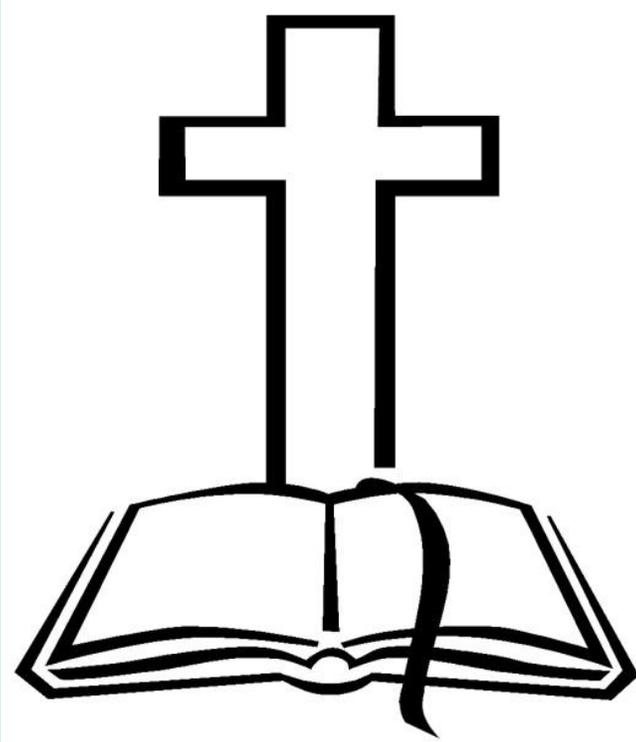


# Quick Guide.....



## CHRISTIANITY AT GLANCE & REFUTING ITS BELIEF

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## **PREFACE**

In the Name of God, Most Gracious, Most Merciful

All praises are due to Allah, alone; peace and blessings of Allah be on the Last Prophet, Muhammad, his family, and companions. This booklet intends to provide a general view about Christianity. In addition, it presents tools that would help in refuting some corrupted beliefs.

I really realize that nothing is perfect in any case as well as with this booklet. Hopefully, this booklet becomes useful for readers.

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## **THE BIBLE**

They are two sections; The Old Testament and The New Testament. In The New Testament; we find the four well-known Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John are found in the New Testament of the Bible. They were written between 70 CE and 115 CE decades after Jesus had departed, and supposedly based on documents that have since been lost. Mark was the first one written in the Greek language in Rome, at least 40 years after Jesus' departure. The Gospels were composed after the first followers of Jesus had been divided into several sects. The writers did not exercise great care to keep the original content free from additions, deletions and other forms of corruption, as the content was meant to serve the writers' personal interests. In 325 CE, the Gospels According to Mark, Matthew, Luke and John were included in the body of the main Biblical text, and the Church declared the remaining existent documents to be heretical.

1. The original Gospel as was revealed to Jesus and is mentioned in the Quran as well as in the contemporary Gospels does not exist today. The first records about the sayings of Jesus which were made shortly following his ascension to Heaven have been lost.
2. The Gospels were written between 70 and 115 CE, decades after Jesus' departure, and were based on lost documents. As a consequence, there was a loose manipulation of the content. None of the Gospels' authors saw Jesus or heard him speak. They were not eyewitnesses.
3. The Gospels were written in the Greek language, while Jesus spoke Aramaic.
4. The present Gospels and most of the Epistles (letters) were not chosen and validated until Nicaea Council in CE 325. This Council adopted the view of the minority rather than the majority who believed in monotheism.
5. The vast majority of the New Testament is composed of the writings of Paul and his students. Paul, who never saw or heard Jesus speak, was initially one of the most prominent enemies of Jesus' ministry.
6. There are many discrepancies in several places between the fourth and fifth century manuscripts. The Gospels, seen as a whole, together with the Epistles, contain many errors and contradictions.
7. The New Testament, on which modern Christian doctrines rest, has undergone radical changes and almost every new edition differs from the others. Some of the changes that are now being implemented are so fundamental that they strike at the very foundation of Christianity like Trinity.
8. Words not found in the bible: Bible, Torah, Christianity, Judaism, Original Sin, Trinity

## LIST OF OLD AND NEW TESTAMENT BOOKS

The Old Testament (39 Books)			The New Testament (27 Books)		
#	Book	Description	#	Book	Description
1	Genesis	Five Books of Moses	1	Matthew	The Gospels (canonical books)
2	Exodus		2	Mark	
3	Leviticus		3	Luke	
4	Numbers		4	John	
5	Deuteronomy		5	Acts	Historical books
6	Joshua	Historical books	6	Romans	Pauline Letters
7	Judges		7	1 Corinthians	
8	Ruth		8	2 Corinthians	
9	1 Samuel		9	Galatians	
10	2 Samuel		10	Ephesians	
11	1 Kings		11	Philippians	
12	2 Kings		12	Colossians	
13	1 Chronicles		13	1 Thessalonians	
14	2 Chronicles		14	2 Thessalonians	
15	Ezra		15	1 Timothy	
16	Nehemiah		16	2 Timothy	
17	Esther	17	Titus	Non-Pauline Letters	
18	Job	18	Philemon		
19	Psalms	19	Hebrews		
20	Proverbs	20	James		
21	Ecclesiastes	21	1 Peter		
22	Song of Solomon	22	2 Peter		
23	Isaiah	Major prophets	23	1 John	
24	Jeremiah		24	2 John	
25	Lamentations		25	3 John	
26	Ezekiel		26	Jude	
27	Daniel		27	Revelation	Prophetical
28	Hosea	Twelve Minor Prophets			
29	Joel				
30	Amos				
31	Obadiah				
32	Jonah				
33	Micah				
34	Nahum				
35	Habakkuk				
36	Zephaniah				
37	Haggai				
38	Zechariah				
39	Malachi				

## **SAINT PAUL**

Paul was a native of Tarsus (a city in modern day Turkey). He was an intelligent educated person with Though a Jew by race and religion knowledge of Greek literature and non-Jewish culture. Paul strongly opposed Jesus during his life time, and tortured and killed many of his followers According to his own report; he was traveling to Damascus to arrest the followers of Jesus, when he experienced a visionary encounter with Jesus, who, as Paul claimed, commissioned him to be his apostle. He died in 94 AD

1. He is the author of some 13 out of 27 books in the New Testament.
2. He always believed in the Jesus of his vision - the mystic Christ, and was not interested in the person of Jesus who lived among his people and preached his Gospel.
3. He did not see the crucifixion of Jesus
4. He persecuted /killed Jesus followers before and after Jesus departure.
5. Spare no effort to destroy the 10 commandments
6. Paul did not learn the Gospel of Jesus from any of Jesus' disciples or followers.
7. Paul was not one of the disciples chosen by Jesus. He did ever meet Jesus.
8. Paul preached his own revealed version of Christianity that was fundamentally different from what Jesus himself taught, and different from what Jesus' chosen disciples believed.
9. He achieved tremendous success among the Gentiles as he used all means to win them.
10. He himself admits to using deceit.
11. Gradually modified the status of Jesus; mediator→son of God→equal to God→God
12. His preaching was of his own founding.
13. He turned his attention away from the Jews and focused on the gentiles.
14. He terminated Jewish rituals and practices in order to make his followers independent of Jews.
15. He was not even divinely inspired or guided.
16. Paul was rebuked and considered as a polluted person
17. Paul invented the followings:
  - ❖ Resurrection
  - ❖ Original sin
  - ❖ Terminate circumcision
  - ❖ Atonement
  - ❖ No need to slaughter animals for meet
  - ❖ Trinity
  - ❖ The Roman Sunday
  - ❖ The birthday celebration (25 December) as the birthday of Jesus
  - ❖ The festival of 'Easter'

Jesus Christ foretold about the false prophet (Matthew 7:15-23) "Be on the watch for false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inside they are cruel wolves....."

## **APOSTLES & DISCIPLES**

Jesus ordained 12 disciples who were all Jews. Disciples are called; apostles are sent. All apostles are disciples; not all disciples become apostles.

1 Simon	2 Andrew	3 James	4 John
5 Philip	6 Bartholomew	7 Thomas	8 Matthew
9 James	10 Thaddaeus	11 Simon	12 Judas Iscariot

Jesus spent much effort educating his disciples but they did not understand him because their perception was very low. So Jesus did not indulge in explaining things that his disciples could not understand. Jesus felt sad when he found that his disciples did not comprehend his message and mission. It appears that Jesus could not have hoped that his disciples would carry his work after he left the world.

## **THE PERSON OF JESUS CHRIST**

### ○ **Son of Man**

**(John 8:28)** *"So Jesus said, 'When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will realize that I am he and that I do nothing on my own, ....."*

**(Luke 19:10)** *"For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost."*

### ○ **Man**

**(John 8:40)** *"But now you are trying to kill me, a man who has told you the truth that I heard from God."*

### ○ **Prophet**

**(Luke 13: 33)** *"Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem."*

**(Matthew 21:11)** *"This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee."*

### ○ **Messenger & sent by God**

**(John 7:16)** *"My teaching is not mine, but his who sent me."*

**(Mark 9:37)** *"..... and whoever welcomes me, welcomes not me, but the one who sent me."*

### ○ **Cry**

**(Mark 15:34)** *"And at the ninth hour, Jesus said in a loud voice, Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani? which is, My God, my God, why are you turned away from me?"*

### ○ **Pray**

**(Mark 1:35)** *"And in the morning, a long time before daylight, he got up and went out to a quiet place, and there he gave himself up to prayer."*

### ○ **Hungry**

**(Mark 11:12)** *"And on the day after, when they had come out from Bethany, he was in need of food"*

○ **Touchable**

**(Luke 8:45-46)** *“And Jesus said who was touching me? And when they all said, It is not I, Peter and those who were with him said, Master, the people are pushing round you on every side.(45) But Jesus said, Someone was touching me, for I had the feeling that power had gone out from me.”*

○ **Sleep**

**(Luke 8:23)** *“But while they were sailing he went to sleep: and a storm of wind came down on the sea, and the boat became full of water and they were in danger.”*

○ **Last hour**

**(Mark 13:32)** *“But of that day or that hour no one has knowledge, not even the angels in heaven, or the Son, but the Father.”*

○ **Tempted**

**(Matthew 4:1) KJV** *“Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil.”*

○ **Dependence**

**(John 5:30)** *“Of myself I am unable to do anything: as the voice comes to me so I give a decision: and my decision is right because I have no desire to do what is pleasing to myself, but only what is pleasing to him who sent me”*

○ **Taught**

**(John 8:28)** *“So Jesus said, When the Son of man has been lifted up by you, then it will be clear to you who I am, and that I do nothing of myself, but say as the Father gave me teaching.”*

○ **Eat**

**(Matthew 11:19)** *“The Son of man has come feasting, and they say, See, a lover of food and wine, a friend of tax-farmers and sinners! And wisdom is judged to be right by her works.”*

○ **Fast**

**(Matthew 4:2)** *“And he fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was hungry*

○ **Hear**

**(John 5:37)** *“And the Father himself who sent me has given witness about me. Not one of you has ever given ear to his voice; his form you have not seen.”*

○ **See**

**(1Timothy 6:16)** *“Who only has life forever, living in light to which no man may come near; whom no man has seen or is able to see: to whom be honour and power forever. So be it.”*

## JESUS CRUCIFIXION

The death of Jesus on the cross is the central doctrine of Christianity. Jesus must die on the cross in order to evolve the doctrine of resurrection and clean mankind from original sin and their actual sins. Christians believe that Jesus died and was then resurrected. Jews maintained to have killed Jesus on the cross and consequently portrayed him to be false in his claim to prophethood. Paul taught the resurrection and crucifixion.

It is recorded in the Bible that nobody saw the moment he was resurrected. They found the sepulcher (tomb) empty where Jesus was laid down and made the conclusion that he was resurrected because the disciples and other witnesses saw him alive after the alleged crucifixion.

Christianity → Jesus was crucified on the cross in order to clean mankind from original sin and their actual sins

Judaism → Jesus's death on cross was a sure sign to prove that he was a false prophet and imposter.

Day	Time	Event
Friday, April 15, 30 AD	1:00am-1:30am	Confrontation in Garden and Jesus' Arrest
	1:30am-3:00am	Jesus receives initial physical abuse
	3:00am-5:00am	Imprisonment at Caiaphas' palace
	5:00am-6:00am	decide to ask the Roman government to kill Jesus
	6:00am-7:00am	Hearing before Roman governor Pilate, who declares, "I find no guilt in this man."
	7:00-7:30am	Hearing before Herod Antipas, the son of Herod the Great, who had jurisdiction over Galilee. Jesus refused to answer any questions so Herod returned him quickly to Pilate
	7:30am-8:30am	Pilate repeatedly tried to release Jesus but the Jewish leaders continued to object. Pilate physically tortured and beat Jesus beyond recognition seeking to satisfy the Jewish leaders. However the Jews demanded that Jesus be crucified. Pilate resisted but eventually gave the order to execute Jesus
	8:30am-9:00am	Pilate's Roman soldiers take Jesus into the court ("Praetorium") and enjoy mockery and continued torture, including driving thorns into his skull
	9:00am-12:00pm	Jesus forced to carry his own cross, then actual crucifixion
	12:00pm - 3:00pm	Momentous final 3 hours on the cross
	3:00pm	Death
	-	Burial
Sunday, April 17, 30 AD	-	"Resurrection" - 1st reported appearance of Jesus as alive after execution

The crucifixion of Jesus is based on a corrupt foundation, and anything built on a corrupt foundation is itself corrupt.

1. According to **(Mark 14:50)**, *"And they all went away from him in fear. "The crucifixion was not witnessed by anyone of the disciples of Jesus in other words, there were no credible eyewitnesses and the sources of the story are doubtful.*

2. On the cross Jesus beseeched God for help **(Matthew 27:46)** *"My God, my God, why are you turned away from me?"* **(Luke 22:42)**: Saying: *"Father, if it is your pleasure, take this cup from me: but still, let your pleasure, not mine, be done."* (This cup is the cup of death.)

3. Jesus's prayer not to die on the cross was accepted by God, according to **(Luke 22:43)** *"And an angel from heaven came to him, to give him strength"* **(Hebrews 5:7)** *"Who in the days of his flesh, having sent up prayers and requests with strong crying and weeping to him who was able to give him salvation from death, had his prayer answered because of his fear of God."* Then how could he still die on the cross?

4. According to **(Matthew 27:46)** *"And about the ninth hour Jesus gave a loud cry, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is, My God, my God, why are you turned away from me?"* the person crucified cried out with a loud voice. This contains clear evidence that the person crucified could not possibly have been Jesus Christ, as such desperate cries and panic do not befit a prophet of God, let alone one who is claimed to be God. To believe in his death on the cross is to discredit his prophethood.

5. His legs were not broken by the Roman soldiers because they thought he was dead already **(John 19:32-33)** *"So the men of the army came, and the legs of the first were broken and then of the other who was put to death on the cross with Jesus; But when they came to Jesus, they saw that he was dead by this time, and so his legs were not broken"* Can you rely on these soldiers for pronouncing him dead? Or they wanted to save Jesus as they found him innocent?

6. If Jesus had died on the cross, his blood would clot and no blood would come out of his body when his side was pierced. The Gospel states clearly that blood and water came out; **(John 19:34)**. *"But one of the men made a wound in his side with a spear, and straight away there came out blood and water."*

7. When the Pharisees asked Jesus for a sign to prove that he was a true messenger of God he answered: **(Matthew 12:40)** *"For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly, so shall the son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth."* Disregard now the time factor, which were also not three days and three nights but one day (Saturday, daytime only) and two nights (Friday night and Saturday night). The important criteria of the sign are: AS JONAH WAS! *Jonah was alive in the belly of the whale, and in the same way Jesus was ALIVE in the belly of the earth.* Do you agree that Jonas was still alive when he was vomited out of the belly of the whale? Yes! It says so in the Bible. So the sign was fulfilled of him being alive as he prophesied.

8. Jesus himself stated that he did not die on the cross. Early Sunday morning Mary Magdalene went to the sepulcher, which was empty. She saw somebody standing who looked like a gardener. She recognized him after a conversation to be Jesus and wanted to touch him. Jesus said **(John 20:17)**: *"Touch me not for I am not yet ascended to my Father..."*

~*"Touch me not,"* → perhaps because the fresh wounds would hurt him.

~*"I am not yet ascended to my Father,"* → means that he was not dead but still alive. If anybody dies, then he only ascends to God.

9. He remained on the cross less than 3 hours and when the Roman province ruler informed that Jesus died, he was naturally surprised because he knew from his experience no man would die within 3 hours on the cross

10. Jews concerned about approaching Sabbath, as a result, Jesus was brought down after 3 hours alive or dead **(Deuteronomy 21:23)**. *"Do not let his body be on the tree all night, but put it to rest in the earth the same day; for the man who undergoes hanging is cursed by God; so do not make unclean the land which the Lord your God is giving you for your heritage"*

11. Jews have a doubt which was Jesus might not have died on the cross. **(Matthew 27:62-64)** *"Now on the day after the getting ready of the Passover, the chief priests and Pharisees came together to Pilate,(62) Saying, Sir,*

*we have in mind how that false man said, while he was still living, After three days I will come again from the dead(63)Give orders, then, that the place where his body is may be made safe till the third day, for fear that his disciples come and take him away secretly and say to the people, He has come back from the dead: and the last error will be worse than the first."*

**12. (Matthew 27:62-64)** first error / last error (first error : brought down Jesus down without breaking his legs thinking that he was already dead (last error : handed over Jesus to secret disciple who count help Jesus for his recovery)

**13.** Secret disciple took unconscious body of Jesus and laid him down in the sepulcher which was a roomy chamber carved out of rock 5ft wide, 15 ft. long, 7 ft. height

**14. (Mark 16:9)** *"Now when he came back from the dead early on the first day of the week, he went first to Mary Magdalene, from whom he had sent out seven evil spirits."* Sunday morning Mary Magdalene came on to anoint the dead body of Jesus. It makes no sense because after two nights and one day no dead body would be anointed (stiffen, ferment and decompose).

**15. (Luke 24:41-43)** *"And because, for joy and wonder, they were still in doubt, he said to them, Have you any food here? (41) And they gave him a bit of cooked fish. (42) And before their eyes he took a meal."* Resurrected body, he would have no need of food but Jesus ate before meeting his disciples and presents his physical body to them.

In Islam and according to Quran, Jesus Christ was not crucified not killed (**Quran 4:15**) *"That they said (in boast), "We killed Christ Jesus the son of Mary, the Messenger of Allah" but they killed him not, nor crucified him, but so it was made to appear to them and those who differ therein are full of doubts, with no (certain) knowledge, but only conjecture to follow, for of a surety they killed him not."*

## **DOCTRINES OF CHRISTIANITY**

- 1) The Trinity
- 2) The divine sonship
- 3) The divinity of Jesus
- 4) Original Sin
- 5) Atonement
- 6) Resurrection
- 7) Salvation
- 8) Ascension<sup>7</sup>
- 9) Second coming

### **1. THE TRINITY**

It is the existence of three divine, distinct and separate persons in God and they are co-equal and co-eternal:

- The Father
- The Son
- The Holy Ghost

Jesus himself never mentioned the Trinity. Neither Jesus nor his disciples taught and none of the earlier great scholars or the followers of Jesus preached it. In addition, the four Canonized Gospels do not

contain any reference to the Trinity. This doctrine was established by the Nicaea Council in CE 325. This Council adopted the view of the minority rather than the majority who believed in monotheism.

**(John 5:7)**

*"For there are three that bear record in the heaven, the father, the word and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one".* In the bible this verse was the only strong evidence for the trinity but now this verse has been deleted RSV 1952

The concept that Jesus had about Allah was in no way different from the concept that all the previous prophets had. All of them preached the oneness of God.

**(Mark 12:28-30)**

*"And one of the scribes came, and hearing their argument together, and seeing that he had given them a good answer, put the question to him, Which law is the first of all?(28) Jesus said in answer, The first is, Give ear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord; (29) And you are to have love for the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength."*

Islam preaches a plain and simple belief in the oneness of God. It affirms the uniqueness of Allah and states that He has no partners. He is the self-sufficient one upon whom all of creation depends and who depends on no one. He neither gives birth nor is born. Nothing can come out of Him, be His equal or be His partner.

**(Quran 112:1-4)**

*"Say, He is Allah, [who is] One, Allah, the Eternal Refuge. He neither begets nor is born. Nor is there to Him any equivalent."*

## **2. THE DIVINE SONSHIP**

This doctrine is not teachings and sayings of Jesus. The word "son" really meant metaphorically nearness to God in love. Jesus was referred to as the "son of God" **13** times in the Bible, whereas he was referred to as the "son of man" **83** times.

In the Bible the expression "son of God" has been used to refer to:

○ **Adam**

**(Luke 3:38)** *"The son of Enos, the son of Seth, the son of Adam, the son of God."*

○ **Israel**

**(Exodus 4:22)** *"And you are to say to Pharaoh, The Lord says, Israel is the first of my sons"*

○ **David**

**(Psalms 2:7)** *"I will make clear the Lord's decision: he has said to me, you are my son, this day have I given you being.*

○ **Solomon**

**(I Chronicles 22:10)** *"He will be the builder of a house for my name; he will be to me a son, and I will be to him a father; and I will make the seat of his rule over Israel certain forever."*

○ **Peacemakers (Matthew 5:9)**

○ *"Happy are the peacemakers: for they will be named sons of God"*

○ **Righteous men**

**(Psalm 82:6)** *"Said, you are gods; all of you are the sons of the Most High"*

○ **Ephraim**

**(Jeremiah 31:9)** *“They will come with weeping, and going before them I will be their guide: guiding them by streams of water in a straight way where there is no falling: for I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is the first of my sons.”*

Islam rejects "Sonship" Furthermore, attributing a son to God would implicitly deny and negate the perfection of God and imply His need of another being besides Himself

**(Quran 2:116)**

*They say: “Allah has got a son.” Pure is He. Instead, to Him belongs all that there is in the heavens and the earth. All stand obedient to Him”*

### **3. THE DIVINITY OF JESUS**

Some Christians believe that Jesus is God for all eternity, the second person of the divine Trinity. This contradicts the sayings of Jesus as written in the Gospels. The fact is that Jesus never claimed divinity; instead he affirmed the divinity of God alone.

- **(Mark 10:18)** *“And Jesus said to him, why do you say I am good? No one is good but one, and that is God.”*
- **(John 20:17)** *“Jesus said to her, Do not put your hand on me, for I have not gone up to the Father: but go to my brothers and say to them, I go up to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.”*
- **(Mark 12:32)** *“And the scribe said to him, Truly, Master, you have well said that he is one, and there is no other but he”*
- He made it very clear that all things are by the will of God, who had sent him **(John 5:30)** *“Of myself I am unable to do anything: as the voice comes to me so I give a decision: and my decision is right because I have no desire to do what is pleasing to myself, but only what is pleasing to him who sent me.”*
- Jesus also stated that the Lord is greater than him, according to **(John 14:28)** *“Keep in mind how I said to you, I go away and come to you again. If you had love for me you would be glad, because I am going to the Father: for the Father is greater than I”*
- According to **(Mark 13:32)**, *“But of that day or that hour no one has knowledge, not even the angels in heaven, or the Son, but the Father.”* Jesus is also reported to have denied having knowledge of the final hour of this world.
- **(Luke 13:33-34)** *“But I have to go on my way today and tomorrow and the third day, for it is not right for a prophet to come to his death outside Jerusalem. (33)O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, putting to death the prophets, and stoning those who were sent to her! again and again would I have taken your children to myself, as a bird takes her young ones under her wings, but you would not!”. Jesus refers to himself as one of the prophets.*
- Jesus also used to praise God, as is clear from **(Matthew 11:25)** *“At that time Jesus made answer and said, I give praise to you, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have kept these things secret from the wise and the men of learning, and have made them clear to little children.”*

Such acts do not befit the majesty of God. Islam states emphatically that neither Jesus nor any other human being may be God. Islam also rejects the notion that God may be incarnated or unites with any of His creation.

The divinity of Jesus is rejected in **(Quran 6:72)**

*“They have certainly disbelieved who say, ‘Allah is the Messiah, the son of Mary,’ while the Messiah has said, ‘O Children of Israel, worship Allah, my Lord and your Lord.’ Indeed, he who associates others with Allah – Allah has forbidden him Paradise, and his refuge is the Fire. And there are not for the wrongdoers any helpers.”*

In the Quran, Allah describes Jesus as His Prophet, pure and pious like the rest of His prophets, but always as a human being. Jesus said: **(Quran 19:30)** *"Indeed, I am the servant of Allah. He has given me the Scripture and made me a prophet."*

#### **4. THE ORIGINAL SIN**

As **(Genesis 2:17)** Adam sinned when he disobeyed Allah by eating from the forbidden tree. As a result, and according to Christian theology, all descendants of Adam inherit the sin of Adam, which means that all human beings are born with this original sin.

The only thing that can wipe out sins is the shedding of blood. This blood must be perfect, sinless and incorruptible. Therefore, no one can be saved unless he accepts Jesus as his personal savior.

The doctrine of "Inherited Sin" finds no support in the words of Jesus or of the prophets who came before him. In addition, the books of New Testament do not record the concept of original sin. They taught that every man was accountable for his own actions; children would not be punished for the sin of their parents. No human being is born sinful.

Rationally considered, it would be the height of injustice to condemn the entire human race for the sin committed thousands of years ago by our first parents. , the responsibility or blame for it must lie only on the person committing it and not on his children. It is a grave injustice to consider man sinful at birth.

#### **5. ATONEMENT**

Atonement means that God killed the innocent and guiltless Jesus as a punishment for the sins of those who believe in the death and resurrection of Jesus. Atonement preaches that Jesus died on the cross in order to atone for the original and all other sins of mankind. Jesus paid that price by his death on the cross. This dogma is not only a denial of the mercy of God but also of His justice.

There are many refutations which confirm the falsity of the belief in atonement and crucifixion. The following are only a few from among them:

1. The dogma of atonement and the original sin is based on a corrupt foundation, and anything built on a corrupt foundation is itself corrupt.
2. It contradicts the Old and New Testament **(Deuteronomy 24:16)** *"The fathers shall not be put to death for their children, nor shall the children be put to death for their fathers; a person shall be put to death for his own sin."* **(Matthew 16:27)**, Jesus himself said: *"Then He will reward each according to his works."*
3. According to **(Genesis 5:5)**, our father, Adam, lived with his wife after they had eaten from the forbidden tree for 930 years. This proves the falsehood of **(Genesis 2:17)**, which states: *"For in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die,"* because it did not occur. This also indicates that Adam repented from his sin and sought forgiveness, and God pardoned him. So as Adam and his wife "lived," they must have "turned from all the sins they have committed." This means that the sin was not inherited, and thus, there was no reason that Jesus had to die for the sins of anyone.
4. It is not correct according to the Bible to say that Jesus had come to die willingly and deliberately for the sins of men. We read in the Bible that he did not wish to die on the cross **(Luke 22:42)**

5. The Bible tells us in **(Matthew 27:46)** that the person crucified cried out with a loud voice, saying 'My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?' Such desperate cries prove that the person crucified was not willing to die on the cross. More importantly, it contains clear evidence that the person crucified could not possibly have been Jesus Christ, as such desperate cries and panic do not befit a prophet of God, let alone one who is claimed to be God.

6. According to **(Mark 14:50)**, the crucifixion was not witnessed by anyone of the disciples of Jesus in other words, there were no credible eyewitnesses and the sources of the story are doubtful.

7. There is no logical connection between sin and blood. What wipes away sins is not blood but sincere repentance, serious resistance to evil temptation, and constant struggle to carry out the will of God.

8. When Jesus was asked about the way to eternal life, his reply was not belief in him as the savior through the shedding of his blood. Instead, it was: "*But if you want to enter into life, keep the commandments.*" **(Matthew 19:17)**

9. The dogma of atonement is not only an insult to rational thinking, but it also motivates people to abandon good deeds and commit evils like murder, theft, rape and adultery.

10. It an attempt to escape the responsibility of righteousness (punishment for someone else will release us)

Islam rejects the dogma of atonement and regards children as pure and sinless at birth. It declares that the forgiveness of sins cannot be obtained by the suffering and sacrifice of any other person but only by the grace of God and a person's own sincere repentance with persistent efforts to avoid evil and do good deeds.

**(Quran 12:92)**

*"May Allah forgive you; and He is the most merciful of the merciful."* If God knows that man is sincerely repentant, having a real urge to conquer the evil within himself, then Almighty God can forgive his failings and sins altogether

## **6. RESURRECTION**

Christians believe that Jesus Christ was resurrected after his death on the cross.

## **7. SALVATION**

Christianity preaches that mankind can receive salvation only through death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Paul nails that the salvation is made easy as it doesn't depend on keeping the Ten Commandments.

## **8. ASCENSION**

It claims that Jesus Christ after his death and resurrection, was bodily taken up into Heaven. Mark and Luke only have record on this and later they deleted on RSV 1952.

## **9. SECOND COMING**

All true believers in Christ will disappear from the earth and enter into spiritual realm - Rapture. Then comes the time for Tribulation marked by wars and oppression will then take place leading up to the appearance of the Anti-Christ. When the Anti-Christ tries to invade Israel with his armies, Jesus will

return with hosts of angels and defeat him in the great battle called Armageddon. A thousand years of peace will follow, with Jesus acting as a King.

## **ORIGINAL CHRISTIANITY WAS ISLAM**

All the Prophets of God were teaching 'Islam'; even Jesus. Islam was the religion of all the Prophets, including Jesus. The fact is that:

- Islam is not a new religion,
- Prophet Mohammed's role was simply completion of the original message, fulfillment of the original religion, and to present the final, pure and permanent guidance to mankind, as revealed to him from God.

### **(Quran 2:136)**

*"Say [O Muslims!]: 'We believe in God, and the revelation given to us, and to Abraham, and Ishmael, and Isaac, and Jacob, and the Tribes, and that given to Moses and Jesus, and that given to [all] Prophets from their Lord; we make no distinction between any of them; and we bow to God [in Islam]'.*

### **(Quran 42:13)**

*"The same religion has He established for you as that He enjoined upon Noah - that which We revealed to thee - that We enjoined upon Abraham, Moses, and Jesus, that you should remain steadfast in religion and make no divisions therein"*

### **(Quran 3:67)**

*"Abraham was neither a Jew nor a Christian, but he was a strict Muslim."*

The name 'Islam' is not just a word for identification; as, for example, "fish"; it does carry some functional meaning in it. Its meaning conveys the essence of the religion's outlook and objectives. It has two elements of meaning:

- a- **Submission** to the will of the One and Only God, the True God
- b- **Peace** of mind, peace at heart, peace in the society,...etc.

In fact, these two meanings are not separate from each other; they are interrelated. Thus, the fullest meaning of Islam is the attainment of peace through submission to the will of the One True God.

Obviously, when we want to look for the word 'Islam' in the Bible, we have to look for its translated meaning only.

### **(a) "Submission to the will of the One True God"**

What does 'submission' mean here? It means total obedience, loving and willing. In the Biblical terminology, it means 'keeping the commandments', or 'doing the will of God'. We find these phrases in many places in the Bible, both in the Old Testament and New Testament.

In the Old Testament,  
**(Deuteronomy 10:12-13)**

*So now, O Israel, what does the Lord your God require of you? Only to fear the Lord your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, and to keep the commandments of the Lord your God, and his decrees, that I am commanding you this day for your own well-being.* One phrase encompassing all the above points is: "total, loving, and willing submission to Him." The Arabic term, 'Islam', has just this meaning.

In the New Testament,  
**(Matthew 19:16-17)**

*Then someone came to him and said, 'Teacher, what good deed must I do to have eternal life?' And he said to him, 'Why do you ask me about what is good? 'There is only one who is good. If you wish to enter into life, keep the commandments.*

**(James 4:7)**

*"Submit yourself therefore to God."*

**(John 5:30)**

*I can do nothing on my own. As I hear, I judge; and my judgment is just, because I seek to do not my own will, but the will of him who sent me.*

We find Jesus teaching the same – to keep the commandments, and to do the will of God, i.e., to submit to the will of God.

**(b) "Peace"**

Peace is used in a comprehensive sense - peace with the Creator, peace of mind, peace at heart, peace in the society, in the sense of eternal quietness, confidence, trust, salvation and assurance.

**(Isaiah 32:17)**

*"The fruit of righteousness will be peace; the effect of righteousness will be quietness and confidence forever"*

Righteousness is the result from keeping the commandments and peace is the result of righteousness. 'Peace' is the meaning of 'ISLAM'

**(Matthew 5:9)**

*"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called the children of God."*

Here Jesus seems to be referring to those who submit themselves to God as 'peacemakers', meaning the people of God, or the people loved by God. God certainly loves the people who keep His commandments and submit themselves to His will.

## **ISLAM: THE MONOTHEISTIC RELIGION OF ALL THE PROPHETS**

Believing in the oneness of God and worshipping no one else but Him is the rule. It is clear that Islam (submission to Allah) has always been the religion of all the prophets and messengers of God, from Adam to Muhammad. Islam was indeed the religion of Noah, Abraham, Moses and Jesus.

An unbiased analysis of the aforementioned Christian doctrines can lead to only one conclusion – that they are both irrational and contrary to the teachings of Jesus.

It is sufficient to know that during the years immediately following Jesus' ascendance into Heaven, none of his followers considered him other than a prophet of God. The doctrines mentioned previously were conceived many years later, which is a clear indication that the foundation of the Christian Church was based on a considerable deviation from the original message of Jesus and all the other prophets before him.

In Islam the oneness of Allah, being the one and only God who deserves to be worshipped. As described in the (**Quran 19:30**), Jesus was not an incarnation of God but His prophet and messenger, and like any other prophet he was a human being in every aspect. Islam also rejects the divine sonship of Jesus and does not accept the dogma of original sin, the vicarious sacrifice and the atonement.