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This booklet “The True Message of the Quran the Torah and the Gospel” was originally produced in 1996 and was distributed amongst my family and friends as well as their families. Approximately 200 of these booklets were also made available to Muslims and Christian students at a very minimal cost.

The booklet was very well received and due to its popularity and demand, it was reproduced in its current form. The text has totally been revised and updated, as well as new material provided. Topics such as the “Miracle of Jesus”, the “Me’araj”, “The Arabic-word-Nuzul”, “The Immutability Laws” and “The phrase-Kun-Faya-Koon” in the Quran were added.

The focus of this version remains that of the previous one, namely “That Allah is One”, which served as an invitation to persons of the various faiths and beliefs to view religion from an Islamic perspective. Etc......

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PREFACE

At first glance this book may seem as just another one of the many booklets on comparative religion, however a closer look will certainly convince you that it is not. The difference is that it caters for everybody regardless of their religion, by introducing the reader to some of the other world religions. It also assists to dispel the erroneous beliefs about Islam and informs the reader of Judaism and Christianity. It is the ideal companion for the Seeker, with chapter and verse quoted for clarity and the benefit of understanding. I wish to make mention some of the terms used in the text, purely for the benefit of those persons who have never heard them before.

*The Quran* is the Holy Book of the Muslims and their religion is Islam. The Quran has been in existence for 1417 years. It was originally produced during the time of divine revelation and inscribed in the Arabic script. The very first Quran that was ever written, is still in existence today and may be viewed at the TopKapi Museum in Istanbul. All modern day editions of the Qurans are word for word identical to the original, which was written more than a thousand years ago.

*Islam* is a religion practiced by more than one billion people world-wide. It is currently the world’s fastest growing religion, even though it is the youngest of the three Semitic religions. Islam is believed to be the culmination of the three religions, as all Muslims believe in the prophets of both Judaism and Christianity.

*Allah* is the name of God in Islam. Muslims believe that Allah is One, the Sustainer and Cherisher of the universe and that there is none other like Him. He does not beget nor is He begotten. For Him to create, all He has to do is will it, and it will come into being.

*A Muslim* is a person who practices Islam, who believes in Allah and His angels and His scriptures and His prophets, believes in life after death and in the day of reckoning. A Muslim is required to perform prayers 5 times per day, practice regular
charity, fast in the month of Ramadaan & perform pilgrimage at least once in his lifetime.

The Torah is the Holy Book of the Jews and dates back to the time of Moses. The general belief is, that Moses wrote it and contains the old testament. It was not documented during its revelation, but was passed down as oral tradition.

The Gospel is the Holy book of the Christians, basically made up of the old and new testament excluding the apocrypha. All Protestants believe in it, as the Gospel of Jesus, however it only became available some 100 years AD.

PBUH is an Islamic abbreviation used by Muslims which means - "peace be upon him." Muslims believe in all prophets including Jesus and reserve this term of reverence exclusively, when speaking of or writing about these prophets.

Muhammad (pbbuh) is the prophet of Islam chosen by God Almighty as His messenger. He became an orphan at a young age, was never able to read nor write, yet, he is regarded by Christian sources, as the greatest man that ever lived.

Hadith is the collection of the sayings of prophet Muhammad (pbbuh), most of which are compiled in the famous volumes known as the "authentic six."

Christianity is the religion of the Christians who are roughly divided into two main groups viz. The Protestants and the Roman Catholics. Both these denominations and all its sub-groups believe in Jesus as there saviour but conflict on various aspects of the old and new testaments and the teachings of Paul.

Talmud is the body of Hebrew civil and canonical laws, traditions and the explanations of the book that contains them.

People of the Book refers to all Jews and Christians, - viz. those people who received scriptures from any of the Prophets of old.

NB!
All biblical references, both Chapters and Verses used in the text, originate from the King James Authorised Version (KJAV).

All references to the Quran, Chapters and Verses are quoted from Maulana Muhammad Ali’s translation of the Quran.
INTRODUCTION

My intention for compiling this booklet is firstly, to give a clear understanding of a Muslim’s beliefs with reference to the Quran, the Torah and the Gospel. A basic analysis of the following three extracts from three different beliefs, unanimously consents to the fact that God is One, and this, in short, is the message in this book.

THE TORAH
We read in the Torah that Moses (pbuh) gave the first commandments to the Israelites when he said: “Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is One Lord.” Deuteronomy 6:4

THE GOSPEL
Jesus (pbuh) said: “The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is One Lord.” Mark 12:29

THE QURAN
The following Quranic verse was revealed to Prophet Muhammad (pbuh)
Say: “He, Allah, is One. Allah is He on Whom all depend. He begets not, nor is He begotten; And none is like Him.” Ch. 112:1-4

Secondly, to serve as an invitation to invite others to Islam. Muslims are duty bound to invite people of other religions to Islam by pointing out to them that Islam is not a new religion, and that it is also mentioned in their scriptures. Islam is in essence, the same message that was revealed to the prophets of old, for all mankind, but on a different level.

Says the Quran, “Say: We believe in Allah and (in) that which has been revealed to us, and (in) that which was revealed to Abraham, and Ishmael and Isaac and Jacob and the tribes, and (in) that which was given to Moses and Jesus, and (in) that which was given to the prophets from their Lord, we do not make any distinction between any of them and to Him do we submit.” Ch. 2:136
The True Message of the Quran, the Torah and the Gospel

The Invitation

The Quran: “Say O people of the Book, come to an equitable word between us and you, that we shall serve none but Allah and that we shall not associate aught with Him, and that some of us shall not take others for Lords besides Allah. But if they turn away, then say: Bear witness, we are Muslims.” Ch. 3:63

The reader reserves the right to accept or reject this invitation - though I believe that a true and unbiased judgement of this entire booklet must be done before this invitation is rejected.

The preceding Quranic verse clearly shows that Muslims are permitted to invite others to enter the fold of Islam, however, they cannot compel anyone to accept Islam, as the Quran also states, “And say: The Truth is from your Lord; so let him who please believe, and let him who please disbelieve.” Ch. 18:29

To become a Muslim one must only recite the Holy Kalima as follows: “La-illah-ka-ilal-lah-Muhammad-un-rasullul-lah” translated. There is no other god but Allah and Muhammad is the messenger of Allah, in front of a witness.

A Christian on the other hand, must be converted through the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ and be baptised to become a true Christian.

To all seekers after the truth, I hope this booklet will serve as a reference work and aid you to find your direction.

The Quran says, “And be not weak-hearted, nor grieve, and you will have the upper-hand if you are believers.” Ch. 3:138

The Quran also says, “They desire to put out the light of Allah with their mouths, and Allah will allow nothing save the perfection of His light, though the disbelievers are averse.” Ch. 9:32
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COMPARATIVE STUDY
OF
ISLAM AND CHRISTIANITY

ISLAM
Islam teaches that all great religions of the world are of Divine origin. The Quran declares that Allah raised prophets from amongst all nations for the guidance of their people.

The Quran says:
"And there is not a people but a warner has gone among them."
Ch. 35:24

"And for every nation there is a messenger." Ch. 10:47

It further teaches that Almighty God, being a Loving Creator and Sustainer of the worlds, is not partial and has not chosen one nation to the exclusion of other nations for the revelation of His messages. We are told that Almighty Allah is Rab-ul-ala-meen which means He is Lord of the worlds (Quran Ch. 1:1) and Muhammad (pbuh) is Rahmatul lilala mien which means Muhammad is a mercy to all the nations of the world (Quran Ch. 21:107) and that the message of Islam is a universal message.

Says the Quran:
"And thou askest them no reward for it. It is nothing but a reminder for all mankind." Ch. 12:104

We read in the Bible as follows:
"And this is the blessing ..... he shined forth from MOUNT PARAN, (Mecca), and he came with ten thousands of saints: from his righthand went a fiery law for them." Deut. 33:1-2
The Encyclopedia Britannica 11th edition page 989 confirms that the above prophecy refers to Muhammad (pbuh):

"Of all the prophets and personalities, MUHAMMAD was the most successful. He claimed his mission with TEN THOUSAND SAINTS..."

Last but not least, the holy prophet MUHAMMAD (pbuh) made it very clear that ISLAM is a message for the whole world when he said to his followers in his famous last sermon on the plains of mount Arafat to take the message of ISLAM to all the people who were not present.

CHRISTIANITY

Christians are raised to believe that their religion is the only true religion with, Judaism as a preparation for Christianity; all other religions being false. They believe that GOD has chosen and set apart exclusively for Christianity the purpose of revealing His messages and sending His Prophets. Thus a Christian believes only in the prophets and religious teachers of Israel and looks upon all other claimants to prophethood as impostors.

"Say: O people of the Book come to an equitable word between us and you that we shall serve none but Allah...."

Quran Ch. 3:63.
THE ONENESS OF GOD
(ALLAH IS ONE)

THE QURAN

"Surely your God is One." Ch. 37:4
see also Ch. 41:6; Ch. 29:46; Ch. 21:108.

THE BIBLE

"Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is One Lord." Deut 6:4 see also Exodus 20:1-3; Isaiah 44:8; 45:5; Matthew 19:17; Mark 10:18; Luke 18:19

GOD HAS NO LIKENESS

THE QURAN

"Say: He, Allah, is One. Allah is He on Whom all depend.
He begets not, nor is He begotten; And none is like Him." Ch. 112:1-4

THE BIBLE

"Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen: that ye may know and believe me, and understand that I am He: before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me." Isaiah 43:10

"Remember: the former things of old: for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me." Isaiah 46:9

"And he said, Thou canst not see my face: for there shall no man see me, and live." Exodus 33:20
BIBLICAL EVIDENCE REFUTING THE CONCEPT OF PLURALITY OF GODS SUCH AS THE TRINITY

In the first book of the Torah (Old Testament) viz. Genesis: it is clearly stated:

“ In the beginning GOD created the heaven and the earth.”

Genesis 1:1

The Hebrew word GOD in the verse is ELAH which means ONE GOD and not ILOHIM which means plurality or more than one god.

Again, Moses spoke Hebrew when he said:

“Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord: ....” Deut 6:4

The original Hebrew spoken by Moses are as follows:

“Adamayhi Elahi igad.” [note the word ILOHIM (GODS) is not used.]

See also how closely the Hebrew relates to Arabic:

“Qul hu walah hu agad...”

“Say: He, Allah, is One.” - Ch. 112:1

About Jesus, the Bible says:

“And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? - that is to say, My God, My God, why hast thou forsaken me?” Matthew 27:46

But in Mark we read:

“Jesus cried with a loud voice, ELOI, ELOI, LAMA SABACHTHANI?” - which is, being interpreted, “My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?” Mark 15:34
NOTE: Jesus himself never used the words ILOHIM or JEHOVAH. Jesus also refers to the ONE GOD repeatedly in the Bible. Jesus said:

"The first of all the commandments is, Hear. O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord." Mark 12:29

and

"Why callest thou me good? There is none good but one, that is GOD." Mark 10:18

"And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true GOD, and Jesus Christ, whom Thou hast sent." John Ch. 17:3

Note, that Jesus refers here to himself as one sent by Almighty God and not as GOD.

A NOTE ON TRINITY

On the face of overwhelming Biblical evidence as illustrated above, Christians still try to convince the world that there are three gods which consist of GOD THE FATHER, GOD THE SON AND GOD THE HOLY GHOST. In other words THREE GODS = ONE GOD.

The concept that God is Three finds its roots in ancient Paganism. We do find that in Egypt of old, a trinity of gods viz. Horus. Isis and Osaris were worshipped by Egyptians long before the advent of Christianity. Furthermore in the ancient Persian religion of Mithraism, Mithra was one of the persons of trinity. Trinity is also to be found in Hinduism in India. The three persons of Hindu trinity are Brahma, Vishnu and Shiva. Higher criticism attributes to introduction of the trinity in the plain monotheistic teachings of Christ to the desperate needs of the early Christians to make Christianity more acceptable to the Pagan Roman overlords and persecutors.
PROminent Christian Scholars' View on the Trinity.

The only reference to the Trinity in the entire Bible is in 1 John 5:7 "For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one." That this verse is a definite interpolation, is beyond any doubt. In fact, the famous Reverend Dummelow, (M.A.) in his One Volume Bible Commentary 1st. Edition 1909, page 1057, commenting on this verse says:

"All the words between 'that bear record' in v.7 and 'the spirit' in v.8 are omitted in RV. (revised version). It is quite certain that these words did not belong to the original text. They are found in no G.K.MS, (Greek manuscripts) earlier than the 14th century, and are quoted by none of the Fathers before the middle of the 5th century. The Fathers understood the passage in its original form to symbolise the Trinity, an interpretation which may have been inserted at first as a marginal note and afterwards found its way into the text."

Several other Christian writers have come to similar conclusions about the above mentioned verse. To conclude this subject, some more verses from the old testament to prove that the Bible teaches that there is only one God and not three which is a doctrine of Pagan origin.

THE BIBLE

"Is there a God beside me? yea, there is no God; I know not any." Isaiah 44:8

"I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like Me." Isaiah 46:9
“Say: He, Allah is One. 
Allah is He on Whom all depend. 
He begets not, nor is He begotten; 
and none is like Him.”
Quran 112-1-4.

THE PROPHET 
MUHAMMAD (pbuh)

The Holy Prophet Muhammad was born in Mecca on Monday 12th of Rabi-ul-awwal 570 C.E His father’s name was Abdullah who passed away a few months before his birth. He was taken by a foster mother Halima to a village where he lived for a few years. His mother Amina, passed away when he was six years old. He was then put in the care of his grand father Abdul Muttalib who passed away when Muhammad was eight years old.

At the age of twenty five the Holy Prophet married a widow named Khadija. One night, as was his practice, he was meditating in the cave of Hira when the angel Gabriel came to him with the first revelation of the Quran. This was the beginning of the prophet’s prophethood. At that time he was forty years old. When the Meccans decided to assassinate the prophet, he was informed by God of the enemy’s deadly plan. Under Divine instruction he migrated to Medina, accompanied by his devoted disciple Abu Bakr. This event is known as the Hijra and the Islamic calendar starts from this year.
MUHAMMAD (PBUH)
IN THE QURAN AND BIBLE

THE QURAN

"And We have not sent thee (Muhammad) but as a mercy to the nations." Ch. 21:107

"Say: O mankind, surely I am the Messenger of Allah to you all, of Him Whose is the kingdom of the heavens and the earth.” Ch. 7:158

"And We have not sent thee but as a bearer of good news and as a warner to all mankind, but most men know not.” Ch. 34:28

"Mohammad is not the father of any of your men, but he is the Messenger of Allah and the seal of the prophets......” Ch. 33:40

"There is no prophet after me.” saying of the prophet Muhammad (PBUH) as quoted in Bukhari Ch. 64:48

THE BIBLE

"I will raise them up a Prophet from among their brethren, (Ismaelites) like unto thee, (Moses) and will put my words in his mouth; and he shall speak unto them all that I shall command him.” Deuteronomy 18:18

"And he said, The Lord came from SINAI: and rose up from SEIR unto them; he shined forth from MOUNT PARAN, and he came with ten thousand of saints: from his right hand went a fiery law for them.” Deuteronomy 33:2
HISTORY
Of all prophets and religious personalities Muhammad was the most successful. He claimed his mission with ten thousands of saints.
Brit Encyclopedia Art Koran Page 989.

JESUS PROPHESIES THE ADVENT OF THE HOLY PROPHET MUHAMMAD

THE QURAN

"And when Jesus, son of Mary, said: O Children of Israel, surely I am the messenger of Allah to you, verifying that which is before me of the Torah and giving the good news of a Messenger who will come after me, his name being Ahmad." Ch. 61:6
(Ahmad is the beatific name of the Holy Prophet Muhammad)

THE BIBLE

In John 16:13 the AHMAD (promised One) which is from the same root as MUHAMMAD, has changed to... Spirit of truth... (for full explanation consult Jesus in Heaven on Earth by Nazir Ahmad under the heading :Paraclete chxii page 241).

"I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. 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 shew you things to come." St. John 16:12-13

(It is an historical fact that the Holy Prophet was known as Al Amin, the Truthful One amongst his followers and that the Quran was pure revelation from God and not his own words.)

[This book is based on the revealed teachings of the Quran: Say the Quran: This Book there is no doubt in it .... Ch. 2:2 Again a messenger from Allah, reciting pure pages, Wherein are (all) right books. Ch. 98:2-3 ]
NOTE:
According to the Bible, Ismael was the son of Abraham and Hagar from which the Arab race originated. Muhammad is a direct descendant of Ismael who dwelt in the wilderness of Paran and his mother took him a wife out of the land of Egypt (Genesis 21:20-21)

It is an historical fact that Muhammad returned to Mecca after several years of exile with ten thousand saints (Enc. Brit). And the researchers of old Arabian geographers and some Christian scholars go to prove that Paran was the name given to the hills in Mecca. In the Arabic translation of the Samiri Torah, which was published in 1851 A.D., PARAN is shown to be situated in Medina in Hijaz as it is today. It is also stated in the Bible that: (He will) Bind up the testimony, seal the law among his disciples - Isaiah 8:16 and the Quran confirms it in these words:

"This day have I perfected for you your religion and completed My favour to you and chosen for you Islam as a religion." Ch. 5:3

Jesus did not seal the law among his disciples nor did he perfect the law, but only came to fulfil the law for Jesus himself said:

"Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil......" Matthew 5:17-20

PRAYER

Purification as a prerequisite for prayer:

THE QURAN

"...And thy Lord do magnify, And thy garments do purify, and uncleanness do shun." Ch. 74:3-5

"Surely Allah loves those who turn much (to Him), and He loves those who purify themselves." Ch. 2:222
"O you who believe, when you rise up for prayer, wash your faces, and your hands up to the elbows, and wipe your heads and (wash) your feet up to the ankles. And if you are under an obligation, then wash (yourselves)." Ch. 5:6

"And Moses said unto the congregation, This is the thing which the Lord commanded to be done. And Moses brought Aaron and his sons, and washed them with water." Lev. 8:5-6

"And Moses and Aaron and his sons washed their hands and their feet thereat: When they went into the tent of the congregation, and when they came near unto the altar, they washed; as the Lord commanded Moses." Exod. 40:31-32

"Jesus said... anoint thine head, and wash thy face." Matthew 6:17
"Then Paul took the men, and the next day purifying himself with them entered into the temple, ...." Acts 21:26

THE FORMS OF PRAYER
I.E. BOWING DOWN (RUKU) AND PROSTRATION (SUJUD)
IN THE QURAN AND THE BIBLE.

THE QURAN

"O you who believe, bow down and prostrate yourselves and serve your Lord, and do good that you may succeed." Ch. 22:77

"O Mary, be obedient to thy Lord and humble thyself and bow down with those who bow." Ch. 3:42

"Thou seest them bowing down, prostrating themselves, seeking Allah's grace and pleasure ...... That is their description in the Torah and their description in the Gospel." Ch. 48:29
THE BIBLE

*Said the Lord: “... That unto me every knee shall bow,...”*  
Isaiah 45:23

“And Elijah went up to the top of Carmel; and he cast himself down upon the earth, and put his face between his knees.....”  
1 Kings 18:42

“And Abram fell on his face: and God talked with him, saying, As for me, behold, my covenant is with thee, and thou shalt be a father of many nations.”  
Genesis 17:3

“And Moses and Aaron went from the presence of the assembly unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and they fell upon their faces: and the glory of the Lord appeared unto them.”  
Numbers 20:6

MOSES FELL ON HIS FACE. (Numbers 16:4)

JOSHUA FELL ON HIS FACE. (Josua 5:14)

DAVID FELL ON HIS FACE. (1 Samuel 20:41)

JESUS FELL ON HIS FACE AND PRAYED:

“...And he went a little further, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as Thou wilt.”  
Matthew 26:39
REMOVING OF SHOES WHEN IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD.

THE QURAN

"So when he came to it, (the fire) a voice came: O Moses, Surely I am thy Lord, so take off thy shoes; surely thou art in the sacred valley Tuwâ." Ch. 20:11-12

THE BIBLE

"(And God said to Moses) Draw not nigh hither: put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground." Exod. 3:5

The above statement in Exodus is repeated in Acts 7:33 and in Josua 5:15, Joshua is also ordered to remove his shoes.

THE QIBLA
OR DIRECTION OF PRAYER

Qibla is a teaching of the Bible and the Quran, though observed today by Muslims only.

THE QURAN

"...turn then thy face towards the Sacred Mosque. And wherever you are turn your faces towards it.” Ch. 2:144

"The fools among the people will say: What has turned them from their qibla (Jerusalem) which they had? Say: The East and the West belong only to Allah; He guides whom He pleases to the right path.” Ch. 2:142
"Now when Daniel ...... went into his house; and his windows being open in his chamber towards JERUSALEM, he kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he did aforetime.” Daniel 6:10

At first JERUSALEM was the qibla of both Muslims and Jews, however some sixteen months after the flight the qibla was changed by the Holy Prophet under Divine command to MECCA.

THE TIMES OF PRAYER

A Muslim has to pray five times per day as follows:
1. Fajr or early morning prayer.
2. Zuhr or early afternoon prayer
3. Asr or late afternoon prayer
4. Magrib - immediately after sunset
5. Ishaih - the night prayer

THE QURAN

“And keep up prayer at the two ends of the day and in the first hours of the night.....” Ch. 11:114

THE BIBLE

“David prayed three times a day i.e. morning, noon and evening.”
Psalms 55:17

“Daniel prayed three times a day.” - Daniel 6:10

Of Jesus it is said:

“And in the morning, rising up a great while before the day, he went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed.”
Mark 1:35
“And when he had sent the multitudes away, he went up into a mountain apart to pray: and when the evening was come, he was there alone.” - Matthew 14:23.

It should be noted that although there is no mention of Jesus performing the noon prayer in the Bible, as a Jew he must have said the noon prayer.

THE TAHAJJUD PRAYER
- a voluntary prayer said after midnight.

THE QURAN

“O thou covering thyself up! Rise to pray by night except a little, Half of it, or lessen it a little, Or add to it, and recite the Quran in a leisurely manner.... ” Ch. 73:1-4

“Thy Lord knows, indeed that thou passest in prayer nearly two thirds of the night, and (sometimes) half of it, and (sometimes) a third of it, as do a party of those with thee...” Ch. 73:20

THE BIBLE
After the last supper Jesus prayed through the night in the Garden of Gethsemane (Matthew Ch. 26:39-45)

“So woe to praying ones, Who are unmindful of their prayer! Who do (good) to be seen and refrain from acts of kindness!” Quran. 107:4-7.
CHARITY

Charity towards man, in its widest sense, is laid down in the Quran as the second pillar of Islam.

THE QURAN

"Those Who believe in the Unseen and keep up prayer and spend out of what We have given them," Ch. 2:3

Jesus said: "And He has made me blessed wherever I may be, and He has enjoined on me prayer and poor-rate so long as I live." Ch. 19:31

“And when We made a covenant with the Children of Israel. You shall serve none but Allah. And do good to (your) parents, and to the near of kin and to orphans and the needy, and speak good (words) to (all) men, and keep up prayer and pay the poor-rate ......” Ch. 2:83

The prophet Muhammad said:

“Every favour is an act of charity.” (Bulughil Maraam Vol. 2)

THE BIBLE

Jesus said: "But when thou doest alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth: That thine alms may be in secret: and thy Father which seeth in secret himself shall reward thee openly.” Matthew 6:3- 4

St. Paul said: “And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.” 1 Corinthians 13:13.
"For the poor shall never cease out of the land: therefore I command thee, saying, Thou shalt open thine hand wide unto thy brother, to thy poor, and to thy needy, in thy land."

Deuteronomy 15:11.

FASTING

Fasting in Islam is a religious institution and the fourth pillar or commandment. Fasting has in all ages and amongst all nations been an exercise much in use in times of mourning, sorrow and affliction. It was in Islam that fasting received a highly developed significance. It rejected the idea of appeasing Divine wrath, and introduced in its place regular fasting as a means to the development of the inner faculties of man.

THE QURAN

"O you who believe, fasting is prescribed for you, as it was prescribed for those before you, so that you may guard against evil." Ch. 2:183

THE BIBLE

"And they gathered together to Mizpeh, and drew water, and poured it out before the Lord, and fasted on that day;"

1 Samuel 7:6.

"Therefore go thou, and read in the roll, which thou hast written from my mouth, the words of the Lord in the ears of the people in the Lord's house upon the fasting day:" Jeremiah 36:6.

ABOUT JESUS HIMSELF IT IS SAID

"And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward an hungered." Matthew 4:2.
JESUS SAID TO HIS DISCIPLES

"Moreover when ye fast, be not, as the hypocrites, of a sad countenance: ... But thou, when thou fastest, anoint thine head, and wash thy face;" Matthew 6:16 - 17.


"Fasting is a shield, so the faster should not indulge in foul speech .... and surely the breath of a fasting man is pleasanter to Allah than the odour of musk; he refrains from food and drink and other desires to seek my pleasure."

Holy Prophet Muhammad.

THE PILGRIMAGE

The pilgrimage to Mecca also known as Hajj is incumbent upon every Muslim once in his life if he has the means. It represents the stage in which man completely surrenders himself to the Divine Will and sacrifices all his interests and discards all his comforts of life for the love of God.

THE QURAN

"And proclaim to men the Pilgrimage: they will come to thee on foot and on every lean camel, coming from every remote path." Ch. 22:27
THE BIBLE

"The great caravans of camels will come, from Midian (Madinah) and Ephah. They will come from Sheba, bringing gold and incense. People will tell the good news the Lord has done! All the sheep of Kedar and Nebaioth will be brought to you as sacrifices and offered on the altar to please the Lord. The Lord will make his temple (in Mecca) more glorious than ever." Isaiah 60:6-7 (Good News Bible)

NOTE:
Kedar and Nebaioth are the sons of Ismael. (Genesis 25:13)

ACTS OF DEVOTION
A point that needs to be clarified is that the Quran does not teach human sacrifices. The Bible rejects this absurd practice and does not support the Christian teachings that Christ died as a human sacrifice for the atonement of the sins of man.

THE QURAN

"And for every nation We appointed acts of devotion that they might mention the name of Allah on what He has given them of the cattle quadrupeds." Ch. 22:34

"Not their flesh, nor their blood, reaches Allah, but to Him is acceptable observance of duty on your part." Ch. 22:37

THE BIBLE

"The soul that sinneth, it shall die. The son shall not bear the iniquity of the father, neither shall the father bear the iniquity of the son: the righteousness of the righteous shall be upon him, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon him." Ezekiel Ch. 18:20

Abraham commanded by God to sacrifice a ram in place of his son.

"And Abraham lifted up his eyes, and looked, and behold behind him a ram caught in a thicket by his horns: and Abraham went and took the ram, and offered him up for a burnt offering in the stead of his son." Genesis 22:13
THE NEW JERUSALEM

Jerusalem means "the city of peace", which is protected by God from wars being fought in it. History shows that Mecca was the only city where wars were fought around it but never inside it, up to this day. It is a fact that the present Jerusalem has been subjected to many wars and is still not entirely free from such threats. This Jerusalem, in Israel, was twice destroyed as a punishment for the transgression of the Jews, once by the Babylonians in 588 B.C. and again by the Romans. Jesus warned them twice of the above happenings;

"Behold, your house is left unto you desolate." Matthew 23:38
and "Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles,....." Luke 21:24

Therefore the New Jerusalem which John saw in a vision in Revelations 21:1-2 fits the description of Mecca, a city of everlasting peace where only God is worshipped and to where people of different races, creeds and cultures, from different countries from all over the world gather to worship in peace.

THE KAABAH OR THE HOUSE AT MECCA

The first house appointed by God for worship was at Mecca. The Quran says:

"Certainly the first house appointed for men is the one at Bakkah, blessed and a guidance for the nations." Ch. 3:95

(Bakkah, is the same as Mecca)

BIBLE

BACCA (Bakkah) is also mentioned in the Torah by DAVID as follows: "Who passing through the valley of Bacca make it a well, the rain also fillith the pools." Psalms 84:6

The well here is the well known well of ZAMZAM, still present near the Ka'bah in Mecca.

Al Bait or the house is the famous house known by this name up to this day viz. the Kaabah. It is also known as Bait ul Allah or the House of Allah and this is the same as Bethel of the Bible.

"But prophesy not again any more at Beth-el: for it is the king's chapel, and it is the king's court." Amos 7:13
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In the Quran it is mentioned as the Ancient House (Ch. 22:33) or the Oft-Visited House (Ch. 52:4)

A CHRISTIAN CRITIC OF ISLAM, (WILLIAM MUIR, WRITES)

"A very high antiquity must be assigned to the main features of the religion of Mecca.... Diodorus Siculus, writing about half a century before our's, says of Arabia washed by the Red Sea, 'there is in this country a temple greatly revered by the Arabs.'" Life of Mohamet, p xc.

TAWAAF OR CIRCUITS

A Muslim must perform the pilgrimage or Hajj at least once in his life time if he is by the means to do so. When he arrives in Mecca he must perform the circuits or tawaaaf around the Kaabah says the Quran:

"Associate naught with Me, and purify My House for those who make circuits and stand and pray and bow and prostrate themselves." Ch. 22:26

THE BIBLE

"And he went from year to year in circuit to Beth-el......" 1 Samuel 7:16

THE ANGELS

The existence of the angels, the most important of which is the arch angel Gabriel, is universally accepted. It is Gabriel that brought revelation to the Holy Prophet Muhammad and the prophets before him.

THE QURAN

"Say: Whoever is an enemy to Gabriel -for surely he revealed it to thy heart by Allah's command, verifying that which is before it and a guidance and glad tidings for the believers." Ch. 2:97
THE BIBLE
Gabriel makes man understand the vision - Daniel 8:16
Gabriel was seen in a vision in the form of a man in prayer - Daniel 9:21 - see also
Quran Ch. 19:17
Gabriel sent by God. - St. Luke 1:26

“They (angels) do not disobey Allah in that which He commands them, but they do as they are commanded.”
- Quran

PROPHETS AND THEIR SCRIPTURES

A Muslim believes in all prophets as having been sent by God for the guidance of mankind. The Holy Prophet is recorded to have said that there has been a hundred and twenty four thousand prophets, twenty-five of which are mentioned in the Quran.

THE QURAN

“And who believe in that which has been revealed to thee and that which was revealed before thee,....” Ch. 2:4

“And there is not a people but a warner has gone among them.” Ch. 35:24
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THE BIBLE

(Jesus said) "Think not that I come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil. 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. 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: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven." St. Matthew 5:17-19.

"And it is easier for heaven and earth to pass, than one tittle of the law to fail." St. Luke 16:17

THE HEREAFTER OR THE RESURRECTION

Belief in a future life in one form or another is common to all religions of the world, and is an important fundamental article of a Muslim's faith. Whilst several verses of the Quran speak about the hereafter or the resurrection, not much light was thrown upon it in earlier scriptures.

THE QURAN

"...... and of the Hereafter they are sure." Ch. 2:4

"And We have made every man's actions to cling to his neck, and We shall bring forth to him on the day of RESURRECTION a book which he will find wide open. Read thy book. Thine own soul is sufficient as a reckoner against thee this day." Ch. 17:13-14
"And whoever is blind in this (world) he will be blind in the Hereafter, and further away from the path." Ch. 17:72

THE BIBLE
Jesus answered one of the Sudducees when he said to Jesus that there is no resurrection;

"Jesus answered and said unto them, Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God. For in the resurrection they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are as angels of God in heaven. But as touching the resurrection of the dead, have ye not read that which was spoken unto you by God, saying I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob? God is not the God of the dead, but of the living." St. Matthew 22:29-32

DIETARY LAWS

The flesh of swine and intoxicants are forbidden

THE QURAN

"Forbidden to you is that which dies of itself, and blood, and flesh of swine, ...." Ch. 5:3

"O you who believe, intoxicants and games of chance.... are only an uncleanness, the devil's work; so shun it that you may succeed." Ch. 5:90

THE BIBLE

"And the Lord spake unto Moses and to Aaron, saying unto them, Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, these are the beasts which ye shall eat among all the beasts that are on the earth. Whatsoever parteth the hoof, and is cloven-footed, and cheweth the cud, among the beasts, that shall ye eat. Nevertheless these shall ye not eat.... And the swine, though he divide the hoof, and be
cloven-footed, yet he cheweth not the cud; he is unclean to you
......" Leviticus 11:1-7

"And the swine, because it divideth the hoof, yet cheweth not the
cud, it is unclean unto you: ye shall not eat of their flesh, nor touch
their dead carcass." Deut 14:8

WINE

"Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and whosoever is
deceived thereby is not wise." Proverbs 20:1

"Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his
colour in the cup, .... At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth
like an adder." Proverbs 23:31-33

"They ask thee about intoxicants and games of chance.
Say: In both of them there is great sin and some advantage
for men, and the sin is greater than the advantage."
- Quran.
JESUS PORTRAYED AS A MUSLIM IN THE BIBLE

A Muslim believes that Jesus was a prophet of God and not a God or the son of God as the Christians believe. The Quran teaches us that all prophets of God were Muslim i.e. that they all submitted to the Will of God. A picture of Jesus drawn from evidence from the Gospels portrays him as a Muslim.

1) Jesus was circumcised when he was eight days old. Luke 2:21. Circumcision was an everlasting covenant given to Abraham. Genesis 17:13.

2) Jesus believed in one God. When one of the scribes asked him which is the first commandment of all, Jesus answered him, the first of all commandments is, hear O Israel; the Lord our God is one Lord. Mark 12:29. See also Matthew 19:17, and Luke 18:19.

3) Jesus greeted as a Muslim when he met another.
    "And as they thus spake, Jesus himself stood in the midst of them and saith unto them Peace be unto you." Luke 24:36. Peace be unto you in Arabic is Assalamu Alaikum.

4) Jesus prayed in the same manner as Muslims do i.e. he fell on his face and prayed. Matthew 26:39.


6) Jesus prophesied about the Holy Prophet Muhammad.
   John . St. John 16:12-13.)
PART

TWO
A CRITICAL LOOK AT SOME BIBLICAL TEACHINGS

**QURAN**

"Do you then hope that they would believe in you, and a party from among them indeed used to hear the word of Allah, then altered it after they had understood it, and they know (this.)" Ch. 2: 75.

"Woe! then to those who write the Book with their hands then say, This is from Allah; so that they may take for it a small price ....." Ch. 2:79.

"Some of those who are Jews alter words from their places....." Ch. 4:46

"But those who were unjust changed the word which had been spoken to them, for another saying...." Ch. 2:59.

**BIBLE**

"And the burden of the Lord shall ye mention no more: for every man’s word shall be his burden; for ye have perverted the words of the living God, of the Lord of hosts our God. ” Jeremiah 23:36

"The earth also is defiled under the inhabitants thereof; because they have transgressed the laws, changed the ordinance, broken the everlasting covenant.” Isaiah 24:5.
FIRST OBJECTION

THE BIBLE ON CREATION
In the first book of the Bible namely Genesis 1:1-13 there exist three days without the sun. Let us analyse it briefly:

After God created the heavens and the earth, God said let there be light, and there was light, and God divided the light from the darkness. And God called the light day and the darkness night and that was the first day. Genesis 1:1-5.

COMMENT
Division of the light from the darkness (genesis 1:4) took place without the sun similarly the other two remaining days (Genesis 1:6-13) also existed without the sun because we find that the sun, the moon and the stars were only created on the fourth day (Genesis 1:14-19) This shows that the word of God is in direct contradiction to the very works of God.

SECOND OBJECTION

The Two Sets of Adams Created as Stated in the Bible:

i) The First Adam:
The first Adam and his wife were created on the sixth day. The Bible says:

"Male and female created He them and God blessed them, and God said unto them Be fruitful, and multiply. and replenish the earth, and subdue it; and have dominion over the earth and everything in it." Genesis 1:27-31.
"Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made."  Genesis 2:1-2.

ii) Second Adam:
After God has rested from all his work on the seventh day and blessed and sanctified it, and God caused it not to rain upon the earth and there was no man to till the ground. But there went up a mist from the earth, and watered the whole face of the ground: ...(Genesis 2:2-6), Then God created the second man.

THE BIBLE

"And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul."  Genesis 2:7

COMMENT
Firstly it is against human reasoning that God who is the Life force of the entire creation could have rested as stated in the Bible, secondly, it is strange that we find that after God had already created the first male and female "in his own image" - (Genesis-1:26-27) and after having rested on the seventh day when He had caused rain to fall on the earth He realised there was no one to till the ground. He then created another Adam (Genesis 2:7) Are we to believe that God Almighty had since forgotten about the first Adam already created? (Genesis 1:26)

THIRD OBJECTION

THE CREATION OF EVE, ADAM'S WIFE
We find that God, instead of creating a wife for Adam as promised in Genesis 2:18. God created the animals first (Genesis 2:19) and only afterwards God realised Eve was not yet created.
THE BIBLE

"...but for Adam there was not found an helpmeet for him."
Genesis 2:20.

THE FOURTH OBJECTION

THE TALKING SERPENT

The serpent was telling the truth on three occasions but is still punished by the God of the Bible. The serpent said unto the woman

Ye shall not surely die. For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened. And ye shall be as gods knowing good and evil. (Genesis 3:5)

THE THREE STATEMENTS MADE BY THE SERPENT DID COME TRUE

i) Both Adam and Eve did not die after they ate the fruit. The Bible says that Adam lived up to the age of 930 years. (Genesis 5:5) because we also read in Genesis (4:1 -2) about the progeny of Adam and Eve we must conclude that Eve also lived up to and old age and did not die after eating the forbidden fruit.

ii) Their eyes were opened after eating the fruit. The Bible says:

"And the eyes of both of them were opened," Gen. 3:7

iii) And they became like God knowing good and evil, for God says:

"Behold, the man is become as one of us (a God)" Gen. 3:22

The above are the three true statements made by the serpent. The question is why did God then punish the serpent as follows:

"And the Lord God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life." (Gen. 3:14)
FIFTH OBJECTION

THE SONS OF ADAM
Adam and his wife had three sons. The first born was Cain (Gen. 4:1) and the second Abel (Gen 4:2) and many years later a third son, Seth, was born. These three sons are called the generation of Adam (Gen 5:1)

CAIN KILLS ABEL
In Genesis 4:8 we find that Cain has killed Abel thus leaving behind only four viz. Adam, his wife Eve and their two sons Cain and Seth.

LAND OF NOD
After Cain killed his brother we are told that he went out of the presence of God, had a wife which bore him a child which he called Enoch. He and his son then proceed to build a city. (Genesis 4:16-17)

QUESTIONS

i) How could Cain have gone out of the presence of God when God is Omnipresent?

ii) Where did the woman from the land of Nod, who married Cain come from?

iii) How can one man, his wife and son build a city? And for whom was the city built? Of what use is a city if there are no one to inhabit it?
CREATION AS STATED IN THE QURAN

Now let us examine what the Quran has to say on the subject of the creation of the world.

THE STAGES OF CREATION

QURAN

"Say: Do you indeed disbelieve in Him Who created the earth in two days..." Ch. 41:9

"An He made in it mountains above its surface, and He blessed therein and ordained therein its foods, in four days...." Ch. 41:10

"Then He directed Himself to the heaven and it was a vapour, so He said to it and to the Earth: Come both, willingly or unwillingly. They both said: We come willingly." Ch. 41:11

Note that the heaven is plainly spoken of as being "dukhan" i.e. smoke, vapour or gaseous matter. The command to creation to come willingly or unwillingly is a reference to the Divine Laws working in nature. Everything created, whether in the heavens or the earth, is subject to law. The existence of one law throughout the universe is clear evidence of the existence of the One God, the maker of that law.

NOTE: The Arabic work yaum mentioned above and translated as a day or a period is applied in the Quran to any period of time from a moment (Ch. 55 : 29) to a thousand years (Ch. 32:5) or to fifty thousand years (Ch. 70:4) etc.
THE SIX PERIODS OR STAGES OF CREATION AS STATED IN THE QURAN

"Surely your Lord is Allah, Who created the heavens, and the earth in six periods..." Ch. 7:54

THE FIRST STAGE
The throwing separation of the cosmic matter called the earth.

THE SECOND STAGE
The cooling of its surface.

THE THIRD STAGE
The making of the mountains

THE FOURTH STAGE
The blessing it by waters and making in it rivers.

THE FIFTH AND SIXTH STAGES
Are spoken of as the ordaining foods, being in the first place, the growth of plant life and, in the second, the growth of animal life, culminating in the creation of man.

LAW AND ORDER

"Who created the seven heavens alike. Thou seest no incongruity in the creation of the Beneficent. Then look again: Canst thou see any disorder? ...." Ch. 67:3-4

Attention is here called to the regularity and uniformity of the law working in nature. The verse calls attention to the existence of a Supreme Being as witnessed by the regularity and uniformity of His law prevailing in nature.

CONCLUSION
It is a common fact that if a book is held to be the very word of God, then that book must prove that the word of God is consistent with the works of God. From the above, on the subject of creation alone, we find (without being disrespectful), that the Bible
has failed this simple test. This is the result of man's tampering with the word of God. The Quran warns us in the following words:

"Woe! then to those who write the Book with their hands then say, This is from Allah..." Ch. 2:79.

CHRISTIANITY - THE TEACHINGS OF ST. PAUL OR JESUS?

Christian scholars admit that the Christianity we know today is the invention of St.. Paul and not the teachings of Jesus. To quote a few.

"If by Christianity we understand faith in Christ as the heavenly Son of God, who did not belong to the earthly humanity, but who lived in the Divine likeness and glory, who came down from Heaven to earth, who entered humanity and took upon himself a human form through a virgin, that he might make propitiation for men's sins by his own blood upon the Cross, who was then awakened from death and raised to the right hand of God, as the Lord of his own people, who believe in him, who hears their prayers, guards and leads them, who, moreover,dwells and works personally in each of them, who will come again with the clouds of Heaven to judge the world, who will cast down all the foes of God, and will bring his own people with him unto the home of heavenly light so that they may become like His glorious body." "IF THIS IS CHRISTIANITY THEN SUCH CHRISTIANITY WAS FOUNDED BY ST.. PAUL AND NOT BY OUR LORD." -Meyer, Jesus or Paul, p.122

"Paul, it is true wrought a work of tremendous historical
importance in that HE RAISED JESUS FROM THE POSITION OF A JEWISH MESSIAH TO THAT OF DIVINE REDEEMER OF THE GENTILES AND OF THE WHOLE WORLD." -ibid.

Dr. Johannes Weiss, of Heidelberg University, wrote on page 130 of his book Paul and Jesus;

"Hence the faith in Christ as held by Paul was SOMETHING NEW IN COMPARISON WITH THE PREACHING OF JESUS: IT WAS A NEW TYPE OF RELIGION"

THE CHARACTER OF ST. PAUL AS DESCRIBED IN THE BIBLE.

The readers may draw their own conclusion as to the character of St. Paul from the following evidence in the Bible:

i) Paul replying to an objector to his teachings, says;

"For through MY LIE abounded unto his glory, why am I still judged as a sinner?" Rom 3:7 - Revised Version.

later changed to ...

"For if the truth of God hath more abounded through MY LIE..." -Authorised version.

ii) When taken into custody, he tells the Chief Captain that he was a Roman. Acts 22:24 - 27.
iii) Later in the day he declared to the crowds that he was a Pharisee, the son of a Pharisee. Acts 23:6.

iv) When produced before Festus, the Governor, however, he once again urged his Roman citizenship and had to be sent back to Rome to appear before Caesar. Acts 25:10 - 12.

v) Paul about himself in his letter to Corinthians says:

"But though I be rude in speech yet, not in knowledge..."
2 Corinthians 11:6

"I robbed other churches, taking wages of them, to do you service."
2 Corinthians 11:8.

"Woe! then to those who write the Book with their hands then say, this is from Allah."
Quran Ch. 2:79.
MIRACULOUS BIRTH, ACCURSED DEATH, RESURRECTION, AND ASCENSION OF JESUS IS OF PAGAN ORIGIN.

These four beliefs as preached by the Christians are doctrines which were introduced by the early church fathers. The strong affinity they have with Pagan beliefs, as we will show hereunder, is indeed striking evidence of how the plain teachings of Jesus, prophet of God, were transformed and distorted to appeal to the Pagan Roman oppressor.

In Robertson's Pagan Christs page 338 we read that Mithra, the Pagan God of the Persians (400 BC) was believed to be born of a virgin in a cave on the 25th December. There is also Attis the Pagan Phyrian God who was also born of a virgin named Nana. He bled to death at a pine tree. His blood renewed the fertility of the earth and thus brought a new life to humanity. He also rose from the dead.

Adonis, the Pagan Syrian God was also born of a virgin. He was killed and rose again in spring.

Tammuz, the Syrian Pagan God (1160 BC) was also believed to have died for the sins of the world.
WAS JESUS BORN OF A VIRGIN?

HISTORY
The word virgin is introduced into the Bible by way of a dishonest translation of the word "halma" which means a woman in the Hebrew text to mean "bethula", a virgin in the Greek but which does not appear in the Hebrew text. We read in Isaiah 7:14

"Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin (woman) shall conceive, and bear a son."

In Matthew 1:23 we read:

"Behold, a virgin (woman) shall be with child."

That the word "virgin" were deliberately and dishonestly introduced into the Biblical text by the proponents of the virgin birth theory is emphatically borne out by the following verses of the Bible;

Virgin:-

"A virgin or any other woman did not embrace or touch men in Jewish society, unless they were married and even then it was done in the privacy of one's home. By illustration the case of Amnon, the son of David. He had a violent passion for Tamar, but could not even converse with her alone, because she was a virgin and lived in the innermost part of the palace, he had to deceive the king to get permission for Tamar to come out and see him." 2 Samuel 13:1-22

But according to the Bible, Joseph and the virgin Mary was alone in private and after that the birth of Jesus took place, says the Bible. Then Joseph being raised from sleep did as the angel of the Lord has bidden him, and took unto him, his wife: "And new her not till she had brought forth his first born son." And he called his name Jesus. Matthew 1:24.
THE PROPHECY OF MOSES

"Philip findeth Nathanael, and saith unto him, We have found him, of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets, did write, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." John 1:45

JESUS TAUGHT AS FOLLOWS ABOUT THE WORDS OF MOSES

"For had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed me: for he wrote of me. But if ye believe not his writings, how shall ye believe my words?" John 5:46-47

THE GENEALOGIES OF JESUS

Jesus's ancestry is traced by both Matthew and Luke through Joseph, the father. (see Matthew 1:1-16 and Luke 3:23) The question is, that if we are to believe that Joseph was not the father of Jesus, why did these gospel writers bother with these lengthy genealogies at all?

Evidence of Jesus's contemporaries, his neighbours and fellow citizens:

"And when he was come in his own country, he taught them in their synagogue, in so much that they were astonished, and said, whence has this man this wisdom, and these mighty works? Is not this the carpenter's son? is not his mother called Mary? and his brethren, James, and Joses, and Simon, and Judas? And his sisters, are they not all with us...? " Matt 13:54-56 (see also Mark 6:2-3)

EVIDENCE OF THE MOTHER, MARY

"And when they saw him, they were amazed: and his mother said unto him, son, why hast thou thus dealt with us? Behold thy father and I have sought thee sorrowing... " Luke 2:48.

AN ANCIENT RABBI

In the writing of an Ancient Rabbi, who wrote just when the VIRGIN BIRTH was first attributed to JESUS, we read, "JESUS was legitimate as any other JEWISH child in GALILEE."

His father was an artisan, a CARPENTER. The son learnt the trade of his father and made goads yokes: Ab - ZAR, 36, etc.
QURAN

THE LAW OF PROCREATION
The Quran repeatedly points out that the Law of Procreation is the union of a MALE and a FEMALE.
Says the Quran:

"Surely We have created man from sperm mixed (with ovum), to try him so We have made him hearing, seeing.” Ch. 76:2

MIRACULOUS CONCEPTION OF JESUS REFUTED
The words GAMALAT and FAGAMALAT:
Says the Quran:

“He it is Who created you from a single soul, and of the same did He make his mate, that he might find comfort in her. So when he covers her she bears (gamalat) a light burden, then moves about with it. Then when it grows heavy, they both call upon Allah, their Lord: If Thou givest us a good one, we shall certainly be of the grateful.” Ch. 7:189.

The word used in the above verse is (pregnant) and shows that when a man covers a woman she conceives and becomes pregnant. The same happened in the case of MARY the MOTHER of JESUS.

Says the Quran:

"Then she conceived (fagamalat) him; (JESUS) and withdrew with him to a remote place.” Ch. 19:22.

NOTE:
The words GAMALAT and FAGAMALAT are used when a woman becomes pregnant in both chapters of the Quran viz. Of. 7:189 and in Of. 19:22 in which case it applies to MARY the MOTHER of JESUS. In other words Mary conceived and became pregnant like any other woman and gave birth to JESUS in an ORDINARY
manner. The Holy Quran points out in the next verse of Chapter 19 as follows:

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

MIRACLES
OF JESUS

SPIRITUAL OR PHYSICAL
IN BRIEF

CHRISTIAN PREACHERS:

Ministers of the churches preach to Christians about the DIVINITY of JESUS the CHRIST who performed such mighty miracles which were far above and beyond the power of man:
1. He gave sight to those born blind.
2. Cleansed the lepers, and merely by the touch of his hand.
3. Raised up the dead as stated in Matthew: 11:2–5.

These Ministers quote from the Bible to prove the Divinity of Christ as follows:

“When John had heard in the prison the works of Christ, he sent two of his disciples, And saith unto him, Art thou he that should come, or do we look for another?” Jesus answered and said unto them, “Go and shew John again those things which ye do hear and see, The blind received their sight, the lame walked, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the Gospel preached to them.” Matthew 11:2-5.

NOTE:
Let us analyse the miracles performed by JESUS and see if it is of a physical or spiritual nature. So let us take the most important miracle, “the rising up of the dead” as explained by JESUS himself in the parable of the Prodigal

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And he said,

"A certain man had two sons: And the younger of them said to his father, father, give me the portion of goods that falleth to me. And he divided unto them his living ..... the younger gathered all together. And took his journey into a far country, and there wasted his substance with riotous living .... and he began to be in want .... but he arose and came to his father .... but the father said: .... "for this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost and is found ...." Luke 15:11-14.

This is the significance of the Biblical phrase, Raising up of the Dead.

THE DEAD
According to the Bible once a person dies he will never return, to life again:

Says the Bible

1. "As the cloud is consumed and vanished away: So he that goeth down to the grave shall come up no more. He shall return no more to his house, neither shall his place know him anymore." Job 7:9-10.

2. David said to his dead son, "But now he is dead wherefore should I fast? Can I bring him back again? I shall go to him, but he shall not return to me." 2 Samuel 12:23.

3. St. Paul confessed in his Epistles to the Hebrews: "And as it is appointed unto me once to die, but after this the judgement." Hebrews 9:27.

4. St. Paul in his first Epistle to the Corinthian writes, "I die daily" 1 Corinthians Ch. 15:31.
SPIRITUALLY DEAD

Says the Bible

"And another of his disciples said unto Him, Lord, suffer me first to go and bury my father: But Jesus said unto him, follow me; and let the dead bury the dead." Matthew 8:21-22

In other words his father was spiritually dead and not physically.

To end off the subject concerning the raising up of the dead spiritually and not physically, because in the Gospels, more than any other books are full of figurative speeches and parables.
It is written in Matthew 13:34, "All these things spake JESUS unto the multitude in parables: and without a parable spake he not unto them."
Let us further analyse very briefly the other remaining MIRACLES as follows:
1. The blind received their sight.
2. The Lame walked.
3. The Lepers were cleansed.
4. The deaf hear.
5. The dead are raised.
6. And the poor have the Gospel preached to them.

It should however, be noted that the concluding words,

"The poor have the Gospel preached to them', shows clearly the blind, the lame, the leper and the dead belonged to the same category as the poor to whom the Gospel was preached, being poor in heart."

Miracles were performed even by the opponents of Jesus as he himself said:

(a) "For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect." Matthew 24:24.
(b) Many will say to me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? And in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: “depart from me, ye that work iniquity.” Matthew 7:22-23

(c) The Pharisees said, 

“....This fellow doth not cast out devils, but by Beelzebub the prince of the devils, .....” Jesus said, and “If I by Beelzebub cast out devils, by whom do your children cast them out?” Matthew 12:27

(d) Jesus also said, 

“I can of mine own self do nothing; as I hear, I judge: and my judgement is just; because I seek not my own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me.” John 5:30.

(e) Jesus again said, 

“But if I with the finger of God cast out devils, no doubt the Kingdom of God is come upon you.” Luke 11:20 inclusion:

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JESUS IN COURT BEFORE HEROD

If the working of Miracles was really in the power of Jesus the Christ as the Christians would have the world believe, it was the most suitable and appropriate time to show Herod some supernatural sign and establish the truth of his DIVINE MISSION but Jesus did not.

Says the Bible

"And when Herod saw Jesus, he was exceeding glad; for he was desirous to see him of a long season, because he had heard many things of him; and he hoped to have seen some miracles done by him. Then he questioned with him in many words; but he (Jesus) answered him nothing. And the chief priests and scribes stood and
vehemently accused him. And Herod with his men of war set him at
nought, and mocked him, and arrayed him in a gorgeous robe, and

This is a very brief outline of the Miracles of Jesus as stated in the Bible. I leave it to
the reader to judge and decide for himself.

THE QURAN DOES NOT SUPPORT
VIRGIN-BIRTH THEORY

After the first creation all mankind came into existence through procreation - Jesus
being no exception;

"O Mankind, surely We have created you from a male and a
female..." Quran Ch. 49:13.

"Surely We have created man from sperm mixed (with ovum)..."
Quran Ch. 76:2.

"Wonderful Originator of the heavens and the earth! How could He
have a son when He has no consort? And He created everything,
and He is the Knower of all things. " Quran Ch. 6:102.

This verse naturally begs the question...How could Mary have had a son if she had no
consort as supposed by those who believe in the virgin birth.

The Quran refers to Jesus's father:

"We guided Noah, And among his progeny, David ... And Jesus
and Elias ...And to all We gave favour above the nations: (To them)
and to their fathers, And progeny and brethren."
Quran Ch. 6:84 - 87. (Yusuf Ali Translation).

"O Mankind, surely We have created you from a male and a
female..." Quran Ch. 49:13. (A comprehensive statement that
includes Jesus)
THE ACCURSED DEATH

The following verses from the Bible clearly show that Jesus was saved from an accursed death on the cross:

In the Garden of Gethsemane the night before the crucifixion Jesus prayed as follows:

"And he went a little further, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as Thou wilt." Matt 26:39.

"And he said, Abba, Father, all things are possible unto thee; take away this cup from me: nevertheless, not what I will, but what Thou wilt." Mark 14:36.

"And there appeared an angel unto him from heaven, strengthening him. And being in agony he prayed more earnestly: and his sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground." Luke 22:43.

JESUS (NABIE ESA ALAY SALAAM) DIED A NATURAL DEATH.

According to the Quran, Jesus was nailed to the cross or tree but did not die there at the age of thirty three years as the Christians believe up to this day.

We also read in the Quran that the Jews planned to kill Jesus to show to the world that he was not the Messiah as promised in the Torah.

The Quran further tells us that the Jews did not succeed in their plan. Says the Quran:

"And (the Jews) planned and Allah (also) planned. And Allah is the best of planners...." Ch. 3:53.

In other words the Jews planned to put Jesus to death by crucifixion; but Allah frustrated their plan; and Allah's plan was successful i.e. he was saved from the accursed death as stated in their Torah and the Quran confirms this as follows:

"And for their saying: We have killed the Messiah, Jesus, son of Mary, the messenger of Allah, and they killed him not, nor did they cause his death on the cross, but he was made to appear to them as such. And certainly those who differ therein are in doubt about it. They have no knowledge about it, but only follow a conjecture, and they killed him not for certain." Ch. 4:157.
The True Message of the Quran the Torah and the Gospel

The disgrace and humiliation the Jews planned for Jesus therefore did not succeed because Allah saved him from dying on the cross and exalted him. Says the Quran: “When Allah said: O Jesus, I will cause thee to die and exalt thee in My presence and clear thee of those who disbelieve.” Ch. 3:54.

A note on 'I will cause thee to die' (ini mut-tawwafika):

1) Yusuf Ali - in his first edition he translated the words as meaning “I will cause thee to die...”; but in his second edition he changed it to, “I will take thee.” In his footnote (2485); however he says that Christ was not crucified; but those who believe that he never died should ponder over this verse viz. (Ch. 19:33) See also footnote (665) of Ch. 4:159.

2) Pickthall's translation reads, “O Jesus, I am gathering thee...” which is the Biblical idiom for “cause to die”

3) George Sale's translation “And God said O Jesus verily I will cause thee to die.”

4) J.M. Rodwell's translation “Remember when Allah said, O Jesus verily I will cause thee to die.”

5) J.N. Dawood (Jewish translator) “I am about to cause you to die.”

6) Lane's Arabic/English lexicon - here ... “inni mut tawwafika...” are translated as ; “I will cause thee to die.” The meaning of, “Raf-fi' ukah -ielay”:

“RAF”, signifies raising or elevating or making honourable (TLL). Where the “RAF” of man to God is spoken of in the Quran or in religious literature of Islam, it is always in the latter sense. Five times daily a Muslim prays to Allah to “raf” exalt him (wa ra fa'anie..) - and surely it does not mean that the Muslim praying thus expects for one moment to be lifted bodily to heaven?

BIBLE
Were the prayers of Jesus as quoted above from the Bible, to be saved from an accursed death heard?

The answer is yes, for we are told;

“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: ...”
Hebrew 5:7.

Hadith or saying of the Holy Prophet:

“Angel Gibreel (AS) has informed me that ESAH SABNOE MARIA-MA (Jesus son of Mary) lived to an age of 120 years.”
(1K-Vol 11 page 246)

THE RESURRECTION AND ASCENSION

From the above it is shown that there was no death on the cross therefore the question of the resurrection becomes irrelevant. Before we comment on the supposed 'ascension' the following facts should be considered:

i) Jesus was only 33 years of age at the time.

ii) Jesus's mission was to find and save the twelve lost tribes of Israel. Says the bible: These twelve Jesus sent forth, and commanded them, saying, go not into the way of the GENTILES, and into any city of Samaritans enter ye not: But go rather to the lost sheep of Israel (see Matt 10:5-6)

iii) But he answered and said: “I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” Matt 15:24

iv) “For the son of man is come to save that which was lost.” (Matt 18:11)

v) Only two tribes were found in Jerusalem viz. Judah and Benjamin.. the others all being scattered in the East.

vi) If he had ascended as supposed, his mission would have been incomplete.
It is therefore inconceivable that Jesus, at a critical time of his career, should be departed from his earthly sojourn to take up an idle seat next to God.

Also, this supposedly remarkable event is not mentioned by any of the Gospel writers, except Luke and Mark where spurious accounts are given as we shall see;

"So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven,..." Mark 16:19 (see Luke 24:51)

Christian scholars and commentators are in doubt about the authenticity of these verses.

The reverend Dummelow comments upon it as follows;

"A few ancient authorities omit the words... 'and was carried up into heaven'... if they are omitted it is possible to regard this event as stated in Luke 24:51 not as the ascension, but as a disappearance of Jesus at the end of the interview."

In Peak's commentary, we read a similar view:

"The words 'and was carried up into heaven' are omitted in some best manuscripts and have probably crept in from" Acts 1:9 as follows "and when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight."

The Quran does not support the bodily ascension:

"When Allah said: O Jesus, I will cause thee to die and exalt thee in My presence and clear thee of those who disbelieve..." Ch. 3:54 (see also Ch. 4:157-159.)
THE CONCEPT OF BODILY ASCENSION

We find the concept of bodily ascensions of prophets put forward in Jewish and Christian scriptures. It is recorded in Genesis Ch. 5:24;

"That Enoch the seventh generation from Adam ascended bodily into the heavens as follows: And Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him." (recorded 1513 BC.)

The Christian scripture is more clear;

Paul says "By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death;" Hebrews 11:5 (recorded 61 A.D.)

The Jews and the Christians also believe that Elijah ascended bodily into the heavens. We read in the Bible;

"Behold, there appeared a chariot of fire, and horses of fire and parted them both asunder; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into the heaven." 2 Kings 2:11

Elijah's ascension was in a vision which was recorded in 580 B.C.
ME'AARAJ

Me'araj from Mecca to Medina: Achmat Ali a translator of the Quran says that the Prophet ascended on the night of Me'araj from Mecca to Medina. To clarify the above belief, reference is made to Ch. 36 verse 20. See Quran translation by Achmat Ali Princeton University Press New Jersey. But in Ch.17 verse 60 there it is expressly called ru'ya or a vision. That's why it is Jerusalem because the title of the surah is in connection with the Israelites and the prophet Muhammad (PBUH) is twice compared with Moses the leader of the Israelites. See Quran Ch. 46 verse 10 & Ch. 73 verse 15.

A BODILY ME'AARAJ

Those who believe in a bodily Me'araj are as follows: “They say that the Quran clearly states Glory to Him who carried His servant by night from the sacred mosque to the remote mosque:” Ch. 17 verse 1. “And they go on to say that Allah took His servant by night and not the soul of His servant, the answer is. The word nafs or soul and servant abdihi are used together for those who are in Janah.” Says the Quran. “O soul that art rest, Return to thy Lord, well pleased, well pleasing. So enter among My servants Ibaadihee which is plural for servant abdihi. And enter My garden” (janah) Ch. 89 verse 27-28 I leave it to the reader to judge.
THE QURAN DOES NOT SUPPORT
THE BODILY ASCENSION

About the prophet Enoch / Idris we read in the Quran:

"And mention Idris in the Book. Surely he was a truthful man, a
prophet and We raised him (rafa'-nahu) to an elevated state..."
Ch. 19:56-57

And about Elijah / Ilias it is said he was one of the righteous and he is mentioned with
some of the exalted (rafa'a) ones. - Ch. 6:84-86.

About prophet Jesus / Esa the Quran says; "O Jesus, I will cause thee to die (a
natural death) and exalt (raf) thee in My presence..." Ch. 3:54.

Note that prophets Ilias, (Elijah) and Jesus were exalted in degrees and did not ascend
to the heavens with their bodies. The significance of the word 'rafi ukah' is exalted -
refer to the daily prayer of the Muslims in the sitting posture.... - "Rabbig firlie....
wa raf ja'nie...." (".....and exalt me...") - note although the word "raf" is used the
supplicant does not pray for a bodily ascension.

Even when the Prophet (pbuh) was asked by the disbelieving Arabs of his time to
ascend bodily into the heavens - recorded as follows in the Quran;

"... Or thou have a house of gold, or thou ascend into heaven...."
(tarka fis saama) Ch. 17:93.

The Prophet (pbuh) was commanded by Almighty Allah to reply as follows;
"Say: Glory to my Lord! Am I taught but a mortal messenger?"
Ch. 17:93.

The ascension of the Prophet (pbuh), is therefore clear was not bodily and took place
spiritually in a vision. The Quran confirms this;
"And We made not the vision which We showed thee but a trial for men..." Ch. 17:60.

"So He revealed to His servant what He revealed. The heart was not untrue in seeing what he saw..." Ch. 53:10-11.

The Greatest miracle of Islam is the Quran.
“It was the one miracle claimed by Mohammad - his standing miracle he called it; and a miracle it is.” - Bosworth Smith

THE STATUS OF WOMEN IN THE QURAN AND THE BIBLE

The Quran teaches social equality of men and women which were non-existent before Islam.

“For men is the benefit of what they earn. And for women is the benefit of what they earn.” Ch. 4:32.

“For men is a share of what the parents and the near relatives leave, and for women a share of what the parents and the near relatives leave...” Ch. 4:7.

The Quran teaches the spiritual equality of both men and women:

“Surely the men who submit and the women who submit, and the
believing men and the believing women, and the obeying men and
the obeying women, and the truthful men and the truthful women,
and the patient men and the patient women, and the humble men
and the humble women, and the charitable men and the charitable
women, and the fasting men and the fasting women, and the men
who guard their chastity and the women who guard, and the men
who remember -Allah much and the women who remember - All-ah
has prepared for them forgiveness and a mighty reward.”
Ch. 33:35.

This verse repeats ten times that women attain every good quality to which men have
access and settles it conclusively that according to the Quran women stands on the
same spiritual level as men.

THE POSITION OF WOMEN
IN THE BIBLE

Says the Bible

“When a man hath taken a wife, and married her, and it come to
pass that she find no favour in his eyes, because he hath found some
uncleanness in her: then let him write her a bill of divorcement, and
give it in her hand, and send her out of his house. And when she is
departed out of his house, she may go and be another man's wife.”
Deut. 24:1-2

Jesus said: “And I say unto you, whosoever shall put away his wife,
except it be for fornication, and shall marry another, committed
adultery: and whoso marrieth her which is put away, doth commit
adultery.” Matt 19:9

And it is written by St. Paul in the Bible;

“Let your women keep silent in the churches: for it is not permitted
unto them to speak; but they are commanded to be under
obedience, as also saith the law. And if they will learn anything, let
them ask their husbands at home: for it is a shame for women to speak in the church.” 1 Cor. 14:34-35.

St. Paul goes further and says:

“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 Ch. 2:11-14

And everyone has a goal to which he turns (himself), so vie with one another in good works. Wherever you are, Allah will bring you all together. Surely Allah is Possessor of power over all things. Quran Ch. 2:148

“Come now, and let us reason together saith the Lord.” Isaiah 1:18.
THE ARABIC WORD NUZUL

QURAN
The word Nuzul does not mean a bodily descension of a person or persons from heaven. Nowhere is this mentioned in the Quran.

Says the Quran:

"O children of Adam, We have indeed sent down (Nuzul) to you clothing to cover your shame, and (clothing) for beauty; and clothing that guards against evil—that is the best. This is of the messages of Allah that they may be mindful." Ch. 7:26

The word NUZUL, descend or sent down should not be misunderstood or interpreted in a literal sense. The root of the word nuzul is NAZALA and is also used in different forms in the Quran, for example the Quran says:

"And He sent down for you eight of the cattle in pairs." Ch. 39:6

Here the word ANZALNA is used, meaning sent down.
Again the Quran says:

"And sent down with them the Book (ANZALNA) and the measure,
.... And We sent down iron ANZALNA GADEED)" Ch. 57:25

Surely it would be ludicrous to assume that both cattle and iron are literally sent down from heaven. Even for appointment of the holy prophet Muhammad (pbuh) the Quran use the words QAD ANZALLALAHOE IELAYKOEM as follows: Allah has indeed sent down (ANZALNA) to you a reminder. In the same manner NUZUL of nabie ESAH (Jesus) simply means his coming and not his descent from heaven as stated in the hadith - Bukhari.

When the holy prophet (pbuh) said:

"What will your condition be when the son of Mary will descend
among you and will be your Imam." This Messiah is called IMAM-MUKUM MINKUM which means that he will be your Imam from amongst you. AL-BUKHARI, KITAB-AL-ANBIYA 60:49

In a hadith of the Shahih Muslim on the same subject, the words are WA-AMMA-KUM-MIN-KUM i.e. he (the Messiah) shall be your IMAM from among yourselves. - Al-Bukhari, Kitab-al Me’araj.

THE CREATION OF MAN IN GENERAL

According to the Quran, Man is created in stages, until he reaches a stage of perfection.

FIRST STAGE OF CREATION

QURAN

“He it is Who created you from dust, then from a small life-germ, then from a clot, then He brings you forth as a child, then that you may attain your maturity, then that you may be old; and of you are some who die before and that you may reach an appointed term, and that you may understand.” Ch. 40:67

AGAIN SAYS THE QURAN

“And certainly We create man of an extract of clay. Then We make him a small life-germ in a firm resting-place, Then We make the life-germ a clot, then We make the clot a lump of flesh, then We make (in) the lump of flesh bones, then We clothe the bones with flesh, then We cause it to grow into another creation. So blessed be Allah, the Best of Creators!” Ch. 23:12-14

OBSERVATION

The Quran tells us that MAN is brought forth in three distinct stages, viz. he will live,
he will die and he will be raised up again. But nowhere in the Quran is it said that after he is raised up, that he will descend. Similarly in reference to Nabi Esah (ahs) [Jesus] the same wording is used for him as is used for man, therefore it is logical to assume that Nabi Esah was not physically raised up and also therefore can not physically descend.

**QURAN**

"He (also) said (to man) therein (on earth) shall you live, and therein shall you die, and therefrom shall you be raised." Ch.7:25

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**QURAN**

*So set thy face for religion being upright,*  
*the nature by Allah in which He has created men.*  
*There is no altering Allah’s creation.*  
*That is the right religion - but most people know not.*  

Quran Ch. 30:30
THE IMMUTABILITY OF THE LAWS OF ALLAH

The Immutability of the laws of Allah are stressed over and over again in the Quran.

Says the Quran:

"...and thou wilt not find a change in Our course." Ch. 17:77

Again says the Quran:

"...and thou wilt not find a change in Allah's course." Ch. 48:23

"... and thou wilt find no change in the way of Allah." Ch. 33:62

"... But thou wilt find no alteration in the course of Allah." Ch. 35:43, etc.
THE PHRASE - KUN-FAYA-KOON.

Kun-Faya-Koon is an oft recurring phrase in the Holy Quran meaning Be and it is. And should not be mis-understood as used in the Quran as it is used in a wide sense in the Quran i.e. The Quran tells us that the creation of the heavens and the earth is greater than the creation of man (which took billions of years to complete). And Allah said to it. “Be, and it is.”

GREATER THAN MAN.

Says the Quran:

“... Assuredly the creation of the heavens and the earth is greater than man ...” Ch. 40:57.

And Allah said to the creation of the heavens and earth. Be it as follows:

“And He it is Who created the heavens and the earth with truth. And He says (to it) Be, and it is.” Ch. 6:73.

NOTE, Kun is the AMR or command and Faya-Koon is the completing of the command.

Says the Quran:

“His command, when He intends anything, is only to say to it, Be and it is.” Ch. 36:82.

The same situation took place between Mary the mother of Jesus and Zacharias the father of John (Yahya).
For Kun-Faya-Koon, Be it is,”
also see Ch. 2:117 - Ch. 6:73 & Ch. 3:58.

NOTE: It is clearly stated in the Quran that the creation of the heavens and the earth is greater than man Ch41:11 and Allah said to it (the heavens and the earth) KUN-KAYA-KOON Ch. 6:73

MARY AND ZACHARIAS

MARY
When the angels said to Mary:

"O Mary, surely Allah gives thee good news with a word from Him (of one) whose name is the Messiah, JESUS, son of Mary."
Ch. 3:44.

She said,

"My Lord, how can I have a son and man has not yet touched me?

He said:

"Even so; Allah creates what He pleases. When He decrees a matter, He only says to it, Be, and it is." Ch. 3:46.

ZACHARIAS
In the same manner Zacharias was praying for a son. Ch. 3:37 Zacharias complaint was as follows:

He said,

"My Lord, how can I have a son when old age has already come upon me, and my wife is barren? He said: Even thus does Allah do what He pleases." Ch. 3:39
Allah cured Zacharia’s wife Says the Quran:

“So We responded to him and gave him John and made his wife fit for him...” Ch. 21: 90

In the same natural manner the law applies to the birth of Jesus. “Even So” Ch. 3:46 meaning the child will be born by Allah bringing above the circumstances which result in the birth of a child.

HISTORY

Mary the mother of Jesus was given twice in charge: First in care of Zacharias at the age of 3 years Ch. 3:36 and the second time in marriage.

About her marriage says the Quran:

“This is of the tidings of things unseen which We reveal to thee. And thou wast not with them when they cast their pens (to decide) which of them should have Mary in his charge, and thou wast not with them when they contended one with another.” Ch. 3:43

NOTE: For the full detailed story of the Marriage of Mary, See Page 129 - 138 ‘Jesus in Heaven on Earth’ by Al Haj Khwaja Nasir Ahmad.

“Call to the way of thy Lord with wisdom and goodly exhortation, and argue with them in the best manner .....”
Ch. 16:125

“And argue not with the People of the Book except by what is best, save such of them as act unjustly .......”
Ch. 29:46