

THE TRUTH: JESUS HAS DIED!



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PREFACE

I have the pleasure to present before the readers a booklet depicting the facts about the death of Jesus (on him be peace), the honourable Israelite Prophet who had come more than two thousand years ago.

Jesus (in Arabic “Issa Ibn Maryam”) is thought by most Christians and most of the Muslims as being bodily alive in Heaven besides God the Almighty, and that he will come back after so many years on earth for the salvation of mankind, and especially for the Christians and Muslims.

The Muslims in general have taken the prophecies of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) concerning the second coming of Jesus (on him be peace) as being literal, but in reality they are far from the actual truth.

In this booklet some vital proofs have been detailed to make people, and especially Christians and Muslims aware about the death of Jesus at the ripe age of 120 years old at a place called Srinagar, Kashmir in India.

May Allah open the minds and hearts of the seekers of Truth in this matter.

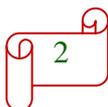
Glory be to Allah, and Peace be upon all His distinguished Prophets! *Ameen*.

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INTRODUCTION

THE FUNDAMENTAL DOCTRINES OF THE CHURCH

Christianity is based upon the death of Jesus on the cross, his resurrection and his bodily ascension to heaven. Though Christian masses continue to foster these fictions, few thinkers, even in Christian lands, today believe in or dare assert the historic authenticity of these supposed events. There are not even prima facie considerations to sustain the theory of death upon the cross and there is no evidence to support the unnatural phenomena of the resurrection and the ascension.

Indeed the Gospels themselves furnish the refutation of these myths. The basic doctrine of the church has been that Jesus being son of God appeared in human shape to take upon himself the accumulated burden of humanity's sins and to expiate them on the cross so that mankind might attain salvation through belief in the atonement. Being son of God he was very God Himself and through his death upon the cross he became "accursed" for mankind's sake and remained in the state for three days to atone for the sins of mankind. He then came back to life and ascended bodily to heaven. He will descend to the earth again in the later days and judge mankind.

There is nothing in the authentic sayings and teachings of Jesus to support or justify any of these. According to himself he was a Prophet raised among Israel particularly for the guidance of the "Lost sheep of the house of Israel." (Matthews 15:24)

CRUXIFIXION

Jesus Christ was the last of the Mosaic order of prophets. The two Jewish tribes dwelling in Palestine under the Roman rule, refused to recognise him as a prophet of God. They, as a community, prosecuted him and sent false reports to the Roman governor that he claimed to be the king of the Jews and was planning to overthrow the established government of the Roman Empire. Pontius Pilate the Governor's sympathetic attitude towards Jesus could not save him from the wrath of the Jews who were bent upon killing him by crucifixion – an accursed death. (Deuteronomy 21:23). When Pilate saw that his efforts were of no avail he took water and washed his hands before the multitude saying – "I am innocent of the blood of this righteous man. See ye to it." But the Jews replied: "His blood be on us and on our children." So the governor delivered Jesus to them to be crucified.

JESUS DID NOT DIE ON THE CROSS

Crucifixion or death on the cross according to the Bible was regarded to be an accursed death. If Jesus Christ was really a true Prophet of God – as we do believe he was – he could not have died on the cross; for says the Bible, "He that is hanged is the accursed of God" (Deuteronomy 21:23). Jesus Christ, therefore, being the true Prophet of God could not die such an ignominious death. Let us see how circumstances favoured him and he was saved from the accursed death on the cross:-

1. The Roman governor was extremely sympathetic towards Jesus. When Joseph of Arimathaea who was a disciple of Jesus approached him and begged him for the body of Jesus he readily consented to hand it over to him. (Matthews 27:28)
2. Jesus Christ also found a supporter in the wife of the governor himself who strongly interceded with her husband to save the life of that Just man. (Matthews 27:19)

3. The night before the crucifixion with strong crying and tears could not remain unheard: “Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me.” (Matthews 26:39)

“Abba, Father, all things are possible unto thee; take away this cup from me.” (Mark 14:36)

Jesus himself says: “Father, I thank Thee that thou hast heard me. And I know that Thou hearest me always.” (John 11:41-42)

4. Crucifixion or death on the cross was a tardy and lingering process. To be alive for two or more days on the cross was a common occurrence. Death was caused by suffocation, by breaking the bones or by piercing the vital organs as well as by hunger, thirst or the attacks of ravenous birds and animals. But in the case of Jesus Christ nothing of the sort was done, because he was taken down from the cross after having remained on the tree (pole) between three and six hours only. (Matthews 27:46, Mark 15:23, John 19:14)
5. Evening was drawing near. The following day was the day of Sabbath. The sanctity of Sabbath must not be polluted by letting the bodies suspended on the cross. The Jews, therefore, requested the Procurator to remove the three bodies so that the sanctity of the holy Sabbath should not be profaned by the spectacle. The soldiers broke the legs of the two thieves who were crucified along with Jesus Christ but in the case of the latter they did not think it necessary to apply the crurifragium as they thought him to be (already) dead.

Does not John say in the Gospel, “But these things were done, that the Scripture should be fulfilled: A bone of Him shall not be broken”. (John 19:36)

Even at the very moment when the body of Jesus was about to be taken down from the cross to be handed over to Joseph of Arimathaea and was pricked in the side (possibly in the region of the pleura) by a Roman soldier with his spear, blood and water came out, a sure testimony that life was not extinct. (John 19:34)

H. Spencer Lewis says: “When the storm quieted, torches were brought and an examination of the body revealed that Jesus was not dead. The blood flowing from the wounds proved that the body was not lifeless, and so the cross was immediately taken down and his body removed from it.”

To sum up the whole thing, the brief duration of time Jesus remained on the cross, the non-application of crurifragium, the placing of him in a cool and spacious sepulchre and the application of an ointment prepared by the disciple – all these lead us to the conclusion that Jesus Christ did not die on the cross; but was taken down alive, although he was in a state of unconsciousness. Jesus had announced that his “wicked and adulterous” generation would be given no sign except the sign of the prophet Jonah. It is worth remembering that Jonah entered the belly of the whale alive, remained there alive, though unconscious, and emerged therefrom alive. So was Jesus taken down from the cross alive, though unconscious, he remained in the sepulchre alive and emerged therefrom alive! (Matthews 12:39)

Had he died upon the cross there would have been no resemblance between his case and that of the prophet Jonah, unless one were also to believe that Jonah too had died in the belly of the whale and had come back to life after he emerged therefrom, a theory which would scarcely be acceptable to the church. (Jonah Chapter 2)

To quote again H. Spencer Lewis: “It may be interesting to call attention to the fact that nowhere in the Gospels of Matthews, Mark, Luke and John is the positive statement as an observation of one of these disciples that Jesus died on the cross or that he was dead when they removed him from the cross and placed him in the tomb.” (The Mystical Life of Jesus, Pages 270-271).

It is significant that the next of the Revised Standard of the New Testament published by Thomas Nelson & son, New York, no longer makes any mention of the bodily ascension of Jesus to heaven.

THE RESURRECTION THEORY

The popular belief of the Christians that Jesus Christ came to life again after he had given up the Ghost on the cross is due to the credulous imagination of hysterical women named Mary Magdalene, who is the mother of the whole story. Nobody saw him to be actually dead and coming back to life again. His supposed death on the cross was no more than a temporary swoon and what is generally believed to be his resurrection is nothing but his return to consciousness. When Prophet Jesus recovered his consciousness, he was removed from the sepulchre by his two devoted followers, Joseph of Arimathaea and Nicodemus who had been secretly designed for his rescue and Pilate had also played an important role in the plot. After his escape Jesus disguised himself as a gardener (John 20:15) for fear of being rearrested. Jesus went to Galilee where the disciples met him. He showed them his scarred hands and feet so that they might be assured of his identity.

Says Jesus Christ: “Behold my hands and feet, that it is I myself; handle me and see, for a spirit hath not flesh and bones you see me have.”

“And while they yet believed not for joy, and wondered he said unto them; Have you here any meat?” – “And they gave him a piece of boiled fish and of a honeycomb. And he took it and did eat before them.” (Luke 24:39-43)

WHERE DID JESUS GO?

So far we have closely followed the events that led to the escape of Jesus from the ignoble death by crucifixion, his coming to consciousness, showing himself to his disciples, eating and drinking with them.

Now, the question arises, where did Jesus go after his escape from the cross? The answer is not far to seek; For did not Jesus say: “And other sheep I have, which are not of his fold: them also I must bring and there shall be one fold and one Shepherd?” These “other sheep are none but the lost ten tribes of Israel who sojourned in Persia, Afghanistan and Kashmir in those days. The majority of Eastern writers consider them to be the descendants of one of the ten tribes of Israel – and this is the opinion of the Afghans themselves.

In the light of this historical evidence it is natural to infer that Jesus Christ must have proceeded to bring the lost tribes of Israel together and preach his mission to them.

The author of the Rawza-tus-Safa writes: “Jesus was called the Messiah because he was a great traveller. Wearing a woollen scarf on his head and a woollen cloak round his body and with a staff in his hand, he travelled from country to country and from city to city.

In the course of one of his travels he came to Nasibain which is situated at a distance of several hundred miles from his native land. In that trip he was accompanied by some of his disciples whom he sent into the city to preach.” (Rawza-tus-Safa Pg. 133-135)

From Nasibain he travelled under the name of Yuz Asaf through Persia and Afghanistan to the Punjab and settled in Kashmir where he died a natural death at the good old age of 120. In Jamia-ut-Tawarikh we are told that on these journeys Mary, the holy mother of Jesus was with him. For reasons already explained, Jesus, his mother Mary, and Thomas (his brother) proceeded towards Muree. Mary died on the way and was buried at a place now called “Pindi-Point” and from where Rawalpindi is only six miles. Her tomb adjoining the Defence Tower is even today called: Mai Mary asthan – the resting place of Mother Mary. Continuing the journey to Benares, Nepal and Tibet, Jesus came to Kashmir and finally settled in the Valley.

PROPHECY IN BUDDHIST BOOKS & RECORDS

There was a prophecy in Buddhist records about the advent of a prophet or a Redeemer named Metteyya. The prophecy has been recorded in these words: “But a Buddha named Metteyya should come in the fullness of time is recorded in the canon as a prophecy made by Gautama himself” (Mrs. Rhys Davids’ Buddhism, Pg. 243) “The Dhigha Nikya, one of our oldest documents, mentions the name of Buddha of the future, who, when the religion of Gautama will have been forgotten, shall again reveal the path to men. His name is Metteyya”. (Mrs. Rhys’s Davids’ Buddhism Pg. 180)

Hence the word Metteyya is the same as Messiah, who preached his gospel to the Buddhists of Tibet and Kashmir five hundred years after Buddha, Gautama.

THE TOMB OF JESUS CHRIST

The discovery of the tomb of Jesus Christ in Kashmir is one of the epoch-making discoveries of the modern times. The credit goes to the well known author of “Jesus in India”, Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad of Qadian who exploded the theory of the ascension of Jesus Christ, and proved by overwhelming historical evidence how the prophet of Nazareth came to India and died a natural death at Srinagar, Kashmir. Joseph Jacobs states on the authority of a very old version of the story of Yuz Asaf that he (Jesus) at last reached Kashmir and there he died. (Barlaam and Josephat, CV. The Tomb of Jesus, Pg. 39)

Another historical work Tarikh-e-Azami written more than two hundred years ago regarding this tomb says: “The tomb is generally known as that of a prophet. He was a prince from a foreign land. He was perfect in piety, righteousness and devotion. He was made prophet by God and was engaged in preaching to the people of Kashmir. His name was Yuz Asaf.”

LATEST DEVELOPMENTS

The discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls in recent years has removed every lingering doubt in the minds of the sceptical that the “Teacher of Righteousness” was no other person than Jesus Christ, son of Mary. The study of the scrolls shows that the inhabitants of the Quman Valley followed a prophet called the “Teacher of Righteousness”, “Interpreter of the law” or simply “The priest”, in some places. The Priest has been called the “Messiah” or the faithful Shepherd. He came of a priestly class. The three pictures of Jesus Christ as published in the Encyclopaedia Britannica, Vol. XIV, throw still further light on the fact that Jesus Christ lived upto a good old age. The first picture shows Jesus to be a young man in thirties, the second one that he was fairly advanced in age and the third one shows him in his pretty old age. The pictures were prepared by the Christians themselves of the second and third century A.D.

“A group of German scientists had been making investigations regarding the shroud of Jesus for the last eight years. The results of their research have recently been made available to the press. The two thousand years old winding sheet of Christ has been found in the Italian town of Turin. It bears the impressions of Christ’s body.”

“The double marks on the cloth show that one half of the cloth was wrapped round the body of Christ and the other half was used to cover the head.

The ointment applied to Christ’s body, together with the heat of the body, reproduced the impressions of Christ’s body on the cloth. The fresh blood of Christ as absorbed into the cloth also left its marks on it. The photograph clearly shows the marks made by the crown of thorns on the base of the head and forehead of Christ, the swollen right cheek of Christ, the deep spear’s mark on the right side, the blood stains due to blood

flowing from the wounds caused by nails and the marks on the back caused by friction with the cross.” (Stockholm Tidningen, April 2, 1957)

When a man looks at the photograph which has been reproduced in the book Das Linnen Kurt Beraa Stultgart bu Hanas Naber Verlag, he can easily understand the reaction of the church.

Pope Pius IX remarked: “This picture has not been made by any human hand.”

It may, therefore, be accepted as beyond controversy that Jesus did not die upon the cross. He was in a swoon when his body was taken down from the cross. He was lovingly tendered and cared for and healing ointments and herbs were applied to his wounds from which he recovered sufficiently by the third day to be able to leave the sepulchre, always taking precautions lest his presence among them and, therefore, his escape from death should become known to his enemies.

Having fully established testimony to his not having died upon the cross he resolved, under divine command, to leave Palestine and to journey through lands where the lost tribes of Israel then dwelt so that he could carry the divine message to them. Thus Jesus having completed his mission died a natural death and was buried in Srinagar, Kashmir; his tomb (Rozabal) being found in the Khanyar Street of the city of Srinagar.

DIVINE REVELATION

On the basis of divine revelation Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad (on him be peace), Founder of the Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam has located the tomb of Jesus and has furnished a detailed account of the eastward journey of Jesus Christ and Saint Thomas, one of the twelve disciples of Jesus, who either accompanied his master in his long journey or followed him to fulfil his duty of preaching to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.

The tomb of Saint Thomas still stands at Mount Saint Thomas at Mylapur, near Madras, where the shrine of his martyrdom was rebuilt by the Portuguese in 1547.

While addressing to the followers of the doctrine of the death of Jesus on the cross, Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad, the Promised Messiah, on him be peace and the blessing of God, says: “You say that Jesus died on the cross and thus you proclaim him, who was innocent, accursed, and bring him who suffered travail for your sake into contempt. For it is written in the Scriptures that he who dies on the cross is a false prophet and shall be accursed. By your mouths do you then acknowledge his falsehood, and cause his enemies to laugh at him. Curse means estrangement from God, and yet was estranged from Him. The wicked alone turn away from God and the transgressors alone hate Him. Then why do you hold Jesus accursed, who was the beloved of God?”

BEACON OF LIGHT

It is our fundamental duty and utmost pleasure to inform you of the glad tidings that for whom the Christians and Muslims were waiting, for whom rich and poor alike yearned, and many looked heavenwards with sighs and longed that he should appear in their lifetime that they might be blessed by his sight, has appeared and has illumined the world with his light and filled it with his glory.

In 1879, Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad (1839 – 1908), on him be peace and blessings of God, began to preach in the village of Qadian, in the state of East Punjab, India.

“He claimed to be not only the Promised Mahdi but also the Promised Messiah – Personages generally held to be distinct in ordinary Muslim theology. Another modification he introduced into Islamic doctrine had reference to the death of Jesus; the commonly accepted belief maintains that Jesus was taken by God alive into heaven, while a phantom was crucified in his place; in opposition to this he declared that Jesus was actually crucified but was taken down from the cross while still alive by his disciples, was healed of his wounds and afterwards made his way into Kashmir where he finally died, his tomb being still in existence in the city of Srinagar. Having thus removed the ground for any expectation of the second coming of Jesus from Heaven to earth, he explained that he himself was the Messiah, not as being an incarnation of Jesus (for he rejected the doctrine of transmigration) but as having come in the likeness of Jesus – being Jesus for this generation just like John the Baptist was Elijah, because he came in the spirit and power of Elijah.

In proof that he had come in the spirit and power of Jesus, Mirza Ghulam Ahmad (on him be peace) adduced the likeness of his own character and personality to that of Jesus, his gentleness of his miracles and the appropriateness of his teaching to the need of the age.

The Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam has set up a worldwide organisation, and I as one among them have been working with zeal of missionary to disseminate true knowledge of Islam. A remarkable measure of success has been achieved in winning over the converts from all schools of thought, religions and nations of the world.

REAL TEACHING OF JESUS

What is the real teaching of Jesus? What was his real message? What was his belief and claim? Did he believe in One God or did he believe to be the son of God? Did he believe and preach the doctrine of redemption of sins?

To answer all these questions, we (all Muslims) have to study the life, history and the sayings attributed to Jesus. Are there any historical sources available to us? No! There is no contemporary account written about Jesus and he himself did not leave any writings.

We depend almost entirely on the Christian tradition, mainly the four Gospels uncritically, for the faithful. New Testament is the literal word of God or at least inspired by Him. The fact of the matter is that Gospels are accounts written by men who are stated to be either disciples of Jesus or their early companions.

Do we have original words of Jesus and his disciples preserved in the Gospels? The answer is no. Jesus and his disciples spoke Hebrew. There is no ancient Hebrew manuscript of New Testament exists. All the manuscripts are in Greek. This shows that these books were written when Christianity had made inroads into the Greek speaking world. In addition they were written by Christians for Christians at a time when the original message and religion of Jesus had undergone a metamorphosis and a new theology and church doctrines had been evolved due to complex history of the early Christian community.

A study of Gospels reveals internal evidence that the life story of Jesus and his words have not been fully preserved; and that these accounts have suffered from interpolations and whims of the authors who communicated the oral traditions before the books were written.

For example, a few points may be noted:

There are superstitious and irrational elements in Gospel accounts like the story of Jesus encounter with a man possessed of evil spirits. Jesus wanted to cast out the evil spirit and had dialogue with them. We read:

“And he kept begging Jesus not to send the evil spirits out of that region. There was a large herd of pigs nearby feeding on a hillside. So the spirits begged Jesus. Send us to the pigs and let us go into them. He let them go and evil spirits went out of the man and entered the pigs. The whole herd, about two thousand pigs in all, rushed down the side of the cliff into the lake and were drowned.” (Mark 5:10-13)

The passage hardly needs some comments:-

1. There is a story that when Jesus died on the cross graves were opened and many dead saints became alive and went into the Holy city and appeared to many. (Matthew 27:51-53)
2. Similar is the story of Lazarus who is supposed to have arisen after being dead for a few days, by the miraculous power of Jesus. (John 11:43-44)
3. We find examples of doubtful ethics in the Gospels like the story of Jesus turning to a fig tree when he was hungry but he found no fruit on it as it was not the season for it but Jesus became annoyed and cursed the tree. (Mark 11:12-14)
4. Jesus is depicted to be rude to his mother. (John 2:1-4)

MISSION OF JESUS CONFINED TO ISRAELITES

He explained and taught the commandments of law. His role was that of a teacher and a reformer. Jesus was the last Israelite prophet. He did not consider himself a universal prophet and considered his mission confined to the nation and tribes of Israelites. He commanded his disciples to preach only to Jewish tribes. These twelve disciples Jesus sent out, charging them “Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of House of Israel.” (Mark 10:5-6)

To the Canaanite woman who requested Jesus to heal her sick daughter, Jesus replied: “I have been sent only to the Lost Sheep of the House of Israel.” (Matthew 15:24)

JESUS: A MESSENGER OF GOD

Jesus repeatedly referred to himself as one ‘sent to God’. In other words a Messenger of God or a prophet and his title was Messiah. Consider the following words of Jesus:

- 1) “He who receives you, receives me, and he who receives me receives Him who sent me.” (Matthew 10:40)
- 2) “I can do nothing on my own authority; I judge only as God tells me, so my judgement is right, I am not trying to do what I want, but only what He who sent me wants.” (John 5:30)
- 3) Jesus answered: “What God wants you to do is to believe in the One He sent.” (John 6:29)

JESUS BELIEVED IN ONE GOD

Jesus strictly believed in one God whom he referred to as “Father in Heaven”. No doubt he used the title “Son of God” for him – He never meant it literally. He used the words “Son of God” as a metaphor meaning a beloved of God and one having close relationship with Him. The same title has been used in Old Testament regarding earlier prophets:

1. “I have said you are Gods; and all of you are children of the Most High.” (Psalms 82:6)
2. “Israel is my son, even my first born.” (Exodus 4:22)
3. “And I will make him (David) my first born, higher than kings of the earth.” (Psalms 89:27)
4. “He (Solomon) shall be my son, and I will be his father.” (1 Chronicles 22:10)

JESUS IN THE HOLY QURAN

وَجَعَلْنَا ابْنَ مَرْيَمَ وَأُمَّهُ آيَةً وَآوَيْنَهُمَا إِلَى رَبْوَةٍ ذَاتِ قَرَارٍ وَمَعِينٍ ﴿٥١﴾

“And We made the son of Mary and his mother a Sign, and gave them refuge on an elevated land of green valleys and springs of running water.” (Ch.23 V.51)

The Holy Quran is the sacred religious scriptures of Islam. According to belief of more than 900 millions of Muslims in the world today, Holy Quran is the literal word of God, revealed to Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) over a period of 23 years – from AD 610 to 632.

JESUS BORN TO VIRGIN MARY (EVIDENCE IN THE HOLY QURAN)

وَإِذْ قَالَتِ الْمَلٰٓئِكَةُ يٰمَرْيَمُ إِنَّ اللّٰهَ اصْطَفٰكِ وَاطَهَّرَكِ وَاَصْطَفٰكِ عَلٰٓى
نِسَاۗءِ الْعٰلَمِيْنَ ﴿٤٢﴾

“And remember when the angels said, “O Mary, Allah has chosen you and purified you. He has chosen you from all the women.”

يٰمَرْيَمُ اقْنُتِي لِرَبِّكِ وَاَسْجُدِي وَاَرْكَعِي مَعَ الرَّاكِعِيْنَ ﴿٤٣﴾

“O Mary, you shall submit to your Lord, and prostrate and bow down with those who bow down.” (Ch.3 V.43-44)

اِذْ قَالَتِ الْمَلٰٓئِكَةُ يٰمَرْيَمُ إِنَّ اللّٰهَ يُبَشِّرُكِ بِكَلِمَةٍ مِّنْهُ
اَسْمُهُ الْمَسِيْحُ عِيسٰى ابْنُ مَرْيَمَ وَجِيْهًا فِى الدُّنْيَا وَاٰخِرَةٍ وَاَمِّنَ
الْمُقَرَّبِيْنَ ﴿٤٤﴾

The angels said, “O Mary, Allah gives you good news: a Word from Him whose name is ‘The Messiah, Jesus the son of Mary. He will be prominent in this life and in the Hereafter and one of those closest to Me.’

وَيُكَلِّمُ النَّاسَ فِى الْمَهْدِ وَكَهْلًا وَمِنَ الصّٰلِحِيْنَ ﴿٤٥﴾

“He will speak to the people from the crib, as well as an adult; he will be one of the righteous.”

قَالَتْ رَبِّ اَنْتَۤى يَكُوْنُ لِيْ وَاَلَدٌ وَّلَمْ يَمَسِّنِيْ بَشَرًا ۗ قَالَ كَذٰلِكَ اَللّٰهُ يَخْلُقُ
مَا يَشَآءُ ۗ اِذَا قَضٰى اَمْرًا فَاِذَا مَا يَقُوْلُ ۗ لَهُ ۗ كُنْ فَيَكُوْنُ ﴿٤٦﴾

She said, “My Lord, how can I have a son, when no man has touched me?” He said, “Allah thus creates whatever He wills. To have anything done, He simply says to it, ‘Be,’ and it is.” (Ch.3 V.46-48)

JESUS: A PROPHET FOR ISRAELITES ONLY

وَيُعَلِّمُهُ الْكِتَابَ وَالْحِكْمَةَ وَالتَّوْرَةَ وَالْإِنْجِيلَ ﴿٤٨﴾

“He will teach him the scripture, wisdom, the Torah, and the Gospel.”

وَرَسُولًا إِلَىٰ بَنِي إِسْرَائِيلَ أَنِّي قَدْ جِئْتُكُمْ بِآيَةٍ مِّن رَّبِّكُمْ أَنِّي أَخْلُقُ لَكُمْ مِّنَ الطِّينِ كَهَيْئَةِ الطَّيْرِ فَأَنْفُخُ فِيهِ فَيَكُونُ طَيْرًا بِإِذْنِ اللَّهِ وَأُبْرِئُ الْأَكْمَهَ وَالْأَبْرَصَ وَأُحْيِي الْمَوْتَىٰ بِإِذْنِ اللَّهِ وَأُنَبِّئُكُم بِمَا تَأْكُلُونَ وَمَا تَدَّخِرُونَ فِي بُيُوتِكُمْ إِنَّ فِي ذَٰلِكَ لَآيَةً لَّكُمْ إِن كُنتُمْ مُّؤْمِنِينَ ﴿٤٩﴾

As a messenger to the Children of Israel: “I come to you with a sign from your Lord - I create for you from clay the shape of a bird, then I blow into it, and it becomes a live bird by Allah's leave. I restore vision to the blind, heal the leprous, and I revive the dead by Allah's leave. I can tell you what you eat, and what you store in your homes. This should be a proof for you, if you are believers.

وَمُصَدِّقًا لِّمَا بَيْنَ يَدَيَّ مِنَ التَّوْرَةِ وَلَا حِجْلَ لَكُمْ بَعْضَ الَّذِي حُرِّمَ عَلَيْكُمْ وَجِئْتُكُم بِآيَةٍ مِّن رَّبِّكُمْ فَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَأَطِيعُوا مِنِّي ﴿٥٠﴾

“I confirm previous scripture - the Torah - and I revoke certain prohibitions imposed upon you. I come to you with sufficient proof from your Lord. Therefore, you shall observe Allah, and obey me.

إِنَّ اللَّهَ رَبِّي وَرَبُّكُمْ فَاعْبُدُوهُ هَٰذَا صِرَاطٌ مُّسْتَقِيمٌ ﴿٥١﴾

“Allah is my Lord and your Lord; you shall worship Him alone. This is the right path.”

﴿٥٢﴾ فَلَمَّا أَحَسَّ عِيسَىٰ مِنْهُمُ الْكُفْرَ قَالَ مَنْ أَنْصَارِي إِلَى اللَّهِ قَالَ الْحَوَارِيُّونَ نَحْنُ أَنْصَارُ اللَّهِ ءَامَنَّا بِاللَّهِ وَأَشْهَدُ بِأَنَّا مُسْلِمُونَ ﴿٥٣﴾

When Jesus sensed their disbelief, he said, “Who are my supporters towards Allah?” The disciples said, “We are Allah's supporters; we believe in Allah, and bear witness that we are submitters.”

رَبَّنَا ءَامَنَّا بِمَا أَنْزَلْتَ وَاتَّبَعْنَا الرَّسُولَ فَاكْتُبْنَا مَعَ الشَّاهِدِينَ ﴿٥٤﴾

“Our Lord, we have believed in what You have sent down, and we have followed the messenger; count us among the witnesses.”

وَمَكَرُوا وَمَكَرَ اللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ خَيْرُ الْمَاكِرِينَ ﴿٥٥﴾

They plotted and schemed, but so did Allah, and Allah is the best schemer.

إِذْ قَالَ اللَّهُ يَٰعِيسَىٰ إِنِّي مُتَوَفِّيكَ وَرَافِعُكَ إِلَيَّ وَمُطَهِّرُكَ مِنَ
الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا وَجَاعِلُ الَّذِينَ اتَّبَعُوكَ فَوْقَ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا إِلَىٰ يَوْمِ
الْقِيَامَةِ ۗ ثُمَّ إِلَيَّ مَرْجِعُكُمْ فَأَحْكُمُ بَيْنَكُمْ فِيمَا كُنْتُمْ فِيهِ تَخْتَلِفُونَ ﴿٥٥﴾

Thus, Allah said, “O Jesus, I am terminating your life, raising you to Me, and ridding you of the disbelievers. I will exalt those who follow you above those who disbelieve, till the Day of Resurrection. Then to Me is the ultimate destiny of all of you, then I will judge among you regarding your disputes.”

فَأَمَّا الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا فَأَعَذِّبُهُمْ عَذَابًا شَدِيدًا فِي الدُّنْيَا وَالْآخِرَةِ وَمَا لَهُمْ مِّنْ
نَّاصِرِينَ ﴿٥٦﴾

“As for those who disbelieve, I will commit them to painful retribution in this world, and in the Hereafter. They will have no helpers.”

وَأَمَّا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ فَيُوَفِّيهِمْ أُجُورَهُمْ ۗ وَاللَّهُ لَا
يُحِبُّ الظَّالِمِينَ ﴿٥٧﴾

As for those who believe and lead a righteous life, He will fully recompense them. Allah does not love the unjust.

ذَٰلِكَ نَتْلُوهُ عَلَيْكَ مِنَ الْآيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ ﴿٥٨﴾

These are the revelations that we recite to you, providing a message full of wisdom.

إِنَّ مَثَلَ عِيسَىٰ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ كَمَثَلِ ءَادَمَ ۖ خَلَقَهُ مِن تُرَابٍ ثُمَّ قَالَ لَهُ ۖ كُنْ فَيَكُونُ ﴿٥٩﴾

The example of Jesus, as far as Allah is concerned, is the same as that of Adam; He created him from dust, then said to him, “Be,” and he was.

الْحَقُّ مِن رَّبِّكَ فَلَا تَكُن مِّنَ الْمُمْتَرِينَ ﴿٦٠﴾

This is the truth from your Lord; do not harbor any doubts.

فَمَنْ حَاجَّكَ فِيهِ مِن بَعْدِ مَا جَاءَكَ مِنَ الْعِلْمِ فَقُلْ تَعَالَوْا نَدْعُ
أَبْنَاءَنَا وَابْنَاءَكُمْ وَنِسَاءَنَا وَنِسَاءَكُمْ وَأَنفُسَنَا وَأَنفُسَكُمْ ۗ ثُمَّ نَبْتَهِلْ
فَنَجْعَل لَّعْنَتَ اللَّهِ عَلَى الْكٰذِبِينَ ﴿٦١﴾

If anyone argues with you, despite the knowledge you have received, then say, “Let us summon our children and your children, our women and your women, ourselves and yourselves, then let us invoke Allah's curse upon the liars.”

إِنَّ هَذَا لَهُوَ الْقَصَصُ الْحَقُّ وَمَا مِنْ إِلَهٍ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَإِنَّ اللَّهَ لَهُوَ الْعَزِيزُ الْحَكِيمُ ﴿١٢﴾

Absolutely, this is the narration of the truth. Absolutely, there is no god except Allah. Absolutely, Allah is the Almighty, Most Wise.

فَإِنْ تَوَلَّوْا فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ عَلِيمٌ بِالْمُفْسِدِينَ ﴿١٣﴾

If they turn away, then Allah is fully aware of the evildoers.

قُلْ يَتَأَهَّلَ الْكِتَابَ تَعَالَوْا إِلَى كَلِمَةٍ سَوَاءٍ بَيْنَنَا وَبَيْنَكُمْ أَلَّا نَعْبُدَ إِلَّا اللَّهَ
وَلَا نُشْرِكَ بِهِ شَيْئًا وَلَا يَتَّخِذَ بَعْضُنَا بَعْضًا أَرْبَابًا مِنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ فَإِنْ تَوَلَّوْا
فَقُولُوا أَشْهَدُوا بِأَنَّا مُسْلِمُونَ ﴿١٤﴾

Say, “O followers of the scripture, let us come to a logical agreement between us and you: that we shall not worship except Allah; that we never set up any idols besides Him, nor set up any human beings as lords beside Allah.” If they turn away, say, “Bear witness that we are submitters.”

يَتَأَهَّلَ الْكِتَابَ لِمَ تُحَاجُّونَ فِي إِبْرَاهِيمَ وَمَا أُنزِلَتِ التَّوْرَةُ وَالْإِنْجِيلُ
إِلَّا مِنْ بَعْدِهِ أَفَلَا تَعْقِلُونَ ﴿١٥﴾

O followers of the scripture, why do you argue about Abraham, when the Torah and the Gospel were not revealed until after him? Do you not understand? (Ch.3 V.49-66)

JESUS DID NOT DIE ON THE CROSS ACCORDING TO HOLY QURAN

وَقَوْلِهِمْ إِنَّا قَتَلْنَا الْمَسِيحَ عِيسَى ابْنَ مَرْيَمَ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ وَمَا قَتَلُوهُ وَمَا صَلَبُوهُ وَلَٰكِن شُبِّهَ لَهُمْ وَإِنَّ الَّذِينَ اخْتَلَفُوا فِيهِ لَفِي شَكٍّ مِّنْهُ مَا لَهُمْ بِهِ مِنْ عِلْمٍ إِلَّا اتِّبَاعَ الظَّنِّ وَمَا قَتَلُوهُ يَقِينًا ﴿١٥٧﴾

“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 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 certain knowledge thereof, but only pursue a conjecture; and they did not arrive at a certainty concerning it.”

بَل رَفَعَهُ اللَّهُ إِلَيْهِ وَكَانَ اللَّهُ عَزِيزًا حَكِيمًا ﴿١٥٨﴾

“On the contrary, Allah exalted him to Himself. And Allah is Mighty, Wise.” (Ch.4 V.158-159)

HOLY QURAN

قَالَ إِنِّي عَبْدُ اللَّهِ آتَانِيَ الْكِتَابَ وَجَعَلَنِي نَبِيًّا ﴿٣٠﴾

He said, ‘I am a servant of Allah. He has given me the Book, and made me a Prophet;

وَجَعَلَنِي مُبَارَكًا أَيْنَ مَا كُنْتُ وَأَوْصَانِي بِالصَّلَاةِ وَالزَّكَاةِ مَا دُمْتُ حَيًّا ﴿٣١﴾

‘And He has made me blessed wheresoever I may be, and has enjoined upon me Prayer and almsgiving so long as I live;

وَبَرًّا بِوَالِدَتِي وَلَمْ يَجْعَلْنِي جَبَّارًا شَقِيًّا ﴿٣٢﴾

‘And He has made me dutiful toward my mother, and He has not made me haughty and unblessed.

وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَيَّ يَوْمَ وُلِدْتُ وَيَوْمَ أَمُوتُ وَيَوْمَ أُبْعَثُ حَيًّا ﴿٣٣﴾

‘And peace was on me the day I was born, and peace there will be on me the day I shall die, and the day I shall be raised up to life again.’

ذَٰلِكَ عِيسَى ابْنُ مَرْيَمَ قَوْلَ الْحَقِّ الَّذِي فِيهِ يَمْتَرُونَ ﴿٣٤﴾

Such was Jesus, son of Mary. This is a statement of the truth about which they doubt.

مَا كَانَ لِلَّهِ أَنْ يَتَّخِذَ مِنْ وَلَدٍ سُبْحَانَهُ إِذَا قَضَىٰ أَمْرًا فَإِنَّمَا يَقُولُ لَهُ كُن فَيَكُونُ ﴿٣٥﴾

It does not befit the Majesty of Allah to take unto Himself a son. Holy is He. When He decrees a thing, He says to it, 'Be!', and it is.

وَإِنَّ اللَّهَ رَبِّي وَرَبُّكُمْ فَأَعْبُدُوهُ هَذَا صِرَاطٌ مُسْتَقِيمٌ ﴿٣٦﴾

Said Jesus: 'Surely, Allah is my Lord, and your Lord. So worship Him alone; this is the right path.'

فَاخْتَلَفَ الْأَحْزَابُ مِنْ بَيْنِهِمْ فَوَيْلٌ لِلَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا مِنْ مَّشْهَدِ يَوْمٍ عَظِيمٍ ﴿٣٧﴾

But the parties differed among themselves; so woe to those who disbelieve because of the meeting of the great day. (Ch.19 V.31-38)

نَزَّلَ عَلَيْكَ الْكِتَابَ بِالْحَقِّ مُصَدِّقًا لِمَا بَيْنَ يَدَيْهِ وَأَنْزَلَ التَّوْرَةَ وَالْإِنْجِيلَ ﴿٣٨﴾

He has sent down to thee the Book containing the truth and fulfilling that which precedes it; and He sent down the Torah and the Gospel.

مِنْ قَبْلُ هُدًى لِّلنَّاسِ وَأَنْزَلَ الْفُرْقَانَ إِنَّ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا بِآيَاتِ اللَّهِ لَهُمْ
عَذَابٌ شَدِيدٌ وَاللَّهُ عَزِيزٌ ذُو انْتِقَامٍ ﴿٤٠﴾

Before this, as a guidance to the people; and He has sent down the Discrimination. Surely, those who deny the Signs of Allah shall have a severe punishment. And Allah is Mighty, Possessor of the power to requite. (Ch.3 V.4-5)

REFUTATION OF TRINITY IN THE HOLY QURAN

وَلَا تُؤْمِنُوا إِلَّا لِمَن تَبِعَ دِينَكُمْ قُلْ إِنَّ الْهُدَىٰ هُدَىٰ اللَّهِ أَن يُؤْتَىٰ
أَحَدٌ مِّثْلَ مَا أُوتِيْتُمْ أَوْ يُحَاجُّوْكُمْ عِنْدَ رَبِّكُمْ قُلْ إِنَّ الْفَضْلَ بِيَدِ اللَّهِ
يُؤْتِيهِ مَن يَشَاءُ وَاللَّهُ وَاسِعٌ عَلِيمٌ ﴿٧٣﴾

“And obey none but him who follows your religion;” — Say, ‘Surely, the (true) guidance, the guidance of Allah, is that one may be given the like of that which has been given to you’ — ‘or they would dispute with you before your Lord.’ Say, ‘All bounty is in the hand of Allah. He gives it to whomsoever He pleases. And Allah is Bountiful, All-Knowing.

يَخْتَصُّ بِرَحْمَتِهِ مَن يَشَاءُ وَاللَّهُ ذُو الْفَضْلِ الْعَظِيمِ ﴿٧٤﴾

‘He chooses for His mercy whomsoever He pleases. And Allah is Lord of exceeding bounty.’

﴿ وَمِنَ أَهْلِ الْكِتَابِ مَنٌ إِن تَأْمَنَهُ بِقِنطَارٍ يُؤَدِّيهِ
إِلَيْكَ وَمِنْهُمْ مَّنٌ إِن تَأْمَنَهُ بدينارٍ لَا يُؤَدِّيهِ إِلَيْكَ إِلَّا مَا دُمْتَ عَلَيْهِ
قَائِمًا ذَلِكَ بِأَنَّهُمْ قَالُوا لَيْسَ عَلَيْنَا فِي الْأُمِّيِّينَ سَبِيلٌ وَيَقُولُونَ عَلَى
اللَّهِ الْكُذِبَ وَهُمْ يَعْلَمُونَ ﴿٧٥﴾

Among the People of the Book there is he who, if thou trust him with a treasure, will return it to thee; and among them there is he who, if thou trust him with a dinar, will not return it to thee, unless thou keep standing over him. That is because they say, ‘We are not liable to blame in the matter of the unlearned;’ and they utter a lie against Allah knowingly.” (Ch.3 V.74-76)

وَقَفَّيْنَا عَلَىٰ آثَارِهِم بِعِيسَى ابْنِ مَرْيَمَ مُصَدِّقًا لِّمَا
بَيْنَ يَدَيْهِ مِنَ التَّوْرَةِ وَآتَيْنَاهُ الْإِنْجِيلَ فِيهِ هُدَىٰ
وَنُورٌ وَمُصَدِّقًا لِّمَا بَيْنَ يَدَيْهِ مِنَ التَّوْرَةِ وَهُدًى وَمَوْعِظَةً
لِّلْمُتَّقِينَ ﴿٤٦﴾

“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 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.

وَلْيَحْكُمُ أَهْلُ الْإِنْجِيلِ بِمَا أَنْزَلَ اللَّهُ فِيهِ وَمَن لَّمْ يَحْكَمْ بِمَا
أَنْزَلَ اللَّهُ فَأُولَٰئِكَ هُمُ الْفَاسِقُونَ ﴿٤٧﴾

And let the People of the Gospel judge according to what Allah has revealed therein, and whoso judges not by what Allah has revealed, these it is who are the rebellious.

وَأَنْزَلْنَا إِلَيْكَ الْكِتَابَ بِالْحَقِّ مُصَدِّقًا لِمَا بَيْنَ يَدَيْهِ مِنَ الْكِتَابِ وَمُهَيِّبًا
عَلَيْهِ فَاحْكُم بَيْنَهُم بِمَا أَنْزَلَ اللَّهُ وَلَا تَتَّبِعْ أَهْوَاءَهُمْ عَمَّا جَاءَكَ
مِنَ الْحَقِّ لِكُلِّ جَعَلْنَا مِنْكُمْ شِرْعَةً وَمِنْهَاجًا وَلَوْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ لَجَعَلَكُمْ
أُمَّةً وَاحِدَةً وَلَكِنْ لِيَبْلُوَكُمْ فِي مَا آتَاكُمْ فَاسْتَبِقُوا الْخَيْرَاتِ
إِلَى اللَّهِ مَرْجِعُكُمْ جَمِيعًا فَيُنَبِّئُكُمْ بِمَا كُنْتُمْ فِيهِ تَخْتَلِفُونَ ﴿٤٨﴾

And We have revealed unto thee the Book comprising the truth and fulfilling that which was revealed before it in the Book, and as a guardian over it. Judge, therefore, between them by what Allah has revealed, and follow not their evil inclinations, turning away from the truth which has come to thee. For each of you We prescribed a clear spiritual Law and a manifest way in secular matters. And if Allah had enforced His will, He would have made you all one people, but He wishes to try you by that which He has given you. Vie, then, with one another in good works. To Allah shall you all return; then will He inform you of that wherein you differed.” (Ch.5 V.47-49)

لَقَدْ كَفَرَ الَّذِينَ قَالُوا إِنَّ اللَّهَ ثَالِثُ ثَلَاثَةٍ وَمَا مِنْ إِلَهٍ إِلَّا إِلَهٌ وَاحِدٌ وَإِنْ
لَمْ يَنْتَهُوا عَمَّا يَقُولُونَ لَيَمَسَّنَّ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا مِنْهُمْ عَذَابٌ أَلِيمٌ ﴿٧٣﴾

“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.” (Ch.5 V.74)

قُلْ أَتَعْبُدُونَ مِنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ مَا لَا يَمْلِكُ لَكُمْ ضَرًّا وَلَا نَفْعًا وَاللَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ ﴿٧٦﴾

“Say, ‘Will you worship beside Allah that which has no power to do you harm or good?’ And it is Allah Who is All-Hearing, All-Knowing.

قُلْ يَتَّهَلَّ الْكِتَابَ لَا تَغْلُوا فِي دِينِكُمْ غَيْرَ الْحَقِّ وَلَا تَتَّبِعُوا أَهْوَاءَ قَوْمٍ
قَدْ ضَلُّوا مِنْ قَبْلُ وَأَضَلُّوا كَثِيرًا وَضَلُّوا عَنْ سَوَاءِ السَّبِيلِ ﴿٧٧﴾

Say, ‘O People of the Book! exceed not the limits in the matter of your religion unjustly, nor follow the evil inclinations of a people who went astray before and caused many to go astray, and who have strayed away from the right path.’

لُعِنَ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا مِنْ بَنِي إِسْرَائِيلَ عَلَى لِسَانِ دَاوُدَ وَعِيسَى ابْنِ
مَرْيَمَ ذَلِكَ بِمَا عَصَوْا وَكَانُوا يَعْتَدُونَ ﴿٧٨﴾

Those amongst the children of Israel who disbelieved were cursed by the tongue of David, and of Jesus, son of Mary. That was because they disobeyed and used to transgress.” (Ch.5 V.77-79)

وَإِذْ قَالَ اللَّهُ يَدْعِي سَى ابْنَ مَرْيَمَ ءَأَنْتَ قُلْتَ لِلنَّاسِ اتَّخِذُونِي وَأُمَّيَ
 إِلَهَيْنِ مِن دُونِ اللَّهِ قَالِ سُبْحَانَكَ مَا يَكُونُ لِي أَن أَقُولَ مَا لَيْسَ لِي
 بِحَقِّ إِن كُنْتُ قُلْتُهُ فَقَدْ عَلِمْتَهُ تَعَلَّمَ مَا فِي نَفْسِي وَلَا أَعْلَمُ مَا فِي
 نَفْسِكَ إِنَّكَ أَنْتَ عَلَّامُ الْغُيُوبِ ﴿١١٦﴾

“And when Allah will say, ‘O Jesus, son of Mary, didst thou say to men, ‘Take me and my mother for two gods beside Allah?’”, he will answer, ‘Holy art Thou. I could never say that to which I had no right. If I had said it, Thou wouldst have surely known it. Thou knowest what is in my mind, and I know not what is in Thy mind. It is only Thou Who art the Knower of hidden things.

مَا قُلْتُ لَهُمْ إِلَّا مَا أَمَرْتَنِي بِهِ أَن آعْبُدُوا اللَّهَ رَبِّي وَرَبَّكُمْ وَكُنْتُ
 عَلَيْهِمْ شَهِيدًا مَّا دُمْتُ فِيهِمْ فَلَمَّا تَوَفَّيْتَنِي كُنْتُ أَنْتَ الرَّقِيبَ عَلَيْهِمْ
 وَأَنْتَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ شَهِيدٌ ﴿١١٧﴾

“I said nothing to them except that which Thou didst command me — ‘Worship Allah, my Lord and your Lord.’ And I was a witness over them as long as I remained among them, but since Thou didst cause me to die, Thou hast been the Watcher over them; and Thou art Witness over all things.

إِن تُعَذِّبُهُمْ فَإِنَّهُمْ عَبْدُكَ وَإِن تُغْفِرَ لَهُمْ فَإِنَّكَ أَنْتَ الْعَزِيزُ الْحَكِيمُ ﴿١١٨﴾

“If Thou punish them, they are Thy servants; and if Thou forgive them, Thou surely art the Mighty, the Wise.”

قَالَ اللَّهُ هَذَا يَوْمُ يَنْفَعُ الصَّادِقِينَ صِدْقُهُمْ لَهُمْ جَنَّاتٌ تَجْرِي مِنْ
 تَحْتِهَا الْأَنْهَارُ خَالِدِينَ فِيهَا أَبَدًا رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُمْ وَرَضُوا عَنْهُ ذَلِكَ
 الْفَوْزُ الْعَظِيمُ ﴿١١٩﴾

Allah will say, ‘This is a day when only the truthful shall profit by their truthfulness. For them are Gardens beneath which streams flow; therein shall they abide for ever. Allah is well pleased with them, and they are well pleased with Him; that indeed is the great triumph.’

لِلَّهِ مُلْكُ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ وَمَا فِيهِنَّ وَهُوَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ ﴿١٢٠﴾

To Allah belongs the kingdom of the heavens and the earth and whatever is in them; and He has power over all things.” (Ch.5 V.117-121)

THE HOLY PROPHET MUHAMMAD'S ^(PSSL) SAYINGS CONCERNING JESUS ^(AS)

Ibn Abbas (May Allah be pleased with him) reported that the Holy Prophet (peace be upon him) said (in a sermon):

“O people! You will be gathered to your Lord (on the Day of Judgment) ... and some people from my *Ummah* will be taken and dragged towards hell. I shall say: ‘O Lord, but these are my people’. It will be replied: ‘You do not know what they did after you’. Then I shall say as did that righteous servant of God (i.e., Jesus) say: ‘*I was a witness of them so long as I was among them, but when Thou didst cause me to die (tawaffaitani) Thou wast Watcher over them*’ ...” (Bukhari; the verse being from *Surah Al-Maidah*)

“Adam is in the first heaven ... Joseph is in the second heaven, and his cousins Yahya (John the Baptist) and Jesus are in the third heaven, and Idris is in the fourth heaven.” (*Kanz al-‘Ummāl*, Vol. vi, p. 120)

“Aishah (May Allah be pleased with her) said that, in his illness in which he died, the Holy Prophet said: ‘Every year Gabriel used to repeat the Holy Quran with me once, but this year he has done it twice. He has informed me that there is no prophet but he lives half as long as the one who preceded him. And he has told me that Jesus lived a hundred and twenty years, and I see that I am about to leave this world at sixty’.” (*Hujjaj al-Kirāmah*, p. 428; *Kanz al-‘Ummāl*, Vol. 6, p.160, from Hazrat Fatima; and *Mawāhib al-Ladinya*, Vol. 1, p. 42)

The Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) said: “Had Moses or Jesus been alive, they would have had to follow me.” (*Al-Yawaqit wal-Jawahir*, p. 24; *Fath al-Bayan*, Vol. 2, p. 246; *Tafsir Ibn Kathir*, under verse 81 of *Al-Imran*)

The Holy Prophet (peace be upon him) said: “May the curse of Allah be upon the Jews and the Christians who made the graves of their prophets into places of worship.” (Bukhari)

“When a delegation of sixty men from the (Christian) people of Najran came to the Holy Prophet, their chief priest discussed with him the status of Jesus and asked him as to who Jesus’ father was. The Holy Prophet said: ‘Do you not know that a son resembles his father?’ They replied: ‘Yes’. He said: *A lastum ta‘lamūna anna rabba-nā lā yamūtu wa anna ‘Īsā ata ‘alaihi-l-fanā*, i.e., **Do you not know that our Lord lives forever while Jesus perished.**”

THE PROMISED MESSIAH ^(AS) SAYINGS ON JESUS ^(AS)

1. Another purpose in raising the ‘Like-of-Jesus-Son-of-Mary’ was to shatter completely the myth of the godhead of Jesus. The concept of a man going to heaven alive is totally opposed to Allah’s way and is tantamount to the angels coming down to earth and settling among human beings. *Thou shalt never find a change in Allah’s ways* (33:63).

These simpletons do not ponder over the fact that when Jesus was put on the cross, his mission was still unfulfilled as the ten Lost Tribes of the Jews were scattered over other countries and did not even know who Jesus was. How strange is the behaviour of Jesus that throwing his mission aside he went and settled in heaven. (Extract from “*Tadhkiratush Shahadatain*”)

2. “In any case it was necessary for Jesus (peace be on him) to find out the whereabouts of these lost sheep, who had, on coming to this country, India, become merged into the other people. I shall presently adduce evidence that Jesus (peace be on him) did in fact come to India and then, by stages, travelled to Kashmir, and discovered the lost sheep of Israel among the people who professed the Buddhist faith and that these people ultimately accepted him, just as the people of the prophet Jonah accepted Jonah. And this was inevitable; for Jesus had said in so many words that he had been sent to the lost sheep of Israel.” (Extract from “*Jesus in India*”)

3. Readers should not be under any misconception: the Cross of the Jews was not like the hangman's noose of to-day from which deliverance alive is nearly impossible, for the Cross of those days had no rope to be put round the neck of the victim, nor was he subjected to a fall from a wooden plank and allowed to keep hanging; rather, he was just put on the Cross, and his hands and feet were nailed to it; and it was quite possible that if, after crucifying a person and driving nails into him, it was decided -- in a day or two -- to forgive him and spare his life, he was taken down alive before his bones had been broken, the punishment already undergone being deemed sufficient for him. If it was decided to kill him, he was kept on the Cross at least for three days; water or bread was not allowed to come near him, and he was left in this condition in the sun for three or more days, when his bones were broken and ultimately as a result of this torture he died. But the grace of Almighty God rescued Jesus from this torture which would have ended his life. (Extract from “*Jesus in India*”)

CONCLUSION

Thus, the facts and arguments presented in favour of “The Truth: Jesus is Dead!” is a reality which Muslims and Christians alike must not disregard. God is not an unjust God. He sends His prophets into this world and in return they fulfil their missions as per the instructions of their Lord. Likewise, Jesus (as) had a mission; to find and gather the lost “sheep” tribes of the House of Israel, and by the Grace of Allah, he succeeded in his mission, and died at the age of 120 years as the Holy Prophet of Islam (peace be upon him) has made us understand clearly. He married and had children like all prophets.

But that also does not mean that the prophecy of the Holy Prophet of Islam (peace be upon him) is false. On the contrary, it is absolutely true and is in accordance with the teachings of the Holy Quran that Allah will continue to send His Messengers to warn mankind and as a harbinger of good news for all people.

The Promised Messiah, Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad (on him be peace) is an example of the accomplishment of the promise of Allah, and about the fulfilment of the prophecy of Hazrat Muhammad (peace be upon him). He was the Promised Messiah for his time, and there will be other Messiahs, other Messengers who will come to revive the teachings of Islam, to safeguard its veracity and purity and foremost to guide mankind towards the unicity of Allah, the Creator of the Heavens and Earth.

May Allah guide all souls towards His Unicity and the acceptance of the truth which comes from Him. *Ameen.*