

This E-book is dedicated to the Real Jesus and his True teachings ... in this E-book the truth behind few Christian commemorations based on Christian documents are being presented and then the Islamic view is stated ...Seconds are coming and going ... finally shall come the ever-anticipated moment when the concealed Truth shall be divulged and humankind will at last experience True Monotheism and True Justice...

Truth Behind Christian Commemorations

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Chapter 1 – Christmas

Part 1

Truth behind Christmas

Does Christmas really celebrate the birthday of Prophet Jesus (PBUH)? Was He really born on December 25th?

The plain truth is, Christmas- as it has been defined- is NOT Jesus' (PBUH) birthday at all! And this festival, important as it seems to so many, is of pagan-origin!

Let us examine the Catholic Encyclopedia, published by that Church. Under the caption "Christmas" we will find: "Christmas was not among the earliest festivals of the Church. ... The first evidence of the feast is from Egypt." "Pagan customs centering around the January calends gravitated to Christmas."

Encyclopedia Britannica has this: "Christmas (i.e., the Mass of Christ). Christmas was not among the earliest festivals of the church. It was not instituted by Christ or the apostles, or by Bible authority -it was picked up afterward from paganism."

The Encyclopedia Americana says: "CHRISTMAS. It was, according to many authorities, not celebrated in the first centuries of the Christian church ... a feast was established in memory of this event [Christ's birth] in the fourth century. In the fifth century the Western Church [Catholic] ordered it to be celebrated forever on the day of the old Roman feast of the birth of Sol [the sun-god] , as no certain knowledge of the day of Christ's birth existed"

The Schaff-Herzog Encyclopedia explains clearly, in its article on "CHRISTMAS:" "How much the date of the festival depended upon the Pagan Brumalia (Dec. 25) following the Saturnalia (Dec. 17-24), and celebrating the shortest day of the year and the "new sun" . . . cannot be accurately determined. The pagan Saturnalia and Brumalia were too deeply entrenched in popular custom to be set aside by Christian influence . . . The pagan festival with its riot and merrymaking was so popular that Christians were glad of an excuse to continue its celebration with little change in spirit and in manner. Christian preachers of the West and the Near East protested against the unseemly frivolity with which Christ's birthday was celebrated, while Christians of Mesopotamia accused their Western brethren of idolatry and sun-worship for adopting as Christian this pagan festival."

Therefore, celebrating the birth of the Prophet Jesus (PBUH) on December 25th was an innovation into Christianity which was imitated from pagans; i.e. Christmas as it has been celebrated, has nothing to do with the Prophet Jesus (PBUH)!

Now let us examine "Mithra" and "Mithraism". This is what the Webster dictionary says about Mithra: "The god of light and truth, later of the sun." and about the pagan religion of Mithraism: "An ancient Persian religion in which Mithras (Mithra) was worshiped ... a major competitor of Christianity in the Roman empire during the 2nd and 3rd centuries A.D."

And here is what the Catholic Encyclopedia says in regard to Mithraism: " A pagan religion consisting mainly of the cult of the ancient Indo-Iranian Sun-god Mithra. It entered Europe from Asia Minor after Alexander's conquest, spread rapidly over the whole Roman Empire at the beginning of the Christian era"

Therefore a religion of the Roman Empire prior to Christianity was the Pagan religion of Mithraism which was imported from the ancient Persian Empire. Although the slaves captured in many wars between the Empires of that time and the tradesmen propagated the Pagan beliefs, but the key point to notice is that the leader and teacher of all polytheists all over the world at all times, has always been and still is Shaitaan (Satan); thus, there is no surprise that the beliefs and symbols are so similar.

Yalda **یلدا**(winter solstice) is an ancient Iranian feast which is said to perhaps have originated over four thousand years ago, and the word itself means birth. But the word Yalda is not Persian; the Persian Dekhoda **دهخدا** Lexica states that Yalda is a **سریانی**(Old Syriac) word, with the same meaning as the Arabic Milaad **میلاد**, i.e. birth; it is noteworthy to mention that Arabic and Syriac have some common roots and similarities, and the root of the Arabic Milaad is **یلد**. Dekhoda also confirms that Yalda is what the ancient Mithraists considered as the birth of Mithra (Mehr **مهر**) which christians on the fourth century A.D. set it to be the birth of Jesus.

In the ancient Persia, it was believed that Mithra the sun-god was born on December 21st, the longest night of the year, specifically to begin the struggle and triumph of "Light" over "Dark" by having longer and longer days following the longest night of the year. I.e. after the winter solstice which the days get longer and longer, it was believed that the sun-god was born. Mithra's birthday was celebrated for a total of 10 days up to and including the First of January. Ancient Iranians celebrated Mithra's birth by decorating an evergreen tree, being straight,

upright, resilient and resistant to the cold weather was thought appropriate to represent Mithra, the sun-deity. The younger ones had their wishes symbolically wrapped in colorful silk cloth and hung them on the tree as offerings to Mithra, so that Mithra may answer their wishes; this is one origin of Christmas tree with decorations and gifts, i.e. it has nothing to do with the Prophet Jesus (PBUH)! "The festivities in the week following the winter solstice (after which the days grow longer), today called Shab-e Yalda in Iran, are a remnant of the culture which celebrated the birth of the divinity of light on that day. Yalda literally means 'The birth of sun'." (English Wikipedia Encyclopedia)

Also the story of Nimrod is interesting. Nimrod the Babylonian ruler, was so evil, it is said he married his own mother, whose name was Semiramis. After Nimrod's untimely death (who was actually killed miraculously in confrontation with the Prophet Ibrahim (Abraham)- PBUH-), his so-called mother-wife, Semiramis, propagated the survival of Nimrod. She claimed a full-grown evergreen tree sprang over-night from a dead tree stump, which symbolized the springing forth unto new life of the dead Nimrod. On each anniversary of his birth, she claimed, Nimrod would visit the evergreen tree and leave gifts upon it. December 25th, was the birthday of Nimrod. This is another origin of the so-called Christmas and the Christmas tree with gifts, i.e. it has nothing to do with the Prophet Jesus (PBUH)! Thru her scheming and designing, Semiramis became the Babylonian "Queen of Heaven," and Nimrod, under various names, became the "divine son of heaven." Thru the generations, in this idolatrous worship, Nimrod also became the son of Baal the Sun-god. In this false Babylonish system, the "Mother and Child", (Semiramis and Nimrod reborn) became chief objects of worship. This worship of "Mother and Child" spread over the world. And also in to Christianity, as the worship of Mary (mother of god!) and Jesus (son of god!)! Yet another belief definitely not originated by the Prophet Jesus (PBUH)!

Thus, during the christian fourth and fifth centuries, when the pagans of the Roman world were accepting the new "Christianity", carrying their old pagan customs and beliefs along with them, merely cloaking them with Christian-sounding NAMES, the Madonna and "Mother and Child" idea also became popularized, especially at Christmas time. Every Christmas season, it is heard sung and chanted dozens of times the hymn "Silent Night, Holy Night," with its familiar "Mother and Child" theme. Christians have been taught to revere these things as holy, and sacred, while they have come from PAGAN IDOLATRY!

According to Qur'an, the Prophet Ibrahim (PBUH)- from the area known as Babylonia- in order to attract the attention of and awaken sun worshippers, said:

Qur'an 6: 78 Then when he (Ibrahim) saw the sun rising, he said: this is my Lord! This is the greater! So when it set, he said: O my people! Surely I strongly dislike what you associate as partners (with Allah).

Then the Prophet Ibrahim (PBUH) continued:

Qur'an 6:79 Surely I, being upright, have turned myself wholly to Him Who has originated and created the heavens and the earth, and I am not of the polytheists.

In Egypt, it was always believed that the son of Iris (Egyptian name for "Queen of Heaven") was born December 25th. Paganism celebrated this famous birthday over most of the known world for centuries before the birth of Jesus (PBUH).

NationMaster Encyclopedia has this to say about Christmas in some other parts of the world where Christmas is not celebrated on December the 25th: "The Armenian Apostolic Church observes Christmas on January 6. Eastern Orthodox Churches that still use the Julian calendar celebrate Christmas on the Julian version of 25 December, which is January 7 on the more widely used Gregorian calendar, because the two calendars are now 13 days apart." But that which is interesting is that the Pagan religion of Armenia before Christianity was also Mithraism, i.e. just like the Roman Empire: "The Parthian princes of Armenia were hereditary priests of Mithra, and an entire district of this land was dedicated to Anahita. Many temples were erected to Mithra in Armenia, which remained one of the last strongholds of the Mazdaist cult of Mithra until it became the first officially Christian kingdom. Mithra worship spread first with the empire of the Persians throughout Asia Minor, then throughout the empire of Alexander and his successors." "The Armenian calendar is the traditional calendar of Armenia. It is a solar calendar based on the ancient Egyptian model, having an invariant 365-day year with no leap year rule. As a result the correspondence between it and the Gregorian calendar slowly changes over time. ... Prior to borrowing the Egyptian calendar, the ancient Armenians had a lunar calendar based on a lunation of 28 days." (English Wikipedia Encyclopedia) I.e. the different days which Christmas are celebrated are only because of the different calendars used; unfortunately whether Dec. 25 or Jan. 6 or 7, still the roots are the same Pagan rituals and has nothing to do with the Prophet Jesus (PBUH)! Ah! This is only one of the ways through which Shaitaan has been deceiving his followers- those who have freely and knowingly stayed away from the Truth as taught by the Prophets of Allah and their Chosen Successors-; i.e. none of these would have happened if the Chosen Ones were obeyed!

What we have presented here is only one small sample of thousands of man-made distortions which unfortunately have entered the pure teachings of the previous Allah Chosen Prophets (PBUT), When the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH and HP), the Last Ever-Anticipated Chosen Prophet of Allah, came, he re-invited the entire humankind back to the only "Right Path" of the One and Only Allah, so that humankind may not wander in Satanic darkness, Allah through Mohammad (PBUH and HP) has actually revealed the source of their distortions:

Qur'an 9:30 ... These are the words of their mouths; they imitate the saying of those who disbelieved before; may Allah destroy them; how they are turned away!

We thank Allah from the bottom of our broken and anticipating hearts for Muhammad and his Infallible AhlulBayt (PBUT) who have been guiding us to the only everlasting "Right Path" of Allah; and today, moment by moment, we continue to seek guidance from the Last beloved reminder of that AhlulBayt, Mahdi (PBUT), he who is the Baqiyat-O-Llah (Remained by Allah); and we implore Allah to hasten his Appearance and therefore Jesus' (PBUT) Second Coming too, so that the whole Truth shall encompass the entire existence ...

AAMEEN ...

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Part 2

Merry Christmas ...

For centuries and centuries ..., broken has been, the earth's back;

from the heavy load of the oppression and injustice of the Unjust ...

The Unjust who have annoyed, attempted to martyr or did so, the Chosen-Ones ...

Ah! ... Do the Unjust not know that the earth would have swallowed all its inhabitants into its inner darkness ... if it was not for those same Chosen-Ones standing on its shoulders?!

Every day when the old earth wakes up with the gentle touch of the golden rays of the sun, it reviews its memories ...

On each 25th of Dhyl-Qa'dah, the "Dahw al-Arz", the earth remembers the very first time it appeared from the heart of the waters, and expanded where the House of Allah, the Ka'bah, was going to stand ...

Then the earth remembers ... years later in such a day, it was a witness to the birth of a Prophet of Allah named Ibrahim (SBUH), the loving Prophet who was going to be the father of all Monotheists ...

The obedient Prophet who, by command of Allah, was going to sincerely offer his only beloved son Isma'el (SBUT) to the one and only Lord ...

But the earth was a witness that day too when the knife did not cut the throat, for, the Ever-Anticipated Seal of Prophets and the Ever-Promised Savior of humankind were going to be from Isma'el's offspring ...

The earth had heard the beautiful names of Muhammad and Mahdi (SBUT) from the beginning of its creation ...

With watching Isma'el and his descendants day after day, its heart was beating only for the love of becoming the earth under their loving feet ...

Then the earth remembers ... many years later on such a day, when another Prophet of Allah stepped on its shoulders ...

a beautiful Prophet with the name of 'Eesa (SBUH) who had also given the Glad Tidings of the Seal of Prophets, he had said that the lord of the world would come, Mohammad who will manifest the full Truth ... (all who sincerely love Jesus are cordially invited to read "Mohammad and the AhlulBayt (SBUT), the Promise of Bible", "Names of Mohammad and 'Ali (SBUT) in the Bible" and "Imam Mahdi's (PBUH) Birth, Ascension and Rise, and the Revelation of John" in this site: kindfather.com)

Jesus of Maryam was he who- with the love and hope of some day worshipping and serving the One and Only Allah, with Mahdi of Fatima (SBUT) in his heart- was lifted up to heavens ... so that he would one day descend to the Afiq pass outside Bayt al-Maqdas, and stand behind the Promised Mahdi of Mohammad's AhlulBayt and follow his lead in that unforgettable congregational prayer, and in saving the world from all the Unjust ...

Yes, on 25th of Dhyl-Qa'dah the earth wakes up with these thoughts in its mind ... although the earth's heart is broken from all the injustice, but in this day the earth is happy to commemorate its birthday with the birth anniversaries of two of the beloved Prophets of Allah ...

... And the earth is counting the moments until the Appearance of Mahdi when it will no longer have to carry the Unjust on its old shoulders ... rather it can humbly be the earth under the feet of the Just ...

It is noteworthy to mention that according to Hadiths of the Infallible Ones (SBUT) such as Imam Reza (SBUH) the 25th of Dhyl-Qa'dah is the birth anniversary of Hadrat 'Eesa- Jesus- (SBUH)

(Mafaatih al-Janaan; ...). As we have presented in the article “Jewish, Christian and Islamic calendars” and the E-book “Ghadir: Declaration of the Truth, from creation to eternity” the original biblical calendar was lunar calendar which has been changed so many times by humankind throughout the ages ... And also as mentioned in Part 1 of chapter 1 of this E-book, Yalda Eve (21st of December) is one of the main sources which the Church- in a distorting attempt to combine Mithraism with christianity- chose to set the birthday of Jesus on the 25th of December; it is quite possible that since the early followers of the Prophet Jesus (SBUH) knew the real birthday of Jesus being on the 25th day of the lunar month of Dhyl-Qa’dah, the Church in the same distorting attempt to combine Mithraism and Christianity, in place of the 21st (birth of the so called sungod) chose the 25th and in place of the lunar calendar chose their man-made solar calendar and “innovated” the 25th of December as the birth anniversary of Jesus ...

ALLAH KNOWS BEST ...

May Allah hasten the Emergence of Mahdi of Fatimah and the second coming of 'Eesa of Maryam (SBUT) ... AAMEEN ...

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Part 3

And she was taken to Karbala ...

Here we wish to present a heart-touching beautiful true story regarding Lady Maryam- Mary- (SBUH) and Karbala. We dedicate this to all those former christians who have seen the Light and thus are actually living proofs that the love of the One and Only Allah, His Everlasting Truth, and His Pure and Humble Chosen Guides (SBUT) exist in all hearts and souls, and if Fetrats (innate Divinely bestowed Recognition of Allah and His Chosen Ones ...) were not buried under piles of dust and dirt of ignorance, the love of this world, sinfulness, selfishness and ..., the Light of the Truth would have surely shone from hearts ...

In Surah Maryam (19) of the Majid Qur'an, the story of Hadrat Maryam (SBUH) has been narrated:

Qur'an 19:16 And mention Maryam in the Book when she drew aside from her family to an eastern place.

Qur'an 19:17 So she took a veil (to screen herself) from them; then We sent to her Our (created) Spirit, and there appeared to her a perfect man.

Qur'an 19:18 She said: "Surely I seek refuge from you to the Beneficent Allah, if you are one having Taqwa (guarding against evil)."

Qur'an 19:19 He said: "I am only a messenger of your Lord, that I may bestow on you a pure son."

Qur'an 19:20 She said: "How shall I have a son, when no man has touched me, and I am not unchaste?"

Qur'an 19:21 He said: Even so; your Lord says: "It is easy to Me: and that We may make him a Sign to mankind and a mercy from Us, and it is a matter which has been decreed."

Qur'an 19:22 And she conceived him (Hadrat 'Eesa -Jesus-) and she withdrew with him to a far place.

Qur'an 19:23 And the throes (of childbirth) drove her to betake herself to the trunk of a palm tree. She said: "Oh, would that I had died before this, and had been a thing quite forgotten!"

Qur'an 19:24 Then (the child) called out to her from beneath her: "Grieve not, surely your Lord has made a stream to flow beneath you;

Qur'an 19:25 And shake towards you the trunk of the (dry) palm tree, it will drop on you fresh ripe dates;

Qur'an 19:26 So eat and drink and refresh the eye. Then if you see any mortal, say: Surely I have vowed a fast to the Beneficent Allah, so I shall not speak to any human today."

Qur'an 19:27 And she came to her people with him, carrying him. They said: "O Maryam! surely you have done a strange thing;

Qur'an 19:28 O sister of Haaron! your father was not a bad man, nor, was your mother an unchaste woman."

Qur'an 19:29 But she pointed to him. They said: "How should we speak to one who is a child in the cradle?"

Qur'an 19:30 He (Hadrat 'Eesa) said: "Surely I am a servant of Allah (not the son of God!); He has given me the Book and made me a Prophet; ...

As we read the aforementioned verses of the Holy Qur'an, we see that two moves had occurred; firstly the Lady went to an eastern place (Qur'an 19:16) where the angel appeared to

her and gave her the wonderful news about the miracle of conceiving a pure son and thus she conceived the Prophet 'Eesa -Jesus- (SBUT); then secondly, she with the child in her womb withdrew to a far place (Qur'an 19:22).

The fourth Imam, 'Ali son of Hosain (SBUT) has clarified that after Hadrat Maryam conceived the child, the "far place" she miraculously went with him (Qur'an 19:22) was Karbala, and then she gave birth to Hadrat 'Eesa in the place where Hadrat Hosain (SBUT) would be buried; she then miraculously returned the same night. (Tafseer Borhaan; ...)

The All-Knowing Allah -Glory be to He- with His encompassing Knowledge of the past, present and the future, from the beginning knew that certain humanoids! freely would choose this world to the extent that they would commit the lowest crime of history in Karbala; so from the beginning the Prophets and their Successors (SBUT) and ... were told the sad and heart breaking news about Karbala, and they visited Karbala and cried The angel Jebraa'il (Gabriel) sang lamentations regarding Karbala and Imam Husain (SBUH) for Adam (SBUH) and he cried ...; the Prophet Ibrahim (SBUH) at time of his trial regarding his son Ismael (SBUH) was told about Karbala and Imam Hosain (SBUH) and he cried ...; the Prophet Zakariya-Zachariah- (SBUH) ...; and

Yes Karbala is where Imam Hosain (SBUH), the Chosen Hojjat and Wali of Allah, the grandson of the most beloved by Allah, the Prophet Mohammad (SAWA), with his holy blood and the sacred blood of his beloved family and companions has written until eternity, in front of the eyes of the conscience of the entire humankind that the Truth of Allah has been distorted Karbala was the result of disobedience of humankind; the direct result of the sad fact that many had turned their backs to the Prophets of Allah and their Chosen Successors (SBUT) . And today this question must be answered by all: How long more is humankind going to live with lies and distortions and not care?!

Finally there shall come the day when the Truth will appear, when Hadrat Mahdi (SBUH), the last Successor of the Last Prophet of Allah shall Emerge and will put an end to all lies; the Prophets and Successors (SBUT) and ... who have been mourning for Karbala will return and witness the glory of the Truth; the unjustly taken blood of Prophets and Chosen Ones such as Imam Hosain (SBUT) shall be sought and avenged ...

Among those who'll return, shall be the Prophet Jesus (SBUH) who will assist Hadrat Mahdi (SBUH) ... so Jesus (SBUH) who was born in Karbala will return at time when the blood of Imam Hosain will be avenged ...

The Prophet Muhammad (SAWA) has said:

'Eesa (Jesus) will descend to the Maqdas land, upon a passage way called 'Afiq'; then he ('Eesa) shall enter the Bayt al-Maqdas while people will be in (preparation of) the Morning Salaat (Prayer); and the Imam (Mahdi) will step back, but 'Eesa shall give him (Mahdi) the lead, and ('Eesa) will perform the Salaat behind him (Mahdi) based on the Shari'at of Mohammad, and ('Eesa) will say:

“YOU ARE THE AHLULBAYT THAT NO ONE SHOULD TAKE PRECEDENCE OVER.”

(Shi'ah documents: Montakhab-Ol-Athar, p. 316; Yawm-Ol-Khalaas, p. 552; ...; Sunni documents: Sawaa'eq-Ol-Mohraqah, p. 162; ...)

*May Allah SWT hasten that ever-Anticipated beautiful Day ... **AAMEEN** ...*

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Chapter 2 – Easter

Part 1

Truth behind Easter

Easter is observed on the first Sunday after the Paschal Full Moon, which is the first moon whose 14th day (the ecclesiastic "full moon") is on or after March 21 (the ecclesiastic "vernal equinox"). (English Wikipedia encyclopedia)

The first Christians, Jewish Christians and Gentile Christians, were certainly aware of the Hebrew calendar, and there is no direct evidence that they celebrated any specifically Christian annual festivals. The observance by Christians of non-Jewish annual festivals is believed by some to be an innovation postdating the Early Church. The ecclesiastical historian Socrates Scholasticus (b. 380) attributes the observance of Easter by the church to the perpetuation of its custom, "just as many other customs have been established," stating that neither Jesus nor his Apostles enjoined the keeping of this or any other festival. (English Wikipedia Encyclopedia)

The name "Easter" has its roots in ancient polytheistic religions (paganism). On this, all scholars agree. This name is never used in the original Scriptures, nor is it ever associated biblically with the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. (Christian Answers Network)

"The English word 'Easter' came from the Anglo-Saxon Eastre or Estera, a Teutonic goddess to whom sacrifice was offered in April, so the name was transferred to the Paschal Feast." (INTERNATIONAL STANDARD BIBLE ENCYCLOPEDIA, VOL.2, P.889)

"The name 'Easter' comes to us from the mythological writings of the Ancient Teucrians (who lived 1200BC along the southern coast of Palestine) where it's known as 'Ostern'" (GROVER STEVENS). "The name 'Easter' is merely the slightly changed English spelling of the name of the ancient Assyrian and Babylonian idol goddess, Ishtar (pronounced eesh-tar)." WEBSTER'S DICTIONARY says "Easter is from the name of an ancient pagan spring festival." THE OXFORD DICTIONARY OF ENGLISH ETYMOLOGY says, "Easter is derived from the name of goddess whose feast was celebrated at the vernal equinox." THE SCHOLARY NEW SCHAFF-HERZOG RELIGIOUS ENCYCLOPEDIA says, "This goddess is also widely known as Astarte...The cult originated in Babylonia and spread to Assyria, Mesopotamia, Syria & Palestine, then through the Phoenicians to all of the Mediterranean peoples...Ishtar was in fact primarily and chiefly identified as Venus, the most beautiful of celestial objects & from the terrestrial side, the primarily motive of the worship of Ishtar was the impulse to deify sensuous

and sensuality." ALEXANDER HISLOP SAYS IN THE TWO BABYLONS (P.103), "Easter bears its Chaldean origin on its forehead. Easter is nothing else than Asarte, one of the titles of Beltis, the queen of heaven..."

"Ishtar", which is pronounced "Easter" was a day that commemorated the resurrection of one of the Babylonian gods that they called "Tammuz", who was believed to be the only begotten son of the moon-goddess and the sun-god. In those ancient times, there was a man named Nimrod. After the death of his father, Nimrod married his own mother and became a powerful King. Nimrod became a god-man to the people and Semiramis, his wife and mother, became the powerful Queen of ancient Babylon. After Nimrod was killed, Semiramis told the people of Babylon that Nimrod had ascended to the sun and was now to be called "Baal", the sun god. Queen Semiramis also proclaimed that Baal would be present on earth in the form of a flame, when used in worship. Semiramis was creating a mystery religion, and with the help of Satan, she set herself up as a goddess. Semiramis claimed that she was immaculately conceived. She taught that the moon was a goddess that went through a 28 day cycle and ovulated when full. She further claimed that she came down from the moon in a giant moon egg that fell into the Euphrates River. This was to have happened at the time of the first full moon after the spring equinox. Semiramis became known as "Ishtar" which is pronounced "Easter", and her moon egg became known as "Ishtar's" egg." Ishtar soon became pregnant and claimed that it was the rays of the sun-god Baal that caused her to conceive. The son that she brought forth was named Tammuz. Tammuz was noted to be especially fond of rabbits, and they became sacred in the ancient religion, because Tammuz was believed to be the son of the sun-god, Baal. The day came when Tammuz who had become a hunter, was killed by a wild pig. Queen Ishtar told the people that Tammuz was now ascended to his father, Baal, and that the two of them would be with the worshippers in the sacred candle or lamp flame as Father, Son and Spirit. Every year, on the first Sunday [Sunday: the sacred day of the sun] after the first full moon after the spring equinox, the time of Tammuz's death and resurrection and ascension, a celebration was made. It was Ishtar's Sunday and was celebrated with rabbits and eggs. Ishtar also proclaimed that because Tammuz was killed by a pig, that a pig must be eaten on that Sunday. (David J. Meyer, Last Trumpet Ministries International)

It is evident from history that Nimrod was not only a political leader, but also the lead priest of a form of occultic worship. (Ralph Woodrow, *Babylon Mystery Religion* (Riverside, California: Ralph Woodrow Evangelistic Assn., 1966), p. 9; and Alexander Hislop, *The Two Babylons* (New York: Loizeaux Brothers) ... "Later, when this adulterous and idolatrous woman gave birth to an illegitimate son, she claimed that this son, Tammuz by name, was Nimrod reborn." (Woodrow, *Ibid.*, p. 9) ... "However, not only was the child worshipped, but the woman, the MOTHER, was also worshipped as much (or more) than the son!" (Woodrow, *Ibid.*, p. 9) ... "In the old fables of the Mystery cults, their 'savior' Tammuz, was worshipped with various rites at the Spring season. According to the legends, after he was slain [killed by a wild boar], he went into the underworld. But through the weeping of his mother... he mystically revived in the springing forth

of the vegetation - in Spring! Each year a spring festival dramatically represented this supposed 'resurrection' from the underworld. (Homer W. Smith, *Man and His Gods*, p. 86, as cited by Woodrow, p. 157) ... Austen Layard said "that we have the united testimony of sacred and profane history that idolatry originated in the area of Babylonia." (Woodrow, *Ibid.*, p. 11; Austen Henry Layard, *Nineveh and Its Remains*) ... As the people scattered from Babel with their different languages, they, of course, used different names for Nimrod (Tammuz) and Semiramis. Some called the Mother Goddess "ISHTAR" (Woodrow *Ibid.*, p. 152) ... "The egg was a sacred symbol among the Babylonians. They believed an old fable about an egg of wondrous size which was supposed to have fallen from heaven into the Euphrates River. From this marvelous egg - according to the ancient story - the Goddess Astarte (Easter) [Semiramis], was hatched. And so the egg came to symbolize the Goddess Easter." (Woodrow, *Ibid.*, pp. 152-153) ... The idea of a mystic egg spread from Babylon to many parts of the world. (James G. Frazer, *The Golden Bough*, Vol. 12, 3rd Edition (1907-15, reissued 1935-36 and 1955); Maria Leach, editor, *Funk and Wagnall's Standard Dictionary of Folklore, Mythology and Legend*, Vol. 1 (1949)) ... In Rome, the mystic egg preceded processions in honor of the Mother Goddess Roman. The egg was part of the sacred ceremonies of the Mysteries of Bacchus. (*Ibid.*, p. 155)

Mithra was born on December 25th as an offspring of the Sun god Mehr. Chambers Encyclopedia says: "The most important of his many festivals was his birthday, celebrated on the 25th of December, the day subsequently fixed --against all evidence -- as the birthday of Christ. The worship of Mithras early found its way into Rome, and the mysteries of Mithras, which fell in the spring equinox, were famous even among the many Roman festivals ... " The Vatican was built upon the grounds previously devoted to the worship of Mithra (600 B.C.) (Wikipedia). In the catacombs at Rome was preserved a relic of the old Mithraic worship. It was a picture of the infant Mithra seated in the lap of his virgin mother [Anahita, the moon goddess or the mother goddess or the mother nature], while on their knees before him were Persian Magi adoring him and offering gifts. Mithra was buried in a tomb and after three days he rose again. His resurrection was celebrated every year. Mithra had his principal festival on what was later to become Easter, at which time he was resurrected.

He [Mithra] is sometimes depicted as a man being born or reborn from a [egg shaped] rock (the 'petra genatrix'), typically with the snake Oroboros wrapped around it. It is commonly believed that the cave in Mithraism imagery represents the cosmos, and the rock is the cosmos seen from the outside; hence the description of this god as 'rising from the dead'. According to some accounts, Mithras died, was buried in a cavernous rock tomb [similar to an eggshell], and was resurrected. (Mithraism - Indopedia, the Indological knowledgebase)

A bronze image of Mithras emerging from an egg-shaped zodiac ring was found associated with a mithraeum along Hadrian's Wall (now at the University of Newcastle). An inscription from the

city of Rome suggests that Mithras may have been seen as the Orphic creator-god Phanes who emerged from the world egg at the beginning of time, bringing the universe into existence. This view is reinforced by a bas-relief at the Estense Museum in Modena, Italy, which shows Phanes coming from an egg, surrounded by the twelve signs of the zodiac, in an image very similar to that at Newcastle. (English Wikipedia Encyclopedia)

What we have quoted above, are only a few of many such documents supporting the fact that the issue of death and resurrection of Prophet Jesus (SBUH), and also traditions used at Easter such as the rabbits, eggs, ham and ..., are all imports from pagan cultures that prior to Christianity, had strong influence upon the Roman Empire which later became the center for Catholicism based on Pauline doctrine, the doctrine which eventually became the basis for almost the entire world of Christianity; for related information, we also cordially invite you to read all parts of "Two Messiahs" in this site: kindfather.com

Considering the pagan origin of Easter festival, it is not surprising at all that the issue of the Prophet Jesus' (SBUH) death and resurrection has been presented with great contradictions in the current New Testament which itself, was chosen and arranged as the standard book of Christians, centuries after Jesus (SBUH), by the Roman Empire! Here, we are going to present only one sample based on "In Quest of Truth, FROM DECEPTION TO DELIVERANCE" by Shifa L Mustapha:

Some Christians use the sign of the Prophet Jonah (SBUH) as a strong evidence that the Prophet Jesus (SBUH) died on the cross and was buried and rose again; in gospel of Matthew 12:39-40, it is stated, "But he [Jesus] answered them: An evil and adulterous generation seeks for a sign; but no sign shall be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah. For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the whale, so will the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth." But let us pay attention, the very important key point is that the Prophet Yoonos -Jonah- (SBUH) was alive in the belly of the big fish, not dead!!! So how the story of Hadrat Yoonos (SBUH) is a sign for the death and resurrection of Prophet 'Eesa -Jesus- (SBUH), remains a question not really answered by Christians!!! Actually, this itself could be an extraordinary sign, as Shifa Mustapha states, for, it is a sign of life, not death, rather continuing life!

Now, in order to observe the unbelievable contradictions in the Bible in this regard, let us look carefully at another aspect of this so-called sign of death; Christians say that Jesus (SBUH), whom they consider as both "God" and "son of God" was supposedly in the heart of earth or as stated in the gospel of Matthew 27:59-60, in the new tomb which Joseph of Arimathea had hewn in the rock. But if we look at the scriptural evidences, we will find that it is stated that

Jesus was brought before Pilate on the Friday, was supposedly placed on the cross on either the third hour (according to gospel of Mark 15:25) or the sixth hour (gospel of John 19:14-16); it is then stated in gospel of Matthew 28:1 that when they went to the sepulcher toward the dawn of Sunday, it was found that the body of Jesus (God or son of God!) was missing. Therefore according to this, and other gospel accounts, Jesus had only been in the tomb, supposedly, perhaps late Friday afternoon, Friday night, Saturday, and part of Saturday night, or less. By dawn on Sunday he was not found there. Thus the total of time which the gospels say that Jesus spent "in the heart of the earth" was less than two days, and two nights - nowhere near the three days and three nights reportedly prophesied by Jesus in Matthew chapter 12.

WELL! WHICH IS IT? WAS THE "DEAD GOD" BURIED FOR THREE DAYS AND THREE NIGHTS, OR TWO DAYS AND TWO NIGHTS? AND FURTHERMORE, WAS THE ENTIRE EXISTENCE WITHOUT A LIVING GOD, WHILE GOD OR A PART OF GOD WAS DEAD AND BURIED?!!! -----SOBHANALLAH-----

Yes, they killed him not:

Qur'an 4:157 And their saying: Surely we have killed the Messiah, 'Eesa son of Maryam, the messenger of Allah; and they did not kill him nor did they crucify him, but it appeared to them so; and most surely those who differ therein are only in a doubt about it; they have no knowledge respecting it, but only follow a conjecture; and they killed him not for sure.

But Allah wished to raise Jesus (SBUH) and keep him alive so that in the Last Days he may return and assist Mahdi (SBUH) in the fulfillment of Allah's Promise:

Qur'an 4:158 Nay, Allah raised him up toward Him; and Allah is Ever Mighty, Wise.

Many authentic Islamic documents confirm that in the Last Days, Hadrat 'Eesa (SBUH) will descend by Allah's Command and Permission, and will assist Hadrat Mahdi (SBUH) in the task of establishing true Monotheism and Justice on the entire planet earth; Imam Baaqer (SBUH) in regard to the verse:

Qur'an 4:159 And there is not one from the People of the Book but will surely believe in him before his death, and on the Day of Resurrection he will be a witness upon them,

has mentioned that, this verse is in regard to the time of Appearance when Hadrat 'Eesa (SBUH) will return after the Emergence of Hadrat Mahdi (SBUH), and then, there will not be one from the adherents to the Book but will believe in him before his death, and he shall stand behind Mahdi (SBUH) in congregational prayer. (Tafseer Jaame', Tafseer Ali ibne Ibrahim Qomi, ...)

O' our beloved Mahdi (May Allah hasten your glorious Appearance)! Our tears fall with the pain of missing you; our hearts beat with the hope of seeing you; our moments fly with the wish of finding you

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Part 2

Ascension of Jesus (SBUH)

The heavenly matter of the Ascension of the Prophet Jesus (SBUH) is definitely confirmed by Qur'an and Islamic Hadith but the issue of the crucifixion of Jesus (SBUH) is a matter which not only Qur'an does not confirm but also some less distorted Christian documents, reject.

One must always keep in mind that it is a proven historical fact that over 100 gospels were written throughout history (for more information, please refer to the article: "...Jesus...Mohammad...(PBUT)" in this site: kindfather.com). People such as Paul- in order to gain personal recognition, fame and ...- introduced many harmful polytheistic deviations in the heavenly teachings of the Prophet Jesus (SBUH), deviations which changed the path of history. The Prophet Jesus (SBUH)- just like all previous Divine Prophets (SBUT)- had introduced Mohammad and his Progeny (SBUT) as the God-Chosen lords of existence and invited humankind to submission and humbleness before their Divinely bestowed status; while malevolent people have tried to conceal these facts but Allah's Guiding Light always shines through- that is for those who sincerely love Allah and do not pretend blindness-. We cordially invite the sincere seekers of the Truth to refer to the E-book: "Mohammad and the AhlulBayt (SBUT), the Promise of Bible" in this site: kindfather.com

Although it is claimed that no gospel was ever written by Jesus (SBUH) himself, but undoubtedly many books called as gospels which were written after Jesus- by certain disciples or apostles or...- absolutely denied the crucifixion of the Prophet Jesus. But due to certain political and ... reasons- as indicated in authentic historical documents and briefly mentioned in certain writings in this site- many of those gospels were declared unlawful and banned, even burned, centuries ago, by the Church and others; and only the gospels- which conformed with the ancient Roman and Greek and ... polytheistic beliefs- were propagated, and the four gospels that are today available in the "New Testament"- i.e. the gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John-, are mainly such. The renowned historian "Will Durant" in his world famous book "History of civilization", regarding the distorted path of christianity, has written:

"... Christianity did not eliminate polytheism, rather it accepted polytheism within itself. The Greek spirit -which was dying- found a new life in the theology and ritual of the church. ... Christianity was the last great creation of the ancient world of polytheists ..."

In one of the first gospels written after Jesus (SBUH), known as the "gospel of Barnabas"- which was banned by the Church and therefore lost, but was re-found centuries later- (for more information, please see the article: "How did the Gospel of Barnabas survive?" in this site), it is written that the person who was crucified, was one of the disciples and not Jesus (SBUH):

"Chapter 217: Judas scourged and mocked

The soldiers took Judas ;and bound him, not without derision. For he truthfully denied that he was Jesus; and the soldiers, mocking him, said: 'Sir, fear not, for we are come to make you king of Israel, and we have bound you because we know that you do refuse the kingdom.' Judas answered: 'Now have you lost your senses! You are come to take Jesus of Nazareth;, with arms and lanterns as [against] a robber; and you have bound me that have guided you, to make me king!'

Then the soldiers lost their patience, and with blows and kicks they began to flout Judas, and they led him with fury into Jerusalem. John , and Peter , followed the soldiers afar off; and they affirmed to him who writes that they saw all the examination that was made of Judas by the high priest, and by the council of the Pharisees, who were assembled to put Jesus to death. Whereupon Judas spoke many words of madness, in so much that every one was filled with laughter, believing that he was really Jesus, and that for fear of death he was feigning madness. Whereupon the scribes bound his eyes with a bandage, and mocking him said: 'Jesus, prophet of the Nazarenes ;(for so they called them who believed in Jesus), 'tell us, who was it that smote you?' And they buffeted him and spat in his face.

When it was morning there assembled the great council of scribes and elders of the people; and the high priest with the Pharisees sought false witness against Judas, believing him to be Jesus: and they found not that which they sought. And why say I that the chief priests believed Judas to be Jesus? No all the disciples, with him who writes, believed it; and more, the poor Virgin mother of Jesus, with his kinsfolk and friends, believed it, insomuch that the sorrow of every one was incredible.

As God lives, he who writes forgot all that Jesus had said: how that he should be taken up from the world, and that he should suffer in a third person, and that he should not die until near the end of the world. Wherefore he went with the mother of Jesus and with John to the cross. The high priest caused Judas ;to be brought before him bound, and asked him of his disciples and his doctrine. Whereupon Judas, as though beside himself, answered nothing to the point. The high priest then adjured him by the living God of Israel that he would tell him the truth.

Judas answered: 'I have told you that I am Judas Iscariot, who promised to give into your hands Jesus the Nazarene; and you, by what are I know not, are beside yourselves, for you will have it by every means that I am Jesus.' The high priest answered: 'O perverse seducer, you have deceived all Israel, beginning from Galilee ;even to Jerusalem here, with your doctrine and false miracles: and now think you to flee the merited punishment that befits you by feigning to be mad?

As God lives,' you shall not escape it!' And having said this he commanded his servants to smite him with buffetings and kicks, so that his understanding might come back into his head. The derision which he then suffered at the hands of the high priest's servants is past belief. For they zealously devised new inventions to give pleasure to the council. So they attired him as a juggler, and so treated him with hands and feet that it would have moved the very Canaanites to compassion if they had beheld that sight. But the chief priests and Pharisees and elders of the people had their hearts so exasperated against Jesus that, believing Judas to be really Jesus, they took delight in seeing him so treated.

Afterwards they led him bound to the governor, who secretly loved Jesus. Whereupon he, thinking that Judas was Jesus, made him enter into his chamber, and spoke to him, asking him for what cause the chief priests and the people had given him into his hands. Judas answered: 'If I tell you the truth, you will not believe me; for perhaps you are deceived as the (chief) priests and the Pharisees are deceived.'

The governor answered (thinking that he wished to speak concerning the Law): 'Now know you not that I am not a Jew? but the (chief) priests and the elders of your people have given you into my hand; wherefore tell us the truth, wherefore I may do what is just. For I have power to set you free and to put you to death.' Judas answered: 'Sir, believe me, if you put me to death, you shall do a great wrong, for you shall slay an innocent person; seeing that I am Judas ;Iscariot, and not Jesus, who is a magician, and by his are has so transformed me.'

When he heard this the governor marvelled greatly, so that he sought to set him at liberty. The governor therefore went out, and smiling said: 'In the one case, at least, this man is not worthy of death, but rather of compassion.' 'This man says,' said the governor, 'that he is not Jesus, but a certain Judas who guided the soldiery to take Jesus, and he says that Jesus the Galilean has by his are magic so transformed him. Wherefore, if this be true, it were a great wrong to kill him, seeing that he were innocent. But if he is Jesus and denies that he is, assuredly he has lost his understanding, and it were impious to slay a madman.'

Then the chief priests and elders of the people, with the scribes and Pharisees, cried out with shouts, saying: 'He is Jesus of Nazareth;, for we know him; for if he were not the malefactor we would not have given him into your hands. Nor is he mad; but rather malignant, for with this device he seeks to escape from our hands, and the sedition that he would stir up if he should escape would be worse than the former.' Pilate (of such was the governor's name), in order to rid himself of such a case, said: 'He is a Galilean, and Herod is king of Galilee: wherefore it pertains not to me to judge such a case, so take you him to Herod.'

Accordingly they led Judas to Herod, who of a long time had desired that Jesus should go to his house. But Jesus had never been willing to go to his house, because Herod was a Gentile, and adored the false and lying gods, living after the manner of the unclean Gentiles. Now when Judas had been led thither, Herod asked him of many things, to which Judas gave answers not to the purpose, denying that he was Jesus. Then Herod mocked him, with all his court, and caused him to be clad in white as the fools are clad;, and sent him back to Pilate, saying to him, 'Do not fail in justice to the people of Israel!'^{*}And this Herod wrote, because the chief priests and scribes and the Pharisees had given him a good quantity of money. The governor having heard that this was so from a servant of Herod, in order that he also might gain some money, feigned that he desired to set Judas at liberty.

Whereupon he caused him to be scourged by his slaves, who were paid by the scribes to slay him under the scourges. But God, who had decreed the issue, reserved Judas for the cross, in order that he might suffer that horrible death to which he had sold another. He did not suffer Judas to die under the scourges, notwithstanding that the soldiers scourged him so grievously that his body rained blood. Thereupon, in mockery they clad him in an old purple garment;, saying: 'It is fitting to our new king to clothe him and crown him!': so they gathered thorns and made a crown, like those of gold and precious stones which kings wear on their heads. And this crown of thorns they placed upon Judas' head, putting in his hand a reed for sceptre;, and they made him sit in a high place.

And the soldiers came before him, bowing down in mockery, saluting him as King of the Jews. And they held out their hands to receive gifts, such as new kings are accustomed to give; and receiving nothing they smote Judas, saying: 'Now, how are you crowned, foolish king, if you will not pay your soldiers and servants?' ^{*}The chief priests with the scribes and Pharisees, seeing that Judas died not by the scourges, and fearing lest Pilate should set him at liberty, made a gift of money to the governor, who having received it gave Judas to the scribes and Pharisees as guilty to death. Whereupon they condemned two robbers with him to the death of the cross.

So they led him to Mount Calvary, where they used to hang malefactors, and there they crucified him naked; for the greater ignominy. *Judas truly did nothing else but cry out: 'God, why have you forsaken me, seeing the malefactor has escaped and I die unjustly?' *Truly I say that the voice, the face, and the person of Judas were so like to Jesus, that his disciples and believers entirely believed that he was Jesus; wherefore some departed from the doctrine of Jesus, believing that Jesus had been a false prophet, and that by art magic he had done the miracles which he did: for Jesus had said that he should not die till near the end of the world; for that at that time he should be taken away from the world.

But they that stood firm in the doctrine of Jesus were so encompassed with sorrow, seeing him die who was entirely like to Jesus, that they remembered not what Jesus had said. And so in company with the mother of Jesus they went to Mount Calvary, and were not only present at the death of Judas, weeping continually, but by means of Nicodemus and Joseph of Abarimathia; they obtained from the governor the body of Judas to bury it. Whereupon, they took him down from the cross with such weeping as assuredly no one would believe, and buried him in the new sepulchre of Joseph; having wrapped him up in an hundred pounds of precious ointments."

Again we think that it is quite necessary to mention that we absolutely are not claiming that the gospel of Barnabas is the true Gospel of Jesus (SBUH), rather we are saying that it seems that parts of this book may be a less distorted version of the Prophet Jesus' life story; at the same time we are not even claiming that the above story is the truth about what really happened, we are only showing that different sources have presented different versions of the event ... But according to the Majestic Qur'an, certainly the Prophet Jesus (SBUH) was not crucified and the whole detail of what exactly happened Allah Knows Best ...

It is noteworthy to mention that the Majestic Qur'an is not the life story of the Prophet Mohammad (SAWA) as narrated by others, rather Qur'an is the only historically proven undistorted Word of Allah, Revealed directly to the Last Prophet of Allah and recorded instantly and saved unchanged until today (we cordially invite you to read the articles: "names of Mohammad and 'Ali (SBUT) in the Bible", "How has Qur'an been protected from distortions?" and the E-book "Ghadir: Declaration of the Truth, from creation to eternity" in this site: kindfather.com)

In Qur'an, Surah Nesa' (4), verses 157 and 158, we read:

And their saying: surely, we have killed the Maseeh, Jesus ('Eesa) son of Mary (Maryam), the messenger of Allah; and they did not kill him, nor did they crucify him, but it appeared to them

so; and most surely, those who differ therein, are only in a doubt about it; they have no knowledge respecting it, but only follow a conjecture; and they killed him not for sure.

Nay! Allah took him up to Himself; and Allah is Mighty, Wise.

Islamic Hadiths state that the Prophet Jesus (SBUH) was definitely not killed and another whom Allah had made him look like Jesus, was crucified in Jesus' place and that was when Jesus' Ascension- by Allah's command- occurred. (Behaar al-Anwaar, Tafsir Jaame', ...)

Qur'an and Islamic Hadith clearly verify that the Prophet Jesus (SBUH) was not crucified, rather Allah SWT raised him up to heaven, and after the Appearance of Imam Mahdi (SBUH), Jesus shall, by the command of Allah, descend and under Mahdi's command, he will assist Mahdi (SBUT), in their celestial task of uniting humankind under the most benevolent Law, under the flag of Allah

O' Allah! by Your Grace and Mercy, let us witness that wonderful time at the earliest ...

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Part 3

Ascension of Mohammad (SAWA)

This whole Universe, from a tiny atom and its tremendous hidden energies, to a bee and its healing honey, to human and all his unbelievable and complex physical and spiritual characteristics which have astonished every intellectual mind, to the earth and the sun and their miraculous life-giving bounties, to the Milky way galaxy -a diminutive and small galaxy- which is spread to a period of one lakh light years -i.e. if one intends to travel from one end of this galaxy to the other end, it will take him one lakh years to traverse the distance, with the speed of light (which is 3 lakh kilometers per second)-, to the entire existence -both what is known to mankind and that which is not-, is created by one Creator ...

A Creator who is All-wise, All-knowing, All-loving, Ever-living, Ever-seeing, Ever-hearing, ...; a Creator whose Knowledge and Power encompass everything; a Creator who does not attain perfection as time passes, rather He was All-perfect yesterday, He is All-perfect today and He shall be All-perfect tomorrow; an unlimited Creator who is beyond the comprehension of all limited phenomena... . Such a Creator does not do anything without a reason, without an aim; everything He does is based upon His perfect wisdom, knowledge, love, ...:

What! Did you then considered that We have created you in vain and that you will not be returned to us?!

(Qur'an, Surah Mo'menoon (23), Verse 115)

The Majid Qur'an emphasizes upon the fact that humankind has been created so that he may attain the perfect status of being an obedient 'Abd and Servant (Qur'an, Surah Zaariyaat (51), Verse 56). Many humans throughout history have tried to make other humans to be their obedient servants but the key point to keep in mind, is that such people have demanded other people's servitude for their personal gains and not for the benefit of humankind; but the Omnipotent and Omniscient Allah does not need anything and anybody, anything and anybody whatsoever, while we need Him for every breath we take, for every move we make... . If all of us disobey Allah, that does not harm Him a bit, rather we lose the celestial opportunity to achieve the peaceful and satisfying perfection of humbleness; and not humbleness before any arrogant creation, rather humbleness before the All-compassionate and All-merciful Creator ...

If we wish to offer a gift to our loving Creator whom we love so much, what can we offer Him?! Usually when we love someone, we try to give that person something special, something he does not have; but what is it that Allah does not have?! Everything belongs to Allah. There is only one thing that Allah does not have and we can offer that to Him; Allah does not have any needs and we can present our needs to Him; our neediness is the mirror of His needlessness. We offer Him our humbleness; we confess that we need Him and He does not need us and that is the only thing we can offer Him in the path of trying to thank Him for all He does for us, and of course we can never, ever truly thank Him. A friend of the Prophet Yusuf (SBUH) wanted to give him a gift but he could not find anything more beautiful than Yusuf to offer him; so, he gave Yusuf (SBUH) a mirror and said that he was the most beautiful and a mirror reflecting his beauty was the most beautiful gift that he could think of; yes, our perfect obedience and humbleness is a mirror which reflects Allah's Omnipotence; our neediness is a mirror which reflects Allah's needlessness... . What else can we offer Allah whom we love so much?!

O' Allah! Show us the way ... for, we seek the way toward You;

And the way toward You, we only ask of You, and no one but You!

From day one when Allah delegated His Prophets (SBUT) successively, He had a glorious plan; the celestial plan of uniting humankind under the most benevolent Law, under the flag of Allah. Serving the Compassionate and Merciful Allah -the Lord who needs not, human's servitude- is human's honor; when we fall in prostrate before Allah and we place our foreheads on His earth, on Turbah, we confess that we are nothing before Him and He is everything; we announce that we serve no one but our one and only Creator and this gives us honor and dignity and defines our identity. Walking in the path that the All-knowing Lord has specified, leads us to the fountain of everlasting life, whereas walking in the paths that others have defined, lead us to dustful and waterless mirages.

Allah delegated Prophets to humankind and has prepared human's state of mind for a glorious future; this readiness is to be transferred from one generation to another until the Promised Day ...

On that unforgettable night when the Prophet Mohammad (SAWA) -the most perfect and beloved creation of Allah- ascended to heavens (Me'raaj) ...:

Sobhaan (Glory ...) be to Him who made His 'Abd (obedient servant, Mohammad) go on a night, from the Sacred Mosque to the Remote Mosque of which We blessed its precincts so that We may show to him some of Our Signs, surely, He is the Ever-Hearing, the Ever-Seeing.

(Qur'an, Surah Asra (17), Verse 1)

It is important to mention that the Prophet Mohammad (SAWA) had over 120 Ascensions (Basaa'er al-Darajaat, narrated from Imam Saadeq -SBUH-); in addition to the aforesaid Verse, other Verses in Qur'an also -such as in Surah Najm (53)- talk about the Prophet's Ascensions. As the aforementioned Verse indicates, Allah showed some of His Signs to His Prophet; In the book Kaafi, it is stated that, in the Prophet's Ascension, the Prophet Mohammad (SAWA) led a congregational Prayer -in which, all previous Divine Prophets (SBUT), were present- and the Prophet Mohammad (SAWA) asked them all about that which they confess to, and they all confessed to the Prophethood of the Prophet Mohammad (SAWA). Also it is narrated in 'Elal al-Sharaaye', Tafsir Borhaan and ... that the Prophet Mohammad (SAWA) was commanded by Allah -when Mohammad was permitted to Ascend higher than where no Angel and Prophet was ever allowed-, the "Wilayat and Successorship" of 'Ali (SBUH). It is noteworthy to mention that the Hadiths regarding the Ascensions of the Prophet Mohammad (SAWA) are so astonishing, beautiful and numerous, here we are only presenting a brief indication to make a very important point ...

In a meaningful Hadith from Imam Reza (SBUH), it is mentioned that the Wilayat of Mohammad and his AhlulBayt (SBUT) was mentioned in all Books of Divine Prophets (also refer to the E-book "The Najran Pact, Mobaahelah (Mubahilah)") and that no Prophet was appointed unless by confession to the Prophethood of Mohammad and Wilayat of 'Ali -SBUT- (Bihar al-Anwar, ...); it is so sad that malevolent people distorted Divine Books as they did and it is so comforting that Qur'an- the very Last Book- was protected from distortions (Qur'an 15:9, ...). It is quite clear that the path of human creation was defined based on the obedience and Wilayat of Mohammad and his AhlulBayt (SBUT) -as the most perfect and sublime creations of Allah whose obedience is the same as the obedience of Allah, and their Rulership in the Last Days, which will unite humankind, shall be the manifestation of Allah's Rulership- and all Prophets (SBUT) had commanded their followers regarding Mohammad and his AhlulBayt (SBUT), as mentioned in the E-book " Ghadir: Declaration of the Truth, from creation to eternity" in this site: kindfather.com

Yes, the path to Eternity, the path to honor and dignity, the path to human identity has been defined by Allah, the most Benevolent Acknowledgement of, confession to and humbleness before the Allah Bestowed lordship (Wilayat) of Mohammad and his Infallible AhlulBayt (SBUT) is "The Right Path" to perfect obedience, to 'Oboodiyat, to everlasting Salvation; and that is the aim of human creation as defined by Allah ...

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Part 4

Second Coming of Jesus (SBUH)

That Day when Mahdi shall come, and Jesus too;

The Light of Allah shall shine through.

Through the diamonds of tears;

The tears of all Anticipators.

Then, a colorful heavenly rainbow will appear;

In the blue sky of dreams, so near.

A rainbow with peaceful colors of Monotheism, Justice and Equity;

Purity, sincerity, honesty, chastity, prosperity, humanity,...

Qur'an and Islamic Hadith clearly indicate that there are five major and Olol-'Azm Prophets (SBUT); Noah, Ibrahim, Moses, Jesus and Mohammad (SBUT). As for the reason that they are called Olol-'Azm ("possessors of determination"), Islamic Hadiths clarify different aspects for it ...

The Divine status and level of chosen-ones, are Divinely bestowed, and it is for Allah to decide - based on His Wisdom and Knowledge and ...-, upon whom, He bestows how much of His Knowledge, Power and ...; surely Allah does as He wishes and "Yashaa" (Qur'an, Surah Aal

'Emraan (3), Verse 40, ...). And, Allah's Wish has been that the Prophet Mohammad (SAWA), to be His most exalted and perfect creation, and no one -absolutely no one- has higher position in creation, than Mohammad (SAWA) and his AhlulBayt (SBUT); Allah Himself, has said:

... If it was not for you (Mohammad), I (Allah) would have never Created the Universe (Aflaak)
....

(Behaar al-Anwaar; ...)

There are many Islamic Hadiths which verify this profound and celestial comprehension regarding Mohammad and his AhlulBayt (SBUT); as a sample, the Angel Jabra'el (Gabriel) brought a heavenly message from Allah to Mohammad and his AhlulBayt (SBUT) :

... Surely, I (Allah) have not Created no elevated heavens, spread earth, luminous moon, shining sun, turning universe, flowing water and floating vessel, except for you and your love ...
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(Behaar al-Anwaar; Al-Ghadir of 'Allaamah Amini; ...)

Certain less distorted christian documents, such as the gospel of Barnabas also verify the fact that God Created everything for Mohammad (SAWA), following are samples from that book:

"Gospel of Barnabas, chapter 43:

Jesus went down to the eight disciples who were awaiting him below. And the four narrated to the eight all that they had seen: and so there departed that day from their heart all doubt of Jesus, save [from] Judas Iscariot, who believed naught. Jesus seated himself at the foot of the mountain, and they ate of the wild fruits, because they had not bread.

Then said Andrew: 'Thou hast told us many things of the Messiah, therefore of thy kindness tell us clearly all.' And in like manner the other disciples besought him.

Accordingly Jesus said: 'Everyone that worketh worketh for an end in which he findeth satisfaction. Wherefore I say unto you that God, verily because he is perfect, hath not need of satisfaction, seeing that he hath satisfaction himself. And so, willing to work, he created before all things the soul of his messenger, for whom he determined to create the whole, in order that the creatures should find joy and blessedness in God, whence his messenger should take delight in all his creatures, which he hath appointed to be his slaves. And wherefore is this, so save because thus he hath willed?

'Verily I say unto you, that every prophet when he is come hath borne to one nation only the mark of the mercy of God. And so their words were not extended save to that people to which they were sent. But the messenger of God, when he shall come, God shall give to him as it were the seal of his hand, in so much that he shall carry salvation and mercy to all the nations of the world that shall receive his doctrine. He shall come with power upon the ungodly, and shall destroy idolatry, in so much that he shall make Satan confounded; for so promised God to Abraham, saying: "Behold, in thy seed I will bless all the tribes of the earth; and as thou hast broken in pieces the idols, O Abraham, even so shall thy seed do."

James answered: 'O master, tell us in whom this promise as made; for the Jews say "in Isaac," and the Ishmaelites say 'in Ishmael." '

Jesus answered: 'David, whose son was he, and of what lineage?'

James answered: 'Of Isaac; for Isaac was father of Jacob, and Jacob was father of Judah, of whose lineage is David.'

Then said Jesus: 'And the messenger of God when he shall come, of what lineage will he be?'

The disciples answered: 'Of David.'

Whereupon Jesus said: 'Ye deceive yourselves; for David in spirit calleth him lord, saying thus: "God said to my lord, sit thou on my right hand until I make thine enemies thy footstool. God shall send forth thy rod which shall have lordship in the midst of thine enemies." If the

messenger of God whom ye call Messiah were son of David, how should David call him lord? Believe me, for verily I say to you, that the promise was made in Ishmael, not in Isaac.”

“Gospel of Barnabas, chapter 97:

‘Unworthy though I am to untie his hosen, I have received grace and mercy from God to see him.’

Then answered the priest, with the governor and the king, saying: ‘Distress not thyself, O Jesus, holy one of God, because in our time shall not this sedition be any more, seeing that we will write to the sacred Roman senate in such wise that by imperial decree none shall any more call thee God or son of God.’

Then said Jesus: ‘With your words I am not consoled, because where ye hope for light darkness shall come; but my consolation is in the coming of the messenger, who shall destroy every false opinion of me, and his faith shall spread and shall take hold of the whole world, for so hath God promised to Abraham our father. And that which giveth me consolation is that his faith shall have no end, but shall be kept inviolate by God.’

The priest answered: ‘After the coming of the messenger of God shall other prophets come?’

Jesus answered: ‘There shall not come after him true prophets sent by God, but there shall come a great number of false prophets, whereat I sorrow. For Satan shall raise them up by the just judgement of God, and they shall hide themselves under the pretext of my gospel.’

Herod answered: ‘How is it a just judgement of God that such impious men should come?’

Jesus answered: ‘It is just that he who will not believe in the truth to his salvation should believe in a lie to his damnation. Wherefore I say unto you, that the world hath ever despised the true prophets and loved the false, as can be seen in the time of Michaiah and Jeremiah. For every like loveth his like.’

Then said the priest: 'How shall the Messiah be called, and what sign shall reveal his coming?'

Jesus answered: 'The name of the Messiah is "Admirable, Praised", for God himself gave him the name when he had created his soul, and placed it in a celestial splendor. God said: "Wait Mohammed; for thy sake I will to create paradise, the world, and a great multitude of creatures, whereof I make thee a present, in so much that who so bless thee shall be blessed, and who so shall curse thee shall be accursed. When I shall send thee into the world I shall send thee as my messenger of salvation, and thy word shall be true, in so much that heaven and earth shall fail, but thy faith shall never fail." Mohammed is his blessed name.'

Then the crowd lifted up their voices, saying: 'O God, send us thy messenger: O Mohammed, come quickly for the salvation of the world!'"

It is noteworthy to mention that the current "New Testament" -even with all the distortions and concealments-verify the character and personality of Barnabas in many occasions, such as in the "book of acts":

22

Then tidings of these things came unto the ears of the church which was in Jerusalem: and they sent forth Barnabas, that he should go as far as Antioch.

23

Who, when he came, and had seen the grace of God, was glad, and exhorted them all, that with purpose of heart they would cleave unto the Lord.

24

For he was a good man, and full of the Holy Ghost and of faith: and much people was added unto the Lord.

Again while mentioning these statements from the book of Barnabas, we absolutely do not declare this book as the undistorted words of Jesus; in the same manner, other books in the

bible- even within all distortions- do verify the superiority of Mohammad and his AhlulBayt (SBUT) ...

From the beginning, every Divine Prophet (PBUT) had given the wonderful news regarding the coming of the final Prophet -Mohammad (SAWA)- and the establishment of True Divine Law all over the earth, based on the perfect and complete teachings of Mohammad (SAWA), at the hand of the Savior, the final Successor of the final Prophet. Please refer to the E-book "Mohammad and the AhlulBayt (SBUT), the Promise of Bible" in this site.

The very important and significant point -which we sincerely pray that all of us, as the followers of all Divine Prophets, from Adam to Mohammad (SBUT), may comprehend deeply- is the fact that not only the Prophet Mohammad (SAWA) has a higher Divinely bestowed status than the other Divine Prophets (SBUT), including the Olol-'Azm prophets (SBUT), but also the twelve Allah-chosen infallible Successors of the Prophet Mohammad (SBUT) -the 12 Imams- have higher Divinely bestowed status than all Divine Prophets (SBUT), including the Olol-'Azm Prophets (SBUT), except the Prophet Mohammad (SAWA); i.e. only the Prophet Mohammad (SAWA) has a higher Divinely bestowed position than the twelve infallible Imams (SBUT). The fact that a chosen representative of Allah may hold a higher Divinely bestowed position or possess more Divinely bestowed Knowledge or Power or ..., is not against any of Allah's traditions; with the exception that absolutely no one could be higher than Mohammad and his AhlulBayt (SBUT). In the Surah Kahf (18) of Qur'an, we read the story of Kheyr (SBUH) -who is a chosen 'Abd and servant of Allah and definitely not an Olol-'Azm Prophet-, and the Olol-'Azm Prophet Moses (SBUH); Qur'an clearly indicates that Kheyr (SBUH) had certain Divinely bestowed Knowledge ('Elm) and Mercy (Rahmat) which the Olol-'Azm Prophet Moses (SBUH) apparently did not possess at that time (Qur'an, Surah Kahf, verse 65), and in addition, Moses was commanded to learn from and obey Kheyr -SBUT- (Qur'an, Surah Kahf, verses 60 to 82). Allah bestows His Knowledge, ... upon whomever He pleases (Qur'an, Surah Jom'ah (62), verse4,...).

The Divinely bestowed lordship and superiority of the twelve Successors of the final holy Prophet (SBUT) was presented to all Divine Prophets (SBUT) by Allah, and they were commanded to delivered this celestial News to their followers; the true followers of all Divine Prophets -who had received the undistorted teachings of the Prophets- were Anticipating the coming of Mohammad and his AhlulBayt (SBUT) and finally, the unification of humankind under the flag of Allah, at the hand of the final Successor of the final holy Prophet. The Prophets themselves -who are the most obedient servants of Allah- have always been humble before Allah's Commands and the Divinely bestowed position and lordship (Wilayat) of Mohammad and his AhlulBayt (SBUT); many Hadiths verify this, here we narrate a sample:

The Prophet Mohammad (SAWA) has said that Allah told 'Eesa -Jesus, SBUH-:

Endeavor! in My Command, and from it, depart not! Surely I Created you from no father, a Sign for the people of the worlds; so, inform them that they should believe in Me and in My Messenger (Rasool, Mohammad) the "Ummi" Prophet, whose descendants shall be from "Mobaarakah" (Fatima), and she is with your mother in heavens; "Tooba" shall be for he who hears his words and comprehends his time and witnesses his Ayyaam; Jesus said: What is Tooba? Allah said: a Tree in Heaven with a Fountain under it, any one who drinks from it, will never ever be thirsty after that; Jesus asked: my Lord! Give me a drink from it! Allah responded: Nay! O' Jesus! Surely that Fountain is not allowed, for any Prophet, until that Prophet drinks from it and that Heaven is not allowed, for no nation, until the Ummah of that Prophet enters it
...

(Qesas al-Anbiya;...)

Please also refer to "Ummi Prophet, illiterate or not!" in this site: kindfather.com

The Prophet Jesus (SBUH) was not crucified and by Allah's command, he ascended to heaven and he is alive and waiting for Mahdi's (SBUH) Appearance, so that he will descend and return; after the second coming of Jesus (PBUH), all the jews who had previously denied his Prophethood, will believe in him:

An there is no one from the adherents to the Book (jews, Christians ...), except that he shall surely and certainly believe in him (Jesus), before his death and he will be a witness against them on the Resurrection Day.

(Qur'an, Surah Nesa' (4), verse 159)

A disbelieving oppressor once told a companion of Imam Baaqer (SBUH) that he had killed many jews and christians, and he never heard them confess their faith; that oppressor was asking about the meaning of the aforementioned Qur'anic verse, and perhaps he wanted to mock at it! The companion of Imam Baaqer (SBUH) clarified -from that which the Imam had taught him- that the verse was about the time of Mahdi's Appearance when Jesus (SBUT)

would descend and Pray behind Mahdi (SBUH), and there would remain no Jew or Christian, except that he would believe in Jesus. (Tafsir Qommi, ...)

Allah shall permit the second coming of Jesus (SBUH) after the Appearance of Imam Mahdi (May Allah hasten his Emergence) and the Prophet Jesus will humbly assist and follow the beloved reminder of the most beloved progeny of existence, in their Divine goal of uniting humankind under the most benevolent Law, under the flag of Allah. After Imam Mahdi's Appearance, on an unforgettable Friday morning when Mahdi (SBUH) will be getting ready to lead the congregational morning Prayer in Bayt al-Maqdas, Jesus (SBUH) shall be given permission by Allah, to descend and he will do so magnificently and shall stand behind Mahdi (SBUH) and follow his lead, in a glorious and unforgettable morning prayer based on the specifications of Islam.

Both the Shi'ah and Sunni documents verify that Jesus (SBUH) shall descend in Bayt al-Maqdas, after the Appearance of Mahdi (SBUH), and Mahdi will politely offer him to lead the congregational prayer, but Jesus will confess that, Mahdi is from Mohammad's Chosen AhlulBayt to lead the Prayer and the world ... (Shi'ah documents: Elzaam al-Naaseb,...; Sunni documents: Sahih Moslem, Yanaabi' al-Mawaddah, ...)

In the gospel of Barnabas too, chapters 97, 217 and ... it is mentioned that Jesus (SBUH) had repeatedly said that he would be taken up from the world and would not die until near the end of the world; and that the final Messenger would come and his faith would never fail and end and it would spread and take hold of the whole world

The second coming of Jesus (SBUH) is also mentioned repeatedly in the current Bible; the Light of Allah always shines through, even in the midst of concealments and distortions!

In the "Book of Luke" statements 25 to 27, it is written that Jesus (SBUH) will descend riding a cloud:

25

And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring;

26

Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken.

27

And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.

Also, in the book of Revelation, a crowned person -obviously other than Jesus who, according to bible, will descend in a cloud- is mentioned who shall ride on a white horse:

REV. 6:2

I saw, and behold a white horse: and he that sat on him had a bow; and a crown was given unto him: and he went forth conquering, and to conquer.

It is noteworthy to mention that some christian scholars themselves confess that, there are many places in the Old and New Testaments in which the second coming is mentioned, but another person other than Jesus is also presented ...

We cordially invite Anticipators to read "Imam Mahdi's (PBUH) Birth, Ascension and Rise, and the Revelation of John" in this site: kindfather.com

O' the beloved Jesus! You are one of the most faithful and obedient servants of Allah; we pray for the nearness of the beautiful and glorious Day when all who love you so much, will follow your lead and humbleness before the most beloved Imam Mahdi (SBUH) and along with you, they shall obey Allah and stand behind and believe in the Promised and Ever-Anticipated Mahdi of Mohammad's AhlulBayt (SBUT), and the everlasting Religion of Islam- the original and propagated Religion by all Divine Prophets, before being distorted by certain malevolent people- at its peak of perfection, as promised by all Prophets (SBUT), will finally encompass the entire Existence ...

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Chapter 3 – Crucifixion

Part 1

Zebh 'Azim (Grand Slaughter)

When God SWT commanded the Prophet Ibrahim- Abraham- (SBUH) to slaughter that sheep in place of his first son Ismael- Ishmael- (SBUH), Ibrahim in his heart wished that Ismael was sacrificed so that his heart would have perceived the grief of a father sacrificing his most beloved son, thus deserving the most sublime reward of those suffering grief ...

Here Allah SWT asked Ibrahim (SBUH) whom, from His creations, he loved the most; Ibrahim (SBUH) responded that Allah had not created any one more beloved to him than Allah's Habib, Allah's most beloved, Mohammad (SAWA). Then Allah asked him whom he loved more, Mohammad (SAWA) or himself; Ibrahim (SBUH) responded that he surely loved Mohammad (SAWA) more than himself. Allah SWT then asked whom Ibrahim (SBUH) loved more, his own son or Mohammad's son (SBUT); Ibrahim said that certainly Mohammad's son (SBUT) was more beloved to him.

Allah then asked whether the slaughtering of Mohammad's son (SBUT) at the hand of his enemies was more painful to Ibrahim's heart or the slaughtering of his own son at his hand in the cause of Allah's obedience; Ibrahim (SBUH) responded to his Lord that the slaughtering of Mohammad's son (SBUT) at the hand of his enemies was excruciatingly more painful to his heart.

Then Allah told Ibrahim that a group of people considering themselves of the ummah of Mohammad (SAWA) would kill, unjustly out of animosity, Mohammad's son Hosain (SBUT), after Mohammad (SAWA), in the same manner of slaughtering and beheading a sheep; then Allah SWT said that they would become deserving of Allah's Wrath for that crime.

Ibrahim (SBUH) hearing this became extremely unrestful and his heart started to ache and he began to weep restlessly ...

So Allah Revealed to Ibrahim that He put the Jaza' (restless weeping ...) of Ibrahim for Hosain (SBUT) in place of the Jaza' he would have done for his son Ismael if he had

slaughtered him; and Allah informed him that He bestowed the most exalted levels of grieving ones upon Ibrahim.

In this Hadith, Imam Reza (SBUH) has then clarified that this is the meaning of Allah's SWT saying:

Qur'an 37:107 And We ransomed this with a Grand Slaughter.

(Behaar al-Anwaar, vol. 44, p. 225; ...)

In this precious Hadith Imam Reda (SBUH) has divulged a deep meaning of the Verse 37:107, clarifying that Allah SWT ransomed Ibrahim's sorrow and weeping for his son Ismael (SBUT), if he was sacrificed, with the extreme and restless weeping of Hadrat Ibrahim (SBUH) for what Imam Hosain, the descendant of Ibrahim thru Ismael (SBUT), was going to suffer in the future ...

Hadrat Ibrahim (SBUH) with his sincere submission before the command of the One and Only Allah, successfully fulfilled this grand trial and thus he achieved the great status of Allah-Bestowed Imammat (Qur'an 2:124).

Imam Reza (SBUH) in another Hadith has clarified that, it was because of Mohammad and his Pure AhlulBayt (SBUT)- who were going to be from the descendants of Ismael (SBUH)- that the tradition of slaughtering one's children in the cause of Allah was thus never established, and that therefore all the animals that people have thenceforth offered in the cause of Allah until Qiyaamat, would actually be ransoms for Ismael (SBUT). ('Oyun al-Akhbaar al-Reza, vol. 1; Tafsir Kanz al-Daqa'eq, vol. 11, p. 172; ...)

It is noteworthy to mention that throughout history disbelievers and polytheists have offered many human beings as sacrifices in the cause of their false gods, and still in the heart of countries such as America and ..., within so called spiritual cults and ... the practice of human sacrifice exist.

Thus ... in this manner Hadrat Ismael (SBUH) remained so that Hadrat Mohammad and his Pure AhlulBayt (SBUT)- those whom all Prophets (SBUT) have given the glad tidings of their coming as the lords of all Anbiya (Prophets) and Awsiya (Successors) (SBUT)- would come to this world; Mohammad and the AhlulBayt (SBUT) whom all Prophets, from their ummahs, had sought allegiance for. We cordially invite readers to study the E-book “Mohammad and the AhlulBayt (SBUT), the Promise of Bible” in this site: kindfather.com

This introducing of Hadrat Mohammad and the AhlulBayt (SBUT) by the Prophets (SBUT) to their followers was so clear that they used to perform their miracles in the Names of Mohammad and his Aal (SBUT) in the presence of the people; in this regard we refer readers to “Wilayat of Mohammad and AhlulBayt (SBUT), from creation to eternity” in this site.

In addition to Hadrat Ibrahim (SBUH)- whom, as mentioned above, was told of the sufferings of Imam Hosain (SBUH) at the hand of those considering themselves as ummah of the Prophet Mohammad (SAWA)- all other Prophets (SBUT) were also told of this brutal and unforgivable act causing the extreme Wrath of Allah; and all Prophets (SBUT) wept from this news and some (perhaps all ...) were even taken through Karbala where they suffered an injury and were told by Allah that He SWT had Wished their blood to be in accordance and harmony with the blood of Imam Hosain (SBUH) ... (please refer to the article “Mourning ...” in this site.

It also seems quite possible that Prophets (SBUT) had at least told some in their ummahs in regard to this brutal and Grand Slaughter in the future. Supporting this, for instance there are still traces of such news hidden in the midst of distortions of the bible; whether such statements were originally directly and clearly referring to Imam Hosain (SBUH) or whether their Ta'wil, or secondary application (a term used by some biblical scholars) were indicative of Imam Hosain (SBUH), Allah Knows best ... any how, in Jeremiah 46:10 a news of **“a sacrifice [*slaughter] in the north country by the river Euphrates”** is mentioned.

*In some versions of English translation of bible such as, New American Standard Bible, Jubilee Bible 2000 and ... the word “slaughter” is used in place of “sacrifice”.

Also in Isaiah 53:7 an **“oppressed”** person is mentioned who **“is brought as a lamb to the slaughter”**.

Let us now see how the distortions came about and why Christians chose the title “lamb” for Jesus (SBUH):

When the jews (yahood) and christians (nasaara) at time of the Prophet Mohammad (SAWA) saw him, they recognized him clearly, as clear as they knew their own children, and they knew he (SAWA) was the one the Prophets Moses and Jesus (SBUT) had talked about and had commanded his obedience; and still many of their scholars are aware of this very vital and critical fact ... but many of them knowingly have rejected the Prophet Mohammad (SAWA); as the Majid Qur'an reveals:

Qur'an 2:146 Those whom We have given the Book recognize him as they recognize their sons, and a party of them most surely conceal the truth while they know (it).

Please also refer to “Names of Mohammad and ‘Ali (SBUT) in the bible” in this site: kindfather.com

Thus it seems that one of the critical moments when many of concealments and distortions occurred was when the jewish and christian scholars saw and undoubtedly recognized the Prophet Mohammad (SAWA) and therefore were worried for their worldly positions.

In this regard please refer to “The Najran Pact, Mobaahelah (Mubahilah)” and “Story of Fakhr-UI-Islam” in this site: kindfather.com

In order to achieve the goal of concealing the truth in regard to Mohammad (SAWA) they had to go back and firstly destroy the character of Hadrat Ismael the forefather of the Prophet Mohammad (SBUT); So Ismael became a “donkey of a wild man” (may Allah forgive us for repeating this); in this regard, in addition to the above mentioned writings, also refer to “AhlulBayt (Salaam Be Upon Them, SBUT), the Promise of Enjil (Gospel)” in this site: kindfather.com

Then ... in the event of Allah's command to Hadrat Ibrahim (SBUH) for sacrificing his son, they put Ishaq (Isaac) in place of Ismael (SBUT) in order to conceal the identity of the Promised Prophet who was going to be from Ismael, and therefore making it appear that the Covenant was only with Isaac and thus the Promised Prophet was also going to be from Ishaq (SBUT) ...

While, according to their own bible, Hadrat Moosa (SBUH) had said that the Promised Prophet was going to be of the brethren of children of Israel, i.e. of the children of Ismael (Deut. 18:18, ...) ... and while, according to their own bible, Isaac (SBUH) was never the “only” son of Ibrahim, for Ishaq was younger than Ismael (SBUT) ... and while according to their own bible, God Promised to make Ibrahim’s (SBUH) descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as the sand on the seashore, but the Prophet Ibrahim’s descendants through Ishaq (Isaac) on the one hand stopped with Jesus (SBUT), for Jesus had no child, and on the other hand the descendants through the Prophet Ya’qoob (Jacob) (SBUH), i.e. the bani (the children of) Israel, are very limited in number, for the jews usually do not marry with other than themselves ... and ... and the descendants of Prophet Ibrahim through Prophet Ismael (SBUT) are quite numerous ... and ...

Also refer to “What the Bible says about Muhammad” in this site: kindfather.com

Then ... the christians had to also come up with a prophesied Grand Slaughter, so that they could conceal the slaughtered person from the children of Ismael and replace it with a killed person from the children of Ishaq (SBUT) ...

Therefore one of the reasons christians have insisted that Jesus was crucified has been this very reason; i.e. they have claimed that the prophesied slaughtered person in the old testament, such as in Isaiah 53:7, was Jesus Christ ... and this claim became one of the main reasons for a title attributed to Jesus in christianity, and that is “the lamb of God” ...

They use Isaiah 53:7 to say that he who was slaughtered like a lamb was Jesus ... while a very significant point is that **in the christian story Jesus was not “slaughtered” like a lamb or a sheep**, rather according to their story he was crucified! Never a lamb or sheep is crucified, rather it is slaughtered i.e. beheaded!

So Jesus can not be the slaughtered lamb or sacrifice mentioned in the old testament of the bible ...

They have made up all these stories regarding the Prophet Jesus (SBUH) while he (SBUH) was not killed at all, rather Allah lifted him up so that he shall be allowed to return after Hadrat Mahdi’s (SBUT) Appearance and assist him:

Qur'an 4:157 And their saying: Surely we have killed the Messiah 'Eesa (Jesus) son of Maryam (Mary), the messenger of Allah; and they did not kill him nor did they crucify him, but it appeared to them so, and most surely those who differ therein are only in a doubt about it; they have no knowledge respecting it, but only follow a conjecture, and they killed him not for sure.

Qur'an 4:158 Nay! Allah took him up to Himself; and Allah is Mighty, Wise.

Some Christians who tender-heartedly have believed the sufferings they have been taught Jesus (SBUH) had gone through- when observing the Muslims' mourning for Imam Hosain (SBUH) and hearing of his excruciating pains and sufferings- think that there are similarities between these two; while in reality 'Aashura is an undeniable Sign for them too, to trace the Truth and realize that the Promised Last Prophet, Hadrat Mohammad and his AhlulBayt (SBUT) have been of the descendants of Ismael son of Ibrahim (SBUT) and of that Promised AhlulBayt (SBUT), Imam Hosain (SBUH) was the **"oppressed"** person who was **brought as a lamb to the slaughter**" ... an Oppressedness which the entire existence have been crying for ... and it has become the **Emblem of the Truth of Allah for the entire humankind** ...

As we read in the Ziyarat (pilgrimage) supplication of the Arba'een of Imam Hosain (SBUH):

"... (Hosain- SBUH-) made every effort and put his heart, mind, soul and life at the disposal of Thy (Allah's) Mission to liberate the people from the yoke of ignorance ..."

A very very important point is that Christians consider Jesus (SBUH) a ransom for sins of human, while the martyrdom of Imam Hosain (SBUH) absolutely does not mean that Allah SWT killed Hosain (SBUH) so that he (SBUH) may be a ransom or atonement for sins of humankind- **SOBHAANALLAH**- rather Imam Hosain (SBUH) for his unimaginable patience, steadfastness and ... in the cause of the Truth of Allah and thus guiding humankind toward the one and only Allah-Specified Straight Path of Allah has been granted such a sublime and lofty position by Allah that on the one hand, the smallest action for keeping his memory, sufferings and cause alive has been promised by Allah to have indescribable rewards, and on the other hand he (SBUH) has been bestowed by Allah a Grand interceding position for Believers before Allah SWT ...

We sincerely invite those tender-hearted Christians whose hearts ache for Imam Hosain's (SBUH) pains and sufferings, to fairly and open-mindedly seek the Truth and by Allah's Grace find their way to the realization of the magnificence of Imam Hosain's (SBUH) sacrifice ... and become the true followers of him and the Last Prophet of Allah ... and observe Allah's command ... and together with 'Eesa of Maryam (SBUT) eagerly anticipate the Appearance of the last beloved of all Prophets of Allah (SBUT), the ever-Promised Mahdi of Fatimah (SBUT) ...

At the end we present a list indicating some of the beliefs regarding Imam Hosain and Hadrat 'Eesa (SBUT) from the Shi'ah point of view, and Jesus (SBUH) from Christian point of view:

According to Christian view: Jesus is God; he is son of God; God sent His son to be sacrificed for humankind who is born sinful due to thus the unforgiven original sin of Adam and Eve; Jesus-God and son of God- was tormented by creations of God and crucified; only those believing in this doctrine, attain Heaven and the rest of humans will burn in Hell ...

According to the Shi'ah view: Jesus (SBUH) is one of the five greatest Prophets of God (SBUT); Jesus is a Chosen and Infallible creation and servant of God; he was not killed or crucified, rather he was lifted up by God and is alive; the minor fault of Hadrat Adam (SBUH) was forgiven by Allah through the Words- including the Names of Mohammad, 'Ali, Fatimah, Hasan and Hosain (SBUT)- taught to Adam (SBUH) by Jebra'el (Gabriel); all humans are born pure and free of sin; no human suffers the consequences of the sins of others, rather each human is judged based on his own beliefs and actions; Imam Hosain (SBUH) was a Chosen and Infallible creation and servant of Allah; he gave all he had in the cause of guiding humankind from the darkness of ignorance, distortions, lies and ... to the lightful Straight Path of Allah; remembering his sacrifice awakens sleeping hearts, and crying and mourning for him washes darkened hearts; his mourners and followers Inshaa'Allah will receive his, his mother's and his grandfather's Allah-Accepted intercession in this world and the Hereafter ...

Reviewing these beliefs shows that there are major differences between the Islamic view of Imam Hosain and Hadrat 'Eesa- Jesus- (SBUT) and the Christian view of Jesus; and from all that has been said it is quite clear, without any shadow of a doubt, that the prophecy of the Grand Slaughter of a unique, mournful and most excruciating tragedy has been fulfilled in Imam Hosain and not Jesus (SBUT) ... but let us not forget that the Salvation Ark of Imam Hosain (SBUH) is so broad that Inshaa'Allah shall include the sincere Christians crying for Hosain too and shall take them toward the Truth and the Straight Path of Allah and thus carry them to eternal Salvation ...

It is no wonder that Imam Hosain (SBUH) has been called: *The Beacon of Guidance and the Ark of Salvation ...*

May Allah SWT hasten the glorious Appearance of Hadrat Mahdi and return of Hadrat 'Eesa (SBUT) ...

AAMEEN ...

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Chapter 4 – Valentine

Part 1

Truth behind some other so-called Christian occasions 1

The month of February was the period of ancient Pagan immoral rituals, so why certain occasions which originated based on those pagan traditions have been marked as "Christian", in the Christian calendar?!

"The occasion which today is known as Saint Valentine's Day is the Eve of Lupercalia, the Pagan Roman festival of fertility. In fact, the 14th of February was the day specially set aside for love lotteries in Pagan Rome. A holiday devoted to Juno, Queen of the gods, and patroness of marriage, the 14th was also the day on which young girls' names were written on slips of paper and thrown into jars to be picked out by the boys. Chooser and chosen would then be partnered for the duration of the Lupercalia festival. Such arbitrary pairings often resulted in lasting relationships." (Dr Leo Ruickbie)

"Lupercalia or Wolf Festival, of which many write that it was anciently celebrated by shepherds, and has also some connection with the Arcadian Lycaea. At this time many of the noble youths and of the magistrates run up and down through the city naked, for sport and laughter striking those they meet with shaggy thongs. And many women of rank also purposely get in their way, and like children at school present their hands to be struck, believing that the pregnant will thus be helped in delivery, and the barren to pregnancy. This tradition itself may have survived (Christianised, and shifted to spring) in certain ritual Easter Monday whippings." (The English Wikipedia Encyclopedia)

In ancient Rome, the Pagan principles of the newly Christianed people proved irrepressible; so the Church decided to Christianize the occasions. Thus a martyred saint was chosen and eventually this is what has happened ...:

The Wikipedia states that: "Numerous early Christian martyrs were named Valentine. The Valentines honored on February 14 are Valentine of Rome (Valentinus Presbyter m. Romae) (a priest martyred at third century AD) and Valentine of Terni (Valentinus ep. Interamnensis m. Romae) (a priest martyred at third century AD)". But the Oxford Dictionary of Saints, s.v. states, "Valentine: The Acts (Acta Sanctorum) of both are unreliable, and the Bollandists assert that these two Valentines were in fact one and the same".

"No romantic elements are present in the original early medieval biographies of either of these martyrs. By the time a Saint Valentine became linked to romance in the fourteenth century, distinctions between Valentine of Rome and Valentine of Terni were utterly lost." The Wikipedia states further.

" ... Apart from his name, nothing is known of Saint Valentine except that he was buried on the Via Flaminia on February 14." (Calendarium Romanum ex Decreto Sacrosancti Œcumenici Concilii Vaticani II Instauratum Auctoritate Pauli PP. VI Promulgatum (Typis Polyglottis Vaticanis, MCMLXIX), p. 117 (Pre-Vatican II Calendar))

The Golden Legend (Latin: *Legenda Aurea* or *Legenda Sanctorum*) is a collection of fanciful hagiographies by Jacobus de Voragine that became a late medieval bestseller. It was probably compiled around the year 1260.

In the *Legenda Aurea*'s version of the legend, St Valentine was persecuted as a Christian and interrogated by Roman Emperor Claudius II in person. Claudius was impressed by Valentine and had a discussion with him, attempting to get him to convert to Roman paganism in order to save his life. Valentine refused and tried to convert Claudius to Christianity instead. Because of this, he was executed.

Wikipedia continues: "Legenda Aurea still providing no connections whatsoever with sentimental love, appropriate lore has been embroidered in modern times to portray Valentine as a priest who refused an unattested law attributed to Roman Emperor Claudius, allegedly ordering that young men remain single. The Emperor supposedly did this to grow his army, believing that married men did not make for good soldiers; the priest Valentine, however, secretly performed marriage ceremonies for young men; when Claudius found out about this, he had Valentine arrested and thrown in jail. In an embellishment to The Golden Legend provided by "American Greetings, Inc." to History.com and widely repeated, on the evening before Valentine was to be executed, he wrote the first "valentine" himself, addressed to a young girl variously identified as his beloved. ('The History of Valentine's Day' History.com)"

"Lupercalia combined with folklore beliefs in Britain and France that the 14th of February marked the beginning of the mating season amongst birds to ensure that this day would persist in the popular imagination as a day of love." (Dr Leo Ruickbie)

"Despite such early precedents, St Valentine's Day did not become a widely celebrated event in Britain until the 17th century. Printed cards did not appear until the late 18th century, but it was not until the 1840's that Esther A. Howland entered the history books as the first person to sell the first mass-produced Valentine cards in the United States. The sending of Valentines was a fashion in nineteenth-century Great Britain, and, in 1847, Esther Howland developed a successful business in her Worcester, Massachusetts home with hand-made Valentine cards based on British models ... It's considered one of the Hallmark holidays." (Wikipedia)

This is how the Encyclopedia defines hallmark holiday: "Hallmark holiday is a disparaging term, used predominantly in the United States, to describe a holiday that is perceived to exist primarily for commercial purposes, rather than to commemorate a traditionally significant religious or secular event. The name comes from Hallmark Cards, a privately owned American company based in Kansas City, Missouri, that benefits from such manufactured events through sales of greeting cards and other items."

The U.S. Greeting Card Association estimates that approximately one billion valentines are sent each year worldwide.

Now it is quite clear why the "American Greeting Inc." actually added the following fictitious and imaginatively produced addition to the story of Valentine as mentioned above: "In an embellishment to The Golden Legend provided by "American Greetings, Inc." to History.com and widely repeated, on the evening before Valentine was to be executed, he wrote the first "valentine" himself ..."

True love is sacred, it is the Allah-Bestowed pure love of Allah Himself and His Chosen Ones, those Chosen to lead humankind to Everlasting Bliss; and this True love is manifested by the obedience of the Most Loving Allah through the love and obedience of the most loving creations of Allah, the Prophets and their Successors (PBUT), and foremost, the most loving of them all, the Masters of all creations, Mohammad and his AhlulBayt (PBUT). We cordially invite you to read the article "True love" in this site, kindfather.com

A sincere and pure love between a man and a woman stems from that same True love; a benevolent, responsible, pleasant and practical love which nurtures generations of humankind, a love which is bestowed by Allah Himself; let us not forget that Allah -Glory be to He- has Revealed:

Qur'an 30:21 And among His (Allah's) Signs is that He created for you mates from among yourselves, that ye may dwell in tranquility with them, and He (Allah) has put love and compassion between you; verily in that are Signs for those who ponder.

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Part 2

Truth behind other so-called Christian occasions 2

It is so sad that in the "Christian" culture, which was supposed to have originated from the pure teachings of a Prophet of Allah, Hadrat 'Eesa -Eisa, Jesus- (PBUH), , not only the pagan idea and the date of the ancient Romans' celebration of the Lupercalia, lived through the so-called Saint Valentine's day (as described in Part 1 of this writing), but the immoral circus like festival itself has also lived on as Mardi(M) Gras(G) ("M.G.")!!! **This is what happens when the teachings of the Prophets and their Allah-Chosen Successors (PBUT) are forsaken, and instead human desires under the leadership of usurpers and liars, the adherents to Shaitaans and devils, are followed**

"M.G." (Fat Tuesday, Shrove Tuesday) is another attempt to incorporate paganism with the Church, much like Christmas and Easter.

Spring time pagan celebrations are the roots of the modern day "M.G." carnival. Ancient Greek and Roman festivals involved sacrifice, drunkenness, lewdness ,immoral sensual relationships, shameless public display of carnal desires, and revelry. In the parade of the pagans, false gods were worshiped by exalting an image above the assembly. Pagan priests accompanied by the idol, shower the crowds with spring flowers, herbs, grain and coins. Both good fortunes, spells, and curses were shouted, including the calls to the idol god to grant favor and blessings . Lupercalia was such a festival. (From the Wikipedia)

"The Lupercalia festival began with the sacrifice by the Luperci (or the flamen dialis) of two male goats and a dog. Next two young patrician Luperci were led to the altar, to be anointed on their foreheads with the sacrificial blood, which was wiped off the bloody knife with wool soaked in milk, after which they were expected to smile and laugh. The sacrificial feast followed, after which the Luperci cut thongs from the skins of the victims, which were called "**Februa**", dressed themselves in the skins of the sacrificed goats, in imitation of Lupercus, and ran round the walls of the old Palatine city, the line of which was marked with stones, with the thongs in their hands in two bands, striking the people who crowded near." (Wikipedia Encyclopedia)

Notice that it is stated that the thongs from the skins of the victims (sacrifices) were called "**Februa**"; and "February", the name of the month in which these festivals were performed, according to the Webster Dictionary is: "*expiatory (month), der. of februa (pl.) expiatory*"

offerings". In addition the Wikipedia states: "Februa, also Februatio was the Roman festival of Lupercalia ... The Roman month Februarius") of Februa," whence the English February (is named for the Februa/Februatio festival, which occurred on the 15th day of the Roman month. A later Roman god Februus personified both the month and also purification, and is named for them. Thus, **the month is named for the festival** and not for the god".

When Christianity arrived in Rome, the dignitaries of the early Church decided it would be more prudent to incorporate certain aspects of such rituals into the new faith rather than attempt to abolish them altogether. This granted a Christian interpretation to the ancient custom and the Carnival became a time of abandon and merriment which preceded the Lenten period (a symbolic Christian penitence and fasting of 40 week days commencing on Ash Wednesday -the day after Fat Tuesday ("M.G.")- and ending at Easter) .During this time, there would be feasting which lasted several days and participants would indulge in voluntary madness by donning masks, clothing themselves in the likeness of spectres and ..., and generally giving themselves up to Bacchus (god of wine) and Venus (goddess of love)! All aspects of pleasure were considered to be allowable during the Carnival celebration ... Eventually the celebration spread to other European countries. In Germany, there still remains a Carnival similar to that of the one held in New Orleans (state of Louisiana, United States). This festivity is still celebrated in France and Spain ... A Carnival season was also celebrated in England ... with feasts of pancakes ... and the imbibing of alcohol ... The origin of the word "Carnival "is from the Latin for "farewell to the flesh," a time when one is expected to forego earthly pleasures prior to the restrictions of the Lenten Season ,and is thought to be derived from the feasts of the Middle Ages known as carnis levamen or "solace of the flesh ... ".What was once deplored by the church is now accepted ... **In an attempt to convert the masses, the Church fixed Easter around the astrological event that "spring rites" celebrate the full moon of the spring equinox. The fixing of Easter allows the unscriptural religious celebration of Lent and Ash Wednesday to follow "M.G."** .Instead of resisting the ways of the pagans, the "church" absorbed many of these festivals in hopes that it would convert the pagans ... In French, "M.G." means Fat Tuesday. This is a day to gorge and over indulge oneself before the seasonal religious practice of fasting, abstinence and denial. (From a tract by "Last Call Ministries", Shreveport, Louisiana United States)

In addition regarding the root of the word carnival, the Oxford English Dictionary states that the word "Carnival" is derived from Latin carnem levare (removal of the meat) or carnem laxare (leaving the meat .(Signifying that those were the last days when one could eat meat before the fasting of Lent. Whatever the root of the word carnival may be, the obvious fact is that the human-innovated so called religious tradition of Fat Tuesday or "M.G." has not just included gorging and over indulging in eating, rather has included over indulging in immoralities and unspeakable relations and actions

Indeed, the distortions after the Prophet Jesus (PBUH), started with Paul's usurpation of Sham'oon Safa's (Simon Peter's) Allah-Ordained Successorship Position, and have been continuing so much so that even those who are claiming to have loved and obeyed Simon Peter after Jesus (PBUH), have actually been following the distorted teachings of Paul and the additional distortions which have followed afterward; still in the midst of all the dark distortions, certain rays of light shine through ...

The Christians themselves say that the Prophet Eesa (PBUH) has said:

Matthew 5:28 But I say unto you, that whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.

Mat. 5:29 And if thy right eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee: **for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell.**

Matt. 5:30 And if thy right hand offend thee, cut it off, and cast it from thee: **for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell.**

It is ironic, is it not?! In today's every day life, and not just in festivals and carnivals such as the "M.G.", unmarried men and women, also men and men, and women and women, ...; while according to the book which is considered by Christians themselves as "holy", even looking at another, lustfully, is adultery, with punishment of eternal Hell!

And additionally those who claim that they are the followers of Jesus (PBUH) verify that Jesus did not reject the Law brought by Moses (PBUH), and taught that neither having faith alone, nor following the Law without sincere and correct faith, was enough, and that a believer while having correct and sincere faith, was to also at the same time observe the Laws of God:

*Matt. 5:17 **Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil.***

*Matt. 5:18 **For verily I say unto you, till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the Law till all be fulfilled.***

*Matt. 5:19 **Whosoever, therefore, shall break one of these least commandments and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven. . .***

Matt. 23:23 Woe unto you, ... hypocrites! For ye pay tithes of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith: **these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone.**

And furthermore, the Prophet Jesus (PBUH) has been quoted to have said:

Matt. 18:3 And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.

Matt. 18:4 **Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven.**

Matt. 18:6 But whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea.

Matt. 18:7 Woe unto the world because of offences! for it must needs be that offences come; **but woe to that man by whom the offence cometh!**

Matt. 18:8 Wherefore if thy hand or thy foot offend thee, cut them off, and cast them from thee: it is better for thee to enter into life halt or maimed, rather than having two hands or two feet **to be cast into everlasting fire.**

Then how can those who claim to be the adherents to the teachings of the Prophet Jesus (PBUH), at the same time be the adherents to the teachings of Paul which are in obvious contrast with the teachings of Hadrat 'Eesa (PBUH)?!

Didn't Paul say:

1 Cor.6:12 *All things are lawful unto me, but all things are not profitable: all things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any.*

Col. 2:8 Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.

Col. 2:13 And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, **having forgiven you all trespasses;**

Col. 2:16 Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days:

Col. 2:20 **Wherefore if ye be dead with Christ from the rudiments of the world, why, as though living in the world, are ye subject to ordinances,**

Col. 2:21 Touch not; taste not; handle not;

Yes, to Paul everything was lawful, "**All things are lawful unto me**" and he did not want to submit to the Law, "**I will not be brought under the power of any**"; in spite the fact that the Prophet Jesus (PBUH) had said, "**Think not that I am come to destroy the law**" and, "**woe to that man by whom the offence cometh**". Paul taught everyone to disregard the Law, the musts and the must nots, the Divinely-Ordained Lawful (Halaal) and the Divinely-Ordained Unlawful (Haraam) and ..., "**Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the Sabbath days ...**"; while Jesus had said, "**Whosoever, therefore, shall break one of these least commandments and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven**". Paul said that the following of the Law was childish, "**Wherefore if ye be dead with Christ from the rudiments of the world, why, as though living in the world, are ye subject to ordinances**"; while Jesus had said, "**Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven. But whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea.**" And

Paul's satanic teachings, i.e. the teachings of he who after Jesus (PBUH) usurped the Allah Bestowed Right of the true Successor of the Prophet of Allah, opened the way for all the immoral acts which are being performed today; and by that we do not just mean those immoral acts of the so-called religious "M.G." carnival, but in general the free life styles of today's societies which such so-called festivals and ... are only manifestations of the approving and participating peoples' state of mind and belief; disregarding God and His Wishes and Commands, disrespecting and dishonouring sacred times and places, ..., drinking, nudity, adultery, homose xuality and ... are only a few of immoral and unethical animal ways which in the name of religion and God, have been prevailing in the so-called "human" life!

Here as a sample, let us just briefly explore one of the perhaps less thought about issues:

"The Christian calendar has so far departed from the Bible that there is no need to examine it. It is a solar calendar with artificial months having more to do with the Roman emperors than with the phases of the moon. The Jewish calendar is more problematical. ... That the rabbinical calendar is post-biblical is clear even without a detailed examination of its history, going back to Hillel II. The fact that two thousand years ago there were several competing calendar systems within Judaism speaks for itself. All of them claimed to be Biblical, and none of them are precisely the same as the Jewish calendar presently in use. ... The Islamic calendar consists of twelve lunar months in one year, established by the sighting of the moon. The Jewish calendar adds a thirteenth month on certain years and does not rely absolutely on the sighting of the moon for the beginning of each month. ... The Bible mentions only twelve months, and the months are established by the sighting of the moon. ... The Islamic calendar can be defended on the basis of the fact that out of the scores of dates mentioned in the Bible, including all twelve months of the year, there is no date for any event during a thirteenth month. The thirteenth month is completely unknown to the Biblical record of dates. ... There is no mention of a thirteenth month in the Bible ... so we are justified in assuming a year of twelve months for the Biblical year. There are a few texts in the Bible mentioning the new moon, but Psalm 81:3 is most important for establishing the process of sighting and broadcasting the arrival of the new

moon. 'Blow up the trumpet in the new moon, in the time appointed, on our solemn feast day.' The necessity for giving the signal shows that the new moon was established not by any calculation, but by sight." (Thomas McElwain, from the book "Islam in the Bible")

It is very important to realize that from the beginning religious events were always based on lunar months, but later as another tool for distortions, many dates were fixed based on ancient or pagan calendars, or solar or mixture of lunar and solar calculations, or astronomical events, or ..., thus the true dates were lost with all their special blessings and ...; remember Paul -a former Jew himself- taught that respecting holy days and new moons were not necessary any longer, " **Let no man therefore judge you in ... respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, ...**". Thus for instance the original followers of the Prophet Jesus (PBUH) perhaps knew the day when the Prophet Jesus (PBUH) was lifted up to heavens, and surely that day was a holy day, but eventually through fixing such dates for worldly purposes that holy day with all its blessings got lost. As we indicated before, this is what the Christians have said themselves, "In an attempt to convert the masses, the Church fixed Easter around the astrological event that "spring rites" celebrate the full moon of the spring equinox. The fixing of Easter allows the unscriptural religious celebration of Lent and ash Wednesday to follow "MG" "... How can Christians deny the obvious fact that after the Prophet Jesus (PBUH), Paul -the usurper- paved the way for all deviations which have followed ever since?!"

We also cordially invite our friends to study the article "Jewish, Christian and Islamic calendars" in this site: kindfather.com

Now perhaps we realize and appreciate the importance of obeying Allah and His Prophets and their Allah-Chosen Successors (PBUT) in every matter of our lives, such as respecting and honoring Religious times and places; ... the month of Ramadan in which Allah has Promised that even our sleep is considered as worship, with its Night of Qadr when all angels come down to earth to visit Hadrat Mahdi (PBUH), the Hojrat of Allah, and decrees are signed by him, ..., happens only during the lunar month of Ramadan; the conclusion of the Hajj season is only in the lunar month of DhyHajjah; anniversary of Ghadir, the day when the Right Path of humankind to blissful eternity was undeniably, formally, and firmly installed and inducted, and allegiance was sought from humankind until Qiyaamat, and it is Promised that its fasting is tantamount to the fasting of the number of days of the entire existence, ..., is only on the 18th of the lunar month of DhyHajjah; the anniversary of Aashoora is only on the tenth of the lunar month of Moharram; and

One of our intentions for mentioning such points is to remind all of us the necessity of loving and obeying Allah, inwardly with our faith and belief, and outwardly with our actions and deeds, through the loving and following of the pure teachings of the last Prophet of Allah and his Divinely Chosen Successors, Hadrat Mohammad and the AhlulBayt (PBUT). These are all lessons for all of us: we are not to obey our desires,

those desires which are in contrast with Allah's Wishes, if we do that, then we are no longer obeying the One and Only Allah, rather we are following our desires, then we definitely are the losers:

Qur'an 28:50 Thus if they hearken not to thee, then know that they only follow their desires; and who is more astray than one who follows his desires without any guidance from Allah? Surely Allah does not guide the unjust people.

Qur'an 25:43, 44 Have you seen him who takes his desires for his god? Will you then be (able to be) a protector over him? Or do you think that most of them do hear or understand? They are nothing but as cattle; nay, they are worse astray in Path.

O' our beloved Mahdi (Salaam be upon you)! Help us believe correctly and deeply, obey firmly and humbly, love sincerely and purely, and anticipate your glorious Emergence moment by moment, eagerly and patiently

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Chapter 5 – Lady of Fatima

Part 1

Truth behind 'Lady of Fatima' 1

In 1917 C.E. in the town of Fatima in Portugal, three shepherd children, ten years old Lúcia Santos (born: March 22nd, 1907) and her cousins, siblings seven and almost nine years old Jacinta (born: March 11, 1910) and Francisco (born: June 11, 1908) Marto, claimed that they had a series of visions of a lady who introduced herself as the Lady of the Prayer Beads; the Christians, since the 13th century C.E., have been calling such beads, the Rosary. Lúcia described seeing a woman "brighter than the sun, shedding rays of light clearer and stronger than a crystal ball filled with the most sparkling water and pierced by the burning rays of the sun." (From the Wikipedia Encyclopedia)

First let us explore the facts regarding the city of Fatima in Portugal.

According to the English Wikipedia: "The town of Fatima in Portugal was named after a Moorish princess."

The Webster dictionary states that Moors were Muslims of the mixed Berber and Arab people inhabiting NW Africa that invaded Spain in the 8th century C.E. and occupied it until 1492.

The state Master Encyclopedia says: "In 711 CE, a Moorish Umayyad army from North Africa invaded Visigothic Christian Hispania. Under their leader Tariq ibn-Ziyad, they landed at Gibraltar and brought most of the Iberian Peninsula under Islamic rule in an eight-year campaign. Al-ʿAndalūs (Arabic الإندلس: Land of the Vandals) is the Arabic name given the Iberian Peninsula by its Muslim conquerors. From the 8th to the 15th centuries, parts of the Iberian Peninsula were ruled by the Moors (mainly Berber with some Arab) who had crossed over from North Africa.

The Webster dictionary clarifies that the Iberian Peninsula is a peninsula in SW Europe, comprising Spain and Portugal.

In addition to the Umayyad Sunni influence among the Berbers of North Africa, who entered the Iberian Peninsula, there were also certain Shi'ah presence in the area at the time, for instance:

“The Idrisids (Arabic : الأدارسة) were a Zaydi -Shia Arab dynasty of Morocco, ruling from 788 to 985 AD ... The founder of the dynasty was Idris ibn Abdallah (788–791), who traced his ancestry back to Ali ibn Abi Talib and his wife Fatimah, daughter of the Prophet Muhammad. As a sharif Shiite he was persecuted by the Abbasids and fled to the Maghreb in 786, where he was taken in by the Berbers. ... The new kingdom of Idris I represented the second autonomous Islamic state in Morocco, and the first in Iberia.” (The Wikipedia Encyclopedia)

The Encyclopedia Britannica in regard to the Fatimite or Fatimid or the al-Fātimiyyūn Dynasty states: “Political and religious dynasty that dominated an empire in North Africa ... from ad 909 to 1171 ... It took its name from Fāṭimah, the daughter of the Prophet Muḥammad, from whom the Fāṭimids claimed descent.”

Thus from the proven Islamic influence in the region, specially Shi’ah who love and honor Hadrat Fatima (PBUH) so very much, it is quite logical to conclude that the name of Hadrat Fatima (PBUH) was well known to the people of Portugal. But in regard to the Moorish princess story, there are couple of very important points to consider, firstly: there is absolutely no historical proof for the story, rather the story is only based upon a “legend”.

This is what the Webster dictionary says about the term “legend”: A nonhistorical or unverifiable story handed down by tradition from earlier times and popularly accepted as historical.

The second point which deserves attention is that many who have narrated this “legend”, such as the very well known American Archbishop of the Roman Catholic Church, Fulton John Sheen, have said that the Moorish princess who was named Fatima after the daughter of the Prophet of Islam, married a Catholic young man, became a Catholic and her name was changed to a Catholic name, but her husband loving her so much changed the name of his town to her Muslim name! One may ask: why her Muslim name? But interestingly the “legend” itself does not say this! It seems that even legends have not been safe from human distortions!!!

Here is what the StateMaster Encyclopedia confirms in regard to the “legend” of the Moorish princess: “Legend says that the name of the city derives from a Moorish princess from Alcácer do Sal named Fatima who, following her capture by Christian forces during the Moorish occupation of Portugal, was betrothed to the leader of those forces, Gonçalo Hermigues, converted to Catholicism, and was baptised before her marriage in 1158. Her baptismal name was Oureana. Legend also says that the name of the town Ourém derives from Oureana.”

Notice that “Legend also says that the name of the town Ourém derives from Oureana”; this means that according to this “legend” the city of Ourém in Portugal was named after the so-called Moorish princess, and not the town of Fatima!

SO IT CAN NOT BE VERIFIED THAT THE NAME OF THE VILLAGE WHERE THE SO CALLED APPARITIONS OCCURRED, WAS FATIMA, PRIOR TO THE ALLEGED EVENT, AND THUS IT SEEMS THAT THE VILLAGE WAS MOST PROBABLY NAMED FATIMA BECAUSE OF THE SO CALLED APPARITIONS. AND EVEN IF THE VILLAGE HAD THE ISLAMIC NAME FATIMA, PRIOR TO THE ALLEGED APPARITIONS, IT IS LOGICAL THAT THE NAME FATIMA WAS IN COMMEMORATION OF HADRAT FATIMA (PBUH) DUE TO THE ISLAMIC INFLUENCE IN THE REGION, AND AS PROVED ABOVE, NOT AFTER THE FORSAKEN NAME OF A LEGENDARY YOUNG GIRL.

Now let us explore the title by which the Christians claim that the lady of the so-called visions, had introduced herself: “Lady of Rosary”, i.e. “Lady of Prayer Beads”.

“There are differing views on the history of the rosary. According to tradition, the rosary was given to Saint Dominic in an apparition by the Blessed Virgin Mary in the year 1214 in the church of Prouille [in France]. This Marian apparition received the title of Our Lady of the Rosary.” (Wikipedia Encyclopedia cited from St. Dominic and the Rosary by Catherine Beebe) It is also worth noting that building statues titled “the lady of the rosary” started since the so called church of Prouille apparition, and not before then.

Therefore firstly, the prayer beads, or as the Catholics have called it: the rosary, which is being used by the Catholics, is a fairly new concept, and the prayers recited and counted by the rosary have also been developing by various Catholic figures ever since some one had claimed that the Rosary was given to him in a vision. It is also noteworthy to mention that many such new concepts in Christianity originated in or around the 13th century C.E. when certain significant factors were in progress in Europe, such as the presence of Muslims in Europe, and also the Crusade Wars; i.e. many such concepts in Christianity originated in the period in which the Christians were being exposed to the Islamic teachings and culture. It is also noteworthy to mention that exposure to Islamic sciences and culture was the main factor which paved the way for the Renaissance in Europe; for more information in this regard, we cordially invite our friends to read the article: “Europe, Christianity and Islam” in this site: kindfather.com

Secondly thus, the title “Lady of Rosary” which the Catholic Church has been using for Hadrat Maryam -Mary- (PBUH) was neither Bestowed by Allah nor installed by His Prophet, Hadrat ‘Eesa -Eisa, Jesus- (PBUH), and it does not even go back to her life time, rather it is a new and innovated title which has only been around since the thirteenth century C.E., and it is based on another so-called apparition in a small French village.

The word Tasbih itself in Arabic means, praising, glorifying and worshipping Allah (SWT) and considering Him Pure from any thing like unto Him. The Tasbih of Fatima (PBUH) is a special set of prayers to Praise the One and Only Almighty, for which the Lady Fatima (PBUH) made prayer beads to count. This Tasbih has been named after her because her father, the Prophet Mohammad (PBUHHP), by the command of Allah (SWT), over 1400 years ago taught her the specific statements of the Tasbih of Allah; and it has been narrated by all Muslims, Shi’ah and Sunni, ever since. The Prophet Mohammad (PBUHHP) told her (PBUH) that the Divine Formula of the Tasbih is worth more than almost everything in the world, he told her to recite at the end of every prayer the Great Exaltation, Allah-o-Akbar 34 times, the Statement of Absolute Gratitude, Al-Hamd-o-Iellah 33 times and the Invocation of Divine Glory, SobhaanAllah 33 times, totaling 100. This collective prayer is called the Tasbih of Fatima. It is also noteworthy to mention that the word Tasbih has been used for prayer beads ever since.

THEREFORE THE TASBIH OF FATIMA ZAHRA IS THE VERY FIRST SET OF PRAYER BEADS IN HISTORY, and ITS PRAYERS WERE ASSIGNED BY ALLAH HIMSELF THROUGH HIS LAST PROPHET OVER 1400 YEARS AGO, AND THUS HADRAT FATIMA (PBUH) HAS BEEN THE LADY OF TASBIH OR PRAYER BEADS FOR OVER FOURTEEN CENTURIES ...

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Part 2

Truth behind 'Lady of Fatima' 2

Now let us explore other aspects of the Fatima story; in order to do that understanding sister Lucia's background may be quite helpful:

It is important to mention that it has been said: "Private revelations do not form part of the deposit of faith of the Catholic Church and its members are not bound to believe in any of them. However, as a matter of prudence, assent would normally be expected of a Catholic based on the discernment of the Church and its judgment that an apparition is worthy of belief ... The visions of Fatima were officially declared "worthy of belief" in October 1930 by the Bishop of Leiria-Fátima, on behalf of the Catholic Church." (The Wikipedia, and from the Encyclopedia Britannica).

Lucia's (the narrator of the Fatima apparitions) First Communion occurred at 6 years of age ... and after her First Confession she prayed before the altar of Our Lady of the Rosary and saw the statue smile at her ... Lúcia's First Communion left a deep impact on her so much so that she said that she lost the taste and attraction for the things of the world, and only felt at home in some solitary place ... Lúcia moved to Oporto in 1921, and at 14 was admitted as a boarder in the school of the Sisters of St. Dorothy in Vilar, on the city's outskirts ... On October 24, 1925, she entered the Institute of the Sisters of St. Dorothy as a postulant in the convent in Tuy , Spain, just across the northern Portuguese border ... Lúcia made her first vows on October 3, 1928. (From the English Wikipedia Encyclopedia)

I.e. by 1930 -when the Catholic Church officially declared the Fatima apparitions as worthy of belief- Lucia, the narrator of the Fatima story, was a full-fledged nun under the vow of total submission to the Vatican. Webster dictionary defines a nun as: a woman member of a religious order, esp. one bound by vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience.

At this point, let us first consider the "Miracle of the Sun" and then we shall look at "Secrets of Fatima":

The Wikipedia Encyclopedia states that as early as July 1917 it was claimed that the lady had promised a miracle for the last of her apparitions on 13 October, so that all would believe. It is

said that a crowd gathered to observe the alleged miracle known as "Miracle of the Sun". As indicated by De Marchi, John (1952) in the book, *The Immaculate Heart*, New York: Farrar, Straus and Young, an eye witness estimated the crowd to be about 30,000 while another eye witness estimated it at about 100,000. But it is usually repeated that they were about 70,000.

According to the Wikipedia and the StateMaster Encyclopedias, different observations were reported of what happened on 13 October 1917; one report was that "the sun trembled, made sudden incredible movements ... the sun 'danced' according to the typical expression of the people" while another report said that "The sun, at one moment surrounded with scarlet flame, at another aureoled in yellow and deep purple, seemed to be in an exceeding fast and whirling movement, at times appearing to be loosened from the sky and to be approaching the earth, strongly radiating heat" and

"According to contemporary reports from poet Afonso Lopes Vieira and schoolteacher Delfina Lopes with her students and other witnesses in the town of Alburita, the solar phenomenon was visible from up to forty kilometers away. Despite these assertions, not all witnesses reported seeing the sun "dance". Some people only saw the radiant colors, and others, including some believers, saw nothing at all. (Jaki, Stanley L. (1999). *God and the Sun at Fátima*. Real View Books; ...)

As stated by De Marchi, John in the aforementioned book: "No movement or other phenomenon of the sun was registered by scientists at the time."

"Since no scientifically verifiable physical cause can be adduced to support the phenomenon of the sun, various explanations have been advanced to explain the descriptions given by numerous witnesses. A leading conjecture is a mass hallucination possibly stimulated by the religious fervor of the crowds expectantly waiting for a predicted sign. Another conjecture is a possible visual artifact caused by looking at the sun for a prolonged period. As noted by Professor Auguste Meessen of the Institute of Physics, Catholic University of Leuven, looking directly at the Sun can cause phosphene visual artifacts and temporary partial blindness. He has proposed that the reported observations were optical effects caused by prolonged staring at the sun. Meessen contends that retinal after-images produced after brief periods of sun gazing are a likely cause of the observed dancing effects. Similarly Meessen states that the colour changes witnessed were most likely caused by the bleaching of photosensitive retinal cells." (Auguste Meessen 'Apparitions and Miracles of the Sun' International Forum in Porto "Science, Religion and Conscience" October 23–25, 2003)

Allah knows best what really happened on that 13 October 1917

“According to Lúcia's account, in the course of her appearances, the woman confided to the children three secrets, now known as the Three Secrets of Fátima.” (The Wikipedia)

Let us keep in mind that 1917 was the date of the alleged three secrets of Fatima, but:

Lucia described in her Third Memoir, written in 1942, i.e. 25 years after 1917, that the first secret was a vision of Hell, and that the second secret had included a prophecy regarding the start of world war II; i.e. three years after the world war II had already started, then, and not before that, Lucia, under total submission to the Vatican, stated that the second secret had included a prophecy about world war II. (From Wikipedia and StateMaster Encyclopedias)

“The Vatican withheld the Third Secret until 26 June 2000, despite Lúcia's declaration that it could be released to the public after 1960. Some sources, including Canon Barthas and Cardinal Ottaviani, said that Lúcia insisted to them it must be released by 1960 ... When 1960 arrived, rather than releasing the Third Secret, the Vatican published an official press release stating that it was "most probable the Secret would remain, forever, under absolute seal." ... After this announcement, immense speculation over the content of the secret materialized ... Some sources claim that the four-page, handwritten text of the Third Secret released by the Vatican in the year 2000 is not the real secret ... In particular, it is alleged that Cardinals Bertone , Ratzinger [later Pope Benedict XVI] and Sodano engaged in a systematic deception to cover-up the existence of a one-page document ... Along with the text of the secret, then-Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger [later the Pope Benedict XVI] published a theological commentary, in which he states that: "A careful reading of the text of the so-called third 'secret' of Fatima ... will probably prove disappointing or surprising after all the speculation it has stirred. No great mystery is revealed; nor is the future unveiled." (The Wikipedia)

And the StateMaster Encyclopedia has listed some of the excuses given for not revealing the secret, such as: “On November 11, 1984, as reported in the Pauline Catholic magazine Jesus, Cardinal Ratzinger [later the Pope Benedict XVI] stated that he had "read the text of the Third Secret." When asked why he had not revealed it, he replied that "in the judgment of previous Popes, it adds nothing to what Christians must know respecting what is stated in the Book of Revelation." [Let us keep in mind that the so called book of revelation is supposed to be mainly prophecies about the Last Days.]

SO IF THE SO CALLED SECRET WAS NOT SO IMPORTANT, CRITICAL AND CRUCIAL, THEN WHY DID THE VATICAN WITHHOLD IT FOR 83 YEARS!!! AND THEN WHY, THAT WHICH WAS RELEASED WAS NOT THE ORIGINAL TEXT EITHER?!!! IT SEEMS THAT THE VATICAN CONVENIENTLY HID THE TRUTH, BEHIND ALL THE SECRECIES.

Furthermore, the StateMaster Encyclopedia discloses: "There have been accusations of a campaign to cover up the message of Fatima by ecclesiastical authorities within the Catholic Church, including the motivation behind imposing an order of silence against Sister Lúcia. Lúcia was already under orders of silence as a Carmelite sister, giving no interviews or statements to the public without permission ... However, when journalists sought out Sister Lúcia after the Vatican refused to release the Third Secret in 1960, they found it had become increasingly difficult to see her. She was forbidden not only to reveal the Secret but also to speak about the Third Secret at all. She could not, from 1960 forward, receive any visitors except close relatives. Even her confessor of many years, Father Aparicio, who had been in Brazil for over twenty years, was not permitted to see her when he visited Portugal. He stated: "I have not been able to speak with Sister Lúcia because the Archbishop could not give the permission to meet her. The conditions of isolation in which she finds herself have been imposed by the Holy See [The Office of the Pope]. Consequently, no one may speak with her without a license from Rome." More than forty years later, Sister Lúcia remained under the imposition of silence. Only Pope John Paul II or Cardinal Ratzinger (later Pope Benedict XVI) could grant the permission necessary for her to speak openly or to be visited [which was never granted]." (Cited from Church Approval and Attack on Fatima (1930-2004). Retrieved on 2007-05-13.)

The StateMaster Encyclopedia, citing from the same source, continues: " On November 15, 1966 Pope Paul VI revised the Code of Canon Law, striking down canons 1399 and 2318, which among other things had prohibited and penalized the publication of any material concerning any apparitions (approved or not) without beforehand obtaining a bishop's imprimatur. After the revision, therefore, anyone in the Church was permitted to publish freely on Marian apparitions, including those at Fatima. Yet Sister Lúcia was still forbidden to reveal the Fatima Secret. She remained under an order of silence until her death in February 2005, unable to speak freely about Fatima without special permission from the Vatican."

SO ALTHOUGH "ANYONE IN THE CHURCH WAS PERMITTED TO PUBLISH FREELY ON APPARITIONS ... YET SISTER LUCIA WAS STILL FORBIDDEN TO REVEAL THE FATIMA SECRET. SHE REMAINED UNDER AN ORDER OF SILENCE UNTIL HER DEATH ..." THIS IS SO THOUGHT PROVOKING CONSIDERING THAT THERE WERE THOSE WHO REPORTED THAT THE LADY OF APPARITION HAD SAID: "I AM FATIMA, DAUGHTER OF THE PROPHET OF ISLAM." ...

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Part 3

Truth behind 'Lady of Fatima' 3

It is also thought provoking that although it is quite logical that some Portuguese who had embraced Islam were named Fatima after Hadrat Fatima (PBUH), but ever since the so called apparitions, it has become a popular tradition among Catholics to name their daughters "Fatima". It makes one wonder why the very first baby who was named Fatima in Portugal after the so called apparitions, was named Fatima? On the one hand, it does not make sense to name one's child after just the name of a village, and on the other hand, if the lady of apparition was really Mary (Maryam -PBUH-), then it would make sense to name one's child Mary, not Fatima, considering that Fatima was the name of the daughter of a Prophet whom Catholics do not believe in! It makes one think that perhaps the Lady of apparitions had actually said things which had re-awakened the love and belief in Hadrat Fatima (PBUH) in people's hearts, thus they named their daughters Fatima; but then as time passed, the facts regarding the alleged event got distorted but the tradition of naming girls Fatima remained as a living sign!

Wikipedia states: "Lúcia died on 13 February 2005, at the age of 97. After her death, the Vatican, specifically Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger (at that time, still head of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith) [later Pope Benedict XVI], ordered her cell sealed off. It is believed this was because Sister Lúcia had continued to receive more revelations and the evidence needed to be examined in the course of proceedings for her possible canonization."

SO THE VATICAN, SPECIFICALLY THE person who later became the POPE, ORDERED HER CELL SEALED OFF IN ORDER TO EXAMINE THE EVIDENCE OF REVELATIONS! PERHAPS THE FINGER PRINTS OF GHOSTS NEEDED TO BE EXAMINED!!!

Here again, another very important point must be kept in mind: that nuns take a vow of absolute obedience to the Pope and the Catholic Church, and so did Lucia as mentioned before; thus what Lucia wrote, or perhaps better said, was probably written in her name, during her years as a nun, which as mentioned previously, was her entire life after the so called Fatima event, were most surely in accordance to the commands of the Church. However, considering the order of silence which was imposed on her, it is quite logical to assume that the Church was worried that she might had written additional things that were not approved by the Church; therefore it seems that by sealing off her cell, perhaps the Vatican wanted to make sure that she had not written any thing other than her various writings, directed and published by the Church.

The writings published from Lucia during her life as a nun, in addition to claims of many more apparitions, also included so many details regarding the story of Fatima which she or her cousins had never mentioned at the time of the event in 1917. Among the added details were confirmations of the distorted beliefs of the Church, such as the Trinity which itself is an innovation of the Roman Church dated back to the fifth century C.E., (the Universal Bible Dictionary); i.e. the concept of Trinity was officially decreed over four hundred years after the Prophet 'Eesa -Jesus- (PBUH).

The origin of the Trinity has its roots in ancient pagan beliefs; some of such trinities which had existed in ancient paganism and polytheism have been listed in many books such as in "Christianity: The Sources of Its Teaching and Symbolism", London, the 20th century, by J. B. Hannay.

Throughout history many people who resisted Trinity in Christianity had been brutally executed; one of such people was a physician from Spain called Michael Servetus who on the 26th October 1553 C.E. at the age of 42 years, with his book The Errors of Trinity tied to his waist, was burned to ashes in Geneva, Switzerland.

In part of his book, he had stated: "The philosophers have invented a third separate being truly and really distinct from the other two, which they call the third Person ... and thus they have contrived an imaginary Trinity, three beings in one nature. But in reality three Gods, or one threefold God, are foisted upon us under the pretence, and in the name of Unity ... Admitting therefore these three, which after their fashion they call Persons, they freely admit a plurality of beings, a plurality of entities, a plurality of Essences, a plurality of substances, and taking the word God strictly, they will have a plurality of Gods. . . If this is so, then why are the Tritorites blamed, who say there are three Gods, for they also contrive three Gods or one threefold one ... We have become Atheists, men without any God. For as soon as we try to think about God, we are turned aside to three phantoms, so that no kind of unity remains in our conception ..."

Here is a sample of what the Qur'an says in this regard:

Qur'an 5:73 "Certainly they disbelieve who say: Surely Allah is the third of the three. And there is no god but the One Allah; and if they desist not from what they say, a painful chastisement shall befall those among them who disbelieve."

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Part 4

Truth behind 'Lady of Fatima' 4

With this article we have simply wished to present certain facts to our fair-minded and intelligent friends; and although the secrecies and evidences point to the fact that the truth regarding the so called Fatima apparitions has been grossly distorted, yet we have not wished to insist that the apparitions in the village of Fatima was Hadrat Fatima (PBUH). Of course if it was Hadrat Fatima (PBUH), being so loving and benevolent toward humankind, surely her main concern would have been to save Christians from the distorted path which they have chosen, and to direct them toward everlasting Salvation by re-inviting Christians back to the Truth of Allah; and if it was Hadrat Maryam (PBUH) she would have certainly invited the Christians to the same Truth of Allah; if it was her (PBUH), she probably would have reintroduced Hadrat Fatima (PBUH) to them so that they might see the Light of the Truth, she might have even recited the following statement from the current book of revelation; after all in the midst of distortions of the current Bible, some rays from the Light of Allah still shines:

Bible, book of Revelation 12:1 "And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of TWELVE STARS."

As Christians believe, this statement was a vision of the future in the Last Days; a glorious Lady and Twelve Stars! Who could that be but the Lady Fatima and the Twelve Infallible Imams (PBUT), the 12 stars of the crown of her glory?! We cordially invite readers to study the article "Imam Mahdi's (PBUH) Birth, Ascension and Rise, and the Revelation of John" in this site: kindfather.com

Or perhaps, the whole thing was the wishful imagination of one child, leading the other two children, being under the influence of their pro-religion rural surroundings as opposed to the growing pro-secularization urban movement at the time, and Also it is important to mention that it has been said that "Lucia saw the statue smile at her ... Children loved and adored Lúcia. She was a fabulous storyteller with a gift for narration ... Father De Marchi said that she was not a pretty child ... Her mother did not take kindly to the news that her youngest daughter was having visitations, believing that she was simply making up lies for attention ..." (From the Wikipedia); in any case, Allah (SWT) knows best. But it is certainly thought provoking that although there have been many reported so called apparitions among Christians, this one which has the glorious name "Fatima", has received so much attention; yes truly even just uttering the celestial name "Fatima" itself has so much magnificence and grandeur that is beyond human comprehension, it opens closed doors, heals and ...; let alone loving Fatima (PBUH) and

believing in her Allah-Bestowed lordship, and her exalted status as one of the most beloved obedient servants of Allah We implore Allah to hasten the Appearance of Mahdi of Fatima (PBUT) which will be followed by the descent of 'Eesa of Maryam (PBUT) so that the Truth may be revealed ...

We the Muslims, do not need such stories to prove the rightfulness of the True Islam; just by comparing the character of Hadrat Maryam (PBUH) as presented in distorted Christianity with the beautiful manner she is presented in the True Islam, the Truth becomes brighter than the daylight for any fair-minded person who truly loves God and seeks the Truth; and this is what we intend to do next.

Firstly the concept of the "Original Sin" which is believed by most Christians must be understood. Christians believe that Eve, Hadrat Hawwa (PBUH) committed the Original sin by eating from the tree which God had forbidden (Bible, Old Testament, book of genesis, 3:1-6).

In the New Testament of the Bible, Paul -he who usurped the Allah bestowed Successorship Right of Sham'oon Safa (Simon Peter)- is quoted to have said that Hadrat Hawwa (PBUH) was the sinner:

"Let the woman learn in silence with all subjection. But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence. For Adam was first formed, then Eve. And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression." [1 Timothy 2:11-14]

Then, the Christians believe that any human being born to this world inherits that Original Sin and thus is born unclean and a sinner; this is one reason they baptize children at birth:

"Augustine of Hippo (354–430) taught This particular sin would not have taken place, if Satan hadn't sown into their senses "the root of evil" ... Having committed this particular sin human nature was henceforth transformed. Adam and Eve, via sexual reproduction, recreated human nature. Their descendants now live in sin ... Augustine believed that the only definitive destinations of souls are heaven and hell. He concluded that unbaptized infants go to hell as a consequence of original sin." (Wikipedia Encyclopedia)

But, "Some Christians do not accept the doctrine indicated by the terms "original sin" or "ancestral sin", which are not found in the Bible." Wikipedia states further.

On the other hand: "Those who uphold this doctrine look to the teaching of Paul the Apostle in Romans 5:12-21 and 1 Corinthians 15:22 for its scriptural base." (Oxford Dictionary of the Christian Church (Oxford University Press 2005), article Original Sin).

It is this very same distorted doctrine which created the evil belief that women are the source of sin:

"Do you know that each of you is an Eve? The sentence of God on this sex of yours lives in this age; the guilt must necessarily live also. You are the Devil's gateway; you are the unsealer of that tree; you are the first deserter of the Divine Law; you are she who persuaded him when the devil was not valiant enough to attack. You destroyed so easily God's image in man. On account of your deserts (i.e. death), even the Son of God had to die." St. Tertullian - de Coltu Feminarum.

It is noteworthy to mention that it was actually based on imported philosophical formulas such as those regarding the relation of cause and effect that the Christians innovated this doctrine; i.e. the doctrine of Original Sin originated from Greek philosophy, the philosophy which Paul was also quite familiar with:

"In Platonism and its subsequent variations the question of the cause and nature of evil was basic. The general assumption that sin and evil are ontological (that they have actual essence) contributed to and forms the basic premise of the doctrine of original sin. To be inherited, sin must have essence, real being; it must consist in some thing that causes evil choice and action, instead of being the moral character of the choice itself ... It appears that the early framers and proponents of the doctrine of original sin did not use the Bible as their starting point. That is, the doctrine did not emerge on its own out of Biblical exegesis ... From this and from the ideas behind infant baptism, Origen contributed to the doctrine ... Largely out of his own personal experience--his struggle with temptation and his life of defeat in sin--rather than out of The Scriptures themselves, Augustine advanced the new doctrine ... And so the doctrine of original sin was officially established in the Church, first in the West and eventually in the East (Ephesus, AD 431) ..." (The Influence Of Greek Philosophy On The Development Of Christian Theology, by J. W. Jepson, D.Min.)

So basically, Christians believe that all infants at birth inherit the Original Sin and are therefore sinners, even though the poor child has not committed any sin!!! They also believe that the wage of sin is death, so to their opinion that is why humans die, because humans -whether they themselves have committed sins or not- are all born sinners. As a result, they believe that no human -being sinful- can ever be saved and enter heaven and thus have eternal life; so they decided that God Himself had to die for their sins and thus pay the wage of humans' sins so that humankind may have eternal life in heaven!!! So, the unlimited God became a weak man, is own son, called Jesus, and suffered and was killed for the sins of humankind. Therefore now that God has died for humankind, the wage of humankind's sins has been paid and thus humans do not need to worry, not only the inherited original sin is forgiven but also are all the committed sins of the past, present and future; thus humans can commit any sin they wish because they have been saved by the blood of God and they will live forever in heaven!!! SOBHAANALLAH

At this point, let us quote a few statements of the renowned historian Will Durant from his book: *Caesar and Christ*. New York: Simon. 1944. Vol. 3 of *The Story of Civilization*. 11 vols. 1935-75:

“Christianity did not destroy paganism; it adopted it: (Caesar 595)

Durant ties in philosophy with Christianity when he states that the second century Alexandrian Church, from which both Clement and Origen came, “wedded Christianity to Greek philosophy” (Caesar 613)

Durant writes of the famed pagan philosopher, Plotinus, that “Christianity accepted nearly every line of him...” (Caesar 611)

Durant adds that ‘with [Origen] Christianity ceased to be only a comforting faith; it became a full-fledged philosophy ... (Caesar 615)

Durant summarizes early Christianity: “In Christ and Peter, Christianity was Jewish; in Paul it became half Greek; in Catholicism it became half Roman” (Caesar 579)

Let us pay attention that Will Durant, a renowned historian, has clearly mentioned the role of pagan philosophy in the beliefs of Christianity; in addition, noticeably he reminds that at the

beginning Christianity with the teachings of Jesus and Peter, the Prophet and his God Chosen Successor, was in line with the teachings of previous Prophets, before distortions of course, and then Durant states that with Paul, i.e. the usurper, teachings of Jesus and Peter were changed and they became half Greek, and later with the Church, they were distorted further and became half Roman. Yes, this is how the teachings of Hadrat 'Eesa and Sham'oon Safa -Simon Peter- (PBUT) were eventually distorted, a process which is still ongoing. It is also very important to mention that while the Catholic Church regards Peter very highly, but it actually has been following the distorted teachings of Paul, philosophy and ,... . THEREFORE WE ALL MUST REALIZE THAT JUST THE mere CLAIM OF LOVING AND HONORING THE PROPHETS AND THEIR ALLAH CHOSEN SUCCESSORS IS NOT SUFFICIENT, RATHER TRULY LOVING AND HONORING THEM IS NECESSARY, I.E. TRULY LOVING AND HONORING THEIR ALLAH TAUGHT WAY AND THUS OBEYING AND FOLLOWING THEIR LEAD.

Do you see how Shaitaan misleads humankind toward perdition by inviting human to follow the evil teachings of usurpers, and to use limited and man made and imagined tools such as philosophy, mysticism and ..., instead of following the pure teachings of Allah (SWT) through His Chosen and Infallible Prophets and their Successors (PBUT)?

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Part 5

Truth behind 'Lady of Fatima' 5

Now that to a certain extent, we have understood the concept of the Original Sin, let us go back to our subject; i.e. the manner by which the character of the pure Hadrat Maryam (PBUH) has been presented by Christians, or it is more accurate to say, has been misrepresented! With the distorted and man made formula of the Original Sin, even Mary, Hadrat Maryam (PBUH), had to be considered a sinner:

"In some groups [Catholics ...], Mary is venerated for her part in the birth of Jesus, but we must remember that she was also a sinner, daughter of Adam ... Neither does she merit the title "Godbearer," given to her by some ..." (M. P. L. Dunteman) This basically summarizes the current Protestant belief in this regard.

And as for the Catholics, the following are samples of their CHRONOLOGICAL beliefs regarding Mary -Maryam- (PBUH) which are again based on the same distorted concept of the Original Sin:

Augustine Bishop of Hippo "Whatever flesh of sin Jesus took, He took of the flesh of the sin of his mother. Jesus did not partake of sin, but took of his mother, which came under the judgment of sin." "He, Christ alone, being made man but remaining God never had any sin, nor did he take of the flesh of sin. Though He took flesh of the sin of his mother."

"If the Scriptures be duly considered, and the saying of the doctors ancient and modern, who have been most devoted to the glorious Virgin, it is plain from their words that she was conceived in sin," (Cardinal Cajetan, De Loc Theol. parts c. 2.)

But later the Catholics realized that there was a major problem: if Mary was sinful and the Original Sin was going to be inherited by her child, then how the sinless god, i.e. Jesus was going to be born of the sinful Mary? So they decided to some how solve this problem. The solution was to make the sinful Mary sinless too, just like Jesus, even though their own teachings had clearly stated that she was a sinner!

Therefore the doctrine of Mary's sinlessness is fairly new, not an apostolic tradition. It was in 1547, at the council of Trent that the Catholic Church announced the sinlessness of Mary enabling her to avoid venial sins. In 1620 Pope Paul the 5th forbade anything contrary to the teaching of Mary's immaculate conception to be said publicly under threat of excommunication. In 1622 Pope Gregory the 15th forbade any contradictory statements of her immaculate conception to be made in private. And so began the official elevation of Mary, or as the Christians say: the mother of the humanity of the Lord God!

Now some thing else had to be resolved. Christians believe that only God is sinless; i.e. they believe that only god the father, god the son and the holy spirit who are three but one, is/are sinless! But now in order to solve a philosophical problem, they had to make Mary sinless, and in order for her to be sinless, she had to be a deity!

Thus Pope Pius IX in 1854 solved the problem: "Let all the children of the Catholic Church ... Proceed to worship, invoke, and pray to the most blessed Virgin Mary, mother of God, conceived without original sin",

So this is how Mary actually became a goddess "Let all the children of the Catholic Church ... Proceed to worship ... the most blessed Virgin"

Now another problem had to be resolved: according to the Catholics god or better said gods, being sinless, can not die, because they believe that death is the wage and judgment of sin. NO PROBLEM! They solved that too!

In 1950 Pius the 12th said, "Mary the immaculate perpetual virgin mother of God after the completion of her earthly life was assumed body and soul into the glory of heaven." Officially on November 1, 1950, the bull Munificentissimus Deus declared the dogma of the Assumption of Mary. This dogma asserts "that the Virgin Mary, the Immaculate Mother of God, when the course of her life was finished, was taken up, body and soul, into the glory of heaven" (Acta Apostolicae Sedis, 32 [1950], pp. 753-73).

BUT THERE IS STILL ANOTHER PROBLEM WHICH THE CATHOLICS HAVE NOT YET SOLVED: ISN'T IT THAT TRINITY MEANS THREE GODS, but NOW THERE ARE FOUR GODS, GOD THE FATHER, GOD THE SON, HOLY SPIRIT AND MARY!!! INSTEAD OF A

TRIAD, NOW THERE IS A QUADRIAD!!! PERHAPS THIS PROBLEM WILL BE RESOLVED IN THE YEARS TO COME!!!

WE WISH TO ASK A VERY SIMPLE QUESTION FROM CHRISTIANS: HOW COULD YOU CLAIM THAT CHRISTIANITY IS RELIGION OF GOD WHILE ITS TEACHINGS ARE FROM MEN AND NOT FROM THE PROPHET OF GOD?!

Let us now look at Qur'an 5:116 and 117:

And when Allah will say: O 'Eesa son of Maryam! Did you say to Naas (humans), Take me and my mother for two gods besides Allah? He will say: Glory be to Thee, it did not befit me that I should say what I had no right to (say); if I had said it, Thou wouldst indeed have known it; Thou knowest what is in my self, and I do not know what is in Thy Self, surely Thou art the great Knower of the unseen things.

I did not say to them aught save what Thou didst enjoin me with: That serve and worship Allah, my Lord and your Lord, and I was a witness over them so long as I was among them, but when Thou didst take me, Thou were the watcher over them, and Thou art witness over all things.

Notice how the Magnificent Qur'an over 1400 years ago talked about a matter which was going to be officially declared centuries later, the same matter that Hadrat 'Eesa (PBUH) is going to be questioned about on Qiyaamat, i.e. the matter of divinity of Hadrat Maryam (PBUH)!

Let us also not forget that as mentioned in part 1 of chapter 2 of this Ebook the issue of worship of mother and child is a pagan issue too which was imported into Christianity.

Another point is that this verse uses the word Naas (humans); perhaps this may imply that the early followers of the Prophet Jesus (PBUH) who were mainly of the children of Israel did not have such a belief at all, rather later humans adopting pagan beliefs developed such a belief regarding Hadrats 'Eesa and Maryam (PBUT) ... **Allah Knows best ...**

Anyhow ... this is only one reason why it is said that Qur'an, The Only undistorted Book of Allah on earth, encompasses past, present and future; and as Qur'an and the Prophet Mohammad (PBUH and HP) have promised, today still with Guardianship of Hadrat Mahdi (PBUH), the Words and also the Heart of Qur'an is protected till the end ... WHETHER DISBELIEVERS AND POLYTHEISTS LIKE IT OR NOT!

YES TRULY QUR'AN WITH MOHAMMAD AND HIS AHLULBAYT (PBUT) ARE THE GREATEST MIRACLE OF THE ONE AND ONLY ALLAH ...

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Part 6

Truth behind 'Lady of Fatima' 6

Here it is important to say that we Muslims, believing in the real Hadrat 'Eesa and the real Hadrat Maryam (PBUT), love and honor them; at the same time, many times unknowingly, we Muslims think that Christians believe in the same Hadrats 'Eesa and Maryam (PBUT) that we believe in, but sadly Christians have actually created imaginary idols and have called them 'eesa and maryam; as Imam Reda (PBUH) has clarified, we detest a jesus being god and son of god, rather we believe in the real 'Eesa -Jesus- (PBUH) who was a servant and 'Abd of Allah and had given glad tidings regarding Hadrat Mohammad (PBUH and HP) ...

Qur'an 3:79 It has not been so for a man that Allah would give him the Book and the Hokm and Prophethood, then he would have said to mankind: Be worshippers for me, from other than Allah; but rather (he would have said): Be worshippers of the Lord, for that you have been teaching the Book, and by what you have been reading.

Qur'an 3:80 And neither would he have enjoined you to take the angels and the Prophets for Lords; what! Would he enjoin you with unbelief after you are Muslims?!

Before we look at how Muslims consider Hadrat Maryam (PBUH), we wish to make another point: it was reported that the Lady in the Fatima apparitions talked about a holy family and her immaculateness. Considering what we have just reviewed, the immaculateness of Mary was actually in the process of being established by the Catholic Church at the time of the apparitions; and about the holy family which the Catholic Church insists that it was Joseph, Mary and Jesus. Firstly Joseph was not Jesus' father, so this was not really a family; and secondly Joseph is also considered a sinner according to the same concept of the original sin as Mary was also considered so, only a few years before the Fatima apparitions; thus Joseph, Mary and Jesus can not be considered a holy family by the Catholic standards. While the Holy Qur'an says in regard to the AhluBayt, i.e. Mohammad, Ali, Fatima, Hasan, Hosain and the nine Imams from Hosain (PBUT):

Qur'an 33:33 ... This is it and nothing but this, Allah has certainly Willed to keep away the uncleanness from you, the AhluBayt, and to Purify you, a (thorough ...) purifying.

Even the Sunni have narrated that this verse, among many other verses, was revealed regarding 'Ali and Fatima and their House; here as a sample, we offer one Sunni Hadith:

Ibn Abbas said, "I saw the messenger of Allah (a.s.) everyday for seven months come to the door (house) of Ali bin Abi Talib at the time of prayer saying, 'Peace, mercy, and blessings of Allah be on you, the AhlulBayt (people of the House). This is it and nothing but this, Allah has willed to keep away the uncleanness from you, O the AhlulBayt, and to purify you a (thorough) purifying ..."

(The Sunni Ad-Durr al-Manthur, vol.5 p.199)

Now, let us briefly look at how the True Islam -the Chosen Religion by the One and Only God, the True Religion of all Chosen Prophets and Successors- has presented Hadrat Hawwa and Hadrat Maryam (PBUH):

Firstly Hadrat Hawwa -Eve- (PBUH) is absolutely not considered as the source of human sins in Islam; in fact in no place of the Magnificent Qur'an Hadrat Hawwa (PBUH) is addressed alone in regard to the issue of the fruit -which itself has a very profound meaning-, rather in the Surah Baqarah (2), verses 34 to 36, and in the Surah A'raaf (7), verses 12 to 23, both Hadrats Adam and Hawwa (PBUH) are addressed together, and in the Surah Taa-Haa (20), verses 117 to 121 only Hadrat Adam (PBUH) is addressed. Hadrat Adam (PBUH) was a Prophet of Allah; he is very much respected and loved by all Muslims, and so is Hadrat Hawwa (PBUH).

Secondly every one is born sin-free and then each person will be judged based on his own actions as a responsible adult who freely, during his life decides to either commit sins or not, and also to repent or not. In fact both Shi'ah and Sunni have narrated this Hadith from the Prophet Mohammad (PBUH and HP) that: "Every infant is born on Fetrat (the innate nature of monotheism)." Which is an interpretation of the verse 30 of the Surah Rume (30) of the Magnificent Qur'an.

And thirdly, in regard to Hadrat Maryam (PBUH) in Surah Aale-'Emraan (3) verse 37, it is stated that Allah has accepted the Lady:

So her Lord accepted her with a good acceptance and made her grow up a good growing, and gave her into the charge of Zakariya; whenever Zakariya entered the adytum to (see) her, he found with her food. He said: O Maryam! Whence comes this to you? She said: It is from Allah. Surely Allah gives to whom He pleases without measure.

Also in the same Surah of Qur'an, verse 42, it is stated:

And when the angels said: O Maryam! Surely Allah has chosen you and purified you and chosen you upon the women of the worlds.

It is not complicated at all, rather it is quite simple: there is only one Creator and Lord, the One and Only Allah Whom absolutely no one is like unto Him; He has Chosen certain one of His special creations, and Hadrat Maryam (PBUH) is one of those special and pure ones who were chosen among the women of the worlds and beings of her time.

Here it is noteworthy to mention that in some verses of Qur'an, words such as "worlds" are used, many times indicating the peoples of that certain time; for instance in 2:47 using past tense verbs Allah (SWT) reminds the children of Israel that He had previously chosen and preferred them among the worlds and had bestowed upon them many favours which He lists in the next verses, but the Bani Israel were so ungrateful and disobedient that in verse 61 it is stated:

2:61 ... And abasement and humiliation were brought down upon them, and they became deserving of Allah's Wrath; this was so because they disbelieved in the communications and signs of Allah and killed the prophets unjustly; this was so because they disobeyed and exceeded the limits.

Thus it is obvious that they were chosen to have Prophets for delivering Allah's message among the peoples and worlds of their time but their own disobedience and cruelties cause them to lose their status. So the "worlds" indicated in verse 2:47 "absolutely" does not mean that they had higher status than all the peoples from the beginning to the end, rather it only means among the peoples of that time, as the Hadiths of Mohammad and the AhluBayt (PBUT) also verify.

So Hadrat Maryam (PBUH) was purified by Allah and she was chosen among the ladies of her time; but as both Shi'ah and Sunni have narrated, Hadrat Fatima (PBUH) has been preferred over all women from the beginning to the end; i.e. Hadrat Fatima (PBUH) holds the highest possible status among all women, past, present and future. Here as a sample we wish to present a few Sunni Hadiths:

Sahih al-Bukhari Hadith: 4.819:

Narrated 'Aisha:

The Messenger of Allah said to Fatimah (who was crying at her father's deathbed): "Are you not pleased and happy that you are the chief of all the ladies of Paradise, or the chief of all the believing women?"

The Sunni Tafsir al-Durr al-Manthoor:

Ibn Abbas narrated that The Messenger of Allah said:

"Four women are the mistress of the worlds: Maryam, Asiya (the wife of Pharaoh), Khadija, and Fatimah. And the most excellent one among them is Fatimah."

The Sunni Jowayni in his book "Faraa'ed-O-Ssemtayn" narrates a Hadith from the Messenger of Allah:

"And about my daughter Fatima; she is surely the master of all ladies of the all worlds from the ones in the past and the ones of the future; and she is a part of me and she is the light of my eyes and she is the fruit of my heart. And she is my soul and spirit between my two sides. And she is a (heavenly) Huriyah who is like Human. Whenever she stands before her Lord in her adytum of praying, her light shines for the angels of the sky as the light of stars of the sky shine for people on earth. At this time Allah, Honored and Glorified, says to His angels: O My angels! Look at Fatimah, master of my servants, who stands before me while her sides and shoulders

tremble from my awe and has come to worship Me with her heart. I call to witness you, the angels, that I have surely saved her Shias [followers ...] from the Fire”

The word Fatima in Arabic is derived from the verb which means to wean, draw away and separate; The Prophet Mohammad (PBUH and HP) has said that one reason his daughter has been named Fatima was because Allah would separate and draw those who love her away from the Fire. (Behaar-ol-Anwaar, vol. 43, pp. 12 to 16; Ershaad-ol-Qoloob, vol. 2, p. 232; 'Oyoon Akhbaar Reda; 'Elal-ol-Sharaaye'; ...)

The Prophet Muhammad (PBUH and HP) has also said that the Light of Fatima was created before the creation of the earth and skies ... and her followers and Shias would be saved from the Fire and her enemies would be deprived of her affection (Behaar-ol-Anwaar, vol. 43, p. 4; ...)

O ALLAH! WE IMPLORE YOU IN THE NAME OF FATIMA TO HASTEN THE GLORIOUS APPEARANCE OF MAHDI OF FATIMA (PBUT) WHEN ACCORDING TO THE PROPHET MOHAMMAD (PBUH and HP):

'Eesa (Jesus) will descend to the Maqdas land, upon a passage way called 'Afiq'; then he ('Eesa) shall enter the Bayt al-Maqdas while people will be in (preparation of) the Morning Salaat (Prayer); and the Imam (Mahdi) will step back, but 'Eesa shall give him (Mahdi) the lead, and ('Eesa) will perform the Salaat behind him (Mahdi) based on the Shari'at of Mohammad, and ('Eesa) will say:

YOU ARE THE AHLUL BAIT THAT NO ONE SHOULD TAKE PRECEDENCE OVER.

(Shi'ah documents: Montakhab-OI-Athar, p. 316; Yawm-OI-Khalaas, p. 552; ...; Sunni documents: Sahih Moslem, vol 1 & vol 8; Sawaa'eq-OI-Mohraqah, p. 162; ...)

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Chapter 6 – The Real Jesus

Part 1

The real 'Eesa -Jesus- (PBUH), or a figment of imagination called jesus?!

Safwaan son of Yahya, one of Saaberi's companions, has narrated that Aboo-Qarah, a companion of Jaathaliq [christian leader, wanted him to take him to Imam Red(z)a (PBUH). He said that he requested permission from Imam Reda (PBUH), and the Imam said to bring him to his majlis [sitting].

When Aboo-Qarah entered Imam Reda's (PBUH) majlis, he kissed the rug on which the Imam was sitting, and said: This is how it is upon us to do to the nobles of our time. [1]

Then Aboo-Qarah said to the Imam (PBUH): May Allah bless you ; what do you say about a group claiming something, and another group, introduced as being just, testifying for them? The Imam (PBUH) replied: They have the right to claim.

He next asked: What about the other group, if claiming a matter but finding no witness, except amongst themselves? Imam (PBUH) replied: Their claim is not valid.

He [Aboo-Qarah] then said: Surely we [christians] claim that jesus is the rawhollah and his word, cast in her [Maryam], and Muslims agree with us in this, while Muslims claim that Mohammad is a Prophet and we do not follow them on this claim; and surely that which we are in consensus is superior to that which we are in disagreement. [2]

At this point Imam Reda (PBUH) asked: What is your name ? He answered: I'm Yoohanna.

Imam (PBUH) said: O' Yoohanna! Surely we believe in 'Eesa [Jesus] son of Maryam, the Rawhollah [spirit of Allah, due to an Allah-Created spirit bestowed on 'Eesa -PBUH-] and His Kalemah, who had believed in Prophet Mohammad (PBUH and HP), and had given Glad Tidings about him, and had confessed himself that he was indeed Allah's Marboob 'Abd [a created being, serving his Lord Allah]; and if your 'eesa, rawhollah and his word, was not he who believed in Mohammad (PBUH and HP) and had not given Glad Tidings about him, and had not confessed himself his servanthship, and the Lordship of Allah, the Undefeatable and the Awe-inspiring, then we distance ourselves from and strongly detest him [Baree']; so in what, are we in consensus?! [3]

Aboo-Qarah stood up and told Safwaan son of yahya: get up! Certainly this majlis has not satisfied our need and has not proven beneficial for us.

Documents: ('Oyoon al-Akhbaar al-Reda (PBUH), volume 2, p557; Behaar al Anwaar, v2, p327; ...)

Notes:

[1] At first, it appeared that the man humbly kissed the rug as a gesture of respect to Imam Reda (PBUH), but later it became obvious that his so called show of respect and humbleness was merely that, an empty show, and not really due to his realization of the Allah-Bestowed position of Imam Reda (PBUH); as observed later, as soon as he did not receive the answer he was after, he left and presented neither respect nor humility before the opinion of the Hojjat (Proof) of Allah, Imam Reda (PBUH).

[2] The man tried to present a logical case stating that both Christians and Muslims believe in 'Eesa -Jesus-, but only Muslims believe in Mohammad (PBUT), thus trying to establish that he whom they both believe in is the rightful one. It is amazing how some people with the magic of words try to confuse and thus misguide others, but obviously this man had not realized who he was talking to!

[3] The Imam (PBUH) pointed to a very significant issue, an issue which today's society is very much involved with. Many times people imagine and build their own gods and ... in their minds; i.e. they create imaginary idols and believe in them; disregarding the vital fact that there is only one God, the Almighty Creator Allah, and that He and His Prophets (PBUT) are as they truly have been, and not as imagined by people; we cordially invite you to read the articles: "O' God!" and "Finding God" in this site: kindfather.com

O' the One and Only Allah! We implore You in the names of they who the real 'Eesa (PBUH) has loved the most among Your creations, Mohammad and his AhlulBayt (PBUT), to hasten the Appearance of the Ever-Anticipated last Remainder of that very same AhlulBayt, he whom 'Eesa will follow his lead and assist him in his global task, Imam Mahdi (PBUT)

AAMEEN.

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Part 2

Glad Tidings regarding the AhlulBayt in the True Enjil of 'Eesa (True Gospel of Jesus)

In the glorious horizon of celestial wishes, we offer a humble bouquet of love and gratitude wrapped in the blue sky of hope to he whose Appearance the entire Existence has been longing for ...

Leave us no longer yearning for the greening of a flower, O the Spring of hearts!

Come and let the flower of your Appearance grow in the alleyways of our hearts.

Come and put a garment of blossoms on the dried garden of honesty and humanity;

come and with your green hands revive the love of Mohammad and his Pure Progeny.

The following is a true and beautiful story revealing spiritually vital facts existing in the True writings of Hadrat 'Eesa; he whose heart, together with other Anticipating hearts, beat for the Emergence of Mohammad's beloved, Mahdi (PBUT), so that finally, as Promised, the Truth of Allah will pervade hearts and souls:

Abaan narrated from Solaym ibn Qays who said:

I was with the Amir-Ol-Mo'menin (PBUH) when we were returning from the battle of Seffain. The troops landed by a convent of monks. Therefrom, a well formed old man (with beauteous complexion) came out to the Amir-Ol-Mo'menin. While holding a book, he greeted the AmirulMo'menin with the title of "Caliph of Allah" (he said: salaam be upon you O' the Caliph of Allah). [1]

(AmirulMo'menin (PBUH) replied: Marhaba my brother Sham'oon, How are you? May Allah bless you. [2]

He answered: Fine O' AmirulMo'menin, the Sayyed [Master] of Muslims and Wasi [Successor] of the Rasool [Messenger] of the Lord of the worlds;) I am a descendant of a man from the Disciples of your brother 'Eesa son of Maryam. I am a descendent of Sham'oon, (the Wasi of 'Eesa son of Maryam,) the very best, the most beloved and preferred among the twelve disciples. 'Eesa son of Maryam declared his will and entrusted his Books, Knowledge and Hekmat [Wisdom ...] to him. His offspring have remained steadfast in his Religion and loyal to his beliefs; they have not become disbelievers and have not changed or transformed their beliefs. Those Books which 'Eesa son of Maryam had dictated and were in our forefather's handwriting, are all in my possession.

In those, were written what people would do after 'Eesa; the names of all rulers were mentioned one by one, How long each ruler would rule, and what would happen during their rule; up to the time Allah would appoint an Arab man, from Ismael son of Ibrahim, the Khalil of Rahman [Friend of Allah], from a land named Tahaamah, (from a town called Mecca) whose name would be Ahmad, (with open face, attractive eyes and connected eyebrows. He would be the possessor of camel, ass, scepter and crown, meaning turban [3],) and he would have twelve names. In there were mentioned, the dates of his birth, his Mab'ath [declaration of Prophethood] and Mohaajerat [migration]; the people helping him and those opposing him; the duration of his life; (things regarding which, his Ommah [nation] would dispute about and disperse after him. Also the names of every Imam of Guidance, and all the imams of aberration,) till the day Allah will send 'Eesa son of Maryam from heaven.

In this Book the names of thirteen offspring from Ismael son of Ibrahim, Khalil of Rahman, [Mohammad and the twelve Immaculate and Infallible Imams (PBUT)] are written, and they are the very best whom Allah has created and the most beloved by Allah. Allah loves whoever loves them and detests their enemies. Anyone obeying them, is guided, any one disobeying their commands, goes astray. Their obedience is Allah's obedience, and their disobedience is Allah's disobedience.

In this book are their names, their ancestry and genealogy, their qualities and descriptions; (and how long each one lives, one after the other,) and how many of them conceal their belief and hide it from their people, and which one of them makes manifest his beliefs (and rules manifestly and people will submit to him). Until the time when Allah will send 'Eesa son of Maryam to the last one of them [Imam Mahdi (PBUH)]. 'Eesa son of Maryam will perform Prayer

behind him and shall say: **YOU ARE THE IMAMS THAT NO ONE DESERVES TO TAKE PRECEDENCE OVER.**

That last Imam will go on and lead the Prayer for peoples while ‘Eesa will stand behind him in the first row.

The first of those thirteen [Hadrat Mohammad (PBUH and HP)], is the most superior, and the reward of the last one of them [Hadrat Mahdi (PBUH)] will be like the reward of all of them and the reward of those following them and guided by their Guidance.

[The following is a quotation from the aforementioned Book in regard to the most beloved creations of Allah, Mohammad and his AhlulBayt (PBUT), recited by Sham’oon the descendant of the Wasi of Hadrat ‘Eesa]

“(In the name of Allah, the Compassionate, the Merciful)

Ahmad is the Rasool of Allah, his names are Mohammad and Yaasyn (and TaaHaa and Nune) and Khaatam and Haasher and ‘Aaqeb and Maahee. He is the Nabi [Prophet] of Allah, Khalil [Friend] of Allah, Habib [Beloved] of Allah, His Safi [Chosen One], (His Amin [trustworthy trustee],) and His Khiyarah [Appointee]. Allah has been observing his transfer inside the prostrating ones, meaning inside the backs of Prophets, (and has spoken to him in his Mercy, and whenever Allah is remembered, he is too;) he is the most honored creation of Allah and the most beloved by Him. Allah has not created any creation, neither a drawn near angel, nor a sent Rasool from Adam to others, more superior and beloved than him. Allah in the Day of Qiyaamat will sit him on His ‘Arsh [Throne of Power and Sovereignty], and accept his intercession for whoever he intercedes; in his name, the Pen [Qalam] flowed in The Protected and Guarded Tablet [Lawh Al-Mahfooz] in The Basis and Essence of the Book [Omm Al-Ketaab]. He is Mohammad the Rasool of Allah. Then his brother is the possessor of the flag on the Day of Qiyaamat, The Grand Day of Gathering [Mahshar Kobra]; he is the Prophet’s brother, Wasi, Wazir [Minister], and his Caliph in his Ommah. The most beloved creation by the Almighty Allah after Him is ‘Ali son of AbiTaaleb, who is the Wali [the Allah Chosen lord] of all believers, after him. Then eleven Imams from the offspring of the first one of the twelve, two of them are named like Haaron’s sons, Shabbar and Shabyr [Hasan and Hosain in Arabic], and nine descendants of the younger brother, Hosain, will be one after the other. The last one is he whom ‘Eesa son of Maryam will stand behind to perform Prayer.”

The names of any of the Imams who rule, and those who present openly or conceal their Beliefs are mentioned in this Book. The first one who will [thoroughly] present manifestly his Religion is the one who will cause Justice to pervade cities, and he will rule between the east and the west, until Allah will make him prevail over all religions.

When the Rasool of Allah declared Prophethood, my father was still alive, he confirmed and believed in him, and bore witness that he was the Prophet of Allah. My father was so old that he was not able to stand on his feet. When he was passing away, he told me: Mohammad's Caliph whose name and qualities are mentioned in this Book, will be passing by your convent, at the time when the three imams of aberration and misguidance, the inviters to the Fire, whose names and qualities and the duration of their ruling are mentioned in this Book, [AbuBakr, 'Omar and 'Othmaan] have already passed away; when he ['Ali son of AbiTaa'leeb] will be passing your convent, go to him and swear allegiance to him, and join him in battles against his enemies because jihad next to him (PBUH) is jihad next to Mohammad (PBUH and HP); and loving him is like loving Mohammad (PBUH and HP); and his enemies are Mohammad's enemies.

O' AmirulMo'menin! It is written in this Book that twelve Qorayshi leaders from the Prophet Mohammad's tribe exert enmity against the AhlulBayt of the Prophet, detest them, prevent their Right, horrify, forsake, deprive and kill them. Their names one by one, and their characteristics are mentioned in this Book, so are the durations and domains of their rulership, and all the killings, fear and afflictions which they will cause your children, helpers and Shias. And it is also written how once again Allah will substitute and succeed you in their friends' and helpers' places, and all the abjectness, wars, calamities, degradation, killings, and fear they will experience from you.

Then the monk said: O' AmirulMo'menin! open your hand so that I may pledge my allegiance to you; I bear witness that there is no god but Allah, and Mohammad is His servant and Rasool, and you are the Caliph of the Rasool of Allah and his Wasi in his Ommah, and His witness upon people and His Hojjat [Proof] on His earth, and Islam is the Religion of Allah, and I detest any religion that is against Islam because Islam is the Religion Allah has Chosen (for Himself) and has become Pleased of it for His Awliya [true friends and followers], it is the Religion of 'Eesa son of Maryam and the Religion of all other Prophet's and Messenger's before him [4], and this is the Religion which my ancestors have believed in. I love him [Muhammad], you and your friends, and I detest your enemies; I love the eleven Imams from your offspring and detest their enemies and opposers, those resenting them, claiming their [Allah Bestowed and Ordained] Rights and oppressing them, I detest all of them, from the very first to the last of them.

At this time, he shook his hand and swore allegiance. Then AmirulMo'menin (PBUH) asked him to give that Book to him. He did so. AmirulMo'menin told one of his companions to rise and go with the man and find a translator who could understand him [5], and ask him to translate the Book to clear Arabic. He left with the man, and returned later with the translated version of the Book in to Arabic.

When he brought back the Book, AmirulMo'menin told his son Hasan (PBUT): "Bring me that Book I had entrusted to you." He (PBUH) did so. AmirulMo'menin asked his son to read that [translated] Book; and requested him who was pretending not to know [one of the hypocrites], to look at the version of the Book which was in Hadrat 'Ali's (PBUH) handwriting and was dictated by the Prophet. Hasan (PBUH) started to read the Book, there were absolutely no transposition in the words, not even one letter was different, as if one person had dictated to two different people!

Then the AmirulMo'menin (PBUH) said Praise and Adoration: all Prays be to Allah; if He had Wished the Ommah would not have differed and not dissipated; all Prays be to Allah who has not forgotten me, has not forsaken my matter, and has not unkindled my remembrance in Himself, and not in His Friends while [in them,] He has diminished the remembrance of Shaytaan and his party.

Solaym said that from this event, the Shias who were present became happy and thankful of Allah. On the other hand, it also made many people who were around unhappy, so much so that the effect of their unhappiness was quite apparent in their visages and complexions.

[O Allah! We implore You in the names of all Prophets and their True Chosen Successors (PBUT) to hasten the Appearance of Your, their and our Beloved Mahdi (PBUH) who will disclose all previous Divine Books and the Truth which Inshaa'allah will unite humankind under Your Flag]

Documents of this Hadith:

1. The book of Solaym son of Qays: Hadith 16

2. Menhaaj al Faazelin: p228

3. Behaar al Anwaar: volume 15, p236 and also volume 38 p54
4. Ethbaat al Hoda: volume 1 p204 Hadith 132 and also volume 1 p658
5. Madinat al Ma'aajez: p83 No. 208
6. Al Ghaybah No'maani: p48
7. Ershaad al Qoloob: volume 2, p298
8. Al Fazaa'el Shaazaan: p142
9. Ketaab Al Rozah: p24
10. Al Saqafi Manaaqeb: p258

Notes:

[1] According to Qur'an (2:30, ...) and authentic Ahaadith from the Prophet Muhammad and his AhlulBayt (PBUT) the title "Caliph of Allah" can only be used for those whom Allah (SWT) has Chosen Himself as His Hojjaat and Proof on His earth; unfortunately throughout the centuries this title has also been used over and over by self appointed usurpers.

[2] It is important to notice that Hadrat 'Ali (PBUH), being an Infallible Imam with Bestowed Knowledge, knew the gentleman already; and as it becomes apparent in reading through the Hadith, the man knew Hadrat 'Ali (PBUH) from Glad Tidings in the True Enjil. Another point to pay attention is that Hadrat (PBUH) used the word Marhaba, which is a form of greeting in Arabic, when receiving the gentleman. This point that the AmirulMo'menin did not use Salaam

seems to be due to the fact that the man had not yet declared affirmations at the time; it appears from other Ahaadith that the AhlulBayt (PBUT) have emphasized that Salaam is to be used only in greeting professed Muslims.

[3] On the Day of Ghadir, when the Prophet Mohammad (PBUH and HP) was placing his turban on Hadrat 'Ali's (PBUH) head, stated that the Arab's crown is his turban.

[4] The Religion of all Prophets (PBUT) of Allah (SWT) -before the distortions imposed by the evil usurpers of the Successorship Right of the Allah Chosen Successors (Awsiya) and by their malevolent and some times unknowing followers and ...- was Islam, and at time of Hadrat Mahdi (PBUH) the same True Islam at its peak of beauty and perfection will expand all over; this is the meaning of the verses of Qur'an in which it is emphasized that the only Divine Religion is Islam and thus only Islam is accepted by Allah (3:19, 3:85, ...).

[5] Notice, it is quite obvious that up to that point Hadrat 'Ali (PBUH) was conversing with the man in his language and not in Arabic; remember that Hadrat 'Ali (PBUH) never had a human teacher but Hadrat Mohammad (PBUH and HP); these are the Hojjats of Allah (SWT) We cordially invite you to read the articles: "the Ummi Prophet, illiterate or not!", "Knowledge chest of all sciences" and "Names of Mohammad and 'Ali (SBUT) in the Bible" in this site:
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