

## Why Everybody Must Embrace Islam

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**ABSTRACT:** *People in terms of belief in God, can be divided into three groups, theism atheism and agnosticism. Theism is the belief in at least one deity.<sup>1</sup> Atheism is an absence of belief in the existence of deities.<sup>2</sup> Agnosticism, is the view or belief that the existence of God, of the divine or the supernatural is unknown or unknowable.<sup>3</sup> The majority of the people in the world are theists that are believers, and few are atheists that are nonbelievers. According to the Pew Research Center's (2012) global study of 230 countries and territories, 16% of the world's populations are not affiliated with any religion, while 84% are affiliated with a religion.<sup>4</sup> This paper will analyze critically the truth about theism and atheism. It will explain why we should believe in one deity, and the superiority of Islam over other Religions. The paper will make a comparative analysis between theism and atheism, Islam and Christianity, and conclude why everybody should be a Muslim. Islam is always viewed as a problem. (Edis. T 2007). Lewis B.E& Churchill B.E (2008) affirmed that the knowledge of Islam is essential and unfortunately the knowledge is rarely available. So the paper will add to the public the knowledge of Islam all people must accept Islam.*

**KEYWORDS:** Belief, Islam, Christianity, atheism, theism, religion, monotheism, polytheism.

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### INTRODUCTION

Many people in this world are ignorant about Islam just because of misinformation, and hatred raised by social media. Julian Baggini (2021) concluded that Atheism regards religious belief to be irrational. They also claim that religion is harmful.<sup>5</sup> The development of science makes religious facts be questioned, as people believe more in science than religion, simply because science can

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<sup>1</sup> "theism", Archived 2021-12-12 at the Wayback Machine *Dictionary.com*. Retrieved 2016-10-21.

<sup>2</sup> McCormick, Matt. "Atheism". Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy. Archived from the original on February 21, 2010. Retrieved October 24, 2021

<sup>3</sup> Rowe, William L. (1998). "Agnosticism". In Edward Craig (ed.). *Routledge Encyclopedia of Philosophy*. Taylor & Francis. ISBN 978-0-415-07310-3.)

<sup>4</sup> (Pew Forum on Religion; Public Life (2012-12-18). "The Global Religious Landscape". Retrieved December 18, 2012.)

<sup>5</sup> <https://academic.oup.com/book/35408/chapterabstract/303147499?redirectedFrom=fulltext>

be proved by experiment. Science and religion can exist together, as all knowledge serves one goal of knowing the Creator.<sup>6</sup> Science answers the question of what and how? and religion answers the question of who and why?. Taylor (1996) claimed that science and religion are inconsistent. Freud (1927) believed that religious belief was an illusion. Denis Lamoureux (2008: chapter 5) argued, many scientific-sounding statements in the Bible are false.

Today's Christianity is different from the religion of Jesus; Christianity has passed many stages of alteration of the bible. A conference of churchmen in 1604 requested that the English Bible be revised because existing translations 'were corrupt and not answerable to the truth of the original'.<sup>7</sup> Muhammad is the messenger to whole of mankind, and the Quran is the last revelation, which all people must believe in it, for salvation in the world and the life hereafter.<sup>8</sup>

All Prophets preached the religion of Islam (Ali, M. M. (2015). Anyone Christian or Jew, who hears about Muhammad and does 'not follow him', will be the resident of hell fire, (Sahih Muslim 153), because the time for the religion of Jesus and Moses has passed, and all believers are compelled to follow Muhammad the last Prophet. Philips, D. B. (2008), in his book 'the religion of Islam' affirmed that Islam is the true religion of God. God at the Day of Judgment will only accept Islam religion. (Topbaş, O. N. 2016). Gabriel Said Reynolds (2020) confirmed that the only way to attain God's Salvation is to convert to Islam.

## DISCUSSION

### Theism versus Atheism

Atheism is a belief that God doesn't exist (Simon Blackburn, ed. 2008). Miller, Kenneth R. (1999) pointed out that, believing in the existence of God is unscientific. Sagan, Carl (2006) said that he sees no compelling evidence against the existence of God. Deism is a form of theism that denies revelation. Deists believe that God created the universe, and established rationally comprehensible moral, and natural laws, but does not interfere in human affairs through special revelation.<sup>9</sup>

The arguments of atheists against theists are:<sup>10</sup>

1. Evil:

Because evil exists, God is not omnipotent, if God exists he is weak (H. J. McCloskey (1960, p. 97). If God is omniscient He will remove evils.<sup>11</sup>

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<sup>6</sup> Stephen Jay Gould. *Rocks of Ages: Science and Religion in the Fullness of Life*. Ballantine Books, 1999)

<sup>7</sup> <https://www.britannica.com/topic/biblical-literature/The-King-James-and-subsequent-versions>)

<sup>8</sup> <https://www.iium.edu.my/deed/articles/thelastsermon.html>)

<sup>9</sup> "Definition of Deism". *The American Heritage Dictionary*. Retrieved 12 September 2016.

<sup>10</sup> <http://pespmc1.vub.ac.be/GODEXIST.html>.

<sup>11</sup> Robert Pargetter "Evil as evident against the Existence of God, Mind, (1976pp-242-245)

2. Pain:

Because God allows pain, disease, natural disasters, and suffering to exist, he cannot be all-powerful, and also loving, and good in the human sense of these words. If God allows suffering He is not omnipotent.<sup>12</sup>

3. Injustice:

“Why does God permit injustice, or why God does nothing about injustice?” Philosophers put this question to deny the presence of God.<sup>13</sup>

4. Multiplicity:

Since the Gods of various religions differ widely in their characteristics, only one of these religions, or none, can be right about God.

5. Simplicity:

Since God is invisible, and the universe is no different than if he did not exist, it is simpler to assume he does not exist (Occam's Razor, Sept 19, 1995).

## CRITICISM OF ATHEISM

Arguments for the existence of God can be logical, cosmological, empirical, metaphysical, scientific, ontological, or religious.<sup>14</sup>

1. Logical Argument

Nothing can come from nothing. This means something must exist at all times. This is God. (Thomas Aquinas between AD 1265 and 1274.).

Bert Thompson, (1996) Said “The Universe is not eternal nor did it creates itself. It therefore must have been created. And such a creation most definitely implies a Creator.”(The Case for the Existence of God p.17)

2. Cosmological Argument

Thomas Aquinas ( 1225 – 7 March 1274) “Everything that begins to exist has a cause of its existence, and the universe began to exist, the universe must have had a cause which was itself not caused. “ For a thing to move there must be an original unmoved mover. (Aquinas (2017 [1920], I, q.2, a3).

William Lane Craig, (2008) said: “Whatever begins to exist has a cause of its existence. The universe began to exist. Therefore, the universe has a cause for its existence. This

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<sup>12</sup> J. L. Mackie Mind **Evil and Omnipotence** Vol. 64, No. 254 (Apr., 1955), pp. 200-212 (13 pages)Published By: Oxford University Press (<https://www.jstor.org/stable/2251467>)

<sup>13</sup> J. L. Schellenberg's 1993 book *Divine Hiddenness and Human Reason*

<sup>14</sup> ( Aquinas, Thomas (1274). *Summa Theologica*. Part 1, Question 2, Article 3. Archived from the original on 2012-06-15. Retrieved 2012-06-20.

ultimate first cause is identified with God. I conclude that it is rational to believe that God exists.<sup>15</sup>

### 3. Metaphysical argument

Metaphysics is the branch of philosophy that studies the fundamental nature of reality. This includes the first principles of: being or existence, identity, change, space and time, cause and effect, necessity, actuality, and possibility (Metaphysics". *Encyclopedia.com.*)

Metaphysics studies questions related to what it is for something to exist, and what types of existence there are. Metaphysics seeks to answer, in an abstract and fully general manner, the questions of: What is it that exists; and what it is like.<sup>16</sup>

### 4. Scientifically Argument.

Bert Thompson, (1996) Discussed that the Universe design is so complex, and precise as it contains billions of galaxies, that its creation cannot be accidental everything designed has the designer". (The Case for the Existence of God pp. 24-75).

Holmes Rolston III - 2019 ) commented on Einstein's concept (Einstein 1956, 24), that I agree that science without religion is lame, and religion without science is blind .<sup>17</sup>

### 5. Ontological argument.

In metaphysics, ontology is the philosophical study of being. It investigates what types of entities exist, how they are grouped into categories, and how they are related to one another.<sup>18</sup>

The first ontological argument in Western Christian tradition was proposed by Saint Anselm of Canterbury he defined God as "a being than which no greater can be conceived," and argues that such a being must exist in the mind, even in the mind of the person who denies the existence of God.<sup>19</sup>

### 6.0 Divine Revelation argument.

Divine revelation is the disclosing of some form of truth or knowledge, through communication with a deity (god) or other supernatural entity or entities.<sup>20</sup>

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<sup>15</sup> Craig, William L. "The Existence of God and the Beginning of the Universe". *Truth Journal*. Leaderu.com. Retrieved 22 June 2008.). Taylor's "Principle of Sufficient Reason" argument for God's existence (pp. 100- 108).

<sup>16</sup> Hall, Ned (2012). "David Lewis's Metaphysics". In Edward N. Zalta (ed.). *The Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy* (Fall 2012 ed.). Center for the Study of Language and Information, Stanford University. Retrieved 5 October 2012.)

<sup>17</sup> <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/abs/10.1111/zygo.12508>

<sup>18</sup> (Schaffer, Jonathan (2003-07-18). "Is There a Fundamental Level?". *Noûs*. **37** (3): 498–517. doi:10.1111/1468-0068.00448. ISSN 0029-4624 .

<sup>19</sup> Oppy, Graham; Rasmussen, Josh; Schmid, Joseph (2023), "Ontological Arguments", in Zalta, Edward N.; Nodelman, Uri (eds.), *The Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy* (Fall 2023 ed.), Metaphysics Research Lab, Stanford University, retrieved 2023-11-17)

<sup>20</sup> Bernhardt, Reinhold (2007). "Revelation". In von Stuckrad, Kocku (ed.). *The Brill Dictionary of Religion*. Leiden and Boston: Brill Publishers. doi:10.1163/1872-5287\_bdr\_SIM\_00056. ISBN 9789004124332.

### **6.1 Verses from The Quran and Bible about Creation.**

The following is a summary of the bible and Quran which reveals the existence of God.<sup>21</sup>

- Say, "Who provides for you from the heaven and the earth? Or who controls hearing and sight and who brings the living out of the dead and brings the dead out of the living and who arranges [every] matter?" They will say, "Allah," so say, "Then will you not fear Him?"<sup>22</sup>
- He created the heavens and the earth for a purpose. He wraps the night around the day, and wraps the day around the night. And He has subjected the sun and the moon, each orbiting for an appointed term. He is truly the Almighty, Most Forgiving.<sup>23</sup>

### **6.2 The Bible confirms that there is no God besides one god, who created everything.**

- Thus saith the Lord the King of Israel, and his redeemer the Lord of hosts; I am the first, and I am the last; and beside me there is no God. (Isaiah 44:6).<sup>24</sup>
- Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created. (Revelation 4:11).<sup>25</sup>

God sent Prophets; all these Prophets came with teachings of the oneness of God. They came with miracles to prove their messages. Miracles of Prophets performed in Quran.<sup>26</sup> Are the same as miracles in bible.<sup>27</sup>

### **1.2 Historical Evidences from Revelation.**

Only the case of Pharaoh and the destruction of homosexuals at Gomorrah and Sodom will be discussed. It is known that Pharaoh claimed to be God and ultimately, God the Creator made him sink into the sea as punishment for his Claim.<sup>28</sup> Quran narrated the same story that Pharaoh who claimed to be god, was made to sink in the sea but the Quran further added, "So this day We shall

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<sup>21</sup> <https://alquranclasses.com/oneness-of-allah-quranic-verses/>

<sup>22</sup> <https://legacy.quran.com/10/31>

<sup>23</sup> <https://quran.com/az-zumar/5>

<sup>24</sup> <https://www.biblegateway.com/quicksearch/?quicksearch=++there+is+no+God+beside+me%3A&version=KJV>

<sup>25</sup> <https://www.biblegateway.com/quicksearch/?quicksearch=God+created&version=KJV>.

<sup>26</sup> <https://www.islamweb.net/en/article/175671/miracles-of-the-prophets-of-islam>

<sup>27</sup> <https://www.slideshare.net/HarperCollinsChristian/miracles-performed-by-prophets-of-the-old-testament>.

<sup>28</sup> <https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Exodus-15-4/>

deliver your (dead) body (out from the sea) that you may be a sign to those who come after you! And verily, many among mankind are heedless of our signs” (Quran 10:92).<sup>29</sup>

This is clear evidence of the existence of God. At that time no one thought that Pharaoh’s body would be delivered from the sea and preserved for people to observe the clear sign of the existence of God. But most of people are heedless of God’s signs; this verse is irrefutable evidence of the existence of God.<sup>30</sup>

Sodom and Gomorrah, were two sinful cities, the citizens of these cities practiced homosexuality which led to their destruction, so they were destroyed by “sulfur and fire” because of their wickedness (Genesis 19:24).<sup>31</sup>

Allah says: (Verily, you pass by them in the morning. And at night; will you not then reflect) meaning, `will you not learn a lesson from them and how Allah destroyed them, and realize that a similar end awaits the disbelievers.<sup>32</sup>

## 2.0. AUTHENTICITIES OF RELIGIONS

For simplicity of discussion we will categorize religion into two groups, monotheism and polytheism. Monotheism is the belief that there is the existence of only one deity, the all-Supreme Being that is universally referred to as God.<sup>33</sup>

Therefore, only three religions share this exclusive monotheism, namely Islam, Christianity and Judaism. Polytheism is the belief and worship of multiple deities.<sup>34</sup>

As to the case of other polytheist religions we can simply say that God cannot be more than one. Quran says “Had there been within the heavens and earth gods besides Allah, they both would have been ruined. So exalted is Allah, Lord of the Throne, above what they describe.”(Quran 21:22).<sup>35</sup>

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<sup>29</sup> <https://quran.com/en/yunus/92>.

<sup>30</sup> <https://islamqa.info/en/answers/72516/meaning-of-the-verse-so-this-day-we-shall-deliver-your-dead-body-out-from-the-sea>.

<sup>31</sup> <https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/search.php?hs=1&q=Sodom+and+Gomorrah>.

<sup>32</sup> <https://quran.com/as-saffat/133/tafsirs>.

<sup>33</sup> Monotheism". *Encyclopædia Britannica*. 24 May 2023.

<sup>34</sup> Ulrich Libbrecht. *Within the Four Seas...: Introduction to Comparative Philosophy*. Peeters Publishers, 2007. ISBN 9042918128. p. 42.).

<sup>35</sup> <https://legacy.quran.com/21/22>

### 3.0 Judaism

**Judaism** is an Abrahamic, monotheistic, and ethnic religion. It comprises the collective spiritual, cultural, and legal traditions of the Jewish people (Jacobs 2007, p. 511 quote: "Judaism, the religion, philosophy, and way of life of the Jews."). It was heavenly religion revealed to Moses for Jewish people. Moses was given the Torah as divine revelation, there is no dispute among Religious Scholars about the authenticity of Judaism as both the Quran and the bible recognize the Torah and the Gospel.<sup>36</sup>

But the only reason why people should abandon Judaism is the fact that Jesus was sent after Moses, once Jesus was sent, then the law and religion of Moses ceased to be practiced, and the Jesus religion should be implemented.

Jesus was rejected as Messiah by Jews of all mainstream Jewish denominations, they said he was not a Jewish messiah and claimed that he is a false prophet and rejected the claim that he was divine.<sup>37</sup>

### 4.0 Christianity

Christianity is an Abrahamic monotheistic religion based on the life and teachings of Jesus. It is the world's largest and most widespread religion with roughly 2.4 billion followers, comprising around 31.2% of the world population.<sup>38</sup>

Christians can be divided into two main categories for discussion, early Christians and later Christians. Early Christians from the start of the ministry of Jesus (c. 27–29 AD) to the death of the last of the twelve apostles (c. 100) is thus also known as the Apostolic Age.<sup>39</sup>

Christianity remained a Jewish sect, for centuries in some locations, diverging gradually from Judaism over doctrinal, social and historical differences (Wynlen 1995, pp. 190–193.)

While early Jesus Followers were safe from alteration of the bible, Christianity embraced some theological distortions (Trevett 2006, p. 319). Roman church forced many heretical teachings in Christianity, such that the original teachings of Jesus were completely changed. (Sanmark 2004, p. 15)

Today Christians are largely not following the teaching of Jesus, but the influence of Paul has been high, such that all contemporary Christianity practices Pauline Christianity. (Ide 1993, p. 25.)

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<sup>36</sup>Jane Dammen McAuliffe. "Bible". *Encyclopaedia of the Qur'an*. Vol. 1. p. 228.). But Quran also believe that there is alteration in gospel and Torah. (<https://legacy.quran.com/2/79>)

<sup>37</sup> (Berger, David; Wyschogrod, Michael (1978). *Jews and "Jewish Christianity"*. [New York]: KTAV Publ. House. ISBN 0-87068-675-5.)

<sup>38</sup> World's largest religion by population is still Christianity". *Pew Research Center*. Retrieved 1 January 2020.)

<sup>39</sup> Fredriksen, Paula (2018), *When Christians Were Jews: The First Generation*, New Haven and London: Yale University Press, ISBN 978-0-300-19051-9).

Paul's beliefs deviated from Jewish Christianity into God's New Covenant and rejected many Jesus early teachings.<sup>40</sup>

#### 4.1 Teaching of Christianity.

##### Crucifixion of Jesus

Christians believe that Jesus died on the cross, and this belief was promoted by Paul, there is no consensus among historians on the details of the crucifixion of Jesus.<sup>41</sup> Majority of Muslim Scholars maintain the concept that, Jesus was not crucified. (Hughes, Aaron W. 2013). Bible scribes differ on the time of the crucifixion of Jesus, a man who takes his cross.<sup>42</sup> The dogma of the Incarnation was taken into Christianity, like many other Christian doctrines, from paganism.<sup>43</sup> Jesus prayed not to die on the cross, and his prayer was answered so it implies that Jesus didn't die on cross. Jesus prayed with a loud voice, saying, "Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?" which is, being interpreted, as "My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken me?"<sup>44</sup>. This prayer was answered by God and Jesus was saved from humiliating death on the cross.

Jesus answered (Hebrew 5:7) "Who in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him, **that was able to save him from death, and was heard in that he feared**".<sup>45</sup>

Gunnar Samuelsson, an evangelical preacher and theologian, spent three years combining thousands of ancient texts, to research his doctoral thesis "Crucifixion in Antiquity". He concluded that "Jesus may not have died on the cross (my emphasis)"<sup>46</sup>

##### What type of death Jesus died

According to the Quran and bible Jesus didn't die but he was ascended to god alive. John (12:32-33 KJV) "And I, if I am lifted from the earth, will draw all men unto me. This he said, signifying what death he should die."<sup>47</sup>

Quran (3:55) "Mention when God said, "O Jesus, indeed I will take you and raise you to myself and purify [i.e., free] you from those who disbelieve and make those who follow you [in submission to God alone] superior to those who disbelieve until the Day of Resurrection. Then to

<sup>40</sup> Stephen Westerholm (2015), *The New Perspective on Paul in Review*, Direction, Spring 2015 · Vol. 44 No. 1 · pp. 4–15).

<sup>41</sup> Funk, Robert W.; *Jesus Seminar (1998). The acts of Jesus: the search for the authentic deeds of Jesus. San Francisco: Harper. ISBN 978-0060629786.*

<sup>42</sup> Steven L. Cox, Kendell H Easley, 2007 *Harmony of the Gospels* ISBN 0-8054-9444-8( pp. 323–323).

<sup>43</sup> [https://www.answering-christianity.com/abdullah\\_smith/the\\_crucifixion\\_hoax\\_1.htm0](https://www.answering-christianity.com/abdullah_smith/the_crucifixion_hoax_1.htm0)

<sup>44</sup> <https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Mark+15%3A34&version=KJV>

<sup>45</sup> <https://biblehub.com/kjv/hebrews/5-7.htm>.

<sup>46</sup> <http://khazarzar.skeptik.net/books/crux002.pdf>.

<sup>47</sup> <https://www.bible.com/bible/1/JHN.12.32-33.KJV0>



me is your return and I will judge between you concerning that in which you used to differ. <sup>48</sup> Ibn Kathir the eminent Quran scholar commented that the meaning of ‘*mutawafiq*’ is ‘I will take you and raise you to myself while you are asleep’ as mentioned in Quran 6:60). <sup>49</sup>

### **The cross**

Jesus Christ and His disciples and the early Christians did not use a Cross, the usage of the Cross and the Crucifix came from the Roman Emperor, Constantine, who was a pagan and claimed to have converted to Christianity. Thus began the introduction of The Trinity and The Cross into Christianity. Both of which, the Romans and Greeks copied from the ancient Egyptians, not from Scriptures. <sup>50</sup>

Earl L. Henn (1934-1997) thought that the cross was a pagan worship symbol long before Christ's death, and was never used by the first -century church. <sup>51</sup>

### **Trinity**

The Christian doctrine of the Trinity (Latin: Trinitas lit. 'triad', from Latin: trinus 'threefold') is the central doctrine concerning the nature of God in most Christian churches, which defines one God existing in three coequal, coeternal, consubstantial divine persons God the Father, God the Son (Jesus Christ) and God the Holy Spirit . <sup>52</sup>

The Nicene Creed of 325 explicitly affirms the Father as the "one God" and as the "Almighty," and Jesus Christ as "the Son of God", as "begotten of the essence of the Father," and therefore as "consubstantial with the Father," meaning, "of the same substance." <sup>53</sup>

Most Christians believed that the evidence for the trinity is 1 John 5: but modern Biblical scholarship agrees that 1 John (5:7) seen in Latin and Greek texts after the 4th century, and found in later translations such as the King James Translation, cannot be found in the oldest Greek and Latin texts. Verse 7 is known as the Johannine Comma, which most scholars agree to be a later addition by a later copyist or what is termed a textual gloss and not part of the original text. (Metzger & Ehrman 1968, p. 101).

Many Christian scholars believe that Jesus the son of god was sacrificed, and died on the cross to save the world from sin. <sup>54</sup> Crucifixion was the concept agreed by consensus of church scholars but

<sup>48</sup> <https://al-quran.info/#3:55>.

<sup>49</sup> <https://quranx.com/tafsirs/3.55>

<sup>50</sup> <https://www.thisdaylive.com/index.php/2022/05/31/what-is-the-origin-of-christian-cross>.

<sup>51</sup> <https://www.cgg.org/index.cfm/library/article/id/471/cross-christian-banner-pagan-relic.htm>

<sup>52</sup> Daley, Brian E. (2009). "The Persons in God and the Person of Christ in Patristic Theology: An Argument for Parallel Development". *God in Early Christian Thought*. Leiden & Boston: Brill. pp. 323–350. ISBN 978-9004174122.)

<sup>53</sup> Denzinger, Henry (1957). *The Sources of Catholic Dogma* (30th ed.). B. Herder Book Co. p. 3.

<sup>54</sup> Myers, J. D. *Nothing but the Blood of Jesus: How the Sacrifice of Jesus Saves the World from Sin*. Redeeming Press, 2017.).

not the teaching of Jesus.<sup>55</sup> Even though crucifixion is widespread concept historians, have not reached a consensus on crucifixion of Jesus.<sup>56</sup> Early Christians denied the crucifixion of Jesus.<sup>57</sup> First Council of Nicaea (325), declared the full divinity of the Son,<sup>58</sup> and the First Council of Constantinople (381), declared the divinity of the Holy Spirit.<sup>59</sup>

The New Catholic Encyclopedia states: "The doctrine of the Holy Trinity is not taught explicitly in the Old Testament", and "The formulation 'one God in three Persons' was not solidly established prior to the end of the 4th century."<sup>60</sup>

#### 4.2 Biblical verse against trinity

John 20:17 "Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, **to my God and your God.**'. The god of Jesus is also our God so Jesus is not God."<sup>61</sup>

John 17:3 and this is eternal life that they may know you, the **only true God**, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent."<sup>62</sup>

For there is **one God** and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus.<sup>63</sup>

There are many verses in the bible that proves the existence of one God. Unitarians concept which maintains that Jesus was a great man and a prophet of God, but not God himself is explicitly mentioned in the bible.<sup>64</sup>

#### 4.3 Trinitarians in Quran

Quran has judged those who believe that Jesus is a God and those who believe in the Trinity as disbelievers. "Those who say, "God is the Messiah, son of Mary," have certainly fallen into disbelief. The Messiah himself said, "O Children of Israel! Worship Allah—my Lord and your

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<sup>55</sup> Eddy, Paul Rhodes and Gregory A. Boyd (2007). *The Jesus Legend: A Case for the Historical Reliability of the Synoptic Jesus Tradition*. Baker Academic. p. 172. ISBN 978-0801031144.

<sup>56</sup> Funk, Robert W.; Jesus Seminar (1998). *The acts of Jesus: the search for the authentic deeds of Jesus*. San Francisco: Harper. ISBN 978-0060629786).

<sup>57</sup> Pagels, Elaine H. (2006). *The Gnostic gospels*. Phoenix. p. 192. ISBN 0-7538-2114-1..

<sup>58</sup> Olson, Roger E (1999). *The Story of Christian Theology*. InterVarsity Press. p. 173. ISBN 978-0-8308-1505-0. Retrieved 5 March 2015..)

<sup>59</sup> Geanakoplos, Deno John (1989). *Constantinople and the West*. University of Wisconsin Press. ISBN 978-0-299-11884-6. Retrieved 5 March 2015.)

<sup>60</sup> *New Catholic Encyclopedia*. Vol. XIV. 1967. p. 299

<sup>61</sup> <https://biblehub.com/john/20-17.htm>

<sup>62</sup> <https://biblehub.com/john/17-3.htm>

<sup>63</sup> [https://biblehub.com/1\\_timothy/2-5.htm](https://biblehub.com/1_timothy/2-5.htm).

<sup>64</sup> *Miano, David (2003), An Explanation of Unitarian Christianity, AUC, p. 15, archived from the original on 2019-05-21, retrieved 2012-10-01.*)

Lord.” Whoever associates others with Allah in worship will surely be forbidden Paradise by Allah. Their home will be the Fire. And the wrongdoers will have no helpers.( Quran 5:72) <sup>65</sup>  
“Those who say, “Allah is one in a Trinity,” have certainly fallen into disbelief. There is only One God. If they do not stop saying this, those who disbelieve among them will be afflicted with a painful punishment.”( Quran 5:73)<sup>66</sup>

Quran conclude that Jesus was not more than a messenger, he was not divine. “The Messiah, son of Mary, was not but a messenger; [other] messengers have passed on before him. And his mother was a supporter of truth. They both used to eat food. Look how we make clear to them the signs; then look how they are deluded.( Quran 5:75)<sup>67</sup>

## 5.0 Divinity of Jesus

Among the most controversial beliefs is the concept of the divinity of Jesus, Christians themselves differ in this case.<sup>68</sup> The Nicene Creed has been criticized by various Bible scholars since the fourth century, but the church considered the non-Nicene beliefs of which are considered as heresy.<sup>69</sup>

### 5.1 Criticism of the divinity of Jesus.

#### 5.2

### 5.3 Humanity and divinity never mix.

The belief that Christ is a god, who came in the flesh, is wrong as God never has human flesh.<sup>70</sup> Bible says that “*who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see. To him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.* (1 Timothy 6:16).<sup>71</sup>  
.....*who alone has immortality, God* is the only immortal deity, but Jesus was mortal, because Jesus died as Christians believe, so Jesus is not a God, since God cannot die. The word *alone* means “without any other people, denies that no one who is immortal except god” <sup>72</sup>  
..... *who dwells in unapproachable light*, means God lives in a light no one can approach that light, so if no one can approach the light means no one can approach God. Jesus was approached, beaten and killed according to the gospel, so Jesus is not God and is not divine.  
..... *whom no one has ever seen or can see*.....means no one has seen God and no one can see God, Jesus was seen so Jesus is not God. The Quran confirms that no human vision can perceive

<sup>65</sup> <https://quran.com/en/al-maidah/72>.

<sup>66</sup> <https://quran.com/en/al-maidah/73>.

<sup>67</sup> <https://legacy.quran.com/5/75>

<sup>68</sup> Siniscalchi, Glenn B. "Was Jesus God?." *Faith and Philosophy* 27.3 (2010): 352-355. ) .. Some Bible believed that Jesus was a God and a man (Ware, Bruce A. "The Man Christ Jesus." *Journal of the Evangelical Theological Society* 53.1 (2010): 5.)

<sup>69</sup> "Nicene Creed". *Encyclopædia Britannica*. Archived from the original on 13 June 2013. Retrieved 16 June 2013.)

<sup>70</sup> <https://ahnsahngong.com/en/christ/meaning-of-christ/>)

<sup>71</sup> <https://biblia.com/bible/esv/1-timothy/6/16>)Let

<sup>72</sup> <https://www.oxfordlearnersdictionaries.com/definition/english/alone?q=alone>

God. Quran (6:103) "Vision perceives Him not, but He perceives all vision; and He is the Subtle, the Acquainted."<sup>73</sup>.

Paul says again, in 1 Timothy (1: 17 ) "Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen". (1 Timothy 1:17)

Among the attributes of God are **immortality, invisibility, and uniqueness**. These unique attributes can only be found by God the Creator and not Jesus. God is immortal and invisible, if He comes with human flesh he will be visible and this is impossible. If god came with human flesh he would die and this is also impossible.

### **God and Jesus were two different entities, Jesus was sent by god.**

The Bible always mentions Jesus with God as two different entities, such that one entity sends the other entity, with guidance to the people of Israel. John 17:3 "Now this is eternal life: that they know you, **the only true God, and Jesus Christ**, whom you have sent."<sup>74</sup>. If Jesus was sent by god it means God and Jesus are two separate entities.

John 14:28 "You heard me say, 'I am going away and I am coming back to you.' If you loved me, you would be glad that I am going to the Father; **for the Father is greater than I**."<sup>75</sup> If Jesus' Father is greater than him, automatically Jesus is smaller than his Father.

John 5:30 "By myself I can do nothing; I judge only as I hear, and my judgment is just, for I seek not to please myself **but him who sent me**."<sup>76</sup>

### **Jesus was a Prophet.**

**Jesus** was known in many Verses as a Prophet, Matthew 13:57, Mark 6:4, Luke 24:19, Luke (24:19) "What things?" he asked. "About Jesus of Nazareth," they replied. "He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. Prophet can never be god and God can never be Prophet."<sup>77</sup>

The main distinction between God and Jesus is that, Jesus resembles human beings, while God has no resemblance to human nature.

God mentioned that, there is no one like him on earth Exodus (9:14) "For I will at this time send all my plagues upon thine heart, and upon thy servants, and upon thy people; that thou mayest know that **there is none like me in all the earth**."<sup>78</sup>

<sup>73</sup> <https://corpus.quran.com/translation.jsp?chapter=6&verse=103>

<sup>74</sup> <https://www.biblestudytools.com/john/17-3.html>.

<sup>75</sup> <https://www.biblestudytools.com/john/14-28.html>.

<sup>76</sup> <https://www.biblestudytools.com/john/5-30.html>.

<sup>77</sup> <https://www.biblestudytools.com/search/?t=niv&q=jesus+a+prophet>.

<sup>78</sup> <https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Exodus-9-14/>

Deuteronomy 33:26. New International Version “*There is no one like the God* of Jeshurun, who rides across the heavens to help you and on the clouds in his majesty.”<sup>79</sup> The Bible contains about 13 verses all support the concept that God has no alike.<sup>80</sup>

Ezra Taft Benson (1899–1994) presented five points claiming the divinity of Jesus, first his divine birth.<sup>81</sup> First is divine birth (Matthew 1-18), this argument can be refuted by the fact that Adam had more divine birth than Jesus. Adam has neither mother nor Father, he was created by the hands of God but Jesus has a mother, who is more divine?. *Melchizedek* had no mother no mother no beginning no end was He divine?<sup>82</sup> The Second point is Jesus’ strong ministry, this is weak point as many Prophets passed before Jesus, and they were stronger than him, like Moses who defeated the Pharaoh. Jesus did not defeat Caesar.<sup>83</sup> The third and fourth point is dying at the cross and resurrection, we have discussed that Jesus neither died on the cross, and no resurrection took place. The last point is coming again of Jesus, and this point has nothing to do with divinity (Sonn 2004, p. 209).

## 6.0 Doctrine of salvation and love of god

Christians believe that salvation comes from the blood of Jesus, once you believe in Jesus then your all sins are forgiven.<sup>84</sup>

### 6.1 Biblical verses about salvation through Jesus’ blood

1 John 1:7 New International Version “But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all[a] sin.”<sup>85</sup>

Ephesian 1:7 ”For by the blood of Christ we are set free, that is, our sins are forgiven. How great is the grace of God.”<sup>86</sup>

Matthew 26:28 (ESV)” for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.”<sup>87</sup>

Romans 3:25”God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement,[a] through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith. He did this to demonstrate his, righteousness because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished.”<sup>88</sup>

<sup>79</sup> <https://biblehub.com/deuteronomy/33-26.htm>.

<sup>80</sup> <https://bible.knowing-jesus.com/topics/No-One-Is-Like-God>

<sup>81</sup> <https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/ensign/2001/12/five-marks-of-the-divinity-of-jesus-christ?lang=eng>.

<sup>82</sup> <https://biblehub.com/hebrews/7-3.htm>.

<sup>83</sup> *The Epistle to the Hebrews* (Grand Rapids, Michigan: William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 1993), p. 194.

<sup>84</sup> <https://www.opphouse.net/post/salvation-is-in-the-blood>.

<sup>85</sup> <https://www.biblestudytools.com/1-john/1-7.html>.

<sup>86</sup> <https://www.bible.com/bible/68/EPH.1.7-8.GNT>.

<sup>87</sup> <https://www.biblestudytools.com/esv/matthew/26-28.html>

<sup>88</sup> —“(https://www.biblestudytools.com/romans/3-25.html

## 6.2 Critiques of the dogma of salvation and Myth of 'God is love'

The myth of God is love, as quoted from 1 John (4:16) doesn't mean that God will not punish the Wrongdoers and the sinners. The Bible verses promised the wrongdoers eternal torment, and the people of Sodom were punished in eternal fire (Jude 1:7).<sup>89</sup> Sinners will be in everlasting hell fire, (Isaiah 33:14)<sup>90</sup> which will never be extinguished (Mark 9:44).<sup>91</sup> Everlasting fire for those who follow Satan. Rev: (14:11)<sup>92</sup>

Muslims believe the same that eternal fire will be rewarded for non-believers (Thomassen, "Islamic Hell", Numen, 56, 2009: p.402). This fire will be rewarded for all disbelievers who did not believe in God and did not follow the Prophet's guidance.<sup>93</sup>

Christians believe that they will be saved from fire because of the death of Jesus.<sup>94</sup> The Bible contradicts itself in the concept of salvation. The Bible contradicts itself on the very verse which is interpreted as salvation of Jesus. The verse John (3:16) (<https://biblehub.com/john/3-16.htm>) differs as follows:

### New International Version

for God so loved the world that he gave *his one and only Son*, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

### King James Bible

For God so loved the world, that he gave *his only begotten Son*, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

King James Version and others mentioned that *only begotten Son*, while other versions mentioned his *one and only son*. This verse contradicts the bible, as according to the bible God has many sons from the Old to New Testament. From Israel "the first born" in (Exodus 4:22), Samuel son of God in (2 Sam 7:14), David son of God in (Psalm 2:7), the believers were referred to as 'the sons of God' in (John 1:12), as mentioned by Kärnerup, G. (2020).

Augustine emphasized the value of "professing that Jesus is the Son of God" as a path to salvation.<sup>95</sup> On the contrary Jesus himself said:

<sup>89</sup> <https://www.biblestudytools.com/jude/1-7.html>).

<sup>90</sup> <https://biblehub.com/isaiah/33-14.htm>

<sup>91</sup> <https://biblehub.com/mark/9-44.htm>

<sup>92</sup> <https://biblehub.com/revelation/14-11.htm>.

<sup>93</sup> Shakir translation, quoted in Thomassen, Einar (2009). "Islamic Hell". Numen. 56 (2-3): 403. doi:10.1163/156852709X405062. JSTOR 27793798. Retrieved 6 January 2022.)

<sup>94</sup> Christian Doctrines of Salvation". Religion facts. March 22, 2017. Retrieved March 31, 2020.

<sup>95</sup> (Augustine: Later Works by John Burnaby 1980 ISBN 0-664-24165-4 page 326).

Matthew (7:21-23 English Standard Version) “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. On that day many will say to me, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty work in your name?’ And then will I declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.’<sup>96</sup>

### 6.3 Conditions for Salvation

But what Jesus himself says about salvation?. Jesus put forward three conditions faith, repentance and endurance. Faith *in the only true God as in John 17:3*”And this is life eternal, that they might know thee *the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.*”<sup>97</sup> This verse is misunderstood by a majority of Christians, it means to enter paradise one must believe in only one God, and believe that Jesus is a Prophet of God. This is the first condition to be fulfilled to get salvation which many Christians are far from it.

Repentance is the second condition. Jesus commanded his followers to repent in several verses in Bible.<sup>98</sup> He said in Mathew 3:2 Repent the kingdom of heaven is at hand.<sup>99</sup>

The third condition is endurance, Jesus said :

### Amplified Bible

Jesus answered, “Why are you asking me about what is [essentially] good? There is *only* one who is [essentially] good; but if you wish to enter into *eternal* life, keeps the commandments.”<sup>100</sup>

### 6.4 God is the only savior Jesus is only the way to salvation.

Isaiah (43:11) King James Version” I, even I, am the Lord; and beside me there is no savior”.<sup>101</sup> So the popular concept that Jesus Christ is the God and savior contradicts the teaching of the bible. (Raiser, K. 1985). Confessing the Lord Jesus Christ as God and Savior. (*The Ecumenical Review*, 37(2), 182-188), the idea that Jesus Christ is the only savior as believed by Christians today is a wrong concept.<sup>102</sup>

All true Prophets were savior to the people of their time. Also Jesus is not the only way to God (Shenk, W. (2013). But the verse John 14:6 (King James Version) “Jesus said unto him, I am the

<sup>96</sup> <https://biblia.com/bible/esv/matthew/7/21-23>

<sup>97</sup> <https://biblehub.com/john/17-3.htm>.

<sup>98</sup> <https://www.esv.org/Luke+13:3;Luke+13:5;Luke+15:10;Luke+24:47;Matthew+4:17;Matthew+11:20;Mark+1:15;Acts+5:31/>.

<sup>99</sup> [https://www.bible.com/bible/compare/MAT.3.2\(https://www.bible.com/bible/compare/MAT.3.2](https://www.bible.com/bible/compare/MAT.3.2(https://www.bible.com/bible/compare/MAT.3.2)

<sup>100</sup> <https://biblehub.com/matthew/19-17.htm>

<sup>101</sup> <https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Isaiah%2043%3A11&version=KJV>

<sup>102</sup> [https://www.pdcnet.org/faithphil/content/faithphil\\_1989\\_0006\\_0002\\_0172\\_0188](https://www.pdcnet.org/faithphil/content/faithphil_1989_0006_0002_0172_0188)

way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.” Simply means Jesus was the way to God during his prophet hood and every Prophet was a way for his generation.<sup>103</sup> . As Jesus himself said in John 16:13 (King James Version) proclaimed that” “Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, **he will guide you into all truth**: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will show you things to come.”.

### **7.0 Paul’s distortion and deception.**

**Pauline Christianity** can best be defined as Christian theology which developed from beliefs and doctrine espoused by Paul .<sup>104</sup> Paul who initially persecuted early Jewish Christians,(Acts 26:10-11), converted to Christianity on his way to Damascus, and after his conversion he proselytized Christianity among Gentiles.( Hurtado 2005, p. 79-80.). He objected to the keeping of Jewish commandments, and insisted merely on the doctrine of Salvation, that Jesus died for our sins.( McGrath 2006, p. 174-175.).

Paul was responsible for a large part of the Christian’s beliefs and dogma as a large part of The New Testament was Paul’s beliefs, such that it can be said that it was Paul and not Jesus who established later Christianity.<sup>105</sup> Paul changed Christianity from Jewish Christianity to Pauline’s Christianity, he contributed to the Hellenizing of Christianity .<sup>106</sup> Jesus had only 12 disciples no one in the name of Paul. It can be concluded that Paul was a false Prophet. <sup>107</sup> Michael Douglas Goulder (31 May 1927 – January 6, 2010) Commented that there was a fundamental opposition between Paul the Apostle on one side and the Jerusalem Christians Peter and James, Jesus' brother, on the other side. (Peabody, M A: Hendrickson, 2001).

### **7.1 Careful analysis of the two verses of the Apostle of Paul.**

Bible says (Acts 9:3-8) “And as he journeyed, he came near Damascus: and suddenly there shined round about him a light from heaven: And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutes thou me? And he said, who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said I am Jesus whom thou persecute: it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks. And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do. And the men who journeyed with him stood speechless, **hearing a voice, but seeing no man**. And Saul arose from the earth; and when

<sup>103</sup> <https://islamiat101.blogspot.com/2012/11/every-prophet-was-way-truth-and-life.html>.

<sup>104</sup> . Seifrid, Mark A. (1992). "'Justification by Faith' and The Disposition of Paul's Argument". *Justification by Faith: The Origin and Development of a Central Pauline Theme*. Novum Testamentum, Supplements. Leiden: Brill Publishers. pp. 210–211, 246–247. ISBN 90-04-09521-7. ISSN 0167-9732.).

<sup>105</sup> Wright, N. T. (2014). *What Saint Paul Really Said: Was Paul of Tarsus the Real Founder of Christianity?*. Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing.

<sup>106</sup> (Goodenough, E. R., & Kraabel, A. T. (1968). Paul and the Hellenization of Christianity. In *Religions in Antiquity* (pp. 21-68). Brill.).

<sup>107</sup> (<https://www.judaismvschristianity.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/20-Facts-That-Prove-Paul-Was-a.pdf>).



his eyes were opened, he saw no man: but they led him by the hand, and brought him into Damascus.<sup>108</sup>

Acts 22:6-9 “And it came to pass, that, as I made my journey, and was come nigh unto Damascus about noon, suddenly there shone from heaven a great light round about me. And I fell onto the ground, and heard a voice saying unto me, Saul, Saul, why persecutes thou me?. And I answered, who art thou, Lord? And he said unto me, I am Jesus of Nazareth, whom thou persecute. **And they that were with me saw indeed the light, and were afraid; but they heard not the voice of him that spoke to me.** And I said, what shall I do, Lord? And the Lord said unto me, Arise, and go into Damascus; and there it shall be told thee of all things which are appointed for thee to do.<sup>109</sup>

**Analysis:** in the first account the two people who were with Paul, heard the voice, but they didn't see anything. In the second verse explaining the same event, those two people saw the light and don't hear anything, these are two contradictory statements, so here Paul did not see Angel of God or Jesus, but Satan.<sup>110</sup>

This is the same case when Abdulqadir Jailani (1078-1166) a Muslim Scholar, who experienced Satanic inspiration, ordered him to abandon Prayers, but his knowledge helps him to detect that he was Satan.<sup>111</sup>

Jesus warned about false Prophets ( Mather 7:15)“Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves.<sup>112</sup>

## 7.2 God's warning about vision Prophets.

Deuteronomy 13:1-5 “If there arise among you a prophet, or a dreamer of dreams, and given thee a sign or a wonder, And the sign or the wonder come to pass, whereof he spoke unto thee, saying, **Let us go after other gods, which thou hast not known,** and let us serve them. Thou shalt not hearken unto the words of that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams: for the Lord your God proved you, to know whether ye love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul. Ye shall walk after the Lord your God, and fear him, and keep his commandments, and obey his voice, and ye shall serve him, and cleave unto him. And that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams, shall be put to death.

<sup>108</sup> <https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Acts%209&version=KJV>

<sup>109</sup> <https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Acts%2022&version=KJV>

<sup>110</sup> Jesus vs. Paul: Christianity's Greatest Lies Exposed Paperback – 14 Nov. 2013 Accessed through.. <https://s3.amazonaws.com/lampswithoil/JesusvsPaul.pdf>.

<sup>111</sup> <https://www.alislam.org/library/articles/Sheikh-Abdul-Qadir-al-Jilani-20080304MN.pdf>

<sup>112</sup> <https://www.bibleref.com/Matthew/7/Matthew-7-15.html>

Paul taught Christians to worship another God that is Jesus; many Christians worship Jesus as Greater God, making Pauline Christianity a heresy.<sup>113</sup>

### 7.3 Paul's ambiguous statements

2 Corinthians (12:16) 'But granting that I did not burden you, I was crafty, you say, **and got the better of you by *deceit***.

Romans (3:7)" someone might argue, "If my *falsehood* enhances God's truthfulness and so increases his glory, why am I still condemned as a sinner?"

Roman (17:14 ) we know that the law is spiritual; but I am unspiritual, *sold as a slave to sin*.

Romans (7:15) " *I do not understand what I do*. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do.

Romans (7:18) "For I know that good itself does not dwell in me, that is, in my *sinful nature*.

Corinthians (1 :11) Paul, *called to be an apostle* of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes.

Corinthians (1:25)"For the *foolishness of God* is wiser than human wisdom, and *the weakness of God* is stronger than human strength.

2 Corinthians (12:7) "because of these surpassingly great revelations. Therefore, in order to keep me from becoming conceited, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a *messenger of Satan*, to torment me.

2 Corinthians (11:16-18 16) I repeat: Let no one take me for a fool. But if you do, then tolerate me just as you would a fool, so that I may do a *little boasting*. In this self-confident boasting I am not talking as the Lord would, *but as a fool*. Since many are boasting in the way the world does, I too will boast.

### 7.4 Many questions with no answer from Paul's gospel.

**Jonathan D. Brackens**(2011) concluded that ".This study systematically supports that Paul, the Apostle of Christian doctrine, lied about scripture"(Brackens, J. D. 2011). *Is Paul a Liar?* The Pauline Corinthian Conflict and the Need for Reform in the American Church. Inquiries Journal, 3(05).

One may ask what Paul's sinful nature is. What is his deception? Was he a slave to sin, and sold to sin? He doesn't understand what he is doing? . Why Paul said he was called to be an apostle? What is the foolishness of God? And what is the weakness of God? Who is the messenger of Satan?. Is Paul a fool? Why did he like boasting? And these are God's words or his own words?. Was he inspired to speak that nonsense? .

<sup>113</sup> <https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Titus%20%3A13&version=NIV>.

## 8.0 Authenticity of Bible

Matti Friedman (2011) wrote an article referring to the teamwork of Dr. Michael Segal's argument to correct mistakes in bible, the article titled 'Scholars seek to correct the 'mistakes' in the bible.<sup>114</sup>

The original copies of the New Testament books have, of course, long since disappeared.<sup>115</sup> There are many contradictions in the bible and this is because, there is no original version of bible, all that we have now are the translations. Ham, K. (2010), but we want to review only two examples.

- Who incited David to count the fighting men of Israel?  
God did (2 Samuel 24: 1) Satan did (I Chronicles 2 1:1)
- Who has seen the face of God?  
Jacob has seen the God face to face "I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved." — (Genesis 32:30)  
No one can see god except Jesus.(John 1:18) "No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and[a] is in closest relationship with the Father, has made him known..."— (John 1:18)  
No man has seen God. "Who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; whom no man hath seen, nor can see: to whom *be* honor and power everlasting. Amen." (1Timothy 6:16)

## 9.0 RELIGION OF ISLAM

### 9.1 What is Islam and who are Muslims.

In Arabic, Islam (Arabic: إسلام, lit. 'submission (to God)<sup>116</sup> is the verbal noun originating from the verb سلم (salama), from the root س-ل-م (S-L-M), which means submission, safeness, and peace.<sup>117</sup> Islam refers to every revelation; from God sent to his Prophet from Adam to Muhammad, all prophets including Noah, Abraham, Jesus, Moses, and Muhammad were Muslims.<sup>118</sup>

Quran mentioned "He legislated for you the same religion He enjoined upon Noah, and what We revealed to you , and what We enjoined upon Abraham and Moses and Jesus: "You shall establish

<sup>114</sup> <https://www.nbcnews.com/id/wbna44117239>.

<sup>115</sup> George Arthur Buttrick – Ed.: The Interpreter's Dictionary Of The Bible, Volume 1, p. 599 under Text, New Testament')

<sup>116</sup> Definition of Islam | Dictionary.com". [www.dictionary.com](http://www.dictionary.com). Archived from the original on 9 May 2022. Retrieved 9 May 2022)

<sup>117</sup> Siin Archived 7 September 2011 at the Wayback Machine." *Lane's Lexicon 4*. – via *StudyQuran*.

<sup>118</sup> Esposito, J. L. (2002). *What everyone needs to know about Islam*. Oxford University Press.

the religion and not be disunited therein.” To the polytheists, outrageous is what you call them . Allah chooses to Himself whomever He wills, and He guides to Himself whoever is penitent.”<sup>119</sup>

## 9.2 Jesus was a Muslim Prophet, and his disciples were Muslims

Quran 3: 52”When Jesus sensed disbelief from his people, he asked, “Who will stand up with me for Allah?” The disciples replied, “We will stand up for Allah. We believe in Allah, so bear witness that we have submitted.”<sup>120</sup>

## 9.3 Islam is the only way to salvation.

Quran 3: 83 “ Do they desire a way other than Allah’s—knowing that all those in the heavens and the earth submit to His Will, willingly or unwillingly, and to Him they will all be returned?.”<sup>121</sup>

Quran 3:85 “Whoever seeks a way other than Islam, (full submission to the Will of Allah ) it will never be accepted from them, and in the Hereafter they will be among the losers.”<sup>122</sup>

Muhammad Saleh Munajjid (27 December 2023) giving the interpretation of Interpretation of those verses.<sup>123</sup>

- So the religion of the prophets is one , even though their systems of law varied.
- there is no religion that He will accept from anyone except Islam, which means following all Messengers which Allah sent them at various times, until they ended with Muhammad the last Prophet.(Ibn Kathir)
- So whoever follows a religion other than Islam has not truly submitted to Allah, because he has not followed the path that He prescribed on the lips of His Messengers." (Tafsir As-Sa`di p. 964)
- Islam at this current time is limited to that with which Muhammad was sent. Islam at the time of Muhammad abrogated all previous religions. The followers of Jesus were Muslims at the time of Jesus .Once Muhammad was sent as the last Prophet all followers of Jesus and Moses must follow Muhammad.
- God sent His Prophet Muhammad, the last of the Prophets, to all the people on earth, for the rest of time until the Day of Resurrection. So all the people of Earth have no option but to follow him and believe in him. (Al-Irshad ila Sahih Al-Γ tiqad, p. 194).

## 9.4 Quran the last revelation

The Quran is the last revelation for all mankind and a great miracle of Prophet Muhammad.<sup>124</sup>

<sup>119</sup> <https://quran.com/42/13?translations=149>.

<sup>120</sup> <https://quran.com/3?startingVerse=52>.

<sup>121</sup> <https://quran.com/3?startingVerse=83>

<sup>122</sup> <https://quran.com/3?startingVerse=85>

<sup>123</sup> <https://islamqa.info/en/answers/287024/the-only-religion-in-the-sight-of-allah>

<sup>124</sup> Peters, F.E. (2003). *The Words and Will of God*. Princeton University Press. pp. 12–13. ISBN 978-0-691-11461-3.

Quran is the revelation from God, <sup>125</sup>recorded by scribes and was memorized from the time it was revealed up to date. <sup>126</sup>Quran was preserved, and there is no critical text produced showing the variations of the Quran and inconsistency.

### 9.5 Inimitability and Preservation of The Quran.

Quran has challenged mankind to produce the like. Quran (17:88) “Say, O Prophet, “ If all humans and jinn were to come together to produce the equivalent of this Quran, they could not produce its equal, no matter how they supported each Other.” <sup>127</sup>

In the year 2015 Radiocarbon dating found the Birmingham Quran manuscript to be at least 1,370 years old, making it among the earliest in existence which conforms to the standard text. <sup>128</sup> According to this investigation based on the comparison between the three Quranic manuscripts, it appears that the morphological skeleton of the analyzed Quran text has been safely preserved during the last 14 centuries. <sup>129</sup>

### 9.6 Critics of Quran

German orientalist Theodor Nöldeke, Friedrich Schwally, and John Wansbrough, criticized the Qur'anic text pointing out claimed linguistic defects. Their arguments were countered by Muslim scholar Muhammad Mohar Ali in his book "The Qur'an and the Orientalists". <sup>130</sup>

### 9.7 Proof that the Quran is a book of God.

Muhammad was illiterate, and God confirms that He sent the revelation to Muhammad. <sup>131</sup> The Qur'an identifies the Prophet Muhammad as *al-nabī al-ummī* (Q.7:157–158). Arthur J. Arberry, (1964) commented that “Muhammad cannot be the author of the Quran. Muslim consensus has come to perceive this epithet for the Prophet of Islam as indicating conclusively that he was Muhammad, ‘the illiterate prophet.’ “ <sup>132</sup> So Muhammad couldn't write the Quran as he was

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<sup>125</sup> Nasr, Seyyed Hossein (2007). "Qur'ān". *Encyclopædia Britannica Online*. Retrieved 4 November 2007.

<sup>126</sup> Donner, Fred (2006). "The historical context". In McAuliffe, Jane Dammen (ed.). *The Cambridge Companion to the Qur'ān*. Cambridge University Press. (pp. 31–33.)

<sup>127</sup> <https://quran.com/17?startingVerse=88>

<sup>128</sup> . Virtual Manuscript Room". University of Birmingham. Archived from the original on 25 August 2015. Retrieved 25 July 2015.)

<sup>129</sup>[https://www.researchgate.net/publication/328215240\\_STATISTICAL\\_ANALYSIS\\_OF\\_THE\\_BIRMINGHAM\\_QURAN\\_FOLIOS\\_AND\\_COMPARISON\\_WITH\\_THE\\_SANAA\\_MANUSCRIPTS](https://www.researchgate.net/publication/328215240_STATISTICAL_ANALYSIS_OF_THE_BIRMINGHAM_QURAN_FOLIOS_AND_COMPARISON_WITH_THE_SANAA_MANUSCRIPTS))

<sup>130</sup> Muhammad Mohar (2004). *The Qur'an and the Orientalists*. Jamiat Ihyaa Minhaaj al-Sunnah (JIMAS), Ipswich, United Kingdom. ISBN 0954036972).

<sup>131</sup> .<https://quran.com/al-hijr/9>

<sup>132</sup> Günther, Sebastian: Muhammad, the Illiterate Prophet: An Islamic Creed in the Qur'an and Qur'anic Exegesis , *Journal of Qur'anic Studies* Volume 24, Issue 1)

illiterate. Quran contains many scientific miracles including The Big Bang theory, which wasn't known during the time of Muhammad.<sup>133</sup> The content of The Quran proves that it is God's word. Maurice Bucaille( 1976 ) confirms that "It is impossible that many scientific statements in Quran can be a work of a man, but Quran is an authentic revelation from God."<sup>134</sup>

Prophecies that Allah mentioned in the Quran are among the solid proofs confirming that the message of Prophet Muhammad is truthful and factual.<sup>135</sup>

Abu Lahab was prophesized that he would die a non-believer (Quran 111:1-5), nine years before, and so it happened, Abu Lahab could've have uttered two testimonies of faith, to prove to everyone that the Qur'an lied, but he didn't and died a disbeliever!. (Leaman, 2006). The Defeat of the Persian Empire by the Roman Empire .<sup>136</sup> The Conquest of Mecca was prophesized two years before its occurrence, and no one could think that Mecca would be conquered.<sup>137</sup>

### **9.8 Muhammad the Prophet of God to all mankind**

Michael Heart(1978) ranked Muhammad as the most successful person.<sup>138</sup>

Goddard, Hugh (2000) thought that 'Muhammad was an imposter. William Montgomery Watt (1909- ) responded that ".To suppose Muhammad an impostor raises more problems than it solves. Moreover, none of the great figures of history is so poorly appreciated in the West as Muhammad."<sup>139</sup>

The good characteristics of Muhammad are admitted by Non-Muslim scholars.<sup>140</sup>

Muhammad was the most respected man in the Arab society who had noble distinguished good manners (<https://howtobeahappymuslim.com/?p=1638>) he was history's greatest moral example in the history of mankind .<sup>141</sup>

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<sup>133</sup> .[https://www.allahsword.com/quranic\\_miracles.html](https://www.allahsword.com/quranic_miracles.html)

<sup>134</sup> Bucaille, M. (1991). *The Qu'ran and Modern Science*. Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Foreigners Guidance Center. p 76)

<sup>135</sup> file:///C:/Users/mms/Downloads/149-Article%20Text-609-1-10-20230529.pdf

<sup>136</sup> Dodgeon & Lieu, 1991).,Victory of Muhammad( Quran 40:51) (<https://surahquran.com/english-aya-51-sora-40.html>),

<sup>137</sup> *The Sealed Nectar(Ar-Raheeq Al-Makhtum) (PDF)*. Al-Madinah Al-Munawwarrah, Saudi Arabia: Darussalam. p. 458. ISBN 978-9960899558. Retrieved 28 December 2021. Alternative URL).

<sup>138</sup> .( Michael H. Hart *The 100: A Ranking of the Most Influential Persons in History*. first published in 1978, reprinted with minor revisions 1992. ISBN 978-0-8065-1068-2)

<sup>139</sup> .Mohammad At Mecca, Oxford, (1953, p. 52) . Quinn, Frederick (2008).

<sup>140</sup> <https://www.iium.edu.my/deed/articles/muhammad.html>

<sup>141</sup> <https://quran.com/en/al-qalam/4>

who was entitled as trustworthy.<sup>142</sup> At the age of 40 Quran was revealed to him, as the last revelation from God. <sup>143</sup>Muhammad was sent to all people in the world of all races. Quran says “We have sent you O Prophet only as a mercy for the whole world.”(Quran 21:107) (<https://quran.com/en/al-anbya/107>).

Ibn Katheer ( 300 – 1373)commented on that verse that “but Muhammad is the Messenger of Allah and the last of the Prophets” This verse states that there is neither a Prophet after him, no Messenger after him.”(Tafseer Ibn Katheer 3/645). Uthaymeen ( died 11, 2001) said: If he was the Seal of the Prophets then he was also the Seal of the Messengers for sure, because there is no Messenger who is not also a Prophet. Hence it is said: Every Messenger is a Prophet but not every Prophet is a Messenger.”(Majmoo’ Fatawa Ibn ‘Uthaymeen 1/250). Allah sent Muhammad to all mankind (<https://en.alukah.net/Shariah/0/6998/>) and ordered Muhammad” Say, [O Muḥammad], "O mankind, indeed I am the Messenger of God to you all, [from Him] to whom belongs the dominion of the heavens and the earth. There is no deity except Him; He gives life and causes death." So believe in God and His Messenger, the unlettered prophet, who believes in God and His words, and follow him that you may be guided.<sup>144</sup>

### 9.9 Muhammad’s ProphetHood acknowledged by Christian and Jewish scholars.

The first Christian monk to recognize prophet hood of Muhammad was Syrian monk Bahira who met Muhammad on the way to Syria. <sup>145</sup>Bahira saw the sigh of Prophet Hood to Muhammad when he was about 12 years old, this confirms that the early bible prophesized Muhammad. Bahira being a monk and a Bible scholar knew the sign of the last Prophet from the bible. Khan, B. A. (2018) commented that Muhammad was prophesized in the Bible, but due to the alteration of the bible it became difficult to identify the prophesy, the same bible, mentioned the characters of Muhammad as trustworthy, who was sitting on white horse, who was a judge and was engaged in wars. Jesus never had these attributes. <sup>146</sup>

God reveals in the Quran that “And [mention] when Jesus, the son of Mary, said, "O Children of Israel, indeed I am the messenger of god to you confirming what came before me of the Torah and bringing good tidings of a messenger to come after me, whose name is Aḥmad (Another name of Prophet Muḥammad)..”But when he came to them with clear shreds of evidences, they said, "This is obvious magic.( Quran 61:6). It is obvious that the Bible prophesized Muhammad because

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<sup>142</sup> Khan, Muhammad Zafrullah (1980). *Muhammad: Seal of the Prophets*. Routledge & Kegan Paul. p. 17. ISBN 978-0-7100-0610-3.

<sup>143</sup> Brown, Daniel (2003). *A New Introduction to Islam*. Blackwell Publishing Professional. pp. 72–73. ISBN 978-0-631-21604-9.

<sup>144</sup> <https://surahquran.com/english-aya-158-sora-7.html>

<sup>145</sup> Abel, A. "Baḥīrā". *Encyclopaedia of Islam*, Second edition. Brill. Brill Online, 2007 [1986]

<sup>146</sup> <https://www.bible.com/bible/1/REV.19.11-16.KJV>.

Waraka bin Nawfal a Christian convert acknowledged that Muhammad would be a prophet. (<https://sunnah.com/bukhari:3392>)

Abdulla bin Salami the Jewish Rabi from co Banu Qaynuqa tribe converted to Islam at the time of Prophet. <sup>147</sup> Before Abdullah uttered two testimonies of faith Jews were trusting him as their great scholar, when he embraced Islam Jews said that he is the worst people." (<https://sunnah.com/bukhari:4480>)

### 9.10 Obligation of everybody to embrace Islam

Islam believes in religious exclusivism, which is the doctrine or belief that only one particular religion or belief system is true. <sup>148</sup> But in Islam, there is no compulsion in religion. Islam allows religious pluralism where every individual in a religious society has the rights, freedoms, and safety to worship, or not, according to their conscience, Grimshaw, Mike (11 January 2023).

People of all races and all regions are obliged to follow Muhammad and embrace Islam if they want salvation. <sup>149</sup>

It is narrated on the authority of Abu Huraira that the Muhammad said "By Him in Whose hand is the life of Muhammad, he who amongst the community of Jews or Christians hears about me, but does not affirm his belief in that with which I have been sent and dies in this state (of disbelief), he shall be but one of the denizens of Hell-Fire"(Sahih Muslim no 153) .<sup>150</sup>

Anyone who will reject Islam and follows other religions besides Islam, is ruled as nonbeliever and the reward of apostasy and disbelieving is eternal hellfire.<sup>151</sup>

Abū al-Faḍl ‘Iyāḍ ibn Mūsā ibn ‘Iyāḍ( (1083–1149)Prominent Muslim Scholar said: hence we regard as a disbeliever everyone who follows a religion other than Islamic religion, (Al-Shifaa bi Tareef Huqooq al-Mustafaa, 2/1071)

### 9.10 Second Coming of Jesus

Both Muslim and Christian's scholars believe in the second coming of Jesus. <sup>152</sup> Christian's scholars believe the second coming of Jesus. (Connolly, R. H. (1906). Muslims believe that Jesus will come to rule the world to judge the people. But Muslims believe that Jesus will come as a Muslim, he will descend to the mosque, praying with Muslims deny Christianity as a whole.

Abu Huraira reported that the Messenger of Allah said "By Him in Whose hand is my life, the son of Mary will soon descend among you as a just judge. He will break crosses, kill swine and

<sup>147</sup> Muhammad ibn Ishaq. Sirat Rasul Allah. Translated by Guillaume, A. (1955). The Life of Muhammad, pp. 240–241. Oxford: Oxford University Press.)

<sup>148</sup> Wainwright, William J. (2005). *The Oxford handbook of philosophy of religion*. Oxford University Press. p. 345. ISBN 978-0-19-513809-2).

<sup>149</sup> <https://www.iium.edu.my/deed/articles/finalprophet.html>

<sup>150</sup> <https://sunnah.com/muslim:153>

<sup>151</sup> (<https://islamqa.info/en/answers/6688/whoever-does-not-believe-that-the-kaafirs-are-kaafirs-is-himself-a-kaafir>).

<sup>152</sup> Travis, S. H. (2004). *Christ Will Come Again: Hope for the Second Coming of Jesus*. Clements Publishing Group.



abolish Jizya and the wealth will pour forth to such an extent that no one will accept it.<sup>153</sup> Muslims believe that Jesus will come to judge the disputes of living people like normal judges do at the court. Nawawy said “Jesus will judge using Islamic laws (Commentary of Nawawy vol. 1 p.322). Christians believe that God will appoint Jesus to judge living people and the dead people to enter paradise or hell as Paul stipulated in the bible, 2 Timothy 4:1 says, “. . . Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom” — he judges the world. So you have Christ at his second coming described as the judge of the living and the dead.<sup>154</sup> This is the thought of Paul he repeated it in several verses.<sup>155</sup> The Bible contradicts itself as it mentions that God will judge every work. **Ecclesiastes 12:14 KJV** “For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil”.<sup>156</sup> Ecclesiastes 3:17 “I said in my heart, I God will judge the righteous and the wicked, for there is a time for every matter and for every work.”(Ecclesiastes 3:17).

Ezekiel 18:30 “Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, everyone according to his ways, said the Lord GOD. Repent, and turn *yourselves* from all your transgressions; so iniquity shall not be your ruin.<sup>157</sup>

And he shall judge the world in righteousness; he shall minister judgment to the people in uprightness”

Muslims believe that Jesus will return as a Muslim, doing Prayers in Mosque as indicated in this narration. **Narrated Abu Huraira:** “The Prophet said: There is no prophet between me and him, that is, Jesus. He will descend (to the earth). When you see him, recognize him: a man of medium height, reddish fair, wearing two light yellow garments, looking as if drops were falling from his head though it wouldn’t be wet. He will fight the people for the cause of Islam. He will break the cross, kill the swine, and abolish *jizyah*(tax historically levied on dhimmis, that is, protected non-Muslims in Islamic Country). Allah will perish all religions except Islam. He will destroy the Antichrist and will live on the earth for forty years and then he will die. The Muslims will pray over him.”(Abu Dawud: 4324)<sup>158</sup>

The Promised Messiah will descend near the white minaret, east of Damascus.<sup>159</sup> According to Islamic scholar **Ibn Hajar al-‘Asqalanī** (1372 – 2 February 1449 .), “He will invalidate Christianity through actually breaking the cross and will refute the Christians’ allegations regarding glorifying it.”<sup>160</sup>

<sup>153</sup> <https://sunnah.com/muslim:155a>

<sup>154</sup> . [https://biblehub.com/2\\_timothy/4-1.htm](https://biblehub.com/2_timothy/4-1.htm), (<https://biblehub.com/john/5-27.htm>)

<sup>155</sup> 1 Tm 5:21; 6:14 / Acts 10:42; Rom 14:9–10; 1 Pt 4:52 **Corinthians 5:10**.

<sup>156</sup> <https://www.bible.com/bible/1/ECC.12.14.KJV>

<sup>157</sup> <https://biblehub.com/ezekiel/18-30.htm>

<sup>158</sup> <https://sunnah.com/abudawud:4324>.

<sup>159</sup> <https://www.alhakam.org/the-promised-messiah-will-descend-near-the-white-minaret-east-of-damascus/>.

<sup>160</sup> <https://www.islamweb.net/en/fatwa/124824/why-jesus-will-break-the-cross-and-kill-the-pig>

So Jesus second coming will amaze many Christians, who thought that he would be at their side, on the contrary he will deny Christianity, kill pigs and prohibits keeping pigs, he will break the cross and so deny crucifixion dogma and all world religion will come to an end except the religion of Islam. It is obligatory for Muslims to enclasp Islam and for all Christians, Jews and atheists to embrace Islam as Islam is the only true religion from God.

## CONCLUSION

There are several schools of thought about the existence of God the best of them is religious evidence in which the Creator of the universe speaks about Himself. God has sent revelations through many prophets with one basic message that people should worship god. The last prophet was Muhammad; all people who seek God's salvation should believe in His existence and follow His prophets. Anyone who embraces Islam will be saved from eternal fire, and will live in eternal paradise and anyone who rejects Islam will be punished in eternal hell, so we are obliged to follow Islam to save ourselves.

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