



JESUS & CHRISTIANITY *from an Islamic Perspective*



*A compilation of Quranic Verses dealing with Jesus
(peace be upon him) and Christianity*

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PUBLISHER'S NOTE

Prophets were sent to every nation and tribe to support man's natural belief in God and his instinctive desire to worship Him. Though Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) was born in the Arabian Peninsula, he was sent to all humanity to deliver the message from God. It was the same message God had sent down with all the earlier prophets: a description of the way of life, which God had established, for people to follow during their life on earth. The Message of Islam was conveyed in the form of a book (the Quran) and in the living example of the Prophet.

It is hoped that this book will provide an outline of the subject, "Jesus and Christianity from an Islamic perspective", and act as a source of reference. It contains brief inputs on the various sub-themes of the subject matter, with references from the Quran. It is meant to be an aid for persons wanting to do fuller research on the subject; and as a guide to inter-faith dialogue and harmonious inter-faith relationships.

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1. INTRODUCTION

To establish your relationship with another on a sound basis, it is necessary to know his perception about you.

It is difficult for a Muslim to know what perception a Christian has about Islam; but it is easy for a Christian to know the Muslim's perception about Christianity, as he [the Christian] only needs to refer to the Quran, the basic source of religious teachings of Muslims.

It is for this purpose that this paper was prepared. Below is a compilation of verses of the Holy Quran which refer to Jesus (peace be upon him) and Christianity.

2. THE BIRTH OF MARY

God did choose Adam and Noah, the family of Abraham and the family of Imran above all people;

Offspring, one of the other; and God hears and knows all things.

Behold! a woman of Imran said: "O my Lord! I do dedicate to You what is in my womb for Your special service. So accept this from me, for You hear and know all things."

When she was delivered, she said: "O my Lord! Behold I am delivered of a female child." And God knew best what she brought forth. "And the male is not as the female. I have named her Mary: and I commend her and her offspring to Your protection from the Evil One, the rejected one."

Right graciously did her Lord accept her. He made her grow in purity and beauty. She was assigned to the care of Zakariya. Every time that he entered her chamber to see her, he found her supplied with sustenance. He said: "O Mary! From where comes this sustenance to you?" She said: "from God. For God provides sustenance to whom He pleases without measure."

[3: 33–37]

3. THE EMINENCE OF MARY

Behold! The angels said: "O Mary! God has chosen you and purified you; chosen you above the women of all nations."

"O Mary! worship your Lord devoutly, prostrate yourself, and bow down (in prayer) with those who bow down."

[3:42–43]

And Mary, the daughter of Imran, who guarded her chastity; We breathed into (her body) of Our Spirit; and she testified to the truth of the words of her Lord and of His revelations; and was one of the devout (servants).

[66: 12]

And (remember) her who guarded her chastity. We breathed into her of Our Spirit, and We made her and her son a sign for all peoples.

[21: 91]

And We made the son of Mary and his mother as a sign. We gave them both shelter on high ground affording rest and security and furnished with springs.

[23: 50]

4. THE BIRTH OF JESUS

Behold! the angels said: "O Mary! God gives you glad tidings of a word from Him; his name will be Christ Jesus; the son of Mary; held in honour in this world and the Hereafter; and of (the company of) those nearest to God.

"He shall speak to the people in cradle and in maturity. And he shall be (of the company) 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 has decreed a plan, He but says to it, 'Be', and it is!

"And God will teach him the Book and Wisdom, the Law and the Gospel.

"And (appoint him) a messenger to the Children of Israel, (with this message): 'I have come to you, with a Sign from your Lord, in that I make for you out of clay, the figure of a bird, and breathe into it, and it becomes a bird by God's leave: and I heal those born blind, and the lepers, and I revive the dead, by God's leave; and I declare to you what you eat, and what you store in your houses. Surely therein is a sign for you if you did believe."

"(I have come to you), to confirm the law which was before me. And to make lawful to you part of what was (before) forbidden to you; I have come to you with a Sign from your Lord. So fear God and obey me.

"It is God who is my Lord and your Lord. Then worship Him. This is a Way that is straight."

[3: 45–51]

Relate in the Book (the story of) Mary, when she withdrew from her family to a place in the East.

She placed a screen (to screen herself) from them. Then We sent to her Our angel, and he appeared before her as a man in all respects.

She said: "I seek refuge from you with (God) most gracious. (Come not near) if you do fear God."

He said: "No, I am only a messenger from your Lord, (to announce) to you the gift of a holy son."

She said: "How shall I have a son, seeing that no man has touched me, and I am not unchaste?"

He said: "So (it will be). Your Lord says: 'That is easy for me. And (we wish) to appoint him as a sign unto men and a mercy from Us'. It is a matter (so) decreed."

So she conceived him, and she retired with him to a remote place.

And the pains of childbirth drove her to the trunk of a palm tree. She cried (in her anguish): "Ah! Would that I had died before this! Would that I had been a thing forgotten and out of sight!"

But (a voice) cried to her from beneath the (palm tree): "Grieve not! For your Lord has provided a rivulet beneath you.

"And shake towards yourself the trunk of the palm tree. It will fall fresh ripe dates upon you.

"So eat and drink and cool (your) eye. And if you do see any man, say: 'I have vowed a fast to (God) most Gracious, and this day I will not enter into talk with any human being.' "

At length she brought the (babe) to her people, carrying him (in her arms). They said: "O Mary! Truly an amazing thing have you brought!

"O sister of Aaron! Your father was not a man of evil, nor your mother a woman unchaste!"

But she pointed to the babe. They said: "How can we talk to one who is a child that is in the cradle?"

He (the baby) said: "I am indeed a servant of God: he has given me revelation and made me a prophet."

"And he has made me blessed wheresoever I be, and has enjoined on me prayer and charity as long as I live."

"[He] has made me kind to my mother, and not overbearing or miserable."

"So peace is on me the day I was born, the day that I die, and the day that I shall be raised up to life (again)!"

Such (was) Jesus the son of Mary. (It is) a statement of truth, about which they (vainly) dispute.

It is not befitting to (the majesty of) God that He should beget a son. Glory be to Him! When He determines a matter, He only says to it: "Be" and it is.

Verily God is my Lord and your Lord. Therefore worship (none but) Him. This is a way that is straight.
[19: 16-36]

5. THE EMINENCE OF JESUS

Behold! God will say: "O Jesus the son of Mary! Recount My favour to you and to your mother. Behold! I strengthened you with the Holy Spirit, so that you did speak to the people in infancy and in maturity. Behold! I taught you the Book and Wisdom, the Law and the Gospel. And Behold! You did make out of clay, the figure of a bird, by my leave, and you did breathe into it, and it became a bird by my leave; and you did heal those born blind, and the lepers, by my leave. And behold! You did bring forth the dead by my leave. And behold! I did restrain the Children of Israel from (violence to) you when you did show them the Clear Signs, and the unbelievers among them said: 'This is nothing but evident magic.'"

"And behold! I inspired the Disciples to have faith in Me and My messenger. They said: 'We have faith, and bear witness that we are Muslims (that is, those who surrender themselves to God).'"

Behold! the Disciples said: "O Jesus the son of Mary! Can your Lord send down to us a Table set (with food) from heaven?" Said Jesus: "Fear God if you have faith."

They said: "We only wish to eat thereof and satisfy our hearts, and to know that you have indeed told us the truth; and that we ourselves may be witnesses to the miracle."

Said Jesus the son of Mary: "O God our Lord! Send us from heaven a Table set (with food), that there may be for us – for the first and last of us - a solemn festival and a Sign from You; and provide for our sustenance, for You are the best sustainer (of our needs)."

God answered: "I will send it down unto you; but if any of you after that resists faith, I will punish him with a penalty such as I have not inflicted on anyone among all the peoples."
[5: 110–115]

We gave Moses the Book and followed him up with a succession of Messengers. We gave Jesus, the son of Mary, clear (Signs) and strengthened him with the Holy Spirit. Is it that whenever there comes to you a Messenger with what you yourselves desire not, you are puffed up with pride? Some you called impostors, and others you slay!
[2: 87]

Those Messengers we endowed with gifts, some above others. To one of them God spoke. Others He raised to degrees (of honour). To Jesus, the son of Mary, We gave clear (signs), and strengthened him with the Holy Spirit. If God had so willed, succeeding generations would not have fought among each other, after clear (signs) had come to them. But they chose to wrangle, some believes and others rejecting. If God had so willed, they would not have fought each other; but God fulfils His plan.
[2: 253]

And in their footsteps we sent Jesus the son of Mary, confirming the Law that had come before him. We sent him The Gospel. Therein was guidance and light, and confirmation of the Law that had come before him; a guidance and an admonition to those who fear God.
[5: 46]

Then, in their wake, We followed them up with (others of) Our messengers. We sent after them Jesus the son of Mary, and bestowed on him the Gospel. And We ordained in the hearts of those who followed him compassion and mercy, but the Monasticism which they invented for themselves, We did not prescribe for them. (We commanded) only the seeking for the

good pleasure of God; but that they did not foster as they should have done. Yet We bestowed, on those among them who believed, their (due) reward, but many of them are rebellious transgressors.

[57: 27]

And remember, Jesus, the son of Mary, said: "O Children of Israel! I am the messenger of God (sent) to you, confirming the Law (which came) before me, and giving glad tidings of a Messenger to come after me, whose name shall be Ahmad. But when he came to them with clear signs, they said: "This is evident sorcery!"

[61: 6]

When (Jesus) the son of Mary is held up as an example, behold your people raise a clamour thereat (in ridicule)!

And they say, "Are our gods best, or he?" This they set forth to you, only by way of disputation: yes, they are a contentious people.

He was no more than a servant. We granted our favour to him, and we made him an example to the Children of Israel.

And if it were Our Will, We could make angels from amongst you, succeeding each other on the earth.

And (Jesus) shall be a Sign (for the coming of) the Hour (of Judgement). Therefore have no doubt about the (Hour), but follow me. This is a Straight Way.

Let not the Evil One hinder you: for he is to you an open enemy.

When Jesus came with clear signs, he said: "Now have I come to you with wisdom, and in order to make clear to you

some of the [points] on which you dispute. Therefore fear God and obey me.

“For God, He is my Lord and your Lord. So worship Him. This is a straight way.”

But sects from among themselves fell into disagreement. Then woe to the wrongdoers, from the penalty of a grievous day.

[43: 57–65]

6. THE RAISING / ASCENSION OF JESUS

When Jesus found unbelief on their part, he said: "Who will be my helpers to (the work of) God?" The Disciples replied: "We are God's helpers. We believe in God, and do bear witness that we are Muslims (We surrender to God)."

"Our Lord! We believe in what You have revealed, and we follow the Messenger. Then write us down among those who bear witness."

And (the unbelievers) plotted and planned, and God too planned, and the best of planners is God.

Behold! God said: "O Jesus! I will take you and raise you to Myself and clear you (of the falsehoods) of those who blaspheme. I will make those who follow you superior to those who reject faith, to the Day of Resurrection. Then shall you all return unto me, and I will judge between you of the matters wherein you dispute.

"As to those who reject faith, I will punish them with a terrible agony in this world and in the Hereafter, nor will they have anyone to help".

As to those who believe and work righteousness, God will pay them (in full) their reward. But God does not love those who do wrong.

This is what we rehearse to you of the signs and the message of Wisdom.

The similitude of Jesus before God is that of Adam. He created him from dust, then said to him: "Be" and he was.

The Truth (comes) from your Lord alone. So do not be of those who doubt. [3: 52-60]

(They have incurred divine displeasure): in that they broke their Covenant; that they rejected the Signs of God; that they slew the Messengers in defiance of right; that they said, "Our hearts are the wrappings (which preserve God's word; we need no more)". No, but God has set the seal on their hearts for their blasphemy, and little is it they believe:

That they rejected faith; That they uttered against Mary a grave false charge;

That they said (in boast), "we killed Christ Jesus the son of Mary, the Messenger of God". But they killed him not, nor crucified him, but so it was made to appear to them, and those who differ therein are full of doubts, with no (certain) knowledge, but following mere conjecture, for of a surety they killed him not.

Rather, God raised him up unto Himself. And God is Exalted in Power, Wise.

[4: 155–158]

7. THE NATURE OF JESUS

And behold! God will say: "O Jesus the son of Mary! Did you say to men, 'Worship me and my mother as gods in derogation of God?'" He will say: "Glory to You! Never could I say what I had no right (to say). Had I said such a thing, You would have indeed known it. You know what is in my heart, though I know not what is in Yours. For You know in full all that is hidden.

"Never did I say to them anything except what You did command me to say, 'Worship God, my Lord and your Lord.' And I was a witness over them whilst I dwelt amongst them. When You did take me up, You was the Watcher over them, and You are a witness to all things.

"If You do punish them, they are Your servants: if You do forgive them, You are the exalted in Power, the Wise."

(On Judgement day), God will say: "This is a day on which the truthful will profit from their truth; theirs are Gardens, with rivers flowing beneath; their eternal home; God well-pleased with them, and they with God." That is the great Salvation. (The fulfilment of all desires).

To God does belong the dominion of the heavens and the earth, and all that is therein, and it is He who has power over all things.

[5: 116-120]

O people of the Book (Jews and Christians)! Commit no excesses in your religion. And do not say of God anything but the truth. Christ 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. Do not say: "(God is) a Trinity".

Desist (from this assertion). 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.

Christ does not refuse to serve and worship God, nor do the angels, those nearest (to God). Those who refuse His worship and are arrogant, He will gather them all together unto Himself to (answer).

But to those who believe and do deeds of righteousness, He will give their (due) rewards, and more, out of His bounty. But those who are disdainful and arrogant, He will punish with a grievous penalty. Nor will they find, besides God, any to protect or help them.

[4: 171-173]

In blasphemy indeed are those that say that God is Christ the son of Mary. Say: "Who then has the least power against God, if His will were to destroy Christ the son of Mary, his mother, and all – everyone that is on earth? For to God belongs the dominion of the heavens and the earth, and all that is between. He creates what He pleases. For God has power over all things."

[5: 17]

They do blaspheme who say: "God is Christ the son of Mary." But Christ said: "O Children of Israel! Worship God, my Lord and your Lord." Whoever joins other gods with God - God will forbid him the Garden, and the Fire will be his abode. There will be no help for the wrongdoers.

They do blaspheme who say: God is one of three in a trinity: for there is no god except One God. If they do not desist from their word (of blasphemy), verily a grievous penalty will befall the blasphemers among them.

Why do they not turn to God and seek His forgiveness? For God is Oft-Forgiving, most Merciful.

Christ, the son of Mary, was no more than a Messenger; many were the Messengers that passed away before him. His mother was a woman of truth. They had both to eat their (daily) food. See how God does make His signs clear to them; Yet see in what ways they are deluded away from the truth!

Say: "Will ye worship, besides God, something which has no power either to harm or benefit you? But God – He it is that hears and knows all things."

[5: 72–76]

8. MUSLIMS BELIEVE IN PREVIOUS REVELATIONS

The religion of all prophets is one, though their laws are different. THE MUSLIM (follower of Muhammad) cannot be considered a MUSLIM unless he believes in all prophets, including Jesus, and their scriptures.

O you messengers! Enjoy (all) things good and pure, and work righteousness; for I am well acquainted with (all) that you do.

And verily this Brotherhood of yours is a single Brotherhood. And I am your Lord and Cherisher: therefore fear Me (and no other).

But people have cut off their affair (of unity), between them, into sects. Each party rejoices in that which is with itself.
[23: 51-53]

Verily, this Brotherhood of yours is a single Brotherhood, and I am your Lord and Cherisher. Therefore serve Me (and no other).

But (later generations) cut off their affairs (of unity), one from another. (Yet) will they all return to us.
[21: 92-93]

Say you: "We believe in God, and the revelation given to us, and the revelation given to Abraham, Ismail, Isaac, Jacob, and the descendants (children of Jacob), and that given to Moses and Jesus, and that given to (all) prophets from their Lord. We make no distinction between one and another of them. And we bow to God (in Islam)".
[2: 136]

Say: "We believe in God; and what has been revealed to us; and what was revealed to Abraham, Ismail, Isaac, Jacob, and the Tribes; and in (the Books) given to Moses, Jesus, and the Prophets, from their Lord. We make no distinction between one and another among them; and to God do we bow our will (in Islam)."

[3: 84]

This is the Book. In it is guidance sure, without doubt, to those who fear God;

Who believe in the Unseen, are steadfast in prayer, and spend out of what We have provided for them;

And who believe in the revelation sent to you (O Muhammad), and sent before your time, and (in their hearts) have the assurance of the Hereafter.

[2: 2-4]

The Messenger believes in what has been revealed to him from his Lord, as do the men of faith. Each one (of them) believes in God, His angels, His books, and His Messengers. "We make no distinction (they say) between one and another of His Messengers." And they say: "We hear, and we obey: (We seek) Your forgiveness, our Lord, and to You is the end of all journeys."

[2: 285]

The same religion has He established for you as that which He enjoined on Noah; that which We have sent by inspiration to you; and that which We enjoined on Abraham, Moses and Jesus: namely, that you should remain steadfast in Religion, and make no divisions therein. To those who worship other things than God, most hateful is the (way) to which you call them. God chooses to Himself those whom He pleases, and guides to Himself those who turn (to Him).

[42: 13]

9. THE SINGLE RELIGION

The Quran explains clearly that the religion of all prophets is a single one. This religion includes a single concept of God and a single concept of moral principles. The Quran calls this single religion, Islam; and calls those who believes in it, Muslims. Since the followers of Muhammad (peace and blessings upon him) believe in this single religion they are called MUSLIMS and their religion is called ISLAM.

They say: "Become Jews or Christians if you would be guided (to salvation)." Reply: "No (I would rather follow) the religion of Abraham, the true, and he joined not gods with God."

[2: 135]

Abraham was neither a Jew nor a Christian; but he was true in Faith; and bowed his will to God's, (which is Islam); and he joined not gods with God.

[3: 67]

When Jesus found unbelief on their part, he said: "who will be my helpers to (the work of) God?" The Disciples replied: "We are God's helpers: We believe in God, and do bear witness that we are Muslims."

[3: 52]

Behold! his Lord said to him: "Bow (your will to Me): " he replied: "I bow (my will) to the Lord and Cherisher of the Universe."

And this was the legacy that Abraham left to his sons. And so did Jacob; "Oh my sons! God has chosen the faith for you. Then die not except in the state of submission (to God)."

Were you witnesses when death appeared before Jacob? "Behold", he said to his sons: "What will you worship after me?" They replied: "We shall worship your God and the God of your fathers, Abraham, Ismail and Isaac, the one (True) God: To Him we bow (in Islam)."

[2: 131-133]

And they claim: "None shall enter Paradise unless he be a Jew or Christian." Those are their (vain) desires. Say: "Produce your proof if you are truthful."

Rather, whoever submits his whole self to God and is a doer of good, he will get his reward with his Lord. On such shall be no fear, nor shall they grieve.

[2: 111-112]

Never will the Jews or the Christians be satisfied with you unless you follow their form of religion. Say: "The guidance of God – that is the (only) Guidance." Were you to follow their desires after the knowledge which has reached you, then you would find neither Protector nor Helper against God.

[2: 120]

Say: "O People of the Book (followers of earlier revelations)! Come to common terms as between us and you: that we worship none but God; that we associate no partners with Him; that we erect not, from among ourselves, Lords and patrons other than God." If then they turn back, then say: "Bear witness that we (at least) are Muslims (bowing to Gods will)."

[3: 64]

10. REVERTED, NOT CONVERTED

The sincere Christian will find that ISLAM is very close to his heart and mind if he knows the authentic ISLAM as described by the Quran, and, if his perception is not influenced by the lifestyle of ignorant MUSLIMS. Therefore when he accepts Islam he will have REVERTED, and not CONVERTED. After all, the Quran relates that Islam is the single religion of all the Prophets and that its followers are Muslims.

O you who believe! Bow down, prostrate yourselves, and adore your Lord, and do good, that you may prosper.

And strive in His cause as you ought to strive, (with sincerity and under discipline). He has chosen you, and has imposed no difficulties on you in religion; it is the creed of your father Abraham. It is He Who has named you Muslims, both before and in this (Revelation); that the Messenger (Muhammad) may be a witness for you, and you be witnesses for mankind! So establish regular prayer, give regular charity, and hold fast to God! He is your protector – the best to protect and the best to help!

[22: 77-78]

Strongest among men in enmity to the Believers will you find the Jews and Pagans. And nearest among them in love to the Believers you will find those who say, "We are Christians"; because amongst these are men devoted to learning, and men who have renounced the world, and they are not arrogant.

And when they listen to the revelation received by the Messenger, you will see their eyes overflowing with tears, for they recognize the truth. They pray: "Our Lord! We believe (in the Quran). Write us down among the witnesses."

“What cause can we have not to believe in God and the truth which has come to us, seeing that we long for our Lord to admit us to the company of the righteous?”

And for this their prayer God has rewarded them with Gardens, with rivers flowing underneath as their eternal home. Such is the recompense of those who do good.

But those who reject faith and belief in Our Signs, they shall be companions of Hell-fire.

[5: 82-86]

Now have We caused the Word to reach them themselves, in order that they may receive admonition.

Those to whom We sent the Book before this – they do believe in this (revelation);

And when it is recited to them, they say; “We believe therein, for it is the Truth from our Lord. Indeed we have been Muslims (bowing to God’s Will) from before this.”

Twice will they be given their reward, for that they have persevered; that they avert evil with good; and that they spend (in charity) out of what We have given them.

And when they hear vain talk, they turn away therefrom and say: “To us our deeds, and to you, yours; peace be to you: we seek not the ignorant.”

[28: 51-55]

And there are, certainly, among the People of the Book (Jews and Christians), those who believe in God, in the revelation to you, and in the revelation to them, bowing in humility to God. They will not sell the Signs of God for a miserable gain! For them is a reward with their Lord, and God is swift in account.

[3: 199]

So (O Muhammad), if they dispute with you (about your religion, the religion of all Prophets), say: "I have submitted my whole self to God, and so have those who follow me." And say to the People of the Book (Jews and Christians) and to those who are unlearned: "Do you (also) submit yourselves (accept Islam)? " If they do, they are in right guidance. But if they turn back, your duty is to convey the message. And in God's sight are (all) His servants■

[3: 20]



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Conclusion: IDM is currently in a favourable position to effectively enhance and accelerate the Islamisation process in the Southern African region. *Alhamdulillah*■

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The mission of IDM is to promote the message of the unity of God to all the people of Southern Africa so that they may achieve their God given potential of excellence and purity; and in this way contribute to the moral, spiritual, social, intellectual and economic growth of the nations as a whole.

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IDM Publications and Research Unit is a division of the Islamic Dawah Movement of Southern Africa. The primary thrust of the unit is to search, research and publish selective and relevant topics on Islam especially for the region of Southern Africa. It has published innumerable titles, (books and leaflets) as well as translations of the Quran, in 3 major local languages, *Alhamdulillah*. The unit concentrates on already published works, which are out of print, but are relevant to the region and in keeping with our aims and objectives. IDM has published titles primarily in English. However, its publications include titles in various local languages including Xhosa, Zulu, Afrikaans, Oshiwambo and Burundi languages.

A major objective of this Unit, through its publications, is to eliminate ambiguity and misconceptions of certain issues within the value system of Islam; hoping thereby to present the real and authentic Islam to both the Muslims and Non-Muslims alike.

The IDM Publications and Research Unit intends to continue to publish a variety of topics on Islam that would primarily aid in a better understanding of the true Islam amongst the people of Southern Africa, and thereby help to catalyse the process of Islamisation regionally and globally. The overall aim and objective of this Unit is to present Islamic principles and values to Muslims and Non-Muslims in order to help them understand this religion and way of life, which advocates unity, justice, brotherhood, tolerance and peace, which is Islam.■



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