



Pope Francis
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The *Real* Heresy of Pope Francis --An Islamic Perspective from an ex-Catholic--

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Preface



Cardinal Raymond Burke at The Fourth Annual Rome Life Forum
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“If we don’t stand for something, we may fall for anything”
(El-Hajj Malik El-Shabazz, aka, Malcolm X)

Today, The Church is beset by confusion and error about even some of her most fundamental and constant teachings. ***As a secular agenda continues to advance in the world***, promoting the attack upon innocent and defenseless human life, upon the integrity of marriage and its incomparable fruit, the family, and upon the very freedom of man to worship God in spirit and in truth, the Church herself seems confused, and even at times indulgent towards a mundanity ***which rebels against God and His Law***. (Cardinal Raymond Burke, at The Fourth Annual Rome Life Forum).

Now if Christ be preached that he rose from the dead, how say some among you that there is no resurrection of the dead? But if there be no resurrection of the dead, then is Christ not risen: And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain.

Yea, and we are found false witnesses of God; because we have testified of God that he raised up Christ: whom he raised not up, if so be that the dead rise not. For if the dead rise not, then is not Christ raised:

*And if Christ be not raised,
your faith is vain;
ye are yet in your sins.*

(Bible, 1 Corinthians 15:12-18)

If you happen to have been following the current controversy in the Catholic Church regarding the accusations made, during Easter Week of 2019, by 19 original signatories (Now up to 87 signatories as of May 14th, 2019) of a 20-page document called [Open letter to the bishops of the Catholic Church](#), you know that Pope Francis has been charged with heresy by those signatories. It is not the first time that his status as a possible heretic has been questioned. But, due to the high stature of the signatories, which include highly-respected Catholic clerics, theologians, and scholars of the Catholic world, this current crisis is being described by some, such as Michael Matt, the chief editor of the Catholic Traditionalist magazine, The Remnant, as the worst crisis in the history of the Catholic Church/religion.

You will have also noticed that they support their charge of heresy against Pope Francis by referencing the internal doctrines, laws, documents, and traditions of the Catholic Church, as it relates to what they perceive as Pope Francis's deviation from them. They also reference the teachings of Jesus, as well as the teachings of the New Testament, as the foundational source of the charge that Pope Francis has gravely deviated from the teachings of Catholicism.

But, from my perspective, this crisis in the Catholic religion is one that has much deeper roots than its internal doctrines, laws, documents and traditions can solve as it relates to the heresy charges against Pope Francis, some of those charges of which even non-Catholics would support. Indeed, those roots can be found far before the figure of Jesus, whose advent and teachings Catholics embrace as marking the beginning of their religion, was even born.

In this book, as you can see from the Table of Contents, I offer seven chapters, including the Introduction, of what I consider to be needed background *before* tackling the issue of the charges of heresy being made against Pope Francis. I then examine the seven heresy charges made against him. Then, in the next chapter after that, I reveal the *Real* heresy of Pope Francis. After that, I present two chapters that serve as what I feel are solutions to the problem of the heresy of Pope Francis.

The sub-title of this book should be kept in mind: An Islamic perspective from an ex-Catholic.

Though the book includes very strong support and endorsement for the particular Islamic movement that I associate myself with, I am not speaking in an official capacity for that movement. I am sharing my independent thoughts, but thoughts that, I believe, are strongly rooted in the beliefs of the religion of Islam; thoughts that are also rooted in my experience and knowledge as a former believing and practicing Catholic; and thoughts that

developed due to my having made myself familiar with the current crisis in the Catholic religion concerning the charge of heresy against Pope Francis. Throughout this book, the following conventions are to be understood.

Any mention of Prophet Muhammad should be understood to be followed by the words, *sallalaho alaihe wa salaam*, which mean, "Peace and blessings of Allah be upon him."

Any mention of a Prophet of God, such as Moses, should be understood to be followed by the words, *alaihe salaam*, which means, "Peace be upon him."

Any mention of a very holy woman, such as Mother Mary, the Mother of Jesus, should be understood to be followed by the words, *razi allaho anha*, which means, "May Allah be pleased with her."

Any mention of any of the wives of Prophet Muhammad should be understood to be followed by the words, "*razi allaho anha*."

Any mention of a male companion of Prophet Muhammad's should be understood to be followed by the words, *razi allaho anho*, which means "May Allah be pleased with him."

Any mention of a Khalifa (Successor) of Prophet Muhammad's, such as Umar ibn al-Khaṭṭāb, should be understood to be followed by the words, *razi allaho anho*. The same is so for any of the Khalifas of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, except for the current one.

Any mention of the current Khalifa of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community should be understood to be followed by the words, *Ayyadahullahu Ta'ala binasrihil 'Aziz*, which mean, "May Allah the Almighty help him with His powerful support."

Introduction



Pope John Paul II
(Courtesy cuttingedge.org)

“No man can serve two masters”
(Jesus Christ)

بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِیْمِ ﴿١﴾

In the Name of Allah, The Gracious, The Merciful

أَدْعُ إِلَى سَبِيلِ رَبِّكَ بِالْحُكْمَةِ وَالْمَوْعِظَةِ الْحَسَنَةِ وَجَادِلْهُمْ بِالَّتِي هِيَ أَحْسَنُ إِنَّ رَبَّكَ هُوَ أَعْلَمُ

بِمَنْ ضَلَّ عَنْ سَبِيلِهِ وَهُوَ أَعْلَمُ بِالْمُهْتَدِينَ ﴿١٢٦﴾

Call unto the way of thy Lord with wisdom and goodly exhortation, and debate with them in a way that is best. Surely, thy Lord knows best who has strayed from His way; and He knows those who are rightly guided. (Al-Qur'an Al-Karim, Suratul Nahl, Iyyat 126)

لَا إِكْرَاهَ فِي الدِّينِ قَدْ تَبَيَّنَ الرُّشْدُ مِنَ الْغَيِّ فَمَنْ يَكْفُرْ بِالطَّاغُوتِ وَيُؤْمِنْ بِاللّٰهِ فَقَدِ اسْتَمْسَكَ

بِالْعُرْوَةِ الْوُثْقَىٰ لَا انْفِصَامَ لَهَا وَاللّٰهُ سَمِيعٌ عَلِيمٌ ﴿٢٥٦﴾

There should be no compulsion in religion. Surely, right has become distinct from wrong; so, whosoever refuses to be led by those who transgress, and believes in Allah, has surely grasped a strong handle which knows no breaking. And Allah is All-Hearing, All-Knowing. (Al-Qur'an Al-Karim, Suratul Baqarah, Iyyat 257)

قُلْ يَا أَهْلَ الْكِتَابِ تَعَالَوْا إِلَىٰ كَلِمَةٍ سَوَاءٍ بَيْنَنَا وَبَيْنَكُمْ أَلَّا نَعْبُدَ إِلَّا اللّٰهَ وَلَا نُشْرِكَ بِهِ شَيْئًا وَلَا

يَتَّخِذَ بَعْضُنَا بَعْضًا أَرْبَابًا مِنْ دُونِ اللّٰهِ فَإِنْ تَوَلَّوْا فَقُولُوا اشْهَدُوا بِأَنَّا مُسْلِمُونَ ﴿٦٥﴾

Say, 'O People of the Book! come to a word equal between us and you — that we worship none but Allah, and that we associate no partner with Him, and that some of us take not others for Lords beside Allah.' But if they turn away, then say, 'Bear witness that we have submitted to God.' (Al-Qur'an Al-Karim, Suratul Imran, Iyyat 65)

The verses above represent the Islamic teaching on dialogue. If the believer wants to be in the favor of Allah, not only in the act of engaging in dialogue, but also in his desire to help to establish and support balance, harmony, and peace, he or she must follow the guidelines on dialogue as taught by Allah. For all Muslims, all of the verses of the Islamic scripture, The Qur'an, are believed to have been, and are *accepted* as having been, revealed to Prophet Muhammad by Almighty Allah (Almighty God), through the Angel Jabriel (Gabriel), 1400 years ago, and are binding on Muslims to follow.

It is important to know that Islam must not be understood to be a religion only in the sense of the practice of rituals such as prayer, fasting, attendance at the Islamic place of worship (called the Masjid, or Mosque) for congregational prayers, the celebration of Islamic holidays, etc. The word *Din* (Deen), in the Arabic language—the word that is often translated solely as “religion”—is much wider than the meaning generally attached to the word religion.

The word Din has three meanings: judgement, custom, and religion. In short, Islam is a way of life—a Tao—that is to be lived in accordance with the teaching of the Qur'an, especially with respect to how the teaching of Islam was lived by Prophet Muhammad, his manner of living the teaching of Islam having been handed down orally, as well as textually in compilations called hadith.

In the Din (way, practice) of Islam there are guidelines, or laws, regarding many aspects of life: how one should carry oneself; there are inheritance laws; there are laws about governing (for those governing and for those governed); there are dietary laws; there are laws concerning marriage; there are guidelines, or “laws” regarding the treatment of neighbors; and many other guidelines and/or laws.

With that in mind, it must be understood that every word in Qur'an is to be taken seriously by the believer. Many Muslims employ the mental strategy of viewing the Qur'an as an instruction manual. So, the above verses, which give guidelines about how dialogue should be conducted, are to be taken very seriously by the believer.

If, for example, a believer enters a dialogue with someone of a different religion, such as Christianity, he or she must not enter that dialogue with the attitude of winning a battle. Because, if one enters a dialogue with someone else with a beginning attitude of winning, then that individual enters that dialogue with an agenda that precludes the ability to truly have respectable and meaningful dialogue.

In some cases, the danger of adopting a forceful attitude will arise, subconsciously. And that would be a violation of the second verse quoted above, which says, "There is no compulsion in religion." I chose the example of a subtle form of compulsion to give an idea of the breadth of meaning in the word "compulsion" in the verse. It does not mean only forcing someone by the sword, or by threats. It also means those subtle forms of force that almost always result in a breakdown of true dialogue; of true understanding.

Although this note is obviously presented by one person, myself, and as such could be considered a monologue, I would prefer to consider this note a dialogue in my hope that it might become included in whatever forms of dialogue are occurring surrounding not only the issue of an Islamic view of the current intense, unprecedented [My understanding—and I apologize if I am incorrect—is that there has never been a Pope charged with heresy *during his lifetime*] crisis in the Catholic religion, but also included, amongst Catholics, in their discussions about the Catholic view of this charge of heresy against Pope Francis.

Before getting into the meat of this topic, I'll give an introduction about myself. I was raised Catholic for twelve years of my life. I spent eight years in Catholic grammar school, at Corpus Christi Grammar School, located at 49th and South Park (now called King Drive) in Chicago, during the 1950s and 1960s. I spent four years (1964 to 1968) at Hales Franciscan High School, located at 49th and Cottage Grove, also in Chicago.

In 1962, The Vatican convened a council called The Second Vatican Council, also called Vatican II, which changed things that had previously been considered unchangeable, since every teaching that came out of the Catholic religion was taught as being inspired by Divine Revelation.



Corpus Christi Church & School, circa 1957
(Courtesy chuckmanchicagonostalgia.wordpress.com)

As a deeply believing Catholic, who attended Holy Mass, along with all the students at Corpus Christi, every single day at 10:00 a.m. at the school's adjacent Church, Vatican II changes were a severe blow. Prior to Vatican II

changes, there had been a deep spirituality; a sense of connection with The Divine; a beauty that permeated the Sacrament of the Latin Holy Mass.

The beautiful [Latin Gregorian Chant](#), which was sung mono-phonically and without instrumental accompaniment, was no less a virtually tangible spiritual experience, for a Catholic, as the chanting of the Arabic Qur'an, in perfect tajweed, is for a Muslim. But in the year 1964 the new Mass was introduced into the United States, and Catholics were devastated. The priests' consecration of the bread and wine was now done *facing* the congregation.

Prior to 1964, it was understood that the priest represented a reflection of Jesus, and we *followed* the priest as our Shepherd. That is why his back was to us. It was deep spiritual symbolism. It also symbolized the Mystery of The Divine, a mystery that equated to a majesty of The Divine that inspired awe and love in the believer. All that, and more, was changed at Vatican II. Remember: We're talking about *human beings*, at this point, not dogmas

Religious people often tend to forget, due to lapsing into a mental state of dogmatic combat, that the soul of a human being will always be longing for union with The Divine. In my view, with respect to desiring a real relationship with The Divine, we are all the same. We all instinctively wish to be connected to The Divine, whether we realize this on a conscious level or not.

By the 7th grade, I had begun to feel that "something was missing," as those words came into my mind one day while I was day-dreaming, in class, staring out the window at a garden that contained a beautiful, life-size statue of Miriam, that is, The Holy Mother Mary, mother of Isa (Jesus). Up to that point, the doctrine of The Atonement had been one that I had accepted, of course, as that doctrine was the very heart of my Catholic faith.

But that changed. My mind began to be troubled by that belief. But, although, at that young age, the word justice was not a word that was in my normal vocabulary, that is the word that describes how I began to feel. The idea that someone had been tortured, nailed, and murdered on a cross, two-thousand years ago, for *my* sins, no longer translated, in my mind, heart, and soul, as Divine Love. The thoughts that came to my mind can be described by three words: guilt, injustice, and abandonment.

The sense of guilt had always been in my mind, and in the minds, I'm sure, of virtually every Catholic. Guilt because *I* had been the cause of God sending down His son. Because *I* had been born in sin, meaning *prone* to sin.

I had also *actually* sinned, such as the time that I stole a toy from the dime store. I played with it at home but snuck it back to that store out of severe guilt, after which I went to Church and took advantage of the Sacrament of Confession, confessing my sin to the priest in the Confessional booth. I'm sure that behind that curtain he probably smiled at my youthful innocence as he gave me my penance, at the end of my Confession, and said, "Now go and sin no more."

But in the 7th Grade that sense of guilt had morphed into a sense of unfairness. Why should I feel guilty? *I* didn't make the decision to have Jesus murdered. *I* was not the one to cause myself to be born in sin. If any of this sounds funny, believe me it was not. And many, many Catholics struggled with these same thoughts, as I learned when I became an adult and spoke with former Catholics.

The other thought, as I stated, can be described by the word justice. It began to seem fundamentally unjust that someone else, 2000 years before I was born, had been forced to take on a human form that carried all aspects of the human bodymind complex that I carried, including nerve endings. He had experienced pain, mental depression, intense fear, to save my soul. I began to re-evaluate the plea of Jesus to God, his Father, that he had made in the Garden of Gethsemane:

And he came out, and went, as he was wont, to the mount of Olives; and his disciples also followed him. And when he was at the place, he said unto them, Pray that ye enter not into temptation. *And he was withdrawn from them about a stone's cast, and kneeled down, and prayed, Saying, Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless, not my will, but thine, be done.* And there appeared an angel unto him from heaven, strengthening him. *And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly: and his sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground.* And when he rose up from prayer, and was come to his disciples, he found them sleeping for sorrow, and said unto them, Why sleep ye? rise and pray, lest ye enter into temptation. (Bible, Luke 22:39-46)

I quoted extensively so as not to be accused of lifting lines from the Bible out of context. I am fully aware of the Catholic-Christian interpretation of Jesus' request to be freed, by his Father, from having to die on the cross as an expression of his "human side," but that he pulled himself together and said, "not my will, but thine be done."

Yet, even after apparently pulling himself together; even after the angel appeared to him from heaven to strengthen him, he was *still* “in an agony” and “his sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground.” He was extremely *frightened*.

And those are the things that came to the fore of my mind despite all the previous years that I had accepted the doctrine of atonement: his wish to not die, but to live; his fear; the agony that he suffered, so much so that “his sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground.” I feel it important to note that these thoughts were coming from within. The only writings I’d known about religion were the writings of the Catholic Church and the Bible. I had had no outside influence of any type that could be said to have influenced my perceiving the doctrine of Atonement differently than I had up to that point.

Now, beside the issue of justice and guilt, there was one other thought that, for the first time in my Catholic life, had come to mind: the unreliability of God; God’s abandonment of his own son, Jesus Christ. On a personal note, one of my parents (I will not mention which one) had abandoned our family when I was five years old and my big brother was thirteen years old.

As is typical, he became a juvenile delinquent (He’s now successful, with a Master’s degree in Speech and Communication, and he’s the head of a not-



Hales Franciscan High School
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for-profit organization). I, on the other hand, became sad; sullen. I was poor in school. The way that parent left us (I possess the now-yellowed divorce papers) was simply cruel. Also, when I became an adult, I approached that parent and asked if it was true. The “reply” was to lower the head and cry—a clear admission. Deceased, I always pray for them.

Here was the *very Son of God*, according to my religion,

begging his father to not abandon him at that very crucial moment of his life. To be abandoned, by God Himself, at a time that could not be any more crucial in a person’s life—impending death through torture and murder—was something that my heart, mind, and soul no longer found acceptable, although I kept silent until my Sophomore year in high school, at Hales, when my first doctrinal battles with the priests began.

If God would abandon his own son, how could God be relied upon to help *me* in my life? Again, prior to that year, I had deeply believed the doctrine. But, something inside of me could no longer accept the doctrine of Atonement. By my senior year in high school I'd become a committed atheist and remained so for seven years. Then, in 1975, I accepted the Din of Islam; the Way of life of Islam; the Religion of Islam.

Though I have a different view, as you'll find out later, of the *nature* of Pope Francis's heresy, I feel perfectly justified to present my views on the utterances and actions of Pope Francis that Catholics have identified as proof of his heresy, and for several reasons. Firstly, as a former deeply practicing Catholic who loved my religion, I feel that I have a very clear understanding of what is happening within Catholicism as this time. More importantly, I can quite easily relate to the extreme mental anguish that many Catholics are feeling at this moment in history—an anguish probably much worse than the anguish that pre-Vatican II Catholics suffered when Vatican II launched the first official act of self-destruction of the Catholic Church in modern times. Pope Francis appears to desire—and strongly—to finish the job.

And recently, what has been characterized by Michael J. Matt, the editor of *The Remnant*, a Traditionalist Catholic newspaper, as the worst crisis in Catholic history, is the "[Open Letter](#)" that was penned by 19 highly and universally regarded Catholic scholars, clerics, and theologians, in which they appealed to all of the Bishops of the Catholic Church for them to address the charge of heresy against Pope Francis. An excerpt from the Open Letter will suffice to show the gravity of the current crisis in the Catholic Church, which all Catholics understand to be *the Body of Christ*, meaning the collective family of Catholic believers, from the Pope on down:

We are addressing this letter to you for two reasons: first, to accuse Pope Francis of the canonical delict of heresy, and second, to request that you take the steps necessary to deal with the grave situation of a heretical pope.

We take this measure as a last resort to respond to the accumulating harm caused by Pope Francis's words and actions over several years, which have given rise to one of the worst crises in the history of the Catholic Church.

We are accusing Pope Francis of the canonical delict of heresy.

Although the 19 clerics, scholars, and theologian signatories to the document described the current crisis as “one of the worst crises in the history of the Catholic Church,” Michael Matt, [in this video](#), describes the crisis as *the* worst crisis, not *one* of the worst crises, in the history of the Catholic Church. He says:



Michael Matt in Vatican City at [Sex Abuse Summit](#)
(Courtesy remnantnewspaper.com)

I would disagree with them on one count: It’s not *one* of the worse crises in the history of the Catholic Church. This is *the worst* crisis in the history of the Catholic Church. (YouTube commentary of Michael J. Matt, entitled, [Pope accused of heresy \(Francis Trolls His Own Church\)](#)).

Secondly, as a Muslim I am gifted by Islam to have a Scripture of God’s that is very easy to understand. And this brings up the third reason that I feel perfectly qualified to speak on this issue. Every single Muslim on earth has been charged, by Almighty Allah, in Qur’an, to read and understand the Qur’an for herself or himself, as well as ponder and meditate over the passages of the Qur’an. This requirement began with the very first Revelation that Prophet Muhammad received from Allah through the angel Gabriel:

اقْرَأْ بِاسْمِ رَبِّكَ الَّذِي خَلَقَ
خَلَقَ الْإِنْسَانَ مِنْ عَلَقٍ

Read, in the Name of thy Lord who created! Created man from a clot of blood! (Al-Qur’an Al-Karim, Suratul Alaq, Iyyats 1-2).

In addition to regular, dedicated reading of Qur’an, the recitation of selected verses of Qur’an occurs automatically, five times a day during the performance of the formal, required prayer ritual called *salat*. So, these two methods—dedicated reading and the recitation of Qur’an during *salat*—keeps Muslims very close to, and familiar with, the teachings of Islam. This is not to suggest that Catholics do not read their scripture. I am merely stating why *I* feel qualified in offering an Islamic perspective on the current crisis in the Catholic Church regarding the charge of heresy against Pope Francis.

The Purposes of Religion



Ancient Egyptian Temple

(Courtesy photosofasecretworld.wordpress.com)

"Give thyself to God and keep thou thyself daily for God"

(Precepts of Ptah-Hotep, circa 3000 B.C.)

بَلَىٰ مَنْ أَسْلَمَ وَجْهَهُ لِلَّهِ وَهُوَ مُحْسِنٌ فَلَهُ أَجْرُهُ عِنْدَ رَبِّهِ ۖ وَلَا خَوْفٌ عَلَيْهِمْ وَلَا هُمْ يَحْزَنُونَ

Nay, whoever submits himself completely to Allah, and is the doer of good, shall have his reward with his Lord. No fear *shall come* upon such, neither shall they grieve. (Al-Qur'an Al-Karim, Suratul Baqarah, Iyyat 113)

There can be several ways to describe the purposes of religion, and the above verse, as well as other verses of Qur'an, offer excellent guidance in understanding the nature of those purposes. I will explain the most important purpose of religion as can be deduced from many verses of the Qur'an.

The most important purpose of religion—and this explanation should not be understood to be, as the old saying goes, “too heavenly bound to be of any worldly good”—is to help the believer establish a real relationship with The Divine, in part so that, as the following verse says, he or she can experience the best in this life as well as the best in the life to come.

وَمِنْهُمْ مَّنْ يَقُولُ رَبَّنَا آتِنَا فِي الدُّنْيَا حَسَنَةً وَفِي الْآخِرَةِ حَسَنَةً وَقِنَا عَذَابَ النَّارِ

And of them there are some who say: ‘Our Lord, grant us good in this world as well as good in the world to come, and protect us from the torment of the Fire.’ (Al-Qur'an Al-Karim, Suratul Baqarah, Iyyat 202)

Religion teaches, as Verse (Iyyat) 113 above reveals, that the way to achieve good in this life as well as the next life is to submit *completely* to The Divine; to Allah; to God. When that is done, the believer will receive a reward and will not suffer (grieve).

Let's break this done, a little bit, into practical terms, by giving an example. There are several verses (Iyyats) of Qur'an that warn of the dangers of consuming alcohol, as well as the dangers of gambling.

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا إِنَّا الْخَمْرُ وَالْمَيْمِرُ وَالْأَنْصَابُ وَالْأَزْلَامُ رِجْسٌ مِّنْ عَمَلِ الشَّيْطَانِ
فَاجْتَنِبُوهُ لَعَلَّكُمْ تُفْلِحُونَ ﴿٩١﴾

O ye who believe! wine and the game of hazard and idols and divining arrows are only an abomination of Satan's handiwork. So, shun *each one of* them that you may prosper. (Al-Qur'an Al-Karim, Suratul Maidah, Iyyat 91)

The National Institute of Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism reports the following.

- An estimated 88,000 people (approximately 62,000 men and 26,000 women) die from alcohol-related causes annually, making alcohol the third leading preventable cause of death in the United States. The first is tobacco, and the second is poor diet and physical inactivity.
- In 2014, alcohol-impaired driving fatalities accounted for 9,967 deaths (31 percent of overall driving fatalities).

I don't think it's necessary for me to give a detailed account of all the horrific ramifications of alcohol abuse in the lives of people affected by that abuse. If you wish, you can read a summary of problems related to alcohol abuse at [**The National Institute of Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism website.**](#)

When the motivation of a believer is to establish a relationship with his Love, The Divine, he or she will eagerly wish to follow, or submit to, The Guidance from *Allah Al-Hadi*, that is, God the Guide. And when the believer follows that Guidance, "No fear shall come upon" him or her, "neither shall they grieve." A person who avoids alcohol will have no fear of succumbing to the many damaging, and often lasting, effects of the consumption of alcohol. Also, that person will not "grieve," that is, he or she will not suffer.

So, this example demonstrates that the most important purpose of religion—establishing a real relationship with The Divine—offers tangible, earth-bound benefits. And one of the methods of establishing a relationship with The Divine is to read and follow the instructions that The Divine Reveals in Scripture.

We see that, as Iyyat 113 of Al-Baqarah says, the believer "shall have his reward from his Lord" if he submits to The Divine. In the case of alcohol, if the believer shuns alcohol, his reward will be the avoidance of possible horrifying problems, not only for himself but also for his loved ones, friends, and, sometimes, the public at large.

The believer will also be protected "from the torment of the fire." (See above: Al-Baqarah, Iyyat 202). Talk to family members of alcoholics and

you will often hear them use the word “hell” in describing the anguish that they, as well as their alcoholic loved one, suffered due to alcohol addiction. That suffering can be likened to a form of fire, felt in this mortal life.

Aside from the adherence of the believer to the guidance and laws of Qur’an, such as the law of avoiding alcohol, there is another way to establish a relationship with The Divine: the constant and sincere performance of prayer, meditation, contemplation, and fasting. It is important to understand that an appreciation of the results achieved through prayer, meditation, contemplation, and fasting cannot be realized by merely reading about those results.

One may be inspired, of course, by reading about the results of others who have performed those practices, and one *should* read about the lives of such people. But achieving those results for oneself is an experiential matter, meaning that results from those practices can be realized only by consistently engaging in those practices on as regular a basis as possible. In short, **it takes work**.

In the quest to establish a relationship with The Divine, through prayer, meditation, contemplation, and fasting, what are some of the results that can be realized?

- Beautiful spiritual dreams
- Improved Intuition
- Forms of Revelation
- Confirmation that a life after death does exist
- A greater sense of peace
- A greater sense of confidence
- Even better physical health

It would be incorrect for Muslims, or people of any religion, to believe that it is only through the practices of their religion that a relationship with The Divine can be established. I realize that fundamentalist or “conservative” Muslims and Catholics would claim that that is not true, and that the only religion acceptable to The Divine is their religion.

Let’s look at Islam to see why such an objection would arise amongst fundamentalists. The following verse of Qur’an, on the surface, *appears* to justify the objection that would be made by “fundamentalist” Muslims.

وَمَنْ يَبْتَغِ غَيْرَ الْإِسْلَامِ دِينًا فَلَنْ يُقْبَلَ مِنْهُ ۗ وَهُوَ فِي الْآخِرَةِ مِنَ الْخَسِرِينَ ۝۱

And whoso seeks a religion other than Islam, it shall not be accepted from him, and in the life to come he shall be among the losers. (Al-Qur'an Al-Karim, Suratul Imran, Iyyat 86).

Although there are Muslims who use this verse to justify their claim that those who do not wear the *tag*, "Islam," will be rejected by Allah, the Qur'an itself, which I shall prove now, says that Allah *does* accept people of "different" religions. In the above verse, The Divine is talking about what Islam **means**. And Islam means *obtaining peace through submission to the Will of The Divine*; to the Will of Allah. It's not a mere tag.

That tag of "Christian," worn by a Neo-Nazi is as meaningless as the tag of "Muslim" worn by a Taqfiri who would shoot a woman in the streets dead, on the charge of fornication, even though Allah says that there must be **four witnesses** to charge someone with fornication, rendering a charge of fornication very, very difficult, if not almost impossible, to make (How many people living in a Muslim country would be so stupid as to have sex where four witnesses might be lurking around somewhere?). And even then, the punishment is not execution (Despite what some Muslim governments *do*).



Neo-Nazi

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Taqfiri

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There is proof within Qur'an that Allah is using the word "Islam" in the sense of its *meaning*. One of the features of the Qur'an, as Muslims, especially the scholars, know, is that the Qur'an possesses an internal system whereby the meaning of verses of Qur'an are understood by reference to other verses of Qur'an. And the following are verses that prove that *anyone*, of *any religion* can develop a relationship with The Divine if he or she practices *attaining peace through submission to the Will of The Divine*, which is the very definition of the word Islam.

إِنَّ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَالَّذِينَ هَادُوا وَالنَّصَارَى وَالصَّبِيَّةَ مِنْ أَمَنِ بِاللهِ وَالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ وَعَمِلُوا صَالِحًا فَلَهُمْ أَجْرُهُمْ عِنْدَ رَبِّهِمْ وَلَا خَوْفٌ عَلَيْهِمْ وَلَا هُمْ يَحْزَنُونَ ﴿٦٣﴾

Surely, the Believers, and the Jews, and the Christians and the Sabians — whichever party *from among these truly* believes in Allah and the Last Day and does good deeds — shall have their reward with their Lord, and no fear *shall come* upon them, nor shall they grieve. (Al-Qur'an Al-Karim, Suratul Baqarah, Iyyat 63)

So, again, verse 86 of Imran is not referring to Islam as a tag. It is referring to the Din, or the Tao, or the Way, or the Practice of Islam, which is the practice of submitting to the Will of Allah. Had verse 86 of Imran referred *only* to those who have formally declared themselves to be Muslims, then Allah would not have said, in Iyyat 63 of Baqarah, that Jews, Christians and Sabians could also establish a relationship with God. This must be so because of the following verse of Qur'an whereby Allah affirms that *all* the Scriptures of the world were Revealed by Him, and they all, in their original, unaltered, uncorrupted Revelational form (more on that in another chapter), must be accepted. One proof that the verse in Imran, Iyyat 86 above, is referring to the meaning of the word Islam lies in the fact that Iyyat 85 of that same chapter, which directly precedes Iyyat 86, says the following.

قُلْ آمَنَّا بِاللهِ وَمَا أُنزِلَ عَلَيْنَا وَمَا أُنزِلَ عَلَىٰ إِبْرَاهِيمَ وَإِسْحَاقَ وَيَعْقُوبَ وَالْأَسْبَاطِ وَمَا أُوتِيَ مُوسَىٰ وَعِيسَىٰ وَالنَّبِيُّونَ مِنْ رَبِّهِمْ لَا نُفَرِّقُ بَيْنَ أَحَدٍ مِنْهُمْ وَنَحْنُ لَهُ مُسْلِمُونَ ﴿٨٥﴾

Say, 'We believe in Allah and in that which has been revealed to us, and that which was revealed to Abraham and Ishmael and Isaac and Jacob and the Tribes, and that which was given to Moses and Jesus and *other* Prophets from their Lord. We make no distinction between any of them, and to Him we submit.' (Al-Qur'an Al-Karim, Suratul Imran, Iyyat 85)

The verse speaks of Revelations—Scriptures—that were sent by The Divine to previous Prophets, such as Moses, the Prophet and Law-Giver of the Hebrew religion. God makes no distinction between any of those Prophets and the messages they brought. So, it's clear that the very next verse, which says that no religion other than "Islam" would be accepted from The Divine, is not talking about a *tag*.

It means that anybody who fully submits to The Divine, to the best of his or her ability, can have a real relationship with God; with Allah; with The Divine.

The natural question, then, would be, "Then why was there the need for Qur'an if a living relationship with The Divine can be obtained by any believer of any religion?" The answer to that question will be offered in the chapter entitled, "Was there a need for a new Revelation (Qur'an)."

In that chapter, we will examine the fact that Scriptures that were Revealed prior to the Revelation of the Qur'an had been interpolated (verses arbitrarily inserted by human hands); entire Books of Scripture had been removed by human hands; and some Scriptures had been purposefully and completely destroyed by fire, as happened when Nebuchadnezzar burned all of the Jewish scriptures, and Ezra had to attempt to restore them from memory, with the help of scribes.

Some verses within some of the same Scripture clearly contradicted other verses, or simply made no sense. In short, with the passage of time, human interference had corrupted the scriptures.

So, what should be understood with respect to the idea that any person who truly submits to God can have a real relationship with God is *God's Mercy*. If a person truly believes, then, despite errors, interpolations, contradictions, and even removal of entire Books of Scripture, then the *Rahimiyyat*, i.e., the Mercifulness of God will look to that person's heart, not to which Divinity school, Madrassa, or Yeshiva he or she attended.

I'll mention one final purpose of Religion: to reach the life after death in the actual Presence of The Divine. A glimpse of the existence of such a life can be had through the methods I mentioned above: consistent prayer, meditation, contemplation, and fasting, which can produce the six benefits I mentioned above: beautiful spiritual dreams, improved intuition, forms of Revelation, confirmation that a life after death does exist, a greater sense of peace, a greater sense of confidence.

Many people, of many different religions, have experienced dreams, spiritual journeys of the soul, near-death experiences that involved the soul's traveling close to "The Light" (to The Divine) as has been described in many books on near-death experiences, etc. Dreams might be said to testify to the truth of the possibility of a real afterlife. We've all had dreams in which the activities within those dreams appeared as real to us as the activities of waking life.

We've even had what is called lucid dreams where we are aware that we are dreaming and then we can manipulate the dream. We are present *inside the dream*. I cannot say that this stands for absolute proof of the existence of a life after death, but dreams that are so real that they appear to duplicate real life seem to at least suggest that there could be a life after death. Muslims, and people of all religions, firmly believe that life after death exists. The root of our beliefs is *strong faith*.

The Divine, in Qur'an, uses similes, or metaphors, in the following verse, as proof that life after death exists. In this verse, Allah challenges the reader who doubts the existence of a life after death in the following manner.

يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ إِن كُنْتُمْ فِي رَيْبٍ مِّنَ الْبَعْثِ فَإِنَّا خَلَقْنَاكُمْ مِّن تُّرَابٍ ثُمَّ مِّن نُّطْفَةٍ ثُمَّ مِّن عَلَقَةٍ ثُمَّ مِّن مَّفْصَعَةٍ مُّخَلَّقَةٍ وَغَيْرِ مُخَلَّقَةٍ لِّنُبَيِّنَ لَكُمْ ۗ وَنُقِرُّ فِي الْأَرْحَامِ مَا نَشَاءُ إِلَىٰ آجَلٍ مُّسَمًّى ثُمَّ نُخْرِجُكُمْ طِفْلًا ثُمَّ لَتَبَلِّغُوهُنَّ أَشَدَّكُمْ ۗ وَمِنْكُمْ مَّن يُتَوَفَّىٰ وَمِنْكُمْ مَّن يُرَدُّ إِلَىٰ أَرْذَلِ الْعُجْرِ لَعَلَّكُمْ يَكْفُرُونَ مِمَّن بَعْدَ عِلْمٍ شَيْئًا ۗ وَتَرَىٰ الْأَرْضَ هَامِدَةً فَإِذَا أَنزَلْنَا عَلَيْهَا الْمَاءَ اهْتَزَّتْ وَرَبَتْ وَأَنْبَتَتْ مِن كُلِّ زَوْجٍ بَهِيجٍ ﴿٦﴾

O people, if you are in doubt concerning the Resurrection, *then consider that* We have indeed created you from dust, then from a sperm drop, then from clotted blood, then from a lump of flesh, partly formed and partly unformed, in order that We may make *Our power* manifest to you. And We cause what We will to remain in the wombs for an appointed term; then We bring you forth as babes; then *We rear you* that you may attain to your *age of full strength*. And there are some of you who are caused to die *prematurely*, and there are others among you who are driven to the worst part of life *with the result* that they know nothing after *having had* knowledge. And thou seest the earth lifeless, but when We send down water thereon, it stirs and swells, and grows every kind of beautiful vegetation. (Al-Qur'an Al-Karim, Suratul Hajj, Iyyat 6)

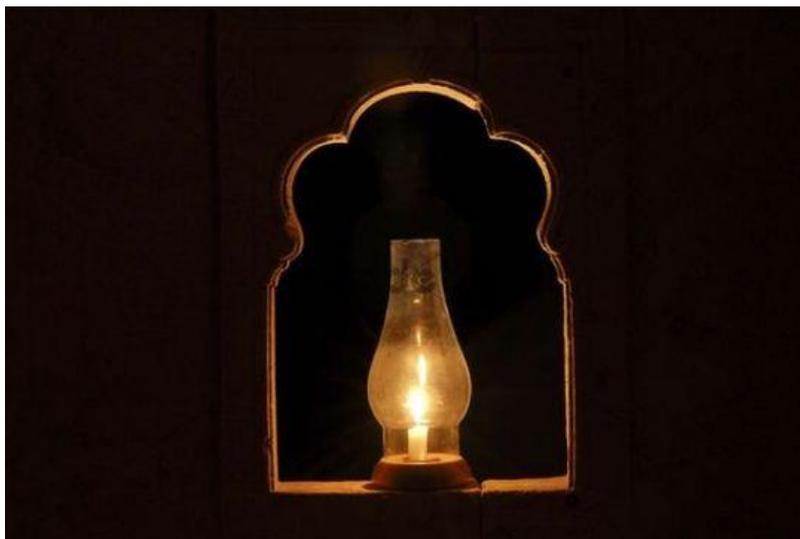
In summary, the essential purpose of religion is to help the believer establish a relationship with The Divine. In establishing that relationship, the believer benefits holistically in the present life—physically, mentally, morally and spiritually—as well as in the life to come.

The benefits of the present life are such that, if the believer follows the guidance and laws of the religion, then he or she will live a life of holistic well-being, in balance, harmony, and peace. Every Scripture, of course, includes much about the benefits of life after death. I'll end this chapter by quoting just one of the many verses of Qur'an that describe life after death in the *Jannah* (Garden, i.e., Heaven). In speaking to human beings about Heaven, Allah uses terms, ideas, and physical things that we are familiar with on earth. They are metaphors, as the real description of heaven is, no doubt, beyond our ability, as human beings, to conceive of.

وَعَدَ اللَّهُ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ جَنَّاتٍ تَجْرِي مِنْ تَحْتِهَا الْأَنْهَارُ خَالِدِينَ فِيهَا وَمَسْكِنٍ طَيِّبَةٍ فِي
جَنَّاتٍ عَدْنٍ ۖ وَرِضْوَانٍ مِّنَ اللَّهِ أَكْبَرُ ۚ ذَلِكَ هُوَ الْفَوْزُ الْعَظِيمُ ﴿٧٢﴾

Allah has promised to believers, men and women, Gardens beneath which rivers flow, wherein they will abide, and delightful dwelling places in Gardens of Eternity. And the pleasure of Allah is the greatest of all. That is the supreme triumph. (Al-Qur'an Al-Karim, Suratul Taubah, Iyyat 72)

The purpose of revealed scriptures



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اللَّهُ نُورُ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ ۗ مَثَلُ نُورِهِ كَمِشْكُوتٍ فِيهَا مِصْبَاحٌ ۗ الْمِصْبَاحُ فِي زُجَاجَةٍ ۗ الزُّجَاجَةُ
كَأَنَّهَا كَوْكَبٌ دُرِّيٌّ يُوقَدُ مِنْ شَجَرَةٍ مُبَارَكَةٍ زَيْتُونَةٍ لَا شَرْقِيَّةٍ وَلَا غَرْبِيَّةٍ ۗ يَكَادُ زَيْتُهَا يُضِيءُ وَلَوْ لَمْ
تَمْسَسْهُ نَارٌ ۗ نُورٌ عَلَى نُورٍ ۗ يَهْدِي اللَّهُ لِنُورِهِ مَنْ يَشَاءُ ۗ وَيَضْرِبُ اللَّهُ الْأَمْثَالَ لِلنَّاسِ ۗ وَاللَّهُ
بِكُلِّ شَيْءٍ عَلِيمٌ ﴿٢٤﴾

Allah is the Light of the heavens and the earth. The similitude of His light is as a niche, wherein is a lamp. The lamp is in a glass. The glass is as it were a glittering star. It is lit from a blessed tree — an olive — neither of the east nor of the west, whose oil would well-nigh glow forth even though fire touched it not. Light upon light! **Allah Guides to His Light whomsoever He Will**. And Allah sets forth parables to men, and Allah knows all things full well.

(Al-Qur'an Al-Karim, Suratul Nur, Iyyat 26)

هُدًى وَذِكْرًا لِلأُولَى الْأَنْبِيَاءِ

A guidance and a reminder
for men of understanding.

The Qu'ran uses the word "guidance" about 50 times and the word "reminder" about 40 times. And Allah uses such words not only as referring to the Qur'an, but also to other Scriptures.

وَلَقَدْ آتَيْنَا مُوسَى الْهُدَى وَأَوْثَقْنَاهُ بِئِيمَانٍ آتَيْنَاهُ الْكِتَابَ

And indeed, We gave Moses the guidance and made the children of Israel the inheritors of the Book. (Al-Qur'an Al Karim, Suratul Mumin, Iyyat 55)

وَقَفَّيْنَا عَلَىٰ آثَارِهِم بِعِيسَى ابْنِ مَرْيَمَ مُصَدِّقًا لِّمَا بَيْنَ يَدَيْهِ مِنَ التَّوْرَةِ ۗ وَآتَيْنَاهُ الْإِنْجِيلَ فِيهِ هُدًى وَنُورٌ ۗ وَمُصَدِّقًا لِّمَا بَيْنَ يَدَيْهِ مِنَ التَّوْرَةِ وَهُدًى وَمَوْعِظَةً لِّلْمُتَّقِينَ ﴿٤٧﴾

And We caused Jesus, son of Mary, to follow in their footsteps, fulfilling that which was *revealed* before him in the Torah; and We gave him the Bushra (Gospel) which contained guidance and light, fulfilling that which was *revealed* before it in the Torah, and a guidance and an admonition for the God-fearing. (Al-Qur'an Al-Karim, Suratul Maidah, Iyyat 47)

إِنَّا أَوْحَيْنَا إِلَيْكَ كَمَا أَوْحَيْنَا إِلَىٰ نُوحٍ وَالنَّبِيِّينَ مِن بَعْدِهِ ۗ وَأَوْحَيْنَا إِلَىٰ إِبْرَاهِيمَ وَإِسْمَاعِيلَ وَإِسْحَاقَ وَيَعْقُوبَ وَالْأَسْبَاطِ وَعِيسَىٰ وَأَيُّوبَ وَيُونُسَ وَهَارُونَ وَسُلَيْمَانَ ۗ وَآتَيْنَا دَاوُدَ زَبُورًا ﴿١٦٤﴾

Surely, We have sent revelation to thee, as We sent revelation to **Noah** and the Prophets after him; and We sent revelation to Abraham and Ishmael and Isaac and Jacob and *his* children and to Jesus and Job and **Jonah** and Aaron and Solomon, and We gave David a Book. (Al-Qur'an Al-Karim, Suratul Nisa, Iyyat 164)

Allah also mentions that He has sent Revelation to Prophets that He did not mention in Qur'an.

وَلَقَدْ أَرْسَلْنَا رُسُلًا مِّن قَبْلِكَ مِنْهُمْ مَّن قَصَصْنَا عَلَيْكَ وَمِنْهُمْ مَّن لَّمْ نَقْصُصْ عَلَيْكَ وَمَا كَانَ لِرَسُولٍ أَنْ يَأْتِيَ بِآيَةٍ إِلَّا بِإِذْنِ اللَّهِ فَإِذَا جَاءَ أَمْرُ اللَّهِ قُضِيَ بِالْحَقِّ وَخَسِرَ هُنَالِكَ الْكٰفِرُونَ ﴿٧٩﴾

And We did send Messengers before thee; of them are some whom We have mentioned to thee, and of them there are some whom We have not mentioned to thee; and it is not possible for any Messenger to bring a Sign except by the leave of Allah. But when Allah's decree came, the matter was decided with truth, and then there perished those who uttered falsehoods. (Al-Qur'an Al-Karim, Suratul Mumin, Iyyat 79)

So, Scriptures—reminders—have been sent many times in human history, not just to the Abrahamic religions, as a guidance and a reminder. Qur'an even speaks of the forgetfulness of human beings and, thus, the need for them to be reminded. For example, although most people believe that the ancient Egyptian religion was a religion of many gods, there was a time, in antiquity, when there was only *one* God. That fact, for their own reasons, was kept secret from the general Egyptian populace, but was very-well known by the Egyptian priests.

The masses of ancient Egypt believed in many gods. But there was another religion, known only in the elite circles, priests and educated. The sacred texts, known only to the priests and to the initiated, taught that there was a single Being, "the sole producer of all things both in heaven and earth, himself not produced of any," "the only true living God, self-originated," "who exists from the beginning," "who has made all things, but has not himself been made."

This Being seems never to have been represented by any material or symbolical form. It is thought that he had no name, or, if he had, that it must have been unlawful to pronounce or write it. He was a pure spirit, perfect in every respect, all-wise, almighty, supremely good. It is about Him that the Egyptian poets use such expressions as the following:

"He is not graven in marble"
 "He is not beheld"
 "His abode is not known"
 "No shrine is found with painted figures of him"
 "There is no building that can contain him"
 "Unknown is his name in heaven"
 "He doth not manifest his forms; vain are all representations"
 "His commencement is from the beginning; He is the God who has existed from old time"
"There is no God without [outside of] Him"
 "No mother bore him, no father hath begotten him"

The above quote was taken from a Christian website entitled IntelliChristian.com, which referenced the work of the Christian scholar and Egyptologist, Dr. George Rawlinson, M.A. (1812-1902), entitled, *Ancient Egypt*. It is important to know that in Rawlinson's quote of the Egyptian poets, he was using Old English. Thus, the quote, "There is no God without him," would mean, in modern English, "There is no God outside of Him." In Old English, the word "without" means *outside*. That expression, *There is no God outside of him* duplicates exactly the Islamic expression, *La illaha illallah*, which means, There is no God except Allah, i.e., There is only *one* God.

I think it significant, as well as commendable, that a website, where they "develop Christian information and help people use their talents for the Kingdom" had the courage and honesty to include the fact that the Egyptian religion of antiquity was a One-God religion, long before Akhenaten, who is generally attributed with "creating" the concept of One God in Egypt, was born. Christian writers often try hard to find the concept of the Triune God in ancient writings.

Anyway, the point is that—and we'll talk about this in the next chapter—all religions begin as One-God religions. Then, over time, the people lapse into idolatry. Thus, again, the need for The Divine to send a new Scripture as a reminder and as guidance.

Another reason for the revealing of a new Scripture is that, unfortunately, in the past, human beings interfered with Scriptures. They would insert verses, remove verses (and sometimes remove entire books of Scripture).

فَوَيْلٌ لِلَّذِينَ يَكْتُمُونَ الْكِتَابَ بِأَيْدِيهِمْ ۖ ثُمَّ يَقُولُونَ هَذَا مِنْ عِنْدِ اللَّهِ لِيَسْتَرْوَاهُ ۖ تَسْنَأُ قَلِيلًا
 فَوَيْلٌ لَهُمْ مِمَّا كَتَبَتْ أَيْدِيهِمْ ۖ وَوَيْلٌ لَهُمْ مِمَّا يَكْسِبُونَ ﴿٨٧﴾

Woe, therefore, to those who write the Book with their own hands, and then say: 'This is from Allah,' that they may take for it a paltry price. Woe, then, to them for what their hands have written, and woe to them for what they earn. (Al-Qur'an Al-Karim, Suratul Baqarah, Iyyat 80)

Almost countless are the works of Christian scholars, for example, that easily speak of those verses of the Bible, for instance, that are not to be taken seriously, or that have been interfered with in some manner. One such individual is the Catholic scholar, Dr. Thomas Sheehan, who, on January 29th, 1987, spoke at a special public colloquium that I happened to attend, entitled, *The First Coming: How The Kingdom of God Became Christianity*. The colloquium was held at Loyola University, in Chicago, in the auditorium of Crown Center for the Humanities, at 7:30 p.m. Dr. Sheehan's entire address can be read in Appendix A of my book, [**Saving the Savior: Did Christ Survive the Crucifixion?**](#). Here is an excerpt from his talk that makes the point.

Last June I was in El Salvador in a small town called Gotera, up by guerilla-contested territory. I was living at the church with the Franciscan pastor. One warm night we decided to show a film in the small public square for the Indian peasants who would come in from the surrounding territories.

The film we showed was called *The Life of Christ*, [i.e.] *La vida de Jesu Christo*. It was a very realistic portrayal of Jesus preaching, of Jesus performing miracles, declaring that 'before Abraham came to be, I am,' Jesus being transfigured, and eventually crucified. In the last minutes of the film, Jesus was shown physically emerging from the tomb in a blaze of glory, later appearing to the disciples, and finally ascending into the clouds. The cameras were following him on that. 'The end.'

Afterwards, as I was standing in the square with the pastor, one of the simple peasants whom we both knew, a catechist from the village of Cacaopera came up to the priest, very moved, and said to him in Spanish, "Hemos Visto la pelicula de su resurrection! Padrecito, how can anyone have doubts anymore?"

We have seen the film of his Resurrection!"
[*Sustained laughter from the Crown Center audience*]. He went back to Cacaopera confirmed in the faith.

Most Catholics were taught that the Gospels provided something like that, something like a film, a literal historical record of what Jesus actually said and did from his birth in Bethlehem, to his preaching, crucifixion, Resurrection, and ascension into the clouds. But not anymore.

Nowadays in an academic setting like this, no one is scandalized when Roman Catholic biblical scholars tell them that Jesus was probably not born in Bethlehem, was not visited by three wise men, did not get lost in the Temple, **that he did not say that he was God, that he did not physically come back to life on Easter Sunday morning three days after he died, and that his dramatic ascension into heaven, as recorded in the Acts of the Apostles, was not an historical event.**

There we have a Catholic Christian scholar laying the axe to the Christian doctrine of Atonement, openly admitting that the Biblical accounts were false, although he goes on to say that those accounts are "the non-binding legends and myths and symbolic ways that the New Testament uses to communicate that subject." The problem with that is that Catholic and Christian scholars have clearly not explained this to the 1.5 billion ordinary Christians on the planet who take the verses literally. Sheehan even calls this *hiding* of the truth as scandalous.

Nonetheless, there is a scandal about Catholic exegesis, a threefold scandal, I think. First of all, it is a scandal that so little of this exegetical information has reached down to the laity in the pews. Just the other day, believe it or not, one of the brightest members of the faculty, I think, told me and allowed me to tell you that up until very recently he actually thought that for Christians the Resurrection of Jesus meant that he came back to life in the sense of being reanimated and resuscitated on Easter Sunday.

Imagine how ordinary Catholics [it was a public forum, standing room only] who attended the forum must have felt. But why would Christian scholars hide the information that the Doctrine of Atonement is absolutely false? Perhaps this comment by Dr. Sheehan, at the colloquium, answers that question:

If he (Jesus) were to return today, as he was alive once, would he recognize in Christianity the fulfillment of his message? I think the answer is, 'No.' Not as an institution—**who wants to do away with the institution? Not I.**"

Were I a well-paid, super-intellectual Catholic scholar who was so sharp that he once taught in Rome, the very center of Catholicism, I'm pretty sure that I wouldn't want to do away with the institution either.

Dr. Sheehan's open admission, standing before a crowd of hundreds, that the Christian Doctrine of Atonement is false, is *precisely* why Allah revealed the following verse in Qur'an, and this is just *one* example of one of the reasons that new scriptures, including Qur'an, were revealed throughout the centuries: to correct past mistakes, misunderstandings, errors, etc. Fourteen hundred years before Dr. Sheehan was born, Allah said:

وَقَوْلِهِمْ إِنَّا قَتَلْنَا الْمَسِيحَ عِيسَى ابْنَ مَرْيَمَ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ ۗ وَمَا قَتَلُوهُ وَمَا صَلَبُوهُ وَلَكِنْ شُبِّهَ لَهُمْ ۗ وَإِنَّ الَّذِينَ اخْتَلَفُوا فِيهِ لَفِي شَكٍّ مِّنْهُ ۗ مَا لَهُمْ بِهِ مِنْ عِلْمٍ إِلَّا اتِّبَاعَ الظَّنِّ ۗ وَمَا قَتَلُوهُ يَقِينًا ۗ

And for their saying, 'We did slay the Messiah, Jesus, son of Mary, the Messenger of Allah; whereas they slew him not, nor did they bring about his death on the cross. But he was made to appear to them like one crucified. And those who differ therein are certainly in a state of doubt about it. They have no certain knowledge thereof, but only pursue a conjecture. And they did not arrive at a certainty concerning it. (Al-Qur'an Al-Karim, Suratul Nisa, Iyyat 158).

All religions, in the beginning, taught that God is One



Pilgrims at Mecca
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“Allah! there is no God but He, the Lord of the Mighty Throne.”

اللَّهُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ الْحَيُّ الْقَيُّومُ ۚ لَا تَأْخُذُهُ سِنَّةٌ وَلَا نَوْمٌ ۚ لَهُ مَا فِي السَّمٰوٰتِ وَمَا فِي الْأَرْضِ ۗ مَنْ ذَا الَّذِي يَشْفَعُ عِنْدَهُ إِلَّا بِإِذْنِهِ ۗ يَعْلَمُ مَا بَيْنَ أَيْدِيهِمْ وَمَا خَلْفَهُمْ ۗ وَلَا يُحِيطُونَ بِشَيْءٍ مِنْ عِلْمِهِ إِلَّا بِمَا شَاءَ ۗ وَسِعَ كُرْسِيُّهُ السَّمٰوٰتِ وَالْأَرْضَ ۗ وَلَا يَئُودُهُ حِفْظُهُمَا ۗ وَهُوَ الْعَلِيُّ الْعَظِيمُ ﴿٢٥٦﴾

Allah — there is no God but He, the Living, the Self-Subsisting and All-Sustaining. Slumber seizes Him not, nor sleep. To Him belongs whatsoever is in the heavens and whatsoever is in the earth. Who is he that will intercede with Him except by His permission? He knows what is before them and what is behind them; and they encompass nothing of His knowledge except what He pleases. His knowledge extends over the heavens and the earth; and the care of them burdens Him not; and He is the High, the Great. (Al-Qur'an Al-Karim, Suratul Baqarah, Iyyat 256)

Although historians believe that monotheism developed as a progressive move from polytheism, Islam teachings that religions begin as One-God religions and then often deteriorate, the followers of the religions lapsing into idolatry, the original religion having been forgotten. In the previous chapter we saw from the research of the Egyptologist, Dr. George Rawlinson, that although the ancient Egyptian religion is generally considered to have been a polytheist religion, there had existed an *original* religion that was monotheistic.

وَمَا كَانَ النَّاسُ إِلَّا أُمَّةً وَاحِدَةً فَاخْتَلَفُوا ۗ وَلَوْلَا كَلِمَةٌ سَبَقَتْ مِنْ رَبِّكَ لَقُضِيَ بَيْنَهُمْ فِي مَا فِيهِ يَخْتَلِفُونَ ﴿٢٠﴾

And mankind were but one community, then they differed *among themselves*; and had it not been for a word that had gone before from thy Lord, it would have *already* been judged between them concerning that in which they differed. (Al-Qur'an Al-Karim, Suratul Yunus, Iyyat 20)

Some Muslim scholars and experts on *tafsir* (exegesis; interpretation; commentary) state that the expression, *And mankind were one community, then they differed among themselves*, means that God caused humanity to follow the one true path in the beginning of creation but then they deviated from it.

Not only did God give humanity the capacity to find the right path, but also directed humanity to it through revealed guidance. But humanity deviated from that path and fell into misguidance.

It is interesting that, all over the world one can find examples of polytheistic religions in which *one* of their gods stands alone above all the other gods; sometimes has no name; is the God for which no figures of Him are allowed to be created. We see an example of this in the Yoruba religion, which originated in West Africa, although Yoruba tradition says that the Yoruba religion was founded by a man named Ife (pronounced, *eefay*), who migrated to Yoruba land from the northeast (Egypt?), some 3000 years B.C.

In the Yoruba religion there are many *Orisha*, or gods: Ogun, Shango, Yemonja, Obatala, Oshun, Ibeji, Oya, Elegba, etc., etc. All of those gods have statues of them that are made. They all have their own colors, such as Elegba, whose colors are black and red; Oshun whose color is Yellow; Yemonja whose colors are blue and white; Ogun, whose color is black, etc. But the one God who has *none* of that is Olodumare (*Ohlowdoomaray*).

[From Wikipedia we read:](#)

The Yoruba believe Olodumare is omnipotent and is also responsible for the creation of all life. Yoruba tradition says everything is in the hands of God (Olodumare) when they are going to bed at night.

The name Olodumare symbolizes a divine "Entity" following these characteristics: not having a father or mother; one that is not bound by space.

Historically, the Yoruba did not worship Olodumare, there is no specific shrine and no sacrifice is often made towards their way [sic]. Yoruba consider Olodumare to be the origin of virtue and mortality. Is believed [sic] to bestow the knowledge of things upon all persons at the time of their birth. The Yoruba call on Olodumare when other deities are unwilling to help or seem incapable. Yoruba believe Olodumare created all other forces of the universe to help continue the evolution of the universe.

Muslims believe that such hands-off gods that are found in many indigenous religions around the world were actually the One God Allah in the beginning. But, with the passage of time the people lapsed into idolatry, in one of two ways:

1.) Mistaking the *Attributes of God as separate and distinct gods*, or 2.) Creating God's *angels* as separate and distinct gods. In Islam, angels are put in charge, by God, of the various forces of nature, though they have other functions.

From the Islamic perspective, Sanatana Dharma ("Hinduism") is an example of a religion that has a concept of One Divine being, Brahman, but a being that can be approached in various ways, through various *aspects* of that being. Brahman is less considered a God in the sense of a person, and more a God in the sense of an indestructible force, or power.

Again, from an Islamic point of view, the various manifestations of Brahman, in Sanatana Dharma, could be considered, by Muslims, as equating to the various *Attributes* of The Divine; the various *Attributes* of Allah; the various *Attributes* of Brahman, the difference being that Muslims would never set up shrines or in any way mistake an *Attribute* of The Divine for the Divine Himself. But, as we can see, the concept of *One Supreme Entity* exists in Sanatana Dharma, although, unlike Islam, the believer can approach that entity through a myriad of sub-entities.

Although this "chicken vs. egg" question of which came first, monotheism or polytheism, can probably not be solved in absolute terms, Sanatana Dharma, in my view, seems to carry a *consciousness*, by virtue of the nature of Brahman, of an Original, Undivided Being. I say this because the sub-deities, or aspects of Brahman, are spin-offs, not really entities within themselves, according to the teachings of Sanatana Dharma itself. For example, three of the spin-off deities of Sanatana Dharma that come from Brahman are Brahma, the creator of the universe; Vishnu, the protector of the universe; and Shiva, the destructive force in the universe.

In Islam, those three aspects of Allah are called three of Allah's Attributes, and they are *not* worshipped; no rituals to those Attributes are performed. The Attribute of Allah that is called Brahma in Sanatana Dharma is called *Al-Khaliq*, i.e., The Creator, in Islam. When speaking of an Attribute of Allah, sometimes Muslims will say, *Allah Al-Khaliq*, or simply *Al-Khaliq*. Either way, there is 100% clarity that the entity being prayed to or spoken about is the One God Allah. Allah Al-Khaliq is Allah The Creator. Meaning, simply, Allah creates.

Another thing Allah does is protect. In Sanatana Dharma, that protector is Vishnu. In Islam, the protection Attribute of Allah is called *Al-Muhaiman*, i.e., The Protector. Allah Al-Muhaiman is Allah The Protector. Another Attribute of Allah is The Destroyer, i.e., *Al-Mumit*. Allah Al-Mumit is Allah The Destroyer. In Sanatana Dharma, Shiva is the destructive force in nature. Allah has many Attributes, but his Attributes are not worshipped as independent entities.

In Native American spirituality you will find Native American tribes that have various gods. But there is that *One* God that many Native American tribes call The Great Spirit.

Although Buddhism embraces the idea of multiple gods and rejects the idea that Gautama Buddha ever taught about One God, that simply is not true. And perhaps here we may find a clearer example of a religion that deteriorated from monotheism to polytheism. Ashoka, the most famous and most devoted follower of the Buddha and his teachings, carved many inscriptions on rocks called stupas, and those rocks clearly indicate a belief in a One Supreme Being. One such rock is located on the eastern bank of a river named Katak, twenty miles from Jagan Nath, in India. The rock has been given the name Pardohli, and reads as follows:

Much longing after the things (of this life) is a disobedience, I again declare; not less so is the laborious ambition of dominion by a prince who would be a proprietor of heaven. Confess and believe in God (Is'ana) who is the worthy object of obedience (submission). For equal to this belief, I declare unto you, ye shall not find such a means of propitiating heaven. Oh strive ye to obtain this inestimable treasure. [Lillie, A. *India in Primitive Christianity*. Kegan Paul, Trench, Trubner & Co., London, p. 85]

The stupas never mention Buddha as polytheistic, according to another scholar, Mirza Tahir Ahmad (*Revelation, Rationality, Knowledge and Truth*, p. 134). On another stupa, the same writer writes:

Thus spake Devanampiya Piyadasi: "Wherefore from this very hour I have caused religious discourses to be preached, I have appointed religious observances that mankind, having listened thereto, shall be brought to follow in the right path, and give glory to God (Is'ana)." (Ibid, p. 86).

In the group called Falun Gong (also called Falun Dafa), their Buddhist religious cosmology encompasses the idea of many gods. I happen to practice the *Qigong* exercise-meditation system as taught by Falun Dafa. I have made it clear to Falun Dafa people that I am not interested in their religious cosmology, and that I only want to practice their form of Qigong, which is a very, very powerful form.

They teach Qigong to anyone, for free, and have been very gracious and accepting of my decision to not embrace their entire belief system, but to only practice their Qigong form for physical and mental health. I strongly recommend learning their powerful Qigong system for your physical and mental health.

One day, I was having a conversation about religion with one of the Chinese practitioners of their Qigong method. She told me that, although they believe in many gods, since the Falun Dafa belief system incorporates the "Buddhist" belief that many gods exist, she strongly said, "But there is *one BIG God above all the others that we believe in*. He is above everything else." That statement seemed to confirm the information that was written on those stupas by Ashoka.

Li Hongzhi, the founder of Falun Dafa, said that the Qigong system he teaches was kept hidden in Chinese families for centuries, if not thousands of years, and that he brought it out into the open, in 1992, because he wanted to help suffering humanity, which is under so much stress. It is interesting that his Qigong system may have been invented at a time when Chinese Buddhists still remembered that Buddha worshipped One God.

There are many more examples that can be drawn from many religions around the world that, in my view, clearly demonstrate that all religions began with the teaching that there is only One God. But there is much more ground to cover in the next remaining chapters of this book. So, I hope that the examples that I have given will at least give the reader much food for thought.

Can humanity have one guiding book and one guiding teacher?



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كَانَ النَّاسُ أُمَّةً وَاحِدَةً ۗ فَبَعَثَ اللَّهُ النَّبِيِّنَ مُبَشِّرِينَ وَمُنذِرِينَ ۖ وَأَنْزَلَ مَعَهُمُ الْكِتَابَ بِالْحَقِّ لِيَحْكُمَ بَيْنَ النَّاسِ فِي مَا اخْتَلَفُوا فِيهِ ۗ وَمَا اخْتَلَفَ فِيهِ إِلَّا الَّذِينَ أُوتُوهُ مِنْ بَعْدِ مَا جَاءَتْهُمْ
 الْبَيِّنَاتُ بَغْيًا بَيْنَهُمْ ۗ فَهَدَى اللَّهُ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا لِمَا اخْتَلَفُوا فِيهِ مِنَ الْحَقِّ بِإِذْنِهِ ۗ وَاللَّهُ يَهْدِي
 مَنْ يَشَاءُ إِلَى صِرَاطٍ مُسْتَقِيمٍ ﴿٢١٣﴾

Mankind were one community, *then they differed among themselves*, so Allah raised Prophets as bearers of good tidings and as warners, and sent down with them the Book containing the truth that He might judge between the people wherein they differed. *But now they began to differ about the Book*, and none differed about it except those to whom it was given, after clear Signs had come to them, out of envy towards one another. Now has Allah, by His command, guided the believers to the truth in regard to which they differed; and Allah guides whomsoever He pleases to the right path. (Al-Qur'an Al-Karim, Suratul Baqarah, Iyyat 214)

In the above verse of the Qur'an, God, in no uncertain terms, speaks of a time when all humanity were held together as one global community. This claim made 1400 years ago would seem to belie what science had been telling us for a long time. But new information, according to researchers of ancient civilizations, such as Graham Hancock, David Hatcher Childress, Christopher Dunn and others are telling us that, in the past, vast, even global civilizations existed—civilizations that were even more powerful than and more advanced than our current civilization. Qur'an clearly states as much in the following verses.

أَوَلَمْ يَسِيرُوا فِي الْأَرْضِ فَيَنْظُرُوا كَيْفَ كَانَ عَاقِبَةُ الَّذِينَ كَانُوا مِنْ قَبْلِهِمْ ۖ كَانُوا هُمْ أَشَدَّ مِنْهُمْ
 قُوَّةً وَآثَارًا فِي الْأَرْضِ فَأَخَذَهُمُ اللَّهُ بِذُنُوبِهِمْ ۗ وَمَا كَانَ لَهُمْ مِنَ اللَّهِ مِنْ وَاقٍ ﴿٢٢﴾

Have they not travelled in the earth and seen what was the end of those before them? They were mightier than these in power and *in the marks they left* in the earth. But Allah seized them for their sins, and they had no protector against Allah. (Al-Qur'an Al-Karim, Suratul Mu'min, Iyyat 22)

أَفَلَمْ يَسِيرُوا فِي الْأَرْضِ فَيَنْظُرُوا كَيْفَ كَانَ عَاقِبَةُ الَّذِينَ مِنْ قَبْلِهِمْ ۖ كَانُوا أَكْثَرُ مِنْهُمْ وَأَشَدَّ قُوَّةً
وَأَثَارًا فِي الْأَرْضِ فَمَا آغْنَىٰ عَنْهُمْ مَا كَانُوا يَكْسِبُونَ ﴿٨٣﴾

Have they not travelled in the earth that they might see what was the end of those who were before them? They were more numerous than these, and mightier in power and *in the marks they left behind them* in the earth. But all that which they earned was of no avail to them. (Al-Qur'an Al-Karim, Suratul Mu'min, Iyyat 83)

كَالَّذِينَ مِنْ قَبْلِكُمْ كَانُوا أَشَدَّ مِنْكُمْ قُوَّةً وَ أَكْثَرَ أَمْوَالًا وَأَوْلَادًا ۖ فَاسْتَبْتَعْتُمْ بِخَلَاقِيهِمْ
فَاسْتَبْتَعْتُمْ بِخَلَاقِكُمْ كَمَا اسْتَبْتَعْتُمُ الَّذِينَ مِنْ قَبْلِكُمْ بِخَلَاقِهِمْ وَخُضْتُمْ كَالَّذِينَ خَاضُوا ۖ أُولَٰئِكَ
حَبِطَتْ أَعْمَالُهُمْ فِي الدُّنْيَا وَالْآخِرَةِ ۖ وَأُولَٰئِكَ هُمُ الْخَاسِرُونَ ﴿٦٩﴾

Even as those before you. They were mightier than you in power and richer in possessions and children. They enjoyed their lot for a short time, so have you enjoyed your lot as those before you enjoyed their lot. And you indulged in idle talk as they indulged in idle talk. It is they whose works shall be of no avail in this world and the Hereafter. And it is they who are the losers. (Al-Qur'an Al-Karim, Suratul Taubah, Iyyat 69)

Is it possible that those civilizations were not only advanced, but were also global, organized under one system? First it has to be determined *whether or not* humanity can date itself back millions and millions of years.

Human fossils have been discovered, in Africa, that are 300,000 to 400,000 years old. In fact, over 1000 *different* hominid fossils have been found there, showing that the human race evolved there over millions of years. There may also have been various cycles of human civilization, each one being very advanced, but then being destroyed through corruption with only a remnant left to re-constitute civilization once again.

There is an Islamic tradition that suggests that humanity may have existed on earth for as much as 700 million (700,000,000) years. From an extensive tafsir (commentary) of [Iyyat 31 of Suratul Baqarah of Qur'an](#), we read the following:

Adam, who lived about 6000 years ago, is popularly believed to be the first man created by God upon this earth. This view is, however, not corroborated by a close study of the relevant facts. The truth is that the world has passed through different cycles of creation and civilization, and Adam, the progenitor of the present human race, is only the first link in the present cycle, and not the very first man in God's creation.

Nations have risen and fallen, civilizations have appeared and disappeared. Other Adams may have gone before our Adam; other races may have lived and perished, and other cycles of civilization appeared and disappeared.

This view has also been held by certain eminent Muslim savants. Muhyi al-Din Ibn 'Arabi, the great mystic, says that once he saw himself in a dream performing a circuit of the Ka'ba. In this dream, a man appeared before him and claimed to be one of his ancestors. "How long is it since you died?" asked Ibn 'Arabi. The man replied, "More than forty thousand years."

[Ibn 'Arabi replied], "But this period is much more than what separates us from Adam." The man replied, "Of which Adam are you speaking? About the Adam who is nearest to you or of some other?"

"Then I recollected," says Ibn 'Arabi, "the saying of the Holy Prophet [Muhammad] to the effect that God had brought into being no less than a hundred thousand Adams, and I said to myself, 'Perhaps this man who claims to be an ancestor of mine was one of the previous Adams'" (Futuhat, iii. 607)

If the period covered by the progeny of each Adam be taken to be of seven thousand years, on an average, then, on the basis of the Holy Prophet's saying referred to above, the age of the human race, as such, works out to be 700 million years; and this is the age of the progeny only of Adams, which does not include such races as may have passed before the creation of the first Adam.

(Commentary on Iyyat 31 of Suratul Baqarah of the Qur'an, by Mirza Bashiruddin Mahmud Ahmad, 1947).

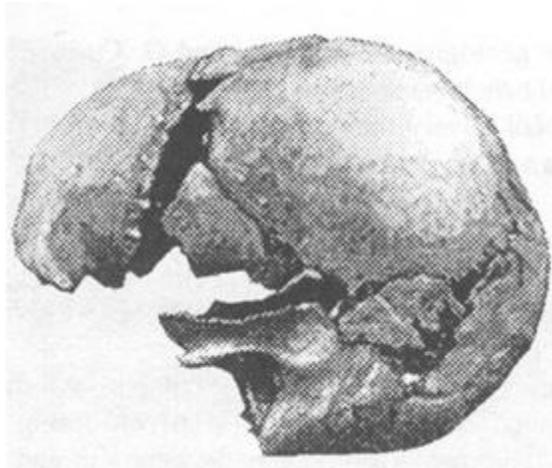
If advanced civilizations existed in the past, as more and more researchers now believe has been the case, it seems very possible that they existed as global civilizations that may even have been guided by one belief system. Then, as Qur'an says in many verses, those prior civilizations were destroyed because they had turned their backs against the teachings brought by the Prophets.

قَدْ خَلَتْ مِنْ قَبْلِكُمْ سُنَنٌ فَسِيرُوا فِي الْأَرْضِ فَانظُرُوا كَيْفَ كَانَ عَاقِبَةُ الْمُكذِّبِينَ

Surely, there have been *many* dispensations before you; so travel through the earth and see how was the end of those who treated *the Prophets* as liars. (Al-Qur'an Al-Karim, Suratul Imran, Iyyat 138)

Although Muslims believe the claim made by Prophet Muhammad that God had brought into being no less than a hundred thousand Adams, non-Muslims cannot be expected to believe that claim necessarily. Yet, there is an ever-increasing body of discoveries made by scientists and historians that confirms the Prophet's clear belief that human beings have been here much longer than has traditionally been claimed by scientists:

The Castenedolo Skull



(Courtesy humansarefree.com)

In 1880, an anatomically modern human skull was found in Castenedolo, Italy. According to modern authorities (such as Hartland et al, 1982, p. 110), the skull belongs to the Middle Pliocene age, **3-4 million years old**.

The Footprints of Turkmenistan



(Courtesy humansarefree.com)

In the early 1980s, reports in Russian papers revealed that very ancient human footprints were found in Turkmenistan. At the time, Turkmenistan was part of the Soviet Union. When Turkmenistan became an independent nation, Turkmenistan scientists began studying those footprints.

They discovered that some of the footprints dated to the Jurassic Period. That period was approximately **195 million to 145 million years ago.**

The human shoe print of Nevada



(Courtesy humansarefree.com)

It is worth reproducing the entire explanation that is offered at humansarefree.com of this remarkable discovery:

On October 8, 1922, the American Weekly section of the New York Sunday American ran a prominent feature titled "Mystery of the Petrified 'Shoe Sole,'" by Dr. W.H. Ballou. Ballou wrote:

'Some time ago, while he was prospecting for fossils in Nevada, John T. Reid, a distinguished mining engineer and geologist, stopped suddenly and looked down in utter bewilderment and amazement at a rock near his feet. For there, a part of the rock itself, was what seemed to be a human footprint! Closer inspection showed that it was not a mark of a naked foot, but was, apparently, a shoe sole which had been turned into stone.

The forepart was missing. But there was the outline of at least two-thirds of it, and around this outline ran a well-defined sewn thread which had, it appeared, attached the welt to the sole. Further on was another line of sewing, and in the center, where the foot would have rested had the object really been a shoe sole, there was an indentation, exactly such as would have been made by the bone of the heel rubbing upon and wearing down the material of which the sole had been made. Thus was found a fossil which is the foremost mystery of science today. For the rock in which it was found is at least 5 million years old.'

The print was inspected by geologists and admitted that the print is authentic and the rock is from the **Triassic Period (205 - 250 million years ago)**. The threads of the print have been examined under a microscope and the twisted threads are visible."

We have evidence, once again, that man existed more than 200 million years ago.

The Human 'Coal Skull'



(Courtesy humansarefree.com)

This find is extremely fascinating, as are all of them. This find is considered one of the best validated finds of human existence millions of years ago. The skull was found in 1981 by Mr. Ed Conrad. He discovered that part of the interior of the skull contained a pair of hardened inclusions that resembled a dental arch. He took a photo of it and forwarded it to Wilton Krogman, one of the world's foremost human comparative anatomists, who wrote the book, *The Human Skeleton in Forensic Medicine*.

Krogman identified it as a premolar and said that he could easily see that it included a pair of cusps. You can read the full account [here](#), but I'll reproduce some of the important things that were discovered about the Coal Skull:

- (1) Its computed-tomography images bear close resemblance to those of a calvarium.
- (2) It contains fossilized osteocytes, Haversian canals, osteons, red blood cells and various blood vessels in the specimens and thin sections.
- (3) It contains remains of neurons and neuroglial cells that exist only in the central nervous system.
- (4) No other animal has an organ or body part that matches its inner/outer shape and size.
- (5) Its inner cavity has a capacity of at least 1,025 cc.;
- (6) It was found between coal veins near Mahanoy, (City) Pennsylvania, where geological structure has been dated to be around 300 million years old. Some of the fossil's blood vessels have turned into coal, suggesting it once existed in a coal region.

In addition to the subject fossil, there are at least two other pieces of evidence for human existence in the Carboniferous age.

The evidence is overwhelming and conclusive - the object found is a human skull - one from approximately **280 million years ago** (130 million years before the first birds appeared on Earth).

The human shoe print of Utah



(Courtesy humansarefree.com)

On June 1, 1968, William J. Meister found a large piece of rock that contained a human footprint. The location was at Antelope Springs, which is about 43 miles northwest of Delta, Utah. It is a fossil rich site. I reproduce the part of the explanation offered by humansarefree.com:

The footprint, however, appears to be made by a sandal. The sandal measured 10 inches (or approximately 26 cm) in length, with the sole showing a width of 3 inches (or 8.9 cm) and the heel a width of 3 inches (or 7.6 cm). The heel appeared to be approximately 1/8 of an inch thick (or 1.7 cm). Amazingly, he also found trilobites right in the footprint.

Please note that trilobites were small marine creatures that existed between 260 and 600 million years ago, which is an indication that this discovery was of value with respect to the prehistoric origins of human life. This finding may very well disprove the evolutionary theory that is prevalent today.

Comparing this find with today's footwear we can conceptualize a certain degree of sophistication **in a civilization that may have existed as long as 600 million years ago.**

The true implications of this finding are definitely hard to comprehend. Shouldn't modern historians subsequently reconsider modern day's theory of evolution? Don't such findings suggest an alternative path of human development?"

Recall the estimate of 700,000,000 years of human existence that was made by Mirza Bashiruddin Mahmud Ahmad in 1947 based on a saying of Prophet Muhammad.

(As an aside, I would think that even the most hardened Traditionalist Catholic, or the most conservative Protestant Christian, would have to admit that the belief that was strongly held by Christians—that human life began 6000 years ago—can now clearly be said to be false.

(So, it is perfectly legitimate, if not vital, that we question: Why would a Scripture, the Torah, believed to have been revealed by God, have made such a gross error? About 1400 years ago, while the Catholic Church was still teaching that human beings were created 6000 years ago, Prophet Muhammad had mentioned that there had been no less than 100,000 Adams, indicating that there had been cycles of human civilization that had risen, fallen, and then risen again. Who is more believable, spiritually? Muhammad? Or whoever interfered with God's Scripture, the Torah?)

If you're curious and have the time, you can find a lot of information about civilizations of antiquity that were very, very advanced, including having mastered air travel in vehicles called *Vimanas*, or flying machines, as is recorded in the literature of Sanatana Dharma (Hinduism). The study of ancient and antiquitous civilizations is fascinating, fun, and fulfilling.

But, what about global civilizations that may have been united under one system or one belief system? The point in identifying clues that give hints of a unified global system is this: If it happened before, it could happen again. Indeed, it really doesn't take much to realize that it can happen again. For example, in this current dispensation of human civilization, there was a time when human beings stayed locked within their own tribes; within their own territories.

Today, human beings can travel all over the world by various means, such as ships, airplanes, and automobiles of all type. One can travel all across Europe, for instance, driving an automobile. One can travel across the United States, and then up into Canada, driving an automobile.

There was a time when telephones did not exist. Cell phones did not exist. The Internet did not exist. Weeks ago, [May, 2019] using WhatsApp, I received a call from my sister-in-law, who lives in Israel, and had a long

conversation with her and my big brother. Not only was I able to hear their voices, but I was able to see their faces, live, as if they were right here in the United States, where I live.

So, without even bringing up Scripture, it can be easily concluded that there now exists the real potential for human beings to be guided by *one* Scripture and by *one* Teacher, such as Prophet Muhammad. Will it occur? Who knows! It's up to us. All Prophecies from God are *conditional*, based on us; based on whether we submit to God's Will.

There is a "Promise," by Allah, in Qur'an, that says that He will make Islam victorious over all other religions.

هُوَ الَّذِي أَرْسَلَ رَسُولَهُ بِالْهُدَىٰ وَدِينِ الْحَقِّ لِيُظْهِرَ عَلَى الدِّينِ كُلِّهِ ۗ وَكَفَىٰ بِاللَّهِ شَهِيدًا ۗ

He it is Who has sent His Messenger, with guidance and the *Din al-Haqq*, that He may make it prevail over *all other* religions. And sufficient is Allah as a Witness. (Al-Qur'an Al-Karim, Suratul Fath, Iyyat 29)

Note in the above verse I transliterated the phrase "Religion of Truth" (*Din al-Haqq*), or the *Way of Truth*; the *Religion of Truth*. Recall, earlier in this book, that I explained the meaning of the word *Din*.

The *Way of Truth* that The Divine says, in Qur'an, He will cause to prevail over all other *Ways* is not a tag. It is a Way that must be sincerely followed. Carrying a tag means nothing to Almighty Allah. As the Bible says:

Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that **God is no respecter of persons**: But in every nation he that feareth Him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with Him. (Bible, Acts 10:34-35)

As the Christian preachers say, "Make it plain!!" And Almighty Allah makes it even *plainer*, in Qur'an, when he says:

فَإِنْ تَوَلَّوْا فَقَدْ أَبْلَغْتُكُمْ مَا أُرْسِلْتُ بِهِ إِلَيْكُمْ ۗ وَيَسْتَخْلِفُ رَبِّي قَوْمًا غَيْرَكُمْ ۗ وَلَا تَنْصُرُونَهُ شَيْئًا ۗ إِنَّ رَبِّي عَلَىٰ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ حَفِيظٌ ﴿٥٥﴾

If then, you turn away, I have already conveyed to you that with which I have been sent to you, **and my Lord will make another people take your place**. And you cannot harm Him at all. Surely, my Lord is Guardian over all things. (Al-Qur'an Al-Karim, Suratul Hud, Iyyat 58)

So, the "Promise" of The Divine *is* a promise, but it has *conditions*. And the prime one is Taqwa—Righteousness.

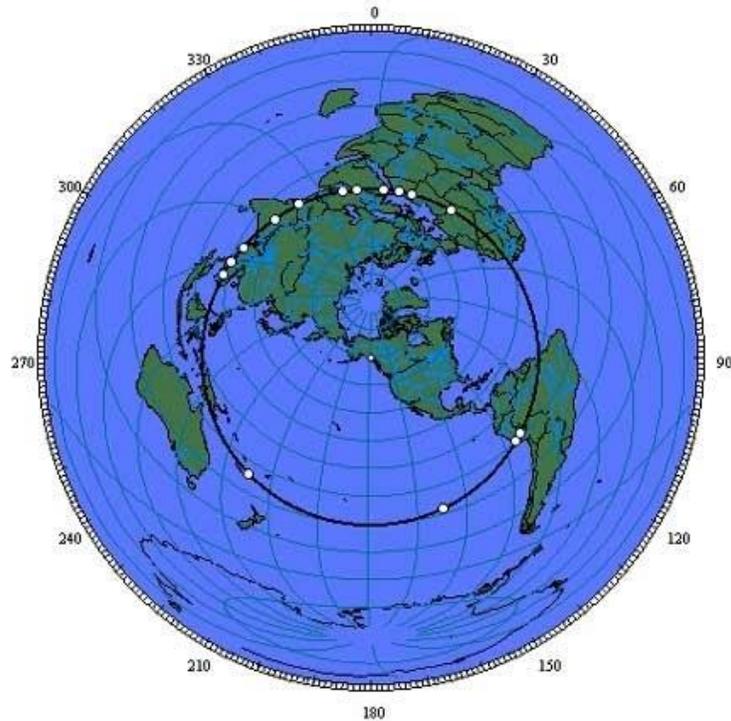
It often surprises me that religious people—including Muslims—believe that they have a guaranteed unconditional Promise, from The Divine, of success. No such guarantee has ever been made by The Divine. This is the mistake that Bani Israel, i.e., the Children of Israel, made: believing that they had some automatic, guaranteed, eternal position as "The Chosen People of God," regardless of how they live; how they act; regardless of their level of Taqwa. I do not believe it works that way.

No people—including Muslims—have been given such a guarantee that had no conditions placed upon it. It's ridiculous, and I'd even say *dangerous*, to believe such a thing. The only guaranteed religion that Allah will allow to prevail upon this earth is the religion of the *Way of Peace and Submission to the Will of The Divine*. Practice anything else, and *guess what?* We'll be replaced, as it says in the above verse. That's how it has worked for hundreds of millions of years. That's why The Divine reminds us to "travel through the earth and see what was the end of those who treated the Prophets as liars."

Go about in the earth and see the ruins of civilizations that were great and powerful, but that now lie in ruins. That's the reminder that The Divine gives to us.

But, back to the issue of whether previous global civilizations ever existed. There is now evidence that a profound, connected, global civilization existed in ancient and antiquitous times. There are many ancient megalithic sites around the world that are mysteriously aligned on a single great circle.

Ancient sites like Giza, Siwa, Tassili n'Ajjer, Paratoari, Ollantaytambo, Machupicchu, Nazca, Easter Island, Aneityum Island, Preah Vihear, Sukhothai, Pyay, Khajuraho, Mohenjo Daro, Persepolis, Ur, Petra are shown clockwise from Giza on the equal azimuthal projection.



(Courtesy ancientcode.com)

It does not seem possible that those megaliths were constructed along such a circle by coincidence. That is simply not likely. There was some form of shared, universal knowledge that the people possessed that caused them to decide to position their structures along that circle.

Although modern archaeology might still continue to insist that there was no shared influence or interaction between the various ancient societies around the world, due to the lack of written accounts or any explicit signs of cross-oceanic travel, the similarities between the various ancient societies cannot so easily be dismissed as being reflective only of what is called the "independent convergent evolution" of each of those civilizations. There are striking similarities in art, architecture, mythology, symbolism, religion, science, and other aspects of civilization that point to some form of global unity, or to some *prior* unified global "mother culture" of antiquity that left its mark on the various ancient cultures of this world. "Mankind were one community...", Qur'an said, and which I quoted earlier.

A few (though there are countless others) of the similarities between cultures such as the ancient Egyptians, the Aztecs, the Maya, the Inca, and the Pre Inca can be found in the following:

- Pyramids
- Megalithic Architecture
- Stone Masonry
- Earthquake-Proof Temples

Unmatched Precision Stonework
Trapezoidal Doorways
Master Craftsmanship
Elaborate temples with incredible similarity
“Triptych” Three-door Temples
Solar Deities (Perhaps a step-down from a previous One-God *Din*)

It’s a huge subject, so I hope that, if you’re interested, you dig deeper. Suffice it to say that there is a new recognition of the possibility of the existence, in ancient and antiquitous times, of a unified global culture, one that, aside from similarities in architecture, science, art, symbolism, etc., may also have been united by *Din*.

What I think is an even more important indication that human beings *can* have a common, core set of beliefs that we all share is the interconnection between human beings that has been discovered and given the over-arching descriptor, *Consciousness*, as well as Consciousness as *One Mind*. Various fields, including the science called Quantum Physics, as well as healthcare modalities, such as BodyTalk, are now rapidly and conclusively proving that we are all very much connected through what Dr. Eric Pearl calls a “grid” in the Universe that connects all things.

Of course, even regular Physics had long ago identified a universal force of attraction between all things, that force even being explicitly defined by an equation called Coloumb’s Law,

$$F = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon} \frac{q_1q_2}{r^2}$$

where q_1q_2 are any two objects and r is the distance between them. If you read books that ask the question, *What is Consciousness*, or *What is the Soul*, or *What is the Mind*, such as the book, *Recovering the Soul*, by Dr. Larry Dossey, you will discover that our minds are not our brains. Nor are our minds *inside* of our brains. The brain is sort of like a *receiver* that receives information, interprets it, and then allows us to act or not act on that which it interpreted. Could there be any proof of that? Yes, there is.

Dossey (and others) point to the fact that multiple discoveries, that is, discoveries of the same thing, by different people, who lived in different locations, at approximately the same time, or during the same period of time, have occurred countless times in human history. Here are just a few examples, but you can [check here](#) to see many more:

Discovery	Person 1		Person 2	
Hydrostatic paradox	Galileo Galilei	c. 1610	Simon Stevin	c. 1585
Solving cubic equations	Scipione dal Ferro	c. 1520	Niccolò Tartaglia	c. 1535
Logarithms	John Napier	c. 1614	Joost Bürgi	c. 1618
Lightning rod	Benjamin Franklin	c. 1749	Prokop Diviš	c. 1754
Black-hole theory:	John Michell	c. 1783	Pierre-Simon Laplace	c. 1786
Electromagnetic induction	Michael Faraday	c. 1831	Joseph Henry	c. 1831
Telephone	Elisha Gray	c. 1876 (patent filed the same day)	Alexander Graham Bell	c. 1876 (patent filed the same day)
First law of thermodynamics	James Joule	Late 19 th century	Julius Robert von Mayer	Late 19 th century
Adrenaline	Napoleon Cybulski.	c. 1895	Jokichi Takamine	c. 1900

In short, those discoveries were made by tapping into a common source called mind, or consciousness, or "higher consciousness" or "universal consciousness." You can liken the mind, Dossey and others have stated, as being something that "hovers" somewhere "outside" of ourselves, as if it were a layer of atmosphere. It is a common source where all information is embedded. That's just a way to view it. You can call that layer universal consciousness. When we are in a state called "being in the zone," that is, when your left-brain knowledge and your right-brain intuition are working together, that is when we can tap into information embedded into universal consciousness in a more profound manner.

And this is why the same discovery occurred multiple times by different people in different locations: Because they were accessing information from a common source. They certainly did not have the same, physical brain. The existence of that common source clearly suggests the potential for the development of a unified humanity

Aside from universal consciousness, there is a common consciousness-- a lower-level consciousness *under* universal consciousness--that can emerge from groups of people. Groups of people who think the same way; who are on the "same vibration," can create what is called a *morphogenic field*--a collective consciousness *of the group*. [Consider that since our world's media

bombards us constantly with news about war and death and negativity, we could develop a toxic, group consciousness that could create a self-fulfilling prophecy of our collective destruction. Are we being manipulated *purposely*? It's just a thought.]

Another word for collective consciousness, or morphogenic field, is *group matrix*. Group matrix phenomena is included as a study in BodyTalk, in one of the higher-level courses called Matrix Dynamics. And it's fascinating. Here's an example of a practical application of matrix dynamics:

Chicago-based BodyTalk practitioners, including myself, wanted a certain Certified BodyTalk instructor to come to the Chicago area to teach a certain course to BodyTalk practitioners. But we needed to have a minimum number of attendants to make it worth her while to come.

We did normal advertising, including RSVP, but barely got any response from anyone. And the date that we wanted her to come was extremely close--maybe only one week. We decided to perform an advanced group matrix BodyTalk session. By the way, it's *not* prayer. I have created my own name for consciousness-based healthcare modalities and applications: Applied Consciousness.

We performed the BodyTalk protocols for conducting a group matrix session. Before one week had passed, *not only* had we met the number of students demanded by the instructor, but every seat in the class was full. It was a large class. It might be said that we *created* a morphogenic field, and then *manipulated* it in our favor. There is training involved with learning how to create a group matrix, and that training can be had in higher-level classes offered by the IBA—the International BodyTalk Association.

Another example is distance healing, which my wife, who is also a BodyTalk practitioner, performs for her clients that live in other cities. Whether they have emotional, psychological, or even physical ailments; and whether they live in Australia, Canada, South America, China or any place in the world, she can address their ailments and resolve them.

Is she special? Well, to *me* she is! But, no, she's not special. Distance-healing therapies are being practiced by people of various healthcare modalities, and it's not "magic." It's Applied Consciousness, as I call it, which is something that people can be taught.

The field of Quantum Physics has revealed new theories that explain how Applied Consciousness, in the area of healthcare, can work. From the Ninth Edition of the book, *BodyTalk Fundamentals*, page 27, we read:

In addition to this philosophy, Bell's Theorem states: 'No theory of reality compatible with quantum theory can require spatially separated events to be separated. In other words, each and every electron must know exactly what every other electron in the universe is doing in order to know what it, itself, has to do at any given moment.

Therefore, all distant events are constantly interconnected and interdependent—**all is one**. When something shifts somewhere, then all other elements making up the web of reality must respond and also shift. This is one of the theories to explain how distance healing sessions work where the shift experienced by the BodyTalk practitioner who is in one place is also experienced by a client who is somewhere else. (*BodyTalk Fundamentals*, by Dr. John Veilthelm and Sylvia Muiznieks, BSc, p. 27)

Today—May 24th, 2019—my wife, who lives with me [thank God!!] in Evanston, Illinois, which is located in the Midwest of the United States, has a client for whom she will be conducting a BodyTalk session. The client lives in Virginia, which is located in the Southeastern and Mid-Atlantic regions of the United States, located between the Atlantic Coast and the Appalachian Mountains. Just to give a sense of the distance involved, here's a map of the U.S. (**Black** arrow is where we live. **Red** arrow is where client lives).



The distance between Evanston, Illinois and Richmond, Virginia is 817.1 miles. To drive from Evanston to Richmond would take 12 hours and 28 minutes—half of the 24-hour day.

When the session starts, I will be what is called, in BodyTalk, the *surrogate* for her client. In other words, I will be the one lying on my back, on my wife's massage table, as she administers a BodyTalk session **to her client** who lives in Virginia. In other words, she will be performing the session "on me," though the *effects* of the session will be realized by the client. In continuing the explanation of distance healing that I gave above:

The concept that **all is basically one** can be reworded as 'the universe and everything in it is holographic in nature.' Holograms are consistent with quantum theory and one of the basic tenets of a hologram is that every single part of it contains the information of the whole. If one part shifts and changes, so too must the representation of it shift and change throughout the whole hologram. (Ibid, p. 28)

Since "the universe and everything in it is holographic in nature," that means that every single part of *my* bodymind complex contains the information that exists within every single part of my wife's *client's* bodymind complex. And every single part of *both* our bodymind complexes contains the information that exists in the entire universe. If it sounds weird to *you*, it still seems a bit weird to me also.

But, it works, because in both our BodyTalk practices we have relieved our clients of various ailments, sometimes of a chronic nature. And it is *concrete proof*, not just empty philosophizing, or "New Age" spirituality, that we are all connected. We are all part of a vast, over-arching, interconnecting and interspersing Universal Consciousness—what Dr. Larry Dossey calls **One Mind**, which also happens to be the title of another one of his books. In my mind, this oneness clearly points to the Oneness of God, and not to a trinity.

Although I tend to shy away from that which the CIA, after President John F. Kennedy was assassinated, called "conspiracy theories," it might be worth considering the charge made, by conspiracy researchers, against governments. They charge that governments fully understand that all of humanity is actually connected in Consciousness, and that, because of that, in order to keep control of their populaces, governments create and sustain a culture of division, fully understanding that if the populaces ever realized that they were actually united on this deep Consciousness level, then the selfish pursuits of governments, often based on acquiring, and keeping, wealth and power, using divide-and-conquer tactics, would fail.

I cannot prove, in absolute terms, that such a conspiracy exists. But, whether such a conspiracy exists or not, it is certainly the case that, despite a fundamental force that connects all of us, we live in an environment that is preventing the full expression of our unity and seems to be attempting to push us further and further apart.

Another healthcare modality that demonstrates the actual interconnectedness of the human family is Reconnection, or [The Reconnection](#), or Reconnection Therapy. You can read [Dr. Eric Pearl's book](#) to see how Reconnection Therapy was discovered.

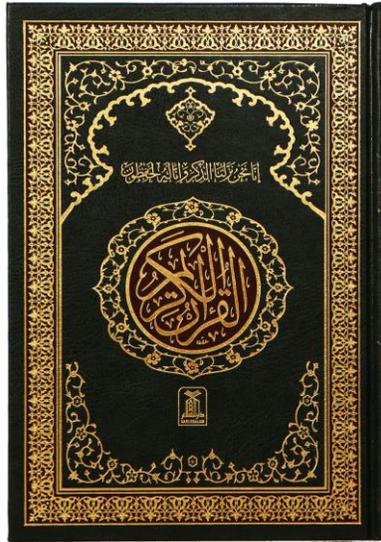
Both my wife and I can practice Reconnection Therapy, although she is more active in its use. She suffered from shake-leg syndrome for ten years. I used Reconnection Therapy, which, like BodyTalk, is a non-invasive, Applied Consciousness therapy. She had only one session with me and her ailment vanished permanently.

Another client I had had suffered from chronic back pain for 24 years. No medical doctor, acupuncturist, or healthcare practitioner of any type could resolve her back problem. She asked me could I try BodyTalk. I did, and three days later she told me that she had not had any pain.

Three *years* later, when I checked on her, she said that she had not had any back pain since the BodyTalk session she'd had with me three years earlier. The techniques in BodyTalk are solely Consciousness-based. Indeed, BodyTalk is defined, by Dr. John Veilthelm, its founder, as a "Consciousness-based healthcare modality."

There are many examples, all over the world—whether it be the world of invention, the world of healthcare, the world of spirituality, etc., that prove that we are connected as *one human family*. So, the potential for living a holistic life on this planet, based on balance, harmony, and peace, *is* possible. But I believe that it is possible *only* if we recognized the truth of the existence of One, undivided God.

Was there a need for a new Revelation?



Al-Quran Al-Karim
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فَوَيْلٌ لِلَّذِينَ يَكْتُبُونَ الْكِتَابَ بِأَيْدِيهِمْ ثُمَّ يَقُولُونَ هَذَا مِنْ عِنْدِ اللَّهِ لِيَشْتَرُوا بِهِ ثَمَنًا قَلِيلًا
 فَوَيْلٌ لَهُمْ مِمَّا كَتَبَتْ أَيْدِيهِمْ وَوَيْلٌ لَهُمْ مِمَّا يَكْسِبُونَ ﴿٨٠﴾

Woe, therefore, to those who write the Book with their own hands, and then say: 'This is from Allah,' that they may take for it a paltry price. Woe, then, to them for what their hands have written, and woe to them for what they earn. (Al-Qur'an Al-Karim, Suratul Baqarah, Iyyat 80)

Earlier I talked about how Qur'an states that, over time, human interference had rendered Scriptures as unreliable. Because of that, there became a need for a new Revelation. I will give examples, in this chapter, of some of the problems that happened to the Scriptures of the world before the Revelation of the Qur'an.

But first, if we choose to use a Scripture as guidance in our lives, then it seems not only reasonable, but essential, that the most important criterion for measuring the value and usefulness of a Scripture is its being free from external interference. If we are told that a given Scripture is the unadulterated, wholly reliable, "Word of God," then we should expect that that Scripture has not been interfered with.

And if we discover a passage in a Scripture that *has* been interfered with, then it seems reasonable that we either, 1.) Read that Scripture with a grain of salt, being careful to be mindful that, if *one* passage has been interfered with, then it may be possible that *other* passages have been interfered with, or 2.) We disregard the Scripture altogether and find one that appears to be free of interference.

A very important note must be made here before continuing. In the Qur'an, when mention is made of those Books that Allah Himself says that He revealed to His Prophets, He is talking about the original, **unadulterated** Scriptures that that Prophet received. He has also, as we saw earlier, stated that there are Scriptures that, after He revealed them, had been interfered with. All Muslims understand this important point about the *original*, unadulterated Scriptures that Allah Revealed to His Prophets. One such Scripture is the Bushra, revealed to Prophet Jesus.

I'll begin with what is still, to this day, one of the most popular Scriptures in the world—The Torah, a Scripture that is believed in and followed by those who call themselves Jews or Hebrews. From the history of Bani Israel (the Children of Israel, i.e., the Jews/Hebrews) we know that in the time of

Nebuchadnezzar the books of Israel were burnt and destroyed totally. They were rewritten by Ezra. About Ezra, the Jewish Encyclopedia reads:

It was forgotten but Ezra restored it [Suk. 20a].
Jewish Encyclopedia, Vol. 5, p. 322]

Ezra re-established the text of Pentateuch,
introducing therein the Assyrian or square characters
[(Sanh. 21b.) Jewish Encyclopedia, Vol. 5, p. 322]

He showed his doubts about the correctness of some
words of the text by placing points over them.
Should Elijah, said he, approve the text, the points
will be disregarded; should he disapprove, the
doubtful words will be removed from the text [Ab. R.
N. xxxiv] Jewish Encyclopedia, Vol. 5, p. 322].

At the very least it has to be questioned as to whether or not Ezra's memory could be relied upon in correctly recalling the entire Torah. As we'll see in the next quote, Ezra, along with five scribes, went into seclusion and tried to recall the entire Torah. He asked for God's help, and he says that God answered him and would "light a candle of understanding in thine heart," which appears to mean that God would re-reveal, to Ezra, the Torah that He had revealed to Moses previously. The problem, though, is that Ezra *himself* expressed some doubts, as we saw above, about parts of the text that came into his mind. In the case of the Revelation of the Qur'an that was given to Prophet Muhammad, there was never a single moment of doubt expressed by Prophet Muhammad about the Revelation that he had received.

ذٰلِكَ الْكِتٰبُ لَا رَيْبَ فِيْهِ هُدًى لِّلْمُتَّقِيْنَ

This is a perfect Book; there is no doubt in it; *it is* a
guidance for the righteous.

Before continuing this analysis of problems with the various pre-Qur'anic Scriptures of the world, I feel it important to mention a very important verse of Qur'an in which Allah stated that He would Protect the Qur'an so that the problem of human interference would never occur again.

اِنَّا نَحْنُ نَزَّلْنَا الذِّكْرَ وَاِنَّا لَهٗ لَحٰفِظُوْنَ

Verily, We Ourselves have sent down this Exhortation,
and most surely We will be its Guardian. (Al-Qur'an
Al-Karim, Suratul Hijr, Iyyat 10)

This is one of the most powerful prophecies in the Qur'an, and it has been fulfilled in four ways. Firstly, by preservation of the original Arabic script. All Muslims fully understand that the *Arabic* Qur'an **is** the Qur'an. This is why, within this entire document, whenever I quote Qur'an, I reproduce the original Arabic script, which was the original Revelation received by Prophet Muhammad, and *then* I reproduce the translation. In the case of the Christian books, they themselves admit that original Hebrew and Greek documents have been lost.

The second way the Qur'an has been preserved is by the reproduction of the Qur'an, in book form. A third way the Qur'an has been preserved is by its translation into all the major languages of the world, as well as many minor languages. The experience in Islam is that, when a people understand the Qur'an, as best that they can, in their own language (which is always included next to the original Arabic script) their hearts are drawn more and more to the Qur'an. Then they often strive to learn the original Arabic.

This leads to the fourth way the Qur'an has been preserved: by memorization of the Arabic script. Amongst the Muslims of this world there are tens of thousands, if not hundreds of thousands, of people who have memorized the entire Qur'an. These people are called *Hafizes*, from the Arabic word, *Hafiz*, which means protect, or guard.

Unlike the Bible, for which special programs have been written, by Christians, that help the Christian believer read the entire Bible over a period of *three years*, the Qur'an can be completely read within one month by reading 1/30th of the Qur'an each day, each 30th clearly marked in the text. Allah, as He says in Qur'an, has made it "easy to understand and to remember."

وَلَقَدْ يَسَّرْنَا الْقُرْآنَ لِلذِّكْرِ فَهَلْ مِنْ مُدْرِكٍ

And indeed We have made the Qur'an easy to understand and to remember. But is there anyone who would receive admonition? (Al-Qur'an Al-Karim, Suratul Qamar, Iyyat 18)

Every year, during the month of Ramadan, the month-long fast that is required by Allah in Qur'an, Muslims that are fortunate to have a Hafiz in their midst will ask him to lead the evening *Taraweeh* prayers. The Hafiz will recite 1/30th of the Qur'an, from memory, each day of the month of Ramadan, so that by the 30th day the entire Qur'an will have been recited.



Eid Prayer in Seychelles, led by Hafiz Anwar Hossein

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Notice in the picture that the Hafiz, Anwar Hossein, is a youth. Muslims who become Hafizes generally start memorizing Qur'an when they are very young.

Another sign of the fulfillment of Allah's Prophecy of protecting Qur'an sometimes occurs during regular prayers, not just during Ramadan. The Imam (the person leading the prayer—and that can be any Muslim, as there is no priesthood in Islam) will be reciting Qur'an. He will get to a verse and stop. It means he has forgotten the rest of what he was going to recite.

At that point, anyone standing in prayer who remembers the passage will start reciting the part that the Imam had forgotten. This will refresh the Imam's memory and he will then continue his recitation. Although not every Muslim memorizes the entire Qur'an, most Muslims memorize *some* portion of Qur'an. So that if, for instance, there are 50 people in the prayer lines, and the Imam forgets whatever passage from Qur'an he had chosen to recite, it is highly likely—almost with 100% certainty—that there will be at least one person in the congregation that will know that particular passage, and will begin reciting it for the Imam until the Imam can take over from memory again. This is the beauty of a Prophecy fulfilled. Now, getting back to Ezra.

If Ezra had received Divine Revelation, then why had he expressed doubts? I have no idea. I just know that, personally, this flaw in Ezra's memory cannot be overlooked or excused. Incidentally, the Book of Ezra is no longer included in the Bible as we know it. That Book is called the "Greek Book of Ezra." St. Jerome (Eusebius Sophronius Hieronymus), a Christian priest who was entrusted by Pope Damasus with the task of editing the Bible, dropped the Book of Ezra out of the Bible on the ground that its Hebrew original was no longer available. In verses 20-25 of the 14th Chapter of the Book of Ezra we read:

Behold, Lord, I will go as Thou has commanded me and reprove the people which are present. But they that shall be born afterward, who shall admonish them? Thus, the world is set in darkness, and they that dwell therein are without light.

For **Thy Law is burnt**. Therefore, no man knoweth the things that are done of thee, or the works that shall begin. But if I have found grace before thee, send the Holy Spirit into me and I shall write all that hath been done in the world since the beginning, which were written in Thy law, that men may find Thy path, and that they which will live in the latter days may live.

And he answered me, saying, 'Go thy way, gather the people together, and say unto them that they seek thee not for forty days. But look thou prepare thee many box trees, and take with thee Sarea, Dabria, Selemia, Ecanus, and Asiel, these five which are ready to write swiftly; And come hither, and I shall light a candle of understanding in thine heart, which shall not be put out, till the things be performed which thou shalt begin to write (Apocrypha; II Esdras, 14).

Ezra and the five scribes worked for forty days, in seclusion, and composed 204 books:

In forty days, they wrote two hundred and four books (Apocrypha; II Esdras, 14, verse 44).

Though II Esdras states that Ezra received Divine Revelation, the troubling thing is that Jewish history states that Ezra himself rejected parts of the text on the ground of unreliability, and he left the final decision about them to Elijah. What sense does that make?

Either he recalled those 204 books correctly, or he did not. Which is it? How can Ezra's reproduction of those Scriptures be considered reliable, when he himself did not have the confidence to rely on the Revelation that he claimed he was receiving? This doesn't make sense. The Torah of today is not the Torah that was revealed to Musa (Moses). From Mirza Bashiruddin Mahmud Ahmad's *Introduction to the Study of the Holy Qur'an*, we read:

Of Ezra's memory, Christian scholars themselves express great doubts. Adam Clark, the well-known commentator of the Bible, says in his commentary (1891), under I Chronicles (7:6), that here Ezra mistakenly writes names of grandsons instead of sons and that to try to reconcile contradictions of this kind is useless (p. 168).

In 7:6 we read: The sons of Benjamin; Bela and Becher, and Jediel, three; whereas in 8:1 we have: Now Benjamin begat Bela his first born, Ashbel the second, and Aharah the third, Nohah the fourth, and Rapha the fifth.

Jewish scholars take the view that Ezra did not quite know whether a given person was son or grandson of another person. When this is the view held by Jewish and Christian scholars of Ezra's memory, how can ordinary Jews and Christians and other ordinary people be satisfied about the spiritual value of a book with as little authority as the Bible? (Mahmud Ahmad, Mirza Bashiruddin, *Introduction to the Study of the Holy Qur'an* (London: Published by Mubarak A. Saqi, 1985), p. 30).

The following verse from the Torah, Deuteronomy 34: 5-6, clearly demonstrates that the Torah was tampered with:

So Moses the servant of the Lord died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the Lord. And he buried him in a valley in the land of Moab, over against Beth-peor: but no man knoweth of his sepulcher unto this day.

The verses were obviously composed some hundreds of years after Moses. Why would God address Moses, saying, "Nobody knows about your sepulcher unto this day?" When God revealed the Torah to Moses, Moses was obviously alive.

So, the verse makes no sense, and is simply unacceptable. And there are many other such verses. It proves the point: Scriptures before Qur'an had been tampered with, forgotten, destroyed, and became unreliable, and that is why there was a need for a new Revelation—the Qur'an.

There are passages in the Bible that wish us to believe that a father, and his son, **were the same age**. King Jehoram ascended the throne at the age of thirty-two, reigned for eight years, remained dethroned for two years, and then died of some dreadful disease, i.e., he lived to be 42 years old:

And it came to pass, that in process of time, after the end of two years, his bowels fell out by reason of his sickness: so he died of sore diseases. And his people made no burning for him, like the burning of his fathers.

Thirty and two years old was he when he began to reign, and he reigned in Jerusalem eight years, and departed without being desired. Howbeit they buried him in the city of David, but not in the sepulchers of the kings. (II Chronicles 21: 19-20)

But in the same book we read the following:

And the inhabitants of Jerusalem made Ahaziah, his youngest son, king in his stead. For the band of men that came with the Arabians to the camp had slain all the eldest. So Ahaziah the son of Jehoram king of Judah reigned. Forty and two years old was Ahazia when he began to reign, and he reigned one year in Jerusalem. (II Chronicles 22: 1-2)

In the same chapter of the same book, Chronicles, those that read the Bible and view it as the unadulterated "Word of God" are expected to believe that a father and son were the same age. The father dies at age 42, and then his 42-year-old son ascends to the throne. But not only that, since Ahaziah was the *youngest* son of Jehoram, that means that his older brothers **were older than their father, Jehoram**. This is *one* example for which the saying, "Anything is possible" does not apply.

There are so many such verses in the Torah that one would have to write an entire book just on the distortions and contradictions in that book. Yet again, this demonstrates that there was definitely a need for a new Revelation.

What disturbs me much, much more than contradictions and distortions regarding time, place, person, etc., in the Torah, are the foul verses of the Torah that are so disgusting that one hesitates to reproduce them. But, here goes. We read the following about the Prophet Lot, the man to whom God spoke when God warned him to take his family out of Sodom and Gomorrah.

And Lot went up out of Zoar, and dwelt in the mountain, and his two daughters with him. For he feared to dwell in Zoar. And he dwelt in a cave, he and his two daughters. And the firstborn said unto the younger, 'Our father is old, and there is not a man in the earth to come in unto us after the manner of all the earth. Come, let us make our father drink wine, and we will lie with him, that we may preserve seed of our father.'

And they made their father drink wine that night. And the firstborn went in and lay with her father. And he perceived not when she lay down, nor when she arose.

And it came to pass on the morrow, that the firstborn said unto the younger, 'Behold I lay yesternight with my father. Let us make him drink wine this night also. And go thou in and lie with him, that we may preserve seed of our father. And they made their father drink wine that night also. And the younger arose and lay with him. And he perceived not when she lay down nor when she arose.

Thus were both daughters of Lot with child by their father. (Genesis 19: 30-36).

There is no excuse for such a verse appearing in a book of Scripture. The claim about there being "no man in the earth" is not believable and is not so. Bible commentators claim that the reason that Lot "feared to dwell in Zoar," one of the cities of the Plain, was because he thought that that city might also be destroyed. What city?

If, as Lot's oldest daughter said, there was "not a man in the earth to come in unto us after the manner of all the earth," what was the city of Zoar doing on the map?

And *since* the city of Zoar existed, why didn't Lot's older daughter suggest to her younger sister that they both go to Zoar and try to find some men, or at least *ask* their father would he find some men for them?

I simply do not believe such a story. That's why it is important to remember: You have a *book* that is *inside of you*. It's called your conscience. For decades of my life I have noticed that, to Christians, "If it's in the Bible, then it must be true." They cannot conceive of the idea that God would allow human interference in their book. So, they're stuck with believing everything in it, no matter the severe contradictions or the disgusting, immoral stories.

Qur'an explains (see verse at head of this chapter again) that human beings interfered with the previous scriptures. Many ordinary Christians also appear to become mesmerized by Old English. They read, "Behold! I lay yesternight..." "And go thou in and lie with him..." Many a street-corner preacher will *thee and thou* you to death, and it becomes crystal clear, in watching them, that their usage of Old English represents, in their mind, two things.

Firstly, they appear to believe that you will be impressed by the lofty sound of Old English. Secondly, they seem to believe that Old English will somehow convince you of the truth of their preaching, and you will say, "Yes! Lot had sex with both his daughters! How do I become a Christian?!"

Before writing this book, I vowed to avoid sarcasm. May Almighty Allah forgive me, but it becomes almost *painfully* frustrating to watch people unable to listen to the Voice of The Divine that lies inside of them, choosing, instead, to believe anything that they read because the front cover of the book is entitled, "The Holy Bible," and on the inside of the book are the Old English words, *thee, thou, behold, goest not, wouldst, nay, yeah*, etc.

Do you really have to obtain a PhD in ancient Hebrew, Greek, Latin, as well as a PhD in Biblical studies to understand that no Prophet of God—or no normal man *period*—would...*do that*? Or even if you don't see him as a Prophet of God, as Muslims do and as Qur'an says that he was, it is not possible that a holy man like Lot would.....He just *wouldn't*. I believe that he would rather he and his two daughters *die*, and leave the earth without a single human being on it than,

Get drunk
Sleep with his oldest daughter
Impregnate her
Get drunk **again**
Sleep with his youngest daughter (Daddy's little girl!)
Get daddy's little girl pregnant

That's nonsense. Indeed, I doubt that there's a single man on earth, let alone a Prophet of God, that would do that. Bashirruddin, in his *Introduction to the Study of the Holy Qur'an*, speculates that later Jewish scholars, for some reason, must have developed some form of antipathy, or hatred, for the sons, "real or supposed," as he says, of Lot, Moab and Ammon.

As an aside, here's something that gets me: Read the Qur'an and you will not find one single such foul story. Yet, critics of Islam who do not even *read* about the religion accuse Prophet Muhammad of marrying a 9-year-old. If they studied carefully, they will find out what *really* happened, but they refuse to do that because of pre-conceived bias against the Din of Islam.

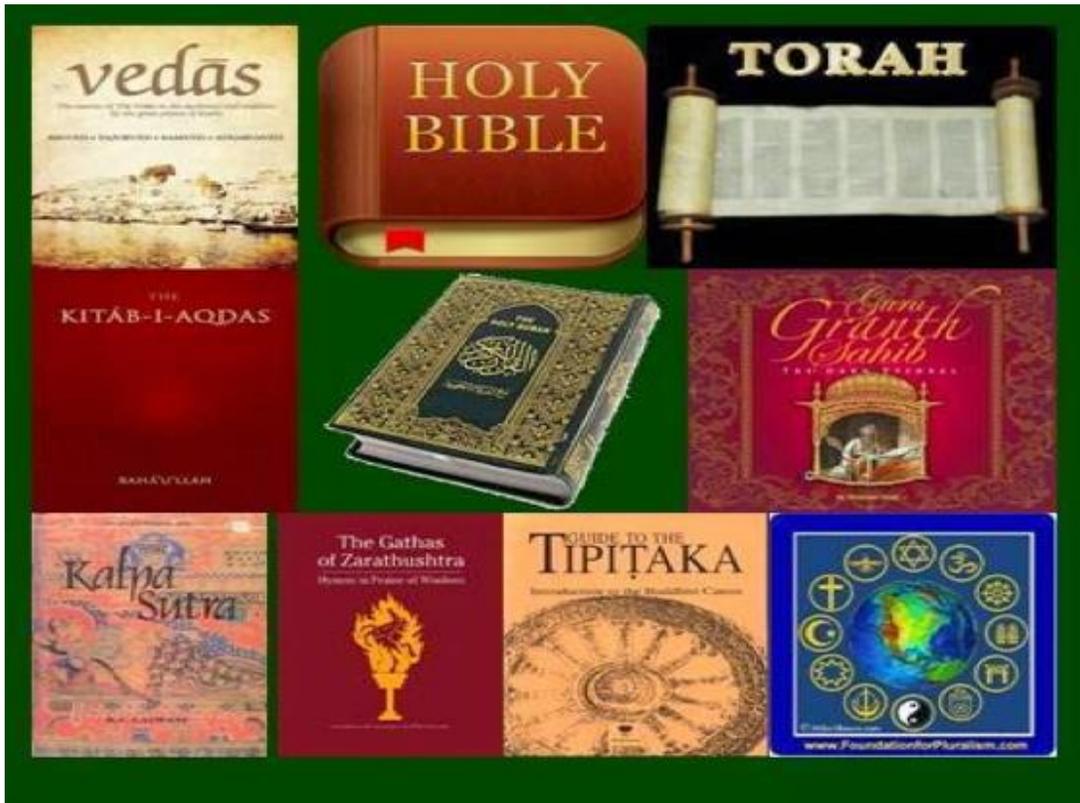
Right in their own scriptures is an account of a Prophet, Lot, having sexual intercourse [Let's just spell it out] **with his own daughters**, yet they accuse Prophet Muhammad of something that *does not* appear in the Scripture of Islam, the Qur'an, and something that did not take place in the manner they wish to believe, though they will never accept the explanations of Muslim scholars who know what really happened. One wonders what a Christian or Jewish mother tells her children when they ask, "Mommy, why did Lot have sex with his two daughters? Isn't that bad?? Didn't you tell me if *anybody*, including daddy, fondled me, that I should tell you?"

I hope that I've made my point. But, if you want to read much more about the contradictions, distortions, lies, interpolations, etc., in both the Old Testament *and* the New Testament, you can read Bashirruddin's [**Introduction to the Study of the Holy Qur'an**](#). That link is to a free PDF that you can read at your leisure. The book includes a history of the life of Prophet Muhammad.

After reading the beginning, lengthy part of that Introduction, I believe that any fair-minded person will easily have to agree that even if there wasn't a need for a new Scripture (which, of course, there was), then the believers of the various scriptures would have to read those Scriptures with a grain of salt. If one uses a Scripture as guidance for one's life, then certainly one would want the Scripture to *at the very least* be free of gross errors, as well as free of morally unacceptable passages.

Incidentally, in that Introduction, Bashirruddin also covers the many contradictions and interpolations that occur in the books of Sanatana Dharma (Hinduism), The Vedas. Whether you would ever accept Islam or not, if you are a student of religion, or just a curious individual, you will immensely enjoy Bashirruddin's book.

Muhammad in World Scriptures



Scriptures of the world
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“The mercy for the world”

وَمَا أَرْسَلْنَاكَ إِلَّا رَحْمَةً لِّلْعَالَمِينَ

And We have sent thee not but as a mercy for all peoples. (Al-Qur'an Al-Karim, Suratul Anbiya, Iyyat 108)

In this chapter I'm going to dive right into the subject. We have already seen that humanity is interconnected in what some scientists, such as Dr. Larry Dossey, are calling One Mind. The field of Quantum Physics has revealed much to us about the interconnectedness of all things.

It stands to reason that if humanity were to one day be united as one family, under one Din, then that Din would be brought by some universal Prophet. And the coming of such a Prophet would have been predicted in the various scriptures of ancient times. Well, he was.

अनस्वन्ता सतपतिर्माहे मे गावा चेतिष्ठो असुरो मघोनः ।
त्रैवृष्णो अग्रे दशभिः सहस्रैर्वैशानरः त्रयंस्त्रिंशक्तेत ॥

The wagon-possessor, the truthful and truth-loving, extremely wise, powerful and generous, Mamah (Muhammad) has favored me with his words. The son of the All-powerful, possessing all good attributes, the mercy of the worlds has become famous with ten thousand (companions).
(*Muhammad in World Scriptures*, by Abdul Haq Vidyarthi, p. 120)

The "ten thousand" mentioned in the above Vedic Prophecy should be familiar to Christians. There are three divisions of the sacred books of the Hindus: the Vedas, the Upanishads and the Puranas. The Brahmanas Granth is another book but is actually a commentary on the Vedas. These books together are called Shurti, and the Prophecy above is mentioned in those books.

The above Vedic Prophecy is clear. Not only is the name Muhammad used [more on that below], but his attributes are mentioned as well as the exact number of companions accompanying him (10,000) when he conquered the city of Mecca after he had been exiled for many years. The fall of Mecca to the Prophet Muhammad is a well-known historical fact.

The history of the Arabs reveals that Prophet Muhammad, even before he was commissioned by Almighty Allah to be a Prophet, was known by his people to be very truthful and truth-loving.

And just as had been mentioned in the above Vedic verse, Allah Himself described Prophet Muhammad as a mercy for all peoples.

وَمَا أَرْسَلْنَاكَ إِلَّا رَحْمَةً لِّلْعَالَمِينَ

And We have sent thee not but as a mercy for all peoples.

A little more explanation about the name *Mamah* is in order. Abdul Haq Vidyarthi explains in his book, *Muhammad in World Scriptures*,

This mantra gives the Rishi's name as Mamah. No Rishi in India or any other Prophet ever had this name. The root of this word is *Mah*, which means 'to esteem highly, honour, revere, to magnify, to exalt, etc.' (Ibid, p. 76)

The name Muhammad means "praiseworthy," in Arabic, and corresponds to the meaning of the word Mamah in Sanskrit.

The Holy Bible, specifically the Torah, or Pentateuch (first five books of the Old Testament), agrees with the above Vedic Prophecy concerning the coming of Prophet Muhammad and his 10,000 companions. The Prophet Moses gave a Prophecy of the Holy Prophet Muhammad. The Prophecy is precise.

And this is the blessing wherewith Moses the man of God blessed the children of Israel before his death. And he said, 'Thy Lord came from Sanai, and rose up from Seir unto them; he shined forth from mount Paran, and he came with ten thousands of saints: from his right hand went a fiery law for them.'
(Bible, Deuteronomy, 33: 1-2)

The Holy Prophet Muhammad was born in the city of Mecca in Arabia in 570 CE. Mount Paran, which is mentioned in the above Prophecy, is the name of hills which lie between Mecca and Medina.

Regarding the "ten thousands of saints," it was in the year 8 A.H. (After the Hijra) during the month of Ramadan (December, 629 A.D.), that the Holy Prophet Muhammad, after having been persecuted for many years by the

idolatrous leaders of Mecca, entered that city near Paran with exactly 10,000 devotees—just as had been mentioned in the Holy Vedas and the Holy Bible—as the undisputed conqueror of that city.

The “fiery law” mentioned in the verse refers to the revelation of the Holy Qur’an—the Islamic Scripture—to the Holy Prophet Muhammad.

Before citing the next scriptural verse, it is necessary to reproduce a verse from the Qur’an.

وَإِذْ قَالَ عِيسَى ابْنُ مَرْيَمَ يَبْنِيَّ إِسْمَاعِيلَ إِنِّي رَسُولُ اللَّهِ إِلَيْكُمْ مُصَدِّقًا لِمَا بَيْنَ يَدَيَّ مِنَ
التَّوْرَةِ وَ مُبَشِّرًا بِرَسُولٍ يَأْتِي مِنْ بَعْدِي اسْمُهُ أَحْمَدُ ۗ فَلَمَّا جَاءَهُمْ بِالْبَيِّنَاتِ قَالُوا هَذَا سِحْرٌ
مُبِينٌ ﴿٤﴾

And *remember* when Jesus, son of Mary, said, ‘O children of Israel, surely I am Allah’s Messenger unto you, fulfilling that which is before me of the Torah, and giving glad tidings of a Messenger who will come after me. His name will be Ahmad.’ And when he came to them with clear proofs, they said, ‘This is clear enchantment.’ (Al-Qur’an Al-Karim, Suratul Saff, Iyyat 7)

In the above verse of the Qur’an, Allah reminds mankind to recall when Jesus spoke of a Prophet who would come after him whose name would be Ahmad. Ahmad is another name used by Allah in the Qur’an for Prophet Muhammad. The present Bible used by Christians is the translation of Aramaic and Hebrew into Greek.

A famous Christian theologian, Jack Finegan, said in his book, *The Archaeology of World Religions*, “Where in Greek the word ‘Parakletos (Comforter) is very similar to ‘Periklutos (renowned), the latter word being the meaning of the names Ahmad and Muhammad.” Mr. Finnegan was demonstrating that the original Greek words for those terms bore the same meaning as Prophet Muhammad’s name. One such Biblical verse follows.

But when the **Comforter** is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the **Spirit of Truth**, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify to me: All ye shall bear witness, because ye have been with me from the beginning. (Bible, John 15: 26-27)

For those of you who love to perform research, here’s a task for you: Try to find old Bibles that were published before the year 1900. Or if you have a

relative who may have inherited an old Bible from the 1800s or before, check the translation of John 15:26-27 in that Bible and see if you see the word Comforter translated as Ahmad. There was a time when such Bibles could be found. It's not hard to guess why they're hard to be found these days. But, give it a shot. Then show it to the Pastor of your Church and ask for his explanation.

Another verse of the Vedas, found in the Sama Veda II clearly mentions the very name "Ahmad" as a Prophecy of the coming of Prophet Muhammad.

अहमिधि पितुः परिमेधामृतस्य जग्रह । अहं सूर्यं श्वाजनि ॥
सामवेद० । प्र० २ । द० ६ मं० ८ ॥

Ahmad acquired religious law from his Lord. The religious law is full of wisdom. I receive light from him just as from the sun. (Vidyarthi, Muhammad in World Scriptures)

The religious law that the verse in the Vedas referred to is obviously the Qur'an, as this Vedic verse mentions the name Ahmad, the second name that Allah uses for Prophet Muhammad in the Qur'an.

I'll come back to another Vedic Prophecy later. But first I want to reproduce a quote from the Gospel of Barnabas in which Jesus actually states the name Muhammad.

In the year 325 A.D., the Nicene Council ordered that all original Gospels in Hebrew script be destroyed. One of those Hebrew Gospels was the Gospel of Barnabas. This Gospel does not appear in the current Bible. There is an intricate history regarding the translation of this Gospel which is too detailed to cover. But supposedly, a couple named Mr. and Mrs. Londale and Laura Ragg translated the Gospel of Barnabas into English from a Latin manuscript located in the Imperial Library at Vienna.

It is unfortunate that the original manuscript does not exist. I reproduce the following section of an English version of the Gospel of Barnabas, with the reservation that the publishers of that version were not able to include any original texts in the publication. But I felt that it would be only fair that the reader have these passages at his or her disposal. According to the publishers of the English version, the Gospel of Barnabas was accepted as a canonical Gospel in the Churches of Alexandria until the year 325 A.D. For an interesting analysis of the Gospel of Barnabas, [check out the Wikipedia entry on that Gospel.](#)

In the following passage from the Gospel of Barnabas, Jesus clearly mentions the coming of Prophet Muhammad.

Then said the priest: 'How shall the Messiah be called, and what sign shall reveal his coming?' Jesus answered, 'The name of the Messiah is admirable, for God himself gave him the name when he had created his soul and placed it in a celestial splendor.

God said, 'Wait, **Muhammad**. For thy sake I will create paradise, the world, and a great multitude of creatures, whereof I make thee a present, insomuch that whoso shall bless thee shall be blessed, and whoso shall curse thee shall be accursed.

'When I shall send thee unto the world, I shall send thee as my Messenger of salvation, and the word shall be true, in so much that heaven and earth shall fail, but thy faith shall never fail. Muhammad is his blessed name.' Then the crowd lifted up their voices, saying, 'Oh God, send us Thy messenger. Oh, Muhammad, come quickly for the salvation of the world.' (The Gospel of Barnabas, edited and translated by Lonsdale and Laura Ragg), p. 123-124.

Another Vedic prophecy begins on the next page.

एतस्मिन्नन्तिरे भ्लेच्छ आचार्य्येण समन्वितः ।
 महामद् इति ख्यातः शिष्यशास्त्रासमन्वितः ॥ ५ ॥
 नृपधैव महादेवं मरुत्थलनिवासिनम् ।
 गङ्गाभलैश्च संस्नाप्य पद्मगल्पसमन्वितैः ।
 ध्वजादिभिरभ्यर्च्य्य तुष्टाव मनसा हरम् ॥ ६ ॥
 भोजरात्र उवाच—नमस्ते गिरिजानाथ मरुत्थलनिवासिने ।
 त्रिपुरासुरनाशाय बहुमायाप्रवर्तिने ॥ ७ ॥
 भ्लेच्छैर्गणाय शुद्धाय सविदानन्दरूपिणे ।
 त्वं मां हि किंकरं विद्धि शरणाग्रमुपागतम् ॥ ८ ॥
 सूत उवाच—इति श्रुत्वा स्तब्धं देवः शब्दमाह नृपाय तम् ।
 गंतव्यं भोजराजेन महाकालेश्वरस्थले ॥ ९ ॥
 भ्लेच्छैस्सुदूषिता भूमिर्वाहीका नाम विश्रुता ।
 आर्य्यधर्मो हि नैवात्र वाहीके देशदाख्ये ॥ १० ॥
 वाभूवात्र महामायी योऽसौ दग्धो मया पुरा ।
 त्रिपुरो बलिदैत्येन प्रेषितः पुनरागतः ॥ ११ ॥
 अयोनिः स षरो मत्तः प्राप्तवान्दैत्यवर्द्धनः ।
 महामद् इति ख्यातः पैशाचकृतितत्परः ॥ १२ ॥
 नागन्तव्यं स्वया भूप पैशाचे देशधूर्तके ।
 मत्प्रसादेन भूपाल तव शुद्धिं प्रजापते ॥ १३ ॥
 इति श्रुत्वा नृपधैव स्वदेशान्पु नरागमतः ।
 महामदश्च तैः सार्द्धं सिधुतीरमुपाययौ ॥ १४ ॥
 उवाच भूपति प्रेम्णा मायामदविशारदः ।
 तव देवो महाराजा मम दासत्वमागतः ॥ १५ ॥
 ममोच्छिं समुंजीयाद्यथा तत्पश्य भो नृप ।
 इति श्रुत्वा तथा दृष्ट्वा परं विरमयमागतः ॥ १६ ॥
 भ्लेच्छधर्मे मतिप्राप्तीतस्य भूपस्य दाख्ये ॥ १७ ॥
 तच्छ्रुत्वा कालिदासस्तु ख्या प्राह महामदम् ।
 माया ते निर्मिता धूर्तं नृपमोहनहेतवे ॥ १८ ॥
 हनिष्यामिदुरावारं वाहीकं पुष्पाधमम् ।
 इत्युक्त्वा स जिह्वः श्रीमान्नवाद्यं प्रपतत्परः ॥ १९ ॥
 जप्त्वा दशसहस्रं च तटपार्श्वं शुद्धाव सः ।
 नरस्य भूत्वा स मायायी भ्लेच्छदेवत्वमागतः ॥२० ॥

मयभीतास्तु तच्छिष्या देशं बाहीकमापयुः ।
 गृहीत्वा स्वगुरोर्भस्म मदहीनत्वामागतम् ॥ २१ ॥
 स्थापितं तैश्च भूमध्येतत्रोपुर्मदतत्पराः ।
 मदहीनं पुरं आतं तेषां तीर्थं समं स्मृतम् ॥ २२ ॥
 रात्रौ स देवरूपश्च बहुमायापिशारदः ।
 पेशाचं देहमास्थाय भोजराजं हि सोऽवधीत् ॥ २३ ॥
 आर्भ्यधर्मो हि ते राजन्सर्वधर्मोत्तमः स्मृतः ।
 ईशाज्ञया करिष्यामि पेशाचं धर्मदाखणम् ॥ २४ ॥
 लिङ्गच्छेदी शिखाहीनः श्मश्रु धारी स द्रुपकः ।
 उच्चालापी सर्वमक्षी भविष्यति जनो मम ॥ २५ ॥
 विना फौलं च पशपरतेषां भक्षया मता मम ।
 मुसलेनैव संस्कारः कुशैरिष भविष्यति ॥ २६ ॥
 तरमान्मुसलवन्तो हि जातयो धर्मद्रुपकाः ।
 इति पेशाचधर्मं च भविष्यति मया कृतः ॥ २७ ॥

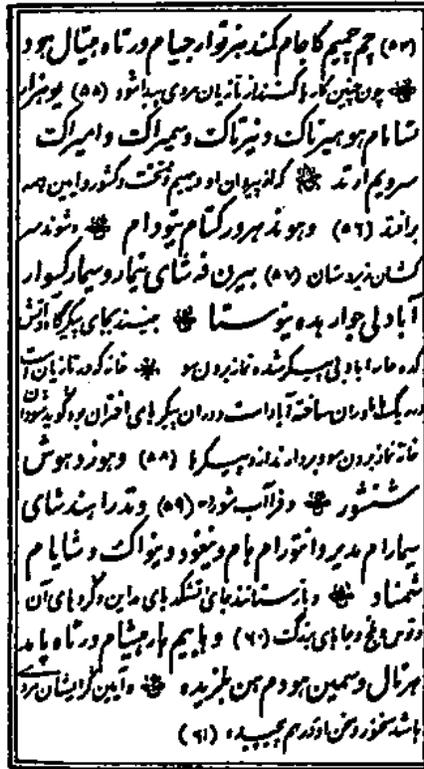
A malechha [someone belonging to a foreign country and speaking a foreign language] spiritual teacher will appear with his companions. His name will be **Mohammad**. Raja (Bhoj) after giving this Maha Dev Arab [of angelic disposition] a bath in the Panchgavya and the Ganges water [i.e., purging him of all sins] offered him the presents of his sincere devotion and showing him all reverence said, 'I make obeisance to thee. O Ye the pride of mankind, the dweller of Arabia! Ye have collected a great force to kill the Devil and you yourself have been protected from the Malechha opponents. Oy Ye the image of the Most Pious God, the Biggest! Lord, I am a slave to thee. Take me as one lying on thy feet!' (Vidyarthi, Muhammad in World Scriptures, pp. 59-62)

Concerning the above Sanskrit Prophecy, Vidyarthi comments:

1. The name of the Prophet is clearly stated as Mohammad.
2. He is said to be belonging to Arabia. The Sanskrit word *marusthal* used in the Prophecy means a sandy tract of land or a desert.

3. Special mention is made of the companions of the Prophet [“You have collected a great force.”] There has hardly been any other Prophet in the world who had such a host of companions all resembling him.
4. He will be immune from sins, having an angelic disposition.
5. The Raja of India will show him his heart-felt reverence.
6. The Prophet will be given protection against his enemies.
7. He will kill the Devil, root out idol-worship and will do away with all sorts of vices.
8. He will be an image of the All-powerful God.
9. The Mahrishi claims to be lying at his feet [Means the Mahrishi honored him highly; gave him great respect].
10. He is regarded as the pride of mankind.

Next, let’s look at a Zoroastrian Scripture called The Dasatir.



Prophecy in Dasatir
(Courtesy abdulhaq.info)

When the Persians will do such deeds, a man will be born from amongst the Arabs. His followers will overthrow and dissolve the crown, throne, kingdom and religion of the Persians. And the arrogant people will be subjugated. Instead of the house of idols and the temple of fire, they will see Abraham's house of worship without any idols in it. [*Muhammad in World Scriptures*, by Abdul Haq Vidyarthi, (Delhi: Adam Publishers and Distributors, 1990), p. 45]

The Prophecy was revealed to the Prophet Zoroaster, the founder of the Zoroastrian religion, and is taken from The Dasatir. (Another Zoroastrian scripture is called the Zend Avesta). The man "born from amongst the Arabs" was without a doubt a prophecy about the coming of Prophet Muhammad. His followers actually overthrew Persia, which became an Islamic state, today known as Iran.

The Holy Kaba in Mecca, Arabia, is the structure originally built by the Prophet Adam for the worship of One God. It fell into ruin and was re-built by Abraham and his son Ishmael. Through time, the people of the area lapsed into idolatry and filled the Kaba with idols—almost one for every day of the year. When Prophet Muhammad succeeded in establishing Islam and the worship of One God, he ordered that the idols be removed from the Holy Kaba. Thus, the prophecy in the Dasatir was fulfilled.

The entry at Wikipedia on The Dasatir claims that it is generally regarded as a literary forgery. I included it in this book because it *exists*, and I leave it to the reader to perform your own research if you want to dig further. One suggestion for a place to start is Abdul Haq Vidyarthi's book, *Muhammad in World Scriptures*, [in the section that starts on the bottom of page 43](#), entitled, *Prophecies In The Second Part Of The Zoroastrian Scriptures*.

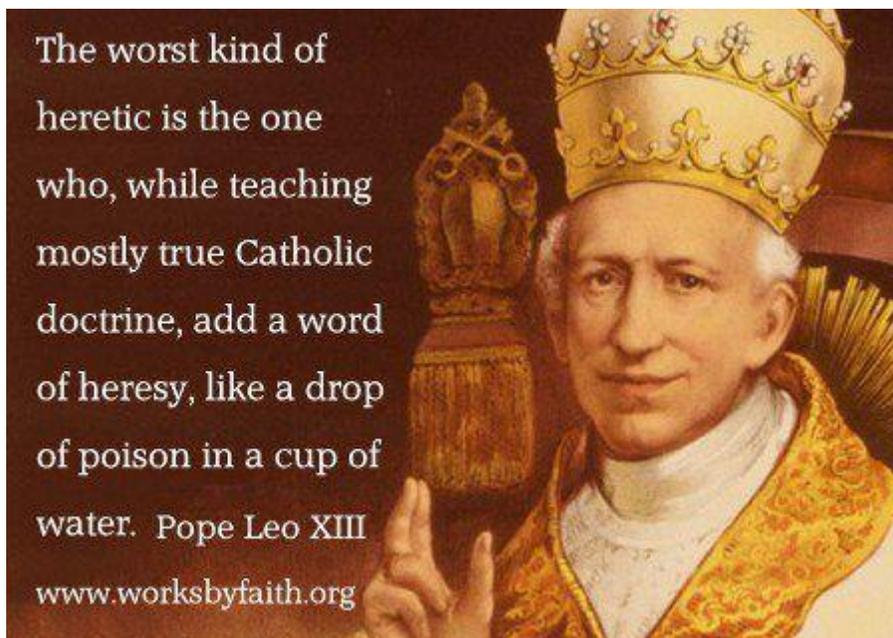
Four of the world's great scriptures—the Vedas of the Hindus, possibly the Dasatir of the Zoroastrians, the Torah of the Jews and Christians, and the Gospels of the Christians all gave Prophecies of the coming of Prophet Muhammad, sometimes by name. He is the Prophet for all humanity.

فَإِنْ تَوَلَّوْا فَإِنَّمَا عَلَيْكَ الْبَلَدُ الْمُبِينُ

But if they turn away, then thou art responsible only for the plain delivery of the Message. (Al-Qur'an Al-Karim, Suratul Nahl, Iyyat 83)

Free will (*La ikra hafideen*, i.e., There is no compulsion in matters of *The Way*) is guaranteed by Qur'an, as we saw earlier from a Qur'anic verse. People are free to choose whatever they wish, especially in the West. It is up to everyone to decide, for himself or herself, their path in life. But if you want a life of balance, harmony, and peace, you will not be able to attain that life unless you follow a Din of true spiritual and moral guidance.

The 7 heresy charges and the Islamic view



إِنَّ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ لَهُمْ جَنَّاتُ النَّعِيمِ

Surely those who believe and do good works — they will have Gardens of Delight

(Al-Qur'an Al-Karim, Suratul Luqman, Iyyat 9)

During Easter Week, 2019, nineteen highly prominent Catholic scholars, clerics and theologians penned, signed, and published an [Open Letter](#) to the Bishops of the Catholic Church, charging Pope Francis with “the canonical delict of heresy.” By March 14th, 2019, the number of signatories had risen from 19 to 87.

[LifeSite](#), a Catholic news organ, said:

Among the signatories are well-respected scholars such as Father Thomas Crean, Fr. John Hunwicke, Professor John Rist, Dr. Anna Silvas, Professor Claudio Pierantoni, Dr. Peter Kwasniewski, and Dr. John Lamont. The text is dated "Easter Week" and appears on the traditional Feast Day of St. Catherine of Siena, a saint who counseled and admonished several popes in her time.

The 20-page document is a follow-up to the 2017 [Filial Correction](#) of Pope Francis that was signed originally by 62 scholars and which stated that the Pope has “effectively upheld 7 heretical positions about marriage, the moral life, and the reception of the sacraments, and has caused these heretical opinions to spread in the Catholic Church,” especially in light of his 2016 exhortation, [Amoris Laetitia](#).

The original nineteen signatories to the Easter Week, 2019 Open letter cite seven positions taken by Pope Francis that they state indicate that he has become a heretic. Although technically, according to Church tradition, there is no way to remove Pope Francis from his Papacy, the Open Letter still directly charges Pope Francis with heresy:

We are accusing Pope Francis of the canonical delict of heresy. For the canonical delict of heresy to be committed, two things must occur: the person in question must doubt or deny, by public words and/or actions, some divinely revealed truth of the Catholic faith that must be believed with the assent of divine and Catholic faith; and this doubt or denial must be pertinacious, that is, it must be made with the knowledge that the truth being doubted or denied has been taught by the Catholic Church as a divinely revealed truth which must be believed with the assent of faith, and the doubt or denial must be persistent. (Paragraph 3).

I am going to list and cover all seven of the heresy charges below. But first, it's important to know a tiny bit about the doctrine underlying the charges made against Pope Francis.

Before mentioning that doctrine, it's important to understand that, from the Catholic viewpoint, Catholic beliefs are considered Divinely Revealed and are based on the Catholic understanding of the teachings of the individual that they believe, as do all Christians, is the "Son of God," whom they refer to as Jesus Christ, the prime purpose of whose life was to offer guidance, but also to sacrifice himself, by being crucified on the cross, as an atonement for the sins of humanity. Those teachings are located in a part of the Bible that Christians call The New Testament.

One of the duties that Jesus took upon himself, according to the Bible, was to reform his people, the Hebrews/Jews. And part of that reformation was to point out to his people that their faith—their religion; their Din—had become overladen with a deeply exaggerated and hypocritical emphasis on lifeless, a-spiritual forms of religiosity. This focus had caused them to become virtually devoid of spiritual essence.

To claim, as some Christians do, that the Pharisees were "legalists" is simply incorrect, because they *did not* follow The Law of Moses, and this was often pointed out—and harshly—by Jesus. They followed, instead, their Rabbis, who would actually violate The Law of Moses, as Jesus is reported to have said a good number of times.

Did not Moses give you the law, yet **none of you keeps the law**? Why do you seek to kill me? (Bible, John 7:19).

He answered and said to them, "Why do you also transgress the commandment of God because of your tradition? For God commanded saying, 'Honor your father and your mother'; and he who curses father or mother, let him be put to death.' But you say, 'Whoever says to his father or mother, 'Whatever profit you might have received from me is a gift to God'--then he need not honor his father or mother.' Thus you have made the commandment of God of no effect by your tradition. Hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophecy about you, saying: 'These people draw near to Me with their mouth, and honor Me with their lips, but their heart is far from Me. And in vain they worship Me, teaching as doctrines of God the commandments of men'" (Bible, Mat 15:3-9).

Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier *matters* of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone. (Bible, Matthew 23:23)

Jesus often admonished the Pharisees on their lack of true, inner spirituality by using parables and analogies.

“Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you clean the outside of the cup and of the dish, but inside they are full of robbery and self-indulgence. “You blind Pharisee, first clean the inside of the cup and of the dish, so that the outside of it may become clean also. (Mathew 23: 25-26)

“Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs which on the outside appear beautiful, but inside they are full of dead men’s bones and all uncleanness. “So you, too, outwardly appear righteous to men, but inwardly you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness. (Matthew 23: 27-28)

Now, Jesus was not attempting to denigrate The Law. For he himself had stated:

Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil. For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled. Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach *them*, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven. (Matthew 5: 17-19)

Jesus was trying to direct his people to the *kernel*—to the *soul*; to true righteousness and spirituality.

Another important aspect of Jesus’ ministry is the concept of Grace, the unmerited favor granted by God. Although Jesus never mentioned the *word* Grace (*charis* in Greek), he taught parables that clearly reflected his understanding that God extends Grace to human beings, at His Will, without the individual having to do anything to earn that Grace.

For instance, the parable of the prodigal son is one example. In that parable grace is extended to someone who had no basis upon which to be shown that Grace, other than the fact that he had asked in humility and repentance to be shown it. The parable of the vineyard and the parable of the great supper are other examples that demonstrate that God can, if He Wills, extend Grace without that Grace being merited. It is interesting that Qur'an speaks of God extending His Grace at His Will.

ذٰلِكَ فَضْلُ اللّٰهِ يُؤْتِيهِ مَن يَّشَآءُ ۗ وَاللّٰهُ ذُو الْفَضْلِ الْعَظِيْمِ

That is Allah's grace; He bestows it on whom He pleases; and Allah is the Master of immense grace. (Al-Qur'an Al-Karim, Suratul Jumu'ah, Iyyat 5)

So now, let's get into the doctrine underlying the charges against Pope Francis by quoting a Biblical verse on the doctrine of "justification":

But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets; Even the righteousness of God *which is* by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference: For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; **Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:** Whom God hath set forth *to be* a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; To declare, *I say*, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus. (Romans 3: 21-26)

In very brief, to be justified means to be right in the eyes of God; to be righteous; to be "saved," as Christians put it. In the Christian tradition and understanding a person is justified by God's Grace, **but only through his belief in the redemption won by Jesus' death on the cross—"a propitiation through faith in his blood..."**

Below I reproduce the seven heresy charges against Pope Francis. I may give some commentary. Note that the signatories to the Open Letter offered extensive rebuttal, in the form of references to Church Canon law as well as verses of the Bible, to each of the heresies they believe were committed by Pope Francis.

I will reproduce only two rebuttal-references of the signatories for each of the seven heresy charges. To see their additional rebuttal-references, just [review the Open Letter](#). I will also include the Islamic view. Please note that the first heresy mentioned by the signatories appears to be the kernel heresy from which the other six heresies flow.

But before reproducing those heresy charges, a very, very important note must be made. And because I am trying to keep this book as short as possible, I will have to humbly request that you perform your own research [And you will enjoy it, believe me] on the following.

To fully understand the intensity of this current crisis in the Catholic Church regarding the charge of heresy against Pope Francis, it is important that you are aware of, as well as research, the following. The perception of the signatories, as well as a growing number of Catholics, especially those Catholics called Traditionalist Catholics, is that Pope Francis is attempting to either skirt or change Catholic laws for the purpose of accommodating what they deride as *modernism, liberalism, and secularism*. In fact, some believe that he's attempting to do this *on purpose* as part of some scheme to destroy the Church. Here are some examples of Pope Francis's deviation from Catholic doctrines:

1. His belief that Catholicism is not the *only* religion through which someone can receive salvation. This belief is 100% against Catholic doctrine, and is vehemently opposed by Catholic traditionalists, Conservative Catholics, and even, now, a growing number of regular Catholics in the pews.



Pope Francis and Sheikh Ahmed al-Tayeb sign declaration of fraternity
(Courtesy pulpitandpen.org)

The Catholic religion has always taught that Salvation can be achieved *only* through the Catholic religion. His signing of a declaration of fraternity with Sheikh Ahmad al-Tayeb, then, is seen by Catholics as a visible sign of his heretical acceptance of the idea that Salvation can be attained outside of the Catholic Church.

There is a cultural, political, and social aspect of this part of the controversy that is tied to the rise of Muslim immigrants in Europe. Anti-Pope Francis Catholics, particularly the scholars and politically-minded Catholics, view the influx of Muslim immigrants to Europe as a sign of the role that globalist liberalism has played in destroying what they perceive as European identity.

They charge the European Union as being a major culprit in laying the foundation for what they fear will be the *Islamicization* of Europe. They believe that Europe can recover from what they *perceive* as the weak, if not virtually absent, expression of Christianity in Europe. They believe that that recovery can take place only through Europe becoming thoroughly Catholicized. In their view, the Pope's claim that Salvation can be achieved through non-Catholic religions is a serious threat to Euro-Christian identity.

Incidentally, as an unrelated aside, it's almost painfully ironic that this "Grand" Sheikh, in 2016, **declared that leaving Islam (apostacy) is punishable by death**. As you recall earlier, Qur'an says, "There is no compulsion in religion." So, the "Grand Sheikh" made a grand mistake. I see him more as *shaky* than as Sheikh (or grand).

2. His allowance for a Catholic who had been married "sacramentally", but then divorced, to continue receiving the Sacrament of what is called Holy Communion.
3. His embracing of homosexuality, especially his embracing of the LGBTQIA community.



Pope Francis meets with LGBT Catholics
(Courtesy thetablet.co.uk)

In short, Catholics view Pope Francis as having endorsed ideas that they feel are at the very center of the current moral deterioration of the world, especially the West. The above were just three examples. You can easily follow this controversy on The Internet, and one good way to keep up with it is search at YouTube on "Pope Francis heretic" or "Pope Francis heresy."

HERESY I:

(Pope Francis claims that) a justified person has not the strength with God's grace to carry out the objective demands of the divine law, as though any of the commandments of God are impossible for the justified; or as meaning that God's grace, when it produces justification in an individual, does not invariably and of its nature produce conversion from all serious sin, or is not sufficient for conversion from all serious sin.

REBUTTAL-REFERENCES OF THE SIGNATORIES

Reference 1: Council of Trent, session 6, canon 18: "If anyone says that the commandments of God are impossible to observe even for a man who is justified and established in grace, let him be anathema" (DH 1568)

Reference 2: "All unrighteousness is sin: and there is a sin not unto death."
(1 John 5: 17)

ISLAMIC VIEWPOINT

Islam agrees, in spirit, with the Catholic stance on obedience to Divine Law. I say "in spirit" because, to be perfectly honest, Catholic Law, or Canon is rather vast, and I must confess to not being familiar with the intricacies of the Catholic Canon. Although Islam does embody the concept of Grace, as I showed earlier, Islam also emphasizes the importance of *striving*; of *working hard* to stay in line with the Commands of Almighty Allah. This falls in line with the Islamic doctrine that rejects the Christian doctrine of "original sin."

Islam does not teach that human beings are born in sin. Islam teaches that human beings are born *weak*.

اللَّهُ الَّذِي خَلَقَكُمْ مِنْ ضَعْفٍ ثُمَّ جَعَلَ مِنْ بَعْدِ ضَعْفٍ قُوَّةً ثُمَّ جَعَلَ مِنْ بَعْدِ قُوَّةٍ ضَعْفًا وَشَيْبَةً
يَخْلُقُ مَا يَشَاءُ ۗ وَهُوَ الْعَلِيمُ الْقَدِيرُ ﴿٥٥﴾

It is Allah Who created you in a state of weakness, and after weakness gave strength; then, after strength, caused weakness and old age. He creates what He pleases. He is the All-knowing, the All-Powerful. (Al-Qur'an Al-Karim, Suratul Rum, Iyyat 55)

So, contrary to what Pope Francis is teaching, we *have* the strength—because Almighty God *gives* us the strength—"with God's grace to carry out the objective demands of the divine law." This issue of being born weak as opposed to being born "in sin" is a *crucial* difference between Islam and Christianity, but especially between Islam and Catholicism. This calls for a little *experiential* explanation. And I'm sorry, my dear Catholic brothers and sisters, if this burns your ears, but I must tell the truth.

Pre-Vatican II Catholicism did, yes, offer a strong sense of spirituality and connection to The Divine, as I experienced during the almost 12 years that I was a practicing Catholic. But Catholicism *also* included something that was extremely detrimental to its own desire that humanity, including Catholics, avoid sin: an extreme, inundating focus on sin coupled with an extreme focus on fear of the punishment of eternal hellfire after death.

These extremes produced the very opposite effect of what Catholicism intended: the creation of a people, Catholics, who were so drowned in fear that the subconscious belief was created that *sin was inescapable*. This was my experience as a Catholic and the experience of many Pre-Vatican II Catholics.

To bring this point home, I relate to you an experience that occurred in about the 4th or 5th Grade. The nun announced that, the next day, she would give us a special surprise.

Well, the next day, when everyone was settled in their seats in the classroom, the nun had someone to pull down all the shades. There was virtually no light shining in the classroom. She then closed the door. We could barely see her. And then, standing in a front corner of the room, she said, "You will now see what happens to people who sin."

She walked to the front of the class and began operating a slide projector. She then put on a phonograph record, and began running the slides. The slides depicted the burning of people in hell. Fire was shown *up to their necks*. On the phonograph record, you could hear the agonizing hollering and screams of people burning in hell. Then, a narrator on the record, with a deep, spooky, male voice, said,



(Courtesy nowtheendbegins.com)

"These are the people that sinned!! These are the people that lied!! These are the people that stole!! These are the people that murdered!! These are the people that cheated!! And these are the people that **looked at GIRLS!!!**" When I left school that day, I walked all the way home with my eyes peeled to the ground. I dare not even *accidentally* look at girls. Of course, what

should have been a *bigger* issue for me was determining how that nun had gone to hell, taken slides of people burning, and returned back on earth without *one* scorch mark on her body. Well, that's for another book.

Back in the day, when I was a teenager, there was an urban reality that virtually every teenager knew: If you wanted to get [excuse me, please] "an easy piece," that is, easy sex, the best thing to do was find a Catholic girl. I'm *sorry*, but that is what was happening. Perhaps it was more an urban legend. And I am *not* saying that every Catholic girl was a slut, or someone from whom one could easily have sex with.

But I believe that pre-Vatican II Catholicism focused so much on sin, fear, guilt, punishment, hell, the devil, etc., that it created sin as a **god**—a god that could not be escaped; an *ever-present* God. In my mind, it seems very possible that the extreme focus on sin, such as I demonstrated above about dear Sister Mary and her burning-in-hell-forever slides, may have, on the deep subconscious level of the Catholic believer, created sin as an inescapable god: You're *born* in it. You're *reminded* of it, daily, by the nuns. And it exists *everywhere*, all around you.

You then subconsciously realize that you can't escape. Thus, you sin. But there was always the Sacrament of Confession where you could go to have your sin erased by confessing to the priest, and then performing the penance that he gave you.

And, to his credit, he always ended the Confessional session with, "Now go and sin no more," although Sister Mary would be reminding you, incessantly, about sin (especially sins committed with girls). So, *if* the rep Catholic girls had was more than an Urban legend, one wonders whether the religious *culture of fear* that existed in pre-Vatican II Catholicism may have contributed to the moral laxity of those "bad girls," sexually promiscuous girls were called back in the day.

In the religion of Islam, this form of exaggerated focus on sin does not exist. The Qur'an, yes, *does* remind the believer to beware of violating the Commands of Allah. But there are a number of ways that one can fortify oneself against committing sins, one of which is the five daily prayers. Very, very important. This is part of the *work* involved. It becomes integrated into your life. It's not limited to Sunday. It's not limited to Friday at Islamic congregational prayer service. The *work* of the Muttaqi, i.e., the individual striving towards righteousness, is *constant*.

Aside from the five daily prayers, there is the practice of Zikr—remembrance of God, often done in a ritualistic form by [reciting the Attributes of Allah](#), using a counting system, either with prayer beads or the joints of one's fingers, and reciting those Attributes with focus and sincerity. Fasting on Mondays and Thursdays, as Prophet Muhammad did, is another form of *work* that keeps the believer straight—keeps the passions down. Performing *Istighfar*, i.e., reciting, "Astagfirullah, Astagfirullah, Astagfirullah" over and over again is also work. *Istighfar* means asking God for forgiveness.

Human beings are not "born in sin," according to Islam. It would be inconsistent with the *Rahimiyyat* (Mercifulness) of God that He would place the burden of sin on an innocent, new-born human being. But it is because of the human tendency towards weakness that human beings must *work hard*; must *strive* to follow the Din of Allah:

وَمَنْ أَرَادَ الْآخِرَةَ وَسَعَىٰ لَهَا سَعْيَهَا وَهُوَ مُؤْمِنٌ فَأُولَٰئِكَ كَانَ سَعْيُهُمْ مَشْكُورًا

And whoso desires the Hereafter and strives for it as it should be striven for, and he is a believer — these are the ones whose striving shall find favour *with God*. (Al-Qur'an Al-Karim, Suratul Bani Israel, Iyyat 20)

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اصْبِرُوا وَصَابِرُوا وَرَابِطُوا ۗ وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ لَعَلَّكُمْ تُفْلِحُونَ

O ye who believe! be steadfast and strive to excel in steadfastness and be on *your* guard and fear Allah that you may prosper. (Al-Qur'an Al-Karim, Suratul Imran, Iyyat 201)

There are many verses of Qur'an on striving; on the *work* that it takes. My life has been a life of real experiences, as it has been for all of us. And one experience that I have encountered repeatedly about Christians: that their concept of Salvation through Atonement—the sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the cross—amounts to a guarantee of Salvation *no matter what they do*. I'm sorry, but I can't even count the number of times that a Christian has said, "I'm saved!!" despite the life they they're leading.

This is the flaw, as Muslims see it, in Christianity: believing that you were saved by the blood of Jesus. The way that doctrine gets translated, especially amongst the common people—and I've seen it plenty of times—is that, no matter what the person does, as long he or she believes "on The Lord" then he or she will be forgiven, no matter what they do.

HERESY II:

(Pope Francis believes that) a Christian believer can have full knowledge of a divine law and voluntarily choose to break it in a serious matter, but not be in a state of mortal sin as a result of this action.

REBUTTAL-REFERENCES OF THE SIGNATORIES

Reference 1: Council of Trent, session 6, canon 20: "If anyone says that a justified man, however perfect he may be, is not bound to observe the commandments of God and of the Church but is bound only to believe, as if the Gospel were merely an absolute promise of eternal life without the condition that the commandments be observed, let him be anathema" (DH 1570)

Reference 2: "For if anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will also be ashamed of him when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels." (Mark 8:28)

ISLAMIC VIEWPOINT

Islam teaches that the Commandments of God must be followed. Islam does not have the various degrees of sin that the Catholic religion has, such as cardinal, venial, mortal.

الَّذِينَ يَجْتَنِبُونَ كَبِيرَ الْإِثْمِ وَالْفَوَاحِشَ إِلَّا اللَّمَمَ إِنَّ رَبَّكَ وَاسِعُ الْمَغْفِرَةِ ۗ هُوَ أَعْلَمُ بِكُمْ إِذْ أَنْشَأَكُمْ مِنَ الْأَرْضِ وَإِذْ أَنْتُمْ أَجِنَّةٌ فِي بُطُونِ أُمَّهَاتِكُمْ ۗ فَلَا تُزَكُّوا أَنْفُسَكُمْ ۗ هُوَ أَعْلَمُ بِبَيْنِ أَلْتَّي ۗ

Those who shun the grave sins and immoral actions except minor faults — verily, thy Lord is very liberal in forgiving. He knows you full well *from the time* when He created you from the earth, and when you were embryos in the bellies of your mothers. So ascribe not purity to yourselves. He knows him best who is *truly* righteous. (Al-Qur’an Al-Karim, Suratul Najm, Iyyat 33)

وَالَّذِينَ إِذَا فَعَلُوا فَاحِشَةً أَوْ ظَلَمُوا أَنْفُسَهُمْ ذَكَرُوا اللَّهَ فَاسْتَغْفَرُوا لِذُنُوبِهِمْ ۗ وَمَنْ يَغْفِرَ الذُّنُوبَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ ۗ وَلَمْ يُصِرُّوا عَلَىٰ مَا فَعَلُوا وَهُمْ يَعْلَمُونَ ۗ

And those who, when they commit a foul deed or wrong themselves, remember Allah and implore forgiveness for their sins — and who can forgive sins except Allah? — and do not persist knowingly in what they have done. (Al-Qur’an Al-Karim, Suratul Imran, Iyyat 136)

HERESY III:

(Pope Francis believes that) a person is able, while he obeys a divine prohibition, to sin against God by that very act of obedience.

REBUTTAL-REFERENCES OF THE SIGNATORIES

Reference 1: Council of Trent, session 6, canon 20

Reference 2: “The law of the Lord is unspotted, converting souls.” (Ps. 18:8)

ISLAMIC VIEWPOINT

I have to say here that I have *no* idea what Pope Francis is talking about on this point. Sounds as if he’s saying that obeying God is sinning *against* God. This is an inscrutable idea to me. I can think of no verse that God would have needed to include in Qur’an in order to deal with those that disobeyed God by obeying Him. I don’t know what that means.

HERESY IV:

(Pope Frances believes that) conscience can truly and rightly judge that sexual acts between persons who have contracted a civil marriage with each other, although one or both of them is sacramentally married to another person, can sometimes be morally right, or requested or even commanded by God.

REBUTTAL-REFERENCES OF THE SIGNATORIES

Reference 1: Council of Trent, session 6, canon 21: "If anyone says that Jesus Christ was given by God to men as a redeemer in whom they are to trust but not also as a lawgiver whom they are bound to obey, let him be anathema", DH 1571.

Reference 2: "The foolish shall not stand in thy sight: thou hatest all workers of iniquity." (PS. 5:50)

ISLAMIC VIEWPOINT

There is no Islamic law, per se, that deals with this because Islam does not have what is called, in Catholicism, Sacraments. Islam *does* allow divorce, although Prophet Muhammad is reported to have said, "The most hated of permissible things, to Allah, is divorce."

As regard sexual acts, Islam allows sexual acts *only* between a man and a woman, *in marriage*. In that regard, Islam and Catholicism agree.

HERESY V:

(Pope Francis believes that) it is false that the only sexual acts that are good of their kind and morally licit are acts between husband and wife.

REBUTTAL-REFERENCES OF THE SIGNATORIES

Reference 1: Pius IX, Casti connubii, 10, 19-21, 73

Reference 2: "Do not err: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor the effeminate, nor liars with mankind, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor railers, nor extortioners, shall possess the kingdom of God." (I Corinthians 6:9-10)

ISLAMIC VIEWPOINT

وَلَوْ طَآءِدُ قَالِ يَقَوْمِهِ أَتَأْتُونَ الْفَآحِشَةَ مَا سَبَقَكُمْ بِهَا مِنْ أَحَدٍ مِنَ الْعَالَمِينَ
إِنَّكُمْ لَتَأْتُونَ الرِّجَالَ شَهْوَةً مِنْ دُونِ النِّسَاءِ ۗ بَلْ أَنْتُمْ قَوْمٌ مُّسْرِفُونَ ۗ

And *We sent* Lot — when he said to his people, ‘Do you commit an abomination such as no one in the world ever did before you? ‘You approach men with lust instead of women. Nay, you are a people who exceed *all* bounds.’ (Al-Qur’an Al-Karim, Suratul Araf, Iyyats 81-82)

Islam strongly forbids homosexual relationships and agrees with the traditional Catholic view that homosexual relationships are forbidden. Traditionalist Catholics and other Catholics who oppose Pope Francis’s statements that strongly appear to endorse homosexual relationships believe that Pope Francis has been swayed by pressure from the modernist, liberal, secular culture that has evolved in the world, particularly in the West, and that carries a definite, culture-destroying agenda.

The other day I saw an article that claimed that a survey was performed that revealed that Muslim “acceptance” of homosexuals was much greater than Christian evangelical “acceptance” of homosexuals. I don’t know what was meant by acceptance. I don’t know if it meant tolerance, endorsement, or adoption of homosexuality.

The cynicism I’ve developed over the decades is frustrating for me, because I would *prefer* to *trust* information that appears in the media. But, today’s “journalists” are *not* journalists. They are stenographers who *do what they’re told to do by editors*, based on the demands of the corporate owners of media outlets. Today, it seems impossible to know whether the information one receives is legitimate or not.

Earlier, I may have appeared to distance myself from those called conspiracy researchers. But no matter what may be thought about them, if one can’t see that their claim that a definite *social-engineering agenda* is in operation in Western society is true, then you’ve been living in a cave.

And the older one gets the easier it is to see that such an agenda is in operation, because you’re old enough to have witnessed *how things change* over time, and you can see that much of change *does not occur unplanned*. Decades ago, for example, I had to go to Chicago’s City Hall to take care of

some personal business. On the 5th Floor there was a large map cabinet. It was right out in the open, but everyone was walking past it, going about their business, no one seeming to be curious about that cabinet.

I was curious. There were drawers that contained sliding trays that pulled out, and then down a bit. The trays contained various blueprints that depicted areas of Chicago in the future. I assumed that city planners and private contractors had created those blueprint maps in a bid to get the contract for that future construction.

The drawers themselves were organized by areas of the city. I opened a drawer that contained maps of an area of the south side of Chicago that included housing projects, from 39th & State Street to 51st & State Street. Not one of the blueprints within those drawers showed any housing projects. They were not there.

Go to Chicago now, today, decades later, and drive from 39th & State Street to 51st & State Street, and you'll see no housing projects. The City had planned, *decades in advance*, for how it wanted that area to look. This means that they were engaging in social engineering. They planned, and then engineered circumstances that would "justify" the removal of those housing projects.

The study of Behavioral Science was *not* created merely as a strictly academic, intellectual exercise that would have no applicability. BSB (Behavioral Science Buildings), across the nation's colleges and universities, exist because the tools available in Behavioral Science are *used* by government and other institutions: computer modeling; statistics; demographics; sophisticated psychological profiles of ethnicities; cultural habits; economic analyses, etc.

So, the reality of the existence of an over-arching agenda unfolds before your eyes rather easily—if your eyes are *opened*. Recall the "secular agenda" mentioned by Cardinal Burke, whom I quoted on the cover page of the Preface of this book, an agenda that wants to *normalize* that which is *not* normal, nor the norm; an agenda that wants to *popularize* everything that whittles away at identity of any type, thus creating a more *controllable* and *exploitable* society whose primary, if not *only*, identity is that of **consumer**.

Consume *everything*. Consume lifeless, non-nutritious "foods." Probably 65% of the items at the supermarket are *not needed*. Consume that which is *called* entertainment. Consume liquor. Consume pornography. Consume bogus ideologies. Speaking of which, you hear people make the claim that religion has caused more wars than anything else.

Zbigniew Brezinski, in his book, *Global Turmoil on the Even of the 21st Century*, stated that, during the 20th century, a whopping 175,000,000 human beings were killed due to **secular ideologies**.

And all of them had promised the creation of paradise on earth: Liberalism, Communism, Democracy, Socialism, Capitalism, Conservatism, and other *non-religious* ideologues combined, during the 20th century, to wipe out 175,000,000 human beings. And they're *still* trying to get us to *consume*; to *believe* the prescriptions they offer, within their ideologies, for the establishment of paradise on earth. And *look* at us. The place is falling apart, yet smiley-faced politicians, who claim to be "Christian," are the pied pipers of *death*.

Today, they're trying to get us to *consume* the notion that *technology* is now the *new* Messiah, here to *not only* bring us paradise, but to create us as new, "improved," human beings called **cyborgs**—part human; part machine, that can read faster; think faster; run faster; and, best of all, **kill faster** and more "efficiently." Ted Talk nerds prance across the stage, demonstrating a unique, techno-command of a new language at their disposal—a language that they can use in their *intellectualization of a form of ignorance* that, if we adopt it, spells the very end of the human species as one guided by **soul**.

With that in mind, how does one evaluate the truth or falsehood of a statistic? One day, I read a study that claims that a certain product is bad for you. So, I discontinue use of the product. The next day, through research, I discover that that study was funded by a *competitor* of the company that produced the product that I had been using.

Global warming has been thrown in my face incessantly, every single day in the media. But when I look into the issue, I find bonafide scientists who claim that *not only* is the issue exaggerated, but it's bogus. Who to believe?

So, the claim that American Muslims are now "accepting," or "more accepting" of the homosexual lifestyle than evangelicals might or might not be true. There *is* an over-arching agenda, as Cardinal Burke pointed out, which appears to be motivated by the idea of removing all barriers; all restrictions; all forms of traditional morality. So, to read that Muslims have become "more acceptable" of homosexuality, despite the clear Qur'anic verse to the contrary, is something I have to take with a BIG grain of salt.

If "acceptable" means treating homosexuals decently, that would be what any good Muslim will do *anyway*. In fact, although I have never gotten this verified, I was told by a Muslim scholar who had studied Islam at Al-Azhar University, in Cairo, Egypt, that Prophet Muhammad allowed homosexuals to pray in the Mosque, on the women's side, in the rear behind the women. He didn't *reject* them from performing prayers in the Mosque. I guess he

thought, "Well, I don't understand *why* they're like that. But, apparently, they feel like women. So, I suppose they would prefer praying with the women—*but not too close*, so I'll put them *behind* the women."

So, it's a very, very fascinating and interesting subject. All *I'm* doing, folks, is giving you *my* understanding of what Allah says, in Qur'an. And the Qur'an strongly condemns homosexual relationships. It doesn't condemn *homosexuals*. It condemns homosexual *relationships*. I don't think that the following words, which I quoted earlier, are unclear:

"You approach men with lust instead of women. Nay, you are a people who exceed *all* bounds."

Incidentally, a modern religion, the Baha'i Faith, holds the position that homosexual *relationships* are not allowed. In that religion, homosexuals can participate in the religion, but they are to not attempt to have homosexual *relationships* in the sense of sexual relations with other homosexuals, or in an attempt to marry.

The United States appears to be the very center of everything morally backwards and destructive. Will the Muslims maintain their Din? Yes. I believe so. But, *stay tuned*.

HERESY VI:

(Pope Francis believes that) moral principles and moral truths contained in divine revelation and in the natural law do not include negative prohibitions that absolutely forbid particular kinds of action, inasmuch as these are always gravely unlawful on account of their object.

REBUTTAL-REFERENCES OF THE SIGNATORIES

Reference 1: John Paul II, Veritatis splendor 115: "Each of us knows how important is the teaching which represents the central theme of this Encyclical and which is today being restated with the authority of the Successor of Peter. Each of us can see the seriousness of what is involved, not only for individuals but also for the whole of society, with the reaffirmation of the universality and immutability of the moral commandments, particularly those which prohibit always and without exception intrinsically evil acts", DH 4971.

Reference 2: "And not rather, (as we be slanderously reported, and as some affirm that we say,) Let us do evil, that good may come? whose damnation is just." (Romans 3:8)

ISLAMIC VIEWPOINT

It appears that Pope Francis believes that it would be unnecessary for moral principles and moral truths to cover particular kinds of actions that are obviously sinful due to the intrinsic nature of the sin. I believe that the signatories of the Open Letter are concerned that the Catholic believer, left to his or her own, might attempt to use their own judgement, rather than the moral principles and truths contained in Divine Revelation (as Catholics believe all Catholic teachings to be), to determine, on a case-by-case basis, whether or not an act is sinful.

It seems that the signatories believe that all actions of a person can be determined to be sinful or not sinful by testing those actions against the moral principles and moral truths of Divine Revelation. It appears that Pope Francis may be attempting to find a loophole *around* Divine Revelation that will allow him to continue accommodating what Traditional Catholics believe to be an immoral and rapidly deteriorating world society. This is the same spirit of accommodation to the surrounding, non-Catholic society that influenced The Second Vatican Council to make changes to Catholic beliefs and practices, changes that Traditionalist Catholics believe have finally led to the virtual abandonment, by Pope Francis, of Catholicism itself.

Islam would agree, I think, with the signatories on the belief that the moral principles and moral truths embedded in Divine Revelation are to be used as guidance on *every action*, and no decision about an action should be made independent of the guidance of Divine Revelation and the moral principles and moral truths embedded [Please note that the "Divine Revelation" of Catholicism is not the Divine Revelation of Islam. I'm using that term within the context of this *Catholic* controversy and within their belief about Catholicism as being Divine Revelation]. There is one interesting verse of Qur'an that *tells* the believer when he or she can use his own judgement (sort of):

هُوَ الَّذِي أَنْزَلَ عَلَيْكَ الْكِتَابَ مِنْهُ آيَاتٌ مُحْكَمَاتٌ هُنَّ أُمُّ الْكِتَابِ وَأُخَرُ مُتَشَابِهَاتٌ فَأَمَّا الَّذِينَ فِي قُلُوبِهِمْ زَيْغٌ فَيَتَّبِعُونَ مَا تَشَابَهَ مِنْهُ ابْتِغَاءَ الْفِتْنَةِ وَابْتِغَاءَ تَأْوِيلِهِ وَمَا يَعْلَمُ تَأْوِيلَهُ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَالرَّاسِخُونَ فِي الْعِلْمِ يَقُولُونَ آمَنَّا بِهِ كُلٌّ مِنْ عِنْدِ رَبِّنَا وَمَا يَذَّكَّرُ إِلَّا أُولُو الْأَلْبَابِ ﴿١٣٠﴾

He it is Who has sent down to thee the Book; in it there are verses that are decisive in meaning — they are the basis of the Book — and there are others that are susceptible of different interpretations. But those in whose hearts is perversity pursue such thereof as are susceptible of different interpretations,

seeking discord and seeking *wrong* interpretation of it. And none knows its *right* interpretation except Allah and those who are firmly grounded in knowledge; they say, 'We believe in it; the whole is from our Lord.' — And none heed except those gifted with understanding. (Al-Qur'an Al-Karim, Suratul Imran, Iyyat 8).

This is a very important verse of Qur'an. Firstly, it tells the believer that there are verses that are "clear and precise," as other translations of Qur'an put it. There is no ambiguity about those verses. Laws on eating, fasting, praying, sexual relationships (no fornication; no adultery), divination and idol worship (strictly forbidden), liquor consumption, gambling, procedures for performing the annual Hajj, i.e., the pilgrimage to Mecca, avoiding foul talk, backbiting (forbidden), the charge against someone for fornicating or committing adultery (must produce four witnesses), etc., are all *decisive in meaning*, and are not susceptible to different interpretations.

There are other verses that *are* susceptible to different interpretations, such as how the universe was created; what *perseverance means*, something that would depend on the person's capacity, as well as on the nature of the situation; amounts of charity to give (except the stipulated 2.5% of savings and wealth that is called *Zakat*); methods of preaching (the one stipulation being to preach "with a goodly exhortation" and without force); the *types* of good deeds that one performs, etc.

Now, underlying the believer's adherence to both "clear and precise" verses of Qur'an, as well as those verses that are "susceptible to different interpretations" are three important things: The true belief in the Existence of God; the true belief in a Judgement Day; and the true belief in the life after death.

When one believes in those three things, one would be absolutely and dangerously *foolish* to play games with The Divine, as if God cannot see. If you know that God Sees everything; if you know that, on the Day of Judgement, you'll be held to account for your actions in this life, you won't be trying to *run game* on God, creating interpretations of His Scripture that you *know* are bogus and that you *know* you're doing so that you can have your own way even if it's not in accordance with the letter and spirit of the "clear and precise laws," or the *spirit* of the laws that are "susceptible to different interpretations."

One of the basic tenets of all religions is the belief that you're going to be held to account for your actions in this life, and that you will be rewarded or punished accordingly. Remember: There is no compulsion in matters of religion.

So, if you *want* to try to run game on Allah, hey, that's totally up to you. You are perfectly free to do so. But, Allah says, in Qur'an, that everything that we do is written in a "clear book."

وَمَا مِنْ غَائِبَةٍ فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ إِلَّا فِي كِتَابٍ مُبِينٍ

And there is nothing hidden in the heaven and the earth, but it is *recorded* in a clear book.

God says about the Day of Judgement:

And the Book will be placed *before them*, and thou wilt see the guilty fearful of that which is therein; and they will say, 'O woe to us! What kind of a Book is this! It leaves out nothing small or great but has recorded it.' And they will find all that they did confronting *them*, and thy Lord does not wrong anyone. (Al-Qur'an Al-Karim, Suratul Kahf, Iyyat 50)

I don't know about these days, but in my day when a parent told you the rules, and you then broke them and got caught, you received a punishment. You were *told* the rules, and you were *told* what would happen if you broke the rules. In the world of religion, where rules exist, we will be punished, sometimes even in *this* life, not only in the next, if we break those rules.

Sometimes that punishment will be brought upon us *not* because Allah sent a lightning bolt to kill us. Sometimes the punishment comes by way of our breaking laws that violate the system of our physical bodies that keep us in what is called *homeostasis*, i.e., balance, harmony, and peace. If you get sick because you constantly over-consume, then that is a form of "punishment," because Islam teaches moderation in eating.

So, although there is "wiggle room" in Islam within those laws that are "susceptible to different interpretation," that doesn't mean that one is free to do *anything*, or free to create interpretations of verses of Qur'an that violate the spirit of the Divine Law. In short, ya can't be tryna run *game* on The Supreme Being!

UPDATE:

This update section was written on May 25th, 2019. I had completed this book earlier today, but then came the "this-just-in" notice, so to speak, as I was researching if anything new had occurred.

It appears that Pope Francis, despite the fierce and growing opposition to his attempts to do away with Catholic doctrine, is stubbornly doubling down, [as this article](#) from the American conservative news organ, Brietbart, reveals. On May 23rd, 2019, Pope Francis addressed participants in the 21st General Assembly of *Caritas Internationalis*, the Church's global charitable outreach. You can read the article yourself, but I'll reproduce some excerpts from the article here.

Jesus intentionally omitted telling his disciples many things so that the Church would learn to renounce the desire for clarity and order, the Pope told participants in the 21st general assembly of *Caritas Internationalis*, the Church's global charitable outreach...

...Living like Jesus demands the "courage of renunciation," the pontiff said, a willingness to abandon traditions that are dear to us. Changing and adapting is not about imposing something new, he said, "but leaving aside something old."

Those early Christians had to learn to leave behind "important religious traditions and precepts, dear to the chosen people," he said, by which their very "religious identity" was at stake...

In the end, they did not need a bunch of doctrines and traditions. but the simple announcement that "God is love," Francis said, and in the face of this great truth, "even convictions and human traditions can and must be abandoned, since they are more of an obstacle than a help..."

...The Pope's guidance "at times seems intentionally ambiguous," the theologian stated, leaving the faithful confused and spiritually adrift. "To teach with such a seemingly intentional lack of clarity inevitably risks sinning against the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of truth," the priest said.

The first paragraph of the Brietbart article summarizes Pope Francis as saying that "Jesus intentionally omitted telling his disciples many things so that the Church would learn to renounce the desire for clarity and order..." Yes, Jesus intentionally omitted telling them many things, but *not* so that the Church would "learn to renounce the desire for clarity and order."

Here is the reason that Jesus intentionally omitted telling his disciples many things, as stated by Jesus himself:

I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. Howbeit when he, the **Spirit of truth**, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come. (Bible, John 16:12-13)

Recall that in the previous chapter, Muhammad in World Scriptures, I quoted verses from various scriptures that proved that the "Spirit of truth" mentioned in the above verse was a Prophecy that Jesus gave about the coming of Prophet Muhammad, who, he said, "will guide you into all truth." That is why Jesus "intentionally omitted telling his disciples many things," not because, as the Pope falsely claims, he wanted them to "learn to renounce the desire for clarity and order."

At this point I can no longer resist the temptation to quote a verse from the Qur'an, and then briefly explain.

رُبَمَا يَوَدُّ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا لَو كَانُوا مُسْلِمِينَ

Often do the disbelievers wish that they were Muslims. (Al-Qur'an Al-Karim, Suratul Hijr, Iyyat 3)

Sometimes, when we Muslims see someone who is not Muslim, and who doesn't have the guidance offered by Islam, and that person has a problem that would never have occurred had he or she been Muslim; and the person expresses their discomfort at being beset with that problem, we will look at each other and say, *Rubamaa yawaddul lazeena kafaroo law kaanoo Muslimeen*, that is, "Often do the disbelievers wish that they were Muslims." No, the person is not *actually* thinking, "I wish I was Muslim!!" But, his expression of frustration due to the problem he or she made for himself or herself is akin to "wishing" that he were Muslim.

This is *precisely* how I view the current frustration of Catholics over their leader, Pope Francis. In effect, all the Catholics, scholar or otherwise, who are wringing their hands, frustrated that the very head of the Roman Catholic Church does not have the spiritual understanding to know that Jesus did not omit teachings so that "the Church would learn to renounce the desire for clarity and order," are wishing that they were Muslims. *Rubamaa yawaddul lazeena kafaroo law kaanoo muslimeen*. You will not see anything in Islam about abandoning clarity and order.

But, it's not even a *matter*, quite frankly, of Pope Francis not having proper spiritual understanding. It's actually simply just a matter of **reading**. All he has to do is just **read** the Biblical verses, which I repeat here.

I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. Howbeit when he, the **Spirit of truth**, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come. (Bible, John 16:12-13)

Jesus did not mumble a *single word* about renouncing clarity and order. And this is where I agree with the anti-Pope Francis Catholics: For whatever reason, Pope Francis has been openly, obviously, and *shamefully* ripping away at those fibers of moral teachings that exist within the Catholic Church in an obvious attempt to unravel (destroy) the Catholic religion. I have to agree with Catholics who say that Pope Francis must *certainly* be an agent for the Masonic order, carrying out the blueprint outlined in the Alta Vendita—or *something*.

Understand that I have never said that the Catholic religion contains *no* teachings on morality. To say such a thing would be a bold-faced lie. The Catholic religion *does* contain many good moral teachings. But Pope Francis has either bent to the whims of the surrounding society; carried out the plan of the Alta Vendita; or both. In reading those excerpts from Brietbart, one wonders whether Pope Francis even *reads* the Bible.

The Pope's critics believe that his attempts to appear all-inclusive and welcoming to the outside, non-Catholic world (attempts that mirror and greatly magnify the intent and essence of Vatican II) are sowing the seeds for the destruction of the integrity, and even existence, of the Catholic Church. In addition, his views are perceived, by his critics, as providing religiously and spiritually illegal Church sanction for the decadent practices of a Godless culture, particularly in the West, steeped in sin and confusion.

He has repeatedly been asked for "clarification," by Bishops and other leaders of the Church, on statements he has made that are in direct opposition to the teachings of the Catholic religion. From my perspective, since I've been watching this conflict fairly closely, these requests for "clarification" are not being made because there is misunderstanding or non-understanding of what he is saying. They fully understand what he's saying. These requests are being made for four reasons:

- 1.) As a courtesy to, and respect of, **the office of the Papacy**, not as a courtesy to Pope Francis himself.

2.) To place it on record, within the Catholic Church, that Pope Francis's verbal statements and actions that contravene Church doctrine, religion, and traditions, have been noticed and addressed. There are two reasons that this record has been made:

- a. To have available a record of what some Catholic scholars are hoping can eventually be used as part of a formal, strong indictment for the possible removal of Pope Francis from the Papacy. Although some Catholic scholars say that it is not possible to remove a Pope, other Catholic scholars say that if the Pope continues adhering to his heretical views, it will not be any institution in the Catholic Church that will remove him. His removal will occur **due to his own hands**.

They say that by continuing to adhere to heretical doctrines, this means that he will have "declared" himself to no longer be a Catholic. And if you're no longer a Catholic, you certainly cannot continue to be the Pope—the very head of the Catholic Church and religion. I do not know the *mechanics* of how he would be removed. I suppose that the Swiss Guards would be told that a non-Catholic is sitting in a Pope's seat. So perhaps they'd remove him from his seat, and then out of The Vatican.



Will Pope Francis be removed?

- b. To document as a permanent event in the history of the Catholic Church for the benefit of future Catholic priests, Bishops, Archbishops, Cardinals, etc.; for the benefit of the general Catholic laity; and for the benefit of world history.
- 3.) To give the Pope a chance to "repent" or revoke the stances that he has been taking and the actions that he has been performing. Judging from his response to prior charges of heresy, such as

occurred in 2017, he will not change. His habit is to simply ignore complaints against him, and this habit has added fuel to the fire of rage now burning in the minds and hearts of his critics.

- 4.) To prevent a schism within the Catholic Church. Though that schism has not *structurally* occurred yet, there appears to be an *ideological schism* strongly in place.

HERESY VII:

(Pope Francis believes that) God not only permits, but positively wills, the pluralism and diversity of religions, both Christian and non-Christian.

REBUTTAL-REFERENCES OF THE SIGNATORIES

Reference 1: Pius XI, *Mortalium Animos*, 1-2, 6

Reference 2: "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No man cometh to the Father, but by me."

ISLAMIC VIEWPOINT

I think it can safely be said that Islam agrees with Pope Francis, not Catholic doctrine, on this issue, **except** that Islam **does not** believe in the establishment of some kind of hybrid, "New World Order," man-made religion that is designed to fit the dictatorial schemes of "One-World" globalists, Satanists, Luciferians, Marxists, Capitalists, etc., that are *allegedly* [and I say "allegedly" because I have *no idea whatsoever* if any of the following groups are behind such a scheme] being guided by any, or any combination, of the following groups:

- The International Zionist Conspiracy
- The Masonic Conspiracy
- The Illuminati
- The Deep State
- The International Communist Conspiracy
- The International Capitalist Conspiracy
- The Skull and Bones group
- The Rothschilds
- The Military Industrial Complex
- The Clintons
- The Bushes
- The Banksters
- The Bank of International Settlements
- The Council on Foreign Relations
- The Trilateral Commission

The Reptilians
The Aliens
The Arcons

I have *no idea whatsoever* if secret cabals exist that are determined to remove religion from the earth and force us into some kind of worship of “the Devil.” If such a scheme is in motion, Islam *vehemently* opposes it. I do find it interesting that Muslims and the religion of Islam are also being attacked fiercely.

And there is definitely an attack happening within the Catholic Church, *particularly* within The Vatican, a fact I first became aware of when I read the book, [***In God’s Name: An Investigation into the Murder of Pope John Paul I***](#), written by the noted investigative reporter, David Yallop. Though I do not know, with certainty, that secret societies exist [Because, if they do exist, they’re secret. And they don’t invite *me* to their meetings], I do have some views about this issue but I care not to air them in this book. Here is all that I have to say about secret societies, secret meetings of the powerful:

أَمْ يَحْسَبُونَ أَنَّا لَا نَسْمَعُ سِرَّهُمْ وَنَجْوَاهُمْ بَلَىٰ وَرُسُلْنَا الَّذِينَ يَكْتُمُونَ

Do they think that We hear not their secrets and their private counsels? Yea! And Our messengers remain with them recording *everything*. (Al-Qur’an Al-Karim, Suratul Zukhruf, Iyyat 81)

Here is the verse upon which the idea that all Revealed religions were created by God and are *accepted* by God. The verse explicitly states that truly righteous and God-fearing people of any of the Revealed religions can receive salvation.

إِنَّ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَالَّذِينَ هَادُوا وَالنَّصَارَىٰ وَالصَّبِيَّةَ مَنْ آمَنَ بِاللَّهِ وَالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ وَعَمِلُوا صَالِحًا فَلَهُمْ أَجْرُهُمْ عِنْدَ رَبِّهِمْ وَلَا خَوْفٌ عَلَيْهِمْ وَلَا هُمْ يَحْزَنُونَ ﴿٦٣﴾

Surely, the Believers, and the Jews, and the Christians and the Sabians — whichever party *from among these truly* believes in Allah and the Last Day and does good deeds — shall have their reward with their Lord, and no fear *shall come* upon them, nor shall they grieve. (Al-Qur’an Al-Karim, Suratul Baqarah, Iyyat 63)

The Catholic religion clearly and explicitly states that Salvation cannot be attained unless one becomes a Catholic and believes in Atonement, etc. I can't remember whether it was the 2nd or 3rd Grade at Corpus Christi Grammar School when I asked the nun a question. Maybe it was the 4th Grade, I can't recall. Anyway, she had been teaching that anyone who doesn't accept Jesus Christ would be doomed to burn in hell forever. I raised my hand and asked, "Even people on islands that never heard of him?" She answered, without hesitation: "Yes. They will *burn*." I burst out crying.

I once worked, for almost three years, as a salesman on the sales floor of the busiest LensCrafters in the Chicago area. One day, business had slowed down a bit, so we in the sales crew began to engage in small talk. A discussion about religion came up. An Hispanic manager of the store told us a story. The vast majority of Hispanic people, as you know, are Catholic.

She said that her aunt, who was a life-long, very devoted Catholic, was on her death bed. At one point, she woke up from sleep, with an initial intense look of puzzlement on her face and told of a dream she'd just had. In the dream, she saw a one-story, long building—as long as the eyes could see in both directions. She was walking along with what seemed like tens of thousands of other people toward the building. There were no signs on the building anywhere.

There were various entrances to the building that were being used all along the length of the building. Finally, she reached the entrance to the building that she and others had been lined up to enter and walked inside into a long hallway with walls on either side. Of course, she could no longer see the throngs of people that had been standing outside in front of the other entrances.

She continued walking forward, with the crowd, for a fairly long time. Finally, they reached the end of that long corridor. At the end of the corridor was a door. The crowd pushed through the door, and when she got on the other side of that door she saw that they had entered a huge hallway that appeared to have no walls on either side.

She looked to her left. To her left, above the exit doors of the other hallways, where those people too had entered the massive, new hallway, were exit signs. Each exit door had a different sign above it:

Christian Exit
Muslim Exit
Hindu Exit
Sikh Exit

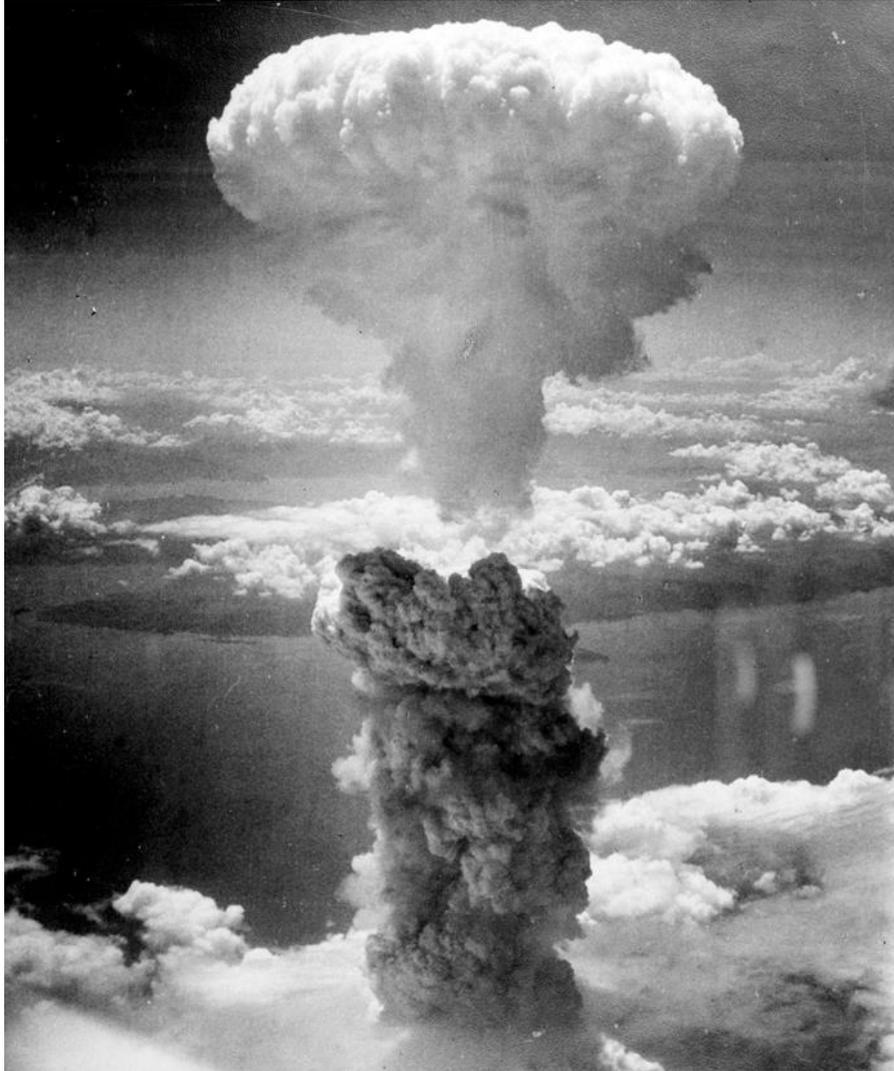
Zoroastrian Exit
Jewish Exit
Buddhist Exit

She then looked to her right. And above the exit doors of *those* other hallways she saw a different sign for each of those hallways:

Native American Spiritualists Exit
Atheists Exit [Allah extends His Grace to whomsoever He pleases]
Shintoists Exit
Taoists Exit
Confucionists Exit
Jainists Exit
Mormons Exit

After she'd finished relating the dream to her niece, the look of puzzlement was no longer on her face. Instead, she, a life-long devoted Catholic, turned her head towards her niece, smiled softly, and said, "I think we had it *wrong*."

The Real Heresy of Pope Francis



Atomic bomb destruction of Nagasaki
(Courtesy atomicheritage.org)

“I have become death, the destroyer of worlds.”
(Robert J. Oppenheier, the “father” of the Atomic bomb)

لَقَدْ كَفَرَ الَّذِينَ قَالُوا إِنَّ اللَّهَ ثَالِثُ ثَلَاثَةٍ ۚ وَمَا مِنْ إِلَهٍ إِلَّا إِلَهٌ وَاحِدٌ ۚ وَإِنْ لَمْ يَنْتَهُوا عَمَّا يَقُولُونَ لَيَسَسَنَّ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا مِنْهُمْ عَذَابٌ أَلِيمٌ ﴿٧٤﴾

They are surely disbelievers who say, 'Allah is the third of three.' There is no God but the One God. And if they do not desist from what they say, **a grievous punishment shall surely befall those of them that disbelieve.** (Al-Qur'an Al-Karim, Suratul Al-Ma'idah, Iyyat 74)

يَا أَهْلَ الْكِتَابِ لَا تَغْلُوا فِي دِينِكُمْ وَلَا تَقُولُوا عَلَى اللَّهِ إِلَّا الْحَقَّ ۚ إِنَّمَا الْمَسِيحُ عِيسَى ابْنُ مَرْيَمَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ وَكَلَّمَتْهُ آَلِقَهَا إِلَى مَرْيَمَ وَرُوحٌ مِنْهُ ۚ فَآمَنُوا بِاللَّهِ وَرُسُلِهِ ۚ وَلَا تَقُولُوا ثَلَاثَةً ۚ انتَهُوا خَيْرًا لَكُمْ ۚ إِنَّمَا اللَّهُ إِلَهٌ وَاحِدٌ ۚ سُبْحَانَهُ أَنْ يَكُونَ لَهُ وَلَدٌ ۚ لَهُ مَا فِي السَّمَوَاتِ وَمَا فِي الْأَرْضِ ۚ وَكَفَى بِاللَّهِ وَكِيلًا ﴿١٧٢﴾

O People of the Book, exceed not the limits in your religion, and say not of Allah anything but the truth. Verily, the Messiah, Jesus, son of Mary, was only a Messenger of Allah and a fulfilment of His Word which He sent down to Mary, and a Mercy from Him. So believe in Allah and His Messengers, **and say not 'They are three.'** Desist, it will be better for you. Verily, Allah is the only One God. Far is it from His Holiness that He should have a son. To Him belongs whatever is in the heavens and whatever is in the earth. And sufficient is Allah as a Guardian. (Al-Qur'an Al-Karim, Suratul Nisa, Iyyat 172)

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي أَنْزَلَ عَلَى عَبْدِهِ الْكِتَابَ وَلَمْ يَجْعَلْ لَهُ عِوَجًا ۝٦

قَتِينًا لِيُذْهِبَ بَأْسًا شَدِيدًا مِمَّنْ لَدُنْهُ وَيُبَشِّرَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ الَّذِينَ يَعْمَلُونَ الصَّالِحَاتِ أَنَّ لَهُمْ أَجْرًا

حَسَنًا ۝٧

مَا كَثُرَ فِيهِ أَبَدًا ۝٨

وَيُنذِرَ الَّذِينَ قَالُوا اتَّخَذَ اللَّهُ وَلَدًا ۝٩

مَا لَهُمْ بِهِ مِنْ عِلْمٍ وَلَا لِآبَائِهِمْ كَبُرَتْ كَلِمَةً تَخْرُجُ مِنْ أَفْوَاهِهِمْ ۚ إِنَّ يَقُولُونَ إِلَّا كَذِبًا ۝١٠

All Praise belongs to Allah Who has sent down the Book to His servant and has not placed therein any crookedness. He has made it a guardian, that it may give warning of a severe chastisement from Him, and that it may give the believers, who do good works, the glad tidings that they shall have a goodly reward, wherein they shall abide forever. **And that it may warn those who say, 'Allah has taken unto Himself a son.'** No knowledge have they thereof, nor had their fathers. Monstrous is the word that comes out of their mouths. They speak naught but a lie. (Al Qur'an Al-Karim, Suratul Kahf, Iyyats 2-6)

On Monday, July 16th, 1945, at 5:39:45 a.m., Mountain Daylight Time, 35 miles southeast of Socorro, New Mexico, on what was then the USAAF Alamogordo Bombing and Gunnery Range, the first detonation of a nuclear weapon occurred. Planning began in March of 1944 for a full-scale test of an implosion weapon.

Sometime between March and October of that year, Robert J. Oppenheimer, who is called "The Father of the Atomic Bomb," proposed a name for that test.

The first man-made nuclear explosion would be an historic event, and its designation, therefore, a name that history might remember. Oppenheimer coded the test and the test site, **Trinity**, after the Christian conception of the God-head—*division*; the splitting of the atom.

When Oppenheimer was asked, in 1962, by General Leslie R. Groves, who had directed the Manhattan Project, why he had chosen the name Trinity to be the name of the first man-made nuclear explosion, Oppenheimer invoked a poem that was written by John Donne, the first line of which is:

Batter my heart, three person'd God

That first line of John Donne's poem, with its reference to the battering of the heart, eerily reminds me of a verse of the Qur'an that speaks of a horrible punishment that Allah would create **through a tiny particle called the Hotamah** that would "**leap suddenly onto the hearts**":

يٰۤاَيُّهَا الَّذِيْنَ اٰمَنُوْا
 اَلَّذِيْنَ جَمَعَ مَالًا وَّعَدَدَ ذٰلِكَ
 يَحْسَبُ اَنَّ مَالَهٗٓ اٰخٰذَةٌ
 كَلَّا يَتَّبِعُنَّ فِي الْحَطَبَةِ
 وَّمَا اَدْرٰكَ مَا الْحَطَبَةُ
 نَارُ اللّٰهِ الَّتِي تَلْقٰهُ
 اَلَّتِي تَطَّلِعُ عَلَى الْاَفْدٰنِ
 اِنَّهَا عَلَيْهِمْ مُّوَصَّدَةٌ
 فِيْ عَمَدٍ مُّسَدَّدَةٍ

Woe to every backbiter, slanderer, who amasses wealth and counts it over and over. He imagines that his wealth will make him immortal. Nay! He shall surely be cast into the "hotamah". And what should make thee know what the "hotamah" is? Allah's fire as preserved fuel, **which will leap suddenly on to the hearts**. It is locked up in **outstretched pillars** to be used against them. (Al-Qur'an Al-Karim, Suratul Humazah, Iyyats 2-10)

In his commentary on this verse of the Qur'an, Hazrat Mirza Tahir Ahmad says:

This prophecy was made at a time when man could not entertain the idea of an atomic explosion by any stretch of his imagination. But as we will presently illustrate, there are certain verses of the Holy Quran which clearly speak of tiny insignificant particles which are described as storehouses of immense energy, as though the fire of hell was locked within them. Amazing as it may seem, this is exactly what is literally described [in those verses].

This short Quranic Chapter is densely packed with astounding statements which lie far beyond the reach of the people of that age. Strange, is it not, to read that the sinful people of a certain description would be cast into the *hotamah*, which means the tiniest of particles, such as we see floating in a beam of light which passes through a poorly lit room.

Authentic Arabic lexicons describe *hotamah* as possessing two root meanings; first *hatamah*, which means 'to pound' [**"Batter my heart, three person'd God"**] or 'pulverize into extremely small particles', and the second *hitmah*, which means 'the smallest insignificant particle'. Thus, *hitmah* is the result obtained by breaking something down to its smallest constituents.

The two meanings just mentioned can rightfully be applied to any extremely minute particle which has reached the limits of its divisible potential. As the concept of the atom had not been born fourteen hundred years ago, the nearest substitute to it could only be *hotamah* which also sounds intriguingly close to atom. One hardly recovers from the shock of the claim that a time would come when man would be cast in the *hotamah* when another claim, even more bizarre, comes in its wake.

Explaining the word *hotamah*, the Holy Quran speaks of a blazing fire built within it and confined in extended columns. It goes on to declare that when man will be cast into it, this fire will directly leap upon his heart as though no intervening rib cage existed. This can only mean that this fire would be of a completely different nature which could directly kill the heart before it could scorch the body.

Certainly no fire known to man of that age could be described as such.

These however are not the only elements of surprise about this description; what follows is even more astonishing. This fire is mentioned as having been locked up in outstretched columns waiting to leap upon man till such time as it is destined to be unleashed.

Wonder Upon Wonder is heaped in such a short space of a few simple statements. First the declaration that the time would come when man would be cast into the smallest particle, then the description of that smallest particle and what it contains. It contains a type of fire which is kept confined in some tiny vessels which could appear like extended columns.

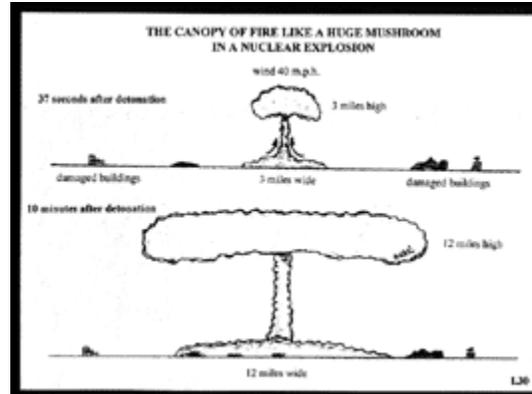
The casting of man into this minute particle does not mean that a single man will be cast into it. Man is mentioned as a generic name and the casting indicates his subjection to that affliction to which he will be doomed. This has only become conceivable in the contemporary age when man has discovered the secret of the atoms and the immense stores of energy which they contain. This is the age when the fire contained in the smallest particles leaps out and engulfs large areas extending to thousands of square miles. Everything that lies within its range is engulfed, man and all. Hence, what seemed so unrealistic fourteen hundred years ago, has become a commonplace reality which even young children can understand...

Unless one is familiar with the scientific description of how an atomic explosion takes place and what changes are brought about within the nuclear mass, one cannot fully comprehend the meaning of the Quranic expression of 'extended columns'. Nuclear experts describe the state of a critical mass which is about to explode as something elongating and pulsating with the immense pressure built within it. This pressure is caused by the elongation of the nuclei before they burst and in that process an element of high atomic weight is split into two

elements of lesser atomic weight. The sum total of the atomic weight of the newly formed elements is less than the atomic weight of the original parent element, normally referred to as a heavy metal. The small portion of the atomic weight which is lost in this process is turned into energy. This is not the only model of a nuclear bomb but we have chosen this simple one to describe the process of the extended columns.

Turning to the issue of how this fire could leap directly upon the hearts, the scientific description is given below:

At the instant of explosion, large quantities of gamma rays, neutrons and x-rays are immediately released. The x-rays raise the temperature immediately to meteoric heights creating a great ball of fire rising rapidly, riding the extremely hot atomic blast. This is the canopy of fire like a huge mushroom which is seen from far and wide.



A Nuclear Explosion

The x-rays also travel sideways in all directions along with the neutrons, causing immense heat which burns everything on its way. The speed at which this heat front moves is many times the speed of sound which also creates shockwaves. **But much faster and more penetrating than this are the gamma rays which outpace the heat front by leaping forward at the speed of light. They are so immensely vibrant that by the sheer force of their vibration they strike the hearts dead. So death is not caused by the intense heat generated by x-rays, it is the tremendous**

energy of the gamma rays which inflicts instantaneous death. This is exactly how the Holy Quran describes it. (Tahir Ahmad, [Revelation, Rationality, Knowledge and Truth](#), 613-617)

Regarding Oppenheimer's choice of Donne's poem as inspiration for his naming the first atomic explosion Trinity, the author of the book, [The Making of the Atomic Bomb](#), Richard Rhodes, says:

This is poetry perhaps martial enough [war-like enough], ardent enough and sufficiently fraught with paradox to supply a code name for the first secret test of a millennial force newly visited upon the world. (Rhodes, *The Making of the Atomic Bomb*, p. 572)

The 14th of Donne's *Holy Sonnets* explores the theme of destruction that might also redeem, which is the baffling (and wholly illogical, irrational, and unjust) paradox offered by Christian doctrine: that the destruction of a human being, "Jesus Christ," offers *redemption* to the human family. This is the mindset that was guiding our Father of the Atomic Bomb, a weapon that, today, if only a *fraction* of the global stockpile of such weapons is ever detonated, can destroy **all life on earth**, plant, insect, animal, and human, thus leaving earth, like Mars, a "barren soil," as Qur'an *frighteningly* predicts might happen if that hotamah—that *little particle*—is ever unleashed in its full power.

Recall the verses above of Surah Khaf, in which God warns of a "severe chastisement" for the Christian claim that God has taken unto Himself a son. Three verses after that, God says:

وَإِنَّا لَجَعَلُونَ مَا عَلَيْهَا صَعِيدًا جُرُزًا

And We shall make all that is thereon a barren soil.

Rhodes goes on to quote from a letter that Oppenheimer had written to his brother Frank in 1932 that "concluded in Pauline measure:"

Therefore I think that all things which evoke discipline: study, and our duties to men and to the commonwealth, **war**, and personal hardship, and even the need for subsistence, ought to be greeted by us with profound gratitude; for only through them can we attain to the least detachment;

and only so can we know peace.” (Rhodes, *The Making of the Atomic Bomb*, p. 573)

So, included in Oppenheimer’s personal philosophy on attaining peace, is his acceptance of *war* as one of the means of doing so. This is yet another disgusting and unacceptable paradox, which reminds me of the still astonishing acceptance of the Cold War strategy called MAD—Mutually Assured Destruction—which geo-political analysts actually still praise as having brought “peace” to the world. How “peaceful” do *you* feel today?

If any Catholic or non-Catholic Christian would object to my blaming the development of the most hideous weapon in human history on the Christian doctrine of Trinity, you are welcomed to do so. But this analysis is not confining itself to the world of the material. I am talking about the world of the spirit—the things that we cannot see, but that are affecting our lives.

Not all of the blame [and, yes, I mean *blame*] for the development of the atomic bomb lies at the feet of Robert J. Oppenheimer, of course. But there was a destructive *spirit of the age*, a spirit that still, unfortunately, exists, that permeated the thinking of the mis-guided political leaders of that time, who identified themselves as Christian. It was under the Baptist Christian, Harry S. Truman, President of the United States—a believer in Trinity—that the atomic bomb as developed and then actually detonated—*three times*: Alamogordo, Hiroshima, and Nagasaki.

It was the spirit of the age, one defined by rejection of the Oneness of God, and, thus, the rejection of the Oneness of humanity that caused Oppenheimer to be inspired (if that is even the right word to use) to name the first explosion of an atomic bomb, **Trinity**, and to invoke the words of a poem that began with the words

Batter my heart, three person’d God

The spiritual eye of the Western Christian world is *blind*. And it has been blind ever since the spiritual renegade, St. Paul, *corrupted* the true teachings of Yehoshuwah (Jesus), teachings which can only have been centered on the worship of the One True God. From Deuteronomy 6:4:

שְׁמַע יִשְׂרָאֵל יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ יְהוָה אֶחָד

Hear Oh Israel! The Lord your God is One

And the Bible, Mark 12:29, says:

And one of the scribes came, and having heard them reasoning together, and perceiving that he had answered them well, asked him, 'Which is the first commandment of all?' And Jesus answered him, 'The first of all the commandments is,

Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God is one Lord!

And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: This *is* the first commandment. And the second is like, *namely* this, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these. And the scribe said unto him, Well, Master, thou hast said the truth: for **there is one God; and there is none other but He.**

اللَّهُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ الْحَيُّ الْقَيُّومُ ۚ لَا تَأْخُذُهُ سِنَّةٌ وَلَا نَوْمٌ ۚ لَهُ مَا فِي السَّمٰوٰتِ وَمَا فِي الْأَرْضِ ۗ مَنْ ذَا الَّذِي يَشْفَعُ عِنْدَهُ إِلَّا بِإِذْنِهِ ۗ يَعْلَمُ مَا بَيْنَ أَيْدِيهِمْ وَمَا خَلْفَهُمْ ۗ وَلَا يُحِيطُونَ بِشَيْءٍ مِنْ عِلْمِهِ إِلَّا بِمَا شَاءَ ۗ وَسِعَ كُرْسِيُّهُ السَّمٰوٰتِ وَالْأَرْضَ ۗ وَلَا يَئُودُهُ حِفْظُهُمَا ۗ وَهُوَ الْعَلِيُّ الْعَظِيمُ ﴿٢٥٦﴾

Allah — **There is no God but He**, the Living, the Self-Subsisting and All-Sustaining. Slumber seizes Him not, nor sleep. To Him belongs whatsoever is in the heavens and whatsoever is in the earth. Who is he that will intercede with Him except by His permission? He knows what is before them and what is behind them; and they encompass nothing of His knowledge except what He pleases. His knowledge extends over the heavens and the earth; and the care of them burdens Him not; and He is the High, the Great. (Al-Qur'an Al-Karim, Suratul Baqarah, Iyyat 256)

Among the anti-Pope Francis Catholic intellectuals there are those, such as Michael J. Matt, that speak of the Catholic Church as virtually the creator of Western civilization. They speak of the great architectural works that were built through inspiration in the belief of Jesus Christ.

They speak of the magnificent charitable and other institutions, such as schools, hospitals, etc., that they created.

They lament the loss of this past glory and contribution to humanity, as perhaps rightly they should, and look for external sources to blame for the virtual death of Catholicism, as well as Christianity at large, in Europe, and its apparent impending death in America. They blame the French Revolution but forget (or ignore) the excesses of the Catholic Church that contributed to the backlash against the Church by intellectuals, and others, of the *so-called* Enlightenment.



Cayetano Ripoll (1778-1826)
(Courtesy World Union of Deists)

They pretend that Catholic Europe was a wellspring of Catholic-inspired order. Is it really even *necessary* for me to give an account of the excesses of that blood-soaked institution of the Catholic Church, The Inquisition, that was not officially disbanded until the 19th Century? The last execution of the Inquisition was in Spain in 1826. This was the execution by [garroting](#) of the school teacher [Cayetano Ripoll](#), simply for purportedly teaching [Deism](#) in his school. In Spain the practices of the Inquisition were finally outlawed in 1834.

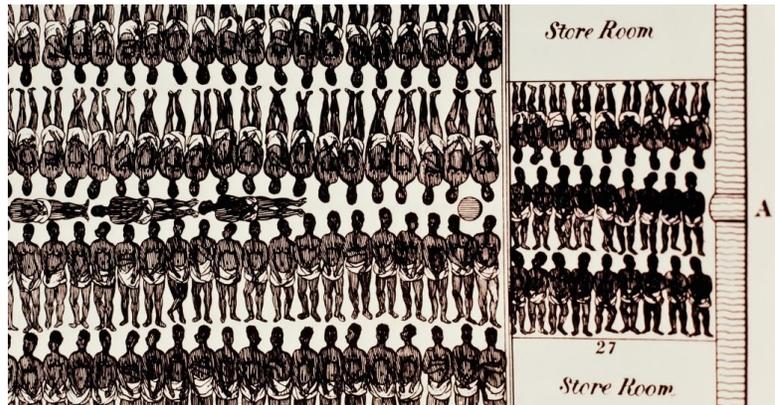
They blame liberalism, materialism, secularism, and Masonry for the moral deterioration of Western society, yet refuse to tell the truth, to their audiences, about *why* those corrupt belief systems were birthed: in part as a reaction to the excesses of the Catholic Church. And, as regards blame, ask the black people of the United States whom *they* blame (or *should* blame) for the Slave Trade that murdered tens of millions of their ancestors, totally stripped them of their ancestral cultures, and launched a virtual perpetual *war* against them, seemingly based only on their skin color. Was it liberalism, materialism, secularism, and Masonry that was responsible for the Slave Trade and the brutal horrors of that Holocaust? Or was it a Catholic Pope? [Let's see what Wikipedia says:](#)

Papal bulls such as Pope Nicholas V's 1452 *Dum Diversas*, or *Romanus Pontifex* from 1454, permitting the "perpetual servitude" of saracens and pagans in Africa, were used to justify enslavement of natives and the appropriation of their lands during this era.

The depopulation of the Americas, and consequently the shortage of slaves that came about through diseases allegedly brought over by the Europeans, and the harsh treatment of the native populations, inspired increasing debate during the 16th century

over the morality of slavery. The first extensive shipment of black Africans to make good the shortage of native slaves, what would later become known as the Transatlantic slave trade, was initiated at the request of Bishop Las Casas and authorized by Charles V, Holy Roman Emperor in 1517. Las Casas later rejected all forms of unjust slavery and became famous as the great protector of Indian rights. **No Papal condemnation of Transatlantic slave trade was made at the time.**

If you are The Bishop of Rome, The Vicar of Jesus Christ, The Successor of the Prince of the Apostles, The Supreme Pontiff of the Universal Church, Primate of Italy, Archbishop and Metropolitan of the Roman Province, Sovereign of the State of Vatican City, Servant of the Servants of God, Pope of



Human beings, packed like sardines, in a slave ship
(Courtesy guyaneseonline.wordpress.com)

the Roman Catholic Church, Head of the Body of Christ (the collective community of Catholics in the world); and if everything you say is attributed to stemming from "Divine Revelation," then **how could you NOT know that to give your official sanction, in the form of "right-to-conquest" Papal Bulls, of the most brutal physical, psychological, and cultural Holocausts in human history—The African Slave Trade and the brutal disruption of the lives of indigenous peoples—was dead wrong?**

The answer is that there never was, is not *now*, and never *will* be one scintilla of Divine Revelation descending upon the Catholic Church and its religion. Is that an "unfair" slap? No. Look at the history, and tell me if you *really believe* that "Divine Revelation" was responsible for Pope Nicholas V's extending permission for the "**perpetual servitude**" of the Saracens (Muslims) and black Africans.

And the claim that "Islam sanctioned slavery too" is a lie. During Prophet Muhammad's ministry, he made it *so difficult* to continue the age-old, global practice of slavery that, by the time he died, slavery in Arabia had been wiped out. Slavery had been an institution, in world society, that was deeply embedded. To get rid of it in one fell swoop was not possible.

So, Prophet Muhammad wisely instituted a number of *tricks*, it might be called, that eventually put an end to slavery. There is a humorous hadith which records the following. Once, a Muslim went to the market to purchase a shirt for himself.

When he returned from the market, his slave was standing in front of his home, with his hand stretched out. The Muslim said, "What?" The slave responded, "Where is my shirt?" The Muslim sighed and said, "You are free," and freed the slave on the spot. Why?

Prophet Muhammad had said that if you have a slave, then whatever you purchase at the market for yourself, then you must purchase that same thing for your slave. And if you don't, you must free him. There were other measures that Prophet Muhammad instituted that made it increasingly difficult to hold slaves, until, as I said, slavery ended.

No Muslim wanted to be out of favor with Allah and His Messenger, Prophet Muhammad. So, *never* was there a hesitation to free a slave. Prophet Muhammad's "tricks," as I call them, were, of course, rooted in a verse of the Qur'an:

فَلَا اقْتَحَمَ الْعَقَبَةَ
وَمَا أَدْرَاكَ مَا الْعَقَبَةُ
فَكُّ رَقَبَةٍ
أَوْ اطْعَمْتُ فِي يَوْمٍ ذِي مَسْغَبَةٍ
يَتِيمًا إِذَا مَتَرَبَةً
أَوْ مَسْكِينًا إِذَا مَتَرَبَةً

But he attempted not the steep ascent. And what should make thee know what the steep ascent is? **It is the freeing of a slave.** Or the feeding on a day of hunger, an orphan near of kin, or a poor man lying in the dust. (Al-Qur'an Al-Karim, Suratul Balad, Iyyats 12-17)

And the excuse that "Muslims participated in The Slave Trade" is *not* an excuse. If you are a Divinely Guided Representative of God on Earth then I don't care *what* anyone else is doing. You have no business whatsoever sanctioning the most brutal trade in human beings in world history. Since Traditonalist Catholics are now lamenting the lost of power that their religion

once hand, in my mind that is an *admission* that Pope Nicholas V *could* have ordered a halt to that trade, since he had power. But the "Divinely Inspired" Nicholas V did not do so.

Papal authority in Europe was *absolute*, up until it was first symbolically snubbed by Napoleon when he was elevated from First Consul to Emperor. The Pope had enjoyed *centuries* of vast Papal authority over Europe. From the Washington Post we read:

When the Roman Empire fell, the Catholic Church remained as close as Europe had to a pan-continental institution; the Church had legitimacy and grassroots support, not to mention vast financial resources.

European governments, as they grew from city-states to nations, developed a sort of symbiotic relationship with the Church, relying on it for support and fearing its power to support opposing leaders. When Pope Urban II called on European leaders to rally for the Crusades, he both confirmed and entrenched the Vatican's power over political leaders, even in matters of war... (*When the Pope was powerful, and why that changed*, by Max Fisher, Washington Post, February 11th, 2013)

The Pope's authority and power was so absolute that monarchs of Europe, upon ascending to the throne, had to *kneel* before the Pope to receive their crown and "blessing." That's just history that can be read anywhere. The "Holy See" had absolute power and authority in its hands, thus it could have prevented and halted the Slave Trade. So, to lament what Traditionalist Catholics view as the destruction of the Catholic Church and religion by a heretic Pope, is a lamentation, in my view, undeserving of sympathy.

The power of the Papacy, as I mentioned, was symbolically challenged on December 2nd, 1804, by Napoleon Bonaparte at his coronation. The Post says:

His coronation was to proceed in the manner of all **Catholic monarchs, who still ruled most of Europe**: he would kneel before the Pope, then Pius VII, to receive a crown and blessing. The symbolism of the coronation reflected centuries of European political tradition, in which the Catholic Church formally conferred royalty with the divine blessing that was thought necessary to rule; the Church, in

its power, had at times competed openly with those same monarchs.

But when Napoleon marched up the altar of the Notre Dame cathedral in Paris, he did not kneel before Pope Pius VII as the French monarchs before him had done and as Pius surely expected. As Pius raised the crown, Napoleon instead turned to face the onlookers in the pews, snatched the crown out of the Pope's hands and placed it on his own head. In Jacques Louis David's famous painting of the incident, completed four years later, Pius stands sullenly back, watching as Napoleon crowns his wife Queen. (Ibid)



The Coronations of Napoleon Bonaparte and Empress Joséphine
(Courtesy newhistorian.com)

But, let's look at a *reality* about Muslim thought on that trade at that time, a reality that the West, including the Catholic Church, has generally kept hidden from the public.

The Sharif of Mecca, who, at the time, was the steward of the holy cities of Mecca and Medina, **condemned** the slave trade:

The Mohammadan religion also **had participated in the suppression of slave trade**. About six years before, the Sharif of Mecca had sent a letter to the King of Fulas for circulation through all these 'Mandingo' tribes, strictly prohibiting the selling of slaves — and which latter was also promulgated among the Yorubas, Fulanis and other neighboring tribes. The slave traffic was declared to be contrary

to the teachings of Muhammad which pronounce the most fearful denunciations of Allah's wrath in the world hereafter against those who persist in the traffic with the European nations. (Sierra Leone Studies, pgs. 18-19, Vol. No. XXI, 939)

So, while the Pope of the Roman Catholic Church had given his approval of the Slave Trade, a Muslim authority condemned it strongly. To be flat out honest, the African slave was being brutalized by both materialism on the one hand, and the virtually a-spiritual Catholic Church on the other hand.

But had the Papacy been a truly, fully spiritual and Divinely Inspired institution, it would have used its power to *stop* the Slave Trade. But it did not. That is because it was not, and *is not*, a Divinely Inspired institution. And that has now definitely come to the light, as the Catholic Church's greatest scholars, theologians, and clerics are labelling the Pope what *all* Pope's, from Day 1, should have been labeled: *Heretics*. They were heretics for committing and supporting the *heresy* of the claim that God is a Trinity.

Another way that one can gage just *who* was chiefly responsible for the Slave Trade—Muslims or Christians—is simply to recognize some facts: There are 46,350,467 descendants of African slaves living in the United States today. If we add to that the number of *other* descendants of African slaves living in the Western hemisphere today, the total is 129,664,504. How many descendants of African slaves are in Saudi Arabia? Egypt? Turkey? Morocco? Indonesia? It was Catholic, official Papal approval, not Muslims, that empowered the Slave Trade, a trade that snatched Africans out of their homeland and sent them to America. (*To black people who wish for reparations: If that is what you want, then demand it from the ONE institution that had the power to stop the Slave Trade: The Catholic Church*)

And now to **The Real Heresy of Pope Francis:**

- I charge Pope Francis with Heresy for continuing to support the Catholic Church's deviation from the truth of the **One, indivisible God**.
- I charge Pope Francis with Heresy for continuing to support the Heretical belief that God is a Trinity.
- I charge Pope Francis with Heresy for continuing to support the false belief that Jesus was a *sole and literal* "Son of God."
- I charge Pope Francis with Heresy for continuing to support the false belief that Jesus is a literal part of The Supreme Being.

- I charge Pope Francis with Heresy for continuing to support the false belief that Miriam, i.e. the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Holy Mother of Jesus, is “the Mother of God” (Auzubillah-i-mina Shaitan-i-Rajeem, i.e., I seek refuge in Allah from Satan the accursed!)

With regard to the “Son of God” charge, it must be noted that the term “son of God” merely meant someone who was very spiritually elevated, like a Prophet of God. Proof for this lies in the Bible itself, where *four* Prophets, including Jesus, were referred to as God’s son:

Of the Prophet Israel, the Bible says:

And thou shalt say unto Pharoah, ‘Thus saith the Lord, Israel is my son, ***even my firstborn.*** (Bible, Exodus 4:22)

Of the Prophet Solomon, the Bible says:

I will be his Father and he (Solomon) shall be My son. (Bible, II Samuel 7:14)

Of the Prophet David, the Bible says:

I will declare the decree: The Lord hath said unto me [David], ‘Thou art my son; this day have I begotten thee.’ (Bible, Psalm 2:7)

Of the Prophet Jesus, the Bible says:

Say ye of him, whom the Father hath sanctified, and sent into the world, Thou blasphemest; because I said, I am the Son of God? (Bible, John 10:36)

Today, almost militantly loyal intellectuals, such as Michael Matt, of The Remnant Newspaper, say that Catholicism has unfairly become the victim of a global hatred, and that the history of Catholicism was pristine pure, and that there was nothing that Catholicism did to deserve today’s growing attacks upon it. Here’s the answer I give to his lamentation:

Be not deceived; God is not mocked: ***for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.*** (Bible, Galatians 6:7)

Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom.

For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again. (Luke 6:38)

It's called *Karma*. Some say that it's called *bad Karma*. El-Hajj Malik El-Shabaaz (Malcolm X), used the expression, "The chickens have come home to roost." Every single one of us is going to pay a price, sometimes in this very life, for the wrongs that we do. I feel that it is absolutely *disgusting* that Catholic scholars and journalists do not have the *personal* dignity to feel any contrition whatsoever for the crimes against the world's people that their Church committed. Instead, they act as if everyone else, including Muslims, are responsible for the current dissolving of their belief system.

We have *laws* in this world. And there are laws in the *spiritual* world. And the punishment is often commensurate with the gravity of the crime. Because of the grievous crimes committed by the Catholic Church, whose headquarters, by the way—The Vatican—is built [over a cemetery](#), it is my personal opinion that Pope Francis's apparent attempts to dismantle the Catholic Church is probably the inevitable punishment of that Church, certainly commensurate with its crimes.

The Catholic Church is paying the price for its *horrendous* past sins. And its intellectuals—whether lay, clergy or theologian—do not want to pay the price. Instead, they wish to consign the horrific, historical sins of the Catholic Church to a past that, in their view, should merely be forgotten. That past may have been forgotten by portions of humanity. But it has not been forgotten by the one that counts: God. So, [this "apology," by the former Pope John Paul II](#), is an apology that was rendered *too late* and definitely *too little*, in my opinion. Here is a list of apologies made by Pope John Paul II, taken from [Wikipedia](#):

- The legal process on the Italian scientist and philosopher [Galileo Galilei](#), himself a devout Catholic, around 1633 (31 October 1992).
- Catholics' involvement with the [African slave trade](#) (9 August 1993).
- The Church's role in [burnings at the stake](#) and the [religious wars](#) that followed the [Protestant Reformation](#) (May 1995, in the [Czech Republic](#)).
- The injustices committed against women, the violation of women's rights and for the historical denigration of women (29 May 1995, in a "letter to women").
- The inactivity and silence of many Catholics during the [Holocaust](#) (16 March 1998).

- For the execution of [Jan Hus](#) in 1415 (18 December 1999 in [Prague](#)). When John Paul II visited Prague in 1990s, he requested experts in this matter "to define with greater clarity the position held by Jan Hus among the Church's reformers, and acknowledged that "independently of the theological convictions he defended, Hus cannot be denied integrity in his personal life and commitment to the nation's moral education." It was another step in building a bridge between Catholics and Protestants.
- For the sins of Catholics throughout the ages for violating "the rights of [ethnic groups](#) and peoples, and [for showing] contempt for their cultures and religious traditions". (12 March 2000, during a public Mass of Pardons).
- For the actions of the [Crusader attack on Constantinople](#) in 1204. To the [Patriarch of Constantinople](#) he said "Some memories are especially painful, and some events of the distant past have left deep wounds in the minds and hearts of people to this day. I am thinking of the disastrous sack of the imperial city of Constantinople, which was for so long the bastion of Christianity in the East. It is tragic that the assailants, who had set out to secure free access for Christians to the Holy Land, turned against their own brothers in the faith. The fact that they were Latin Christians fills Catholics with deep regret. How can we fail to see here the mysterium iniquitatis at work in the human heart?".

The current crisis in the Catholic Church—a heretic Pope, according to 87 of Catholicism’s scholars—is one that was inevitable. Although Catholic scholars claim that the attacks on the Church are rooted in a plan called *The [Alta Vendita](#)*, laid out by the Masonic order, when you examine the issue from a deeper, spiritual perspective, then you discover that the real source of Catholicism’s problems stem from its upholding the false doctrine of Trinity. Not everything in our world can be explain in material terms.

The great Muslim reformer, Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad, said:

I am constantly cogitating over the possibility of a decision between us and Church Christianity. ***My heart bleeds over the errors of worshipping the dead.*** For, what could be more painful than that a humble human being should be worshiped as God and a mere handful of dust be proclaimed as the Lord of all the worlds.

I would have died of grief long before if God, who is my Lord and Master, had not comforted me that the Unity of Allah will triumph in the end; all other deities will perish; false gods will be stripped of their

alleged divinity; the period of Mary being worshiped as mother of God will come to an end; and the doctrine of the divinity of her son too will die.

God Almighty says (in the Quran): 'If I so will, Mary and her son Jesus and all who inhabit the earth shall perish.' Now He has willed that the false divinity of both of them should suffer death. The two divinities, therefore, must die. No one can save them. With them shall die all those propensities which prompted obedience to false gods. There will be a new heaven and a new earth. ***The days are near when the sun of truth shall rise in the West and Europe shall come to know the true God.***

Thereafter the door of repentance shall close. For, those who desired to enter will have entered with eagerness. Only those will remain without whose hearts are sealed by nature, who love not light but darkness. All faiths shall perish except Islam and all weapons shall break except the heavenly weapon of Islam which shall neither break nor be blunted until it smashes the forces of darkness into bits.

The time is close at hand when the pure Unity of God that even dwellers of deserts who are ignorant of all faiths, feel in their hearts, will spread throughout. On that day no false redemption or false god shall survive. One blow of the Divine Hand will nullify all machinations of disbelief, but not with the sword or the gun, but [by] A Message of Peace and a Word of Warning by means of enlightening a number of souls with Divine Light and by imbuing pious hearts with Divine effulgence. Only then will you understand what I say.' (*Tabligh-e-Risalat, Ruhani Khaza'in*, Vol.4, pp. 8, 9, by Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad)

Jesus Survived the Crucifixion



The Rozabal: The Tomb of Jesus Christ
(Courtesy scriptures.ru)

"They deem him their worst enemy who tells them the truth."
(Plato)

وَقَوْلِهِمْ إِنَّا قَتَلْنَا الْمَسِيحَ عِيسَى ابْنَ مَرْيَمَ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ^ع وَمَا قَتَلُوهُ وَمَا صَلَبُوهُ وَلَكِنْ شُبِّهَ لَهُمْ^ط
وَإِنَّ الَّذِينَ اِخْتَلَفُوا فِيهِ لَبِئْسَ أَشْكَ مِنْهُ^ط مَا لَهُمْ بِهِ مِنْ عِلْمٍ إِلَّا اتِّبَاعَ الظَّنِّ^ع وَمَا قَتَلُوهُ يَقِينًا^ط

And for their saying, 'We did slay the Messiah, Jesus, son of Mary, the Messenger of Allah; whereas they slew him not, nor did they bring about his death on the cross. But he was made to appear to them like one crucified. And those who differ therein are certainly in a state of doubt about it. They have no certain knowledge thereof, but only pursue a conjecture. And they did not arrive at a certainty concerning it. (Al-Qur'an Al-Karim, Suratul Nisa, Iyyat 158).



I was sent by Titus Caesar with Ceralius and a thousand riders to a certain town by the name of Thecoa to find out whether a camp could be set up at this place. On my return I saw many prisoners who had been crucified and recognized three of them as my former companions. I was inwardly very sad about this and went with tears in my eyes to Titus and told him about them. He at once gave the order that they should be taken down and given the best treatment so they could get better. However, two of them died while being attended to by the doctor; **the third recovered.** (*Vita, IV, 75, from the ancient historian, Flavius Josephus,*)

Twenty years ago, on Friday, December 10th, 1999, at 3:30 p.m. (30 minutes after the time that Jesus was *alleged*, by the Bible, to have died on the cross), I loaded [The Tomb of Jesus Christ Website](#) to The Internet. Before that, there was only one tiny website—all text—that covered the belief about Jesus in India and only one book, both of which were written by Dr. James Deardorff.

In 2001, after being asked by visitors to The Tomb of Jesus Christ Website to produce a book version of that site, I wrote and published, through my then Jammu Press, the book, [Saving the Savior: Did Christ Survive the Crucifixion](#). Since that time, there are now a slew of books on Jesus in India, Jesus in Kashmir, all documenting the belief that Jesus survived the crucifixion physically, was healed of his wounds, traveled to Kashmir, India, married a woman named Marjan, had children, lived a natural life and died a natural death at the age of 120 years. But the very *first* book that exposed

to the world that Jesus had survived the crucifixion, traveled to India, and married, had children, and lived to the ripe old age of 120 years, was written by Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad. The English version of that book was published in the year 1890.

Since there now exists so much information, including a full-length documentary produced by the Hollywood producer, Paul Davids ([View the trailer here](#)) on this subject, I am only going to offer as brief an outline as possible, in this chapter, regarding this belief. I encourage the reader to go further than this brief outline by reading the extensive amount of information still available at the [TOJ website](#), as well as the many books now available for purchase.

Also, at YouTube there are now a lot of videos and video documentaries on this subject. Search for, "Jesus in India" or "Jesus in Kashmir" or "Jesus survived the crucifixion." Amazon is another source. Go there and use the same search terms I just mentioned and you will find a large list of books on the historical Jesus. It could be a fascinating hobby for you.

In ancient times, crucifixion was not meant to be a death, unless the victim had been on the cross for *days*. As you saw above, from the testimony of the ancient Jewish historian, Josephus, he was able to have his friends taken down from the cross, and one of them survived.

Although this next point is not based on the more concrete, tangible evidences that you can find at the TOJ website and in Jesus-in-India books, Jesus had prayed that God save him from death on the cross. Recall the verse of the Bible that mentions that prayer, which I reproduced earlier. It seems utterly impossible that God would not answer the prayer of such an illustrious Prophet as Jesus. This is a religious argument, yes. But, as I said, there is now plenty of source material that you can study, on your own, that offers concrete evidence, including ancient documents.

Jesus was put on the cross at a time when the Shabbat (Sabbath) was approaching, in just a few hours. The Jews had a strict religious law that forbade a crucifixion victim from hanging on the cross during the Shabbat. And it was Friday, at the approach of Shabbat, that Jesus was crucified. So Jesus *had* to be taken down from the cross before Shabbat began so that Jewish law would not be contravened.

And if a man have committed a sin worthy of death, and he be to be put to death, and thou hang him on a tree: His body shall not remain all night upon the tree, but thou shalt in any wise bury him that day; (for he that is hanged *is* accursed of God;)

that thy land be not defiled, which the LORD thy God giveth thee *for* an inheritance. (Deuteronomy 21:22-23)

And this brings up an interesting speculative point that Jesus-in-India researchers have made. It is to be recalled that when Jesus was taken before Pilate, Pilate was not convinced that Jesus had been guilty of a single thing. In addition, Pilate's wife had had a horrible dream that caused her to tell Pilate that Jesus should not be crucified, and that Pilate should stay out of it.

Jesus-in-India researchers point out that Pilate, out of sympathy for Jesus, may have *purposely* scheduled the time of Jesus' execution such that the Jews would be forced, by their own religious law, to take Jesus down from the cross, thus almost assuring that Jesus would survive since he would have been on the cross for only a few hours. In short, Pilate had planned the survival of Jesus. It is also speculated that the Centurion assigned to the crucifixion site may have been *told* by Pilate to monitor the scene and to make sure, if he could, that Jesus survived. It is worth reproducing the entire Biblical scene.

And Jesus stood before the governor: and the governor asked him, saying, 'Art thou the King of the Jews?' And Jesus said unto him, 'Thou sayest.' And when he was accused of the chief priests and elders, he answered nothing. Then said Pilate unto him, 'Hearest thou not how many things they witness against thee?' And he answered him to never a word; insomuch that the governor marveled greatly.

Now at *that* feast the governor was wont to release unto the people a prisoner, whom they would. And they had then a notable prisoner, called Barabbas. Therefore, when they were gathered together, Pilate said unto them, 'Whom will ye that I release unto you? Barabbas, or Jesus which is called Christ?' For he knew that for envy they had delivered him.

When he was set down on the judgment seat, his wife sent unto him, saying, 'Have thou nothing to do with that just man: for I have suffered many things this day in a dream because of him.' But the chief priests and elders persuaded the multitude that they should ask Barabbas and destroy Jesus. The governor answered and said unto them, 'Whether of the twain

will ye that I release unto you?' They said, 'Barabbas.' Pilate saith unto them, 'What shall I do then with Jesus which is called Christ?' *They* all say unto him, 'Let him be crucified.' And the governor said, 'Why, what evil hath he done?' But they cried out the more, saying, 'Let him be crucified.'

When Pilate saw that he could prevail nothing, but *that* rather a tumult was made, he took water, and washed *his* hands before the multitude, saying, 'I am innocent of the blood of this just person: see ye *to it*.' (Bible, Matthew 27:11-24)

We are told that Jesus was buried in an open and airy tomb, and that he died there. There is a problem with this belief:

And there came also Nicodemus, which at the first came to Jesus by night, and brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about a hundred pound weight. Then took they the body of Jesus, and wound it in linen clothes with the spices, as the manner of the Jews is to bury. (Bible, John 19:39-40)

In April of 2000, I wrote the following email message to Mr. Fishel Todd of the Shema Israel Torah Network International Burial Society:

Have Jewish burial customs changed much in 2000 years? The Bible claims that Jesus was covered with some kind of ointment [I think the Bible says 100 pounds weight of some kind of substance—seems to be quite a lot of weight]. Does that Biblical account actually fall in line with Jewish burial traditions? Because I thought I heard that it was forbidden to touch the body. Could you be so kind as to explain? Thank you.

On April 27th, 2000, I received the following email reply from Mr. Todd:

Jewish Burial Law, along with the rest of traditional Jewish law has not changed in 2000 years [but more] precisely, 3500 years. You're right: the body is not to be touched except by giving it a ritual bath called the Tahara, standing for purity and then the body is put in the ground in the quickest most simple fashion available with only traditional burial shrouds.

It is not possible that Nicodemus, a Jew like Jesus, would have violated Jewish burial law by putting his hands on the dead body of Jesus. And it would be incorrect for Christians to claim that Jesus had introduced a “new law” and was not bound, anymore, by Jewish law. Recall the quote from the Bible that I supplied earlier, in which Jesus explicitly stated that he had not changed one “jot” of the law.

Then why *did* Nicodemus handle Jesus’ body? The answer lies in the mixture of “myrrh and aloes” that Nicodemus brought to the tomb. [Myrrh and aloe are healing agents.](#)

They did not give Jesus the Tahara ritual bath. No such bath is recorded, in the Bible, as having been given to Jesus. It’s obvious that they applied the myrrh and aloe to Jesus’ body, and then wrapped his body in linen for the purpose of healing Jesus’ wounds. Jesus was alive when taken down from the cross, just as were Josephus’ three friends, one of which survived.

Regarding the healing of Jesus’ wounds, Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad, in his book *Jesus in India*, revealed that in standard medical books could be found the name of an ointment that was called *Marham-i-Isa*, or, Ointment of Jesus, that was used to help heal the wounds of Jesus:

We have come across a piece of highly valuable evidence concerning the escape of Jesus from the cross, whose authenticity one just can’t help admitting. It is a medical preparation known as *Marham-i-Isa* or the ‘Ointment of Jesus’ and is found recorded in hundreds of medical books. Some of these books were compiled by Christians, some by Magians or even Jews, and some by Muslims.

Most of them are old classics. Investigations show that in the beginning, based on oral tradition, the preparation came to be known by hundreds of thousands of people. Later it was duly recorded.

In the days of Jesus, shortly after the crucifixion, a pharmacopoeia was compiled in Latin, which recorded this prescription and testified that it had been prepared for the treatment of the wounds of Jesus. Later, this work was translated into several other languages, until, in the time of Mamun-al-Rashid, it was translated into Arabic.

Strange are the ways of divine providence, [that] eminent physicians of all religions, Christians, Jews, Magians and Muslims, have all recorded this preparation in their books, and have admitted that it was prepared for Jesus by the Disciples.

A study of different pharmacopoeias shows that this preparation is very useful in injuries sustained by blows or falls; it immediately arrests the flow of blood, and, as it contains 'myrrh', the wound remains aseptic. The ointment is also useful in plague; it is good for boils and ulcers of all kinds.

It is, however, not clear whether the ointment was prepared by Jesus himself after he had undergone the trauma of the cross, as a result of divine revelation, or that it was prepared after consultation with some physician. Some of its ingredients are specifics, especially 'myrrh' which is mentioned also in the Torah. In any case, the wounds of Jesus healed up in a few days by the use of this ointment. ([Jesus in India](#), by Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad, pp. 65-66)

Then, on pages 66-68, he gives the actual references, including page numbers, of some of the medical books that mentioned the *Marham-i-Isa*, Ointment of Jesus, that was used to heal Jesus' wounds after he was taken down from the cross and carried to an open and airy tomb:

List of books containing a mention of Marham-i-Isa, and a statement that the ointment was prepared for Jesus' wounds

1. Qaanun by Sheikh-ul-Rais Bu Ali Sina, Vol.III, page 133.
2. Sharah Al-Qaanun by Allama Qutb-ud-Din Shiraazi, Vol.III.
3. Kaamil-us-Sana'ah by Ali Bin-al-Abbas Al- Majoosi, Vol.II, page 602.
4. Majmu'ah Al-Baqaa'i by Mahmud Muhammad Ismail, Mukhatib of Khaqan , known as father of Muhammad Baqaa Khan, Vol.II, page 497.
5. Tazkirah ul-ul-Albaab, by Sheikh Daud Al-Zareer AlAntaaki, page 303.
6. Qaraabadin-i-Rumi, compiled about the time of Jesus J e s u s i n I n d i a 67 and translated in the reign of Maamun al-Rasheed into Arabic—Skin Diseases.
7. Umdat-ul-Muhtaaj by Ahmad Bin Hasan al-Rasheedi alHakeem. In this book, Marham-i-Isa, and other preparations have been noted from a hundred, perhaps more than a hundred books, all these books being in French.
8. Qaraabadeen, in Persian, by Hakeem Muhammad Akbar Arzaani— Skin Diseases.
9. Shifa-ul-Asqaam, vol.II, page 230.

10. Mir'at-ush-Shifaa, by Hakeem Nathu Shah (manuscript) —Skin Diseases. o Zakhira-i-Khawarzaam Shaahi—Skin Diseases. o Sharah Qaanun Gilaani, Vol.III.
11. Sharah Qaanun Qarshi, Vol.III.
12. Qaraabaadeen by Alwi Khan—Skin Diseases.
13. Ilaaj-ul-Amraadh by Hakeem Muhammad Sharif Khan, page 893.
14. Qaraabaadeen, Greek—Skin Diseases.
15. Tuhfat-ul-Mo'mineen, on the margin of Makhzan-ulAdwiyah, page 713.
16. Muheet fi-Tibb, page 367.
17. Ikseer-i-A'azam, Vol. IV, by Hakeem Muhammad A'azam Khan, alias Naazim-i-Jahan, page 331.
18. Qaraabaadeen Ma'sumi-ul-Masum bin Karim-ud-Din AlShustri Shiraazi.
19. Ujaala-i-Naafiah by Muhammad Sharif Dehlavi, page 410.
20. Tibb-i-Shibri, otherwise known as Lawami Shibriyyah by Syed Hussain Shibr Kaazimi, page 471. 68
21. Makhzan-i-Sulaimaani, translation of Iksir-i-Arabi, page 599, by Muhammad Shams-ud-Din of Bahawalpur.
22. Shifaa-ul-Amraadh, translated by Maulana Al-Hakim Muhammad Noor Karim, 282.
23. Al-Tibb Dara Shaukahi, by Nur-ud-Din Muhammad Abdul Hakeem, Ain-ul-Mulk Al-Shiraazi, page 360
24. Minhaaj-ud-Dukaan bi-Dastoor-ul-Aayaan fi A'amaal wa Tarkib al-Naafiah lil-Abdaan by Aflaatoon-iZamaanah and Rais-i-Awaanah Abul-Minaa Ibn Abi Nasr-il-Attaar Al-Israeli Al-Harooni (i.e., Jew), page 86.
25. Zubdat-ul-Tibb, by Syed-ul-Imam Abu Ibrahim Ismail bin Hasanul-Hussaini Al-Jurjaani, page 182.
26. Tibb-i-Akbar by Muhammad Akbar Arzaani, page 242. o Mizaan-ul-Tibb by Muhammad Akbar Arzani, page 152.
27. Sadidi by Rais-ul-Mutakallimeen Imam-ul Mohaqqiqeen Al-Sadidul-Kaazrooni, Vol.II, page 283.
28. Haadi Kabir, by Ibn-i-Zakariyaa—Skin Diseases.
29. Qaraabaadeen by Ibn-i-Tilmeez—Skin Diseases.
30. Qaraabaadeen by Ibn-i-Abi Saadiq—Skin Diseases.

There are verses in the Bible that are as clear as daylight and that indicate that Jesus had survived the crucifixion. It takes place after Jesus' body was healed, and he left the open and airy tomb after having been administered to and allowed to rest for three days:

And as they thus spake, Jesus himself stood in the midst of them, and saith unto them, **שְׁלוֹם עֲלֵיכֶם** *shālôm 'alêkem* [i.e.], 'Peace *be* unto you.' But they were terrified and affrighted, and supposed that they had seen a spirit. And he said unto them, 'Why are ye troubled? And why do thoughts arise in your hearts? Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: Handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have.' And when he had thus spoken, he shewed them *his* hands

and *his* feet. And while they yet believed not for joy, and wondered, he said unto them, 'Have ye here any meat?' And they gave him a piece of a broiled fish, and of an honeycomb. And he took *it*, and did eat before them. (Luke 24:36-43)

Anyone having been through the ordeal of crucifixion would definitely be hungry. But, more importantly, he was clearly showing them that he was alive. Now, the faith of Catholic Christians and Christians in general will not allow them to take the view that Jesus was not a miraculous god-man that had actually risen from the dead. Their faith dictates to them that he had died, and then risen. But the Bible—and not only because of the issue of the myrrh and aloe—does not seem to support the Christian doctrinal view. At the very least, that view can definitely be *challenged*, and not just by non-Biblical evidence, but also by the internal evidence as presented in the Bible, some of which I've reproduced above.

There are actual ancient documents that show that Jesus survived the crucifixion, and I'll name some of them. You'll have to view those documents, such as the Sanskrit document, *The Bhavishya Mahapurana*, along with their English translations, by visiting the TOJ website or by reading my book, *Saving the Savior: Did Christ Survive the Crucifixion*. I will simply name some of those documents here but give you a link to one of them:

[The Bhavishya Mahapurana](#)

The Rauzat-us-Safa

Ikmal-ud-Din

The Book of Balauhar and Budasaf (Yuz Asaf)

The Tarikh-i-Kashmir

The Tarikh-i-Kashmir (author unknown)

The History of Religious Doctrines

The Tarikh-i-Kabir Kashmir

The Wajees-ut-Tawarikh

The Bagh-i-Sulaiman (Garden of Solomon)

The Acta Thomae (A Christian document)

The Ain-ul-Hayat

I will reproduce just one of the above documents, The Acta Thomae, here. You may be aware that the Apostle Thomas had been assigned to go to India to preach the message of Jesus. The Acta Thomae, though, also records an account showing that Jesus was in Taxila at a marriage ceremony, along with Thomas, in the year 49 CE, a good number of years after the crucifixion.

The account in the Acta Thomae verifies another account given by St. Irenaeus (See Chapter Two, pages 35-45, of *Saving the Savior*), recorded in his *Against Heresies*, another early Christian work, that records Jesus as having been seen near the age of 100, long after the event of the cross. The Acta Thomae is a Christian work, though it was declared heretical in the year 495 CE by a decree of Gelasius.

In the following account, the bridegroom saw whom he thought was Thomas talking to his new bride, but it was not Thomas. Both Thomas and Jesus attended this wedding, and one of them was often mistaken for the other:

Thomas after the ceremonies left the place. The bridegroom (Abdagases) lifted the curtain which separated him from his bride. He saw Thomas, as he supposed, conversing with her. Then he asked in surprise: 'How canst thou be found here? Did I not see thee go out before all?' And the Lord answered, "I am not Thomas, but his brother.' (Ante-Nicene Christian Library, Edinburgh, T&T Clark, 25 Vols. 1869, Vol. 20:46)

There is another translation of the Acta Thomae [that you can read online](#):

And the king desired the groomsmen to depart out of the bride-chamber. And when all were gone out and the doors were shut, the bridegroom lifted up the curtain of the bride-chamber to fetch the bride unto him. And he saw the Lord Jesus bearing the likeness of Judas Thomas and speaking with the bride; even of him that but now had blessed them and gone out from them, the apostle; and he saith unto him: 'Wentest thou not out in the sight of all? How then art thou found here?' But the Lord said to him, 'I am not Judas which is also called Thomas but I am his brother.' ([Taken from Wesley Center Online](#)).

The question often arises, "How could he have traveled all the way to India?" It is a common mistake to believe that such a journey could not have been taken in ancient times. [View this short video clip](#) from the BBC Four documentary, *Did Jesus Die*, in which Friar Jerome Murphy O'Connor explains how easy it was to travel to India in Jesus's time, You can view the [entire documentary](#) at YouTube.

[Click the red dots that appear on the map at the bottom of this page](#), which offers another possible route, so that you can read the drop-down

information that will appear under the map for each of the places on the map that Jesus went to enroute to his final destination of Kashmir, India.

You will notice when you click the dot on the country of Iran (formerly known as Persia) that Jesus developed a reputation for curing and protecting lepers. For that love and care shown to the lepers, Jesus became known as Yuz Asaph. (Yuz Asaf) The name "Yuz" is believed to be a corruption of the name Yeshuwah, or Yeshu. Asaph was the name given to those lepers that, once healed by Jesus, had been allowed to live among healthy people again.

And Jesus was buried, in Kashmir, under the name Yuz Asaph. It has been translated as *Jesus the Gatherer*, as Jesus had gathered the lepers unto himself to heal and protect them. But there is also another meaning, which can be found in the Bible. Jesus had stated that there were "other sheep" that must hear his message.

During Jesus' ministry, there were only two of the 12 Tribes of Israel in his homeland: Binyomin (Benjamin) and Yehuda (Judah). **The other 10 tribes had been scattered, many of them traveling to Persia, Afghanistan, India, and Kashmir.** Jesus said that his message had to reach "The Lost Sheep of the House of Israel," i.e., those 10 scattered tribes. The following two Biblical verses mention Jesus' desire to complete his ministry.

And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, *and* one shepherd (Bible, John 10:16)

These twelve Jesus sent forth, and commanded them, saying, Go not into the way of the Gentiles, and into *any* city of the Samaritans enter ye not: But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. (Matthew 10:5-6)

Jesus, as the above verse clearly states, told his Disciples to *not* preach to the Gentiles. He told them to find and preach to their brethren—the Lost Sheep of the House of Israel, those scattered tribes.

This brings up an issue—a contradiction. *Before* the crucifixion, as Matthew 10:5-6 clearly shows, Jesus is reported to have directed the Disciples to preach his message to *his people*, the Israelites. But later, *after* the crucifixion, the Bible states:

Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, into a mountain where Jesus had appointed them. And when they saw him, they worshipped

him: but some doubted. And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. **Go ye therefore, and teach all nations**, baptizing them **in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost**: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, *even* unto the end of the world. Amen. (Bible: Matthew 28:16-20)

In this verse, Jesus contradicts what he'd told his disciples *before* the crucifixion. In this verse, he tells them to teach "all nations." First of all, I don't think the concept of a "nation" even existed, certainly not as the term is used today. But, let's assume that Jesus meant *the entire world*, which Christians claim that he did. Why the change? Did he suddenly realize, after the crucifixion, that his message was universal? Why would he *not* have known? Yet, before the crucifixion, he explicitly told the Disciples to limit their preaching to Israelites. Muslims believe that, although aspects of his teachings could be applied by everyone, he was *not* the universal teacher destined to come. That is why, before the crucifixion, he limited his mission and the mission of the Disciples to Israelites. In addition, he explicitly stated that *he* could not teach all things, but that someone else would come:

I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. Howbeit when he, the **Spirit of truth**, is come, **he will guide you into all truth**: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come. (Bible, John 16:12-13)

Recall the prophecy in the Hindu scripture, the Vedas, that spoke of the "truthful and truth-loving" Prophet that would come.

अनस्वन्ता सतपतिर्मांसे मे गावा चेतिष्ठो असुरो मघोनः ।
त्रैवृष्णो अग्रे दशभिः सहस्रैर्वैश्वानरः त्रयंभुवाश्चिक्ते ॥

The wagon-possessor, the **truthful and truth-loving**, extremely wise, powerful and generous, Mamah (Muhammad) has favored me with his words.

The son of the All-powerful, possessing all good attributes, the mercy of the worlds has become famous with ten thousand (companions). (Ibid, p. 120)

Even before Muhammad was made a Prophet by God at age 40 he had acquired the reputation of being truthful and trustworthy. He carried that reputation with him to his very death. Any history of the Prophet Muhammad testifies to this fact.

It appears that the alleged post-crucifixion instruction to the Disciples to "teach all nations...in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost" was something that the *Church* (or someone) said, not Jesus.

Regarding John 16:12-23, where it says, "for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak," that prophecy was fulfilled in the Qur'an. Each chapter of the Qur'an begins with:

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

In The Name of Allah, The Gracious, The Merciful.

Jesus was wholly successful. All the plots and plans against him failed.

وَإِذْ قَتَلْتُمْ نَفْسًا فَادْرَأْتُمْ فِيهَا وَاللَّهُ مُخْرِجٌ مَّا كُنْتُمْ تَكْتُمُونَ

And remember the time when you slew a person and differed among yourselves about it; and Allah would bring to light what you concealed. (Al-Qur'an Al-Karim, Suratul Baqarah, Iyyat 73)

Today, Allah has brought to light, as Promised in Qur'an, what had been hidden about Jesus. It would not be difficult for me to believe that, deep inside The Vatican Library, the truth about Jesus is documented and very-well known by the Church hierarchy.

The prayers that he said in the Garden of Gethsemene were answered. He lived a complete life, preaching and teaching as he traveled. He married a woman named Marjan and had children. He died at the ripe old age of 120 years. One would think that Christians who love Jesus would be overjoyed to learn that Jesus had escaped death on the cross and ended his days in the beautiful Valley of Kashmir, one of nature's most physically beautiful areas of the world.

And the Qur'an describes the place where God gave Jesus and Mother Mary ([who is buried in a city named after her, Murree](#)) rest, that description being an exact description of beautiful Kashmir:

وَجَعَلْنَا ابْنَ مَرْيَمَ وَأُمَّهُ آيَةً وَآوَيْنَاهُمَا إِلَى رَبْوَةٍ ذَاتِ قَرَارٍ وَمَعِينٍ ۝

And We made the son of Mary and his mother a Sign, and gave them refuge on an elevated land of valleys and springs of running water. (Al-Qur'an Al-Karim, Suratul Muminun, Iyyat 51)



The Beautiful Valley of Kashmir
(Courtesy travel.jumia.com)

Invitation to study and accept Islam



The Name Allah in Arabic
(Courtesy pinterest.com)

"And indeed we have made the Qur'an easy to understand and remember."

You are in this life, on this planet, *first* for yourself. Along the way, of course, you acquire responsibilities to parents, relatives, neighbors, friends, employers, etc. But you come into this world *alone*, and you will leave it *alone*.

Islam teaches that your prime purpose in this life is to establish a **direct** relationship with The Divine; with Source; with “Universal Mind”; with God; with Allah, and you establish that relationship for yourself. That is *not* selfish. It is simply a fact.

I’ve been in this planet a fairly long time. I live in the Chicago area. As my big brother used to say, “You can live in Chicago all of your life, never leave, and meet everybody in the world.” And that I have. And one disturbing thing I have noticed is that people—no matter their political, economic, social, religious or other belief system—*don’t think for themselves*. They all too easily, out of fear of social isolation, “Go with the flow”; “Play the game”; “Just get through.”

And fear of social isolation is a legitimate fear. I understand that. But, don’t you owe it to yourself to make your own decisions, whenever you can, for your own good? If you live in the West, even though the pressure to conform is *no less intense* [It just *looks* that way] than in a more rigid society, you still have a lot of wiggle room if you use your wisdom; your savvy, to find ways to do *your* thing.

In theory, the West allows you the freedom to pretty much do whatever you wish, as long as you’re not breaking the law. Of course, as I said, there are very real social pressures, including family pressures, cultural pressures, employment pressures, political pressures—pressures of all sorts. Yes, the West is “free.” But there are still sociological and cultural constraints that, if one attempts to break the hold of those constraints, one can find oneself jeopardizing one’s place in society, or, worse, being quietly pushed into a state of isolation, which might actually be a form of persecution. And Prophet Muhammad said, “Persecution is worse than death.”

One global issue that we all feel pressured by is following traditions. And we will follow those traditions without question, generally never questioning them. There are traditions that are perfectly fine. But when we follow traditions *blindly*, that is a mistake. We are free to *question* our traditions. While it may be natural to *not* break the mold, so that one can socially survive, the non-questioning of traditions is, according to the medical intuitive, Julie Walker Burns, the single worst problem facing humanity. [In this video](#), Ms. Burns says the following:

"This is our second installment of this great experiment of just sharing a little bit about what I notice around the world with our human family, and some of the patterns that have been occurring. This trend is my least favorite one, and the one that concerns me the most. And it's when we arbitrarily follow the patterns of our families, or those around them without questioning them. It is undoubtedly the single greatest cause of conflict, dissension, war, and every other kind of breaking away of human bonds that we have going on today.

"Because when we don't explore or ask ourselves, 'How am I participating in this? Where does it come from?' we end up not just repeating what has happened before, but adding our own gifts and talents and the *powers* that they possess on top of that. So, what I call that is *core lore*...It's the mythology that is really from our core belief systems. And if we are not *conscious* about what we believe, then we end up claiming the beliefs of others automatically." (From Julie Walker's, *Patterns and Trends*, second installment.)

There is a verse of Qur'an—a mildly funny one, in my opinion—in which The Divine challenges people about their core lore beliefs:

وَإِذَا قِيلَ لَهُمُ اتَّبِعُوا مَا أَنْزَلَ اللَّهُ قَالُوا بَلْ نَتَّبِعُ مَا آَلَفَيْنَا عَلَيْهِ آبَاءَنَا أَوْ كَانُوا كَانُوا آبَائِهِمْ لَا
يَعْقِلُونَ شَيْئًا وَلَا يَهْتَدُونَ ﴿١٧١﴾

And when it is said to them, 'Follow that which Allah has sent down,' they say: 'Nay, we will follow that wherein we found our fathers.' What! **even if their fathers had no sense at all** and no guidance? (Al-Quran Al-Karim, Chapter 2, Verse 171)

This is not to say that you should break traditions that you sincerely determine to be good and true. But that's the point—you should determine, and not follow along *just because* "It's tradition." Rather than go along with something that your conscience tells you is wrong, you should at least *re-visit* that tradition; ponder over it again. Above all, make your decisions for yourself. And you can't make a proper decision about anything unless you *examine it carefully for yourself*.

I invite you, especially if you're Catholic, to learn about Islam and always pray for guidance. Even if you never accept Islam and practice it, if you want to *know* about Islam, you can't learn it Twitter style. You can't learn about it by watching only anti-Islamic rants on The Internet. *Watch* those, if you wish. But you can't call yourself an intelligent person—on *any* subject—if you do not take the time to learn about the subject *for yourself*. And it is only fair—to *yourself*—that you go to *source material*, which, in this case, would include the written material of Islam, as well as Muslims themselves.

There are now *many* ways to learn Islam—websites, books, flash cards, video instructions and video documentaries. There are no shortcuts if you really want to learn something. That's pretty much a general rule in life that is inescapable.

During my first year as a Muslim, I followed the general sunni Muslim (or "orthodox" Muslim, sometimes it's called) understanding of Islam. The next year, in 1976, I joined the Islamic reformist movement, The Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam, now called The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community.

So, **[I offer you this link to the home page of The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community](#)**. That website is large, with much information, and very organized in a manner that is easy to follow. Below I will spell out some of the differences between the Ahmadiyya understanding of Islam and the general, "orthodox" understanding.

You choose for yourself. One surprisingly good place to start to learn Islam is The Encyclopedia Britannica, although it's been decades since I read its entry on Islam. Back then, it was excellent and did not contain a shred of anti-Islamic bias. There are tons of resources offered by the sunni Muslim orthodox Islamic community online also.

All the basics of Islam are the same. In studying, you will learn about the Five Pillars of Islam, which all Muslims follow, including Ahmadi Muslims. You will learn about the Six Articles of Faith, etc.

Personally, I think that, even before reading the Qur'an, you should read a book about the life of Prophet Muhammad. **[Here is one at the Ahmadiyya website that you can read.](#)**

After reading about the life of Prophet Muhammad, you should then read the Holy Qur'an. Then you will better understand its verses. And you will understand why God needed to reveal the Qur'an.

You should obtain a Qur'an that has both the original Arabic script, as well as English translation. The Qur'ans published by The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community include:

- An introduction to each chapter that contains place and time of revelation; subject matter, etc.
- The Arabic of each verse of Qur'an
- English translation of each verse of Qur'an alongside the Arabic verse
- A section at the bottom of the page containing commentary on almost every verse.
- A cross-reference system where the topic of a certain verse will be marked with a letter, like the letter c. You look in the middle of the page and there will be a list of other verses of Qur'an that are related.

If you prefer a language other than English, the Ahmadiyya Community has produced Qur'ans in all the major languages and many minor languages. [Go here](#). Cursor down to where it says, *Download Holy Quran PDF*. Click the drop-down arrow and you will see all the different languages in which you can read the entire Qur'an. Here is a list of *some* of the languages:

Albanian	Esperanto	Korean	Punjabi
Asante Twi	French	Luganda	Russian
Assamese	German	Malagasy	Saraiki
Bangla	Gujrati	Manipuri	Sindhi
Bosnian	Hebrew (only 3 suras)	Nepalese	Sinhali
Catalan	Hindi	Norwegian	Spanish
Chinese	Japanese	Orya	Swahili
Creole	Kannada	Pashto	Swedish
Czech	Kashmiri	Persian	Urdu
Danish	Kikamba	Polish	Vietnamese
Dogri	Kikuyu	Portuguese	

You have the following choices for the Ahmadiyya English translations of the Qur'an.

[Short Commentary of Qur'an](#)
[Long Commentary of Qur'an \(3,019 pages\)](#)

They both include the Arabic and English translations. The "Short" Commentary (*Tafsir Saghir*) has commentary on virtually every verse. The "Long" Commentary (*Tafsir Kabir*) includes very extensive commentary on most verses.

On the next page is a sample page from the Short Commentary:

To get started on learning about the doctrines of Islam, [go to this page](#). Cursor down and look to the left of the page and you will see a brownish panel. That panel is organized from top to bottom and has all the basic things you need to know about the teachings and doctrines of Islam. Here is what that panel looks like:

Islam
Islam is the religion that represents the pinnacle of religious evolution. [» more](#)

Allah
The name of the One, Supreme-Being also known as God in other faiths. [» more](#)

The Holy Prophet
Hazrat Muhammad^(sa), a Messenger of God and the Seal of the Prophets. [» more](#)

Articles of Faith	Five Pillars
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» His Angels	» Prayer
» His Books	» Fasting
» His Prophets	» Zakaat
» The Last Day	» Hajj
» Divine Decree	

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- [» Character of Muhammad^{\(sa\)}](#)
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- [» Jihad & Terrorism](#)
- [» Women in Islam](#)
- [» Prayer \(Salaat\) Guide](#)
- [» more topics...](#)

On the right of that panel is a blueish panel that explains the basics that you need to know about “Ahmadiyyat” as the understanding of Islam that Ahmadi Muslims follow is called. By the way, the Ahmadiyya Community did not name itself after the founder, Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad.

You may find an explanation of the name “Ahmadiyya” [here](#). Recall that “Ahmad” is the second name of Muhammad.

The Prophet Muhammad predicted that Islam would rise and fall, but then there would be a rise which would include the re-establishment of the leadership system in Islam, Caliphate:

“Prophethood shall remain among you as long as Allah shall will. He will bring about its end and follow it with Khalifat (Caliphate) on the precepts of prophethood for as long as He shall will and then bring about its end. A tyrannical monarchy will then follow and will remain as long as Allah shall will and then come to an end. There will follow thereafter monarchical despotism to last as long as Allah shall will and come to an end upon His decree. There will then emerge Khalifat on precept of Prophethood.”
The Holy Prophet said no more (Source: Masnad Ahmad)

This prophecy has been fulfilled in the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community. There have been five Khalifas (Caliphs), including the current one, since Hazrat Ahmad’s death in 1908. (You’ll be able to access one-hour video documentaries, for the founder and each of his Khalifas, below). Catholics might wish to think of Ahmadiyya Caliphate as a “Papacy”—a Successorship.

There are differences, of course, such as the fact that Ahmadiyya Khalifas marry and have children. It so happens that at least some of the Ahmadi Khalifas also had their own means for acquiring income, although, of course, the community at large takes care of the Khalifa. Choosing celibacy as some kind of spiritual path or institution is forbidden by Islam. Also, no Ahmadiyya Khalifa can destroy the basic doctrines of Islam, as Pope Francis is now destroying even the good *moral* doctrines of The Roman Catholic Church and religion. Nobody can change Qur’an. No books were taken out of Qur’an, as were taken out of the Bible at the Nicene Council in 325 A.D.

*In my **personal** view*, if you are not the institution type, then you can practice Islam without being in the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community. Your relationship with The Divine is personal, although, as you know, communal relationships are important and help you to keep your faith strong. Believe me, I am aware that, in today’s world, many people are fed up with institutions of any type, and you’ll often hear people say, “I’m spiritual, not religious.” I would not argue with that. Throughout history, institutions of all types have let us down, and some continue to do so. Your path is your path. I am simply offering *information*, that’s all, allowing you the opportunity to accept Islam as an Ahmadi Muslim and participate in the most progressive Islamic movement on earth, as you will see shortly.

If, once you complete your basic study of Islam to your satisfaction, you decide that you want to accept Islam, you will want to perform your *Shahadah*, that is, perform the requirement for accepting Islam. And that's simple. You simply recite, in the presence of some Muslims, the declaration of faith of Islam that is called the *Kalimah*:



That's it. Welcome to Islam!! Next, of course, you will want to learn how to perform your prayers, learn about Islamic holidays, fasting, rituals (such as the ablution ritual called *Wuzu*), etc. You will want to learn about the other important writings of Islam called hadith. You will want to attend the Friday congregational prayer, which is called Juma. And you'll learn from others and participate in your local community. More importantly than any of that, you will want to *practice* the teachings, such as "doing good works," which is a phrase that appears almost on every other page of Qur'an.

I will mention a few differences between Ahmadiyyat and sunni, or "orthodox" Islam. Keep in mind that Ahmadiyyat is an Islamic reformist movement that we Ahmadis believe was started by the Command of Allah, who appointed Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad as The Promised Messiah & Mahdi that was prophesied by Prophet Muhammad to appear in the world in the Latter Days.

We believe that he fulfills signs mentioned in the books of hadith, which contains Prophet Muhammad's guidance, based in Qur'an, and his doings, sayings, and Prophecies. Unlike Jesus, Prophet Muhammad is the only Prophet for whom every aspect of his life was recorded in the books of hadith. So, the practical application of *how* he practiced the guidance of Qur'an in his everyday life is there.

Prophethood

The sunni Muslim world believes that Prophet Muhammad is the last Prophet in point of time, and that there will be no Prophet after him. There is a verse of Qur'an that says that Muhammad is the "Seal of the Prophets."

مَا كَانَ مُحَمَّدٌ أَبَا أَحَدٍ مِّن رِّجَالِكُمْ وَلَكِن رَّسُولَ اللَّهِ وَخَاتَمَ النَّبِيِّينَ ۗ وَكَانَ اللَّهُ بِكُلِّ شَيْءٍ عَلِيمًا

Muhammad is not the father of any of your men, but *he is* the Messenger of Allah and the Seal of the Prophets; and Allah has full knowledge of all things. (Al-Quran Al-Karim, Suratul Ahzab, Iyyat 41)

Ahmadiyyat rejects the idea that Prophet Muhammad is the last Prophet in point of time. [At this page of its website](#), Ahmadiyyat explains the true understanding of "Seal of the Prophets" (Khatam-e-Nabuwwat):

The real meaning of *Khatam* is a seal (see *Tajul Aroos, Lisanul Arab, and Qamoos*), and the phrase should be interpreted in the light of this meaning. Ibn Khaldun says it is wrong to interpret the word *Khatam* in this verse to mean the last or the end (see *Muqaddama* Vol. II, p. 54, Paris). He holds that the word *Khatam* denotes the consummation and completion of a thing, which he further explains by the words, authenticity, perfection and validity. When a seal is put to a letter it becomes authentic and complete. The seal may be put in the end or in the beginning. According to him, therefore, *Khataman Nabiyyeen* would mean the truest and the most perfect of prophets and not the last in point of time. It refers to his status and place among the prophets and not to the time of his advent...

You can read the entire in-depth page here:

[Ahmadis believe in Khatam-e-Nabuwwat](#)

[A Misunderstanding Removed](#)

[Ahmadis Do Believe in the Holy Prophet^{\(saw\)} as Khataman Nabiyyeen](#)

This difference is huge and the Islamic sunni scholars have declared Ahmadi Muslims to be "non-Muslim." In Pakistan, if an Ahmadi Muslim is heard reciting the Kalima, he will be imprisoned for three years.

In Pakistan, under the former dictator, Mohammad Zia-ul-Haqqe, Ahmadis were “barred” from practicing Islam.

And this, coming from a country whose founder, Muhammad Ali Jinnah, dreamed of Pakistan as a country that would be free from such Muslim-on-Muslim persecution. And, yes, it is a big unfortunate irony that a Muslim country would ignore the clear verse of Qur’an that says *There is no compulsion* in matters of Din; in matters of religion.

Because of Zia-ul-Haqq’s persecution, our then Khalifa, Hazrat Mirza Tahir Ahmad, Khalifatul Masih IV, warned Zia that, if he did not discontinue persecuting Ahmadis, he would be punished by Almighty Allah. Months later, [this happened](#). You can [view a short, 12-minute video documentary](#) of this issue, which includes explanations by the then Khalifa, Hazrat Mirza Tahir Ahmad, Khalifatul Masih IV, himself.

Ahmadis in Pakistan are severely persecuted and murdered. But Ahmadiyyat has spread to virtually every country, so its mission is able to continue strongly. You can read about the persecution, imprisonment and murder of Ahmadis [here](#). Ahmadis are fiercely loyal to Ahmadiyya Khalifat (Caliphate) and, aside from belief in Allah, Prophet Muhammad, and The Promised Messiah and Mahdi, Khalifat is also a strong, unbreakable glue that holds Ahmadis together.

Jesus

Sunni Muslims believe that Jesus was never on the cross. They believe, instead, in something called the “Substitution Theory,” which says—using a verse of Qur’an—that Jesus was taken up, physically and literally, to heaven *before* he could be nailed to the cross, and Allah substituted someone else to be nailed to the cross instead of Jesus. Thus, sunnis, like Christians, believe that Jesus is alive in heaven physically and will be returning to this earth, accompanied by Imam Mahdi, in order to establish Islam as the global religion.

Ahmadi Muslims believe that Jesus survived the crucifixion, as I’ve already explained. Hazrat Ahmad, the founder, was the first person to reveal to the world that Jesus survived the crucifixion and died a natural death. Jesus’ soul is with Allah, but his body is buried under the Rozabal, which is located in the Kan Yar section of the capital city of Srinagar, Kashmir, India. Qur’an says that every human being *dies*. Jesus is no exception:

كُلُّ نَفْسٍ ذَائِقَةُ الْمَوْتِ ثُمَّ إِلَيْنَا تُرْجَعُونَ

Every soul shall taste of death; then to Us shall you be brought back. (Al-Qur'an Al-Karim, Suratul Ankabut, Iyyat 58)

كُلُّ نَفْسٍ ذَائِقَةُ الْمَوْتِ وَنَبْلُوكُم بِالشَّرِّ وَالْخَيْرِ فِتْنَةً وَإِلَيْنَا تُرْجَعُونَ

Every soul shall taste of death; and We prove you with evil and good by way of trial. And to Us shall you be returned. (Al-Qur'an Al-Karim, Suratul Anbiya, Iyyat 36)

No dead Jesus is returning to this earth. And if Allah had decided to raise up a dead Prophet to establish Islam in the Latter Days, one would think that He would have raised Prophet Muhammad from the dead, rather than send a Hebrew Prophet, or Christianity's "Son of God" to establish Islam as the global religion for humanity.

Masih Maood (The Promised Messiah)

Sunni Muslims believe that, in the Latter Days, someone called Imam Mahdi, accompanied by the returned Jesus (Masih Maood, i.e., Promised Messiah), will appear and establish Islam as the global religion. They believe that Imam Mahdi and Jesus will be two different people. So, just as the Christians believe that Jesus will return to establish Christianity, sunni Muslims believe that Jesus (with some help from Imam Mahdi) will return, in the flesh, to establish Islam.

Ahmadi Muslims believe that Jesus is dead. We do not believe that dead people, including Prophets, come back to life. But, we say, if anyone should have come back to establish Islam, it should have been Prophet Muhammad, not the alleged "founder" of Christianity, Jesus.

Secondly, Ahmadi Muslims believe that Hazrat Ahmad is both The Promised Messiah *and* Imam Mahdi, as he himself declared, in that he embodied the characteristics of both. In fact, in Ahmadi literature, you will often see mention of Hazrat Ahmad in this manner: "Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad, The Promised Messiah & Mahdi."

Regarding the "return" of Jesus, Ahmadiyyat teaches that, just as John the Baptist (as Jesus himself said) was the spiritual return of the Prophet Elias, Hazrat Ahmad was the spiritual return of Jesus.

In the Bible, in Matthew, Jesus establishes what it *means* for a Prophet to “return.” Regarding John the Baptist (Called “Yahya” in Qur’an), Jesus said:

For all the prophets and the law prophesied until John. And if ye will receive *it*, this is Elias, which was for to come. He that hath ears to hear, let him hear. (Bible, Matthew 11:13-15)

So, the “return of Elias” was not the physical return of the self-same, long-dead Prophet, Elias. John the Baptist represented a likeness, *in spirit*, of Elias.

In short, the second coming of Jesus has already occurred, in the person of Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad. The expectation of a giant “Jesus,” coming out of the sky, surrounded by angels, with trumpets blowing, is fantasy.

And the expectation that Jesus’ return—whether physically, or metaphorically in the sense of his Message of Peace and Love being reflected in a different human being—would be met with joy and dancing in the streets is an expectation that the history of the Prophets belies. When Prophets arrive, they are **never** happily greeted.

They are rejected, scorned, persecuted, vilified, and sometimes attempts are made to **murder** them, as the Jews attempted (and failed) to murder Jesus. **[Their followers are persecuted.](#)**

The only people in human history that accepted their Prophet were the people of Nineveh, to whom the prophet Jonah was sent. So, why would it be expected that, when Jesus returned, he would be accepted by the entire human race? This is the reasoning put forth by Ahmadiyyat. Ahmadiyyat tends to shy away from the idea of “miracles” in the sense that they are understood in Catholicism and amongst *some* in the sunni Muslim world. A powerful book that shows how holy people are rejected is entitled **[Chosen Saints of God and the bigoted Muslims.](#)** You may read it there at your leisure.

The Miraj and The Isra

You can read about the Miraj and the Isra yourselves. It is very easy to find out, on The Internet, the details. They both were journeys that Prophet Muhammad made. Sunni Muslims believe that those journeys were made by Prophet Muhammad in the flesh.

Ahmadis believe that they were *spiritual journeys of the soul*, not an actual physical journey. You can read about the Ahmadiyya belief in Isra and Miraj **[here.](#)**

Khalifat (Caliphate)

The last I heard, the sunni world was divided on the Issue of Khalifat (Successorship), sometimes spelled Caliphate. But, in truth, I am not perfectly sure where the sunni world, as a whole, stands on this issue these days, although, quite frankly, they have no choice whatsoever about the issue, since Allah Himself says, in Qur'an, that He would establish Khalifas—Successors—for the Muslims.

وَعَدَ اللَّهُ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا مِنْكُمْ وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ لَيَسْتَخْلِفَنَّهُمْ فِي الْأَرْضِ كَمَا اسْتَخْلَفَ الَّذِينَ
مِنْ قَبْلِهِمْ ۗ وَ لَيَسْكُنَنَّ لَهُمْ دِينُهُمُ الَّذِي آذَنَّا لَهُمْ وَ لَيُبَدِّلَنَّهُمْ مِنْ بَعْدِ خَوْفِهِمْ أَمْنًا
يَعْبُدُونَنِي لَا يُشْرِكُونَ بِي شَيْئًا ۗ وَمَنْ كَفَرَ بَعْدَ ذَلِكَ فَأُولَٰئِكَ هُمُ الْفَاسِقُونَ ﴿٥٦﴾

Allah has promised to those among you who believe and do good works that He will surely make them Successors in the earth, as He made Successors *from among* those who were before them; and that He will surely establish for them their religion which He has chosen for them; and that He will surely give them in exchange security *and peace* after their fear: They will worship Me, *and* they will not associate anything with Me. Then whoso is ungrateful after that, they will be the rebellious. (Al-Quran Al-Karim, Suratul Nur, Iyyat 56)

After Prophet Muhammad died, he was succeed by four Khalifas: Abubakr, Umar, Uthman, and Ali. Those four Khalifas of Prophet Muhammad are called, by all Muslims, the *Khalifat-i-Rashideen*, i.e., The Rightly Guided Khalifas

To read about Prophet Muhammad's Successors, [go to this page](#). Then cursor down a little bit and you will see a green area that shows the name of those Khalifas. Click on each name in order to read more about each one. Here is a print-screen shot of that green area:

The Guided Khilafat

The first four successors after The Holy Prophet Muhammad^(sa) are known as the "Guided Khilafat".



Hazrat Abu Bakr^(ra)

Lasting a little over two years, Hazrat Abu Bakr's Khilafat successfully maintained the Muslim unity after the death of The Holy Prophet^(sa).



Hazrat Umar^(ra)

By forming a consultative body of advisors to the Khalifa and dividing the Islamic state into provinces, Hazrat Umar bin Khattab established an effective system of Islamic administration and governance.



Hazrat Uthman^(ra)

As Khalifa, Hazrat Uthman bin Affan, oversaw the reproduction and propagation of the Holy Quran throughout the Muslim state. He also spent much of his personal wealth for further.



Hazrat Ali^(ra)

Cousin and son-in-law of The Holy Prophet saw, Hazrat Ali ibn Abi Talib sought to establish peace after Hazrat Uthman's assassination.

To read about the five Successors of Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad, the Promised Messiah and Mahdi, cursor down further and, again, click on the names of each one.

For various historical reasons, which you can learn about, there does not exist a Khalifat in the sunni Muslim world. There is no one Khalifa, or Caliph, that is the head of the sunni Muslim world. Sunni Muslims believe that for a Khalifat to exist, there must be strong control of land by the Muslims.

This is the reason that, when ISIS quickly gobbled up large swaths of land, some young sunni Muslims—even from Europe—traveled to Iraq and Syria, wrongly, unfortunately for them, thinking that ISIS had set up a legitimate Khalifat. [ISIS had declared a Caliphate](#), and also declared that [Abubakr Al-Baghdadi](#), the head of ISIS, was the Caliph for all Muslims.

The day that that declaration was made was the day that, for spiritual reasons, I easily predicted the demise of ISIS. It now appears that the Syrian Arab Army, the various Syrian people's militias, the resistance movement Hezbollah, Iran, Russia and Iraqi militias have succeeded in destroying ISIS, its Caliphate system, and maybe its Caliph (I do not know if Al-Baghdadi has been killed, but he is now totally ineffective as a "Caliph."

Ahmadyyat not only strongly believes in Khalifat, but Ahmadiyyat has had five Khalifas (Successors of the founder, Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad), including the current one, whose name is Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad, Khalifatul Masih V (the term, "Khalifatul Masih" means "Successor of the Messiah.") Since Masoor Ahmad is the Fifth Successor, his title is Khalifatul Masih V, i.e., Fifth Successor of The Messiah. Here are pictures of the founder of Ahmadiyyat, as well as his five Khalifas:



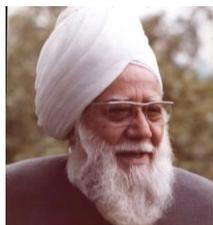
Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad
The Promised Messiah & Mahdi
(Courtesy lankaweb.com)



Hazrat Nurrudin
Khalifatul Masih I



Hazrat Bashiruddin
Khalifatul Masih II



Hazrat Nasir Ahmad
Khalifatul Masih III



Hazrat Tahir Ahmad
Khalifatul Masih IV



Hazrat Masroor Ahmad
Khalifatul Masih V

To view six, separate, one-hour, video documentaries, in English, of The Messiah and all of his Khalifas, click the links on the next page.

Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad, The Promised Messiah and Mahdi

(Born 1835, Died 1908)

Founded and headed the Community from 1889 to 1908

Hazrat Hakim Maulana Nurrudin, Khalifatul Masih I

--Reigned as Khalifa from 1908-1914--

Hazrat Mirza Bashiruddin Mahmud Ahmad, Khalifatul Masih II

--Reigned as Khalifa from 1914-1965--

Hazrat Mirza Nasir Ahmad, Khalifatul Masih III

--Reigned as Khalifa from 1965 to 1982--

Hazrat Mirza Tahir Ahmad, Khalifatul Masih IV

--Reigned as Khalifa from 1982 to 2003--

Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad, Khalifatul Masih V

--Has reigned as Khalifa from 2003 to the present--

The Khalifas of Ahmadiyyat are elected for life. When they die, the Community immediately elects a new Khalifa. That new Khalifa leads the Janaza (Funeral) prayer for the previous Khalifa that died. This assures the continuity of the Jamaat (community) of The Promised Messiah. Ahmadis believe that, in time, Islam will be the dominant religion on earth, headed by "The Khalifa of the time." That is the belief. That is the hope.

Celibacy as an institution **does not exist** in Islam. All Khalifas marry and have children. Some of the accomplishments of Ahmadiyyat are:

A following of tens of millions (some estimates are from 70,000,000 to 100,000,000 globally). Before continuing to list Ahmadiyya accomplishments, there is an interesting point that I'd like to make about ISIS, leaving aside, for the moment, Western complicity in the creation of and sustaining of that organization, which is now pretty much common knowledge.

It is interesting that at the height of the gun-totting, head-chopping, Church-destroying "Khalifat" of Abubakr Al-Baghdadi, the head of ISIS, the total number of followers of that false "Khalifat" was about 40,000. During my research, that's the highest estimate that I could find.

Before continuing, a word about the places of worship that ISIS destroyed during its rampage across Iraq and Syria. Allah says the following in Qur'an:

الَّذِينَ أُخْرِجُوا مِنْ دِيَارِهِمْ بِغَيْرِ حَقٍّ إِلَّا أَنْ يَقُولُوا رَبُّنَا اللَّهُ ۗ وَكَوْلَا دَفَعُ اللَّهُ النَّاسَ بَعْضَهُمْ
بِبَعْضٍ لَهْذِمَتْ صَوَامِعُ وَبِيَعٌ وَصَلَوَاتٌ وَمَسَاجِدُ يُذْكَرُ فِيهَا اسْمُ اللَّهِ كَثِيرًا ۗ وَلَيَنْصُرَنَّ اللَّهُ مَنْ
يَنْصُرُهُ ۗ إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَقَوِيٌّ عَزِيزٌ ﴿٤١﴾

Those who have been driven out from their homes unjustly only because they said, 'Our Lord is Allah' — **And if Allah did not repel some men by means of others, there would surely have been pulled down cloisters and churches and synagogues and mosques, wherein the name of Allah is oft commemorated.** And Allah will surely help one who helps Him. Allah is indeed Powerful, Mighty. (Al-Qur'an Al-Karim, Suratul Hajj, Iyyat 41)

This **firm Promise** by Allah is one reason that, when ISIS was at its very height, swallowing up land with mind-boggling speed, I declared to my wife, "They are finished before they've even gotten started." Destroy Allah's places of worship—whether they be churches, synagogues, mosques, little places of meditation and spiritual reflection—then He will **choose some men to repel those men that are destroying His Places of worship.**

And what happened? A number of coalitions, all across the globe, began to form. I won't name them separately. I'll just name the various countries *and entities* that Almighty Allah used to repel the men of ISIS "by means of others," so that His Places of worship would be safe and free to exist for His believers—whether Christian, Jewish, Muslim, or whatever:

Albania	Czech Republic	Hungary	Maldives	Qatar	Taiwan
Australia	Denmark	Iceland	Mali	Russia	Togo
Austria	Djibouti	Iran	Malaysia	Romania	Tunisia
Bahrain	Egypt	Ireland	Mauritania	Saudi Arabia	Turkey
Bangladesh	Estonia	Italy	Moldova	Senegal	United Arab Emirates
Belgium	France	Japan	Montenegro	Serbia	Ukraine
Benin	Georgia	Jordan	Morocco	Sierra Leone	United Kingdom
Bosnia-Herzegovina	Greece	Kosovo	Netherlands	Singapore	United States
Bulgaria	Iraq	Kurdish Peshmerga	New Zealand	Slovakia	Wales
Canada	Belgium	Kuwait	Niger	Slovenia	Yemen
Chad	Finland	Latvia	Nigeria	Somalia	
China	France	Lebanon	Norway	South Korea	
Comoros	Germany	Lithuania	Oman	Spain	
Côte d'Ivoire	Gabon	Luxembourg	Pakistan	Sudan	
Cyprus	Guinea	Libya	Palestine	Sweden	
	Hezbollah	Macedonia	Portugal	Syria	

[You can read here](#) a lot of detail about the various coalitions and the various functions that the countries had apportioned amongst themselves, whether it was direct military aid, propaganda, or whatever, to handle in Allah's fight against Daesh.

Notice that the above verse of Qur'an ***establishes places of worship, regardless of religion, as places that Allah insists must exist***. So, just as Pope Francis apparently doesn't read the Bible, it's pretty clear that Abubakr al-Baghdadi, the *so-called* "Khalifa" of Daesh (another name for ISIS, or ISIL) doesn't read the Qur'an. The Qur'an, thus, is the *only* Scripture on earth in which Almighty God Himself Promises to protect the rights of Houses of Worship of religion to exist.

As an aside, in this regard the CCP (Chinese Communist Party), had better wake up. Its persecution of the Uighur Muslims, Falun Dafa (Falun Gong) practitioners, Christians, and other religious people will assure that the last officially atheist country on earth, China, will find its system destroyed—broken to pieces, never to rise again.

At the moment, China is feeling its oats, what with it being *apparently* poised to be the next top world power, as its One Belt One Road Project is rapidly gaining support from more and more countries. It will see that power melt away, just as the world witnessed the power of Daesh/ISIL wear away. In fighting religion, *the CCP is fighting Allah*. And, again, I'm not talking about just Islam or the Uighur Muslims.

By persecuting the Christians, they're fighting Allah. By persecuting Falun Gong, they are fighting Allah. By persecuting any people of religion, in China, they are fighting Almighty Allah. While persecutions occur all over the world, China, in part due to its size, has a big responsibility to *protect* its religious people, not persecute them. The CCP needs to wake up—and *fast*.

I do not like some of the foreign policies of my country, the United States, which unnecessarily interferes in the affairs of other countries. But here is a *hint* to the CCP: Despite the carnage caused by my government, around the world; despite its almost total moral collapse within its borders, *it still enjoys the status of being the most powerful country on earth*. It guarantees religious freedom. A word to the wise is sufficient. I hope there *are* some wise leaders inside the CCP.

Now, getting back to Caliphate: Consider the following. When ISIS swiftly gobbled up incredible swaths of land in Iraq and Syria, it rose to the very top of every news cycle for every news organ on earth. Everybody on earth was reading about the "ISIS Caliphate". So, the term Caliph and Caliphate was virtually ubiquitous.

People that had never heard of those terms were talking about them, equating a potential leadership institution for Muslims with ISIS.

Now, one would have thought that out of all of the journalists on this planet, at least *one* of them would have mentioned the Khalifat of Ahmadiyyat, which has a following that is 1,750 (one-thousand, seven-hundred and fifty) times *larger* than the membership of ISIS at its height, if we choose the *lower* estimate of the membership figure of Ahmadiyyat at 70,000,000. Why not a single mention of Ahmadiyya Khalifat?

Why? I am not speaking in an official capacity *for* Ahmadiyyat. I do not possess the authority to do so. But I do have the right to express my opinion—my *suspensions*. There are powers on this earth that have a definite agenda, especially with respect to Islam and the Middle East. And the deafening silence about Ahmadiyyat, in the news media, at a time when the words Caliph and Caliphate were all over the place, [causes my eyebrow to raise](#).

It is quite unfortunate, quite obvious, and well-known that the West has a persistently hostile attitude towards Islam. For the last twenty years it's been bombing Muslim countries, helping to cause the immigration "problem" that Europe is now whining about.

The hatred for Islam, in the West, is so intense that there has emerged a very powerful "Christian" wing of that hatred in the form of the Christian Evangelical Zionists, who contribute tens of millions of dollars to the State of Israel. Their preachers openly express their wish for Islam be destroyed, somehow equating that desired destruction of theirs with their hope for the return of Jesus Christ, who will *also* convert all Jews to Christianity—as they believe.

So, there are both Western political factions, as well as Western religious factions that have an undying hatred for Islam and wish to always present Islam, before the people, in a terrible light. And **that** is why, as the old expression goes, "Mums the word" on The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community. Those that hate Islam and do not want it to spread are **not** going to present to the world a global Islamic movement, which, from its inception, stated that its mission was to spread Islam through peaceful means.

The haters of Islam do not want a strong, positive image of Islam to be presented to the world, *including* to the Muslim world. The very idea of a united Muslim world, under *one leader*, is a fear that has existed in the West for hundreds of years. It is preferable for the power brokers of the West, both secular and religious, to keep Islam and Muslims in a horrible light.

They do not want the world to know that, for the last 111 years there has existed a strong, standing Khalifat, with followers all over the planet and a steadily growing population. What they prefer is to *dissipate the energies of the Muslim world by keeping Muslims perpetually embroiled in war*. That's the plan.

They do not wish the world to know about Ahmadiyya Khalifat, which has peacefully produced the following successes, all done without firing a shot:

The building of over 16,000 mosques.



Bait-un-Nur Mosque: Largest Mosque in Canada
(Courtesy ahmadiyyamosques.blogspot.co.uk)

The building of 500 schools.



T.I. Ahmadiyya Girl's Senior High School, Ghana
(Courtesy amassgirls.wixsite.com)

The building of 30 hospitals around the world



Fazl-e-Omar Hospital, Qadian, India
(Courtesy en.wikipedia.org)

The creation of Humanity First, Ahmadiyyat's Red Cross



Food Donations for people of Croatia
(Courtesy themuslimtimes.info)

The creation of the first Muslim Nobel Laurette in Physics, Professor Abdus Salaam, loyal follower of Ahmadiyya Khalifat



The late Dr. Salaam receiving Nobel – 1979
(Courtesy nalakagunawardene.com)

Creation of MTA, global Ahmadiyya Muslim Television Network



The current Khalifa, Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad, Khalifatul Masih V, launching MTA International Africa TV Channel
(Courtesy pressahmadiyya.com)

MTA is a particularly powerful sign of the importance and power of Khalifat. MTA was first launched under the *previous* Khalifa, Hazrat Mirza Tahir Ahmad, Khalifatul Masih IV.



Hazrat Tahir Ahmad
Khalifatul Masih IV

He was literally a genius and spiritually elevated leader who, with the Help of Almighty Allah, designed the concept for a global television network, airing wholesome Islamic programming 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. In Ahmadiyyat, no Khalifa can undue the work of the previous Khalifa. That work must continue until finished. An excellent example of this was the building of the first in Mosque in Spain, from the ground up, since the Muslims lost Spain to the Christians 700 years ago.

Well, it demonstrates the importance of the continuity of the leadership structure, Khalifat, that our Third Khalifa, Hazrat Mirza Nasir Ahmad, Khalifatul Masih III, laid the foundation stone,



Hazrat Mirza Nasir Ahmad, Khalifatul-Masih III, laying foundation stone of Basharat Mosque, Pedro Abad, Spain

(Courtesy ahmadiyyatmosques.wordpress.com)

but died. But the project did not die with him. The Fourth Khalifa, Hazrat Mirza Tahir Ahmad, laid the final stone and lead the dedication of Basharat Mosque. (See picture of Basharat Moaque on next page).



Hazrat Mirza Tahir Ahmad, Khalifatul Masih IV (middle), leading the dedication of the Basharat Mosque in Spain

(Courtesy ahmadiyyatmosques.wordpress.com)



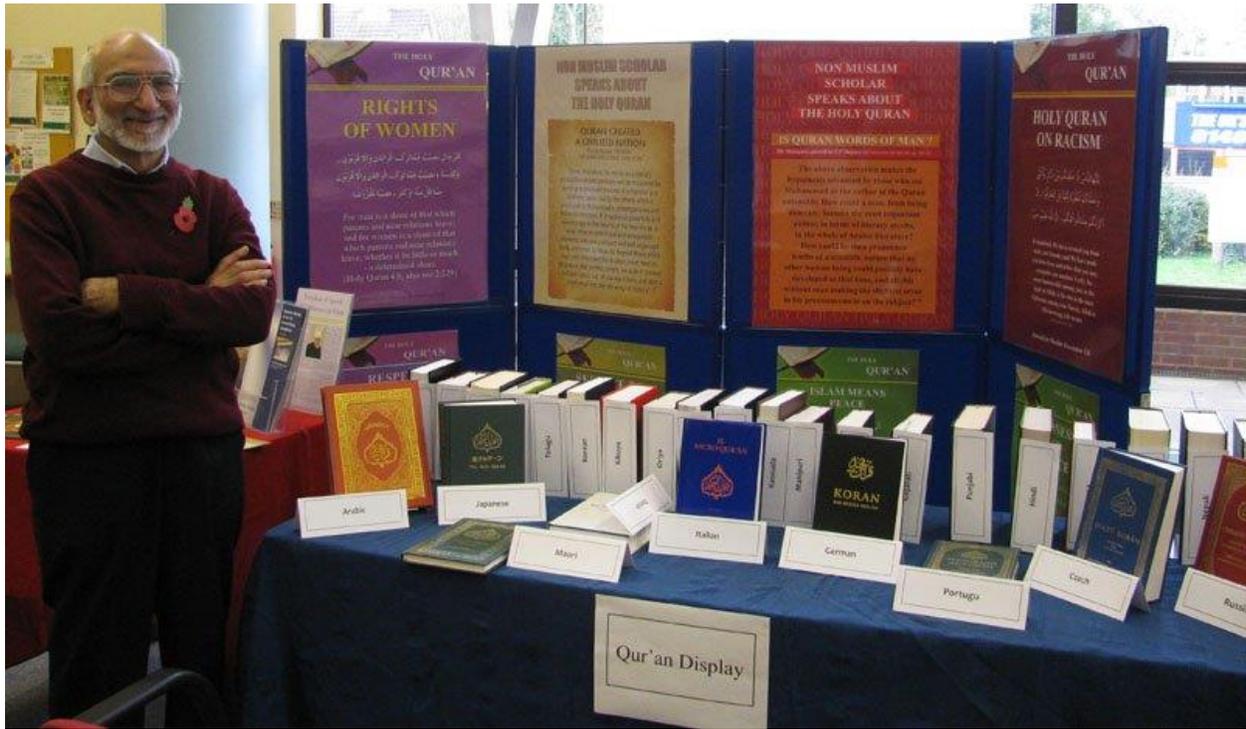
Basharat Mosque, Pedro Abad, Spain
(Courtesy ahmadiyyamosque.blogspot.co.uk)

To most Muslims, the Islamic civilization of Spain, which lasted about 781 years, holds a special place in our hearts. This was fully understood by our Third Khalifa, who longed to re-establish a good presence in Spain. His wish was fulfilled by the next Khalifa. But our current Khalifa also has a natural love for Spain, so he directed the Jamaat (community) to build another Mosque in Spain, located in Valencia:



Baitur Rahman Mosque
(Courtesy amadiyyamosque.blogspot.com)

The translation of the Qur'an into some 70 languages of the world.



Ahmadiyya Qur'an display
(Courtesy exploringussurreyspast.org.uk)

The anti-Islamic elements within the Western power structures, which include the Western media, **do not** want to present, before the world, a picture of the most progressive Islamic movement on earth that is contributing to the human family, and sticking to The Promised Messiah's vow of teaching and spreading Islam through peaceful means. The motto of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community is *Love for all, hatred for none*.

The Promised Messiah said that "the last Jihad would be a Jihad of the pen," in which the hearts of humanity would be won over to Islam through persuasion, not bullets. I am fully aware that the vast, overwhelming majority of the world's Muslims live peacefully. But that's not the image that the Western media wants. It doesn't sell newspapers, and it doesn't support the nefarious, materialistic designs of Western powers (or perhaps I should say *the powerful private interests that control Western powers*).

The mainstream media, which is controlled by a tiny handful of corporations, want all Muslims and Islam painted as backwards; as anti-progressive; as violent and hate-filled. That image fits their narrative and their designs. They realize that, unfortunately, people are easily swayed by propaganda; by images, especially, for some reasons, negative images. But they won't show the images created by Ahmadiyyat.

All Muslims, regardless of any differences in interpretation of Islam—whether Sunni, Shia, Ahmadi—are 100% clear on the fact that each individual Muslim is responsible for knowing Islam. There is no priesthood in Islam. If a leader of an Islamic community does something un-Islamic and declares that what he has done is valid Islamically, it is the duty of the Muslims to *not* follow him.

The Laws of Islam cannot be changed by any individual Muslim on earth, no matter his status, and that includes the Khalifas of Ahmadiyyat. It would never happen, as is now happening in the Roman Catholic Church.

In this regard, I must say that I have genuine sympathy for many Catholics, *as individuals*, who are going through pure hell now. But, I think that each Catholic should consider thinking about *why* it has been the case that men, since 1962 until this very day under Pope Francis, have been able to freely *change* beliefs and practices within the Catholic religion that were always held to be inspired by Divine Revelation.

Some Catholics, like the young Catholic, popular scholar, Dr. Taylor Marshall, say that the attacks against Catholicism actually go back to the 1700s, but with special attention given to the 1859 Masonic document entitled [*The Alta Vendita*](#), which outlined a Masonic plan for the infiltration of the Catholic Church. His brand-new book, [*Infiltration: The Plot to Destroy the Church from Within*](#) gives an insightful and detailed history of that plot.

But how could the Catholic religion, which (Well, at least until this current Pope, Francis) deems itself the only true religion and the only door through which eternal salvation can be reached, become *so* corrupt both *throughout* its system, as well as at the upper echelons of its structure? That corruption is *not* a charge being laid by myself. That corruption is now a fact, openly admitted by anti-Pope Francis scholars of the highest repute, Traditionalist Catholics, Conservative Catholics and a rapidly growing number of Catholics in the pews, from all around the world.

It is the *root of the doctrine*, not the machinations of the Masonic order, that is the cause of Catholic problems and the decline of Christianity in the West. Yes, the Masonic order is definitely attempting to destroy the Church, **as well as Islam**. The difference is that Islam's future is protected by Almighty God. There is no possibility for a Masonic infiltration into Ahmadiyyat. Such an infiltration would prove to be a profound waste of time. And if an attempt at infiltration was made, it would end up fruitless. All Ahmadis **know Islam**. And there are no cabals that could form that could engineer the elevation of a Khalifa that, God forbid, began to even *hint* about endorsing un-Islamic, immoral practices and beliefs.

I have done my best, in this tiny effort, in this book, to give strong hints and stronger, concrete reasons that Catholics in particular and Christians in general should re-examine their beliefs. Remember: The Yoruba religion started 3000 years before Christianity existed, and it still exists, all around the world. In Nigeria it is called Yoruba. In Cuba it is called Santeria. In Brazil it is called Candomble. It includes rituals that believers in the Revealed religions would state are hardcore idolatrous rituals. Yet, it has survived for 5000 years.

Because of that, does that mean that the Yoruba religion, with its many gods, or Orishas, should be practiced? Does it mean that that religion is correct in its views and practices just because it has lasted for 5000 years? I happen to think not, but that's my opinion. I do not condemn Yoruba beliefs and practices. I am merely making the point that the longevity of a belief system does not necessarily mean that it is the religion for all humanity and for all time that has all the truths that God wants for us.

Religions have come and gone. Mistakes of the duration of *thousands and thousands and thousands* of years have been made in human history, some of which include the literal sacrificing of children—the *murder* of children for a religious "god."

To my Catholic brothers and sisters: I invite you to learn and accept Islam. You can practice Islam *on your own*, whether you have a Khalifa or not. But, since Catholics fully understand the importance of spiritual leadership, I invite you to consider accepting Islam as an Ahmadi Muslim, and signing biat under the Khalifa of the time, the current one being Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad, Khalifatul Masih V. There is a reason the Papacy is in decline.



New members of Ahmadiyyat, taking "Bai'at"—the pledge to follow the Khalifa of the Time, in this case at the hands of Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad, Khalifatul Masih V.

All Praise is due to Allah alone, the Lord of all the worlds!!