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Dear Muslim brother/sister, do you want to know the truth and nothing but the *whole* truth about your relationship with God? Then read this booklet with an open mind.

Truth is revealed by asking the right questions. The following are important religious questions with answers based on the Quran.

1. Is the Bible the word of God?

وَأَنْزَلَ يَدَيْهِ بَيْنَ لَمَّا مُصَدِّقًا بِالْحَقِّ الْكِتَابَ عَلَيْكَ نَزَّلَ
وَالْإِنْجِيلَ التَّوْرَةَ

"He has sent down upon you, [O Muhammad], the Book in truth, confirming what was before it. And **He revealed the Torah and the Gospel**" (Quran 3:3).

God revealed the Torah and the Gospel (the Bible). Since the Quran was sent to confirm the Bible, then anything in the Quran that contradicts the Bible must have been inserted by someone sinister.

2. Is the Bible corrupted?

وَلَقَدْ كُذِّبَتْ رُسُلٌ مِّن قَبْلِكَ فَصَبَرُوا عَلَىٰ مَا كُذِّبُوا
وَأُودُوا حَتَّىٰ أَنتَهُم نَصْرُنَا وَلَا مُبَدِّلَ لِكَلِمَاتِ اللَّهِ وَلَقَدْ
جَاءَكَ مِنْ نَّبَائِ الْمُرْسَلِينَ

"And certainly were messengers" denied before you, but they were patient over [the effects of] denial, and they were harmed until Our victory came to them. **And none can alter the words of Allah...**" (Quran 6:34).

وَتَمَّتْ كَلِمَتُ رَبِّكَ صِدْقًا وَعَدْلًا لَا مُبَدِّلَ لِكَلِمَاتِهِ وَهُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ

"And the word of your Lord has been fulfilled in truth and in justice. **None can alter His words**, and He is the Hearing, the Knowing" (Quran 6:115)

لَهُمُ الْبُشْرَىٰ فِي الْحَيَاةِ الدُّنْيَا وَفِي الْآخِرَةِ لَا تَبْدِيلَ لِكَلِمَاتِ اللَّهِ ذَلِكَ هُوَ الْفَوْزُ الْعَظِيمُ

"For them are good tidings in the worldly life and in the Hereafter. **No change is there in the words of Allah** . That is what is the great attainment" (Quran 10:64)

The Quran clearly states that God's word cannot be corrupted. The claim the Bible was corrupted is therefore an empty claim. Anyone who claims that the original Bible was corrupted accuses God of failure to protect His word. That is blasphemy. Moreover, such a one should be able to provide a copy of the "original Bible".

3. Why should a Muslims study the Bible?

قُلْ يَا أَهْلَ الْكِتَابِ لَسْتُمْ عَلَىٰ شَيْءٍ حَتَّىٰ تُقِيمُوا التَّوْرَةَ
وَالْإِنْجِيلَ وَمَا أُنزِلَ إِلَيْكُمْ مِّن رَّبِّكُمْ وَلَيَزِيدَنَّ كَثِيرًا مِّنْهُمْ
مَا أُنزِلَ إِلَيْكَ مِنْ رَبِّكَ طُغْيَانًا وَكُفْرًا فَلَا تَأْسَ عَلَى الْقَوْمِ
الْكَافِرِينَ

"Say O People of the Scripture! Ye have naught (of guidance) till ye observe the Torah and the Gospel and that which was revealed unto you from your Lord. That which is revealed unto thee (Muhammad) from thy Lord is certain to increase the contumacy and disbelief of many of them. But grieve not for the disbelieving folk" (Quran 5:68).

فَإِنْ كُنْتَ فِي شَكٍّ مِّمَّا أَنْزَلْنَا إِلَيْكَ فَسْأَلِ الَّذِينَ يُقْرَأُونَ
الْكِتَابَ مِنْ قَبْلِكَ لَقَدْ جَاءَكَ الْحَقُّ مِنْ رَبِّكَ فَلَا تَكُونَنَّ مِنَ
الْمُتَرَدِّينَ

"And if thou (Muhammad) art in doubt concerning that which We reveal unto thee, then question those who read the Scripture (that was) before thee. Verily the Truth from thy Lord hath come unto thee. So be not thou of the waverers" (Quran 10:94).

By the above commands from Allah, every Muslim must study the Bible and must depend on "people of the book" (Jews and Christian) for proper understanding of the word of God.

4. What is the punishment for disobeying the Bible?

إِنَّ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا وَظَلَمُوا لَمْ يَكُنِ اللَّهُ لِيَغْفِرَ لَهُمْ وَلَا
لِيَهْدِيَهُمْ طَرِيقًا

إِلَّا طَرِيقَ جَهَنَّمَ خَالِدِينَ فِيهَا أَبَدًا وَكَانَ ذَلِكَ عَلَى اللَّهِ
يَسِيرًا

"Lo! those who disbelieve and deal in wrong, Allah will never forgive them, neither will He guide them unto a road, Except the road of hell, wherein they will abide for ever. And that is ever easy for Allah" (Quran 4:168-169).

5. Who is Jesus Christ?

This is one question with several answers.

- I. He is the Word of God (Quran 3:45)
- II. He is the miracle worker (Quran 3:49).
- III. He is the Spirit of God (Quran 21:91).

6. What is special about Jesus Christ?

- I. Jesus is the only Messiah (Quran 3:45). That word "Messiah" means "the anointed Saviour". It implies that none can be saved eternally without Jesus the Christ. No other person living or dead is referred to as "the

Messiah". Thus "Jesus said... "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me" (John 14:6). On several occasions, Jesus revealed himself as the Christ/Messiah . See also Matthew 16:20, John 8:24.

II. He is the Lamb of God that removes the sins of all mankind (John 1:29).

III. He is holy (sinless) (Quran 19:19). He is the only person that lived on earth that is declared "holy". In contrast, Muhammed was commanded to confess his sins (Quran 40:55; 47:19; 48:2.).

- IV. He is *the* truth (Quran 19:34). That means that Christ is the ultimate truth. One who does not have Christ does not have the ultimate truth. No other person can be "the truth".
- V. He is the only being conceived of the Holy Spirit (Quran 21:91, 66:12).
- VI. He is the only being born by a virgin (Quran 3:45-47).

7. Is Jesus Christ the Son of God?

- I. He was conceived by God's Spirit, therefore He cannot be less than the Son of God (Quran 21:91).
- II. Jesus is sinless (Quran 19:19). Only God is sinless.

- III. Prophet Isaiah says that Jesus Christ is the Son of God (Isaiah 9:6)
- IV. The gospels affirm that Jesus Christ is the Son of God (Mark 1:1, Luke 1:35, John 20:31).
- V. To deny what the prophets and the gospels say is blasphemy (Quran 3:3).

8. Does the Quran deny the Sonship of Jesus?

وَأَنَّهُ تَعَالَىٰ جَدُّ رَبِّنَا مَا اتَّخَذَ صُحْبَةً وَلَا وَلَدًا

"And (we believe) that He - exalted be the glory of our Lord! - hath taken neither wife nor son" (Quran 72:3).

Even the Bible does not teach that Jesus is a biological son (Arabic - walad) of God. Indeed, God is a Spirit (John 4:23). Spirits do not marry.

Jesus is the Son (Arabic - ibn) of God in the sense that He proceeds from God. His unique conception and His miracles all prove that Jesus proceeds from God (John 8:42; 13:3).

God Himself calls Jesus "My Son" (Matthew 3:17, 17:5).

9. Is Jesus Christ God?

Yes, Jesus Christ is God because

- I. He gave life (Quran 3:49). Only God can give life (Quran 10:34). Jesus is thus God manifested in human form (John 1:14).
- II. He forgives sins (Mark 2:5-7). Only God forgives one's sins.
- III. Prophet Isaiah says that Jesus Christ is God; "For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, **Mighty God, Everlasting Father**, Prince of Peace. God is one but manifests as three Persons (Matthew 28:19). Even the Quran agrees with that as the

collective pronoun "We" is used in reference to Allah. E.g Quran 2:3.

IV. The Psalms says that He is God (Psalms 45:1-7).

V. The gospels say that Jesus Christ is God? (John 1:1)

VI. Jesus Himself says that He is God (John 8:58,10:30-33).

10. What is special about being a Christian?

ثُمَّ قَفَّيْنَا عَلَىٰ آثَارِهِم بِرُسُلِنَا وَقَفَّيْنَا بِعِيسَى ابْنِ مَرْيَمَ
وَأَتَيْنَاهُ الْإِنجِيلَ وَجَعَلْنَا فِي قُلُوبِ الَّذِينَ اتَّبَعُوهُ رَأْفَةً
وَرَحْمَةً وَرَهْبَانِيَّةً ابْتَدَعُوهَا مَا كَتَبْنَاهَا عَلَيْهِمْ إِلَّا ابْتِغَاءَ
رِضْوَانِ اللَّهِ فَمَا رَعَوْهَا حَقَّ رِعَايَتِهَا فَآتَيْنَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا
مِنْهُمْ أَجْرَهُمْ وَكَثِيرٌ مِّنْهُمْ فَسِقُونَ

"Then We caused Our messengers to follow in their footsteps; and We caused Jesus, son of Mary, to follow, and gave him the Gospel, and **[We] placed compassion and mercy in the hearts of those who followed him.** But monasticism they invented - We ordained it not for them - only seeking Allah's pleasure, and they observed it not with right observance. So We give those of them who believe their reward, but many of them are evil-livers" (Quran 57:27).

إِذْ قَالَ اللَّهُ يُعِيسَى ابْنُ مَرْيَمَ بَدِّئْ لَهُمْ مِنْ نَافِلِهِمْ وَرَافِعِيكَ وَرَافِعُكَ إِلَيَّ وَمُطَهِّرُكَ
مِنَ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا وَجَاعِلُ الَّذِينَ اتَّبَعُوكَ فَوْقَ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا

إِلَى يَوْمِ الْقِيَامَةِ ثُمَّ إِلَىٰ مَرْجِعِكُمْ فَأَحْكُمُ بَيْنَكُمْ فِيمَا كُنْتُمْ فِيهِ تَخْتَلِفُونَ

(And remember) when Allah said: O Jesus! Lo! I am gathering thee and causing thee to ascend unto Me, and am cleansing thee of those who disbelieve and **am setting those who follow thee above those who disbelieve until the Day of Resurrection.** Then unto Me ye will (all) return, and I shall judge between you as to that wherein ye used to differ" (Quran 3:55). The above passages states that Christians are superior to all non Christians. This will be till the last day.

11. Why should you be a Christian?

- I. No one can be righteous without the grace and mercy of God (Quran 24:21).
- II. Jesus Christ is the Mercy and grace of God (Quran 19:21, John 1:17).
- III. Being a Muslim makes you a slave (Quran 25:63, 37:169) but being a Christian makes you a son/daughter of God (John 1:12).
- IV. Unless one becomes a Christian, he/she is condemned to hell fire (John 3:16-18).
- V. Prophet Jeremiah says that the system of worship which Muslims

practice was abolished (Jeremiah 31:31-32).

VI. Even Jesus says that all religions based on special geographical locations were abolished while He was on earth (John 4:20-26, Matthew 18:20).

VII. Even Muhammed was not sure, neither of his fate nor that of his followers; قُلْ مَا كُنْتُ بِدْعًا مِّنَ الرُّسُلِ وَمَا أَدْرِي مَا يُفْعَلُ بِي وَلَا بِكُمْ إِنِّي أَتَّبِعُ إِلَّا مَا يُوحَىٰ إِلَيَّ "Say: I am no new thing among the messengers (of Allah), **nor know I what will be done with me or with you.** I do but follow that which is inspired in me, and I am

but a plain warner" (Quran 46:9). In contrast to that, Jesus knows both His fate and that of His followers. Hear Him; **"Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me, In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also... I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. The Father Revealed"** (John 14:1-6).

VIII. The bible says nothing about Islam.

IX. Jesus is the only way to salvation
(John 14:6).

12. How does one become a Christian?

I. **Believe the gospel.** The gospel is the good news about the life, death, burial and resurrection of Jesus for the sins of all of mankind (John 3:16-18).

II. **Repent of your sins** (Luke 13:3, 5).
To repent is to turn away from bad thoughts and behaviours.

III. **Confess Jesus Christ as the Son of God** (Matthew 10:32).

IV. Be baptized (Mark 16:15-16, John 3:3-5).

V. Continue to worship with the Church of Christ till death (Mathew 16:18).

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