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#### **Foreword**

This message is for every Christian who is welling to search for the truth with a sincere desire, and a broad mind to provide him with answers to questions that would otherwise take him long time to find.

Since you are a Christian, have you ever thought of the origin of Christmas; or how genuine is Christmas? Or, do you consider Christmas a social tradition or a ritual? If you consider it a social tradition, then there is no room for it in you faith. If it as a ritual, then it should have an origin in your Bible. If it does not have an origin in your Bible, then, either the Bible is false or Christmas is.

It is time you should know the truth about Christ and Christmas. Here is what Britannica Encyclopedia has to say about Christmas:

Christmas (Old English "Christ's Mass") Christian festival celebrated on December 25, commemorates the birth of Jesus Christ and is also a popular secular holiday. According to a Roman almanac, the Christian festival of Christmas was celebrated in Rome by AD 336.

The ecclesiastical calendar retains numerous remnants of pre-Christian festivals-notably Christmas, which blends elements including both the feasts of the Saturnalia and the birthday of Mithra.

#### The development of legends

Legends developed in Christianity because of a need to answer questions posed by the less intellectual Christians, the need for stories of exemplary Christians, and the transference of the deeds of pagan gods and goddesses in popular piety to those who are of saints and martyrs.

Many Christians were not satisfied with the gaps in the narration of Christ's life in the canonical Gospels. There thus developed several apocrypha, often influenced by Gnosticism, that provided legendary accounts of Christ's life, as well as those of the Apostles.<sup>2</sup>

Since you are a fellow human being, first and foremost, we are concerned about your spiritual

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> A group of 14 books, not considered as canonical, included in the Septuagint and the vulgate as part of the Old Testament. (the Random House Dictionary of the English Language.)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Encyclopedia Britannica, (Micropedia) vol. II, p. 903

welfare;' hence we have prepared this message for you.

Mankind belong to one single father, Adam, and have one single God, Allah, Who has brought them into existence, and provided them with their means of substance in order to worship Him alone. It is inconceivable that the God Who created the universe and every thing in it to need help; let alone taking a son or a spouse, or a partner. He was all by Himself when there was nothing in existence; then He created mankind and the rest of the creation for one single purpose, that is to worship Him.

#### The divine purpose

There is no doubt that God<sup>3</sup> has created man for a lofty purpose; and that is why He has distinguished him from the rest of His creatures. He has honored him by giving him intellect; a gift that many creatures do not have. Were the sole

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> The tem 'God' means the Sole Creator, Who gives life, causes death, and upon Whom all creatures depend for their means of subsistence.

purpose of man's existence in this universe is to live and die, he would need no intellect for that. Animals need no intellect to control their behavior; nor do they consider any norms or etiquettes when they fulfill their desires.

Why did the Creator bring the whole universe into existence? Do you think He did so for fun? Or, did He create us for no purpose?

There is no religion but recognizes the existence of the Creator of this universe, Who runs its affairs in flawless precision. Look at the sun and the distance that separates it from our planet the earth. It rotates in its orbit like the rest of the other planets without deviation. Were any error to occur, the earth and the rest of the planets would have gone into a chaos.

Do you not think that this Great Creator deserves to be regarded with high estimation for His matchless, immaculate, and great capacity? There is nothing to exhaust it; whenever He wants a thing to take place, He only says to it, 'Be' and it is?

Why would such a Great Creator, Who possesses limitless capacity need an aide, a son, or an associate?

### What is then the Divine purpose of bringing man into existence?

Man, being a creature, cannot possibly answer this significant question; because were he to be his own creator, he would probably answer this question. But, since God, Almighty, is the One Who created us, then He alone has the answer to this question.

Here is His answer:

"I have created jinn and man only to worship Me."4

#### Who deserves to be worshipped?

Since our Creator is the only true God, and since He is the only One Who deserves to be worshipped, we should know how to worship Him? Do we worship Him according to our discretion, or according to His instructions? Since He is our Creator, then we must follow His commands and instructions.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Q. 51:56

In order to make this easy for His slaves, Allah sent them Messengers to guide them to His path, instruct them how to worship Him, give good news of endless bliss in the next world to those who obey them, and warn those who disobey them against a severe punishment in the next world. This is the main duty of the Messengers. God says:

"We did send Messengers as annunciators of good news, and Warners against punishment so that man would have no argument against Allah."

No nation was left without a Messenger. Allah says:

There is no nation that did not receive a Messenger.

The first Messenger whom Allah sent to humankind is Noah, and the last is Muhammad, may Allah exalt their mention. The best of all Messengers are according to their chronological order: Noah, Abraham, Moses, Jesus, and

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Q. 4:165

Muhammad; may Allah exalt their mention. It is incumbent on everyone to believe in all of the Messengers whom God sent to mankind.

Since Jesus was the last Messenger before Muhammad, may Allah exalt their mention, and since Christians constitute the majority in demographical terms, and since you believe in Jesus, you should probably hear the true details of his as well as his mother's birth stories?

#### Do you know?

Do you know that Jesus spoke to people in his infancy? Do you know that Allah looked after his mother ever since she was born? Since you are a Christian, you should know these facts.

Why not first listen to the story of his mother's birth from the Qur'an, in a chapter titled, Aali Imran (Imran's Household) which God revealed to the last of His Messengers, Muhammad, may He exalt his mention:

#### The birth of Mary

God says:6

And tell people about Imran's wife (the mother of Mary) when she supplicated God saying, 'My God! I have vowed to consecrate the fetus in my womb to Your worship; so accept it from me; You surely hear my supplication, and know my intention.' (35) And when she delivered her baby, she said, 'O my God! I have delivered a baby-girl -and Allah knows best what she delivered- and a

her Mary, and I commit her and her offspring to Your protection against Satan, the accursed.' (36)

Thereupon God accepted the yow of Mary's

male is not like a female,8 and I have named

Thereupon, God accepted the vow of Mary's mother graciously, afforded Mary fine

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Q. Chapter 3

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> She obviously did not know at that point whether her fetus was a male or a female.

<sup>8</sup> Obviously, the male is different from the female in terms of enduring worship patiently and maintaining the place of worship.

upbringing, and committed her to the care of Zachariah.<sup>9</sup>

Allah looked after Mary, and protected her in response to her mother's supplication to prepare her to be the mother of one of the best of His Messengers. God also supplied her with her food provisions. He says:

Whenever Zachariah visited Mary in her chamber, he saw she had food supplies. He asked her, 'O Mary! 'Where did you get this from?' She said, 'It is from God. God provides whoever He wants without measure.' (37)

#### The Birth of Jesus<sup>10</sup>

Now let's hear how Jesus was born. God says: And mention to them when the angels said to Mary, 'O Mary! God has chosen you, sanctified you, and preferred you to the rest of the women of the world.' (42)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Zachariah is the father of John the Baptist (Luke 1:5)

 $<sup>^{10}</sup>$  Q. Chapter 3.

'O Mary! Obey your God submissively, prostrate yourself before Him, and worship Him along with the worshippers. 11 (43) These are historical news that you (Muhammad) did not know before; We reveal them to you so that you report them to your people. You were not with the priests when they cast lots to decide who of them should take care of Mary, nor were you there when they disputed over this matter. 12 (44)

### Breaking the news to Mary about conceiving of Jesus

God says:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> Prostration and bowing are main postures of Salah. In that sense, Allah commanded Mary to be regular on performing Salah, and worshipping Him.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> Prophet Zakariya and the priests in Jerusalem contested for the honor of claiming the custody of Mary when her mother brought her to them; because she dedicated her to the service of the Masjid of Baitul Maqdis. To decide who would have the custody of hers, they cast their pens in the river, he whose pen stand still in the running water would have the privilege of her custody. All their pens drifted away in water except Zakariya's; thus he won her custody.

Tell them too when the angels said to Mary, 'O Mary, Allah is giving you good news; that you, by a *command* from Him, shall have a son whose name is the Messiah, Jesus, son of Mary; who will have an honorable status in this as well as in the next world, and he is favored by Allah. (45)

He will speak to people in his infancy and during his middle age, preaching the Oneness of Allah, and he will be righteous. (46)

She said, 'O my God! How can I have a child when no man has ever touched me? He said, 'This is the way of Allah; He creates whatever He wishes. Whenever He wants a thing, He only says to it, 'Be,' and it is. (47)

Now listen to the amazing details of Jesus' birth as narrated in the Glorious Qur'an in a chapter titled, 'Mary'. Allah says:

And tell them the story of Mary as mentioned in the Book, when she isolated herself from her people in a westward place. Then We sent to her Our angel, Gabriel, who appeared to her in a shape of a perfect man. Shocked as she was, she said to him: "I seek refuge with the Merciful God from you; that is, if you fear Him." He eased her fear by saying: "I am not what you are thinking. I am only a messenger from your God to give you a pure son." She wondered: "How can I have a son when no man has ever touched me, nor am I a bad woman?" He said, 'This is what your God has said,' "It is easy for Me, and We<sup>13</sup> shall make him to people as a proof of Allah's capability of bringing man into existence through various methods,<sup>14</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> Lest you wonder why the 1<sup>st</sup> person pronoun used her is in the plural form, you should know that the speaker is God Himself. It is known that the use of plural of 1<sup>st</sup> person pronoun, 'WE' is a term of aggrandizement used by kings. Therefore, if kings, who are only men, use it, by right, the One Who created them is more entitled to its use.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> To elaborate, 'various methods' here means, God created Adam, the father of mankind from neither a male nor a female, and He created Eve from a male without a female, and created their offspring from both male and female, and created Jesus (Jesus) from a female without a male.

Allah goes on to say,

'and to be as mercy from Us. Besides, it's an inevitable thing which is already foreordained." So she became pregnant with a baby, and she isolated herself in a remote place. Later on, labor pain drove her to a trunk of a palm-tree, and she said: 'Would that I died before this, and was a thing completely forgotten, or never existed.'15

#### The infant speaks

God says:

Then her baby called her from beneath her, saying, 'Grieve not! Your God has made a stream run below you; and shake the trunk of the palm-tree; ripe date-fruits will fall down for you. So, eat, drink, and enjoy yourself, and whenever you see a human being then gesture to him: I have vowed to observe fast for the sake of the Merciful

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> She said that out of her concern about what would people think of her when they see her coming home with a baby in her hands, having known her as a chaste, pious woman, and that they would not believe her story.

### God; so I will not speak to any human being.'

Just imagine how she could prove her innocence before people. Who on earth would vouch for her truthfulness? That was her main concern. But do you think that God, the Most Merciful, Who had destined her to be the mother of His slave and Messenger would abandon her at a time of such a dire need? Then listen to the miraculous proof with which God proved her innocence.

God instructed her to be silent because regardless of what she would say, she would not convince people of her innocence. Then, someone else should speak on her behalf; someone whose testimony would not be contested. Here is what happened: God says:

#### People's reaction

When she finally returned home carrying her baby, people were shocked, and reproached her saying: "O Mary, you have committed a grave sin. O, sister of Aaron, (They called her by that name because her lineage traces back to Moses' brother,

Aaron. They reminded her of her pious predecessors saving, 'Your father was not a bad man, nor was your mother unchaste."

Since she made a vow of abstaining from talking, the infant spoke again to prove his mother's innocence:

she pointed at her baby. They wondered deniably, 'How can we talk to an infant in a cradle?' At that point, the infant himself spoke saying, 'I am a slave of Allah. He has given me the Book, made me a Prophet, and blessed me to enjoin the good conduct, and forbid the abominable wherever I may be, and He has commanded me to perform prayer, and give Zakat<sup>16</sup> as long as I live. And He has made me dutiful to my mother; not too arrogant to worship Him, not a wretched man. And safety and security are granted to me on the day I was born through

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> The term, 'Zakat' legally means, 'alms', and linguistically, it means, 'purification'.

### till the day I shall die, and on the day I shall be raised again."

In order to prove to them that he was only a human, he mentioned that he was born and will die, and will be raised again on the Day of Resurrection like the rest of his fellow human beings.

By saying, 'I am a slave of Allah,' Jesus, the baby, declared the Oneness of Allah, and His freedom from having a son, confirmed the fact that he is a slave of Allah, and exonerated his mother from the accusation of being a bad woman. Allah further says:

### This is the truth about Jesus, the son of Mary, about whom they are doubtful.(10)

With these words, too Allah declares Himself as far above what they ascribe to him, and emphasizes the fact that He created Jesus as His slave and Messenger. He further says:

'It does not befit Allah to take a son for Himself. He is far above what the ignorant and transgressors ascribe to Him. When He wants a thing to take place, He only says to it, 'Be', and it is.'<sup>17</sup>

#### Jesus' privileges and miracles<sup>18</sup>

Like the rest of His Messengers, Allah enabled Jesus to perform certain miracles to prove his veracity as described in the following verses:

And Allah will teach him writing, make him understand the religion, and teach him the Torah and the Gospel. (48)

And will send him as a Messenger to the Children of Israel to tell them, 'I have come to you with a proof from your God that I make for you a shape of a bird out of mud, then I blow on it, and it becomes a real bird with the leave of Allah. I heal the blind by birth, the leper, and revive the dead with the leave of Allah. I can tell you, in addition, what you eat, and what you stock in your

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> O. 19:35

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> Q. Chapter 3

homes. Surely, these are proofs of my veracity if you but believe. (49)

Furthermore, I have come to confirm the Torah, which was revealed before me, make lawful some of what was forbidden for you, and I have come to you with a sign from your God, so fear Allah and obey me. (50)

Verily, Allah is my as well as your God, that is, both you and I are His slaves; therefore, worship Him alone. This is the straight path. (51)

#### The reaction of the Children of Israel

Now let us listen to how the Israelites received Jesus' Message:

#### God says:

And when Jesus realized that the Israelites were persistent on infidelity, he asked them, 'Who are my supporters for the advancement of the cause of Allah?' His disciples said, 'We are your supporters for the advancement of the cause of Allah. We believe in the Oneness of Allah, so bear witness that we are Muslims.' (52)

They further supplicated, 'O our God! We have believed in what You revealed, and followed the Messenger, so enlist us as witnesses to this fact.' (53)

The Jews planned to kill Jesus, but Allah foiled their plan and saved him, and Allah is the best of planners.<sup>19</sup> (54)

When Allah said, 'O Jesus! I will put you to sleep, and raise you up to Me, and save you from the infidels, and will give those who follow you the upper hand over the infidels until the Day of Resurrection.<sup>20</sup> (55)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> The Jews tried to kill Jesus when they reported him to the king at that time, calling him a liar and an illegitimate child. When the king's men besieged his house, Allah raised Jesus up to Him through a hole in the ceiling, and made the one who entered the house in the night to apprehend him look like Jesus. They thought he was Jesus himself, so they took him and crucified him. That was the planning of Allah, Who saved His Prophet and made the infidels believe that they fulfilled their desire.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> Allah did humiliate those who denied the Prophethood of Jesus, may Allah exalt his mention, by subjecting them to execution, captivity, and caused their properties to be confiscated. He will further subject them to severer torment in the next world.

# What is more difficult and miraculous, the creation of Adam, or the birth of Jesus?

Allah answers this question in the following verses:

'Surely, the case of bringing Jesus into existence is similar to that of Adam; Allah created the latter from soil then He said to him, 'Be,' and he was.'<sup>21</sup>

This is the truth about Jesus that your God has revealed to you. Therefore, have no doubt about it.<sup>22</sup>

Jesus told his people while he was an infant: "Surely, Allah is my as well as your God; so worship Him alone. This is the right course; he who adheres to it will certainly be guided

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> Q. 3:59 He Who created Adam without a father is by right more capable of creating Jesus. Hence, if Divine sonship is ascribed to Jesus because of his miraculous birth, then, by right Adam would be more entitled to it than Jesus.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> Q. 3:60

### aright. Yet people afterwards were divided into parties regarding Jesus:<sup>23</sup>

This means, the Jews, upon whom is the curse of Allah, accused Jesus of being an illegal child. Another party said he was God Himself, and yet a third party said he is one of the three, while the faithful believed he is only a slave of Allah and His Messenger to which Allah refers by saying: 'this is the truth about Jesus.'

Jesus was never crucified, as Christians believe; rather Allah raised him up to Him. It was someone else who was actually crucified. Allah says:

They never killed nor crucified him, but it appeared so to them. Allah took him up to Him. Allah is ever Mighty, Wise.<sup>24</sup>

#### The status of Jesus in Islam

It is incumbent on Muslims to believe in all of the Messengers that Allah sent to humankind

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>23</sup> O.19:16-36

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>24</sup> O. 4:157

including those whom Allah sent to the Children of Israel.

#### **Cross-Examination**

Now that you have listened to the real story of Jesus' and his mother's birth, do you still believe he is a god? Well! Have you ever thought of cross-examining the doctrine of the Trinity, the basic formula of the Christian faith? Or, have you ever asked yourself how can three different entities be one entity, and at the same time be three? Or, how anything individually, in its entirety, with its indivisible oneness can by itself be divided into three separate beings with three different attributes, or entities?

Did you ever ask any priest to help you solve this problem? I am sure he would never appreciate your question, nor your doubt in the dogmatic belief of Christianity. If you ever ask him this question, most probably he would tell you, 'In matters of faith one has to stop reasoning, and believe in the doctrine only by his heart, not mind.' How can water remain water and at the same time be fire? Or, how can a stone be a stone and at the same time be water? Do you think any sensible man on earth can ever accept such impossibility?

How can the Ever-living God be God and mortal at the same time? That is, to be a man to suffer death at the hands of mortals? And how, the same mortal being can be the Immortal God at the same time? It is an impossibility which your priests want you to believe, and do not want you to even dare question this inconceivable dogma.

God is absolutely independent in His existence. A fact, which makes it impossible for the doctrine of Trinity to come to terms with human reason. It is an inconceivable riddle, which opposes science and logic.

Here is another hypothetical question, which a believer in the Trinity can never answer: Who is the one who controls or determines the splitting of the one into three different ones, not more or less in number? There must be a cause for this controlled effect, and that the causative factor acting as supreme over the three is the effective supreme controlling cause, and the **causative power** that

reduces the three into one; while the three would be only subservient to it.

#### Important points to remember

You think Jesus is semi-god was he born to a woman without a man? What about Adam? He was created from neither a woman nor a man? Would you say he was wholly-god? Whose creation is more miraculous Jesus or Adam? And, Who came into existence first? Think of it, and think of it seriously; because you will be questioned about it on the Day of Resurrection.

#### Check and compare

Now compare this with the following facts about Allah, the True God:

- "Were there to be gods other than Allah, both the heavens and the earth would have gone into chaos,"<sup>25</sup>
- "Allah has never taken a son, nor has an associate. Were there to be gods beside Allah, each god would have taken away

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>25</sup> Q. 21:21

### what he created, and would have fought each other vying for supremacy."<sup>26</sup>

Here is a hypothetical argument that you may consider. Let us assume the existence of two gods; one of them wants to move an object, and the other wants keep it stationary; if their wishes are not fulfilled, then neither of them is a real god; keeping in mind when God wants a thing, it must take place instantly. On the other hand, to have both of their wishes fulfilled in the same time is impossible; because their wishes are contradictory. This impossibility is the result of the supposition of plurality of gods. If one of the two gods' wish is fulfilled, then he is the conqueror, and the necessarily existing god, while the conquered is not; because it is impossible that the necessarily existing god be conquered. That is why Allah says:

 "They would have fought each other vying for supremacy."<sup>27</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>26</sup> O. 21:93

Allah is far above what they ascribe to Him.

- Allah created man and placed him on earth to procreate and colonize it, grow communities, cooperate and help each other; because an individual on his own cannot survive without fellow humans.
- Why does Allah, the only true God, the Creator of everything, need a son or an associate? Is it because He wants to procreate and multiply? Or, because He could no longer handle the affairs of the universe on His own? Did such a question occur to you before?

Allah says, 'We have created the heavens and the earth and never suffered fatigue or exhaustion.'28

 How long did Jesus live on earth? If he were a semi-god or a god incarnate, why did he not take flight to heaven before he was captured knowing that his opponents were going to put

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>27</sup> Q. 23:91

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>28</sup> Q. 50:38

him to death. Were he to be a god, he would have known their scheme before hand; yet he failed to do so. He also failed to realize what was awaiting him.

- Imagine yourself watching your only son suffering a painful situation, and you can easily save him from it; would you hesitate to do so? Do you think god would be less concerned about his only son than you about yours? But, according to them "god" did fail to save his only "son" from the hands of his perpetrators!!!!!
- I would like you to think over the belief that if Jesus were God Himself, or the son of God; why was he so terrified at the impending crucifixion that he shouted: "Eli, Eli, Lama Sabachthani?" My God, My God, hast thou forsaken me?" (Mathew 27:46) If Jesus were God Himself, as they allege, does it mean that God was forsaken by God? Moreover, can that who felt hopeless and shouted desperately for help be a god?

Besides, do you think Jesus was God Himself when he fell down crying praying for someone to remove away from him the cup of death by crucifixion? That is if he was crucified!!!

Is this the foundation upon which is built the huge edifice of the Christian faith? Is the basis of your faith only a matter of blind following, a faith, which can never stand reasoning or independent scrutiny by dispassionate and impartial arguments from a clean conscience?

Allah is capable of creating anything any time.
 When He wants a thing to take place, He only says to it, 'Be' and it is. This means, He needs none of His creatures; neither a son, nor a wife, nor a partner.

Human beings have one single father; Adam, and their only true God, is Allah. He has brought them into existence and provided them with all their needs in order to worship

Him alone. He says, I created jinn and men only to worship Me.<sup>29</sup>

 It is inconceivable that the only true God Who created the whole universe and every thing in it to need help; let alone taking a son, a wife, or a associate. He was all by Himself when there was nothing in existence; then He created the universe, mankind and the other creatures for one single purpose; that is to worship Him. He says:

Say, had there been other gods beside Him, then they would have surely sought a way of gaining favor with Him, the Possessor of the Throne. Holy is He and exalted far above what they ascribe to Him. The seven heavens, the earth, and what is in them celebrate His praise declaring His holiness. There is nothing but declares the holiness of Allah and praises Him, but you do not understand how they do that.<sup>30</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>29</sup> O. 51:56

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>30</sup> O. 17:42-44

#### Allah also says:

• Are dissident gods better or Allah, the Sole God, the invincible? You worship none beside Him save names that you and your fathers have named,<sup>31</sup> for whom Allah has provided no proof. All authority belongs to Allah alone. He commands that you should worship none but Him. This is the right faith; but most people do not know.<sup>32</sup>

Now, listen to the following conversation which will take place between Allah and Jesus on the Day of Resurrection:

• On that Day Allah shall enumerate His favors He granted Jesus saying:

'O Jesus, son of Mary! Remember My favors on you by bringing you into existence from a woman without a man, and My favor on your mother when I made

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>31</sup> It i8s only the idolaters who call their idols gods; for such idols are only creatures.

<sup>32</sup> Q. 12:39-40

you a proof of her innocence of what the ignorant people accused her, and I supported vou with Gabriel, the Holy Spirit, and made you a Prophet and a preacher to Allah in your youth and adulthood, and enabled you to speak to people in your infancy, and you recognized vourself as My slave, and I taught you writing, the Torah and the Gospel. I taught too how to make a shape of a bird out mud with My leave, and you blew on it and became a real bird with My leave, and you healed the blind by birth, and the leper with My leave, and revived the dead with My leave, and I withheld the Children of Israel from killing you when you brought them the clear proofs of your Prophethood, and the infidels among them accused you of lying and called your miraculous proofs as sheer sorcery. (110)

Remember too when I inspired the Disciples to believe in Me and in you as My Messenger, and they did so saying, 'We believe in Allah and bear witness, O Allah, that we are Muslims.' (111)

Sure! They declared themselves as Muslims, because a Muslim is the one who believes in the Oneness of Allah, and that Allah has neither a wife, nor a son, nor a partner.

#### The Last Supper

You must have read the story of the Last Supper is mentioned in the Bible; now listen to it as narrated in the Our'an:

- And when the Disciples said to Jesus, 'O
  Jesus, son of Mary! Could you ask your God
  to send us a meal from heaven?' He said,
  'Fear Allah, and ask no such thing, and
  depend on Allah for your provisions, if you
  are true faithful.'(112)
- They said, 'We want to eat from it, set our minds in peace when we see it coming down from heaven, and become more certain about the veracity of your Message, and testify that it is from Allah as a proof of your Prophethood.'(113)
- Jesus then said, 'O Allah, our God! Send down a meal from heaven for us, and the day it comes down will become a festival for the

first and the last of us, and a sign from You of your ability of doing anything, and a response from You to my prayer, and provide us with easeful provisions; for You are the best of providers.'(114)

 Allah responded by saying, 'I will send it down, but he who disbelieves afterwards I shall subject him to a torture that no other creature of your era would be subjected to.'(115)

### Did Jesus order people to worship him? Here is the answer:

• On the Day of Resurrection Allah shall ask Jesus, 'O Jesus! Did you say to people take me and my mother for gods other than Allah?' Jesus shall say, 'Far are You removed from every imperfection, It is not for me to say that to which I have no right. If I said it, You would certainly know it; for You know what is in my mind, and I do not know what is in Yours, and I do not have the knowledge of the invisible world which You have, and You know all the invisible things.(116)

- I said to them nothing other than what You commanded me to convey to them; namely, 'Worship Allah, my God and your God.' And I was a witness against them while I was with them, but after You took me up to You, You were watching them, and You are the Witness over everything.(117)
- If you punish them, they are Your slaves, and if You forgive them, You are the Powerful, the Wise.(118)
- Thereupon, Allah shall say, 'This is a Day in which truthfulness of the truthful who believes in the Oneness of Allah benefits them. Such shall be admitted into Gardens through which rivers flow to live therein forever; while Allah is well pleased with them, and they are well pleased with Him. This indeed is great success. (119)
- To Allah belong the kingdom of the heavens and the earth and whatever is in them, and everything is under His control. He needs neither a son, or a wife nor an aide. Other than Whom there is no true God.(120)<sup>33</sup>

<sup>33</sup> Q. 5:110-120

#### He also says:

God says: 'I created jinn and men only to worship Me.'34

He does not say I have created them to help Me.

None of Allah's Messengers or Prophets claimed to be a god or semi-god. Allah says:

- It would not befit a man, whom Allah gives the Scripture, authority, and Prophethood, to say to people, 'Worship me along with Allah. Rather, he commands them to be righteous devotees, because they study the Scripture, understand it and memorize it.<sup>35</sup>
- The Messiah, son of Mary was only a Messenger like the rest of the Messengers who passed away before him, and his mother was a truthful woman. Both, she and her son used to eat food like the rest of human beings. Now look how do We explain to them Our signs, and look how they turn away from the truth!

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>34</sup> Q. 51:56

<sup>35</sup> O. 3:79

God. Almighty Allah has shown how to argue with the Jews & Christians according to the following instructions of Allah:

Now, whoever argues with you concerning Jesus after having received the correct information, then say to them, 'Come, let us bring together our sons and your sons, our women and your women, and ourselves and yourselves, and let us invoke the curse of Allah on the liars.<sup>36</sup>

What We have told you about Jesus is the true story; and there is no true God except Allah, and Allah is the Mighty, the Wise.<sup>37</sup>

But if they reject the truth, and prefer falsehood to it, then they are deviant. Allah knows the deviant and will serve him the punishment he deserves.<sup>38</sup>

Say, 'O Christians and Jews! Let us reach a mutual agreement between both of us; that we should not worship other than Allah, nor

<sup>36</sup> Q. 3:61

<sup>37</sup> O. 3:62

<sup>38</sup> Q. 3:63

ascribe a partner to Him, nor should some of us take some for deities beside Allah and obey them in lieu of Allah. If they refuse this agreement then say to them, 'Bear witness that we are Muslims.'<sup>39</sup>

This is a message to you from a sincere fellow human who is concerned about your welfare in this as well as the next world.

The Day when neither wealth nor offspring will benefit man; save him who returns to Allah with a sound heart.<sup>40</sup>

The sound heart is the heart which holds the belief in the Oneness of Allah; i.e., there is no true God except Allah, and Muhammad is the Messenger of Allah.

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#### Thank you.

<sup>39</sup> Q. 3;64

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>40</sup> Q. 26:89

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