincere practicing Muslims. They will surely find a different picture than that projected by the biased media and the Islamophobic hate mongers. They may even find that Islam is what they have been looking for all their lives.

Blogging the Koran!

Robert Spencer blogged the Koran in order to criticize it. His evil purpose was to find flaws in the Koran and to prove that it contains verses urging Muslims to kill Christian, Jews and infidels. He went to the extent of taking the Koranic verses out of their context in order to serve the false ideas he fabricates in his sick mind against Islam. He pictured the Koran as a violent mandate for worldwide Islamic supremacy, and stated that its ideology fuels international terror!

Spencer has responded to accusations of Islamophobia by declaring the term "Islamophobe" a label, a tool used by Islamic apologists to silence criticism."

Who does greater wrong than one who invents falsehood against Allah, and spreads babble and cackle of ignorance against Allah's Truth. It is wrong in any case to uphold falsehoods, but it is doubly wrong when these are put forward in rivalry or opposition to the light of eternal unity and harmony which is Islam.

Allah's light is unquenchable. The more the foolish ones try to quench Allah's light, the clearer it shines to shame them.

Robert Spencer barred from the way of Allah, Allah assails him, how he is perverted. He will not be able to frustrate Allah on earth. Allah knows what he conceals and what he reveals; Allah knows the thoughts within the breasts. Robert Spencer must not imagine that if some evil seems to go unpunished, it is not known to Allah or has escaped His notice. The evil result of your conduct shall manifest itself in this very life, either in external events, or in internal restlessness and agonies of conscious, but its culminating force will be seen in the grievous penalty of the Hereafter. Yes, in the present life you will test the mischief of your evil actions, and there awaits you in the Hereafter a painful chastisement.

Robert Spencer is so totally separated from the religion of Islam that he doesn't know the consequences of misusing the Koran.

As we read in the Koran:

And those who disbelieved and cried lies to Our signs, those shall be the inhabitants of the Fire. Therein to dwell forever – an evil homecoming (Al-Taghabun, 10).

The false ideas Robert Spencer publish about the Koran compel me to explain to non-Muslims what the Koran truly is.

The Koran was sent as guidance to lead mankind from darkness to light. Its main goal is to define a true set of beliefs and laws for mankind to live by and benefit from in this world and the next. A sign of the truthfulness of the Koran is that the beliefs and laws it has set are perfect. The topic of belief emphasizes the concept of tawheed i.e. the Oneness of the Creator: His Existence as the One True Creator with no partners, associates, wives, or children; His Names and Attributes, which describe Him in a manner that befits Him, and His right to be the Only One to be worshipped and loved as the Supreme Ruler and Creator of all creation.

The Jews, Christians, and even Hindus claim to be monotheistic religions, but the Trinity of the Christians and the millions of gods of the Hindus, without a doubt, contradict and falsify their claim. The Jews are the closest to believing in Allah's Oneness, but they lack confidence and faith in His Perfection when they attribute weaknesses to Him. Weaknesses such as tiredness, forgetfulness, ignorance, and other human-like characteristics.

The Islamic beliefs stand out with purity. Unlike the Jews and the Christians, Muslims believe in the Perfection of Allah, as well as the innocence, integrity, and honor of His chosen prophets. The People of the Book, on the other hand, claim that the prophets committed various types of crimes, which are recorded in their Bible. Therefore, they deny their integrity and honor.

The laws of the Koran are such that they totally cut off the seed, which may grow into an evil, instead of trying to cut it off once it has already grown. For example, in Christianity, pre-marital sex is forbidden, as is in Islam. But Christianity allows the dating of young couples so they may get to know one another, while Islam plainly prohibits it. The reason for this is that dating is a risk that may lead the young couple to pre-marital sex due to the difficulty of controlling their temptations. The Prophet was reported to have said that anything that leads to something forbidden, it,

automatically becomes forbidden. The laws revealed to the Prophet have proved to be the best for a healthy society. The Koran prohibits incest (4:23), adultery (17:32), and sexual indecency (6:151). It lays down a perfect set of guidelines on how women are to be treated by their husbands, even at the time of divorce:

"And treat them (your wives) with equity and kindness" (An-Nisa', 19).

The Koran is a Book of exalted power. It is fully guarded on all sides. No one can get the better of it by attacking it from before it or behind it, openly or secretly, or in any way whatever.

...and surely it is a Book sublime; falsehood comes not to it from before it nor from behind it; a sending down from One All-Wise, All-Laudable (Fussilat 41, 42).

No pen is capable of describing the excellence and magnificence of the Glorious Koran. This statement is absolutely correct, because while describing the Holy Koran, Prophet Muhammad said: "The superiority of the Speech of Allah over other speeches is like the superiority of Allah over His creatures."

Allah taught the Koran to His Prophet and appointed him as the teacher of the Book:

Truly it is the revelation of the Lord of All Being, brought down by the faithful Spirit (Gabriel) upon thy heart, that thou mayest be one of the warners, in a clear Arabic language (Al-Shura, 192-195); and We have revealed to you the Reminder that you may make clear to men what has been revealed to them, and that haply they may reflect (Al-Nahl, 44) ; and... an Apostle . . . who recites to them His communications and purifies them, and teaches them the Book and the Wisdom (Al-Jumu'ah, 2).

The Prophet described the Koran:

"... Therefore, when mischief comes to confuse you like the segments of darkened night, then hold fast to the Koran; as it is the intercessor whose intercession shall be granted; and it is a credible advocate; and whoever keeps it before him, it will lead him to the Garden; and whoever keeps it behind, it will drive him to the Fire; and it is the guide that guides to the best path; and it is a book in which there is explanation, particularization and recapitulation; and it is a decisive (word), and not a joke; and there is in it a manifest (meaning) and an

esoteric (one); thus its apparent (meaning) is firm, and its esoteric (one) is knowledge; its exterior is elegant and its interior deep; it has (many) boundaries, and its boundaries have (many) boundaries; its wonders shall not cease, and its (unexpected) marvels shall not be old. There are in it the lamps of guidance and the beacon of wisdom, and a guide to knowledge for him who knows the attributes. Therefore, one should extend his sight; and should let his eyes reach the attributes; so that one who is in perdition may get deliverance, and one who is entangled may get free; because meditation is the life of the heart of the one who sees, as the one having a light (easily) walks in darkness; therefore, you must seek good deliverance and (that) with little waiting”.

After his death, the Prophet appointed his progeny to carry on explaining the true meaning of the Koran to the people.

The Prophet said:

“I am leaving behind among you two precious things; as long as you hold fast to them you will never go astray after me: The Book of Allah and my family members; and these two shall never separate from each other until they reach me on the fountain”.

Ali ibn Abi Taleb narrated that the Prophet said:

‘There shall be sedition (fitna) after me.’ I asked: ‘How do we avoid that?’

He (the Prophet) said: ‘The Book of Allah, the Book of Allah. In it is the tidings of those who were before you and what will come after you, and it will be the judge among you. It is the final decision and not a jest. It is that which not even the mighty could forsake without being shattered by Allah. Whoever seeks guidance in anything other than it, Allah will lead him astray. It is the firm rope of Allah. It is the wise remembrance. It is the straight path. With it, hearts will never deviate, nor will the tongues utter confusion. Scholars will never have their full of it; it will not wear out from constant use, nor will its wonders be exhausted. It is that which when the jinns heard it, they could not help saying: ‘We heard a marvelous Koran. Whoever utters it speaks the truth, whoever rules by it is just; whoever abides by it will receive his just reward; and whoever follows it shall be guided to the straight path.’”

Ali ibn Abi Taleb the Prophet’s cousin and the fourth Caliph described the Koran:

‘Then Allah revealed to him (Prophet Muhammad) the Book. It is a light whose radiance shall not be extinguished; A lamp whose flame shall not die; An ocean whose depth shall not be fathomed; A path

which shall not lead astray; A blaze whose brilliance shall not be darkened; A criterion whose evidence shall not be suppressed; An elucidation whose cornerstones shall not be demolished; A cure with which there is no fear of ailments; A power whose supporters cannot be defeated; A truth whose helpers will not be forsaken; it is the source of faith and its prosperity; it is the fountain-head of knowledge and its vastness; the meadow of justice and its flowing streams; the support of Islam and its foundation; the valleys of the truth and its fields; an ocean that shall not be drained by those who draw upon it; a spring that shall not be exhausted by those who draw from it; a watering place that shall not be depleted by those who come to it; a station whose road the travelers do not miss; a signpost which the wayfarers will always see; the hilltops that cannot be bypassed by those who seek them; Allah has made it the quencher of the thirst of scholars; a vernal season for the hearts of the jurists; a destination for the path of the righteous; a cure after which there is no malady; a light which does not alternate with darkness; a rope whose knots are firm; a stronghold whose peak is impregnable; it is power for whoever cultivates it; peace for whoever dwells on it; a guidance for whoever follows it; a laudable act for whoever embraces it; an argument for whoever speaks for it; a witness for whoever fights for it; a sharp instrument for whoever bases his arguments on it; a support for whoever supports it; a means of deliverance for whoever employs it; a sign for the discriminating, a shelter for whoever seeks healing; a source of knowledge for whoever has sense; the best narrative for its transmitters; a means for the one who sits in judgment.'

The Prophet further elaborated the greatness of the miracle of the Quran when he said, 'There has not been a single prophet except that Allah gave him miracles because of which people believed in him. I have been given the Inspiration (the Koan as my miracle), which Allah revealed to me. I hope, therefore, that I will have the largest number of followers on the Day of Judgement. This hadith proves that since the Prophet hopes to have the largest number of followers on the Last Day, this would be due to him having the greatest miracle, the Speech of Allah, the Koran.

Ibn Taymiyyah the eminent Islamic scholar wrote:

The greatest (of all miracles) is the Koran that the Prophet Muhammad came with, for it is the religion of Allah and His Speech, and it is the proof of the prophethood of Muhammad. The Koran is one of the most supernatural and extraordinary of acts, for it is the call (to the worship of

Allah), and the proof (of the prophethood of Muhammad, and the miracle (all in one)!

When Allah chose His prophets, He also chose specific types of miracles for them. They had to be miracles, which would have the greatest impact on the nation, which that particular prophet was sent to. For example, Moses was sent to people who were greatly skilled in the art of sorcery and magic. Allah gave Moses a similar miracle, but his miracle was meant to excel the skills of the people. He was given the staff, which turned into a serpent, the shining hand, and the splitting of the sea with his staff. Similarly, Jesus was also given miracles in which he excelled over the talent of the nation he was sent to. His people were greatly skilled in healing and medicine. Therefore, he was given the miracle of curing the leper, the sick, the blind, and the raising of the dead, and others.

The people of Prophet Muhammad were highly skilled in the art of eloquent poetry. They valued poetry so much that they even had an annual competition during the annual fair of Ukkaz. Poets from all over Arab tribes came to compete for the grand prize: the winner poem would be hung on the door of the Kabah until the next fair. It was due to this outstanding talent that the final Messenger was sent with a greater, more eloquent, incomparable speech, the Speech of Allah, the Koran! The Arabic of the Koran was so eloquent, expressive, and powerful and, at the same time, so simple and straightforward that the Arabs could clearly see that this was none other than the Speech of their Creator, especially when Muhammad was illiterate incapable of composing poetry.

An example of the impact that the eloquence of the Koran had on the disbelievers is the famous story of al-Waleed ibn al-Mugheerah. Of all the poets in Makkah, he was known to be the most eloquent and highly esteemed at the time of the Prophet. Once he passed by the Prophet when he was reciting some verses of the Quran. Al-Waleed was shaken and startled by what he had heard. The news spread through Makkah. When Abu Jahl (the Prophet's uncle and the staunchest enemy of Islam) heard of it, he ran to al-Waleed in fear that people might convert to Islam, and said, 'O my uncle! Say something (against Muhammad) so that the people will know that you are against him and that you hate his Message!' Al-Waleed replied, 'What can I say? For, I swear by Allah, there is none amongst you who knows poetry as well as I do, nor can any compete with me in composition or rhetoric not even in the poetry of jinns! And yet, I swear by Allah, Muhammad's speech (meaning the

Quran) does not bear any similarity to anything I know and I swear by Allah, the speech that he says is very sweet and is adorned with beauty and charm. Its first part is fruitful and its last part is abundant (meaning that it has deep meanings to it) and it conquers (all other speech), and remains unconquered! It shatters and destroys all that has come before it (of poetry because of its eloquence)!

Despite the fact that the disbelievers knew in their hearts that what the Prophet brought to them was the truth, they still rejected it. They claimed that he forged it. To this, Allah responds:

"Or do they say, He (Muhammad) has forged it! Say: Bring then a surah (Chapter) like unto it and call upon whomsoever you can, besides Allah, if you are truthful." (Yunus, 38).

But the disbelievers could not even imitate one surah! And Allah affirmed:

And if you are in doubt concerning that We have sent down on Our servant, then bring a sura like it, and call your witnesses, apart from Allah, if you are truthful. And if you do not – and you will not – then fear the Fire, whose fuel is men and stones, prepared for unbelievers (Al-Baqarah, 23, 24).

It should be added that this challenge was made over 1400 years ago and, to this day, not one person has been able to imitate the prose of the Koran as Allah had already predicted in the previous verse. But how can they? How can a creature imitate the Word and Speech of the Perfect Creator?

No person can remain unaffected by the recitation of the Words of Allah. The Quran discusses the effects of its listeners in many verses. Disbelievers increase in their animosity, despair, and their disbelief, while the believers increase in their faith and love for Allah. The impact the Quran had on al-Waleed ibn al-Mugheerah has already been stated. The story of the Companion, Umar who used to be a staunch enemy of Islam, is that, after listening to Surah Taa-Haa, he said, 'How beautiful and eloquent is this speech!' and immediately announced his conversion to Islam.

Jubayr ibn Mutim narrated, I heard the Prophet reciting Surah at-Toor in the Maghrib prayer and it was the first time Islam entered and settled in my heart. In another narration, he described how he felt when he heard the Quran, 'It was as if my heart was about to fly' (because of its beauty)!

Allah says in the Koran:

"And when they hear what has been sent down to the Messenger, thou seest their eyes overflow with tears because of the truth they recognize. They say, 'Our Lord! We believe, so do thou write us down among the witnesses.'" (Al- Maidah, 83).

"Those only are believers who, when Allah is mentioned, their hearts quake, and when His signs are recited to them, it increases them in faith, and in their Lord they put their trust" (Al-Anfaal, 2).

"Allah has sent down the fairest discourse as a Book, consimilar in its oft-repeated, whereat shiver the skins of those who fear their Lord; then their skins and their hearts soften to the remembrance of Allah."(Az-Zumar, 23).

But those who disbelieve, their hearts do not accept it even though they know the truth:

"And when thou mentionest thy Lord only in the Koran, they turn in their traces in aversion (Al-Isra', 46).

"Woe to every sinful liar who hears the Verses of Allah (being) recited to him, yet persists in pride as if he heard them not. So announce to him a painful torment! And when he learns something of Our Verses, he makes of them a jest!" (Al-Jaathiyah 7-9).

There is no contradiction in the Koran and it is easy to memorize. It is a very common thing in the Muslim world for Muslims to memorize the Koran word for word along with its meanings.

"Do they not ponder over the Quran? Had it been for any other than Allah, they would have found in it many contradictions!" (Al-Nisa', 82).

The Quran is also the only Holy Scripture of all the Scriptures, which is still in its original form and in its original language. Some Christian scholars in Germany made an effort to gather all the Greek manuscripts of the Bible since the original Bible in Aramaic is extinct, but after examining what they had gathered, they reported that there were about 2,000 contradictory narrations! The Quran, having been revealed more than 1400 years ago is still in the same condition as it was when the Prophet recited it last to archangel Jibreel (Gabriel).

The Quran is set apart from all other books in that it cannot be rivaled or imitated. This is exclusive to the Quran; no other book can claim this. No matter how eloquent the poet, how knowledgeable the scholar, how well-versed the grammarian, none can bring forth anything similar to the Koran –the speech of Allah.

Humanity has received the Divine guidance through two channels: firstly the word of Allah, secondly the Prophets who were chosen by Allah to communicate His will to human beings. These two things have always been going together and attempts to know the will of Allah by neglecting either of these two have always been misleading. The Hindus neglected their prophets and paid all attention to their books that proved only word puzzles which they ultimately lost. Similarly, the Christians, in total disregard to the Book of Allah, attached all importance to Christ and thus not only elevated him to Divinity, but also lost the very essence of monotheism which Jesus brought.

The followers of Moses and Jesus made no considerable effort to preserve these Revelations during the life of their Prophets. Rather they were written long after their death. What we now have from the Old as well as the New Testament is translations of individuals' accounts of the original revelations which contain additions and deletions made by the followers of the said Prophets. On the contrary, the last revealed Book, the Koran, is extant in its original form, and Allah Himself guarded it from corruption.

Because the Gospel of Jesus has been corrupted, and the Christians cannot claim that the present Gospels are Allah's word (we have now four or five Gospels different from each other, and in ancient time we had more than 250 different copies of the Bible), the Christians invented the idea of 'inspiration' that Allah breathed through human authors, working through their human knowledge to communicate what he wished to!

The Koran is most honorable, well guarded and well preserved in its purity. None but the clean shall touch it – clean in body, mind, thought, intention and soul; only such can achieve real contact with its full meaning. This is why Robert Spencer was unable to understand the meaning of the Koran, because his body is not clean, his mind is contaminated, his thoughts are perverted, his intention is bad, and his soul is evil.

It is surely a noble Koran in a Book well guarded, none but the purified shall touch, a sending down from the Lord of all Being. What, do you hold this discourse in disdain, and do you make it your living to cry lies? (Al-Waqi'ah 77-82).

The worst indictment of an enemy of Revelation would be that he should make falsehood a source of filthy lucre for himself, or that he should let his life be corrupted by such unholy occupation.

Robert Spencer blogged the Koran with the objective of criticizing it and interpreting its verses according to his whim and fancy. He has no objectivity but malice and prejudice. His bad intention is to prove that the Koran contains violent verses inciting the killing of non-Muslims and commanding the subjugation of women? In Spencer's view the Koran is a Book of terror!

Evil is the thing he had sold himself for. His lodging shall be the Fire, and in the chastisement he shall dwell forever.

Robert Spencer do you instruct Allah about His religion, and He knows all that is in the heavens and on earth? He has full knowledge of all things.

What, would you teach Allah what your religion is, and Allah knows what is in the heavens and what is in the earth? And Allah has knowledge of everything (Al-Hujurat, 16).

Have you found in the Koran mysteries, dark corners, ambiguous expressions? The Koran has no bends, and no corners to mystify people. It speaks clearly and unambiguously, it guides to the right path. Have you found any desire to wrap up things in dark sayings repugnant to human reason? The Koran is straight, clear and perspicuous. Its directions are plain for everyone to understand.

Listen to what Allah said about the clearness of His Koran:

Praise belongs to Allah who has sent down upon His servant the Book and has not assigned unto it any crookedness (Al-kahtf, 1).

Wherein thou wilt see no crookedness neither any curving (Taha, 107).

Koran, wherein there is no crookedness; haply they will be godfearing (Az-Zumar, 28).

Allah's purpose of the Koran is to give clear warnings of spiritual dangers and lead up to the highest bliss.

(He has made it) right, to warn of a terrible punishment from Him, and to give good tidings unto the believers, who do righteous deeds, that theirs shall be a goodly wage therein to abide forever (Al-Kahf, 2).

Robert Spencer, do you marvel at this Koran, and you laugh, and you do not weep, while you make merry? You better bow before Allah, and serve Him.

The Koran was given in Arabic, a beautiful language, straight and flexible, and fit to be the vehicle of sublime truths. But Robert Spencer is ignorant in Arabic. He only reads the English translation, which is not the Koran, but only the interpretation of its meanings.

Everything is known to Allah. Allah warns those who pervert the truth by turning it to false and selfish uses of a terrible chastisement.

Those who blaspheme Our signs are not hidden from Us. What, is he who shall be cast into the Fire better, or he who comes on the Day of Resurrection in security? Do what you will; surely He sees the things you do (Fussilat, 40).

For the believers the Koran is a guide and a healing, and for the disbelievers is deafness in their ears and blindness in their eyes, so they understand not.

Robert Spencer is mistreating the Koran by constantly disputing its signs instead of trying to understand them, such tactic will avail him nothing, and he cannot escape the consequences of his sins.

And that those who dispute concerning Our signs may know they have no asylum (Al-Shura, 35).

By blogging the Koran and explaining its verses according to his own evil intentions, Robert Spencer misleads the people. His responsibility is twofold: (1) he rejected Allah's Message, and (2) he misled others. His Penalty will also be double. Every man is responsible for his own sins: but the sin of misleading others is a sin of the misleader himself, and he must suffer the penalty for that also, without relieving those misled of their sins or responsibility because they willingly let themselves to be misguided.

Robert Spencer, do you know what the Koran is? The Quran is Allah's greatest blessing ever sent to His creation. It is the fulfillment of His promise to Adam and his descendants:

'There shall come to you guidance from Me, and whosoever follows My Guidance no fear shall be on them, neither shall they sorrow' (al Baqarah , 38).

The Koran is the only weapon we rely on to encounter our frail existence as we struggle against the forces of evil and worldly temptations. It is the only means to overpower our fear and anxiety. It is the only light as we grope in the darkness in order to find our way to success and salvation. It is the only healing for our inner sickness, as well as the social ills that may surround us. It is the constant reminder of our true nature and final destiny. It was brought down by one who is powerful and trustworthy in the heavens (Archangel Gabriel – the Holy Spirit) upon the heart of the Prophet Muhammad. It tells us of the Creator, of His attributes, of how He rules the universe.

The greatness of the Koran has attracted the admiration of Muslims and non-Muslims alike. I present here the opinions of some distinguished non-Muslim scholars, philosophers, orators and scientists about the Koran.

Goethe, quoted in T.P. Hughes' Dictionary of Islam, p. 526.

"However often we turn to it (the Koran) at first disgusting us each time afresh, it soon attracts, astounds, and in the end enforces our reverence... Its style, in accordance with its contents and aim is stern, grand, terrible - ever and anon truly sublime -- Thus this book will go on exercising through all ages a most potent influence."

G. Margoliouth, Introduction to J.M. Rodwell's, THE KORAN, New York: Everyman's Library, 1977, p. vii.

"The Koran admittedly occupies an important position among the great religious books of the world. Though the youngest of the epoch-making works belonging to this class of literature, it yields to hardly any in the wonderful effect which it has produced on large masses of men. It has created an all but new phase of human thought and a fresh type of character. It first transformed a number of heterogeneous desert tribes of the Arabian Peninsula into a nation of heroes, and then proceeded to

create the vast politico-religious organizations of the Muhammadan world which are one of the great forces with which Europe and the East have to reckon today."

Dr. Steingass, quoted in T.P. Hughes' *DICTIONARY OF ISLAM*, pp. 526-527.

"A work, then, which calls forth so powerful and seemingly incompatible emotions even in the distant reader - distant as to time, and still more so as a mental development - a work which not only conquers the repugnance which he may begin its perusal, but changes this adverse feeling into astonishment and admiration, such a work must be a wonderful production of the human mind indeed and a problem of the highest interest to every thoughtful observer of the destinies of mankind."

Maurice Bucaille, *THE BIBLE, THE QUR'AN AND SCIENCE*, 1978, p. 125.

"The above observation makes the hypothesis advanced by those who see Muhammad as the author of the Koran untenable. How could a man, from being illiterate, become the most important author, in terms of literary merits, in the whole of Arabic literature? How could he then pronounce truths of a scientific nature that no other human being could possibly have developed at that time, and all this without once making the slightest error in his pronouncement on the subject?"

Dr. Steingass, quoted in T.P. Hughes' *DICTIONARY OF ISLAM*, p.528.

"Here, therefore, its merits as a literary production should perhaps not be measured by some preconceived maxims of subjective and aesthetic taste, but by the effects which it produced in Muhammad's contemporaries and fellow countrymen. If it spoke so powerfully and convincingly to the hearts of his hearers as to weld hitherto centrifugal and antagonistic elements into one compact and well-organized body, animated by ideas far beyond those which had until now ruled the Arabian mind, then its eloquence was perfect, simply because it created a civilized nation out of savage tribes, and shot a fresh woof into the old warp of history."

Arthur J. Arberry, *THE KORAN INTERPRETED*, London: Oxford University Press, 1964, p. x.

"In making the present attempt to improve on the performance of my predecessors, and to produce something which might be accepted as echoing however faintly the sublime rhetoric of the Arabic Koran, I have been at pains to study the intricate and richly varied rhythms which - apart from the message itself - constitute the Koran's undeniable claim to rank amongst the greatest literary masterpieces of mankind... This very characteristic feature - 'that inimitable symphony,' as the believing Pickthall described his Holy Book, 'the very sounds of which move men to tears and ecstasy' - has been almost totally ignored by previous translators; it is therefore not surprising that what they have wrought sounds dull and flat indeed in comparison with the splendidly decorated original."

Maurice Bucaille, THE QUR'AN AND MODERN SCIENCE, 1981, p. 18.

"A totally objective examination of it (the Koran) in the light of modern knowledge, leads us to recognize the agreement between the two, as has been already noted on repeated occasions. It makes us deem it quite unthinkable for a man of Muhammad's time to have been the author of such statements on account of the state of knowledge in his day. Such considerations are part of what gives the Koranic Revelation its unique place, and forces the impartial scientist to admit his inability to provide an explanation which calls solely upon materialistic reasoning."

Do I compare these giant western scholars, scientists, philosophers and writers with Robert Spencer the ignorant, the half-educated? Would I compare the crème of the western mind with an opportunist hired by Zionist organizations to tarnish the religion of Islam and intentionally humiliate Muslims? Would I compare these giants with an earthly man who doesn't mind selling his own mother for a few dollars more?

Do we Muslims persecute our women?

The first time I saw Robert Spencer was on a u tube debating with a Muslim about women in Islam. He was opposing the divine verdict concerning women beating. He arrogantly commented that this verdict is barbarian! The man was so keen to defend women, and his heart was so tender as to consider Allah's verdict a barbarian act. The Muslim replied, that this sort of beating was not a punishment, it was just a tap on the wrist to remind the rebellious woman that she violated Allah's command regarding husband's obedience, and that

their marital relationships has reached a closed road, but the arrogant moron replied that he still believe that the act of women beating in the Koran was barbarian!

The false Prophet Pat Robertson claims to receive additional revelation from God, and on regular and consistent bases. He even claims that God speaks to him in an audible voice. In several occasions, he has made prophecies which did not come to pass. He also claimed that God chose him "to usher the coming of My Son'!

Likewise, Pat Robertson, who has a long track record of offering utterly false predictions, mocks at the same Koranic injunction. Pat Robertson answered a question from a viewer named Michael about how to repair his marriage to a woman who "has no respect for me as the head of the house."

Robertson's response was: "Well, you could become a Muslim and you could beat her." Unfortunately, Robertson didn't stop there. He said, "I don't think we condone wife-beating these days but something has got to be done to make her."

He also called the woman a "rebellious child" who doesn't want to "submit to any authority." However, since the Scripture doesn't allow for divorce, Robertson urged the husband to "move to Saudi Arabia," where, ostensibly, beating the woman would be permissible.

Robertson also charged in his 700 Club program that Islam is not a religion of peace, that Muslims are demonic and satanic and that they are trying to take over the world. He said, "These people are crazed fanatics and I want to say it now: I believe it's motivated by demonic power, it is satanic...the goal of Islam, ladies and gentlemen, whether you like it or not, is world domination." He insisted that "Islam is not a religion of peace."

The minute I read or hear about Pat Robertson I find myself smiling, and then laughing aloud. His senseless and insipid preaching made a Christian American woman embrace Islam!

"I have watched Pat Robertson on the 700 Club and I listened to televangelist Rev. Jimmy Swaggart. I watched programs on the Trinity Broadcasting Network. All the while hoping that one of the ministers would say something that would click in my mind, and I would finally

know, 'Yes, there really is God!' None of them ever said anything that caused that connection to happen, though many said things that confused me even more. Earlier this year I began to listen to the apocalyptic ramblings of Christian radio's 'prophecy experts'. Their paranoid espousal of various conspiracy theories, rabid support of Israel and religious Zionism, and fiery preaching about the 'Islamic threat' held for me a strange fascination. Why? Well, I suppose it was simply the need I was feeling to fill the void within me. In any case I soon found that the beliefs these evangelists held, such as infallibility of God's word, and original sin was not in agreement with my theological ideas. I couldn't understand how babies could be born with original sin? I began to look for something else to hold onto."

These Islamophobic hate mongers talk the same language. They are parroting a conspiracy scenario devised to attack Islam and Muslims.

Let persons like Pat Robertson and Robert Spencer and the like keep their comments to themselves. They are undeserved, irrelevant, quite stupid, foolish and above all, sinful.

If these ignorant morons have any sense in their shallow heads, they wouldn't have taken Allah's signs in mockery. Their dirty tongues express what is in their hearts – black hatred and anger. Their tongues should have uttered words enjoining good and forbidding evil, but what we see is lies and slander. The liars will have bad consequences in this world and in the next.

According to the teachings of the Koran, each word spoken is taken by a sentinel. Two angels sit by each man or woman to note his thoughts, words, and actions. One sits on the right side and notes his or her good words or deeds, and the other on the left to note his or her bad words or deeds.

Allah says in the Koran:

We indeed created man and We know what his soul whispers within him, and We are nearer to him than the jugular vein. When the two angels meet together, sitting one on the right, and one on the left, not a word he utters, but by him is an observer ready (Qaf, 18).

About the qualities of the believers Allah says:

“Indeed successful are the Believers, those who in their prayer have fear of Allah and those who refrain from vain talk.” (Al-Mu’minun 1-3).

When the Companion of the Prophet, Mu’adh ibn Jabal asked the Prophet about that which would entitle him to enter Paradise and save him from the hell-fire, the Prophet mentioned the pillars of Islam and informed Mu’adh of the importance of the night prayers and of Jihaad. He - Sallallahu 'alaihi wa sallam - then said, “Should I not inform you of the sheet anchor of all this?”, and then took hold of his tongue and said, “Exercise restraint on it.” Mu’adh enquired, “O Messenger of Allah, will we be held responsible for what we say with it?” Thereupon, the Messenger of Allah said, “Mu’adh, will anything else besides (irresponsible) talk cause the people to be thrown in the Hell-Fire upon their faces?” (Sunan at-Tirmidhi and Riyaadh as-Saaliheen -2/1522). The Messenger of Allah also said, “Every saying of the children of Aadam is cursed, except for the enjoining good and forbidding the evil or for the remembrance of Allah.” (Sunan at-Tirmidhi).

It was narrated from Abu Hurayrah that the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said: “The signs of the hypocrite are three: when he speaks, he lies; when he makes a promise, he breaks it; and when he is entrusted with something, he betrays that trust.” (Narrated by al-Bukhari, 33; Muslim, 59)

Those who deny Allah’s revelations shall not be blessed with Allah’s guidance and must expect the torment which shall be laid upon the damned.

The Koran says:

Those that believe not in the signs of Allah, Allah will not guide; there awaits them a painful chastisement (Al-Nahl, 104).

Those who intentionally assert falsehood are but those who deny Allah’s revelations and it is they who lie in their teeth.

The Koran says:

They only forge falsehood, who believe not in the signs of Allah, and those – they are the liars (Al-Nahl, 105).

The Prophet said:

“The signs of the hypocrite are three: when he speaks, he lies; when he makes a promise, he breaks it; and when he is entrusted with something, he betrays that trust.” (Narrated by al-Bukhari, 33; Muslim, 59) .

Going back to the issue of beating rebellious wives in Islam, in the event of a family dispute, the Koran exhorts the husband to treat his wife kindly and not to overlook her positive aspects. The Korans says in this connection:

O believers, it is not lawful for you to inherit women against their will; neither debar them, that you may go off with part of what you have given them, except when they commit a flagrant indecency. Consort with them honorably; or if you are averse to them, it is possible you may be averse to a thing, and Allah set in it much good (Al-Nisa', 19).

If there is breach between the husband and his wife, then they may choose an arbitrator from his side and an arbitrator from her side, to whom both parties agree to refer their claims in order to obtain an equitable decision. If they wish for peace, Allah will cause their reconciliation.

The Koran says:

And if you fear a breach between the two, bring forth an arbiter from his people and from her people an arbiter, if they desire to set things right; Allah will compose their differences; surely Allah is All-Knowing, All-Aware (Al-Nisa', 35).

In most cases, this measure is likely to be sufficient. In cases where the problem continues, the husband may express his displeasure in another peaceful manner by adopting three steps.

The first step would be to give her a "good talking to" and then if she continued in such displeasing behavior, to leave the bed (not have intercourse with her) for a period of time and then finally, the last straw would be to "tap" her on the arm with a "tooth stick" or something of this size and nature to signify to her this is the final straw and then if she still persisted in her bad way, he could divorce her.

Regardless of the various positions and opinions, there is no permission establish through the teachings of the Quran or the Sunnah (way) of

Muhammad, peace be upon him, wherein one person could "beat" another person. The beating described here must be as a gentle tap on the body but never on the face, making it a symbolic measure than a punitive one. Such a measure is more accurately described as a gentle tap on the body, but never on the face, making it more of a symbolic measure than a punitive one.

As defined by hadith, it is not permissible to strike anyone's face, cause any bodily harm or even be harsh. Light beating was interpreted by early jurists as a symbolic use of miswak (a small natural tooth brush). They further qualified permissible beating as that which leaves no mark on the body. Even then, other measures, such as exhortation should be tried first.

We read in the Koran:

Men are the managers of the affairs of women for that God has preferred in bounty one of them over another, and for that they have expended of their property. Righteous women are therefore obedient, guarding the secret for God's guarding. And those you fear may be rebellious admonish; banish them to their couches, and beat them. If they then obey you, look not for any way against them; God is All-high, All-great (Al-Nisa', 34).

The permissibility of such symbolic expression (light beating) does not imply its desirability. In several ahadith the Prophet discouraged this measure. He said: 'Do not beat the female servant of Allah'; 'How does anyone of you beat his wife as he beats the stallion camel and then he may embrace (sleep with) her? (Sahih Al-Bukhari, vol. 8, hadith 68, pp. 42-43).

True following of the Sunna is to follow the example of the Prophet Muhammad, who never resorted to that measure, regardless of the circumstances. Any excess, cruelty, family violence, or abuse committed by any Muslim can never be traced to any revelatory text (Koran or hadith). Such excesses and violations are to be blamed on the persons themselves, as it shows that they are paying lip service to

Islamic teachings and failing to follow the true Sunna of the prophet (11).

It should be well understood that man in Islam is the head of the family and the wife is instructed to obey him as long as he is not pushing her to commit sins. In other words, in Islam men are the protectors and maintainers of women, because Allah has made one of them to excel the other, and because men spend to support them from their means. Therefore the righteous women are devoutly obedient to Allah and to their husbands. They guard in the husband's absence their chastity and their husband's property. Man in Islam enjoys his complete manhood. This sort of commendable superiority is not diminution of human rights, because in order for woman to live happily with man under the same roof, he must enjoy a full manhood. Manhood here doesn't represent only masculinity, virility, and sexual ability, but also wisdom and rationality. This is the sound nature of women. Women femininity is in fact like a vessel ready to contain at any time man's virility and rationality. Any distortion in any of these traits or qualities would lead to family collapse and consequently social ills.

In Islam this kind of man-woman relationship which is characterized by man's leadership, is what makes her equal with man before Allah and becomes deserving of the human rights the Koran gave her. As we read in the Koran:

Men and women who have surrendered, believing men and believing women, obedient men and obedient women, truthful men and truthful women, enduring men and enduring women, humble men and humble women, men and women who give in charity, men who fast and women who fast, men and women who guard their private parts, men and women who remember Allah oft - for them Allah has prepared forgiveness and a mighty wage (Al-Ahzab, 35).

In Islam sex is not a thing to be ashamed of, or to be treated lightly, or to be indulged to excess. It is as solemn a fact as any in life. It is compared to a husbandman's tilth; he sows the seed in order to reap the harvest. But he chooses his own time and mode of cultivation. He does not sow out of season nor cultivate in a manner which will injure the soil. He is wise and considerate and does not run riot. Coming from the simile to human beings, every kind of mutual consideration is required, but above all, we must remember that even in these matters

there is a spiritual aspect. We must never forget our souls, and that we are responsible to Allah. This what women love about men – their loyal husbands.

It was carnal-minded men who invented the doctrine of original sin: 'Behold,' says the Psalmist, 'I was shapen in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me' (Psalms li. 5). This is entirely repudiated in Islam, in which the office of father and mother is hold in the highest veneration. Every child of pure love (marriage) is born pure 12).

The Koran talked beautifully about this:

Your women are tillage for you; so come unto your tillage as you wish, and forward for your souls; and fear Allah, and know that you shall meet Him. Give thou good tidings to the believers (Al-Baqarah, 223).

This is what man truly is in Islam. He controls his wife wisely and rationally according to the teachings of the Koran and the Sunna of the Prophet. And the wife is happy to have such a wise man leading her life and the future of her children. She submits in tranquility and security in his chest. Without him her life is void and worthless. Woman in order to prosper and live a happy life must live as a mother in the shadow of a man. She is always keen to win her husband's love and to please him. Nothing should spoil his happiness or enjoyment of life.

I wonder, what is so strange about the above mentioned divine verdicts regarding the reformation of rebellious women in Islam? I see them quite logic and sensible too. Our women admire them, and try hard to adopt them in their daily lives, because they know that obeying Allah's laws is the key to paradise. But maybe Robert Spencer and Pat Robertson have a better system rather than the barbarian system Allah has ordained to women. I say to these two ignorant parrots that if your house is made of Glass don't throw stones on others.

Now let's look at man's status in the United States!

The attacks on men and masculinity that have come from the feminist movement over the past two decades have made men tired of women. Feminists accused men of 'male chauvinist pigs'; of being involved in a 'vast male conspiracy to chain women to kitchen sinks' and to turn this into a 'male dominated society'; a masculine man came to be regarded as an insensitive dolt – 'macho' was the term of abuse; the ideal man

was a SNAG – a Sensitive New Age Guy, in touch with his ‘feminine side’; men should be encouraged to cry often, and share their ‘deep inner feelings’ as women supposedly do; if only men were more like women, the world would be a much better place, was the feminist mantra, and women generally stood around nodding in agreement; when the feminists pronounced that “A woman needs a man like a fish needs a bicycle”; when the feminists proclaimed their aim was no longer to ‘liberate women’, but to ‘sink the boot into the groin of the patriarchy’; and when Hollywood started actually showing women kicking men in the groin on screen as ‘entertainment’. Did women protest at the obvious injustice? Hardly any.

In Australia they started embellishing their custody applications with false accusations of child abuse, so their ex-husbands would be denied the right even to visit their children, ever. Feminist studies appeared, showing fathers were not only unnecessary, but actually detrimental to childrens’ upbringing!

Well what did women expect after this twenty-year war on men masculinity? Did they think that at the end of the day there would still be men at women’s beck-and-call no matter what? Do they offer any apology for the way men have been attacked for the past two decades? Do they even ask men nicely for their protection? None of these. They launch yet another attack on men, this time for failing to do the ‘manly thing’, and protect women and children against the coming tyranny.

American women proclaim in disgust, “America has lost its manhood.” Really. Well if women want men’s protection, they’d better start revising their attitude to men - or go learn karate (13).

In America a child can call the police on his father if he tries to reform him. The father will be charged with domestic violence for beating a rebellious son. Man here is plundered of his manhood and in the end is thrown in jail!

In the States, if a man divorce his wife she takes most of his wealth and salary. The kids are usually put under her custody. The question then arises: Why man should marry in the first place? It is easier to live an unlawful life with a woman outside marriage. And the woman does the same thing. Marriage became the exception, and adultery became the norm!

Robert Spencer and Pat Robertson by raising the issue of women beating in Islam, they want to show that in America and the west in general women are looked at with reverence and respect. They have no problem condemning atrocities done to women abroad, yet they ignore the oppression on their doorstep. They are suffering under the mass delusion that women in America have achieved equality.

Unfortunately, despite the indisputable gains over the years, women in the United States are still being raped, trafficked, violated and discriminated against. Let's look at the national domestic violence statistics.

Every 9 seconds in the US a woman is assaulted or beaten. (Bureau of Justice Statistics, Report to the nation on Crime and Justice. The Data. Washington DC Office of Justice Program, US Dept. of Justice. Oct. 1983)

Estimates range from 960,000 incidents of violence against a current or former spouse, boyfriend, or girlfriend to 3 million women who are physically abused by their husband or boyfriend per year.

Women accounted for 85% of the victims of intimate partner violence, men for approximately 15%.

(Bureau of Justice Statistics Crime Data Brief, Intimate Partner Violence, 1993-2001, February 2003)

In a 1995-1996 study conducted in the 50 States and the District of Columbia, nearly 25% of women and 7.6% of men were raped and/or physically assaulted by a current or former spouse, cohabiting partner, or dating partner/acquaintance at some time in their lifetime (based on survey of 16,000 participants, equally male and female).

According to the U.S. Department of Justice, between 1998 and 2002:

Of the almost 3.5 million violent crimes committed against family members, 49% of these were crimes against spouses.

84% of spouse abuse victims were females, and 86% of victims of dating partner abuse at were female.

Males were 83% of spouse murderers and 75% of dating partner murderers

50% of offenders in state prison for spousal abuse had killed their victims. Wives were more likely than husbands to be killed by their spouses: wives were about half of all spouses in the population in 2002, but 81% of all persons killed by their spouse.

According to the U.S. Surgeon General, domestic violence is the leading cause of injury to women in the United States.

The American Medical Association estimates that their male partners assault 2 million American women each year.

The U.S. Department of Justice estimates that 95% of the victims of domestic violence are women.

Each day4 women die as a result of abuse.

Each day3 children die as a result of abuse.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation reports that 32% of female homicide victims are killed by their intimate partners. (Federal Bureau of Investigation, Crime in the United States 1999.2000)

Anywhere from 1-3 million women are battered each year by their intimate partner. (Bureau of Justice Statistics, Intimate Partner Violence. Washington DC, 2000.)

In the United States, a woman is more likely to be assaulted, raped, or killed by an intimate partner than by any other type of assailant. (ibid.)

On average, more than three women are murdered by their husbands or boyfriends in the U.S. every day. (Bureau of Justice Statistics Special Report, Intimate Partner Violence and Age of Victim 1993-9, October 2001.)

Estimates range from 960,000 incidents of violence against a current or former spouse, boyfriend, or girlfriend each year to 4 million women who are physically abused by their husbands or live-in partners each year. - Violence by Intimates: Analysis of Data on Crimes by Current or Former

Spouses, Boyfriends, and Girlfriends, U.S. Department of Justice, March, 1998.

If Islam is a violent religion abusing women, why western women embrace Islam in great numbers every year?

Following 9/11, the number of people converting to Islam began to rise. In the US it is estimated that approximately 30,000 convert annually. There are about 2.4 million Muslims in Britain and studies suggest there are between 10,000 and 14,000 white converts among them. It is estimated that 75 per cent are female.

In a recent poll in the (US), 100,000 people per year in America alone are converting to Islam. For every 1 male convert to Islam, 4 females convert to Islam, but why? The answer is due to the following reasons:

1. Christian Scientists are declaring the Koran is from God.
2. The Christian Bishops and Priests are admitting the Bible has tensions.
3. Jesus is a Muslim:

The question still remains, why are more women converting than men to Islam ?

1. The Bible Convicts Women as the original Sinners, (ie. Eve picking from the forbidden tree){Genesis 2:4-3:24}. The Koran Clarifies it was Adam Not Eve {Qur'an 7:19-25}.
2. The Bible says "The Birth of a Daughter is a loss" {Ecclesiasticus 22:3}. The Qur'an says both are an Equal Blessing { Qur'an 42:49}.
3. The Bible Forbids Women from Speaking in church {I Corinthians 14:34-35}. The Qur'an says Women Can argue with the Prophet {58:1}.
4. In the Bible, divorced Women are Labeled as an Adulteress, while men are not {Matthew 5:31-32}. The

Koran does Not have Biblical double standards { Qur'an 30:21}.

5. In The Bible, Widows and Sisters do Not Inherit Any Property or Wealth, Only men do{Numbers 27:1-11}The Koran Abolished this male greediness { Qur'an 4:22} and God Protects All.

6. The Bible Allows Multiple Wives{I Kings 11:3} In The Koran, God limits the number to 4 only under certain situations (with the Wife's permission)and Prefers you Marry Only One Wife{ Qur'an 4:3} The Koran gives the Woman the Right to Choose who to Marry.

7. "If a man happens to meet a virgin who is not pledged to be married and rapes her and they are discovered, he shall pay the girl's father fifty shekels of silver. He must marry the girl, for he has violated her. He can never divorce her as long as he lives" {Deuteronomy 22:28-30}.

One must ask a simple question here, who is really punished, the man who raped the woman or the woman who was raped? According to the Bible, woman has to spend the rest of her life with the man who raped her.

The Prophet Muhammad Says {Volume 9, Book 86, Number 101} Narrated by Aisha:" It is essential to have the consent of a virgin (for the marriage)".

8. The Bible also asks Women to wear veils as in Islam {I Corinthians 11:3-10}, this lowers the chance of rape, (God Forbid).

9. Women were given rights to Vote less than a 100 years ago in the (US), while the Quran (42:38) gave Women Voting rights almost 1,500 years ago.

10. Islam has unconfined Women and has given them the human right to reach for the sky. There have been Muslim Women Presidents through out the centuries, but to this date, the oppressive mentality of the men in the Western U.S.A. has stopped any Women from becoming Presidents in predominately Christian countries, while the Muslim countries have voted for and elected Female Presidents (14, 15).

For further reading: Why Jews and Christians embrace Islam? By: Dr. Mohsen El-Guindy. Mohsenelguindy.com.

Before Islam, widowed and divorced women were not permitted to remarry. Women in Arabia, like their sisters elsewhere in much of the world were not allowed to inherit property, and in certain tribes female infanticide was practiced. It was considered dishonorable to give birth to a female baby. Daughters were not a source of strength like boys and could become a source of disgrace and humiliation as a result of raids. The Holy Koran made a reference to this criminal habit:

"When news is brought to one of them, of (the birth of) a female (child), his face darkens, and he is filled with inward grief. With shame does he hide himself from his people, because of the bad news he has had, shall he retain it on (sufferance and) contempt or bury it in the dust? Ah! What an evil (choice) they decide on?" Koran, 16:58-59.

Islam reformed the status of womanhood. Under Islam, the disgraceful place of woman inherited from ancient societies underwent the greatest most unparalleled reformation ever in the history of humankind. With the advent of Islam, woman was able to restore her dignity and legal rights. With the arrival of Islam, the values of motherhood were established and reinforced. In Islam, woman was removed from her crippling position to play her vital part in the society. It is in Islam that women joined the ranks of scholars and leaders in carrying out the torch of enlightenment to a world full of darkness.

The ways in which Islam revolutionized the place of woman in the society came about in a variety of means and ways. Understanding some of the mechanisms used in the processes of this reform is indicative of the extent and depth of this reform. The basic areas of reform were:

1- Raising the status of women in the society to that of the man. 2- Limiting the woman's responsibilities to the functions that are fit with her nature. 3- Honoring and respecting women for their role of motherhood and education. 4- Restoration of women's legal rights such as the right to inherit, to wed and to divorce.

The revolution of change adapted by Islam in moving woman out from inferiority and humiliation into a new age of enlightenment and dignity is important and complicated. Liberation and equality were about to be established in a society where women never thought they would be equal to men. In such a society, Allah gently touched the hearts of the believers with the following verse:

"For men and women who have surrendered, for believing men and women, for devout men and women, for truthful men and women, for enduring men and women, for humble men and women, for men and women who give in charity, for men who fast and women who fast, for men and women who guard their chastity, for men and women who remember Allah in abundance - for them Allah has prepared forgiveness and great reward." Koran, 33:35.

This remarkable revelation lays out the golden rule of Islam: all people are equal, no differentiation in gender - men and women are equally tasked and equally rewarded.

Allah says in the Holy Koran:

"But the believers who do good works, whether men or women, shall enter the gardens of Paradise. They shall not suffer the least injustice." Koran, 4:124.

In another remarkable revelation, men were indirectly tuned into recognizing women as their partners. Let us examine this revelation, which is actually dealing with the subject of suffering and agony of sinners in the Day of Resurrection, but in the process pointing out the reality of partnership of men and women.

Allah says:

"The day that the sky will be like molten brass, and the mountains will be like wool, and no friend will ask after a friend, though they will be put in sight of each other - the sinner's desire will be: would that he could

redeem himself from the penalty of the Day by (sacrificing) his children, his female-friend (wife) and his brother." Koran, 70: 8-12.

The wisdom of God in this verse again reflects His compassion in addressing the issue of equality of the gender and in making it realized in a society that could not tolerate such a thought. In Arabic, like in other languages, when a person addresses those who are below him, the form of verbs used is the Order Form, such as a mother telling her child to clean up his mess. When a person addresses those who are above him, the form of the verbs used is the Request Form, such as a child asking his mother to buy for him a toy. But when a person addresses his friend, neither the Order nor the Request forms are used. In this case, the addressee is equal in stature to the addressed, and the Neutral Form of the verb is used. Using the word "female-friend" - a word requires the Neutral Form to be used for "wife" is an indirect and smooth way in bringing women to stature and respect into a society where women's stature was inconceivable. Such a delicate mechanism was required in weaning out the society of its old perception of women. Furthermore, Prophet Muhammad said: "Women are the partners of men." Abu Dawud, Sunan, 1/61.

Another technique in the battle for the liberation of woman from the ancient disgraceful status is the naming of chapters in the Qur'an in her recognition. For example, one of the longest chapters in the Qur'an is called al-Nisa' (The Women). The chapter is dedicated to defend women and explains their tender nature and the human rights entitled to them. Besides being an honorary title for all women, this chapter relates many subjects regarding women's affairs and rights. Another chapter of the Qur'an is named al Mujadilah, or "the woman with plea." The title of this chapter carries more than enough signals to embody legislation and law in defense of women. In this chapter, Allah narrates the story of a woman who came to Prophet Muhammad complaining about her husband and argued her case to the Prophet until a revelation in her behalf was revealed changing the ruling of the Prophet in her favor. What is significant here is that the story of this woman was and still is standing as a reminder for men to make them think twice before doing injustice to women.

Thus, Islam's basic teaching is that the weak are entitled to a special protection.

There is yet another chapter in the Koran named "Mary," after the Virgin Mary, mother of Jesus. The implications of the function of the titles of these chapters combined with the teachings that these chapters contain constitute a major step in the revolution of liberation of women. The Holy Koranan relates many more stories of reverence relevant to women and their role in the community. These verses are an undisputable contribution to the health and well being of all women, the mothers of the society.

Many unfair civil and social laws regarding women were discounted in Islam. For example, women in many places in the world were not allowed to inherit real property - Islam changed this unfair tradition.

Allah says:

"Men shall have a share of what their parents and kinsmen leave; women shall have a share of what their parents and kinsmen leave; whether it be little or much, it is legally theirs." koran, 4:7.

Similarly, women were forced to marry or were sold in the market. Islam changed all of that. In marriage, women's consent is a condition of the validation of the marriage. As far as slavery, Islam weaned the society out of it for both male and female.

The teachings of Prophet Muhammad regarding woman constitute another major element that not only helped her remove the old rust of discrimination, but rightly present her with honor and reverence. Here are some of Prophet Muhammad's sayings:

"Only a man of noble character will honor women, and only a man of base intentions will dishonor them." Kanz al-Ummal, 16/371.

"The best among you is he who is best to his family. For my family, I am the best of all of you." Ibn Majah, Sunan 1/636.

"Treat women well, for they have been created from a rib. The rib is most curved in its upper part, so if you try to straighten it out, it will break, but if you leave it as it is, it will remain intact. Therefore, follow my advice on giving women fair treatment." Al Bukhri, 9/206.

The Muslim Philosopher Waheeduddin Khan in his book, "Woman between Islam and Western Society," made a beautiful commentary on this tradition of the Prophet, saying:

"The Prophet was referring to her delicate nature. Physically, women are weaker than men: psychologically, they are more highly strung, more prone to emotional upset. This is a fact which every one realizes, irrespective of whether he is educated or not. A father, for instance, will not be as hard on a daughter as he might be on his son. In likening a woman to a rib, the Prophet was expressing this fact of life in metaphorical terms. Ribs have a slight curve in them. There is good reason for them to be made that way. They should be left in their natural state. No attempt should be made to straighten them. The Prophet used a parable to explain the delicacy of women's nature, pointing out that they should be treated in accordance with their nature. Allah has created them that way, and He has done so for a good reason. They should be treated kindly. If they have to be told something it should be done tactfully, in a gentle tone. Abruptness and severity will break them, as a rib is broken by any attempt to straighten it."

Myth and superstition were not the only reason for regarding woman as inferior to man in ancient time; there was also failure to recognize the importance of the home as the basic unit which collectively constitutes society, the training ground for future generations is yet another reason. When the basic unit of the society is destroyed, the society will cease to exist. The strength of the society is dependent on the quality of its constituent families.

Islam recognizes mothers to be a vital element in bringing about a healthy society. In fact, many Muslim scholars maintain that the primary function of woman is raising a good family. Islam encourages marriage, gives the primary responsibility of earning and support to the male and raising the children to the female. Because of their role in home and education, mothers hold greater respect and honor than fathers.

A man came to Prophet Muhammad and asked him:

"Oh Messenger of Allah, who rightfully deserves the best treatment from me? "Your mother," replied the Prophet. "Who is next?" asked the man. "Your mother," said the Prophet. "Who comes next?" the man asked again. "Your mother," replied the Prophet. "Who is after that?" insisted the man, "Your father," said the Prophet. Al Bukhari, 10/329.

Prophet Muhammad also said:

"Heaven lies beneath the feet of mothers." Al Suyuti 1/536.

Those who are serving mothers well truly deserve Paradise. Obedience of mothers or parents is a duty for every Muslim. This philosophy is rule number one in raising children with character.

Allah says:

"We have enjoined on man respect and kindness to his parents: In pain did his mother bear him, and in pain did she give him birth." Koran, 46:15.

In America, it has become a common understanding that an unsafe community is the result of raising children poorly. Children who grew up in homes where they did not receive proper care from their mothers or both parents are more than likely to fall victim to alcohol, drugs and other destructive ailments the least of which is rape, theft, and disregard of people's lives. It is to avoid this type of insecurity and cumbersome living that Islam projected the role of motherhood to be the most honorable of all tasks.

Men and women are not only physically different, but are physiologically different as well. Nobel Laureate Dr. Alexis Carrel discussed the fundamental difference between the two genders in great depth. In his book, "Man the Unknown," Dr. Alexis Carrel enumerated the biological facts, which are crucial to this issue, then stated:

"The differences existing between man and woman do not come from the particular form of the sexual organs or the mode of education. They are caused by the very structure of the tissues and by the impregnation of the entire organism with specific chemical substances secreted by the ovary. Every one of the cells of her body bears the mark of her sex. The same is true of her organs and, above all, of her nervous system." Alexis Carrel, *Man the Unknown*, (New York, 1949), p. 91.

Fortunately, this physiological and physical difference makes it possible for each gender to have their own spheres of work and tasking. The fact that men and women function in different spheres has no bearing on discrimination based on their sexes. Rather, the difference in tasking enables both sexes to maintain their distinctive characteristics, while

allowing them to deploy their respective talents and skills to make the best use of their innate capabilities. Dr. Muhammad al-Habash in his book, "Women between the Islamic Law and Life" stated:

" If we are to assume that woman is like man in her inner-feeling and compassion, in her perception and thinking, then man would have long been separated from socializing with her, and if we are to assume that the man is like a women in his soft emotions and tenderness, then the women would have long been disassociated from him." Al-Habash, Women between the Islamic Law and Life. (2001).

When the particles of oxygen and hydrogen combine to make the element of water, they are attracted to complementing each other to bring about success, but when they do not present attraction or a complementing mechanism for each other, there would not be a need for association. "

It is thus the wisdom of Allah to make men and women find attraction and things they lack in the other gender," said Dr. al-Habash. Furthermore, when the particle of hydrogen and oxygen combined to make a particle of water, neither of the elements can be construed as superior over the other.

Islam favors the role of motherhood over any other tasks that women can do. This is because woman is most qualified by her nature to master this important task. Raising children demands compassion, intricacy and more patience, which are qualities innate to mothers. Placing woman in a position not tolerated to her nature will not yield a favorable result. In fact discarding the function of motherhood for other fields of work is directly responsible for depriving children form the love and care of mothers they rightly deserve to the care and love of baby sitters. This nonattendance of mothers to their children yields poor family ties and loose structure in the family and society as well. No one ever wins by going against nature.

The preference of motherhood over other functions in the society does not preclude the Muslim woman form participating in other areas outside of motherhood. In Fact, from the rise of Islam until modern days, Muslim women have been part of the political and social sectors of their society. Ummu Salamah, the Prophet's wife, advised the Prophet in important political and legislative matters. In the Treaty of Hdaybiyah, for example, the Prophet acted upon her advice in making the treaty a

reality. Hudaibiyah was a ten-year treaty for peace between the Muslims and Pagans. In the final and crucial negotiation phase, the companions of the Prophet considered some of the conditions of the treaty humiliating and did not accept it. When the Prophet complained to Ummu Salamah about his companion's refusal, she said to him: "Begin the ritual of the pilgrimage (performing fewer rituals of Pilgrimage was the first step in executing the treaty) and your companions will follow. After the Prophet did what his wife suggested, the companions soon followed his actions. The Treaty of Hudaibiyah marks the highest achievement of victory for Muslims, and a Muslim woman was an integral part of this process. From the inception of Islam in the early 600 CE, Muslim women continued to be part of the Muslim policy. In modern days, many Muslim women became the leaders of their countries. Mughawati Sukarno, for example is the Prime minister of Indonesia, the largest Muslim country in the world. Benazir Bhutto is the former Prime Minister of Pakistan and Ibtikhar Ma'soumi is the Second Vice president of Iran.

The position of woman with respect to her husband in a Muslim household is often misunderstood in the West. The family is a social unit, and like all things in life it requires management and supervision. And in a similar manner to a president or manager taking responsibility for the well being of their company or employees, the man in the unit of a family is assigned the responsibility for his family. This assignment is not based on gender, but rather on the natural capacity.

The Koran states this fact in very simple terms:

"Men are the protectors and maintainers of women, because Allah has made some of them to excel others, and because they support them from their means." Koran, 4:34.

As one can easily see, the choice of making the man responsible for the well being of the family is based on his ability of management and livelihood support, not on "superiority because he is a man." Again, Islam set both man and women at equal terms of human status. Both male and female have definite partnership with one another, and there is no distinction, based on gender, with respect to their human value, rights and the Islamic law.

The Holy Koran states:

"Women have such honorable rights as obligations, but their men have a degree above them, Allah is All-Mighty, All-Wise (Koran, 2:228).

Just like the ship in the ocean and aircraft in the sky commanded by a captain and a pilot who are responsible before the law for their job, the man is commanded the responsibility of his family and responsible before God for its safety and destination. Both parents mutually share the management of the family, just like the entire crew manages the aircraft in the air.

Muslim women wear the scarf as a means of modesty. Modesty requires that she does not show off parts of her body (except her face and hands) or wear tight or transparent clothes in public. The scarf does not constitute a limitation or incapacity with respect to her nor make her inferior to man or other women. Over exposure of sexual attractiveness can steer spouses away from one another. Over exposure of sex is also a key to committing crimes of rape and murder in which much of the modern societies have fallen victims to. Muslim men, along with Muslim women are commanded to be modest.

The Holy Koran states:

"Say to the believing men that they should lower their gaze and guard their modesty: that will make for greater purity for them: and Allah is well acquainted with all that they do. And say to the believing women that they should lower their gaze and guard their modesty; that they should not display their beauty and ornaments except what must ordinarily appear thereof." Koran, 24:30.

Muslim woman in certain parts of the world wear a dark cloth that covers her from head to toe. In addition to this kind of complete covering, a male/female segregation measures are also implemented to prevent any type of contact between the two genders. In some Muslim countries, for example, all schools from preschool through college, mosques, hotels, transportation, parks and restaurants are built in a fashion where it would be difficult for the two genders to mix or socialize. Extremism and culture combined are probably responsible for this type of restrictive form of Muslim society. The traditional teachings of Islam, however, are not streamlined for segregation or extremism.

Prophet Muhammad did not practice this restrictive style of life nor was it prescribed for his followers. In defending this view, we can see that at

the time of the Prophet, women recited poetry before him, they share the public meetings along with men, they conducted speeches before men and presented their arguments, they welcomed men during social functions, they practiced politics and gave asylum (protection) to men, they prayed as a prayer leader for their household that includes men, they conducted their own professional business, they conducted social and judicial tasks, they taught men, they sat along with men on the food tables, and they argued to make a judicial change in the Islamic Law. For each of these topics, Dr. al-Habash presented a mindful and

It appears that the extremist's approach and style is an extension of the culture and the way women were treated before Islam. Muslim reported in his Sahih: "Abdullah Ibn Omar said: I heard the Prophet of Allah saying: 'Do not prevent women from attending mosques.' Bilal, his son replied back: 'By Allah we will prevent them,' His father reproached him; 'I say the Prophet of Allah said [allow them,] and you say [don't!]" Sahih Muslim, Kitab al Salah.

This example clearly showed that even during the time of the Prophet this type of attitude regarding women was still prevailing. A true Muslim, by definition, is supposed to be ethical, tolerant, social, wise and rational.

The Issue of Polygamy

Prior to Islam, polygamy was unlimited. Islam permitted polygamy up to four wives. Polygamy is not a duty, but rather a permission. Polygamy, in many ways, is a means of social and financial assistance available for the unfortunate, battered, divorced and widowed women. Similar to the financial assistance programs provided for single mothers by a particular state or the Federal government in America, polygamy can provide not only financial, but psychological and social support for the women. Islam assigned the primary function of earning and livelihood in the family to the man and caring for the children and education is the primary function of the mother. Polygamy is permitted so that a mother with children cannot be left out to the elements of hunger and poverty, but to find assistance and protection not only financial but also social and intimate. But for a man to marry more than one wife, several conditions must be met and substantiated by the legal system before the marriage can take a place (16).

Robert Spencer you will get what you deserve

The Prophet of Islam is the best of creation. Allah and His angels honor and bless the Holy Prophet as the greatest of men. We are asked to honor and bless him all the more because he took upon himself to suffer the sorrow of this life in order to guide us to Allah's mercy.

Allah and His angels bless the Prophet. O believers, do you also bless him, and pray him peace (Al-Ahzab, 56).

The Prophet came with a divine Message to teach and reclaim the world, and he is entitled to the respect of all, even of those who do not acknowledge his mission, for his mission works constantly like the forces of nature. Those who defy Allah and His Messenger or challenge them have incurred Allah's curse here and Hereafter and there awaits them the torment of the Fire.

Those who hurt Allah and His Messenger – them Allah has cursed in the present world and the world to come, and has prepared for them a humbling chastisement (Al-Ahzab, 57).

Not the least harm will Robert Spencer do to Allah, It is Allah's will to give Spencer no portion in the Hereafter. He will not be able to hurt the Prophet as well because Allah's word was already proclaimed beforehand to His Messengers that they shall certainly be afforded help, and that His forces in the end and at the right time be the winners and victory shall sit on their helm.

Already Our world has preceded to Our servants, the Envoys; assuredly they will be helped, and Our host – they are the victors (Al-Saffat 17-173).

Allah made for every Messenger some enemies characterized with satanic attributes. They practice deception by means of highly embellished words and plausible excuses and objections. Robert Spencer is certainly one of them.

So We have appointed to every Prophet an enemy – Satans of men and jinn, revealing tawdry speech to each other, all as a delusion; yet, had

thy Lord willed they would never had done it. So leave them to their forging (Al-An'am, 112).

Robert Spencer disputes concerning Allah with the purpose of assaulting Muslims' minds to lead them astray. His disputation is futile. Their strong belief in Allah can never be shaken by dialectical assaults. On the contrary, such disputations recoil on the heads of those who indulge in them. Allah's wrath is on them in this life, and the terrible penalty of the Hereafter must inevitably follow their evil plots against the Truth.

And those who argue concerning Allah after that answer has been made to Him, their argument is nil and void in the sight of their Lord; anger shall rest upon them, and there awaits them a terrible chastisement (Al-Shura, 16).

Let not one imagine that he has defeated or can defeat Allah's will or plan. The only help or protection that is possible is from Allah.

You are not able to frustrate Him in the earth; and apart from Allah, you have neither protector nor helper (Al-Shura, 31).

Those who dispute about Allah's signs must understand that for them there is no way of escape.

And that those who dispute concerning Our signs may know they have no asylum (Al-Shura, 35).

Allah has set a seal on his heart, and on his hearing, and on his eyes is a veil, so he understands not. He thinks he has a mission of peace by attacking Islam, when he has not even a true perception of right and wrong. By his blind arrogance he depresses the good and encourages the evil. He wages war against Allah and His messenger, and strives with might and main for creating discord and spreading mischief in the land.

He bought error in place of guidance and torment in place of forgiveness. He bought the life of this world at the price of the Hereafter. His penalty shall not be lightened nor shall he be helped.

When it is said to them, 'Do not corruption in the land'. They say, 'We are only ones that put things right.' Truly they are the workers of corruption but they are not aware (Al-Baqarah, 11, 12).

Let not Robert Spencer thinks that Allah's respite to him is good for himself; Allah grants him respite that he may grow in his iniquity, and in the end he will have a painful punishment. Allah grants him enjoyment for a while, then He shall compel him to the chastisement of the Fire.

He forgot that the life of this world is mere play and amusement, and Allah's religion and the Hereafter are the serious things that require our attention. He preferred to incline to earth and be deceived by the life of this world. He didn't understand that all creation is for a wise and just purpose, but he was steeped in his own arrogance and folly.

We created not the heavens and the earth, and all that between them is, in play; We created them not save in truth; but most of them know it not (Al-Dukhan 38, 39).

When he is cornered, he swears that he said nothing evil, but he indeed said the word of unbelief.

None but the unbelievers dispute concerning the signs of Allah; so let not their going to and fro in the land delude thee (Ghafir, 4).

Those who disbelieve and bar from Allah's way, Allah will send their works astray. But those who believe and do righteous deeds and believe in what is sent down to Muhammad – and it is the truth from their Lord – He will acquit them of their evil deeds, and dispose their minds aright (Muhamad 1, 2).

A soul so dead like Spencer's is indeed wretched. It will resort to falsehoods in worship, in conduct, and in its attitude towards Allah. It will be obstinate, and pretend to be above such things. It will hear the most beautiful Message but not profit by it. The punishment is its own, and grievous it is.

Woe to every guilty imposter who hears the signs of Allah being recited to him, then perseveres in waxing proud as if he has not heard them; so

give him the good tidings of a painful chastisement. And when he knows anything of Our signs, he takes them in mockery; those for them awaits a humbling chastisement. Behind them Gehenna; and that they have earned shall not avail them aught, nor those they took as protectors, apart from Allah; for them await a mighty chastisement. This is guidance (the Koran) and those who disbelieve in the signs of their Lord, there awaits them a painful chastisement of wrath (Al-Jathiyah, 7-11).

Spencer launches his blows against Islam then hides cowardly in a hostile environment seeking the help of his sponsors and supporters. He wouldn't dare of course travelling to the Muslim world to present the garbage he published against Islam in books not worth the paper it's printed on. If he ever does that, I assure him that Muslims will smash his empty head into small pieces with their shoes.

Spencer's supporters and sponsors share with him the guilt of attacking Islam and spreading dissension in the land. They are contentious men spreading hatred against Allah and His only religion – Islam. They are of no use or service to any cause. They have no power of protection for themselves or for others. They can avail Spencer nothing against Allah. Allah will make them taste degradation in this present life; and the chastisement of the world to come is assuredly greater, did they but know.

Robert Spencer and his supporters are wrongdoers, they stand as protectors and helpers of one another, but Allah is the protector of the righteous. Evil protects evil; it has really no power of protection at all for itself or for others. The righteous seek the protection of Allah, and He protects them, this is why they are the victors in the end.

Whoso makes Allah his friend, and his Messenger, and the believers – the party of Allah; they are the victors (Al-Maidah, 56).

Robert Spencer and the rest of the gang whom they call “experts” as well as their sponsors and protectors soon they shall know the fatal consequences of their denial of Allah's Message and the one who brought it, Muhammad peace be upon him.

When the fetters and chains are in their necks, and they dragged into the boiling water, then into the Fire they are poured. That is the recompense of Allah's enemies – the Fire, wherein they shall have the abode of eternity.

Surely they will not avail thee aught against Allah. Surely the evildoers stand as protectors to one another; but Allah is the Protector of the godfearing (Al-Jathyah, 19).

The evil ones are not in Allah's sight like the righteous ones; neither in life nor in death are they equal, in life the righteous are guided by Allah and receive His Grace, and after death His Mercy, while the evil ones reject His Grace and after death receive condemnation. If the wicked flourish here they will be condemned in the Hereafter; if the good are suffering here, they will receive comfort and consolation in the Hereafter.

Or do those who commit evil deeds think that We shall make them as those who believe and do righteous deeds, equal their living and their dying? How ill they judge (Al-Jathiyah, 21).

Their falsehood can never harm Muslims who carry the banner of true faith and right, which must always be victorious.

Spencer's hypocrisy caused him ruin. He knew that Islam is a true religion but he thought ill of Allah and His Prophet and viewed them with contempt. He attacked the monotheistic religion of Allah, the religion of Muhammad and all prophets before him, and forgot that he is a polytheist worshipping Allah as one in three or three in one! He forgot that he is an idolater because he worships a man nailed to the cross and not Allah Jesus Creator. He has certainly provoked Allah's anger, and Allah in turn has prepared for him a terrible chastisement.

As we read in the Koran:

...and that He may chastise the hypocrites men and women alike, and the polytheists, men and women alike, and those who thought evil thoughts of Allah; against them shall be the evil turn of fortune. Allah is wroth with them, and has cursed them, and has prepared for them Gehenna – an evil home coming (Al-Fath, 6).

Robert Spencer and his moron supporters have compiled over their heads mountains of major sins. They share with him the crime of attacking the religion of Allah without authority or knowledge. Blind hatred moves them to perdition but they are not aware. Allah is their rival, so certainly they shall be routed in the present life. Worldly calamities will befall them and in the Hereafter Hell is their final abode.

Robert Spencer must work out his own salvation

The purpose of life is to know Allah, to believe in Him and to worship Him according to how He wants to be worshipped, this includes that we live our lives according to His commands. In the Koran, Allah tells us that since the Messages of all prophets before the Prophet Muhammad have been distorted, none of these objectives could be achieved correctly except through His last and final Message, and therefore He will judge people on the Day of Judgment based on whether they believed and followed Islam.

Allah says:

Indeed, the religion in the sight of Allah is Islam (Koran, 3:19).

In the same chapter Allah declares:

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 (Koran, 3:85).

Muslims believe that the present life is a trial in preparation for the next realm of existence. Muslims know that man was not created merely for this worldly life; rather this world was created for man.

The Muslim's basic purpose in life is to worship Allah in His Oneness (Islamic monotheism) and not through the trinity of the Christians, or the duality and idolatry of other religions.

Man possesses the qualities of intelligence and choice, thus he is invited to submit to the good will of Allah and obey His law, i.e, becomes a Muslim.

Islam strongly calls on man to use his logic, reasoning and intellect. Allah in the Quran stresses the importance for people to think, to reason and to use their mind and intellect.

Robert Spencer however, is driven by myths, illusions, absurdities, ignorance, conjecture, prejudice, whims and desires, conjecture and ignorance. He clothes truth with falsehood. He tells a lie against Allah and well he knows it. In fact, Allah in the Quran confirms that most people on earth have gone astray because they follow assumption.

It's about time that Robert Spencer sit down, take a moment and think about things, about life, about death, about what comes after death.

Based on the universality of the Message of Islam and what it brought to mankind, Robert Spencer must start working out his own salvation. His task is not to attack Islam the complete religion, but to sincerely worship Allah alone without associating with Him any partners. Robert Spencer and his like must understand that on the Day of Resurrection Allah will never accept a slave standing before Him saying: "My Lord, I worshipped you as one in three or three in one!" Whether Robert spencer belongs to the Melkite Greek Catholic Church or any other church, the fact will always remain: Allah is only One and not three. Allah will never accept the dogmas the Christians invented in their religion, i.e. original sin, the concept of the Trinity, crucifixion, vicarious atonement, and confession of sins to the priests.

Life is short, and the Day of accountability is drawing near. Instead of attacking Islam - the complete religion, Spencer should submit to Allah's commands regarding His oneness and uniqueness.

If Robert Spencer is so blind as to fight a losing battle against Islam, could he this time be so deserving as to fight for a noble cause? Could he fight for purifying the Christian religion from ugly trinitarianism to pure monotheism? Could he purify the rituals the priests invented in their religion? Jesus never ate his flesh or drank his blood! Could he reform the Christian religion by purifying it from the confession the Christians make to the priests in the churches thus considering them as intermediaries between them and the Creator? Of course he can't. If he tries, his people will rebel against him. But maybe he thinks that

attacking Islam is much easier? No poor fellow. By attacking Islam you have already compiled over your head a load of sins that makes the mountains rent asunder. You don't comprehend the majesty and power of Allah. You opposed Allah and His Messenger, and whoever opposes Allah, then verily Allah is severe in punishment. Look to what you have sent forth for the morrow and fear Allah for He is aware of what you do.

Spencer forgot Allah, so Allah caused him to forget his ownself. Not equal are the dwellers of the Fire and the dwellers of Paradise. It is the dwellers of Paradise that will be successful.

A man with such huge amount of sins has no hope for Allah's forgiveness. All the roads to forgiveness are closed. Spencer is really cornered. But maybe it is not too late. Embracing Islam wipes out all the sins of the past. Spencer will be born again. So how about embracing Islam? If you have guts to take this step, you must start immediately performing Tawheed i.e. worshipping Allah alone without associating with Him any partners through the 5 daily prayers. This must be followed by doing good deeds according to the teachings of the Koran and the Sunna of the Prophet. This is your only salvation.

Can you take this huge step? Of course you can't. How could you embrace Islam then face the people after you have lied to them all these years and made them believe that Islam is evil and Muhammad never existed! How could you face them and you have filled the world with falsehood and hypocrisy? The fame and the unlawful money you are enjoying now will soon perish, and you will find yourself rejected. The health Allah blessed you with will abandon you. Your hypocrite applauders and your Zionist sponsors will abandon you as well, and the wrath of Allah will be poured over your head and His worldly calamities will surround you from all directions.

But for the sake of honesty I must say that Allah's mercy embraces all things. Allah can forgive your sins if you turn back to Him in sincere repentance, then embrace Islam and follow its path of salvation.

The Prophet peace be upon him said:

“Allah created mercy with one hundred parts, one of which was sent down upon the Jinn, human beings and other living beings. It is out of this one part that they love each other, show kindness to each other and even the animals treat their offspring with affection. Allah has reserved the remaining ninety-nine parts for His true worshippers on the Day of Resurrection.”

The Prophet of Islam commented on Allah’s mercy by saying,

“When Allah decreed the creation He pledged Himself by writing in His book which is laid down with Him: ‘My mercy prevails over my wrath.’”

The Prophet also stated that Allah has said:

“I am as my servant thinks I am. I am with him when he makes mention of Me. If he makes mention of Me to himself, I make mention of him to myself; and if he makes mention of me in an assembly, I make mention of him in an assembly better than it. And if he draws near to Me a hand’s span, I draw near to him an arm’s length; and if he draws near to Me an arm’s length, I draw near to him a fathom’s length. And if he comes to Me walking, I go to him with speed.”

However, Allah’s grace is not arbitrary. It is based on both correct faith and righteous deeds. In the Koran Allah says:

“Whoever brings a good deed, will have (the value of) ten like it, and whoever brings an evil deed will only be punished with one like it, and they will not be wronged.”

As we read in the Koran:

Say, “O my servants who have transgressed against themselves do not despair of Allah’s Mercy; surely Allah forgives sins altogether; verily, He is the All-forgiving, the All- Compassionate (Az Zumar, 53).

Allah accepts the repentance of those who do evil in ignorance and repent soon afterwards; to them Allah will turn in mercy for Allah is the Most-Merciful. But in no case shall Allah take upon himself to accept the repentance of those who consume their lives in doing evil, until death

faces them, and they say, 'Now have we repented indeed;' nor of those who die rejecting faith (Islam), for them Allah has prepared a punishment more grievous.

Robert Spencer, always remember: short is the enjoyment of this world, whereas the Hereafter is far better for him who fears Allah.

Robert Spencer, always remember: wheresoever you may be death will overtake you even if you are in fortresses built up strong and high.

Could you take this huge step? Are you strong enough to sincerely repent and embrace Islam as your religion? I am afraid this is the only way for your salvation. But I am sure that your cowardice and disbelief will make you wade in the maze of error until your day comes. And here there is no going back. The recompense shall be either Heaven or Hell. In your desperate case however, Hell is likely to be your abode.

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