

Only One God



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*Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that
keep the commandments of God, and the faith of
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Yes, Islam is right. There is only one God.

Moslems believe in *al-ilah*, meaning ‘the god’. He is Allah, the “one, unique, incomparable God...” Quran 112:1.



Translation : Sahih International - Say, "He is Allah , [who is]

One... www.kuran.com

Judaism also believes in one God - YHVH. The Torah says, “Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord.” Deuteronomy 6:4.

שְׁמַע, יִשְׂרָאֵל:

יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ, יְהוָה אֶחָד.

Hebrew Bible – Deuteronomy 6:4 –

Hear O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one.

This understanding is very different from mainstream Christianity, although many will argue the teaching of the ‘three in one God’ is still monotheism or one God.

The Catholic Church teachers, “We worship one God in the Trinity and the Trinity in unity, without either confusing the persons or dividing the substance... the Godhead of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit is one, their glory equal, their majesty coeternal.” Athanasian Creed.

This belief was disputed in the 4th century and the Council of Nicaea (AD325) was convened to settle the controversy. After a long and heated debate, the Catholic party won the vote and the Arians were banished from the kingdom.

Although the doctrine of the consubstantial Son was agreed upon by the ruling party of the council, the relationship of the Holy Spirit had not been actively discussed. (consubstantial, meaning one substance)

Fifty six years later, the Council of Constantinople convened (AD381), and the consubstantial Holy Spirit was affirmed.

The Protestant Churches also believe in the doctrine of the Trinity, many stating, “as decided at Nicaea”, but some make it clear, that although they agree with the councils, their belief is based on Holy Scripture.

Other Christian churches have varying understandings of the Trinity. The Seventh-day Adventist’ belief is not based on Nicaea, but on the subtle *suggestions* of Scripture. Their fundamental beliefs state, “Although the Old Testament does not explicitly teach that God is triune, it alludes to a plurality within the Godhead.” 27 Fundamentals Belief No.2. p22.

The belief is: “There is one God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, a unity of three co-eternal Persons...” Ibid.

Further it says, “All three are divine, yet they share their divine powers and qualities... While the Godhead is not one in person, God is one in purpose, mind, character. This oneness does not obliterate the distinct personalities of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Nor does the separateness of personalities within the Deity destroy the monotheistic thrust of Scripture, that the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are one God.” Ibid. p23.

Early Seventh-day Adventists did not believe in the Trinity.

James White, one of their pioneers stated of “the old trinitarian absurdity”, that is was “unscriptural”. James White in 1846, retaining this belief until his death in 1881. (All early Adventists believed every version of the Trinity to be totally false)

(There are other Christian churches that do not believe in the Trinity, however, their understanding of either the Son or the Spirit is quite different. One group believes there is only one God at all times, being Jesus while on earth, and the Holy Spirit today)

Ellen White, a very prominent Seventh-day Adventist pioneer wrote of the one God who was Sovereign of the universe. “No finite mind can fully comprehend the existence, the power, the wisdom, or the works of the Infinite One... The mightiest intellects of earth cannot comprehend God. Men may be ever searching, ever learning, and still there is an infinity beyond.” Patriarchs and Prophets p116.

She also wrote, “We are counselled not to attempt to lift with presumptuous hand the curtain behind which He veils His majesty... for to lift the curtain that conceals the divine presence is death.” 5 Testimonies p301.

This is in harmony with the words of the Quran, the Creator of the universe is “unique” and incomparable”.

So we ask: Who is right?

- Islam and Judaism?
- Catholics, Protestants, modern Seventh-day Adventists?
- Pioneer Seventh-day Adventists?

The Quran quote continues: Al-Ilah is “one, unique, incomparable God, Who has no son nor partner... He is the true God, and every other deity is false...”

No one shares His divinity, nor His attributes. In the Quran, God describes Himself. ‘He is God, the One... He begets not, nor was He begotten, and there is none like Him’.” Quran 112:1-4.



From site: <http://www.islam-guide.com/ch3-2.htm>
Beautiful Arabic calligraphy of Surah 112

Islam is very passionate about its belief that God does not have a son, and the Quran states it many times.

One passage says of Allah, “...GOD is only one God... He is much too glorious to have a son. ...” Surah 4:171. Another says: “And Exalted is the Majesty of our Lord: He has taken neither a wife nor a son.” Surah 72:3.

It is said very strongly in another passage. “‘The Most Gracious has betaken a son!’ Indeed ye have put forth a thing most monstrous! At it the skies are about to burst, the earth to split asunder, and the mountains to fall down in utter ruin, that they attributed a son to the Most Gracious. For it is not consonant with the majesty of the Most Gracious that He should

beget a son. Not one of the beings in the heavens and the earth but must come to The Most Gracious as a servant.” Quran 19:88-93.

The Quran further states: “Oh People of the Book! Commit no excesses in your religion, nor say of God anything but the truth. Jesus, the son of Mary, was (no more than) a messenger of God, and His Word which He bestowed on Mary, and a spirit proceeding from Him. So believe in God and His messengers.

Say not, 'Trinity'. Desist! It will be better for you, for God is One God, Glory be to Him! (Far exalted is He) above having a son. To Him belong all things in the heavens and on earth. And enough is God as a Disposer of affairs.” Surah 4:171. (Some translations use the word ‘three’ instead of ‘Trinity’)

The Dome of the Rock on the Temple Mount in Jerusalem has many inscriptions from the Quran, some of which include the name of Jesus. (In Arabic it reads Isa and not Jesus)

“In the name of God the Merciful, the Compassionate. There is no god but God alone, without partner. To Him belongs dominion and to Him belongs praise. He gives life and He makes to die... O people of the book, do not go beyond the bounds in your religion, nor say anything but the truth about God...

O God, bless your messenger and servant, Jesus son of Mary. Peace be upon him the day he was born, the day he dies, and the day he is raised up alive.

That is Jesus son of Mary, in word of truth, about which they are doubting. It is not for God to take a son. Glory be to Him.” <http://ntbc.wordpress.com/inscriptions-about-jesus-on-islams-dome-of-the-rock-jerusalem>
(This is on the octagonal arcade)

It might come as a surprise to know that Muslims love and respect Jesus, and when they speak of Him, they add the phrase “may the peace and blessings of God be upon him”, the same as when speaking of Mohammed, Abraham or any holy man.

They do not believe Isa is God’s son, but he is the son of the virgin Mary, by a miracle of God. The Quran confirms the virgin birth, and the Annunciation as follows:

“The Angels said, ‘O Mary! God has chosen you, and purified you, and chosen you above the women of all nations...’ ‘O Mary, God gives you good news of a word from Him, whose name is the Messiah, Jesus son of Mary, honored in this world and in the Hereafter, and one of those brought near God. He shall speak to the people in infancy and in old age, and shall be of the righteous.’

She said: ‘O my Lord! How shall I have a son when no man has touched me?’ He said: ‘Even so; God creates what He wills. When He decrees a thing, He says to it, “Be” and it is.’” Quran 3:42,45-7.

<http://www.islamuncovered.com/info/jesusinislam.htm>

The following verse shows that the Holy Spirit was instrumental in bringing about the conception.

“And (the example of Mary, the daughter of Imran, who guarded her chastity, so We blew into (her garment) through Our angel, and she believed in the words of her Lord and His scriptures and was of the devoutly obedient.” Surah 5:110. Sahih International.

Islam believes Jesus lived without sin, but did not die by crucifixion. However, he was affixed to the cross by some means and *appeared* to die. In that state he was taken down from the cross and Judas put in his place – to die.

“And their saying: Surely we have killed the Messiah, Isa son of Marium, the apostle of Allah; and they did not kill him nor did they crucify him, but it was made to appear to them so and most surely those who differ therein are only in a doubt about it; they have no

knowledge respecting it, but only follow a conjecture, and they killed him not for sure.”
Quran 4:157 M.H. Shakir, Yusuf Ali. (Believed to be spoken in the days of Mohommad) (Some believe Judas was disguised as Jesus and crucified on the cross; thus, he was the one to die)

Islam believes Jesus was taken to heaven while yet alive, like Enoch and Elijah.

“And when Allah said: O Isa, I am going to terminate the period of your stay (on earth) and cause you to ascend unto Me and purify you of those who disbelieve and make those who follow you above those who disbelieve to the day of resurrection; then to Me shall be your return, so I will decide between you concerning that in which you differed.” Quran 3:55.

Today Moslems believe Jesus is in heaven with the prophets, and they expect him to return to the earth soon...

Now -- we need to look squarely at the issue, and ask ourselves some questions:

- Does God have a Son?
- Is Jesus just a miracle son?
- Is He God's divine Son?

Or another question:

- Is it possible for God to have a Son?

The obvious answer to the last question is – Yes, it must be *possible* for God to have a Son, if He chose to do so.

After all, He is God!

The great Creator is certainly beyond our finite comprehension, but as the One who formed the stars, planets, suns, moons, the earth, trees, flowers, birds, fish, animals and man himself, should He not be *capable* of having a son if it was part of the divine plan?

But as to whether He did have a Son is something we will consider shortly.

It may surprise you to know that it is a controversial question, not only between Islam and Christianity, but between Christians themselves.

Of course, all Christians speak of God's Son, but discussions as to *when* that sonship took place show a wide divergence.

The Catholic Church believes the son was “eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from light, true God from true God, of one Being with the Father.” Athanasian Creed. How to Understand the Creed. Jean-Noel Bezancon, Philippe Ferlay and Jean-Mari Onfray. p53.

When Arius of the 4th century realised this was the understanding of the Catholic Church, he said Christ must be a “begotten, unbegotten son”. And he was right. It is simply a theological concept voted on at Nicaea by 300 clergymen.

Protestant Churches stand on the Nicene Creed and the enlarged version of the Creed of Athanasius, also believing Jesus is eternally begotten. Some churches recite the creeds in worship services on certain Sundays.

The modern Seventh-day Adventist Church does not believe Jesus was eternally begotten, but that He became the Son of God at the conception of Mary. Prior to this He was the second Person of a Trinitarian Godhead.

Think about it. Is it possible for anyone to become a begotten son when he already exists? No. The only way is by adoption, which is not by birth.

If Jesus existed as a co-equal and co-eternal God-person with the other two God-persons of the Trinity, it was impossible for Him to *become* a Son in Mary's womb.

The New Testament says of the conception, “And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS... And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.” Luke 1:31,35.

According to a Trinitarian understanding of the Godhead, the Holy Ghost-Spirit is the third God-person in his own right.

Did he overshadow Mary to bring about the pregnancy?

Did she conceive by the Holy Spirit?

If this is so – and this is what the words imply -- what has the second person to do with the conception?

And when did Jesus call the Holy Spirit His Father?

Never.

If you and I are honest in our understanding, we must accept that the conception of Mary, and Jesus’ birth in Bethlehem, did not *make him a Son*.

And if the second person of the Godhead had anything to do with the earthly Jesus, He was simply playing the role of a son -- acting, pretending -- nothing more.

And Christians believe *this Jesus* is God’s son!

The apostle John said, “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.” John 3:16.

Again we must think carefully -- Could God give a Son He did not have? No.

Look how specific John is in his epistles. “In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God *sent his only begotten Son* into the world, that we might live through him.

Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and *sent his Son* to be the propitiation for our sins...

He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God *gave of his Son*. And this is the record, that *God hath given to us* eternal life, and this life is in his Son.” 1 John 4: 9,10. 5:10,11.

Clearly the Christian New Testament states that God *sent* His Son, which means He had a Son to send. If we do not believe this, we call God a liar.

Therefore, we must come to the conclusion that the modern understanding of Seventh-day Adventists is just as false as that of the Catholic Church in their belief of an eternally begotten Son.

These are serious considerations for all Christians, as well as for Moslems and Jews, because it is a **salvational** issue.

Now we must consider another Jesus – Isa, the Islamic son of Mary.

Is he a son of God?

The Quran says the Holy Spirit brought this child into existence in Mary’s womb. Truly Isa is a miracle baby, born of a virgin.

But did this miracle make him the son of God?

At the creation of the world, God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and man – Adam -- became a living person.

This is also a miracle, and the book of Luke calls Adam “the son of God”. Luke 3:38.

God also has other sons. At the creation of this earth “all the sons of God shouted for joy.” Job 38:7. Further Job records that “the sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord.” Job 2:1

So there is no question, Mary’s miracle baby *could be* called a son of God. This is a logical conclusion and not contrary to anything in the Quran, except that Islam does not call Isa a ‘son of God’, but simply God’s prophet or messenger.

Was Isa divine? Islam says, ‘Definitely no’.

Why?

The answer: He is not God and God has no son.

Well, it is certainly true – *that Jesus*, the one spoken into existence in Mary’s womb -- could not be divine. Only a son truly born of God could be divine. It is the same for humanity; we are human beings because we were born of a human being.

If God had a Son, He would be divine like His Father.

What other options do we have?

There are two alternatives:

- There is only one God, as stated in Islam and Judaism, and he has no son.
- There is only one God, as stated by pioneer Seventh-day Adventists, and He has a Son.

Does it matter?

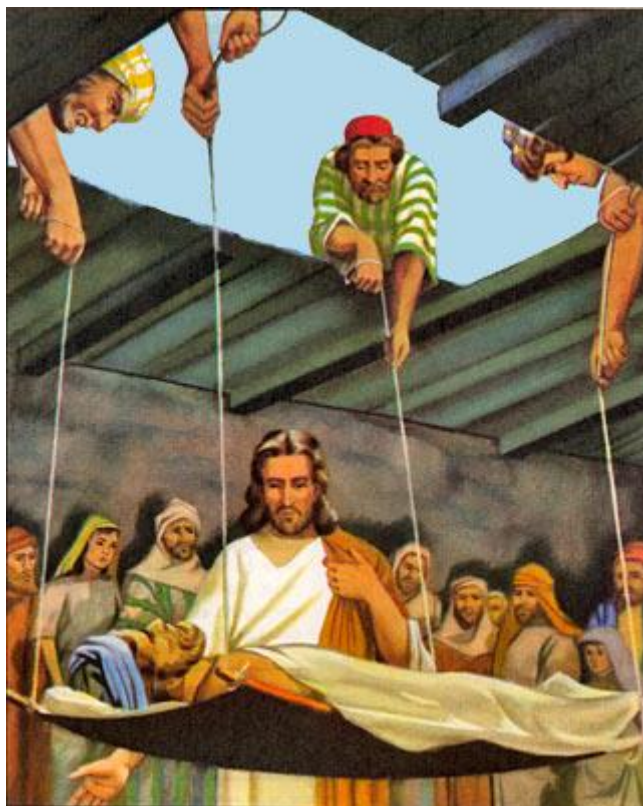
Yes, because only a divine Son can save mankind from sin -- no prophet, messenger, priest, rabbi, angel, even a son born by a miracle – has power to forgive and cleanse us from sin.

Only a divine person can forgive sin, either God Himself or a begotten Son of God.

Look at what the prophet Isaiah said about the Messiah.

“Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth.



Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise him: he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in his hand.

He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities... he hath poured out his soul unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.” Isaiah 53:4-12.

King David wrote in the Psalms many years earlier, “All they that see me laugh me to scorn: they shoot out the lip, they shake the head... For dogs have compassed me: the assembly of the wicked have inclosed me: they pierced my hands and my feet. I may tell all my bones: they look and stare upon me.” Psalm 22:7,16,17.

You may well believe Isa did not die on the cross, but according to the ancient prophets, Jesus had to die – that was the plan of God.

But why did Jesus need to die?

It is believed by Islam that the Christian idea of one man dying for the sins of others is illegal, and under normal circumstances, this would be true. Each must pay the penalty for his own sins.

But with Jesus, it was different. God did not simply say, ‘I am going to put everyone’s sin on My Son; He will pay the penalty.’ That would be horrific and very unjust.

No, Jesus willingly offered His life.

But more than that – Jesus took humanity upon His divinity in order to win humanity back to God. The first Adam failed to maintain allegiance to his Creator, and plunged this world into sin. The penalty is eternal death, for “the wages of sin is death.” Romans 6:23.

By living a sinless life, Jesus became the Head of the human family, the second Adam. If He did not live a sinless life, this world would be lost for eternity. But if He perfectly kept His Father’s Law, His death – the penalty for every man’s sin – would be acceptable to God.

God “made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.” 2 Corinthians 5:21.

Christ “who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth... Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.” 1 Peter 2:22,24.

If God did not have a Son, we are lost.

If God’s Son is not divine, He cannot be our Redeemer.

If God’s Son did not die on the cross, we have no salvation.

And no hope.

“All have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus... Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:

By whom we also have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.” Romans 3:23,24,5:1,2.

This is the good news of salvation –

- Jesus lived a sinless life
- Jesus died the penalty for the sins of every man

- Jesus rose from the dead
- Jesus is coming back to raise the righteous dead, to change the righteous living into immortality, and take them to heaven.

This is the only way men and women can be forgiven their sins. God cannot just say, 'Forgiven'. No, the penalty must be paid. Unless God pays it Himself in His Son, you and I must pay the death penalty ourselves.

Praise God, the debt has been paid by God's Son.

"There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit..."

For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: that the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit." Romans 8:1.3.4.

Is there further evidence?

Yes.

Let us now look at three areas:

1. The Hebrew Bible of the Jews.
2. The New Testament Bible of the Christians.
3. The life of Jesus Himself.

First of all, what does the Hebrew *Tanach* actually say?

Does it mention God's Son?

Speaking particularly of the creation of this earth, the wise man Solomon asked the question: "Who hath ascended up into heaven, or descended? Who hath gathered the wind in his fists? Who hath bound the waters in a garment? Who hath established all the ends of the earth? What is his name, and what is his son's name, if thou canst tell?" Proverbs 30:4.

What is His Son's name?

Michael the Prince, Son of the eternal God. (Daniel 12:1)

In the book of Daniel, king Nebuchadnezzar built a golden image 60 cubits high and six cubits wide. He then commanded the princes, governors, captains, judges, treasurers, counsellors, sheriffs, and all the rulers of the provinces to gather together on the plain of Dura in Babylon. Daniel 3:1-3.

At the sound of an orchestra, everyone is commanded to fall on his face before the image. The music plays loud and clear, and the whole multitude falls to the ground.

A concerned guard runs over to the king, "O king, live for ever... There are certain Jews whom thou hast set over the affairs of the province of Babylon, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego; these men, O king, have not regarded thee: they serve not thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up." Daniel 3:9.12.

Nebuchadnezzar is filled with rage.

He calls for the three Hebrew worthies. "Is it true... do not ye serve my gods, nor worship the golden image which I have set up?" Daniel 3:14.

The boys acknowledge the accusation, and the king, after offering them a second chance, demands they be thrown into the fiery furnace prepared for such offenders.

Suddenly the king is astonished and asks, "Did not we cast three men bound into the midst of the fire?" Daniel 3:24.

“Lo, I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they have no hurt; and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God.” Daniel 3:25.

Does the Jewish Bible testify God has a Son?

Yes, most decidedly.

Secondly, what does the Christian New Testament say?

Do these twenty seven books testify that Jesus is the Son of God?

The most obvious affirmation is of God the Father when He spoke from heaven at Jesus’ baptism, for He said, “This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.” Matthew 3:17.

Remember, this is the eternal, incomparable God speaking.

Did He tell the truth?

Another powerful statement is that of Peter in answer to Jesus’ question, *Who do you say that I the Son of man am?* His reply was, “Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.” Matthew 16:16.

Was Peter correct?

When Jesus was on the cross, they that passed by called out, “If thou be the Son of God, come down from the cross. Likewise also the chief priests mocking him, with the scribes and elders, said, He saved others; himself he cannot save. If he be the King of Israel, let him now come down from the cross, and we will believe him. He trusted in God; let him deliver him now, if he will have him: for he said, I am the Son of God.” Matthew 27:40-43.

After Paul’s conversion, he went to the Jews and “preached Christ in the synagogues, that he is the Son of God.” Acts 9:20.

John, who spent three and a half years with Jesus wrote later in his life, “Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins...

Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God... He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.” 1 John 4:10.15. 5:12.

According to the Christian *Injil*, it is a salvation issue. (*Injil* is the Arabic word for the Greek word ‘Evangelia’ which means *Good News*. It is usually only Matthew, Mark, Luke, John)

Thirdly, let us look at Jesus Himself.

Jesus loved to link Himself with humanity by calling Himself the Son of man, but He did not deny He was the Son of God.

At His trial, the high priest asked Jesus under oath to identify Himself. “I adjure thee by the living God, that thou tell us whether thou be the Christ, the Son of God.” Matthew 26:63.

Jesus could not refuse to answer and He said, “Thou hast said...” Matthew 26:64 . In Mark, Jesus says, “I am.” Mark 14:61.62.

In horror the high priest tore his clothes, and said to the leaders of the Sanhedrin, “What think ye? They answered and said, He is guilty of death.” Matthew 26:66.

This means Jesus died for claiming to be the Son of God.

Was Jesus a liar?

If you are a Moslem, you know Isa did not sin.

The Quran says He was a sinless child. Surah 19:19.

And the Hadith states, “The Prophet said, ‘When any human being is born, Satan touches him at both sides of the body with his two fingers, except Jesus, the son of Mary, whom Satan tried to touch, but failed, for he touched the placenta-cover instead’.” Hadith 506. Vol 4, Book 54. Beginning of Creation. Narrated By Abu Huraira.

Under oath Jesus claimed to be the Son of God.

If this was a lie, He could not be God's messenger, nor His prophet.

It is important we look at the integrity of Jesus closely, as much depends on it.

He said: I am one with God. John 10:30.

I am God's only Son. John 3:16. 34.35.

I was with the Father before the world was made. John 17:5.

I am equal with God. John 5:17.18.

Worship is due to me as it is to the Father. John 5:23.

I will judge the world, and raise the dead. John 5:27-29.

It is no wonder the Jews wanted to stone Him, because these are all claims of divinity. And remember, the trial was over whether Jesus was the Son of God, with the same divinity as His Father.

C.S. Lewis, once an agnostic, a professor at Cambridge University, wrote: "A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said, would not be a great moral teacher. He would either be a lunatic – on the level with the man who says he is a poached egg – or else he would be the Devil of Hell.

"You must make your choice. Either this man was, and is, the Son of God; or else a madman or something worse." Mere Christianity. C.S. Lewis. New York. The Macmillan Company. 1952 p40.41.

Was Jesus a liar?

Was he simply deluded?

He even asked his enemies, "Which of you convinceth (convicts) me of sin?" John 8:46.

No one said a word.

When taken to Pilate, the governor stated, as he washed his hands before the multitude, "I am innocent of the blood of this just person: see ye to it. Then answered all the people, and said, His blood be on us, and on our children." Matthew 27:24.25.

Well, was Jesus a mad man?

Deluded?

A liar?

If so, what of His teachings to keep the Law of God?

Do not commit adultery, do not murder or hate another. Tell no lies. Be merciful, bless those who revile us, turn the other cheek, love and pray for one's enemies?

Was He deluded, or was He divine?

A man was brought to Jesus who had palsy. Unable to enter the door, his friends dismantled the flat roof and lowered him down in front of Jesus.

"And when he saw their faith, he said unto him, Man thy sins are forgiven thee. And the scribes and the Pharisees began to reason, saying, Who is this which speaketh blasphemies?

Who can forgive sins, but God alone?

But when Jesus perceived their thoughts, he answering said unto them, What reason ye in your hearts? Whether is easier, to say, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Rise up and walk?

But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power upon earth to forgive sins, he said unto the sick of the palsy, I say unto thee, Arise, and take up thy couch, and go into thine house. And immediately he rose up before them... glorifying God.” Luke 5:20-25.

Is Jesus the divine Son of God?

According to Islam, for Jesus to be divine, He must either be God or the Son of God. The testimony of Jesus and His Father is that He *is* the Son of God.

We can reject it and say God has no Son, but if we are wrong, it will mean a loss of salvation.

Muslims must do a lot of thinking about this subject.

Jews also, for Judaism says, Yeshua is not the Son of God, although the Jewish Bible has the name of Jesus in Hebrew all through it. It is the word salvation – *yeshua* in Hebrew.

In Isaiah 62:11, the word for ‘salvation’ is *yishech*, from the root word *yeshua*, the Hebrew name of Jesus. It is slightly altered because of grammar. (In Hebrew you can see the relationship -- *yeshua* $\text{y} \text{shw} \text{y}$ and *yishech* $\text{j} \text{ow} \text{y}$. [Read right to left] In $\text{y} \text{shw} \text{y}$, the y is a vowel. If it is removed, it is another valid spelling of Jesus’ Hebrew name – $\text{ow} \text{y}$, which is Yasha, showing that *yishech* $\text{j} \text{ow} \text{y}$ has one added letter (j) for grammatical reasons only)

“Behold, Adonai has proclaimed unto the end of the world, Say ye to the daughter of Zion, Behold thy salvation cometh; Behold, his reward is with him, and his work before him.” Isaiah 62:11.

Salvation has been personalized in the text.

The New International Version translates it “Behold thy Saviour cometh”, and it is legitimate to do so. Salvation is a Person and not a thing or an event.

“Behold thy salvation – *Yishech* -- cometh; Behold, *His* reward is with *Him*, and His work before *Him*.”

John, in the Apocalypse has drawn from this text, showing that salvation is indeed Jesus or Yeshua. “And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.” Revelation 22:12.

The Arabs are among the greatest astronomers and historians this world has seen. Albamazer, astronomer for the Caliphs of Granada, speaking of the constellation signs said, “None of these forms from their first invention have varied in coming down to us, nor one of their words (names) changed, not a point added or removed.” Albamazer. Flores Astrologias. Translated into Hebrew By Aben Ezra. A Latin translation is in the British Museum Library.

Albamazer was an astronomer, not an astrologer. He studied the heavenly bodies as they appear in the sky, and the names given to them centuries earlier. (Astrologers wrongly believe the stars of the zodiac can predict personal events)

The majority of people are unaware that the original names of the stars speak of the coming of a Saviour who would die for the sins of mankind.

Some years back it was discovered that a whole constellation had been deliberately taken out of star maps.

Why?

And who did it?

The culprit was a Roman citizen, probably a Greek, who lived in Alexandria, Egypt. His name is Ptolemy, and he confessed that he had ‘modified’ some of the constellations.

In actual fact, he completely obliterated one of them. (His maps are still used today, almost unchanged)

Why? You will see.

Thankfully, the Arab astronomer Albamazer knew about the missing constellation, and he was able to describe it and give its meaning.

When Napoleon Bonaparte conquered Egypt, he had scholars undertake a comprehensive study of the Cheops Pyramid and some of the temples. Confirmation of the missing constellation came from a detailed sky chart in the temple of Hathor at Dendera Egypt. It revealed features of the sky that could be dated by the stars from a much earlier period. Napoleon's artists copied all the figures carefully, in detail, and the result was a set of huge volumes of drawings. (This is now in the British Museum)

The missing sign relates to the constellation of Virgo (the virgin), portrayed as a woman holding a branch. The missing constellation is an explanatory sign of the branch held by the virgin. It is a woman seated on a throne, holding up a young infant. This sign is called Coma, meaning 'the longed for' or 'the desired'.

Albamazer described the sign. "There arises in the first Decan, as the Persians, Chaldeans, and Egyptians, and the two Hermes and Ascalius teach, a young woman whose Persian name denotes a pure virgin, sitting on a throne, nourishing an infant boy, said boy having a Hebrew name, by some nations called Ihesu, with the signification Ieza, which in Greek is called Christ." Frances Rolleston. Mazzaroth; or the Constellations. London. Rivingtons. 1862. Updated in 1875. Quoted in 'The Forbidden Secret'. Jonathan Gray p353.

The equivalent of these names is Yesha or Yeshua in Hebrew, Isa in Arabic, and Jesus Christ in English.

Dear Reader, the evidence is clear, even the small portion shown in this booklet. God does indeed have a Son. If you have been considering the subject, make it a matter of prayer and continue studying.

If you are a Moslem get yourself a copy of the *Injil*, and although you may believe it has been corrupted and changed, ask God to reveal the truth to you. These are the only books that show the life of Jesus; they will reveal to you the *good news* - the gospel.

You cannot afford to ignore this testimony, for you know the *Injil* is believed to be a prior revelation to the Quran, and those who reject the 'signs of God' are doomed.

The Quran says of Christians, people of the Book, "If only they had stood fast by the Law, the Gospel, and all the revelation that was sent to them from their Lord, they would have enjoyed happiness from every side..." Surah 5:66.

It is a sad fact that the majority of Christians have forsaken the truth. They eat swine's flesh, drink alcohol and live contrary to the Law of God. And they believe in a triune God, with one pretending to be God's Son.

Islam is right – there is only one God.

But the *Injil* is also right – Jesus Christ is God's only begotten Son, divine like His Father. Bringing with Him the love of heaven, Jesus came to our world to suffer and die a willing sacrifice for your sins and mine.

Searcher for truth, Jesus is holding His nail-scarred hands out to you...

Will you accept Him as your Saviour?

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