

Downfall of Pope Benedict XVI

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Hatred against Islam has spread to several parts of the world until it reached the Vatican. Pope Benedict XVI, the head of the Vatican and the Catholic Church attacked Islam and Prophet Muhammad. The lecture he delivered on 12 September 2006 at the University of Regensburg is considered from the Vatican's point of view to be among the most important papal statements on world's affairs since John Paul II's 1995 address to the United Nations, and sparked international reaction and controversy.

In his lecture the Pope quoted a 14th Century Byzantine Christian emperor, saying: "Show me just what Mohammad brought that was new; you will find only evil and inhuman things, such as his command to spread the faith he preached by the sword."

This is how Benedict thinks of the Koran; the Koran is inhuman and was spread by the sword! What Muhammad brought was inhuman, means that Allah, the Lord of creation is inhuman and irrational, the Lord is a confusing, hesitant and moody God, sometimes He says: 'there is no compulsion in religion', and sometimes He says, 'spread the faith with the sword'.

The Pope was trying to say that the Christian religion was the religion of love and peace while the Islamic religion was the religion of terror and violence. The religion of Islam is the religion of contradictions while Christianity is the religion of soundness, firmness and consistency.

The ugly words of Pope Benedict reminded me with the crusader wars against Islam. In 1096 Pope Urban II preached that Muslims are heretics, and it was an outrage for the holiest city in Christendom to be ruled by Muslims. He called for European armies to join a crusade to return Jerusalem to the Christian rule. The crusaders started their military campaign by attacking Muslim lands. They attacked Nicaea followed by Antioch. Nearly all Muslims were killed by the merciless crusaders.

Then the crusaders attacked Marrat an-Nu'man where the crusaders slaughtered a hundred thousand people. The crusaders did the killing even though they were supposed to be pious and religious. A year later, the crusaders attacked Jerusalem. Since the crusaders thought that killing Muslims was very good for the soul, they murdered as many as they could. No one was given mercy; old or young, sick or healthy, male or female, all were beheaded and killed by the invading crusaders. The city was full of blood that reached up to the knees of the soldiers and up to the horses' bridles. The Muslims were forced to throw themselves from the tops of towers and buildings, some others were burned alive. The crusaders climbed up to the top of the Temple of Solomon, from where they massacred hundreds and thousands of Muslims. The slaughter was only paused when the crusaders gave thanks to their Lord. Then the slaughter was continued with as much ferocity as before.

All this had happened because of the call of the moron Pope Urban II who thought Muslims were heretics and deserved to be slaughtered. The ignorant did not know that on the Day of accountability, he will carry the guilt of murdering the innocents and he will stand before Allah with hands stained with their blood. Of course, Pope Urban II and his successors were extremely disappointed when the Muslim leader Salah eldin elayoubi and other Muslim leaders who came after him defeated the crusaders.

Pope Benedict by his undiplomatic and tactless words was trying to turn the Christians against their Muslim brothers. I was really amazed to see that the pontiff was so ignorant of the religion of Islam to the extent of describing it as inhuman! I did not comment on his ugly words at the time, because my words of truth would have been lost in the middle of all this hatred and strong bias against Islam.

The Pontiff had been just elected as Pope of the Catholic Church, and as it seemed, he was trying to make friends with America that was already invading Iraq, and maybe he thought that by using Islam phobia he could win the hearts of his people more, and becomes not only the head of the Vatican and the Catholic Church, but also a popular political figure.

Because the Pope do not believe in Islam, his malice made him think that attacking Islam is a light thing, but Allah considers such attack on His religion a very serious matter. The consequences of such irresponsible attitude are terrible.

As the Koran teaches, Allah afflicts his enemies with severe calamities in the worldly life, and if they do not repent and follow the wright path of

salvation – Islam – He roasts them in Hell. So why commenting on Benedict's words in the first place, Watching the wrath of Allah touching His enemies, in the present life is enough for Muslims as a conciliation.

The Vatican arrogantly defended the speech of the pope and announced that the Pope was merely quoting the words of the medieval Byzantine Emperor Manuel II. The Vatican stated: 'The Holy Father did not mean, nor does he mean, to make that opinion his own in any way.'

Muslims, however, do not consider this explanation as sufficient because the bad intention of Benedict's speech was clear and obvious. They considered the act of borrowing ugly words of another man to attack Islam in order to escape from Muslims anger an act of cowardice.

In 2011 Al-Azhar Grand Sheikh and Imam Ahmed al-Tayeb froze relations with the Roman Catholic Church in response to the offensive remarks of the pope. The Grand Iman reiterated his call for Pope Benedict XVI to officially apologize for insulting Islam. El-Tayeb said such an apology is a basic condition for resumption of interfaith dialogue between the two religious authorities. El-Tayeb met with Michael Girard, Ambassador of the Holy See to Egypt, and refused to resume relations between Al-Azhar and the Vatican until the Pope apologizes for insulting Islam and Muslims. El-Tayeb also said during the meeting that relations between the two faiths are normal, despite the fact that official relations between Al-Azhar and the Vatican are frozen.

El-Tayeb said Pope Benedict's predecessor, John Paul II, loved Muslims and always sought to engage in dialogue with them.

Senior Muslim clerics in Egypt believe Pope Benedict XVI's abrupt resignation could reopen the way for dialogue with the Catholic Church, severed after Benedict's controversial 2006 remarks on the Muslim prophet.

Improved ties between the Church and Al-Azhar however, would depend on the next pope's approach to the Muslim world.

Instead of being diplomatic and tactful, the pope had the nerve to consider the Koran inhuman, and that Muhammad did not bring anything new. The pope seemed to forget that religion is not to dispute about. What we should strive for is steadfastness in duty and faith, and unity among humankind. This is the essence of a feasible interfaith dialogue.

After seven years of the Pope's attacks on Islam, he suddenly fell down encompassed by sex abuse in the Catholic churches, money laundry, illegal transactions with the mafia, and the Vatican Bank involved in such transactions declared bankruptcy! In addition to all that, the pontiff had been weakened by age and illness – so weak at the knees that he was hardly able to stand.

Yes, the end is near, and the pontiff is about to meet his Lord. But what would He say to His Lord when he meets Him? Would He say, 'Your Koran is inhuman, and that Muhammad didn't bring anything new!' Allah does not argue with His enemies, He just throws them in Hell.

Under these circumstances of shame, disgrace and downfall Benedict was going through, and after his resignation, and retirement in his secluded retreat, I found myself compelled to comment on his obscene words, and most importantly, to explain to him the true religion of Jesus, which I think, he is not aware of. Any pontiff, or even any ordinary Christian who finds the nerve to utter such words about Islam, has proven without doubt his ignorance about his own religion – Christianity.

My explanation of true Christianity to the ex-pope is included in the following points:

1- Is God of the Christians compassionate and God of the Muslims violent?

Muslims were greatly offended by the remarks of Benedict when he pictured Islam as violent and that it was spread by the sword.

Benedict thinks that the religion of Islam is violent. His proof for that is to parrot the Koranic verses of war that he and his peers take out of their contexts. It is sad to see that Pope Benedict is so incognizant as to harbour the delusion that Allah's wrath, power and vengeance are not consistent with His goodness. In all Scriptures Allah (God) has not attempted to conceal the fact of His vengeance and wrath. He is not ashamed to make it known that vengeance and fury belong unto Him. There are more references in Scripture to the anger, fury, and wrath of Allah, than there are to His love and tenderness. Because Allah is Holy, He hates all sin; And because He hates all sin, His anger burns against the sinner: Psalm 7:11.

Benedict should have known that the wrath of Allah is as much a divine perfection as is His mercy, forgiveness and clemency. It must be so, for there is no blemish whatever, not the slightest defect in the character of Allah; yet there would be if "wrath" were absent from Him! How could Allah who is the Sum of all Excellency look with equal satisfaction upon

virtue and vice, wisdom and folly? How could He who is infinitely Holy disregard sin and refuse to manifest His "severity" (Rom. 9:12) toward it? How could He who delights only in that which is pure and lovely, loathe and hate not that which is impure and vile? The very nature of Allah makes Hell as real a necessity, as imperatively and eternally requisite as Heaven is.

The wrath of Allah is His eternal detestation of all unrighteousness. It is the displeasure and indignation of divine equity against evil. It is the holiness of Allah stirred into activity against sin. It is the moving cause of that just sentence which He passes upon evil-doers. Allah is angry against sin because it is a rebelling against His authority, a wrong done to His inviolable sovereignty. The evildoers spreading mischief in the land shall be made to know that Allah is the Lord. They shall be made to feel how great that Majesty is which they despise, and how dreadful is His wrath, which they so little regarded. Not that Allah's anger is a malignant and malicious retaliation, inflicting injury for the sake of it, or in return for injury received. No; while Allah will vindicate His dominion as the Governor of the universe, He will not be vindictive.

The Divine wrath is clearly established by the express declarations of His own Word. "For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven" (Rom. 1:18).

The same creation which declares that Allah do exists, and publishes His glory, also proclaims that He is the Enemy of sin and the Avenger of the crimes of men.

In Psalm 89:35 Allah declares, "Once have I sworn by My holiness." While in Psalm 95:11 He affirms, "I swear in My wrath."

As we read in the Psalms:

Allah is angry with the wicked every day" (Ps. 7:11). The forerunner of Christ warned his hearers to "flee from the wrath to come" (Matt. 3:7). Jesus bade His auditors "Fear Him, which after He hath killed, hath power to cast into Hell; yea, I say unto you. Fear Him" (Luke 12:5).

The Old Testament prophets frequently told their people that their wicked lives provoked the Holy One of Israel, and that they were treasuring up to themselves wrath against the day of wrath.

Since religion with Allah is only one, the names of Allah's power and majesty are also mentioned in the Koran. In the Koran, Allah has 99 beautiful names, among these are the names: the Avenger, the Omnipotent, and the King of the absolute Sovereignty.

The attribute 'Avenger', means that Allah punishes wrongdoers, those who persist in disbelieving, revolting, raving in their unconsciousness and egotism, creating disharmony, tyrannizing Allah's servants and are faithless because they attribute partners to Allah. He gives them time to repent for their wrongdoing, but if they don't He punishes them.

The attribute Omnipotence is the quality of Allah that breaks the backs of His enemies. His Omnipotence dominates over them by killing and humiliating them. He warns them with repeated warnings. He delays their punishment. In delaying their punishment, they soar higher and higher in arrogance and tyranny. Suddenly, He brings them down and the fall becomes greater and harder from such heights.

On the Day of Resurrection Allah will say to His servants:

'Whose is the Kingdom today?' (Allah Himself will reply to His question: 'It is Allah, the One, the Omnipotent.' (Ghafir, 16).

Everything in existence is subjected to Allah's dominance and power. The strength and power of the Omnipotent is counter balanced by the quality of the Subtle (al-Latîf) for they are contained one within the other.

As the Koran narrates, Allah has destroyed the evil nations without mercy.

'And We gave Musa (Moses) the book, and appointed with him his brother Harun (Aron) as a supporter. Then We said: Go together unto the people who have denied Our signs. Then We destroyed them, with a destruction that was complete.' (Al-Furqan, 35).

'And Nuh's(Noah) people, when they denied the Messengers; We drowned them, and made of them a sign for mankind. We have prepared a painful punishment for those who work injustice.' Al-Furqan, 37).

'And the tribes of Ad, and Thamud, and the dwellers of al-Rass, and many generations in between.' (Al-Furqan, 38).

'To each of them We coined parables; and each of them We destroyed without a trace.' (Al-Furqan, 39).

We also read in the Koran:

Tell My servants I am the All-Forgiving, the All-Compassionate, and that My chastisement is the painful chastisement (Al-Hijr: 49-50).

In the Koran we also find the attribute Mâlik al-Mulk: The King of Absolute Sovereignty.

The Koran says:

Say: `Oh Allah, Master of the Kingdom, Thou givest the Kingdom to whom thou wilt, and seizes the Kingdom from whom Thou wilt, Thou exaltest whom Thou wilt, and Thou abasest whom Thou wilt; in Thy hand is the good; Thou art powerful over everything (Al-Imran, 26).

The King of Absolute Sovereignty is the quality of carrying out what Allah wills in His kingdom in the manner He Wills, bringing into being, destroying, perpetuating, and annihilating as He pleases. The word al-Mulk means `kingdom', and the word al-Malik means `the powerful one', the one who possesses perfect power.

One of the attributes of Allah in the Koran is Al-Jabbâr, meaning the Compeller.

"...the Compeller (al-Jabbâr)..." (59:23). The Compeller is Allah's quality of being effective in terms of will power over everyone and everything while no will power is effective over It. This force is the one from whose grasp no one is free. Allah's Will is absolute and this magnifies Him over every other being.

As we read in the Koran:

He is Allah; there is no god but He. He is the knower of the Unseen and the Visible; He is the All-Merciful the All-Compassionate. He is Allah; there is no god but He. He is the King, the All-Holy, the All-Peaceable, the All-Faithful, the All-Preserver, the All-Mighty, the All-Compeller, the All-Sublime. Glory be to Allah, above that they associate! He is Allah, the Creator, the Maker, the Shaper. To Him belongs the Names Most Beautiful. All that is in the heavens and the earth magnifies Him; He is the All-Mighty, the All-Wise (Al-Hashr 23-24).

2- Allah's religion has always been the same

Declaring that: "Muhammad did not bring anything new" shows clearly that the pope was ignorant of the fact that Allah's religion is the same in essence, whether given to Noah, Abraham, Moses, Jesus and Muhammad. The source of unity is the revelation from Allah.

Allah says in the Koran:

He has laid down for you as religion that He charged Noah with, and that We have revealed to thee, and that We charged Abraham with, Moses and Jesus: `perform the religion, and scatter not regarding it.' Very hateful is

that for the idolaters, that thou callest them to. Allah chooses unto himself whomsoever He will, and He guides to Himself whosoever turns, penitent (Ash-Shura, 13).

We also read:

Say: 'We believe in Allah, and that which has been sent down on us, and sent down on Abraham, and Ishmael, Isaac and Jacob, 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 (submission to Allah), it shall not be accepted of him; in the next world he shall be among the losers (Al-Imran, 84, 85).

Islam therefore 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 the 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, as he is false to Allah's Will and Plan. Such a one cannot expect guidance, for he has deliberately renounced guidance.

3- The advent of Muhammad was mentioned in the Books of the Jews and the Christians

The advent of Muhammad, his descriptions, and the monotheistic character of his religion, were mentioned in several passages in the Torah of Moses and the Gospel of Jesus. The Jews and the Christians should have known this as well as they knew their own sons, for They knew from their Books that the Prophet of Islam is true and upright, he is in the line of Abraham, and that he will come to guide them, but selfishness made them act against their own knowledge and conceal the truth.

The Koran says:

Those to whom We gave the Scripture (Jews and Christians) recognize him (Muhammad) as they recognize their sons, even though there is a party of them conceal the truth (the advent of Muhammad and his description mentioned in the Torah and the Gospel) while they know it (Al-Baqarah, 146).

When the Children of Israel disobeyed Allah and worshipped the calf, and Allah's anger has fallen upon them, Moses chose from the innocent of his people seventy persons to meet Allah on Mount Sinai. When they

gathered at the arranged time and place, fearful echoes thundered in their ears and the earth's surface convulsed under their feet. There and then did Moses pray: 'O Allah, my Creator, had you willed you could have destroyed us before now. Would You destroy us for the deeds of the foolish ones among us? You are our protector so forgive us and have mercy on us.'

Allah answered back: 'my punishment is a penalty I inflict on whom I will, and My mercy is extended to the wide circle of the all; I will accord it to those who are god-fearing, give alms and believe in Our signs; who acknowledge the mission of Our Apostle (Muhammad), the unlettered Prophet whom they (Jews and Christians), find well described in their Torah and Gospel. He shall enjoin them equity and justice and forbid them all that is wrongful and inform them of all that is lawful...therefore those who recognize his mission and follow the light (the Koran) which has been sent down with him shall be the recipients of Allah's mercy, and it is they who will prosper.'

The Koran says in this connection:

And Moses chose of his people seventy men for Our appointed time; and when the earthquake seized them, he said, 'My Lord, hadst Thou willed Thou wouldst have destroyed them before, and me. Wilt Thou destroy us for what the foolish ones of us have done? It is only Thy trial, whereby Thou leadest astray whom Thou wilt, and guidest whom Thou wilt. Thou art our Protector; so forgive us, and have mercy on us, for Thou art the best of forgivers. And prescribe for us in this world good, and in the world to come; we have repented unto Thee.' Said He, 'My chastisement – I smite with it whom I will; and My mercy embraces all things, and I shall prescribe it for those who are god-fearing, and pay the alms, and those who indeed believe in Our signs, those who follow the Messenger, the Prophet of the common folk (Muhammad peace be upon him) whom they find written down with them in the Torah and the Gospel, bidding them to honour, and forbidding them dishonour, making lawful for them the good things and making unlawful for them the corrupt things, and relieving them of their loads, and the fetters that were upon them. Those who believe in him and succour him and help him, and follow the light (the Koran) that has been sent down with him, it is they who will prosper.' (Al-A'raf 155-157).

Various prophets were sent before Muhammad with missions to their several peoples. But 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 Median the ethics of honest business, nor reclaiming the people of Lot from sexual sin, or thamus from the sin of oppression in power, or Ad from arrogance and ancestor – worship. Now are set forth plainly the issues of life and death, the Message of Allah, the One universal God to all mankind.

The Koran says:

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 in His Messenger, the prophet of the common folk, who believe in Allah and His words, and follow him; haply you will be guided (Al-A'raf, 158).

With the advent of Muhammad, the light and guidance, which he brought from Allah for all humankind, superseded the earlier divine Laws of all the Prophets who came before him including the Books of the Jews and the Christians (Torah and Gospel).

As we read in the Koran:

It is He who has 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-Tawbah, 33).

The Scriptures of the Jews and the Christians have prepared them for the advent of the greatest and the last of the Prophets, Muhammad. The Jewish Scriptures promised the Jews that a Prophet will come from their cousins or brethren (the Arabs), a Prophet like Moses: 'The Lord thy God will raise up unto thee a Prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, like unto me; unto him ye shall hearken.' (Deut. xviii. 15). And Christ promised a Comforter (John, xiv. 16; xv. 26; and xvi 7) almost by name.

4- In Islam joining others in worship with Allah is an unforgivable sin

Allah has only one religion, and that is Islam. All Prophets came to their people with the Message of Islam, which is to: believe in Allah's oneness – He is One, Unique, Incomparable God; to believe in the Angels created by Him; in the prophets through whom His revelations were brought to mankind; in the Day of Judgement and individual accountability for actions; in Allah's complete authority over human destiny and in life after death. Muslims believe in a chain of prophets starting with Adam and including Noah, Abraham, Ishmael, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, Job, Moses,

Aaron, David, Solomon, Elias, Jonah, John the Baptist, and Jesus, peace be upon them all. But Allah's final Message to man, a reconfirmation of the eternal Message and a summing-up of all that has gone before was revealed to the Prophet Muhammad through Archangel Gabriel.

We read in the Koran:

The only true religion in Allah's sight is Islam, and those who were given the Book disagreed only out of rivalry, after knowledge had come to them, and whoever disbelieves in the signs of Allah should know that Allah is swift in calling to account (Al-Imran, 19).

Even the whole universe believes in Allah's oneness and praises Him. All creation, animate and inanimate sings Allah's praises and celebrates the unity and glory of Allah. All nature bears witness to His power, wisdom and goodness. The Creator likes justice. Everything in the universe being in its right place is a proof that the Lord is just and loves justice and righteousness. It is only the infidels that understand not how nature praises and declares His glory. And yet Allah bears with them, and forgives them if they repent and follow the right path of salvation. Such is His goodness.

The Koran says:

The seven heavens and the earth, and whosoever in them is, extol Him; nothing is, that does not proclaim His praise, but you do not understand their extolling. Surely He is All-Clement, All-Forgiving (Al-Isra', 44).

The universe seems to be a completely unitary system. This shows that it has a single planner. Each part of the universe is in a complete state of surrender, i.e. Islam. The universe functions are in accordance with the appointed plan of Allah. Exactly the same performance is required of man. Man must recognize his Lord and mould his life in accordance with His plan.

What Allah desires from His servants is that they should be firm in the belief of His oneness. Any shift to any other belief amounts to polytheism (*shirk*). Whenever polytheism gains ground with the people, variations and differences immediately start making their appearance.

Worshipping Allah alone as one entity (Islamic monotheism), creates a greater sense of unity among the faithful.

We read in the Koran:

It is He who sends down upon His servant signs, clear signs that it may bring you forth from the shadows into the light. Surely Allah is to you All-Gentle, All-Compassionate (Al-Hadid, 9).

The Koran, which Benedict claimed to be violent and inhuman, was a mercy sent from Allah to the Christians in order that they purify Christianity from the fabrications their ancestors added to the religion of Jesus.

The concept of monotheism is not only a basic teaching of the Prophet Muhammad but is also an established reality in the now existing corrupted versions of the Bible and the Gospel. Monotheism implies belief in only one God, Allah. He alone should be worshiped. No one should be associated with Him in worship. This concept of monotheism is preserved in its pure form only in the Koran.

The Koran says:

Allah forgives not that partners should be set up with Him; but he forgives anything else, to whom He pleases; whoso associates with Allah anything in worship, has indeed forged a mighty sin (Al-Nisa', 48).

Other religions, while accepting monotheism ideologically, also adopted almost everything that opposed it. While believing in Allah as the Sustainer, in practice they accorded that status to their saints.

Allah says in the Koran:

Say: '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 partner 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-Imran, 64).

In Islam, joining others with Allah in worship is a terrible wrong. Polytheism holds that beings other than Allah are man's benefactors and that, man should direct his feelings of gratitude towards them. The belief in the oneness of Allah stems from the intense realization that Allah is the sole benefactor of man and as such all his gratitude should be shown only to that One – Allah.

Islam considers associating partners with Allah a contumacious treason against Him. By putting up Allah's creatures (Jesus as God or son of god, saint, pope, nature, animal, idol, stone, etc.) in rivalry against Allah is considered as a glaring rebellion against the essence and source of

spiritual life. This is why Islam considers associating partners with Allah in worship an unforgivable sin.

The Jews and the Christians fell from the true, straight and standard religion, into devious ways, and said that they would not come to the true path until the arrival of the promised Prophet. But when the promised Prophet came in the person of Muhammad they rejected him, because they were not really searching for truth, but were only following their own fancies and desires.

We read in the Koran:

The unbelievers of the people of the Book (Jews and Christians) and the idolaters would never leave off, until the clear signs came to them, a Messenger (Muhammad) from Allah, reciting pages (the Koran) purified wherein are upright precepts. And they scattered not, those that were given the Book, excepting after the clear Signs came to them. They were commanded only to serve Allah, making the religion His sincerely, men of pure faith, and to perform the prayer, and pay the alms – that is the right religion. The unbelievers of the people of the Book and the idolaters shall be in the Fire of Gehenna, therein dwelling forever; those are the worst of creatures. But those who believe (in the oneness of Allah and in His Messenger Muhammad including all obligations ordered by Islam), and do righteous deeds, those are the best of creatures; their recompense with their Lord is Gardens of Eden, underneath which rivers flow, therein dwelling forever and ever – Allah is well pleased with them, and they are well - pleased with Him. That is for him who fears his Lord (Al-Bayyinah 1-8).

5- The Jews and the Christians corrupted their divine Books

The Jews were the followers of Moses, but they started considering their race a special one; their religion became for them a special matter. They rejected Muhammad because he was not born of their race. Similarly, the Christians were the followers of Jesus, but they took him to be God or the son of God instead of a Prophet sent by Allah.

When Allah settled human beings on the earth, He furnished them with divine Books (the Pages of Abraham, the Psalms of David, the Torah of Moses, the Gospel of Jesus). Later, when people fell into the ways of neglect and worldliness, they changed the words of Allah to suit their desires. For example, they considered their great revered men to be mediators between Allah and them; whatever sins they committed, their

holy men would on the strength of their recommendation, be their saviours before Allah.

The Koran says:

They have taken their rabbis and their monks as lords apart from God, and the Messiah, Mary's son -- and they were commanded to serve but One God; there is no god but He; glory be to Him, above that they associate (At-Tawbah, 31).

They also believed that Heaven or Hell existed in the present world and that there was nothing beyond this world. Whatever the people themselves wanted, they attributed it to Allah and wrote it in Allah's Books. Therefore, the divine Books were corrupted by interpolations, additions and curtailments. Finally, Allah decided to send Muhammad, the seal of the prophets with an unchangeable Book, the Koran; a Book that Allah guarded from corruption until the Day of Resurrection.

Allah says in the Koran:

It is We who have sent down the Remembrance (the Koran), and We watch over it (Al-Hijr, 9).

The people of the Book made two mistakes in their religion. They made certain changes in their Book obviating the necessity to accept any further Prophet for their salvation; their attachment to the religion of their forefathers was considered enough for their salvation. The other mistake, which they made in the name of religion, was that they imposed upon themselves restrictions, which had not been ordained by Allah: for example, the petty rites of sacrifice, which were not commanded by their prophets, but were concocted by their scholars by means of their hair-splitting interpretations.

At the time when Muhammad appeared, many self-made religions had been devised. The polytheists of Arabia had a religion which they called the religion of Moses. The Christians had a religion which they called the religion of Jesus. These were all concocted editions of Allah's religion, and had been wrongly claimed to be the religion sent by Allah. Allah rejected all these corrupted religions and established the religion revealed to Prophet Muhammad as the sole authentic edition of His religion which would remain valid until doomsday.

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

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

Allah says in the Koran:

It is He who has sent His Messenger with the guidance and the religion of truth, that He may uplift it above every religion, though the unbelievers be averse At-Tawbah, 33).

It should be understood that the Koran is not the only holy Book in which Muslims believe. Muslims believe in all other authentic divine Books that were given to various Islamic prophets who came before Muhammad. These Books were specifically mentioned in the Koran and promulgated the code and laws of Islam. Muslims believe the Koran, the final holy scripture, was sent because all the previous holy books had been either corrupted or lost. Nonetheless, Islam speaks of respecting all the previous scriptures in their original forms, which unfortunately do not exist anymore. Belief in all the revealed authentic Books is an article of faith in Islam and a Muslim must believe that all the original scriptures of the prophets of Abrahamic monotheism were revealed by Allah. The four books are the Tawrat (Torah), Zabur (Psalms), Injil (Gospel) and the Quran. The Tawrat was sent to Musa (Moses), the Zabur was sent to Dawood (David), the Injil was sent to Isa (Jesus) and the Quran was sent to Muhammad .

The Quran also mentions two ancient scrolls and another possible book:

1- Scrolls of Abraham: The Scrolls of Abraham are believed to have been one of the earliest bodies of scripture, which were vouchsafed to 'Ibrāhīm (Abraham), and later used by Isma'il (Ishmael) and 'Ishāq (Isaac). Although usually referred to as 'scrolls', many translators have translated the Arabic suhuf as "books". The Scrolls of Abraham are now considered lost rather than corrupted, although some scholars have identified them with the Testament of Abraham, an apocalyptic piece of literature available in Arabic at the time of Muhammad

2- Kitab of Yahya: There is a mention in the Koran of Kitab or Book of Yahya (John the Baptist). It is possible that portions of its text appear in some of the Mandaean scriptures such as the Genzā Rabbā or the Draša d-Iahia "The Book of John the Baptist". Yahya is revered by the Mandaean and by the Sabians.

3- Scrolls of Moses: These scrolls, containing the revelations of Moses, which were perhaps written down later by Moses, Aaron and Joshua, are understood by Muslims to refer not to the Torah but to revelations aside from the Torah. Some scholars have stated that they could possibly refer

to the Book of the Wars of the Lord, a lost text spoken of in the Old Testament or Tanakh in the Book of Numbers.

The Christian fathers changed the meaning of the words and took them out of their contexts, and wrote books that contained falsehood and superstitions thus misguiding their followers.

Allah has warned those who write the Scripture in order to sell for worldly gains:

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 for them for what their hands have written, and woe to them for their earnings (Al-Baqarah, 79).

The people of the Book 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.

Because Allah has guarded the Koran from corruption until the doomsday, the Koran serves as a reference for correcting the false interpretations added to the old divine Books.

Allah says in the Koran:

But Allah bears witness to that He has sent down to thee (the Koran); He has sent it down with His knowledge; and the angels also bear witness; and Allah suffices for a witness (An-Nisa', 66).

The koran brought the true stories of the ancients, the missions of their prophets, their divine books, the iniquities and oppression of the rejecters of truth, their punishment, how they corrupted their Books and sold their religion for a miserable worldly price, etc.

The Koran retells stories of many of the people and events recounted in the Jewish and Christian books (Tanakh, Bible) and devotional literature (Apocrypha, Midrash), although it differs in many details. Adam, Enoch, Noah, Heber, Shelah, Abraham, Lot, Ishmael, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, Job, Jethro, David, Solomon, Elijah, Jonah, Moses, Aaron, Zechariah, John the Baptist, and Jesus are mentioned in the Koran as prophets of Allah.

Muslims believe the common resemblances between the Bible and other

Jewish and Christian writings and Islamic dispensations is due to the same divine source, Allah, and that the Christian or Jewish texts were authentic divine revelations given to Prophets.

The Koran says:

It is He who has sent down upon thee the Book (the Koran) with the truth, confirming what was before it, and He sent down the Torah and the Gospel aforetime, as guidance to the people, and He sent down the criterion (of judgment between right and wrong – the Koran). As for those who disbelieve in Allah's signs, for them awaits a terrible chastisement; Allah is All-Mighty, Vengeful (Al-Imran 3, 4).

6- Jesus is not God or the son of God

People excesses may lead them to blasphemy. The Jewish excesses in the direction of formalism, radicalism, exclusiveness, and rejection of Christ and Muhammad have been considered as unreasonable excesses and have been denounced in many places in the Koran. The Christian attitude, which raises Jesus to equality with Allah; and in some cases, venerates Mary almost to idolatry, is totally rejected in the Koran.

The Koran says:

People of the Book, go not beyond the bounds in your religion, and say not as to Allah but the truth. The Messiah, Jesus son of Mary, was only the Messenger of Allah, and His Word that He committed to Mary, and a Spirit from Him. So believe in Allah and his Messengers, and say not, 'Three.' Refrain; better is it for you. Allah is only One God. Glory be to Him, that He should have a son! To Him belongs all that is in the heavens and in the earth; Allah suffices for a guardian (An-Nisa', 171).

The Koran clearly states that infidels indeed are those who declare that Allah is the Messiah, Jesus the son of Mary. Allah further confirms in the Koran that no one can prevent Him from destroying Jesus and his mother and everyone on earth if He desires so. To Allah alone belongs all that is in the heavens and all that is on earth and all that is between. He is the Omnipotent who creates and brings into being whom and whatever He will.

The Koran says:

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).

Islam as expressed by the Koran is a statement of the original religion of Allah in its purest form. Islam is designed to provide humanity with the uncorrupted Message of Allah. Muhammad was sent to people to inform them about the true, but forgotten missions of Abraham, Ishmael, Isaac, Jacob, Moses, and Jesus.

The Koran states:

And who rejects the Religion of Abraham but those who made fools of themselves? We have chosen him in this world, and in the Hereafter he will be among the righteous. When His Lord said to him (Abraham), 'Be Muslim' (submit to My will), he said, "I submit my will to the Lord of the Worlds." And this was the advice of Abraham to his sons, and Jacob likewise, "O my sons, Allah has ordained the Religion for you, so hold fast to the Religion of Islam until death comes to you." Or were you witnesses when death came to Jacob? When he said to his sons, "What will you worship after me?" They said, "We will worship your God (Allah), the God of your fathers, Abraham, Ishmael and Isaac. One God and to His will we submit.' (in Islam). (Al Baqara, 130-133).

Muhammad therefore purified all religions from deviation and misinterpretation. He delivered the Message of Islam - the total surrender to the One and Only True God, Allah; the same Message of his father Abraham and all other prophets since Adam until Jesus.

The Koran says:

...and struggle for Allah as is 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 and in this, that the Messenger might be a witness against you, and that you might be witnesses against mankind. So perform the prayer, and pay the alms, and hold you fast to Allah; He is your Protector -- an excellent Protector, an excellent Helper (Al-Hajj, 78).

The Koran as a reliable reference states the true words of Jesus to his disciples: 'Allah is my Lord and your Lord, so worship Him.' But after Jesus, the Christians deviated from truth by changing their religion from pure monotheism into ugly polytheism, a matter considered in Islam as a glaring blasphemy. The Christians associated Jesus and the Holy Ghost with Allah in worship. They invented the concept of the Trinity: Allah is to

be worshiped as one in three or there in one; Jesus is the son of God, and sometimes God Himself; Allah is three entities: God, His son Jesus, and the Holy Ghost.

The Koran mentioned the true attributes of Jesus: (1) that he was the son of a woman, Mary, and therefore a man; (2) but a Messenger, a man with a mission from Allah, and therefore entitled to honour; (3) a Word bestowed on Mary, for he was created by Allah's Word "Be" (*Kun*) and he was; (4) a spirit proceeding from Allah, but not Allah: his life and his mission were more limited than in the case of some other Messengers, though we must pay equal honour to him as a Prophet of Allah.

7- The doctrine of the Trinity is totally rejected by the Koran

The doctrines of Trinity, equality with Allah, and son ship are repudiated in the Koran as blasphemies. Allah is independent of all needs and has no need of a son to manage his affairs.

We read in the Koran:

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 wrong doers shall have no helpers.' (Al-Maidah, 72).

The Messiah, the son of Mary, was no more than an Apostle. Many Messengers like him had passed away before him. His mother was a woman vested with saintliness of life and character; she and her son were human beings and had to consume food to survive, and therefore destined to die.

The Koran says:

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).

If it is said that Jesus is God or the son of God because he was born without a father, Adam was also so born. Indeed Adam was born without either a human father or mother. As far as our physical bodies are concerned, they are mere dust. Jesus was as dust just as Adam was or humanity is. The greatness of Jesus arose from the divine command 'Be': for after that he was – more than dust – a great spiritual leader and teacher.

We read in the Koran:

Truly, the likeness of Jesus, in Allah's sight, is as Adam likeness; He created him from dust, then said He unto him, 'Be' and he was (Al-Imran, 59).

The truth about the identity of Jesus does not necessarily come from priests, or from the superstitions of peoples. It comes from Allah the Lord of creation, and where there is a direct revelation, there is no room for doubt.

The Koran says:

The truth (about the identity of Jesus) is from Allah; be not of the doubters (Al-Imran, (60).

Allah alone possesses all power. All human beings are His servants and slaves. Prophets and angels have reached the highest stage of such awareness. The real test of man lies in his ability to acknowledge this. One who has realized his own helplessness, has in essence, found out how he relates to Allah.

The Messiah, Jesus, the son of Mary, shall not turn indignant for being a servant of Allah. Jesus often watched and prayed, as a humble worshiper of Allah; and his agony in the Garden of Gethsemane was full of human dignity, suffering, and self-humiliation (see Matt. xxvi. 36-45).

The Koran says:

The Messiah will not disdain to be a servant of Allah, neither the angels who are near stationed to Him. Whosoever disdains to serve Him, and waxes proud, He will assuredly muster them to Him, all of them (Al-Nisa', 172).

Jesus was very explicit in his words about the "Unity of God" instead of the "Holy Trinity" which he never said nor preached in his lifetime:

1. Matthew 4:10 Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you Satan! it is written:" you shall worship the Lord your God, and him only you shall serve".
2. Mark 12:29 Jesus answered him. "The first of all the commandments is: Hear O Israel! The Lord our God, the Lord is one".
3. Isaiah 43:10-11 "Before me there was no God formed, nor shall there be after me. I, even I, am the Lord; and beside me there is no savior."
4. John 17:3 "And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and of Jesus Christ whom you have sent".

8- The original sin of Adam does not pass to his generations

The Christian fathers also invented the myth of original sin. They think that Adam and Eve's sins pass on to us. This is why in Catholicism they baptize babies. They do it in order to clean them from the supposed original sin.

The concept of original sin simply does not exist in Islam, and never has. Islam rejects this invented concept, because in Islam the doctrine of personal responsibility is insisted on; each person is responsible for his own deeds. No one will bear the sins of another.

Muslims believe that Adam and Eve sinned against Allah, but afterwards they repented and their repentance was accepted. The Koran teaches that after Adam and Eve realized their mistake, they immediately sought forgiveness from Allah. They said: 'Our Lord! We have wronged our souls. If You forgive us not, and bestow not upon us Your Mercy, we shall certainly be lost' (Al-A'raf, 23). The koran describes that Allah taught Adam some words to use to seek repentance. "Then Adam learned from his Lord certain words, and Allah accepted his repentance, for He is Oft-Forgiving, Most Merciful" (Al-Maidah, 37).

Jesus never taught the concept of original sin. Whoever dreamt up the concept, it certainly wasn't Jesus, for he reportedly taught:

"Let the little children come to me, and do not forbid them, for of such is the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 19:14).

We may well wonder how "for of such" could be "the kingdom of heaven" if the unbaptized are hell-bound. Children are either born with original sin or are bound for the kingdom of heaven. The church can't have it both ways.

Ezekiel 18:20 records:

"The son shall not bear the guilt of the father, nor does the father bear the guilt of the son. The righteousness of the righteous shall be upon himself, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon himself."

Islam teaches that each person is born in a state of spiritual purity, but upbringing and the allure of worldly pleasures may corrupt him. Sins are not inherited and, for that matter, not even Adam and Eve will be punished for their sins, because Allah has forgiven them, so how can humankind inherit something that no longer exists? The Koran teaches that each man will be judged according to his deeds.

"...man can have nothing but what he strives for" (An-Najm 38, 39).

We also read:

"Who receives guidance, receives it for his own benefit: who goes astray does so to his own loss: no bearer of burdens can bear the burden of another ..." (Al-Isra', 15).

Each person will bear responsibility for his or her actions, but no infant goes to hell for being unbaptized and burdened with sin as a birth - right or should we say a birth-wrong?

9- The myth of vicarious atonement

The Christian fathers also invented the concept of vicarious atonement, which states that Jesus bore the penalty of people's sins when he died on the cross. In other words, he substituted himself for them upon the cross and bore their sins in his body.

Nowhere in the four gospels did Jesus explicitly state that he would die to save humanity from sin. Since Allah is Almighty, He does not need the charade concocted by Christians in order to forgive man. In the Koran, Allah says that we are all created in a state of goodness.

So set thy face (O Muhammad) to the religion (of pure Islamic monotheism) and worship none but Allah alone, Allah's Fitrah (Allah's Islamic monotheism) upon which He originated mankind. No change let there be in Allah's creation (the religion of Allah - Islamic monotheism). That is the right religion; but most men know it not (Ar-Rum, 30).

Allah has not burdened man with any "original sin", having forgiven Adam and Eve as mentioned above, He also forgives us.

As we read in the Koran:

And ask forgiveness of your Lord and turn unto Him in repentance. Verily my Lord is Most Merciful, Most loving (Hud, 90).

The Koran also says:

Say: 'O my people who have been prodigal against yourselves, do not despair of Allah's mercy; surely Allah forgives sins altogether; surely He is the All-Forgiving, the All-Compassionate. And turn in repentance unto your Lord with true faith (Islamic monotheism) and surrender to Him (in Islam) before the torment comes upon you, then you will not be helped. And follow the best of that which was sent down to you from your lord (by obeying the instructions of the Koran), before the torment comes upon

you suddenly while you perceive not. Lest any should say, 'Alas for me, in that I neglected my duty to Allah, and was a scoffer (he mocked at the Koran and what it brought), or lest he should say, 'If only Allah had guided me, I should indeed have been among the god-fearing,' or lest he should say when he sees the chastisement, 'If only I had another chance (to return to the world), and be among the good-doers (Az-Zumar 53-58).

The Koran teaches that all people are personally responsible for their actions. Allah does not burden any soul with more than it can bear; each gains whatever good it has done, and suffers its bad (Al-Baqarah, 286).

Say, 'Should I seek a Lord other than Allah, when He is the lord of all things?' Each soul is responsible for its own actions; no souls will bear the burden of another. In the end, you will return to your Lord and He will tell you the truth about your differences (Al-An'am, 164).

There is no need for a humanly concocted saviour in Islam; salvation comes from Allah alone.

Yet anyone who has repented, believed, and done good deeds can hope to find himself among the successful (Al-Qasas, 67).

10- Jesus was not crucified

The Christian fathers invented the concept of crucifixion, which never happened. Jesus was not crucified because Allah honoured him by responding to his prayers and lifted him up to Him.

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

Some of the early Christian sects, however, did not believe that Christ was killed on the cross. The Basilidians believed in the substitution, on the other hand, the Docetea believed that Christ never had a physical body but a phantom body and therefore his crucifixion was only apparent and not real. The Marconite 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 truth about Jesus crucifixion is mentioned in the Koran. Jesus was not crucified or killed by the Jews. Instead of being fought and humiliated by

the Jews Allah honoured him and responded to his prayers, and lifted him up to His August presence.

The Koran states:

...and for their saying (the Jews), 'We slew the Messiah, Jesus, son of Mary, the Messenger of Allah' – yet they did not slay him, neither crucified him, only the likeness of that was shown to them. Those who are at variance concerning him 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 (An-Nisa' 157, 158).

The words "only the likeness of that was shown to them" can be explained according to the theory of the substitution on the cross that was mentioned in the Bible of St. Barnabas. Barnabas stated that the face of Yehuda who led the Roman soldiers to arrest Jesus was transfigured into that of Jesus who had already been rescued by the angels through the window to the third heaven. By consequence, it was Yehuda who suffered crucifixion. The Koran supports Barnabas theory when it stated, 'They (the Jews) never killed him nor did they crucify him but so it was made to appear to them'.

Those who think that Jesus was crucified follow only conjecture. Their belief was based on empty knowledge, for indeed they just did not slay him but the guilt nevertheless resided in the intention of the Jews.

In the night Journey of Prophet Muhammad, and during his ascendance to the seven heavens with Archangel Gabriel to meet his Lord, he passed by the seven heavens. The prophet informed his companions that in the first heaven he saw Adam, in the second heaven he saw Joseph, and in the third heaven he saw Jesus and his cousin Yahya (John the Baptist) (Kanz al-Ummal, vol. vi, p. 120).

The Prophet described Jesus: 'I saw Jesus. He was a man of reddish complexion Bukhari. Kitab al-anbyiya', ch. 24).

Also, we read in the same reference: "I saw Jesus, Moses and Abraham. Jesus had a reddish complexion, curly hair and a wide chest." (ibid., ch. 48).

These sayings of the Prophet confirm the statement of St. Barnabas that Jesus was saved by the angels through the window, then was taken up to the third heaven.

11- Why Allah's wrath was poured over the Catholic Church

Pope Benedict, in his secluded retreat, must try to learn from the lessons of the past. The end is near, and he will return to his Lord to receive his accountability. He must try to figure out the reasons behind the calamities, which had befallen his Catholic Church. He must understand the humiliation, which stained his Church with debauchery and sex abuse. The Vatican bank has been accused of money laundry and thereafter, it declared bankruptcy.

All this happened, because after the corruption of the Gospel of Jesus by the Christian fathers, the Christian clerics and priests followed blindly the falsehood that their forefathers incorporated in the Gospel. Through all these years, the Catholic Church did not care to revise and reform the corrupted Bibles but rather followed blindly the fabrications the Christian fathers invented in Jesus religion. The church and its followers were raised on falsehood and followed only conjecture. Denying the oneness of Allah and incorporating Jesus with Allah in worship is the cause of all evil. Clerics and rational Christians raised on such heresies never believed in their hearts that contemporary Christianity including such superstitions is true.

Associating partner or partners with Allah in worship, usually removes Allah's blessings, and here, Satan finds ways to seduce the people and leads them astray. The distortion reached the extent of committing sex crimes in the Catholic churches, and sometimes on the altar!

The Christian fathers who distorted the Gospel will be responsible before Allah for their heinous crime. Their followers will also carry the same guilt because they did not bother to reform the distorted religion and restore it from ugly polytheism to pure monotheism – the true religion of Jesus. Christendom did not pay attention to the Koran, which came to explain the truth about Jesus religion. It could have always taken the Koran as a reference to comprehend the truth but it didn't. The Koran came to guide them to a straight path. After the truth presented in the Koran no excuses will be accepted on the Day of Judgment.

12- Why the Koran is the only true Divine Book that exists today?

After the corruption of the older revelations, the Koran came to confirm the true and original Message of Allah throughout the ages, and to guard it, or act as a check to its interpretation. The Koran has preserved within it the teachings of all former Books that were lost (Torah of Moses, Gospel of Jesus, etc.). The Koran watches over these Books in the sense that it will not let their true teachings to be lost. It supports and upholds these

Books in the sense that it corroborates the Word of Allah, which has remained intact in them. 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 (1).

The Koran says:

And We have sent down to thee the Book (the Koran) with the truth, confirming the Scripture that was before it, and guarding it. So judge between them according to what Allah has sent down, and do not follow their caprices, to forsake the truth that has come to thee. To every one of you We have appointed a right way and an open road. If Allah willed, He would have made you one nation; but that He may try you in what has come to you. So be you forward in good works; unto Allah shall you return, all together; and He will tell you of what whereon you were at variance (Al-Maidah, 48).

Every religion, which commends itself widely to human beings and lasts through some space of time, has a glimpse of truth in it. But Islam being the perfect light of truth is bound to prevail. As the greater light, through its own strength, outshines all lesser lights, so will Islam outshine, all else, in spite of the displeasure of those to whom light is an offence.

The Koran says:

It is He who has sent His Messenger with guidance and the religion of truth (Islam) that He may make it superior to all religions. Allah suffices as a witness (AL-Fath, 28).

The Koranic expression: "He may make it superior to all religions" means that in term of intellectual supremacy, all non-monotheistic beliefs were to be demolished and monotheistic belief was to be promoted as the predominant belief. Allah's Scriptures had been lost or distorted, thereby necessitating the selection of a new Prophet to restore the divine guidance to its original form.

Muhammad now came to the Jews and the Christians with a Book revealing to them much that they used to hide, and passing over much that is now unnecessary. There has come to them from Allah a new light and an unambiguous Book not involved in mysteries of origin, history or meaning, one that everyone can understand without the intervention of

priests or privileged persons. A shining light that distinguishes the true from the false.

The Koran says:

People of the Book, now there has come to you Our Messenger, making clear to you many things you have been concealing of the Book, and effacing many things. There has come to you from Allah a light, and a Book Manifest whereby Allah guides whosoever follows His good pleasure in the ways of peace, and brings them forth from the shadow into the light by His leave; and He guides them to a straight path (Al-Maidah 15, 16).

13- Associating partners with Allah in worship is the source of all evil

Realizing Allah's oneness and worshipping Him alone, is the source of all-good; it showers the sincere worshippers with Allah's blessings and makes them successful in the present life and the next. But associating Jesus with Allah in worship and considering Allah as one in three or three in one, and thinking that the Lord was so weak and helpless as to accept being whipped, tortured then killed on the cross to atone the sins of His servants is but a heinous crime in the sight of Allah, and would certainly bring His wrath.

The belief in such fabricated religion has turned it into indecent business, and the churches instead of being the house of God became a place for sex abuse and child molestation. This is why Christianity is dying. This is why Christians are embracing Islam in thousands each year. They are not convinced in the least that Jesus was God or the son of God. They do not accept that vicarious atonement was the way to salvation.

The solution would be then, to purify contemporary Christianity from ugly trinitarianism to pure Islamic monotheism. But even though, the pagan rituals incorporated by the Christian fathers in the religion of Jesus, must also be changed to match exactly the way Jesus used to worship the Lord. For example, Jesus never ate his flesh or drunk his blood. Jesus never demanded his people to worship him apart from Allah. Jesus never demanded that his followers use the priests in churches as mediators.

Instead of attacking Islam and its Prophet, Benedict should have devoted all his time to reform the Christian religion based on the teachings of the Koran that clearly showed the pure teachings of Jesus, which his followers unfortunately deliberately obliterated.

14- Islam is the only religion that recognizes the person of Jesus

If Benedict was knowledgeable enough, he should have known that among the major world religions, Islam is the only non-Christian faith that recognizes the person of Jesus. The Koran talks a great deal about Jesus. In the Koran, Jesus is referred to in over ninety verses in fifteen chapters. Islam corroborates that Jesus was born to a virgin, was sinless, performed miracles, and was superior to other prophets. Yet, Islam teaches that Jesus was no more than a prophet. Islam denies the central message of Christianity by denying Jesus divinity, crucifixion, and resurrection. Benedict could have relied on these facts to make amends and reform the distorted religion.

But the minute Benedict wore the crown on his head, he became rival to Allah and thought it was his right to criticize the Koran, the Word of Allah, and considers it as inhuman. None rejects the Koran but he who is perverse.

The Koran says:

And We have sent down into thee signs, clear signs, and none disbelieves in them except the ungodly (Al-Baqarah, 99).

15- Being Jews or Christians would never guarantee entrance to Paradise

Wrapped in their imaginations the Jews and the Christians say, 'We are the sons of Allah and His beloved'. The Koran states the mythical tales invented by the Jewish and Christian scholars that paradise was reserved for them only.

The Koran says:

And they say, None shall enter Paradise except that they be Jews or Christians.' Such are their fancies. Say, 'Produce your proof, if you speak truly (Al-Maidah, 111).

The Koran also says:

And they say, 'The Fire shall not touch us save a number of days.' Say, 'Have you taken with Allah a covenant? Allah will not fail in His covenant; or say you things against Allah of which you know nothing (Al-Baqarah, 80).

Such invented tales for cheap salvation are very attractive to the masses, for they give credence to the popular notion based on wishful thinking that there is no need to discipline oneself – no need to lead a responsible

life; superstitious charms and magical remedies are enough to cure one's spiritual ills and have one admitted to heaven. The scholars who taught these tales, attributing them to past saints, became highly regarded for the theories they expounded, and designed to win public support.

Facilitation of eternal salvation became for them a lucrative source of worldly income. People flocked to support them; they showered them with offerings because they ushered them to a paradise that did not have to be earned; in return, they received worldly wealth that they did not have to labour for.

The people of the Book wanted to live in a dream world, thinking that they have no obligations save the perfunctory performance of certain empty rituals, and deluding themselves into believing that they had certain inalienable rights given by Allah. Such people cannot accept the call of true religion, for truth demolishes all their wishful thinking, and makes them face the stark realities of life.

Man's first duty to Allah is to become His worshipper without ascribing any partners with Him. This must be crowned with good deeds based on the principles of the authentic Books.

We read in the Koran:

I created the jinn and mankind only that they might worship Me (Az-Zariat, 56).

We also read:

...being men of pure faith unto Allah, not associating with Him anything; for whosoever associates with Allah anything, it is as though he has fallen from heaven and the birds snatch him away, or the wind sweeps him headlong into a place far away (Al-Hajj, 31).

In Islam, true salvation means that everyone is responsible for his own deeds. No bearer of burdens shall bear the burden of another. In Islam the doctrine of personal responsibility is insisted on. The doctrine of vicarious atonement is condemned. Salvation for the wicked cannot be attained by the punishment of the innocent. One man cannot bear the burden of another because that would be unjust. Every man must bear his own personal responsibility.

The Koran says:

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, 164).

As the Koran teaches, man's fate hangs round his neck, it does not depend upon birds, omens, or stars; it depends on man's deeds whether good or bad. Whatever man thinks or does is being recorded throughout his existence. On the Day of Judgment, man will find his life history written in the form of a diary, which contains all matters, both great and small.

The Koran says:

We have tied the fate of every man about his neck; and We shall produce a book for him on Resurrection Day that he will find spread open. (It will be said to him): 'Read your record, today there will be none but yourself to call you to account!' Whoever chooses to follow the right path, follows it for his own good; and whoever goes astray, goes astray at his own peril, no bearer of burden shall bear the burdens of another. Nor We punish until We have sent a Messenger (to warn them) (Al-Isra' 13-15).

On the Day of Judgment when Allah lays bare the realities, those who invented falsehood, and those who followed them blindly without thinking, they will see that their tales and arguments, which they had considered strong enough to justify their position – were meaningless, and will take them by the nose to Hell-Fire.

If Paradise was reserved to the Jews and the Christians only as they claim, why then Allah punishes them in requital for their evil deeds! In the sight of Allah, the Jews and the Christians are but creatures who constitute a part of those He brought into being and caused to exist. Allah loving only the Jews and the Christians in an exclusive sense make a mockery of religion. Allah is independent of physical relationships or exclusive partiality. He forgives whom He will and chastise whom He will, and to Him alone belong all that is in the heavens and all that is on earth and all that lies in between, and to Him is the end and purpose for which all are destined.

The Koran says:

Say the Jews and Christians, 'We are the sons of Allah, and His beloved ones.' Say: 'Why then does He chastise you for your sins? No; you are mortals, of His creating; He forgives whom He will, and He chastises whom He will.' For to God belongs the kingdom of the heavens and of the

earth, and all that is between them; to Him is the homecoming (Al-Maidah, 18).

Prophet Muhammad upheld justice in his time and rejected the ignorant belief, which considered some people superior to others because of their language, race, social status or ethnicity. That is because such discrimination is severely condemned in the Koran. In the sight of Allah, all people are equal, and the only superiority anyone can have over anyone else is his fear of Allah and faith in Him.

The Prophet declared to his people, who committed racism, that ethnic differences had no importance and that everyone was equal in the eyes of Allah. He repeatedly underlined that all that mattered was having sincere faith.

The Prophet also told his people that Allah created man from nothing, that everyone is created equal and that everyone will give account of his deeds all alone before Allah. For this reason, he added that it would be a great wrong to look for superiority in one's descent.

The Prophet commanded thus:

(All of) you are children of Adam, and Adam is from dust. Let some men cease to take pride in others. (Narrated by Abu Hurayrah (r.a.), Ahmad, Abu Dawud, 4/331).

Throughout his life, the Prophet Muhammad advised his people to set aside their ignorant and perverse values and to live by the Koran. In the Koran, racist attitudes are defined as "fanatical rage," and people's ambitious attitudes are criticised.

A related verse reads:

When the unbelievers set in their hearts fierceness, the fierceness of paganism, then Allah sent down His tranquillity upon His Messenger and the believers, and fastened to them the word of god-fearing for they were indeed better entitled to it and are worthy of; and Allah has knowledge of everything (Surat al-Fath, 26).

16- The enmity against Muslims is not new

The Koran teaches that the most avowed enemy to the Muslims are the Jews and the idolaters who incorporate with Allah other deities, and the nearest are those who call themselves 'Christians'. This is because among them there are priests and monks who fear Allah and are not given to arrogance, and when they listen to the Koran they are excited to tears

because of the Truth they recognize. They say, 'We have recognized the Truth; our Creator join us with the righteous.' In response to their recognition to the truth, shall Allah grace them with a distinguished reward – Paradise. But those who deny the truth and deny Allah's signs will become the inmates of Hell.

The Koran says:

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, 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. Why should not we believe in Allah and the truth has come to us, and be eager that our Lord shall admit us with the righteous people? And Allah rewards them for what they say with gardens underneath which rivers flow, therein dwelling forever; that is the recompense of the good-doers. But those who disbelieve, and cry lies to Our signs – they are the inhabitants of Hell (Al-Maidah, 82-86).

The hostility Muslims are receiving nowadays from the Jews and the Christians is not new. Allah has informed us in the Koran that in all ages Muslims will be facing such hostilities. Allah has warned us in the Koran that neither the Jews nor the Christians wish that there should be sent down unto Muslims any good from Allah. But Allah chooses for His mercy whom He wills, for He is the Lord of grace abounding.

We read in the Koran:

Those unbelievers of the people of the Book (Jews and Christians), and the idolaters wish not that any good should be sent down upon you from your Lord; but Allah singles out for His mercy whom He will; Allah is of bounty abounding (Al-Baqarah, 105).

Muslims understand that never will the Jews nor the Christians be satisfied with them unless they follow their religion. But Islam is the only true guidance. If Muslims are to follow their desire after they have received the Koran, then they would have against Allah neither protector nor helper.

The Koran says:

Never would the Jews be satisfied with thee, neither the Christians, not till thou followest their religion. Say, 'Allah's guidance is the true guidance.' If thou followed their caprices, after the knowledge that has come to thee, thou shalt have against Allah neither protector nor helper (Al-Baqarah, 120).

17- The name of Allah in the Aramaic language of Jesus was Allaha and not God

Benedict should have known that humankind has only one God known in Arabic as Allah, and in the Aramaic language of Jesus as Allaha, and in Judaism as Elohim or El. He is the only worth of man's attention. Our very existence on earth, and all the benefits we derive from the world around us, are manifestations of Allah's unbounded grace and mercy. In return, we should become Allah's devoted servants, living for Him, dying for Him, and setting all our hopes on winning His eternal favour and prize – Paradise. Man owes everything to his Creator. If he becomes conscious of this, he will win the present world and that to come.

The Koran says:

Your God is one God; there is no god but He, the All-Merciful, the All-Compassionate (Al-Baqarah, 163).

But is the Lord of Abraham, and Muhammad, and Jesus, and all other Prophets is the same Lord Benedict worships? Benedict worships a man nailed to the cross! Benedict and his misguided followers associate with Allah Jesus in worship and consider him God or the son of God. Some Christian sects even consider Mary the mother of God!

This sort of polytheism removes Allah's blessings, and here Satan plays his games easily among people astray, he sows the seeds of discord and dissension, and as a result, we see the Catholic Church leaping to her death in a nearby abyss.

18- Benedict is paying back dearly for his attack against Allah the lord of the universe

Pope Benedict harassed the Prophet when he claimed that what he brought was evil and inhuman. He forgot that he was actually dealing with a representative of Allah. Those who harass Allah's representatives are cursed by Allah and His angels, and in the Hereafter awaits them a terrible chastisement. Benedict thought that because he was a Pope he was above the Prophet of Islam. He did not know that in Islam there is no popes, saints, priests, etc. All people are equal before Allah, and the most

honourable of them before Allah is the most god-fearing. The hurt Benedict caused to Allah and the seal of His Prophets has terrible consequences.

The Koran says:

Those who hurt Allah and His Messenger -- them God has cursed in the present world and the world to come, and has prepared for them a humbling chastisement (Al-Ahzab, 57).

When Pope Benedict claimed that the Word of Allah was inhuman, he was unable to see the extraordinary nature of the Message and its surpassing beauty and mercy to all beings. He thought that due to his important religious status he could express his sick views about the last Message of his Lord without being punished.

Benedict failed to treat the divine Message with due respect and accused it with violence and inhumanity, thus forging against Allah a lie. These are the ones who shall receive Allah's curse on the Day of Resurrection and all that they used to do shall be in vain.

The Koran says:

And who does greater evil than he who forges against Allah a lie? Those shall be presented before their Lord, and the witnesses will say, 'Those are they who lied against their Lord.' Surely the curse of Allah shall rest upon the evildoers (Hud, 18).

Those who think evil of Allah, view Him with contempt, and undermine the Koran - His last Message to the world - on them shall rebound the evil thoughts, which they related to Allah and His Message. They have indeed provoked His anger and Allah has prepared for them the abode in Hell, and evil indeed is the destination.

We read in the Koran:

...and that He may chastise the hypocrites, men and women alike, and the idolaters men and women alike, and those who think 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 homecoming! (Al-Fath, 6)

What Benedict is facing today is a direct consequence of his attack on Muhammad and the Koran. No one on earth or in the heaven would dare attack Allah in any way or form. Allah is the most Merciful, but he is also the Compeller, the Avenger.

The moment Pope Benedict uttered the ugly words about Islam and its Prophet; I realized that Allah's punishment would touch him in this world and the world to come. The Pope should have known that he will be accountable to Allah, and that Allah will hold him responsible for every word he uttered against the Koran and the seal of His Prophets, Muhammad peace and blessings of Allah be upon him. The Pope should have known that Allah punishes His servants for their words and deeds to the extent they deserve.

Attacking Allah's last religion to the world is a great sin, and the consequences of sin may be felt in this life itself, but they are nothing compared to the final penalties in the life to come.

The Koran says about the enemies of Allah:

For them is chastisement in the present life; and the chastisement of the world to come is yet more grievous; they have none to defend them from Allah (Al-Ra'd, 34).

As it seems, the wrath of Allah has poured on the Vatican and its Pope Benedict because of his irresponsible attack on Islam. After seven years of such hateful declaration against Islam - a declaration that increased hatred against Muslims, and subjected them to more killing around the world, we see the Pope now so weak and so humiliated that he chose to resign from his post as the head of the Catholic Church. His resignation was surrounded by escalating series of scandals involving the sexual abuse of children at the hands of priests that spread across North America and Europe. The scandals have had a direct financial impact on the Vatican, with donations from the US, the most important source of funding, reportedly dropping, even as the Church has been forced to pay out over \$3 billion in settlements of sex abuse cases.

The sexual abuse of children was the most serious scandal in the Church. The normally secretive institution has been rocked by a series of damaging disclosures, giving the impression that it has lost control of its public image.

On May 17, with the publication of a book, "Your Holiness: The Secret Papers of Benedict XVI", in which the Italian journalist Gianluigi Nuzzi reproduced dozens of leaked letters, memos and cables, many of them from within the office of the Pope. Then came the ouster of the head of the Vatican Bank, Ettore Gotti Tedeschi, who received a vote of no confidence from the bank's overseers, in part because he was suspected of passing on confidential documents. Finally, there was the arrest of one of the men closest to the pontiff, his personal butler, Paolo Gabriele, who was caught with sensitive papers in his possession.

The documents Nuzzi described in his book included letters from high-profile Italian businessmen and media personalities, with bank checks attached, inquiring after favours or meetings with the pope. Others are warnings of nepotism and corruption from a high-level Vatican official in charge of financial reforms, who was later transferred. Many Vatican watchers have speculated that the drama is the fall out of a struggle for power between Pope Benedict XVI's second-in-command, Secretary of State Cardinal Tarcisio Bertone, and rival cardinals and the Vatican's veteran diplomatic staff, which resented the Pope since his arrival.

Given these pressures, the financial operations of the Vatican have become all the more important to maintaining the Church hierarchy. This side of the Catholic Church has long been among its most opaque, but may well have been a major factor in the decision of the pope to abdicate.

In September 2010, the Bank of Italy's Financial Intelligence Unit informed the Vatican bank that it was under investigation for money laundering and subsequently seized nearly \$30 million in funds that it was trying to transfer out of Italy's Credito Artigiano bank. Investigators had demanded to know whose money was involved, but the Vatican refused to cooperate.

Last year, J.P. Morgan closed one of the Vatican bank's accounts when the Church hierarchy would not provide information on the large sums of money being moved in and out of it.

And last month, the Bank of Italy closed down all credit card transactions at the Vatican, forcing its commercial operations to go cash-only. As the Economist reported: "The reason for the central bank's tough stance is that it has to comply with the European Union's banking and anti-money-laundering law. This law permits EU banks to operate in non-EU countries only if these have adequate regulatory frameworks and supervisory controls in place."

In his book "The Secret Papers of Pope Benedict XVI," based on the Vatileaks documents, journalist Gianluigi Nuzzi reported that the Vatican bank, with some \$8.3 billion in assets, had laundered approximately \$280 million on behalf of the Mafia! (2).

Several high-ranking officials viewed the Vatican bank, officially known as the Institute for Works of Religion, as something akin to a trust company for clandestine monetary transactions that is not only used by the Church, but allegedly also by the mafia as well as corrupt politicians and

companies. In one of the seized Gotti Tedeschi memos, he wrote: "I've seen things in the Vatican that scare me."

It is a clear turning, one which transforms the so-called "Vatileaks" affair into a financial scandal that could seriously damage the reputation of the Holy See. Internal correspondence from a member of the bank's supervisory board to the Vatican's Secretariat of State noted that the Vatican bank is presently "in an extremely fragile and precarious position" and that the situation had reached "a point of imminent danger."

The next act in the drama is that money-laundering experts from the Council of Europe will present a preliminary report on the Vatican in Strasbourg. It currently looks as though they will indicate serious misgivings about whether the Vatican bank has taken sufficient precautions against money-laundering.

It has become readily apparent that it was these issues, and not merely the pope's personal state of health, that led to his resignation (3).

Joseph Ratzinger made his last appearance as Pope Benedict XVI Wednesday, delivering a farewell oration to tens of thousands of people crowded into the Vatican's St. Peter's Square.

To the audience in St. Peter's Square, the pope cited a passage in the Bible recounting Jesus falling asleep while sailing in a boat with his disciples on the Sea of Galilee. Referring to his own eight years as pope, he referred to "moments that were not easy," when it seemed that "the Lord was sleeping."

I wonder! Does the Lord ever sleep? He will never be the Lord of creation if He sleeps. But alas! The Pope worships Jesus, the son of Mary who sleeps, drinks water and eats food in order to survive, and not the lord of creation who neither slumbers nor sleep overtakes Him.

The Koran says about the descriptions of Allah:

Allah, there is no god but He, the Living, the Everlasting. Slumber seizes Him not, neither sleep; to Him belongs all that is in the heavens and the earth. Who is there that shall intercede with Him save by His leave? He knows what lies before them and what is after them, and they comprehend not anything of His knowledge save such as He wills. His Throne comprises the heavens and earth; the preserving of them oppresses Him not; He is the All-High, the All-Glorious (Al-Baqarah, 255).

Worshipping the one God and abiding exactly by His rules would bring about true piety adorned with Allah's blessings. But Benedict and his people preferred to put on a pretence of piety by conducting certain

superficial rituals. They attached importance to the worldly aspect of religion in the hope that zeal in performing actions, which promise worldly fame and honour, will qualify them for the reward reserved for true piety. But such brazen distortion of religion can only bring Allah's wrath; it does not earn any reward from Allah.

Allah says in the Koran:

Those who have purchased the present life at the price of the world to come - for them the chastisement shall not be lightened, neither shall they be helped (Al-Baqarah, 86).

The Koran also says:

Thou seest many of them vying in sin and enmity, and how they consume the unlawful; evil is the thing they have been doing (Al-Maidah, 62).

The Christians must never forget that Allah has entered with them into a covenant: never to deviate from the path of rectitude and to adhere faithfully to their authentic Scriptures that betoken Allah's Oneness, Sameness, Uniqueness and Ultimate authority. But they wilfully neglected a part of what was imparted to them. In consequence, Allah stirred up enmity and hatred among them until the Day of Resurrection, and there, Allah will inform them of what they used to do.

We read in the Koran:

And with those who say 'We are Christians' We took compact; and they have forgotten a portion of that they were reminded of. So We have stirred up among them enmity and hatred, till the Day of Resurrection; and Allah will assuredly tell them of the things they wrought (Al-Maidah, 14).

19- Polytheism and idolatry are the reasons behind the collapse of contemporary Christianity

The Koran says:

And when Lukmân said to his son, admonishing him, 'O my son, do not associate others with Allah; to associate others with Allah is a mighty wrong (Lukmân, 13).

In this verse, the sage Lukmân calls his son to avoid associating partners in worship with Allah, decrying it as a mighty form of oppression. Polytheism takes various forms. They are as numerous as the possible ways of worship are numerous. Just as the ways of practicing polytheism are many, the objects of polytheistic worship are also quite varied.

The most obvious of these are idols and fetishes. Idols are the statues that are fashioned in the shape of a human being or other creature and worshipped besides Allah. The statues of Jesus nailed to the cross in churches for worship besides Allah is considered in Islam as idolatrous. Fetishes are whatever is worshipped other than Allah, whatever form it takes.

The Prophet (peace be upon him) said: "O my Lord do not let my grave be worshipped as a fetish." (Musnad Ahmad and al-Muwatta').

Idols and fetishes are worshipped in many ways. Prostration to them is a form of worship, offering sacrifices to them is another, and invoking a vow in their name is another.

Worship also takes the form of devotions of the heart. Harboring for one of these idols or fetishes the feelings of love, reliance, fear, and hope that are due to Allah alone or turning to them in repentance is pure polytheism. It is idolatrous to focus such feelings and devotions upon anyone or anything else besides Allah alone.

Allah tells us about those who give over their love and devotion in worship to other than Allah. He says:

Yet there are men who take (for worship) others besides Allah, as equal (with Allah): they love them as they should love Allah, but those who believe are overflowing in their love for Allah (Al-Baqarah, 165).

With respect to fear and awe, Allah says:

It is only Satan that suggests to you the fear of his votaries: be not afraid of them, but fear Me, if you have faith (Al-Imran, 175).

With respect to trust and reliance on the One God Allah, He says:

But in Allah put your trust if you have faith. (Al-Maidah, 23).

For turning to Allah in repentance, He says:

Turn in repentance to Him, and fear Him: establish regular prayers, and be not among those who join gods with Allah (Al-Rum, 31).

In short, everything that is deemed to be a form of worship to Allah may not be offered to other than Allah. It is idolatry and polytheism to do so. Allah says: "One who joins other gods with Allah has strayed far, far away (from the right path). (Al-Nisa', 116).

Idolatry is not confined to the worship of physical statues and fetishes. There are immaterial idols which people succumb to in their worship, like the whims and vain desires that go against Allah's religion and His law. Whoever follows his vain desires instead of Allah's religion has taken an idol of sorts as a god in worship besides Allah.

Allah says:

Have you seen such a one as takes as his god his own vain desire? Allah has, left him astray upon knowledge and sealed his hearing and his heart, and set a covering upon his sight. Who, then, will guide him after Allah? Will you not then receive admonition?" (Al-Jâthiyah, 23).

Following one's whims means the adoption of deviant principles, ideologies and philosophies. The pious predecessors used to refer to the people who followed their heretical whims and ideas as "the people of vain desires and innovations".

Islam is the religion of pure monotheism. Islam's entire foundation and basis revolves around the pure monotheism of Allah, and it is through understanding this pure monotheism of Allah that one opens up a relationship with his Creator, and how one will attain the fruits of salvation.

As the Koran mentions:

And your God is One God: There is no god but He, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful. (Al-Baqarah, 163).

Know you not that to Allah (alone) belongs the dominion of the heavens and the earth? He punishes whom He pleases, and He forgives whom He pleases, and Allah has power over all things. (Al-Maidah,40).

That is Allah, your Lord! There is no god but He, the Creator of all things (An-Nahl, 102).

To Allah does belong the dominion of the heavens and the earth, and all that is therein, and it is He Who has power over all things. (Al-Maidah, 120).

So there is only one true God, who is the creator of everything, and who is in control of everything, and this is pure monotheism.

The Christians however, worship three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; hence, their worship is tainted with glaring polytheism. The concept of plurality within God is denial of monotheism. The act of ascribing partners to Allah whether they be sons, daughters or other

partners to God is considered blasphemous in Islam. The Qur'an repeatedly and firmly asserts Allah's absolute oneness, thus ruling out the possibility of another being sharing his sovereignty or nature.

The question then arises: Why Christianity is dying?

Christianity is dying because of the negative effect of polytheism on a person's mental and emotional state.

The negative effects of such distorted kind or kinds of worship could be summarized in the following:

1- Lack of security, contentment and inner peace. Allah says, conveying to us the words of Abraham to his people:

"How should I fear what you have associated with Allah, seeing you fear not that you have associated with Allah that whereon He has not sent down on you any authority? Which of the two parties has better title to security, if you have any knowledge? Those who believe, and have not confounded their belief with evildoing – to them belongs the true security; they are rightly guided." (Al-An`âm, 81, 82).

The evildoing mentioned in this verse refers to polytheism.

2. Intellectual and moral decline. This comes from people worshipping others like themselves (Jesus, saints, popes, priests, rabbis, monks, etc.) who possess neither the ability to help or harm them. Even worse, they worship inanimate objects that neither hear nor see.

Allah says:

" They have taken as lords beside Allah their rabbis and their monks and the Messiah son of Mary, when they were bidden to worship only One God (Allah); yet they were commanded to worship but One God: there is no God but He, glory be to Him above the partners they ascribe to Him." (Al-Tawbah , 31).

Allah also says:

"Why worship that which neither hears nor sees and can profit you nothing?" (Maryam, 42).

Allah says:

"If you invoke them, they will not listen to your call, and if they were to listen, they cannot answer your (prayer). On the Day of Judgment they

will reject your 'partnership'. None can inform you like Him Who is All-Aware. " (Fâtir, 14).

We also read in the Koran:

"But the supplication of those without faith is nothing but vain error." (Ghâfir, 50).

3- The pursuit of uncertainties and lies. Allah says:

"Why, surely to Allah belongs everyone that is in the heavens and in the earth; they follow, who call upon associates, apart from Allah – they follow nothing but surmise, merely conjecturing" (Yûnus, 66).

4- Inconsistency in behaviour, thought, and worship.

Allah says:

"And most of them do not believe in Allah without associating (others as partners) with Him." (Yûsuf, 106).

5- Confusion and the inability to distinguish between what is beneficial and what is harmful.

Allah says:

"Say: 'Do you then take (for worship) protectors other than Him, such as have no power either for good or for harm to themselves? Say: 'Are the blind equal with those who see? Or the depths of darkness equal with light?' Or do they assign to Allah partners who have created (anything) as He has created, so that the creation seemed to them similar? Say: 'Allah is the Creator of all things: He is the One, the Supreme and Overpowering'." (Al-Ra`d, 16).

6. Crass opportunism and a tendency to take advantage of others. This is the attitude that people who worship gods beside Allah exhibit in their relationship with Allah. They worship Allah sincerely when they face hardship and after Allah gives them relief from their hardship, they turn again to worshipping other gods beside Allah.

Allah says: "Yet, when He removes the distress from you, behold, some of you turn to other gods to join with their Lord" (Al-Nahl, 54).

He also says:

"Now, if they embark on a boat, they call on Allah, making their devotion sincerely (and exclusively) to him, but when He has delivered them safely

to (dry) land, behold, they give a share (of their worship to others)" (Al-`Ankabût, 65).

Allah also says:

"When trouble touches men, they cry to their Lord turning back to Him, in repentance: but when He gives them a taste of mercy from Himself, behold, some of them pay part-worship to other gods besides their Lord" (Al-Rûm, 33).

7. Idolatry and other forms of polytheism give Satan a way to have power over the polytheists. Consequently, many of the polytheist's behaviours and attitudes are derived from Satan's whispers and suggestions.

Allah says:

" So when you recite the Koran, seek refuge with Allah from Satan the rejected one. No authority has he over those who believe and put their trust in their Lord. His authority is over those only, who take him as patron and who join partners with Allah. " (Al-Nahl, 98-100).

Allah also says in the Koran: "Likewise did We make for every Messenger an enemy, satans among men and Jinns, inspiring each other with flowery discourse by way of deception." (Al-An`âm, 112).

8. A narrow, materialistic worldview. The more blessings he experiences, the more reckless and arrogant the polytheist gets and the more heedless he becomes of his Lord. He becomes more and more steeped in the worship of other gods.

Allah describes such a person in the Koran, saying:

"(Abundant) was the produce this man had. He said to his companion, in the course of a mutual argument: 'I have greater wealth than you, and am mightier in followers ' He went into his garden while he oppressed himself. He said: 'I hold that none of this will ever perish, nor do I deem that the Hour (of Judgment) will (ever) come. Even if I am brought back to my Lord, I shall surely find (there) something better in exchange.'" (Al-Kahf 34-36).

Such people are greedy for the worldly life. Allah says:

"You will indeed find them, of all people, most greedy for life, even more than the idolaters: each one of them wishes he could be given a life of a thousand years: but the grant of such life will not save him from (due) chastisement for Allah sees well all that they do." (Al-Baqarah, 96).

9. Indecisiveness, perplexity, and incoherence of thought. A polytheist finds his life always beset with uncertainty on account of the numerous focuses of worship that he has.

Allah says:

"Allah puts forth a parable a man belonging to many partners at variance with each other, and a man belonging entirely to one master: are those two equal in comparison? Praise be to Allah, but most of them have no knowledge" (Al-Zumar, 29).

10. Depression, frustration, and despair of Allah's mercy. Many idolaters commit suicide.

Allah says:

"Those whom Allah wills to guide, He opens their breast to Islam; those whom He wills to leave straying, He makes their breast close and constricted, as if they have to climb up to the skies. Thus does Allah lay abomination on those who refuse to believe." (AL-An`âm, 125).

Allah also says:

"And who despairs of the mercy of his Lord but such as go astray?" (Al-Hijr, 56).

These are but a few of the evil effects of polytheism on the people who engage in it. There are many more. Far worse than all of these, however, are the consequences that idolatry has on a person in the Hereafter. A person who dies on polytheism will never be forgiven. He will be eternally consigned to Hell (4).

Now, I think Benedict knows perfectly well why Contemporary Christianity is dying!

20- What is the thing inhuman! Is it contemporary Christianity or Islam - the perfect religion?

Benedict claimed that the Koran is inhuman! Let us see briefly the glory of the Koran.

The Koran's basic theme is the greatness of Allah, that man's aim in life should be to acquire nearness to Him, and that his actions, good or bad, will always bear fruit according to what they are. The Koran deals with an enormous range of topics. It tells us about Allah the Creator, His attributes, man's position in the universe, his aim in life and how to attain

that aim, how we stand in relation to Allah and to our fellow-beings. It gives details of what one should believe and how it should be put into practice. The Koran describes the next life in full. Histories of previous nations and their prophets, as well as many events from the life of the Holy Prophet himself. The Koran gives arguments to disprove false beliefs of all kinds, and answers all sorts of questions and objections raised about its teachings and about the Holy Prophet. Guidance, laws and regulations on everyday subjects such as family life, business dealings, the law, war and peace, women's rights, hygiene, government and democracy, etc., is also to be found in the Holy Koran. When dealing with any topic, the Holy Koran gives reasons, arguments and evidence to support its teachings, and it challenges those who disagree with it to produce proof of their views.

Muhammad brought to the Jews and the Christians the concept of Tawheed (Allah's oneness), i.e. Allah is one and is to be worshiped alone without associating with him any partner or partners, a matter that is highly essential for true salvation. Polytheists will never attain salvation unless they resort to pure monotheism.

Monotheism points to the first of the Ten Commandments, and in Islam everything is built upon the oneness of Allah. Islam calls humanity away from the worship of any part of creation to the worship of The One and Only True God, Allah. No act of worship or devotion has any meaning or value if the concept of monotheism is compromised in any way.

The oneness of Allah in Islam means that He is the Creator of the Heavens and the Earth, has absolute and perfect mastery over the universe. He alone is the Creator of all things. He alone causes everything to happen. He is The One who provides all sustenance and who determines all life and death. He is The Powerful, The Omnipotent, absolutely perfect and free from any defect. No one shares in His dominion. None can resist His decree. He is The One who created each of us from a single cell and made us into what we are. He is The One who created over a hundred billion galaxies and every electron, neutron, and quark contained within them, keeping all that exists and all the laws of nature in perfect measure. Not a leaf falls from a tree without His permission. Everything is kept in a precise record.

He is far greater than our imagination. He is so powerful that for anything to be created He simply says "Be," and it is. He created time, space, and all the known and unknown worlds, yet He is not part of any of them. Most faiths recognize that The Creator of the universe is one, without partner. Islam includes the knowledge that Allah is not a part of His creation and none of His creation shares in His power.

In Islam, to believe that any of Allah's creation shares in His power or attributes is considered polytheism and disbelief. Examples of such false beliefs would be to consider that Jesus, the son of Mary is Allah or the son of Allah. Fortune-tellers or astrologers claiming that they predict the future is also considered in Islam as a form of false belief. Only the Divine can give divine help. No being except Allah has the ability to give divine help or divine guidance. Belief that good luck charms and talismans have any power is a form of polytheism. These concepts are renounced in Islam.

Only Allah is to be worshipped. This was proclaimed by all the Prophets and Messengers of Islam who were sent by Allah throughout the ages. Worshiping Allah alone is the core belief of Islam. Allah tells us in the Koran that the purpose of the creation of humanity is to worship Him alone. The purpose of Islam is to call people away from the worship of creation and to direct them toward the worship of the Creator alone.

This is where Islam differs from other religions. Although most religions teach that there is a creator who created all that exists, they are rarely free of some form of polytheism (idolatry) with respect to worship. These religions either call on their adherents to worship other beings besides Allah (though usually placing these other gods on a lower level than Allah who is the Creator), or they demand that their adherents call on other beings as intercessors between themselves and Allah.

As the Koran teaches, Allah does not need our worship, but our worship pleases Him. He is completely independent of all things. All creation is dependent upon Him. If every person in the world were to come together to worship only Allah, it would not benefit Him in the least. It would not add an atom's weight to His majestic dominion. Conversely, if all creation abandoned the worship of Allah, it would not decrease His dominion in the least. By worshipping Allah, we benefit our own souls and fulfil the noble purpose for which we were created.

Worship is not just traditional religious ceremonies or practices. The concept of worship is inclusive. Changing a diaper, honouring and caring for one's parents, as well as picking up a piece of broken glass from the sidewalk — all can be forms of worship if they are done with the primary intent to please Allah. If any sort of gain, be it wealth, job, power, or recognition, becomes more important than pleasing Allah, even that is a form of polytheism.

After all this, does Benedict still think that the Koran is inhuman?

The inhuman thing is the distortion the Christians invented in Jesus religion (Jesus is God or the son of God, vicarious atonement, crucifixion, original sin, the concept of the Trinity, Mary is the mother of God, taking

priests as mediators between the people and Allah, repetitive chanting and creepy rituals? etc.).

It is a big mockery to see the failing attempts of the Christians to reconcile their belief in three fully divine Persons with their commitment to monotheism. They are fooling themselves when they argue that, whilst there may exist three persons (The Father, The Son and The Holy Ghost), these are in fact one single substance (God). However the single parts of the trinity on their own are not God and do not make up God, but are the very essence of God. The three persons exist in God as one unity; The Father, The Son and The Holy Spirit are not three different names for different parts of God but one name for God, because The Father cannot be divided from The Son or The Holy Spirit from the Son!

The invented concept of the Trinity is inconsistent with what the Torah, the Gospel and the Koran said about the monotheistic nature of Allah, the Creator of the universe. Asking any Christian to explain clearly the Trinity is practically impossible. No one can accurately explain and defend it because it does not make any sense.

The inhuman thing is not the Koran, but the polytheist's act of resorting to someone other than Allah. Increase in polytheistic beliefs is brought about by the deceptions of Satan and persistence of such views lead to hypocrisy, immoral behaviour as we see now in the Catholic Church, and the nullification of deeds, which in turn bring about damnation in this world and the Hereafter.

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Now I put the question: Would the Jews and the Christians respond to what the Koran came to tell them?

The Koran invites the Jews and the Christians to the true road of salvation – the road of Tawheed (Allah's Oneness).

Say: 'People of the Book (Jews and Christians)! Come now to a word common between us and you, that we serve none but Allah (God), 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-Imran, 64).

21- What Pope Benedict must do in his seclusion?

Based on the above, the Pope must try hard in his seclusion to work out his own salvation. He must think and contemplate, apprehend and appraise, because the end is near and Allah is swift at the reckoning. The Koran, which the Pope considered as inhuman, came to the Jews and the

Christians as a blessing. It revived their religion, when they have been groping in the darkness on a path, which they falsely thought was leading them towards Paradise, when it was actually taking them towards the wrath of Allah. The Koran, which the Pope thought was inhuman, was supposed to pull the Pope out of darkness. The Koran came to revive the lost teachings of Jesus and liberates the Christians from the unnecessary religious restrictions by which they had shackled themselves.

Well, Pope Benedict, If you insist on following the superstitions of the forefathers, you will remain groping in the darkness, but if you read the Koran with good intention and with the purpose of understanding the true road of salvation you would certainly find the right path. With the help of Allah's guidance, you will be successful in pulling yourself out of darkness and enter the brightness of light. Reasoning will show you the truth, but reasoning is only for those who keep their minds open.

Beware that on the Day of Judgment Allah will never accept a man standing before Him saying, "Lord, I worshipped you all my life as one in three or three in one." The false deities worshiped in association with Allah (Jesus as God or son of God) is the cause of all evil. Associating partners with Allah in worship is an unforgivable sin.

The Day will come when every soul shall be presented in the August presence of Allah. Every soul will be confronted with all the good and bad deeds it had done, the sinned soul shall wish it were far apart from the evil it committed in worldly life.

The Koran says:

The day every soul shall find what it has done of good brought forward, and what it has done evil; it wish if there were only a far space between it and that Day (Day of account). Allah warns you that you beware of Him; and Allah is gentle with His servants (Al-Imran, 30).

Allah has heard the ugly words Pope Benedict said about His Noble Koran, and His messenger, Muhammad. Think not Benedict that you can escape the penalty. For you awaits a penalty grievous indeed. Or do you think that Jesus had atoned for your sins? In Islam the doctrine of personal responsibility is insisted on, whereas the doctrine of vicarious atonement is condemned. Salvation of the wicked cannot be attained by the punishment of the innocent. One man cannot bear the burden of another: that would be unjust. Every man must bear his own personal responsibility.

The Koran says:

Whosoever is guided, is only guided to his own gain, and whosoever goes astray, it is only to his own loss; no soul laden bears the load of another. We never chastise, until We send forth a Messenger (Al-Isra', 15).

Now, as the end is near, and benedict is about to meet his Lord, and since religion with Allah is only Islam - the only religion which Allah will accept from His servants on the Day of Judgment - I advise the retired Pope to embrace Islam, because this is the only way to true salvation. As Islam teaches, whatever deeds one might have done in one's past, if one turns to Allah in sincere repentance and seeks forgiveness, Allah will forgive all his sins, even if he committed the gravest sin of all: 'Shirk' (idolatry or polytheism)!

Not only that, Allah is so Merciful and Generous, that He not only forgives the heinous sin of idolatry, but he also changes the evil deeds done in the past into good deeds!

Allah says in the Holy Koran:

(O Prophet) say: "O my people who have been prodigal against yourselves, do not despair of Allah's mercy; surely Allah forgives sins altogether; surely He is the All-Forgiving, The All-Compassionate. Turn unto your Lord and surrender to Him, before the chastisement comes upon you, then you will not be helped (Az-Zumar 53, 54).

Allah is Forgiving and Generous. He commands all His slaves to repent sincerely so that they may gain His mercy and His Paradise.

The Koran says:

"Believers, turn to Allah in sincere repentance; it may be that your Lord will acquit you of your evil deeds, and will admit you into gardens underneath which rivers flow (Al-Tahreem, 8).

It is a principle of Islam that the individual is rewarded according to his deeds. However, by His grace, Allah has made special exemptions to this general principle: if an idolater becomes a Muslim, he will be forgiven all his past sins, and Allah will turn his bad deeds into good deeds, the repentant will become as newly born.

We read in the Koran:

Except for those who repent and believe and do good deeds. Allah will change the evil deeds of such people into good ones. He is Most forgiving and Most-Merciful. He who repents and does good deeds has truly turned to Allah. And whosoever repents and does good deeds, then verily, he repents towards Allah with true repentance (Al-Furqan 70, 71).

This verse is crucial for those who repent and combine their repentance with faith and good deeds.

The Koran says:

Say to the unbelievers, that if they desist, their past shall be forgiven, but if they persist in sin, they have an example in the fate of those who went before. (Al-Anfal, 38).

Allah loves the repentance of His slaves, and accepts it. Indeed, He rejoices over it, as the Prophet said: "When a person repents, Allah rejoices more than one of you who found his camel after he lost it in the desert." (Agreed upon. Narrated by al-Bukhaari, no. 6309).

The mercy of Allah encompasses all things. If a person's sins are immense and plenty, but he then repents, Allah will accept his repentance and will forgive his sins no matter how great they are.

Allah says in the Koran:

"Say: 'O My slaves who have transgressed against themselves (by committing evil deeds and sins)! Despair not of the Mercy of Allah, verily, Allah forgives all sins. Truly, He is Oft-Forgiving, Most Merciful (Al-Zumar 39:53).

In Islam, it is only Allah who forgives our sins and He is not in need of any intercessor. It is a complete waste of time asking forgiveness from the people such as Jesus, Prophets, saints, mediators, pious people, etc. Allah says in reply to people who do such things:

Verily, those whom you call upon besides Allah are slaves like you. So call upon them and let them answer you if you are truthful (Al-A'raf, 194).

Pope Benedict must also know that Allah is severe in punishment, yet most forgiving and merciful. Benedict has now a last chance to follow the right path – Islam. I advise him not to insist on the system of faith and worship of his ancestors. They have misguided themselves and their followers when they changed the religion of Jesus from pure monotheism into ugly polytheism. They lacked soundness of judgment and had missed the path of rectitude. Where a Messenger of Truth comes to teach us the better way, it is foolish to say, 'What our ancestors did is good enough for us.'

We read in the Koran:

And when it is said to them, 'Come now to what Allah has sent down, and the Messenger, they say,' Enough for us is what we found our fathers doing.' What, even if their fathers knew nothing and were not guided? (Al-Maidah 104, 105).

O Benedict, O Jews, O Christians, O people of the world, Islam as a universal religion came to you all. Now there has come to you Muhammad, the Prophet of Islam as a last chance to make intelligible to you the facts that disappeared from your Books, and to help you abandon imagination which is often at war with reason so that you cannot later on claim innocence and say: 'No one came to us in the capacity of a Messenger and a warning.'

The Koran confirms:

People of the Book (Jews and Christians), now there has come to you Our Messenger, making clear to you things you have been concealing of the Book, and effacing many things. There has come to you from Allah a light, and a Book Manifest whereby Allah guides whosoever follows His good pleasure in the ways of peace, and brings them forth from the shadows into the light by His leave, and He guides them to a straight path (Al-Maidah, 19).

When Pope Benedict said his ugly words about Islam, he reckoned it a light thing, but in Allah's sight, it was a mighty thing. Benedict must not think he can escape the penalty. He must hasten to work out his salvation, and this will never be through seclusion and praying to Jesus thus incorporating with Allah one of His creatures. As I said before, the tremendous, most heinous and unparalleled sin is to incorporate with Allah other deities. Never shall Allah forgive such horrible sin. Jesus was not divine, he was only a Prophet sent to the lost sheep of the Children of Israel to invite them to worship the one God, Allah, and to abide by the principles of the Gospel. Jesus was no more than a man, the son of a woman. Jesus will not carry out the atonement for all humanity as the Christians falsely think.

Jesus was weak, and had only his mother Mary to support him. Therefore, the Lord strengthened him with miracles in order for him to deliver the Message of monotheism by inviting his people to worship the one and only true God, Allah.

All the miracles Jesus showed to his people were by Allah's leave. In a solemn scene before the Court of Judgment, Jesus will be reminded of all the mercies, favours, and miracles by which Allah had strengthened him in order to complete his mission successfully.

The Koran says:

And when Allah said, 'Jesus, son of Mary! Remember My blessing upon you and upon your mother, how I confirmed you with the holy Spirit, so that you spoke to people in your infancy and as a grown man; how I taught you the Scripture and wisdom, the Torah and the Gospel; how, by My leave, you fashioned the shape of a bird out of clay, breathed into it,

and it became, by My leave, a bird; how, by My leave, you healed the blind and the leper; how by My leave, you brought the dead back to life; how I restrained the Children of Israel from (harming) you when you brought them clear signs, and those of them who disbelieved said, 'This is clearly nothing but sorcery'; and how I inspired the disciples to believe in Me and My Messengers – they said, 'We believe and bear witness that we devote ourselves to Allah (Al-Maidah 111, 112).

Note how the words 'by My leave' are repeated with each miracle to emphasize the fact that they arose, not out of the power or will of Jesus but by the leave and will and power of Allah, who is supreme over Jesus as He is over all other mortals.

In the above verse as well as in several other Koranic verses, Jesus is repeatedly called the "son of Mary" to emphasize that he is no more than a man. It is against reason and revelation to call him God or the son of God. Jesus had no human father, as his birth was miraculous. But it was not this which raised him to his high spiritual position as a Prophet, but because Allah called him to His office. The praise is due to Allah Who by His Word 'Be' - so Jesus was. Allah gave him spiritual strength and supported him with the Holy Spirit (Gabriel). It was those who misunderstood Jesus who obscured his clear signs and surrounded him with mysteries of their invention.

On the Day of Judgment, Jesus as a humble slave of Allah, will stand in utter humility before Him busy defending himself. He will disclaim any knowledge of the sort of things that were attributed to him by those who took his name.

We read in the Koran:

When Allah says, 'Jesus, son of Mary, did you say to people, 'Take me and my mother as two gods alongside Allah?' He will say, 'May You be exalted! I would never say what I had no right to say – if I had said any such thing, You would have known it: You know all that is within me, though I do not know what is within You, You alone have full knowledge of things unseen. I told them only what You commanded me to: 'Worship Allah my Lord and your Lord.' I was a witness over them during my time among them. Ever since You took my soul, You alone have been the watcher over them: You are witness to all things, and if You punish them, they are Your servants; if You forgive them, You are the All-Mighty, the Wise (Al-Maidah 116-118).

Well Benedict, What would it harm you if you sincerely repent and believe in Allah? What losses have you if you embrace Islam and save your soul from a torment most severe – Hell-Fire? Now it is time for such crucial change in your life.

The koran is not inhuman as you said, but rather a weighty Word, a severe warning to those putting up Allah's creatures in rivalry against Him, never shall Allah forgive such horrible sin. The Koran, is a decisive Word, it is no pleasantry.

Benedict, I toiled too long to explain the facts to you. Read my words carefully and try to understand, if you see clearly, it is to your own gain, if you choose to be blind, it is to your own loss.

Repentance is the most noble and beloved form of obedience in the eyes of Allah. He loves those who repent and it is because of His love for His creation that He tests them with sins so that He may shower His blessings and favours upon them after they repent. Repentance has a status that no other form of worship has. This is why Allah is extremely happy when a servant repents just as a traveller is happy when he finds his lost mount in the desert. The repenting person reaches the status of being amongst the beloved through his repentance. Repentance brings about humbleness that is not easily acquired through other forms of worship.

But benedict, how to ask forgiveness from Allah, the Lord of creation? The following steps are to be followed:

- 1- You embrace Islam by saying: 'I bear witness that there is no deity save Allah, the one, and I also bear witness that Muhammad is his slave and Messenger.'
- 2- "O' Allah! make me of the repenting, and make me of the purified."
- 3- "O' Allah! With praises to you I bear witness that there is no deity but you. I seek your forgiveness and turn to you in repentance."
- 4- Offer two rak'ats (prostrations) of prayer. Perform them in full presence of mind and heart, and with humility, and then seeks Allah's forgiveness.

It must be understood, however, that guidance to the truth is in the hand of Allah alone. If Allah willed, He could have guided all people to His right path, but it is in His Wisdom that people are free to choose between right and wrong, in other words, to believe or not to believe.

As Allah says:

Clear proofs (the Koran) have come to you from your Lord. Whoso sees clearly, it is to his own gain, and whoso is blind, it is to his own loss; I (Muhammad) am not a watcher over you (Al-An'am, 104).

The Messenger has no part in guidance; all he and the Muslims have to do is to explain and convey the Message, and not to force the people to accept it.

Allah said to His Messenger in the Koran:

And if thy Lord willed, whoever is in the earth would have believed, all of them, all together. Wouldst thou then constrain the people, until they are believers? (Yunus, 99).

Allah will guide whom He pleases and as He pleases. He alone knows the true inwardness of things.

Allah says in the Koran:

Thou guidest not whom thou likest, but Allah guides whom He wills, and knows very well those that are guided (Al-Qassas, 56).

Man himself is weak; he must seek Allah's grace; without it he can do nothing; with it he can do all. For Allah knows all things, and His wisdom comprehends the good of all.

The Koran says:

Surely this is a reminder (the Koran); so he who will, takes unto his Lord a way. But you will not unless Allah wills; surely Allah is ever All-Knowing, All-Wise. For He admits into His mercy whomsoever He will; as for the evildoers, He has prepared for them a painful chastisement (Al-Insan 29-31).

The truth the Koran brought is so clear that anyone can understand it. Still, in every age, in spite of the truth being made clear, countless people do not accept it. This is due to a flawed mentality.

Pope Benedict, do not attach yourself to holy beings to the extent that you fear that leaving them will destroy you. Do not let your worldly desires and interests hamper you from proceeding towards the truth. Do not fear that forsaking corrupted Christianity might make Christendom reject you. When you arrive at the truth, place it higher than everything else; recognize it without delay and ignore all excuses and suspicions contradicting it.

Those who have renounced Islam, the only religion of Allah, and died captivated in disbelief, never will Allah forgive them. On the Day of Resurrection, they will be exposed to Hell-Fire and be told: 'Is this not consistent with the truth?' They will say: 'By Allah, our Creator, indeed it is.' But their acceptance of truth at that time will be too late. They will be told: 'Now taste the merciless but just retribution for denying Allah and for your insolent disregard to His warning.'

We listen to the Koran:

Upon the day when the unbelievers are exposed to the Fire: 'Is not this the truth?' They shall say, 'Yes, by our Lord!' He shall say, 'Then taste the chastisement of your unbelief!' (Al-Ahqaf, 34).

Those who reject Allah and incorporate with Him in worship Jesus or other deities, for them will be the Fire of Hell. In it there will be pain, suffering, and anguish. Instead of there being dignity, there will be humiliation. And there will be no hope of its termination, or abatement, nor even a hope of annihilation. Their internal state will be one of piteous and fruitless appeals, of vain regrets for a past that cannot be recalled, and vain sighs for a future whose gates they have themselves barred. The deception which they used to practise on other people will before the Seat of Judgment, become clear in their own eyes. When they are confronted with the Fire, they will say: 'Would that we have but sent back! Then we would not deny Allah's signs, and we would be of the believers!' But if they were sent back to the worldly life, they would relapse to their sins.

The Koran says:

As for the unbelievers, theirs shall be the Fire of Hell (Gehenna); they shall neither be done with and die, nor shall its chastisement be lightened for them. Even so, We recompense every disbeliever! Therein they shall shout, 'Our Lord, bring us forth, and we will do righteousness, other than what we have done.' 'What, did We not give you lives long enough, so that whosoever would receive admonition could receive it? To you the warner came; so taste you now (the evil of your deeds). The evildoers shall have no helper (Fatir, 37).

Benedict do not pray to Jesus or saints thinking that they are credited with divine power. Renounce belief in the doctrine of papal infallibility and the worship of saints. The mere idea of a separate order of priesthood to stand between Allah and man and be the exclusive repository of Allah's secrets is derogatory to the goodness and all-pervading grace of Allah. Do not bring the Creator down to the level of the created ones. Allah is One and only One; He is incomparable; He alone deserves to be worshipped.

The Koran says:

The Jews say, 'Ezra is the son of Allah'; the Christians say, 'the Messiah is the son of Allah.' That is the utterance of their mouths, they but imitate what the unbelievers of old used to say. Allah assails them! How they are perverted. They have taken their rabbis and their monks as lords apart from Allah, and the Messiah, Mary's son – and they were commanded to serve but One God; there is no god but He; glory be to Him, above that they associate – desiring to extinguish with their mouths Allah's light; and

Allah refuses but to perfect His light, though the unbelievers be averse (Al-Tawbah 30-32).

Yes, Allah has announced his firm resolve to keep His religion completely safe until dooms day.

It is He who has sent His Messenger with the guidance and the religion of truth (Islam), that He may uplift it above every religion, though the unbelievers be averse (Al-Tawbah, 33).

Benedict, if you refuse the truth, and rebels against Allah, with each step you will go further and further down, and the rest of your days will be as difficult as if you have to climb up to the skies. Those whom Allah wills to guide, He opens their breasts to Islam.

The Koran says:

And whomsoever Allah will to guide, He opens his breast to Islam; and whomsoever He wills to send astray, He makes his breast close and constricted, as if he had to climb up to the sky. That is how Allah heaps ignominy upon those who refuse to believe (Al-An'am, 125).

Jesus said: "He that hath, to him shall be given; but he that hath not, from him shall be taken away even that which he hath" (Mark iv. 25).

Jesus also said: "No man can come unto me, except it were given unto him of my Father" (John vi. 65).

Pope Benedict, grasp the golden chance now, do not hesitate, there is no much time left. Death is just waiting around the corner to harvest your soul. Now the time is ripe to repent and return to Allah.

Pope Benedict, In your seclusion, contemplate my words thoroughly for they are the only way to your salvation. Embrace Islam first, and then sincerely repent. Pray hard to Allah and ask His forgiveness, for it may well be that Allah will respond to your prayers and raises you up to a laudable station. Do not hesitate, because if you do, you will be thrown into the Crusher; and what shall explain to you what the Crusher is? It is Allah's Fire, kindled to a blaze, roaring over the sinners, covered down upon them, in columns outstretched.

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