The Koran they belie came specifically for the Jews and the Christians

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All the divine Books before the advent of Muhammad were lost or corrupted. Muhammad therefore had to come and be distinguished from all other prophets with a Book (the Koran) that will be guarded by Allah from corruption until the Day of Judgment. The Koran includes all the tidings and information that were included in all the obliterated divine Books. The Koran serves therefore as a reference and guidance for those who seek the truth. The Koran also includes a code of life that if followed would lead to an eternal life of bliss in Paradise. All of the world's major religions originated in the pure religion of Islam itself and only through the teachings being lost, forgotten or wilfully corrupted have these religions changed. For example, Judaism claims special status for the Jews as the chosen people - a status that cannot be acquired except through birth and which makes a Jew superior to any non-Jew (goyim). Contemporary Christianity insists that one must believe in various strange doctrines in order to be saved, i.e. Jesus died to atone for the sins of Mankind (vicarious atonement), Allah is one in three or three in one (the concept of the Trinity) original sin, crucifixion, etc. These peculiar doctrines did not develop until several hundred years after Christ and so cannot possibly be applied to those before Jesus or to his early followers.

The Koran came to filter out the truth from falsehood in the Torah and the Gospel. Anything that agrees with Islam is valid, and anything that disagrees with the Koran is rejected.

The Koran came to restore Allah's oneness, which the Jews and particularly the Christians had distorted.

## We read in the Koran:

Say (O Muhammad): 'O people of the Scripture (Jews and Christians): Come to a word that is just between us and you, that we worship none but Allah, and that we associate no partners with Him, and that none of us shall take others as lords besides Allah.' Then, if they turn away, say: "Bear witness that we are Muslims" (Allmran, 64).

After corrupting their Books and incorporating inventions of their own making in their religion, Allah had firmly invited the Jews and the Christians to Islam. He ordered them to give credence to the Koran which He had revealed to Muhammad, the Book which corroborates and authoritatively validate the authentic Torah, and the Gospel, before He efface faces and wipe out their features beyond recognition, and turn them hind wards or curse them as He cursed those who broke the Sabbath.

You who have been given the Book, believe in what We have sent down, confirming what is with you, before We obliterate faces, and turn them upon their backs, or curse them as We cursed the Sabbath-men, and Allah's command is done (Al-Nisa', 47).

Literally, "before We obliterate faces" is an Arabic idiom. The face is the main expression of a man's own real essence; it is also the index of his fame and estimation. The people of the Book had been specially favoured by Allah with spiritual revelations. If they proved themselves unworthy, they lost their 'face'. Their eminence would, owing to their own conduct, be turned to degradation. Others would take their place. The first shall be last and the last shall be first: Matt. 19:30.

# Reference: The Holy Qur'an. Text, Translation and Commentary. BY Abdullah Yusuf Ali.

"Before we obliterate faces" was also explained by Wahiddudin Khan. If people of the Book refuse to believe in Muhammad and his Koran, this would be as the features of their faces had been obliterated and they are seeing and listening with the back of their heads where there are neither eyes nor ears. Such blindness and deafness to the truth and reality indicate that Allah had deprived these persons of His blessings due to their constant negligence of truth and reality. Allah provided them with ears, but they could not listen; Allah had given them eyes, but they failed to observe. Allah, therefore, made them the same as what they had actually turned themselves into. This extreme stage of insensitivity to the truth takes the form of a metamorphosis from a superior state to an inferior state; man, the most superior form of creature, is degraded to the level of the beasts (3).

# Reference: The Quran. Translation and commentary by Maulana Wahiddudin Khan. Goodword Books- 2011.

The above-mentioned verse (Al-Nisa', 47) is a severe warning to the Jews and the Christians, and an absolute obligation that they must believe in Allah's Messenger Muhammad and his Message of Islamic monotheism and in his Koran.

In other words, Allah has given the Prophet the Koran to keep Allah in mind and to ponder His marvels, and he who rejects it will have reject Allah's mercy and he shall the heavy burden he carried on the Day of Judgment. If people are so immersed in the evanescent falsehoods of this life to turn away from the truth, which Allah had descended on His Prophet, they will have a rude awakening when the Judgment comes. The very things that they thought so enjoyable here – taking advantage of others, material self-indulgence, nursing grievances instead doing well, etc. - will be a grievous burden to them that day, which they will not be able to escape or lighten.

## The Koran says:

We have given you a Koran from Us. Whosoever turns away from it, upon the Day of

Resurrection, he shall bear a heavy burden, therein abiding forever; how evil upon the Day of Resurrection that burden for them! (Taha, 99-101).

Because religion with Allah is only Islam since He first created the universe and until the Day of Resurrection, the entire world was ordered to follow Islam, and believe in the Koran the unchangeable Book.

# The Koran says:

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

The true believers in the sight of Allah are those who recognize truth in all situations, whether the call of truth comes through and Israelite Prophet or an Ishmaelite Prophet. But those who live their lives on the level of community-oriented thinking can recognize the truth only when it comes to them from a member of their own community. If Allah selects as His Messenger someone from outside their community, then the Message he brings does not lodge in their minds, not even when their own hearts bear witness to the veracity of that Message. Even if such people regard themselves as true believers, they will find their names deleted from the list of believers in the Hereafter. This is because they recognized the truth only in relation to their community rather than in relation to Allah. Not acknowledging a Message of truth, which has been testified to by their own hearts, is the worst crime in the eyes of Allah. Such people will be condemned in the Hereafter and all people following suit will join in this condemnation.

## The Koran states in this respect:

How shall Allah guide a people who have disbelieved after they believed, and bore witness that the Messenger is true, and the clear signs came to them? Allah guides not the people of the evildoers. Those – their recompense is that they shall rest on them the curse of Allah and the angels and of men, altogether, therein dwelling forever; the chastisement shall not be lightened for them; no respite shall be given them (Al-Imran 86-88).

It is obligatory then to believe in the messenger ship of Prophet Muhammad. It is reported that the Prophet said:

"By Him (Allah) in whose Hand Muhammad's soul is, there is none from amongst the Jews and the Christians (of these present nations) who hears about me and then dies without believing in the Message with which I have been sent (i.e. Islamic monotheism), but he will be from the dwellers of the Fire." (Sahih Muslim, the Book of Faith, Vol. 1, Hadith No. 240).

All nature adores Allah, and Islam asks for nothing peculiar or sectarian; it asks that we follow our nature and make our will conformable to Allah's will. Islam's Message is universal.

What, do they desire another religion than Allah has and to Him has surrendered whoso in the heavens and the earth, willingly and unwillingly, and to Him they shall be returned? (Al-Imran, 83).

The religion of Islam does not claim to be a religion peculiar to it. Islam is not a sect or an ethnic religion. In its view, all religion is one, for the truth is one. It was the religion preached by all the inspired Books.

# The Koran says:

Say [Muhammad], 'We [Muslims] believe in Allah (God) and in what has been sent down to us (the Koran) and to Abraham, Ishmael, Isaac, Jacob and the Tribes. We believe in what has been given to Moses, Jesus and the Prophets from their Lord. We do not make any distinction between any of them (Al-Imran, 84).

In essence, Islam, 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.

In the religion that the Prophet Muhammad taught, one could gain salvation only by virtue of one's actions. The people of the Book for their part thought that their affiliation to a nation of Prophets and saints would be sufficient to earn them redemption. There was a world of difference then between Islam, the true religion of Abraham and the religion of the people of the Book practised and attributed to him. True religion means acceptance of divine guidance as revealed to man through the prophets, whereas the religion practised by the people of the Book was based on their own national legacy, a collection of national traditions which had accumulated over generations.

Allah has guided the Prophet of Islam to the path of glory, the path of moral straightness, goodness and integrity, virtue and piety; the path of rectitude, the path on which was founded the religion of Abraham, the orthodox Muslim who never incorporated with Allah other deities.

Allah has revealed His religion – Islam – to Muhammad in the uncorrupted state in which He had given it to Abraham and other prophets. One who wants to be blessed by Allah's grace and His support should adopt this religion.

## The Koran says:

Say: 'As for me, my Lord has guided me to a straight path, a right religion, the creed of Abraham, a man of pure faith; he was no idolater.' Say: 'My prayer, my ritual sacrifice, my living, my dying – all belongs to Allah, the Lord of all Being. No associate has He. Even so I have been commanded, and I am the first of those that surrender (Al-An'am 161-163).

The creed of Islam - the only religion of Allah - and the same religion Allah gave to Muhammad and all Prophets before him – is to believe in (1) the one universal God, Allah; (2) the Message of Islam which Muhammad brought to the entire world; (3) the message delivered by the other teachers in the past, i.e. Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, and the Tribes, of these Abraham had apparently a Book (Lxxxvii. 19), and the others followed his tradition; Moses and Jesus, who each left a Scripture; these Scriptures are still extant though not in their pristine form; (4) other Scriptures, Prophets or Messengers of Allah, not specifically mentioned in the Koran. Muslims make no difference between any of these. Their Message in essentials was one, and that is the basis of Islam.

## We read in the Koran

Say, 'We believe in Allah and what was revealed to us; and what was revealed to Abraham, Ishmael, Isaac, Jacob and the Tribes, and what was given to Moses and Jesus, and what was given to the (other) prophets of their Lord. We make no distinction between any of them, and we bow to Allah in Islam (Al-Bagarah, 136).

Muslims are thus in the true line of those who follow the one and indivisible Message of the one God, Allah, wherever delivered. If others narrow it or corrupt it, it is they who have left the faith and created a division or schism.

# The Koran says:

So if they believe as you have believed, then are they rightly guided; but if they turn back; then know that they are entrenched in hostility (it is they who are in schism); but Allah will suffice thee against them, for he is the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing (Al-Bagarah, 137).

#### Conclusion

When Allah settled human beings on the earth, He furnished them with His divine Books. Later, when people fell into the ways of neglect and worldliness, they changed the words of Allah to suit their desires. Whatever the people themselves wanted, they attributed to Allah and wrote it in Allah's Book. They even took their great revered men as mediators between them and Allah, whatever bad deeds they did, would be forgiven because their holy men would be their saviour before Allah. This had been going on and on through centuries, but Allah always sent Prophets to rid His divine religion of all fabrications and impurities. Subsequent generations, however, made changes in that as well. This happened repeatedly. Finally, Allah decided to send a final Prophet, and through him create such conditions that the religion of Allah should remain safe in its original form forever.

This task – the greatest in the history of prophet-hood – was achieved through the prophet Muhammad.

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 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.

## As we read in the Koran:

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 verse.

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 31-33).

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

Islam is therefore the one and only true universal religion of Allah. The word "Islam" means voluntary submission to the will of Allah. It also means strict monotheism i.e., Allah is One and must be worshipped alone without associating with Him any partners. The worship of the One and only God – Allah - must be completed with good deeds based on the principles mentioned in the divine Book, the Koran and the teachings of the prophet.

Sometimes to justify worldly desires, to perfect the 'imperfect' religion of Allah, or to move with the times, they introduced new elements into religion, which were not really a part of it. In this way, different new editions of religion took place – some spiritual, some political, and so on. Around each one of them, like-minded persons start gathering and form in the end a sect. Succeeding generations start protecting this new version, treating it as if it were the heritage of their ancestors. A stage comes when it will clearly be perpetuated until Doomsday, because man tends to treat the past as sacred, and once something is sanctified by time and tradition, it takes the form of being eternal.

In case of earlier generations who believed in Allah's oneness and surrendered to Him completely, Allah blessed them with His bounties – special help and victory over opponents; domination on the earth; Allah's pardon and the promise of Paradise. However, in the case of later generations, the position changed. Whereas the earlier people enjoyed the blessings of Allah by virtue of their performance, the later generations assumed that they are entitled to the same blessings – whatever their actions – simply because they belong to a certain community or race. Then they started believing that they are the specially favoured people of Allah, and whatever they do, they will definitely receive Allah's bounties.

Considering any community as a favourite community of Allah is a meaningless thought. Before Allah, the reckoning is on individual basis and not on community basis. Each person will get his reward before Allah according to his deeds. In Allah's sight, every man is a human being irrespective of his belonging to this community or that. Every man's future will be decided based on his performance in this world of test and trial. Paradise is not the native place of any community; nor is Hell a place for any particular community. It is the way of Allah that He, on His behalf, raises certain individuals to acquaint the people with the wisdom of creation and the realities of life; warn them of Hell and give them the good news of Paradise. It is only by supporting these 'warmers' and bringers of good news, and cooperating with them that man finds Allah and not in any other way.

The people of the Book omitted some teachings from it by either misinterpretation or distortion. For instance, they made certain changes in their Book obviating the necessity to accept any further Prophet for their salvation. They also 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 which did their scholars by means of their hair-splitting interpretations concoct.

The people of the Book changed the words of Allah to suit their desires. For example, presuming their great revered men to be mediators between them and Allah. They adopted the belief that whatever they did, their holy men would be their saviours before Allah.

The growth of Jewish superstition is shown in the Talmud, and Christian superstition 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.

#### The Koran says:

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 Him, above that they associate (Al-Tawbah, 31).

The people of the Book also believed that heaven or hell existed in the present world and that there was nothing beyond this world. Whatever they wanted from worldly pleasures they attributed to Allah, and wrote it in His Book.

In Deuteronomy 31:25-29 Moses predicted the corruption and tampering of the Law (Torah) after his death. The Jews corrupted the Bible and filled it with fabricated laws! They had so much corrupted the Bible that they had turned it into a lie!

The Book of Jeremiah, which came approximately 826 years after Moses, confirmed this corruption.

#### As we read in the Bible:

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

Allah said in the Koran regarding those who corrupted His Holy Words:

Know they not that Allah knows what they keep secret and what they publish? And some there are of them that are illiterates not knowing the Book (the Bible), but only fancies and mere conjectures. So woe to those who write the Book with their hands, then say, 'This is from Allah', that they may sell it for a little price; so woe to them for what their hands have written, and woe to them for the gain they make thereby (Al-Baqarah, 77-79).

## The Prophet said:

'Why do you ask the people of the scripture about anything while your Book (the Koran)) which has been revealed to Allah's Apostle is newer and the latest? You read it pure, undistorted and unchanged, and Allah has told you that the people of the scripture (Jews and Christians) changed their scripture and distorted it, and wrote the scripture with their own hands and said, 'It is from Allah,' to sell it for a little gain. Does not the knowledge which has come to you prevent you from asking them about anything? No, by Allah, we have never seen any man from them asking you regarding what has been revealed to you!' (Translation of Sahih Bukhari, Holding Fast to the Qur'an and Sunnah, Volume 9, Book 92, Number 461)".

Israel, when it lost Allah's grace, began to sin against truth and religion in three ways: (1) they began to misuse Scripture itself, by either taking words out of their right meaning, or applying them to things for which they were never meant; (2) in doing so, they conveniently forgot a part of the Message and purpose of Allah; and (3) they invented new deceits to support the old ones.

The Koran says about the disobedient Jews who also altered Allah's words from their places:

So for their breaking their compact We cursed them and made their hearts hard, they perverting words from their meaning; and they have forgotten a portion of what they were reminded of; and thou wilt never cease to light upon some act of treachery on their part, except a few of them (Al-Maidah, 13).

As the Koran teaches, Allah gave Moses the Book – the Torah – and there it was met with disagreement; it was not in accordance with the taste and liking of some of the Children of Israel. And had it not been for Allah's Word which was proclaimed beforehand to put the punishment of the Jews of Medina who opposed the Prophet of Islam in respite, the torment would have overtaken them. Besides they were at variance concerning their Torah, the Jews were also in perplexity about the Koran with suspicious amongst their thoughts.

# The Koran says:

And We gave Moses the Book; and there was difference concerning it (the Torah), and but for a Word that preceded from thy Lord, it had been decided between them; and they are in doubt of it (the Koran) disquieting (Fussilat, 45).

In Islam, the Injil is the Arabic name for the original gospel of Jesus. Islam holds that over time, the authentic Gospel of Jesus became corrupt, and his teachings were lost and replaced with false teachings.

In this connection, the Koran also says:

And when Allah took compact with those who had been given the Book (Jews and Christians), 'You shall make it clear unto the people, and not conceal it.' But they rejected it behind their backs and sold it for a small price -- how evil was that their selling! (Al-Imran, 187).

We also 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, until the Day of Resurrection; and God will assuredly tell them of the things they wrought (Al-Maidah, 14).

The Jews and the Christians in their temples and churches incorporated with Allah other objects in worship, therefore Allah instructed His Messenger not to do the same. No place of worship whatever should be used for the worship of any other but Allah the only true God of the heavens and earth. Before Islam, the Ka'ba was then full of idols and their votaries were usurpers. Worship should not be mixed up with vain objects, but should be reserved for the sincere service of Allah alone.

# Allah says in the Koran:

The mosques are for Allah's worship – so do not invoke anyone else with Allah (Al-Jinn, 18).

The original teachings of the prophets were lost and only the Glorious Koran is the original Word of Allah. The Koran stood the test of time because Allah guarded it from corruption.

# That is why Allah Said:

It is We who have sent down the Remembrance (the Koran), and We watch over it (Al-Hijr, 15).

Allah wished to perfect His light and make it shine all the brighter in the eyes of men. Out of Allah's mercy, Muhammad, the Prophet of Islam, was sent to reestablish for the last time the oneness of Allah on earth. Allah sent the seal of the Prophets to rid Allah's religion of all fabricated impurities and to present it again in its original form. Muhammad came to restore Allah's only religion – Islam - and establishes it on earth for the last time and forever.

## 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 (AI-Tawbah, 33).

By descending the Koran on Muhammad Allah wished to restore His original words in the Torah and the Gospel, which the Jews and the Christians either corrupted or concealed parts of it. The Koran mentions in detail the true words of Moses and Jesus to their followers – the Children of Israel.

## As we read in the Koran:

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, upon an interval between the Messengers lest you should say, 'There has not come to us any bearer of good tidings, neither any warner.' Indeed, there has come to you a bearer of good tidings and a warner; Allah is powerful over everything (Al-Maidah, 15).

The Koran was descended on the Prophet clear and plain, a Book for everyone to understand ad read without the intervention of Rabbis or priests. It is a shining light to distinguish the true from the false. With it, Allah guides all who seek His good pleasure and straight path.

# The Koran says:

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-Maiah, 16).

The Christians also corrupted their Gospel and concealed parts of it. For example, they concealed what Jesus really said to his disciples, and which the disciples accepted, to welcome Muhammad and follow him when they reach his time.

## We read in the Koran:

And when Jesus son of Mary said, 'Children of Israel, I am indeed the Messenger of Allah to you, confirming the Torah that was before me, and giving good tidings of a Messenger who shall come after me, whose name shall be Ahmad (another name of Muhammad).' Then when he (Muhammad) brought them the clear signs (the Koran), they said, 'This is a manifest sorcery. And who does greater evil than he who forges against Allah falsehood, when he is being called unto Islam? And Allah guides never the people of the evildoers (As-Saff 6, 7).

Muslims identify the prophets of Islam as those humans who were assigned a special mission by Allah to guide humans. Every prophet was given a belief to worship Allah and their respective followers believed it as well. Each prophet preached the same main belief: the Oneness of the Divine Creator, worshiping of that One God (Allah), avoidance of idolatry and sin, and the belief in the Day of Resurrection (Islam). Each Prophet came to preach Islam at different times in history and some were told of the coming of the final Prophet and Messenger of God, who would be named "Ahmad" commonly known as Muhammad. Each prophet directed a Message to a different group of people, and thus would preach Islam in accordance with the times. Although many Western scholars and writers hold the view that Islam began with Muhammad in Mecca, this contradicts the Koran, which says that Muhammad simply was the last prophet who preached the same faith that Adam and all the succeeding prophets preached to their people.

Muslims believe that in order for faith to be complete and accepted by Allah from his servants, it is obligatory to believe in all the Messengers and Prophets who came before Muhammad because they have conveyed the same Message of Muhammad – Islam. They are all Prophets of Islam and Muhammad is the last Prophet of Islam. It is obligatory to respect all of them, and not to discriminate or differentiate between any of them.

The Jews believe only in their Prophets - Prophets coming from their own race. They even killed some of their Prophets, such as Prophet Zachariah, and his son John the Baptist. They tried to kill Jesus but Allah saved him by raising him up to him. The Jews of Medina even tried to kill Muhammad twice.

So, for their breaking the compact, and disbelieving in the signs of Allah, and slaying the Prophets without right, and for their saying, 'Our hearts are uncircumcised' -- nay, but Allah sealed them for their unbelief, so they believe not, except a few (An-Nisa', 155).

Those who disbelieve in the signs of Allah and slay the Prophets without right, and slay such men as bid to justice -- do thou give them the good tidings of a painful chastisement (Al-Imran, 21).

The Jews do not believe in Jesus or Muhammad as prophets sent from Allah. Believing in some Prophets and disbelieving in others is considered as ungodliness and blasphemy in the sight of Allah. Allah's religion is only one; it is not to be divided into jarring sects each fighting for its own false belief. The Jews also did wrong when they confined Allah to their own race. Allah however, is One universal God, deserved to be worshipped by all, and not to be confined to a minority, a matter expressing utter racism.

The Christians acted similarly when they believed in all the Prophets of the Children of Israel, and denied Muhammad as the seal of the Prophets.

Those who disbelieve in Allah and His Messengers and desire to make division between Allah and His Messengers, and say, 'We believe in part, and disbelieve in part,' desiring to take between this and that a way – those in truth are the unbelievers; and We have prepared for the unbelievers a humbling chastisement (An-Nisa', 150).

The Jews and the Christians were not ready to accept the Koran, because they thought they were already rightly guided. They were sure that the very fact that they belonged to the largest group of the followers of truth, that is, the Israelites, that would be enough to earn them salvation. But, in fact, this was a feeling of ethnic superiority which they mistook for love of truth.

The communal values of their group came to occupy the position of pure truth. That was why, when the truth appeared in its original form, they failed to accept it. Had their aim been to find pure truth, they would not have found it difficult, since predictions about it had appeared in their own sacred Book, (the Torah) to the effect that now it was the Koran that was the Book of Truth to be followed and not the previous Books they distorted according to their whims and worldly desires.

### We read in the Koran:

And when they were told, 'Believe in that God has sent down,' they said, 'We believe in what was sent down on us'; and they disbelieve in what is beyond that, yet it is the truth confirming what is with them. Say: 'Why then were you slaying the Prophets of Allah in former time, if you were believers?' (Al-Baqarah, 91).

# We also read:

And if they believe in the like of that you believe in, then they are truly guided; but if they turn away, then they are clearly in schism; Allah will suffice you for them; He is the All-hearing, the All-knowing (Al-Bagarah, 137).

Allah, the only God of creation, finally sent Muhammad to transmit the Message of the Koran, which is universal in its message. The Koran is universal and is protected by Allah against corruption until the Day of Judgment. In addition to the fact that all previous divine Books were lost or corrupted, were for a particular time and community. Muhammad, the seal of the Prophets, had yet still to come to tell the people of what was correct in the remaining scripture and warn them of the corruptions that took place. Muhammad therefore, being the last prophet, was given a book showing the right path of salvation and the road to Paradise.

Allah's revelation throughout the ages is "The Book". The Law of Moses and the Gospel of Jesus were only portions of the Book. The Koran completed the revelation and is par excellence the Book of Allah.

#### As we read in the Koran:

Hast thou not regarded those who were given a portion of the Book (the Jews and the Christians), being called to the Book (Koran) of Allah, that it might decide between them, and then a party of them turned away, swerving aside? (Al-Imran, 23).

Now we are offered the Truth – the Koran - if people reject it, they must take all the terrible consequences, which are prefigured in the Fire of Hell. Its flames and roof will completely disclose the unbelievers like a tent. Ordinarily there is water to quench the heat of thirst: here the only drink will be like molten bras, thick, heavy, burning, sizzling. Before it reaches the mouth of the unfortunates, drops of it will scald their faces as it is poured out.

The Koran says about the disbelievers in the Koran:

Say: 'The Truth (the Koran) is from your Lord; so let whosoever will believe.' Surely, We have prepared for the evildoers a fire, whose pavilion encompasses them: if they call for succour, they will be succoured with water like molten copper, that shall scald their faces – how evil a potion, and how evil a resting-place (Al-Kahf, 28).

I end my article with the purpose Allah designated for the Koran:

This is an exposition for humankind, and guidance and an admonition for such as god-fearing (Al-Imran, 138).