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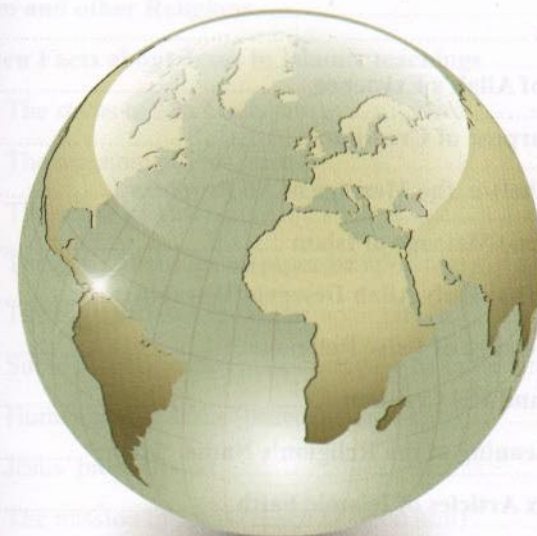
Who Deserves to be Worshipped

An open call to the sincere followers of Moses & Jesus, true prophets sent by Allah, to encourage dialogue & understanding amongst people of different faiths in the spirit of tolerance and respect.

In this book, you will read:

- *Islam's basic principles and characteristics*
- *11 facts about Jesus (may peace be upon him)*
- *19 abandoned biblical teachings revived by Islam*
- *11 proofs from the Bible of Jesus' humanness and prophethood*
- *16 biblical proofs of God's unity in His essence (negating trinity)*
- *20 arguments refuting the doctrines of 'original sin' and redemption (absolution of sins through Jesus' sacrifice)*
- *26 proofs from the Bible of Muhammad's prophethood*
- *Proof that Islam is a sound ideology*

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NO DOUBT THIS LIFE IS AN EXAMINATION
WHICH NEEDS YOUR FULL CONSIDERATION
AS TO WHAT YOU WILL TAKE TO YOUR FINAL
DESTINATION ONLY TRUE BELIEF AND GOOD DEEDS
ARE YOUR WAY TO SALVATION

(Muhammad Sherif)

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All praise belongs to Allah. We praise Him, seek His forgiveness, and seek refuge in Him from evil inclinations and from the evil of bad deeds.

As our Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) had said that every child is born on its nature, it is his parents that make him a Jew or a Christian, and we observe that the followers of different faiths use to consider their own faith to be the truest one in comparison to other faiths.

In fact the matter of adopting a religion is a birthright of every person, and when someone attains the age of understanding, he should look into the matter of his religion. As there are many religions in the world and each claiming to be the only true one, the wise person should check whether the religion he is following is the religion which God accepts to be worshipped through it or not.

In this book, the author has discussed some vital questions that arise in the mind of a person when he looks upon the religions for a critical study:

Is it necessary to adopt a religion?

What are the criteria to judge a religion?

How to differentiate between a false and a true religion?

How to check the pure teachings of a religion against the additions that took place by the passage of time and by the

misbehavior of irresponsible clerics and the so-called scholars?

We hope that this book will help a lot to a person who gives serious attention to a matter such as religion, and he must do so because religion is a matter that should be given serious attention.

We end our talk with the prayers: May mercy and blessings of Allah be upon our Prophet Muhammad, his noble family, Companions and all who follow him.

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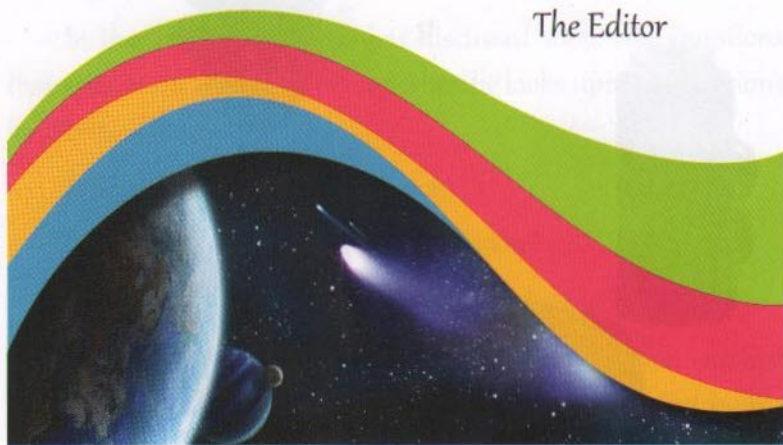
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About the word 'Lord'

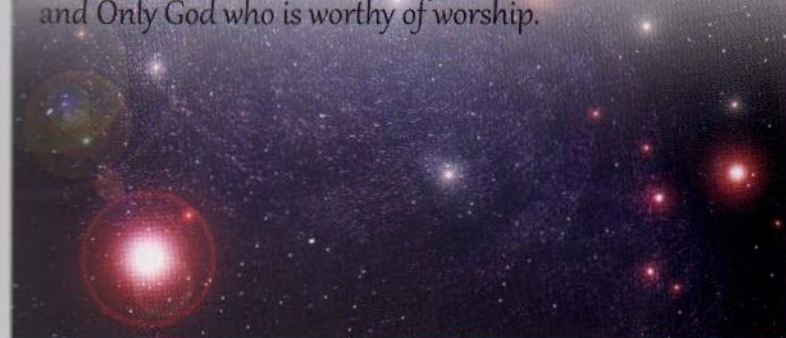
The word lord in English has several related meanings. The original meaning is 'master' or 'ruler' and in this sense it is often used to refer to human beings: 'the lord of the mansion' or 'Lord So-and-So' (in the United Kingdom, for example). The word Lord with a capital L is used in the lexicon of Islam to refer to the One and Only God – Allah. In Islam, there is no ambiguity about the meaning of this word. While it is true that one may occasionally use the word lord (whether capitalized or not) to refer to a human being, in Islamic discourse the reference of this term is always clear from the context. Whereas for Christians, Hindus and other polytheists, the word Lord with a capital L may refer to Allah, to Jesus or to some imagined deity, for Muslims, there can be no plurality of meaning. Allah alone is the Lord, and the Lord is Allah – not Jesus, not Rama, not other being.

The Editor



About the word 'Allah'

Although the English word 'God' is often used interchangeably in this book with the word Allah, there is a difference. 'Allah' is the word in Arabic that is translated as 'God'. However, 'Allah' has a much more precise meaning than 'God'. 'Allah' is not merely an Arabic term for the word "god". Actually, the root word of the word 'Allah' is 'ilâh', which means 'a god', and there are countless numbers of made-up 'gods', but only One True God whose name is Allah. The word 'Allah' literally means 'the worshipped'. Allah is thus the proper name for the only Being that is worthy of worship, the True Creator of the universe. By saying "Allah", Muslims are, in essence, negating every other entity which people wrongfully worship. The name 'Allah' is how God Almighty refers to Himself in the Qur'an, and how the prophet Muhammad (peace and blessing be upon him) also referred to Him. Therefore, in this work, the term 'Allah' will often be used in reference to this One and Only God who is worthy of worship.



to claim that they are all incorrect is to deny that Allah revealed His will to humankind. This proposition is absurd to those who believe in a Wise Creator. After all, why would Allah create human beings and then abstain from revealing a way to the truth? So, which religion is the right one and how can the seeker of truth know it? This is the main subject of this work.

In beginning one's search for which religion is true, one should keep four things in mind:

First, Allah gave us the ability and intellect to discover the answer to this crucial question, which is also a life-changing decision: WHAT IS THE TRUE RELIGION?

Second, Allah, the Most Compassionate, did not leave us to go astray without any guidance. Indeed, He sent us prophets with scriptures to show us the right path.

Third, always remember the reason for this search: the everlasting life to come depends on finding the true religion in this life. This should be your ultimate motivation, and a driving force to keep you searching until you are completely satisfied.¹

Fourth, one can determine the true path and make a rational and correct decision only if emotions and prejudices, which often blind one to reality, are put aside.

1. The Bible, in its present form, confirms that seeking the truth is the main cause for salvation. It states in John 8:32: "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." Muslims believe that the existing form of the Bible contains elements of the original true message, though it has been altered significantly.

1.

Proof of Allah's Existence

This Great Universe and everything that is in it cannot be the product of chance, and could not have created itself. Signs testifying that Allah is the only Creator can be seen throughout the earth and in the very soul of each person. Allah says in the Qur'an:

«It is Allah who created the sky and the earth, and sent down from the sky water by which He brought forth fruits for your sustenance. He subjected for you the ships to sail upon the sea at His command, and He subjected for you the rivers. And He subjected for you the sun and moon in continuous cycles, and He subjected for you the night and day. And He gave you all you asked Him for...»² (Qur'an 14: 32-34)

In the Qur'an, Allah mentions Prophet Abraham's³ search for truth as an example of how those who follow

2. All translations of the meanings of verses of the Qur'an are adapted from the English translation of the meanings given in the "King Fahd Holy Quran Printing Complex" version.
3. This is an expression of respect which prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) recommended to say each time a prophet is mentioned.

3. Monotheism, the Message of All Prophets

people: I indeed clear myself of what you worship except from worshipping Him who created me, and He will certainly guide me.﴾(Qur'an 43:26-27)

Though the Bible has been altered a great deal, Prophet Jesus (peace be upon him) was reported in the Gospels to have said: "It is written: Worship the Lord your God and serve⁷ Him only." (Luke 4:8)

It also mentions that God says: "I am the first, and I am the last, and besides Me there is no God." (Isaiah 44:6)

"The Lord our God is one Lord" (Mark 12:29)

The Book of Acts 3:13 says: "The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified His servant Jesus"

Prophet Joseph (peace be upon him) also said (as mentioned in the Qur'an) to his people:

﴿Indeed, those which you worship besides Allah are only names that you and your forefathers have named (fabricated), for which Allah has sent down no authority. The command belongs only to Allah. He has commanded that you worship none but Him. That is the right religion, but most people do not understand.﴾ (Qur'an 12: 40)

This is why Allah described those who deviate from Abraham's message (Monotheism) as fooling themselves, He says:

﴿Those who reject the religion of Abraham make fools of themselves.﴾ (Qur'an 2: 130)

7. The use of the word «servant» does not imply that God is in need of assistance or help. It means «the one devoted in worship» by obeying His commands and shunning what He forbids.

4.

The Basic Message of Islam

The basic message of Islam is the same message of all the previous prophets: worship Allah **alone** and avoid worshipping anything besides Him, whether it is a person, place or thing, directly or indirectly, secretly or openly. This basic principle of Monotheism is contained in the opening chapter of the Qur'an, known as "The Opening", verse 5:

﴿You alone we worship and from You alone we do seek help.﴾

Allah also says:

﴿Worship Allah and do not associate partners with Him.﴾ (Qur'an 4: 36)

﴿Whoever disowns [disbelieves in] false gods and believes in Allah, has grasped the most trustworthy handhold [that will never break].﴾ (Qur'an 2: 256)

Muhammad, (peace be upon him) the last Prophet, is reported to have said: <<Anyone who says: There is none worthy of worship other than Allah, and dies holding that belief, will be granted paradise.>>⁸

8. Narrated by Bukhari (5827) and Muslim (94)

Note: Saheeh al-Bukhâri and Saheeh Muslim are two collections of the authentic, documented traditions and sayings of the Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessing be upon him). Other collections are also used as references in this book.

14. Eleven Facts About Jesus In Islamic Teachings

In another narration Abu Hurayrah said, "Among the things which Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) was recorded to have said regarding Prophet Jesus' return is the following: "There will be no prophet between me and Jesus, and he will return. When he does, you will know him. He will be a well-built man of ruddy complexion and he will descend wearing a two-piece garment. His hair will look wet, though no water touched it. He will fight people to establish Islam and he will break the cross, kill the swine and cancel the *jizyah*.¹⁸ During his time, Allah will destroy all religions except Islam and the Antichrist¹⁹ will be killed. Jesus will remain on earth for forty years, and when he dies, Muslims will pray the funeral prayer for him."²⁰

Jesus' return will be one of the signs of the coming of Day of Judgment. It is the last miracle to be given to him before he dies.

18. It is the tax taken from Christians and Jews in lieu of living under Muslim protection.

19. The Antichrist is also called the 'false Christ'; he is a man who will claim that he is Allah (may He be Glorified), and he will be followed by ignorant people, but Prophet Jesus / will find him and kill him.

20. Narrated by Abu Dâwood (4324)



15. Muhammad in the Bible²¹

26 proofs from the Bible on Muhammad's Prophethood

The Biblical prophecies on the advent of the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) are evidence of the truth of Islam for people who believe in the Bible. Before addressing these prophecies, the following points should be brought to the reader's attention:

Islamic teachings gave a criterion for accepting or not accepting portions or passages from the Bible. This criterion is provided in the following verse of the Qur'an:

21. This chapter was compiled from *Muhammad in the Bible* by Dr. Jamal Badawi and *What the Bible says about Muhammad* by Dr. Ahmed Deedat.

distorted after the departure of the preceding prophet. Islam, being the final message, revived the basic beliefs and practices of all the preceding messages, including the message of Jesus, elaborating on them in some detail so that people would find them clear and straightforward to follow.

The following focuses on some basic teachings which were established by Prophet Jesus (peace be upon him) and revived in the message of Islam:

1. Revival of the creed of Allah's Unity (of essence)

This fundamental teaching was taught by Jesus (peace be upon him), as quoted below, but abandoned by most Christians, then revived by the message of Islam. All praise and thanks are for Allah for His guidance.

Sixteen proofs from the Bible and rational thought on Allah's Unity in His essence

Negating the doctrine of the Trinity

1. Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord. (Deuteronomy 6:4)
2. Has not the One God made and sustained for us the spirit of life? (Malachi 2:15)
3. You may know and believe Me and understand that I am He. Before Me no god was formed, nor shall there be any after Me. I, I am the Lord, and besides Me there is no Saviour. (Isaiah 43:10-11)
4. I am the first and I am the last; besides Me there is no god. Who is

like Me? (Isaiah 44:6)

5. And there is no other god besides Me, a righteous God and a Saviour; there is none besides Me. Turn to Me and be saved... To Me every knee shall bow. (Isaiah 45:21-23)
6. Now this is life eternal, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.⁷ (John 17:3)
7. Worship the Lord your God, and serve Him only. (Matthew 4:10)
8. Hear O Israel: The Lord our God is One Lord. (Mark 12:29)
9. For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.⁸ (1 Timothy 2:5)
10. "I am the Lord, and there is no other god. I have not spoken in secret or kept My purpose hidden... I am the Lord, and I speak the truth; I make known what is right." (Isaiah 45:19).
11. An additional important proof from the Bible that God (Allah) is one and distinct in His essence, Jesus is one and distinct in his essence, and the Holy Spirit is one and distinct in his essence, is that it is not mentioned anywhere in the Bible (in either the Old or New Testaments) that Allah, Jesus or the Holy Spirit comprise one entity called God, or one of the three. It is

7. This verse indicates very clearly the distinction between Allah and Jesus as a prophet.

8. This verse indicates clearly that God is to be worshipped alone without any mediator, and that Jesus is a man, not 'God'.

23.

This is it

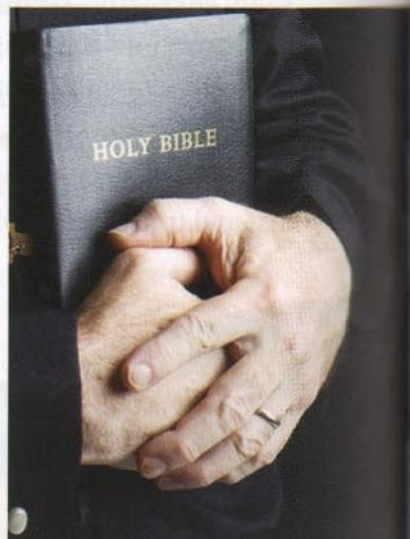
In this book you have been shown the right path, and Allah has given you the ability to distinguish right from wrong, and the freedom of choice whether to accept the message of Islam or not.

If you accept His call, then you will be warmly welcomed into paradise. If you reject it, you will end up with the biggest loss ever imagined: the loss of paradise and the guarantee of abiding in hellfire for all eternity. Take a moment to comprehend what *eternity* really means. It is a very frightening realisation.

To those who have been faithful Christians, you are warmly welcomed to embrace Islam because:

- ♦ Jesus asked his followers to follow Muhammad whenever he appeared;
- ♦ And when Jesus comes back before the end of this world, he will follow Muhammad and abide by his teachings.

Yes, since Jesus (peace be upon him) called to it when he was on earth, and will follow Islam when



23. This is it

he comes back, and because he called his true followers to follow it; then the faithful Christian should follow Islam as well.

To those who have been

believing Jews, remember that Abraham and Moses surrendered themselves completely to their Lord, whether they called Him Elohenu, God, or Allah. All pride in ethnicity or ancestry is vain, what will matter in the end is your individual relationship with your Creator. This means total submission—Islam.

To those of other faiths, or who until now did not feel that they had any faith at all, consider this message NOW, without any reluctance or hesitation, before it is too late. **Before DEATH overtakes you.** It can be soon. Who knows?

