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INTRODUCTION

Islam does not teach Muslims to revile or use abusive language against any religion, or to boast of one's own teachings and make fun of others, as the Holy Qur'ān says:

“And revile not those whom they call upon beside Allah, lest they, out of spite, revile Allah in *their* ignorance.”
(Holy Qur'ān 6:109)

But Islam gives Muslims the right to defend themselves against the filthy attacks of others and show the beauties of the religion of Islam. The Bible not only gives the right to defend oneself, but also guides how to talk in the similar style and tone to open the eyes of the reviler:

“Answer a fool according to his folly, lest he be wise in his own conceit.”
(Proverbs 26:5)

This is a response to the leaflet entitled *The False Gospel of Islam* by Mr Ric Llewellyn of the *Fundamental Evangelistic Association of America*. The author has leveled many filthy attacks upon the religion of Islam and has tried to paint an ugly picture of Islam and its founder, without any logic and argument, while on the other side he presents Christianity as the only true religion accepted before God and claims that Christians recognize Islam as a false religion.

It is not only the belief of Mr Llewellyn but, unfortunately, all other religions have a similar concept about their religion and hatred against the others. Mr Llewellyn does not know what the Jews think about Christianity and the son of God. He should have learnt the lesson from the attitude of their opponents. He should not have thrown stones upon the others while living in a glass house.

Everyone assumes his religion as a true religion. The Pagans who worship their self-molded gods, think that they are the only rightly

guided. The Holy Qur'ān speaks in this regard:

“Is he, then, whose deeds are made to appear beautiful to him so he views them as good *like one who believes and truly does good deeds?*”
(Holy Qur'ān 35:9)

Mr Llewellyn is disturbed that people are being attracted toward Islam in this age. He is not aware that the people are flocking towards the beauty of Islam. It is only Islam that can solve human problems and give them peace of mind. Christianity and all other religions are not in a position to unite human beings in ties of brotherhood.

THE TRUE CONCEPT OF GOD

Mr Llewellyn is frustrated and has raised illogical points against Islam, to cheat the innocent people. He says in his leaflet:

“It is often said that Christians, Jews, and Muslims are worshipping the same God, but in different ways. Muslims have capitalized on this misconception and now urge Christians and Jews to worship the one God with them, and work together for solutions to the world's many social problems.”

It is certainly true that the concept of God presented by all the prophets can bring them closer to each other, and can solve their social and economic problems, but not the so-called *practice* of their religions. God is the only common magnetic force, which can join our hearts together. According to Mr Llewellyn it is a misconception, because he does not know the God of Moses and the God of Jesus Christ. There is one and only one God, and the Bible speaks clearly about that God:

“Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is One Lord; and you shall love the Lord your God with all your hearts, and with all your soul, and with all your might.”
(Deuteronomy 6:4-5)

This is the God of Moses as mentioned in the Torah, the sacred Law of Moses. Now let us see who is the God of Jesus, in his own words:

“And one of the scribes came up and heard them

disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, asked him which commandment is the first of all? Jesus answered: 'The first is, Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one, and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.'"

(Mark 12:28-30)

Is there a difference between the God of Moses and the God of Jesus in the statements given above? No, not at all. It is the same God introduced by Islam, in a more complete and perfect form, as the Holy Qur'ān states:

"Say, He is Allah, the One. Allah, the Independent and Besought of all. He begets not, nor is He begotten. And there is none like unto Him." (Holy Qur'ān 112:2-5)

"The day when they will all come forth; nothing concerning them will be hidden from Allah. 'Whose is the kingdom this day?' It is Allah's, the One, the Most Supreme." (Holy Qur'ān 40:17)

"Say, 'Who is the Lord of the heavens and the earth?' Say, 'Allah.' Say, 'Have you then taken beside Him helpers who have no power for good or harm even for themselves?' Say, 'Can the blind and the seeing be equal to light? Or, do they assign to Allah partners who have created the like of His creation so that the two creations appear similar to them?' Say, 'Allah alone is the Creator of all things, and He is the One, the Most Supreme.'" (Holy Qur'ān 13:17)

"O People of the Book, exceed not the limits in your religion, and say not of Allah anything but the truth. Verily, the Messiah, Jesus, son of Mary, was only a Messenger of Allah and a fulfillment of His word, which He sent down to Mary, and a mercy from Him. So believe in Allah and His Messengers, and say not 'They are three.' Desist, it will be better for you. Verily, Allah is the only One God. Far is it from His Holiness that He should have a son. To Him belongs whatever is in the heavens and

whatever is in the earth. And sufficient is Allah as a Guardian.”
(Holy Qur’ān 4:172)

THE WORD OF GOD

Mr Llewellyn also says: *“Islam began about 600 AD in what is modern Saudi Arabia. Muhammad, the “prophet” of Islam, received what is purported to be a revelation from God. The revelation is known as the Qur’ān, the holy book of Islam. From its dubious beginnings Islam has grown to approximately a billion adherents worldwide.”* He does not agree that the Holy Qur’ān is the revelation and the Word of God, due to prejudice and hatred against Islam. He takes the Bible as the word of God, full of doubts and contradictions, comprising immoralities and absurdities. This is why people are drifting away from Christianity and are being attracted towards Islam, so much so that now there are about one billion Muslims worldwide.

Mr Llewellyn may believe or not, but there is no way to deny the truth of the Holy Qur’ān as the most complete and perfect Word of God, for within the past 1400 years there has not been even an iota of change in the Holy Qur’ān. This is the beauty of the Word of God. But what about the Bible? A new version of it appears regularly. Even many Christian scholars have denied to accept the Bible as the word of God, but still they believe in the authenticity of the Holy Qur’ān.

“There is otherwise every security internal and external that we possess the text which Muhammad himself gave forth and used.”

(Life of Muhammad by Sir William Muir)

Sir William Muir not only accepted the authenticity of the Holy Qur’ān but, while comparing the Bible and the Holy Qur’ān, is resigned to admit:

“To compare their pure texts with the various readings of our Scriptures is to compare things for which there is no analogy.” (Life of Muhammad by sir William Muir)

The Holy Qur’ān itself challenges disbelievers, like Mr Llewellyn, that if they do not accept it as the Word of God and believe that it was composed by the Prophet of Islam, then why do they not even try to

make a book or even a chapter like it:

“And if you are in doubt as to what We have sent down to our servant, then produce a chapter like it, and call upon your helpers beside Allah, if you are truthful.”

(Holy Qur’ān 2:24)

It is an open challenge to the opponents of Islam, to produce even one chapter like the chapters of the Holy Qur’ān. Within the last 1400 years, not a single man could accept the challenge of the Holy Qur’ān, and there is sufficient proof of the Holy Qur’ān as being the Word of God. Can any other Scripture give a similar challenge to the world?

It is obvious that Mr Llewellyn has no knowledge about the Holy Qur’ān. But it looks as if he has no knowledge of the Bible also. Otherwise he would not have raised his finger against the divine revelation of the Holy Qur’ān. Let me give an example from the Bible, which would be sufficient to understand the status of the Bible as being the word of God or not.

The Christians and the Jews believe that the Torah is the law of God revealed to Moses and written by Moses himself. Among the scholars there is a great controversy about the authenticity of the Torah and the Gospels. Deuteronomy is the fifth book of the Torah. It is considered very authentic by the Christians and the Jews, but it discloses the whole secret of the authenticity of the Bible. The book revealed by God and written by Moses describes the death of Moses, not only his death but also his burial and grave:

“So Moses, the servant of the Lord, died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the Lord. And He buried him in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth Peor, but no one knows his grave to this day.”

(Deuteronomy 34:5-6)

The above quotation is sufficient to open the eyes of the Christians, especially those who criticize the Holy Qur’ān. How is it possible that Moses the writer of the book of Deuteronomy is describing his own death and burial? Is there any iota of doubt that the writer of the book of Deuteronomy cannot be Moses? Mr Llewellyn refers to “dubious” beginnings of Islam, but he did not know about the ambiguous and

baseless teachings of his own religion.

Mr Llewellyn has accepted the fact that Islam is the most civilized and scientific religion but he advises Christians not to follow Islam because it represents a new gospel. Actually he is unaware of the Biblical prophecies about the Holy Qur'ān, otherwise he would not have rejected the truth. The Bible repeatedly talks about a Scripture, having universal teachings, for all the nations and for all the people. It is recorded in the revelation of John:

“Then I saw another angel flying in mid-heaven, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and tongue and people.”

(Revelation 14:6)

The standard of the Gospel mentioned in the above reference is not fulfilled by any prior Scripture. Neither the Torah nor the Gospels qualify, because their teachings are limited to the Children of the Israelites and they never claimed to be universal. Jesus has clearly mentioned, that he came only for the Israelites:

“I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.”

(Matthew 15:24)

Therefore, the ministry and teachings of Jesus were only for the Jews, not for the Gentiles. This is why Jesus commanded his disciples to preach only to the Jews and not to the Gentiles:

“The twelve Jesus sent out, charging them, go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.”

(Matthew 10:5)

So the Gospel mentioned in the revelation of John can only be the Holy Qur'ān, the Gospel for all the nations, tribes, tongue and people. The Holy Qur'ān is the eternal Gospel, which can deliver the human being from the bondage of evils and sins.

Mr Llewellyn says that any Gospel other than the Gospel of Christians is accursed, and the message of Islam is a curse, not a blessing. Then what about the Gospels predicted by the other prophets? Jesus Christ clearly accepted that his message was not complete, and

someone would come after him to guide human beings to perfect truth:

“I have yet many things to say to you but you cannot bear them now. When the spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak.”

(John 16:12-13)

So what would be the status of that reformer and his teachings that would come after Jesus? Will that also be cursed? Actually for the Christians, everything has become cursed since they declared the Law of Moses cursed.

“Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become curse for us, for it is written: ‘cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree’.”

(Galatians 3:13)

So according to the Christians, the Law of Moses is cursed, then their redeemer, the beloved ‘son’ of God, is cursed. This has made them color blind to the truth. This is why every good thing appears cursed to them.

But neither the Law of Moses nor Jesus Christ, the noble prophet of God, is cursed. It is the Curse of God upon the Christians that everything looks cursed to them. This is why Mr Llewellyn says the Gospel of Islam is cursed, God forbid.

Mr Llewellyn has quoted from the letter of Paul to the Galatians (*Galatians 1:8*), that any other gospel, even if that is preached by the angel from heaven, is cursed. How can someone say that the Gospel preached by an angel from heaven is cursed? It means that they have made up their minds not to accept any truth from God, the Creator of the Universe. Otherwise, they would have rejected the concept presented by Paul. It is not a matter of joy for the Christians but a regretful situation that they are ready to reject the teachings presented by the angels, those who submit themselves to God and glorify Him every moment. Rather they accept a wrong concept presented by Paul, who himself claims to be a liar:

“For if the truth of God hath more abounded through my lie unto His glory, why yet am I also judged as a sinner.”

(Romans 3:7)

Is it Paul who wants to glorify God through his lies! God forbid! To have a better understanding of where Christianity stands let me inform you more about Paul.

Paul has accepted, in his own words, that he not only lies but also feels pride to present foolish, concocted teachings and stories:

“That which I speak, I speak it, not after the Lord, but as it were foolishly, in this confidence of boasting.”

(II Corinthians 11:17)

Mr Llewellyn has also advised Christians to preach the Bible to the Muslims, to deliver them from religious bondage. This is not astounding because the Christians always live in dreams. How is it possible that the Muslims would abandon the most perfect, complete and final Word of God and start following the Bible, full of contradictions and doubtful versions? The time has passed when their missionaries used to cheat the innocent people in Africa and Asia. It is the modern age and the people are well enlightened. They cannot easily be deceived and attracted towards the Bible, which is full of absurdities and immoralities.

Let me disclose some of the secrets of the Word of God (Bible) of Christianity:

- ♦ Abraham married his father's daughter. (Genesis 20:12)
- ♦ Lot offered his daughters to a mob of sodomites. (Genesis 19:8)
- ♦ Two sisters, the daughters of Lot, seduced their father and had children from him. (Genesis 19)
- ♦ Judah had sons from his daughter-in-law. (Genesis 38:13-27)

Not only these above but there are a lot of other such things in the Bible, i.e., Lot's wife changed into a pillar of salt, Balsam's ass started talking, a hare chew the cud, a wall crushed 27,000 warriors, etc.

AN EXCELLENT EXEMPLAR FOR MANKIND

Mr Llewellyn has crossed all boundaries of decency by criticizing the highly spiritual and purest prophet of God, the Holy Prophet of Islam, peace and blessings of Allah be upon him, by saying,

“Muhammad was the bearer of wicked doctrines that have plunged many into the outer darkness of eternal torment.” He does not know that the Prophet of Islam is the personality about whom God Himself said:

“O, Muhammad, if I had not to create you, I would have not created the heavens.” (Hadīth-i-Qudsī)

I pray for Mr Llewellyn, that God may open his mind to know the truth. It is not only his fault. This is what the Christians have been hearing since their childhood from their elders, and in the similar style their Holy Book contains statements. The Holy men and the Prophets are painted in that similar picture in the Bible, as I have given some examples above. Another example, according to them, is that Jesus Christ remained in the company of the devil for forty days:

“Being forty days tempted of the devil. And in those days he did eat nothing; and when they were ended, he afterward hungered.” (Luke 4:2)

The Holy Prophet of Islam, peace and blessing of Allah be upon him, is the only prophet who removed the immoral charges against all the prophets, and presented the prophets as noble and righteous persons. It is Islam that presents Jesus Christ as a noble prophet of God, because otherwise, it is impossible to prove the purity of Jesus Christ from the Bible. Jews do not even allow him to stand in the ranks of ordinary human beings, and the New Testament presents him as one who was disrespectful to his mother, a liar, a deceiver and one who used very harsh language against others. It attributes words like “*ye fools*” and “*blind*” as common words used by Jesus Christ against his opponents, as well as the words “*swine*” and “*dogs*” for the non-Jews according to the New Testament. But the Holy Qur’ān presents Jesus Christ as very humble, respectful to his mother and a noble prophet of God:

‘And He has made me blessed wheresoever I may be, and has enjoined upon me Prayer and almsgiving so long as I live;

And He has made me dutiful toward my mother, and He has not made me haughtily and unblessed.

And peace was on me the day I was born, and peace there will be on me the day I shall die, and the day I shall be raised up to life again.'

Such was Jesus, son of Mary. This is a statement of the truth about which they doubt.

It does not befit the Majesty of Allah to take unto Himself a son. Holy is He. When He decrees a thing, He says to it, 'Be!' and it is. (Holy Qur'ān 19:32-36)

Undoubtedly the teachings of the Holy Qur'ān, and the noble practice of the Holy Prophet of Islam are the guidance and light for all the races and colors of this age. Islam is the ideal religion and the Holy Prophet of Islam is an ideal prophet and an excellent exemplar for mankind.

"Verily you have in the Prophet of Allah an excellent model, for him who fears Allah and the Last Day and who remembers Allah much." (Holy Qur'ān 33:22)

It is not only the Holy Qur'ān that speaks about the excellent character of the Holy Prophet of Islam, but also those who did not even believe in him have accepted the beauty of his moral character. George Bernard Shaw, one of the greatest Western scholars, has stated about the noble life of the Holy Prophet of Islam:

"I have always held the religion of Muhammad in high estimation because of its wonderful vitality. It is the only religion which appears to possess that assimilating capability to the changing phases of existence which makes itself appeal to every age... I have prophesied about the faith of Muhammad, that it would be acceptable tomorrow as it is beginning to be acceptable to the Europe of today. Medieval ecclesiastics, either through ignorance or bigotry, painted Muhammadanism in the darkest colours. They were, in fact, trained to hate both the man Muhammad and his religion. To them, Muhammad was anti-Christ. I have studied him, the wonderful man, and in my opinion, far from being an anti-Christ, he must be called the savior of humanity. I believe that if a man like

him were to assume the dictatorship of the modern world, he would succeed in solving the problems in a way that would bring it the much needed peace and happiness. Europe is beginning to be enamored of the creed of Muhammad. In the next century it may go still further in recognizing the ability of that creed in solving its problems; and it is in this sense that you must understand my prediction.”

(A Collection of Writings of Some of the Eminent Scholars, 1935, p. 77)

ISLAM, THE RELIGION OF LOVE AND PEACE

Mr Llewellyn quotes from the Bible:

“Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God.” (II John:9)

From this, Mr Llewellyn has tried to prove that because the Muslims do not believe in the doctrine of Christ, they have gone astray. Mr Llewellyn further adds *“denying the doctrine of Christ reveals Islam as a deception and anti-Christ religion. And Islam purports to be the way of peace, but the end of Islam is the way of death.”*

First of all, Jesus Christ did not bring any doctrine or law; he was under the Law of Moses. As he clearly says:

“Think not that I am come to destroy the Law, or the prophets. I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill.” (Matthew 5:17)

“For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled.” (Matthew 5:18)

So the doctrines of Jesus are not his own but are the doctrines of Moses. And the doctrines of Moses have been transgressed and violated by the Christians, as is recorded in *Galatians*:

“Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, ‘Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree’).” (Galatians 3:13)

Therefore, according to the Biblical verdict, the religion of Christianity itself, and not the religion of Islam, is a deception and the religion of the anti-Christ. And those who have gone astray are Christians, not the Muslims. Islam is the religion introduced by a divine reformer, as predicted by Jesus Christ himself:

“I have yet many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth.” (John 16:12-13)

And the Spirit of Truth (*Sādiq*) is the title of the Holy Prophet of Islam, peace and blessings of Allah be upon him. The religion introduced by the Holy Prophet of Islam is the only religion which can bring all human beings under the banner of brotherhood, peace and harmony; not any other religion. People are being attracted towards the beauty of Islam in this age, and that is the greatest worry of Mr Llewellyn.

Because Islam is the fastest growing religion of this age, Mr Llewellyn is especially restless about the influence of Islam upon the other religions, but there will not be any solution to the agony and pain he feels in seeing the progress and victory of Islam. He has mentioned that Islam is trying to approach through fanaticism and violence, but he must know that Islam always approached people through its glorious teachings and excellent exemplary life of the Holy Prophet of Islam. There is no room for fanaticism and violence in Islam. Islam never imposed its teachings upon others, but attracted people through its ever-living teachings. The Holy Qur’ān says:

“There should be no compulsion in religion. Surely, right has become distinct from wrong.” (Holy Qur’ān 2:257)

Islam gives full freedom of choice, to accept and practice any religion, and it gives freedom of speech and conscience to everyone.

“Say, ‘O ye disbelievers! I worship not that which you worship; Nor worship you what I worship. And I am not going to worship that which you worship; Nor will you worship what I worship. For you your religion, and for me my religion.’” (Holy Qur’ān 109:2-7)

When the Holy Prophet, peace be upon him, was in full authority and power to force people to join Islam, he never ever compelled people to enter in the fold of Islam. Even on the day of the victory of Mecca, everybody was free to practice his own religion. Islam needs not any compulsion to approach people, because it has the power to convince by logic and argument. However, Mr Llewellyn is unaware of the message of Jesus Christ. Let me remind him, in the words of Jesus Christ, perhaps it would help him before incriminating others:

“Do not think that I have come to bring peace on earth;
I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.”

(Matthew 10:34)

It is the true spirit of Christianity that is mentioned in the above quotation. You can give it the name of ‘love’ but the whole bloody history of Christianity is a witness upon it, that the sword was used to spread Christianity. And the victims of compulsion and violence of Christianity are not limited to one part of the world; rather they are found in every part of the world. In Asia, Europe, America and Africa, Christianity cannot wash the stains of their violence. They are fresh and will remain fresh until the end of the days.

Christianity depends upon the inhumane and barbarous teachings of the Bible. It cannot be imagined that a religious Scripture can teach such unjust and cruel teachings. There is nothing but intolerance, bigotry and hatred preached and practiced in the Bible. All inhuman and cruel acts are considered as the acts of righteousness.

Mr Llewellyn says, “*Islam claims to be a religion of peace and tolerance. It is in fact, characterized by instability and religious bigotry.*” It is just the creation of Mr Llewellyn’s mind about Islam. Islam not only preaches peace and love but also cultivates it in the hearts of the believers. All young or old, rich or poor, belonging to any race or color, become like brothers, when they recite the Islamic creed: “*There is none worthy of worship except Allah; Muhammad is the Messenger of Allah.*” This banner of peace is not limited to any tribe or nation. The doors of Islam are open for everyone on the face of the earth. The Holy Prophet of Islam welcomed all nations, races and colors to the call of Almighty God:

“Say, O mankind! Truly I am a Messenger to you all

from Allah to Whom belongs the kingdom of the heavens and the earth.”
(Holy Qur’ān 7:159)

All Arabs and non-Arabs, blacks and whites were alike in the sight of the Prophet of Islam, without discrimination of race or color.

But let me tell and show Mr Llewellyn where bigotry and hatred exists! First of all it is preached and practiced by Biblical Jesus who took Jews as superior to the non-Jews, using very harsh words against the Gentiles. Take the story of the Canaanite woman who requested Jesus Christ’s prayers for her sick daughter. Jesus Christ was so agitated that he could not control his temper and said, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel”! But she begged again and knelt down before Jesus, and Jesus replied in a furious tone, “It is not good to take the children’s bread and throw it to the little dogs”:

“And behold, a woman of Canaan came from that region and cried out to him, saying, ‘Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David! My daughter is severely demon-possessed.’ But he answered her not a word. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, ‘Send her away, for she cries out after us.’ But he answered and said, ‘I am not sent except to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.’ Then she came and worshipped him, saying, ‘Lord, help me!’ But he answered and said, ‘It is not good to take the children’s bread and throw it to the little dogs.’”

(Matthew 15:22-26)

This is just one of the examples of the “love” exhibited by the so-called Biblical prince of peace. What about the other ordinary followers of Jesus. What type of etiquette can then be expected from them?

Again, Jesus advises his disciples against the non-Jews in the following words:

“Do not give dogs what is holy, and do not throw your pearls before swine lest they trample them under foot and run to attack you.”
(Matthew 7:6)

Mr Llewellyn, this is bigotry and hatred and racial prejudice, preached and practiced by the founder of Christianity, as related in the

Gospels! A similar conduct can be expected from his followers.

Mr Llewellyn says that '*Islam teaches bigotry and hatred and it is our duty to stand for the Gospel and against all other gospels.*' I ask him, does he want to preach the same Gospel preached by Jesus? Full of vulgarities and indecencies as mentioned above? Looking at the results of this same Gospel, we see that as recent as 1996, more than one hundred black churches were set on fire by the white Christians in America alone! Undoubtedly this hatred is laid by those same Gospels, hatched under the feathers of prejudice.

On the other side, the teachings of the Holy Qur'ān and the practice of the Holy Prophet of Islam, peace and blessings of Allah be upon him, which Christian media wants to hide from the general public, is so beautiful and appealing to the mind that nobody can reject it. Rather, I should say, that society cannot exist without it. The Holy Qur'ān says:

“O ye who believe! Be steadfast in the cause of Allah, bearing witness in equity, and let not a people's enmity incite you to act otherwise than with justice. Be always just, that is nearer to righteousness.” (Holy Qur'ān 5:9)

Such is the Islamic society introduced by the Holy Qur'ān and established by the Holy Prophet of Islam, peace and blessings of Allah be upon him, where complete love, brotherhood, peace and harmony was witnessed. The society where Bilal from Ethiopia, Salman from Persia and Sohaib from Rome, were living like one family, with even more love and affection. It was the society where a person like Umar, the great head of the Muslim kingdom, used to honor and welcome Hadhrat Bilal, an Ethiopian black slave, with the words: “*Our chief has come! Our chief has come!*”

There is no comparison between the teachings of the Holy Qur'ān and the Biblical teachings. It is like the comparison between light and darkness. On one side there is justice, tolerance, love, affection, mercy and peace of mind. On the other side is injustice, violence, bigotry, intolerance, hatred and frustration of minds.

The inhumane and barbarous teachings of the Bible, on one hand, are of the like, which are rarely seen or witnessed in the Islamic world. I cite, again, another example here:

“And the children of Israel took all the women of Medians captive and their little ones, and took the spoil of all their cattle, and all their flocks, and all their goods.

And they burnt all their cities wherein they dwelt, and all their goodly castles, with fire.

And they took all the spoil, and all the prey, both of men and of beasts.

And they brought the captives, and the prey, and spoil unto Moses and Eleazar, the priest, and unto the congregation of the children of Israel, unto the camp at the plains of Moab, which are by the Jordan near Jericho.”
(Numbers 31:9-12)

Here is another picture of brutality and cruelty in the Torah, the Law of Moses:

“And when the Lord thy God shall deliver them before thee, thou shalt smite them, and utterly destroy them, thou shalt make no covenant with them, nor show mercy unto them.”
(Deuteronomy 7:2)

I quote the destructive behavior of Joshua, the first successor of Moses, as recorded in the Torah, the sacred Law of the Bible:

“And they utterly destroyed all that was in the city, both man and woman, young and old, and ox, and sheep, and ass, with the edge of the sword.”
(Joshua 6:21)

And Joshua was not an ordinary person. According to the Bible he was a very righteous person and beloved of Moses:

“And Joshua, the son of nun, was full of the spirit of wisdom, for Moses had laid his hands upon him.”
(Deuteronomy 34:9)

Now the other side of the picture is the practice of the Holy Prophet of Islam, about whom Almighty Allah says:

“And we have sent thee not but as a mercy for all mankind.”
(Holy Qur’ān 21:107)

The Holy Prophet of Islam, was given the name “mercy” by Almighty Allah, and this same quality was exhibited by him throughout his life. In the state of persecution and helplessness or at the time of the altitude of his power, he was the person bearing the same quality. The history of mankind is helpless in providing any example of mercy and forgiveness paralleled to the Holy Prophet of Islam. The city of Mecca is a witness to it.

Mecca is the city where the Holy Prophet of Islam was born, lived, and persecuted. He was then forced to leave his own motherland, with tears in his eyes. But when he returned to the same city with full power and might, with ten thousand holy men under his command, he had all the inhabitants of Mecca, the murderers and the persecutors, at his mercy. If he had liked, he could have cut every one into pieces. Instead he declared the city of Mecca, the City of Peace. He entered in the city of Mecca as a victor, but with a bowing head in the praise of Allah. An open declaration of forgiveness was given in the following words: *“You are all free, there is no reproach against you this day.”* No human eye has witnessed such a scene under the canopy of the heavens as the Holy Prophet of Islam showed it.

A great Western scholar and historian, Stanley Lane-Poole, has described the scene of the Victory of Mecca in the following beautiful words. Mr Lane-Poole is not the follower of the Holy Prophet of Islam, but a fair person, not prejudiced like Mr Llewellyn.

“The day of Mohammad’s greatest triumph over his enemies was also the day of his grandest victory over himself. He freely forgave the Koraysh all amnesty to the whole population of Mekka. Four criminals whom justice condemned made up Mohammad’s proscription list when he entered as a conqueror into the city of his bitterest enemies. The army followed his example, and entered quietly and peacefully. No house was robbed, no woman insulted. One thing alone suffered destruction. Going to the Kaaba, Mohammad stood before each of the three hundred and sixty idols and pointed to them with his staff, saying, ‘Truth is come and falsehood is fled away,’ and at these words his attendants hewed them down, and all the idols and household gods of Mekka and round about were

destroyed. It was thus that Mohammad entered again his native city. Through all the annals of conquest there is no triumphant entry comparable to this one.”

(Lane-Poole, Stanley: The Speeches and Table Talk of the Prophet Mohammad, London, 1882, p. 46)

Islam is the name of peace, love, affection, tenderness, freedom of speech and conscience, devotion and attachment. As the message of Islam is unique in its qualities, the Prophet of Islam was also matchless in his character, in all ups and downs, tender and splendor of his life. Up to the last breath of his life, the Holy Prophet of Islam manifested qualities of love, peace and mercy. The farewell address of his life can be considered as the masterpiece of human charter of love. Fourteen hundred years have lapsed, but that charter stands, having no parallel in the history of mankind. He gathered together humanity in love, and removed the barriers of racism, hatred and discrimination. He proclaimed:

“The Arabs have no superiority over the non-Arabs nor have the non-Arabs any superiority over the Arabs. The white has no superiority over the black or the black over the white. All are the children of Adam and Adam was created of clay. All of you are equal. All men, whatever nation or tribe they may belong to, and whatever station in the life they may hold, are equal. As the fingers of two hands are equal to one another, so are human beings equal to one another. No one has any right, any superiority to claim over another. You are as brothers. God has made the life, property and honor of every man sacred. To take any man’s life, his property or attack his honor, is unjust and wrong.”

(Bukhāri)

NO ROOM FOR TERRORISM IN ISLAM

I have given the teachings of the Holy Qur’ān and the Bible, the practice of the Holy Prophet of Islam, and the Biblical prophets. It is very easy to distinguish who gives the message of peace and love and who is the bearer of intolerance and violence.

If Mr Llewellyn takes the act of any individual as the act of

violence, the Christians are more extremist and fanatic than the Muslims. It can be examined easily, from the ordinary person to the religious and political leaders. Unfortunately, the Christians see the mote in others' eye but not the beam that is in their own eye. The Bible addresses such people as hypocrites. They can see the terrorism in the World Trade Center of New York, blaming Islam, but become totally blind about the Oklahoma City bombing, the greatest Christian terrorist act in the American history! One hundred sixty nine (169) people were killed including nineteen (19) innocent children, with more than six hundred (600) people injured, all in the blink of an eye! Who is Timothy McVeigh? An Arab, an Iranian or Palestinian terrorist? No, no. He is an American Christian extremist. Who were the terrorists in Montana? Were they Muslims? No. It cannot be denied that they were Christians. It is an open secret that American Christian terrorist militias are the greatest threat, not only to the general public but also to the Federal government of America.

Speaking on the same level, there are religious extremists in Christianity, more so than any other religion. The character of David Koresh of Waco, Texas, is not hidden from any American. He was an American Christian religious fanatic, who was burned to ashes along with his almost one hundred followers. Even more tragic than that is the case of Jonestown, Guyana, where an extremist Christian religious leader poisoned nine hundred fourteen (914) of his followers, killing them mercilessly, and finally committing suicide himself. It is the worst example of madness, cruelty and fanaticism in the history of religion, and that credit also goes to Christianity, not to Islam.

In March 1997, Marshall Herff Applewhite, known as "DO" to his followers, the son of a Presbyterian minister, took thirty eight (38) lives of the members of his cult called *Heaven's Gate* in Rancho Santa Fe, California, USA. He convinced his followers that he could take them to heaven and every one of them was easily convinced that they could ascend to heaven by committing suicide. This is because the dream of every Christian is to go to heaven, by hook or crook. The Newsweek Magazine has reported:

"The pair gave each other silly nick-names—Tiddly and Wink, Guinea and Pig, Nincom and Poop, Tweedle and Dee, finally Do and Ti (merely notes in the celestial

symphony)—to show that names mean nothing. But they also portentously called themselves The Two—after the two witnesses in the Book of Revelation who were slain by a beast from the depths before rising to heaven. Like Jesus Christ, Do and Ti believed they would be assassinated on earth and rise to heaven after three days in a cloud of light—a UFO.” (Newsweek, April, 1997, p. 32)

Mr Llewellyn! The graph of such issues will never drop because it is due to the frustration and dissatisfaction of the Christian mind. There will be no end to it because you have adopted a wrong track. Muslims do not live in such dreams and this is why such incidents never happen in the Muslim world. There is no hope for Christianity and everyday appears to be more threatening. Newsweek Magazine has also addressed this issue in the following words:

“In other words, their chilling exit was timeless. Some experts compared Heaven’s Gate to the Gnostics; early religious fanatics who felt imprisoned in their earthbound bodies. Anticipating the End of Times predicted in the Book of Revelation, millennial groups have been trying to beat the rush to St. Peter’s Gate for centuries. In the 16th century, whole villages of Christian “saints” self-immolated, hoping for salvation before the Fire. As the true millennium approaches in the year 2000, there will almost surely be more, and possibly more threatening, millennia lists. (Newsweek, April 7, 1997, p. 30)

WHO ARE AT ENMITY WITH GOD, MUSLIMS OR CHRISTIANS?

Mr Llewellyn states, “*Our message to Muslims is that they, like all men, are lost. All are naturally at enmity with God.*” Before raising this objection against the Islamic world, Mr Llewellyn should have learned a lesson from Jesus Christ as he states:

“And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother’s eye, but perceive not the beam that is in thine own eye?” (Luke 6:41)

My dear Mr Llewellyn! These are not Muslims who are at war with

God, but rather these are Christians who have enmity with God! These are the Christians who have violated the Law and the teachings of the Prophets, not the Muslims. Moses always preached about the Unity of God, and Jesus Christ did the same, as already quoted above. Unashamedly, Pauline Christianity has introduced three Gods! Then who has the enmity with God, Christianity or Islam? Of course it is Christianity. Jesus Christ never ever claimed to be God or a partner of God. A man inquired from Jesus as to what to do to inherit eternal life and Jesus said:

“Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone.”
(Mark 10:18)

This quotation shows that Jesus Christ has nothing to do with the Divinity of God. But it is the animosity of the Christians with God that they are not ready to accept this truth and give the right status to Jesus that he really deserves. They want to believe Jesus as God at any cost, but the Bible does not support this.

Mr Llewellyn has quoted from the writings of Paul, such as “*God was manifest in the flesh,*” but Paul is the person who himself accepted that he is a fabricator and liar, as already quoted from his own writings. So it is not a reliable source, to believe Jesus as God.

Further, Mr Llewellyn quoted from John:

“That Jesus is the self existent I AM.” (John 8:58)

This quotation has nothing to do with the Divinity of Jesus. The Jews had raised an objection against one of Jesus’ statements when he said:

“Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my day, and he saw it, and was glad.”
(John 8:56)

Then the Jews said to Jesus, “*You are not yet fifty years old and you are talking about Abraham.*” Jesus replied, “*Before Abraham was, I AM.*” It does not look like the reply of Jesus, because the Jews wanted proof of his existence before Abraham and Jesus did not give any proof just repeated what he was questioned about. This wording cannot be true answer of the question asked, because there was a similar question asked to Moses from God and the reply was:

“I am who I am” or “I am the being or existing one.”
(Exodus 3:14)

“*The Five Gospels*,” also known by the name “*The Scholars’ Version*,” is a great research work for the authentic words of Jesus Christ, in which more than seventy great scholars of the world participated. It declares the above verse (*John 8:56*) is not the words of Jesus Christ. In the same way Mr Llewellyn twisted the words quoted:

“The Creator dwelled as a man among men.”
(John 1:1-3,14)

These words actually have nothing to do with the Divinity of Jesus. The status of Jesus Christ would easily be understood if we examine the divinity of Jesus in the light of the Biblical statements about God:

1. **The God:** “If we had forgotten the name of our God, or spread forth our hands to a strange god, would not God discover this? For he knows the secrets of the heart.” (Psalm 44:20-21)

Jesus Christ: “*But of that day or that hour no one knows, not even the angels in the heaven, nor the son, but only the father.*” (Mark 13:32)

So the God has the perfect knowledge. He knows even secrets of the heavens but Jesus Christ did not have that quality, so he cannot be God.

2. **The God:** “*There is none like thee, O Lord, Thou are great, and Thy name is great in might. Who would not fear Thee, O King of the Nations?*” (Jeremiah 10:6-7)

Jesus Christ: “*But we see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels.*” (Hebrews 2:9)

So God is Supreme, Mighty, and Powerful, no one is equal to him in the universe, but Jesus was even lower than the angels were.

3. **The God:** “*I make decree that in all my royal dominion men tremble and fear before the God of Daniel, for He is the living God, enduring forever. His dominion shall be to the end. He delivers and rescues.*” (Daniel 6:26)

Jesus Christ: “And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud

voice ‘Eli, Eli, Lama sabach-thani’, that is, ‘My God, My God, why have You forsaken me?’” (Matthew 27:46)

So God is ever-living, and there is no end to His kingdom; but in his hour of greatest need, Jesus was helpless and cried for help from God.

4. **The God:** *“How be it the Most High dwelleth not in the temples made with hands, as said the prophet. Heaven is My throne, and earth is My foot stool. What house will ye build Me? said the Lord, or what is the place of My rest?”* (Acts 7:48-49)

Jesus Christ: *“And Jesus said unto Him, ‘The foxes have holes and the birds of the air nests, but the son of man has no where to lay his head.’”* (Matthew 8:20)

God does not need any dwelling but Jesus needed a place for shelter, and lived among the people like others.

5. **The God:** *“Let no one say, when he is tempted, ‘I am tempted by God’, for God cannot be tempted with evil and He himself tempts no one.”* (James 1:13)

Jesus Christ: *“Then was Jesus led up of the spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil.”* (Matthew 4:1)

Jesus failed again in the above test and could not qualify for being God.

In the above mentioned quotations there is not even a single commonality between the attributes of God and the qualities of Jesus Christ. God is God, and Jesus a humble mortal, a human being. There is not a single quality of Jesus that can make him God or partner to God.

In the book of Isaiah, Almighty God rejects the Divinity of anybody else in the following words:

“For I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like Me.” (Isaiah 46:9)

In the Gospels there is one incident recorded where an opportunity was provided to Jesus to clear his Divinity, but he could not avail that chance also. That was the golden chance for him to declare himself as God. But on that occasion, Jesus gave an explanation that he was like

the other human beings and Jews:

“The Jews took up stones again to stone him. Jesus answered them, ‘I have shown you many good works from my father, for which of these do you stone me?’ The Jews answered him, ‘It is not for a good work that we stone you but for blasphemy; because you being a man, make yourself God.’ Jesus answered them, ‘Is it not written in your law, I said you are Gods? If He called them gods, to whom the word of God came (and the Scripture cannot be broken).’”
(John 10:31-35)

In the above mentioned statement, Jesus clearly said that the Jews who received word of God (meaning Prophets) are Gods, and in that sense Jesus is also like the other Jews.

Mr Llewellyn has also quoted from the book of John to support his idea that,

“The son and the father are one.” (John 10:30)

In this quotation, Mr Llewellyn has deceitfully tried to cheat people by replacing the original word of the Gospel of John. This cunning nature of his forefathers is described in the Holy Qur’ān 1400 years before, and the Christians are still following that evil nature. The Holy Qur’ān says:

“So because of their breaking their covenant, We have cursed them, and have hardened their hearts; they pervert the words from their proper places and have forgotten a good part of that with which they were exhorted.”

(Holy Qur’ān 5:14)

In the actual quotation the word son is not mentioned anywhere. The actual quotation is:

“I and my father are one.” (John 10:30)

Mr Llewellyn almost changed the entire statement and used the word son, instead of ‘I’, to create the impression on the minds that really Jesus is son and God is his father. There is another reference in the same chapter of Gospel John, where Jesus said:

“The father is in me, and I in him.” (John 10:38)

The Christians believe that, in the above quotation, Jesus and God are one, God is in Jesus and Jesus is in the God, so it is what is called the trinity. Because Jesus and God are one, or so the argument goes, both have the same power and status, in nature. But the Bible itself rejects this conclusion. As it is mentioned in the words of Jesus, when he addressed his disciples as follows:

“In that day you will know that I am in my father and you in me, and I in you.” (John 14:20)

So the whole problem is solved in the above reference about Jesus Christ. If Jesus becomes God, due to being *in* God, then all of his Disciples are God because they are also *in* Jesus along with God. So, if the Disciples of Jesus Christ are not Gods, and of course not, then Jesus Christ is also not son of God. The concept of incarnation of God is not only false but also a blasphemy. The words “you in me and I in you” are metaphorical words, meaning close relationship of love.

The Christians also say that because Jesus was born without father, so he is the son of God. But that cannot make him God, otherwise we are bound to accept everything born without a father as God. All worms are born without a father, so then why are they not God? In the same way Adam and Eve had no earthly father, then they will also be God. Melchizedek, King of Salim, the king of righteousness, is also *son* of God who, according to *Hebrews*, was without father, mother, or descendant, having neither beginning of days nor end of life. Melchizedek looks more like *son* of God, even more than Jesus, because Jesus at least had a mother and Melchizedek did not. The verse reads:

“For this Melchizedek, King of Salem, priest of the Most High God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings and blessed him, to whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all, first being translated ‘King of Righteousness’, and then also King of Salem, meaning ‘King of Peace’, without father, without mother, without genealogy, having neither beginning days nor end of life, but made like the Son of God, remains a priest continually.” (Hebrews 7:1-3)

In short, Christianity has totally distorted the concept of God. Only Islam introduces the true God.

NO SOUL CAN BEAR THE BURDENS OF THE OTHERS

Mr Llewellyn has raised another issue of sin in his pamphlet and that is: *Why the Muslims believe that people are born free of sin? And why do they believe that no one is responsible for or can take responsibility for the sins of others?* Mr Llewellyn taunts the Muslims because they believe that people are born free of sin and that it is only after they reach the age of puberty and only after they commit sins, that they are to be charged for their mistakes. Muslims do not believe in such absurd and unintelligent concept of sin presented by Christianity. It is not only against the teachings of the Holy Qur'ān but also against the Biblical teachings. Mr Llewellyn should have read at least the advice of Jesus Christ to his disciples where he says:

“And say, Verily I say unto you, except ye be converted and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the Kingdom of Heaven.” (Matthew 18:3)

“To be as little children” has no meanings other than to be sinless like children. The concept of sin in Christianity is so ridiculous and absurd that it cannot be believed that people of such ideas exist in this advanced, modern age. Where human beings have reached the moon, and planning to reach the other planets, yet they are not able to understand that nobody can bear the burden of the sins of others.

Many examples from the Bible can be given against the so-called Christian philosophy of sin. There were many righteous people before Jesus who appeared after Adam but did not inherit the sin of Adam. If Mr Llewellyn nowhere else but in the Bible, he would have found many examples of righteous people from the Gospels, were he a seeker after the truth. The Bible says:

“In the days of Herod, King of Judea, there was a priest named Zechariah, of the division of Abujah, and he had a wife of the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth, and they were both righteous before God.” (Luke 1:5)

Again, another very righteous person is stated in the Gospels:

“Now, there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simon, and this man was righteous and devout, looking for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him.”
(Luke 2:25)

Then about Melchizedek it is mentioned that he was “*King of Righteousness.*” (Hebrews 7:2).

Mr Llewellyn, the days are gone when Christianity could cheat the innocent people with such ideas. Now is the age for the revival of Islam, the days of Christianity have been counted in the heavens. The sun of Islam has risen and its light is penetrating into the hearts of the people to give them a new life. Forget about atonement and the concept of sin. The Christians dream will not come true. All such ridiculous teachings were introduced only because they wanted to make Jesus Christ God. To say that all human beings are sinners, and Jesus Christ, only, is sinless, is only possible if he was supernatural and God.

They say that Adam committed sin, then all the descendants of man inherited it; and because Jesus Christ was born without father, this is why he is sinless. But the Bible narrates that sin was committed by Eve first, not Adam. So according to their own concocted philosophy of sin, Jesus also inherited the sin committed by Eve through his mother, Mary. Then Jesus is also a sinner, and the Bible also supports this:

“What is man, that he should be clean? And he which is born of a woman, that he should be righteous?”
(Job 15:14)

So according to the Biblical verdict, Jesus is not righteous because he was born of a woman. And if he was a sinner by birth, then he cannot be a ransom for the other sinners. According to the Biblical statements there are certain people that can be ransom for the others

“The wicked is a ransom for the righteous, and the faithless for the upright.”
(Proverbs 21:18)

According to your own Holy Book, if Jesus became ransom for the others, then Mr Llewellyn you must accept him as a sinner or a wicked person. Unfortunately, the Gospels have also painted the picture of

Jesus Christ on the same lines. For example, he was disobedient to his mother. He used abusive language against the non-Jews, like “*dogs and swine, ye fools and blind.*” He even cursed the fig tree without any logic and reason, and he also remained for forty days with the devil. How bad was his company! The Holy Qur’ān speaks about the company of Satan in the following words:

“And whoso has Satan for his companion, let him remember that he is an evil companion.”

(Holy Qur’ān 4:39)

So if such was the character of Jesus, then he cannot qualify even to be a prophet of God, and perhaps that was the reason the Jews rejected him as the prophet of God.

We Muslims believe, however, that Jesus of Nazareth was a noble prophet of God, and we believe that nobody is a sinner from birth, which means there is no truth in the concept of atonement. We believe that everybody is accountable to the Almighty God on the Day of Judgment and nobody can die for the sins of others. The Holy Qur’ān is very clear about this issue:

“And no soul acts but only against itself, nor does any bearer of burden bear the burden of another.”

(Holy Qur’ān 6:165)

The Bible also supports the above Qur’ānic concept by the following reference:

“The fathers shall not be put to death for the children, nor shall the children be put to death for the fathers, every man shall be put to death for his own sin.”

(Deuteronomy 24:16)

This previous statement is from the Torah, the Law of Moses. According to the Law of Moses nobody can die for the sins of others, but only for his own sins. This is why Jews believed that Jesus was not righteous, rather a sinner. According to the Jews, he died on the cross for his own sins. It is only Islam that preaches that Jesus was a righteous person and a noble prophet of God, and this is why he did not die on the cross, a cursed death. Then the verdict according to the book of Ezekiel is as follows:

“The soul that sins shall die; the sons shall not suffer for the iniquity of the father, nor the father suffer for the iniquity of the son; the righteousness of the righteous shall be upon himself and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon himself.”
(Ezekiel 18:20)

It is evident from the above quotation that there is no room for the concept of atonement in the teachings of the prophets.

Mr Llewellyn says Christ bore our sins, died on the cross, shedding his blood as a completely propitious sacrifice for sins. But Mr Llewellyn does not know that his lamb was not ready to be sacrificed or die for the sinners. This is why he was shedding tears and crying; otherwise, if that was the mission of Jesus, he should have presented himself to the Jews to be crucified. He would not have cried out “*My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?*” If Jesus came to be ransom for the sinners, he should have praised the Jews and Romans for the accomplishment of his mission. But he addressed them as murderers. Jesus was keeping himself away from the Jews, due to the fear of death:

“After this Jesus went about in Galilee, he would not go about in Judea, because the Jews sought to kill him.”
(John 7:1)

The true picture of Jesus is that he disliked the idea of dying on the cross because he knew well that it was a cursed death, a hateful death in the sight of God and human beings. The actual mission of Jesus was to purify the people and establish their relations with the Almighty God, and to make them realize that they must prepare themselves to appear before God. So, in very clear words, Jesus said that every person will render his own account on the Day of Judgment:

“I tell you, on the Day of Judgment men will render account for every careless word they utter, for by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned.”
(Matthew 12:36-37)

From the above statement, it is obvious that Jesus Christ himself is not aware about his atonement when he said “*everybody would render his account on the Day of Judgment.*” Otherwise, he would have said

that he is the lamb, come to die for the sins of the people. Jesus Christ has really disappointed the Christians in the statement above.

Mr Llewellyn says: *'By denying these truths which are fundamental to the Gospel of salvation by grace through faith alone, Islam has laid the groundwork for a "gospel" of self righteousness and salvation by works.'* It is dullness of his mind and ignorance from the words of Jesus Christ. Jesus himself acknowledges the concept of salvation presented by Islam. The so-called 'theory of salvation' of Christianity is discarded by Jesus himself and, on the Day of Judgment, Almighty God would not accept it. The true salvation, in the words of Jesus Christ, is the exact Islamic teaching about salvation:

"What does it profit, my brethren, if a man says he has faith but has not works? Can his faith save him? If a brother or sister is ill-clad and in lack of daily food, and one of you says to him, 'go in peace, be warmed and filled' without giving them the things needed for the body, what does it profit? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead."
(James 2:14-17)

Mr Llewellyn's 'salvation by grace through faith alone' is a dead concept in the eye of Jesus Christ. In other words, Jesus concludes, that the Gospel preaching this theory is also dead. Christians can be saved if they follow the commandments of Jesus:

"If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love; just as I have kept my father's commandments and abide in His love."
(John 15:10)

Just to believe in the sufferings of Jesus on the cross is nothing. True believers of Jesus must pass through the periods of pain and sufferings to please their Creator, then they would succeed in the life hereafter. Jesus Christ has made this very clear:

"If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take his cross and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it, and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it."
(Matthew 16:24-25)

The Christians should not live in dreams and rely upon the blood of Jesus, but they must prepare themselves to follow in the footsteps of

Jesus, and suffer in his cause. It is exactly the same thing mentioned in the Holy Qur'ān:

– “Do men think that they will be left alone because they say ‘we believe,’ and they will not be tested? And we did test those who were before them. So Allah will surely distinguish the liars from the truthful.”

(Holy Qur'ān 29:3-4)

CONCEPT OF PARADISE

It is mentioned in the pamphlet, in a very *funny* way, that Muslims are encouraged to vie with one another in giving charity to the poor, to attain God's forgiveness and to attain paradise. We do not deny that to give charity to the poor is one of the sources to achieve nearness to God. Islam not only encourages charity, but also advises to strive in His cause with our wealth and person. This is an excellent way to win God's pleasure, and that is the real Paradise for the believers, as the Holy Qur'ān says:

“O ye who believe! shall I point out to you a bargain that will save you from a painful punishment? That you believe in Allah and His Messenger, and strive in the cause of Allah with your wealth and your persons. That is better for you, if you did not know. He will forgive you your sins, and make you enter the Gardens through which streams flow, and pure and pleasant dwellings in Gardens of Eternity. That is the supreme triumph.”

(Holy Qur'ān 61:11-13)

But Mr Llewellyn has totally closed his eyes from the writings of Jesus Christ and appears ignorant about the sacrifice of wealth in the cause of Almighty God. Jesus Christ says in this regard:

“Verily I say unto you, that a rich man shall hardly enter into the kingdom of heaven. And again I say unto you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God.”

(Matthew 19:23-24)

Again it is mentioned in the Gospels, in the words of Jesus Christ:

“Then Peter began to say to Him, ‘See, we have left all and followed You...’ So Jesus answered and said, ‘Assuredly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My sake and the gospel’s, who shall not receive a hundredfold now in this time—houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions—and in the age to come, eternal life.’

(Mark 10:28-30)

Again, Jesus Christ says:

“If you would be perfect, go sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven.”

(Matthew 19:21)

Exactly the same thing is preached by Jesus Christ that the Muslims are advised to practice. It is a pity that the Christians criticize Islam, blindly ignoring their own teachings, which support Islam.

ISHMAEL, THE BLESSED ONE

Mr Llewellyn also mentioned in the pamphlet that “*Muslims trace their religion from Abraham through Ishmael, but the Bible makes it clear that God rejected Ishmael...*” This is quoted from *Genesis 17:15-21*. How can a religious leader commit such a lie, a blunder, in the name of religion! In the same verses quoted by Mr Llewellyn are mentioned the blessings of God related to Ishmael, the son of Abraham:

“And as for Ishmael, I have heard thee. Behold, I have blessed him, and will make fruitful, and will multiply him exceedingly; twelve princes shall beget and I will make him a great nation.”

(Genesis 17:20)

The twelve princes mentioned above are the princes of his twelve sons. They were blessed so much so that they really became a great nation, and their twelve great and mighty tribes are mentioned in *Genesis 25:13-16*. Blessings of God upon Ishmael cannot be denied, which are properly recorded in the Bible and in history. Also in the book of *Isaiah (21:13-17)* a very grand prophecy related to the sons of Ishmael and the Holy Prophet of Islam is recorded. Such glory is not

given to any Biblical prophet, as is prophesied and given to the Holy Prophet, peace and blessings of Allah be upon him. He was the cornerstone of the history of mankind. And these were all blessings related to Abraham, Hagar and Ishmael.

Mr Llewellyn says that Hagar and Ishmael were cast out of Ibrahim's house. It is true they were rejected in the sight of people but not in the sight of Almighty God. But Mr Llewellyn should not forget that it was the same rejected stone (Hagar) which became the head of the corner. In Arabic stone is called 'Hagar,' and it is the same stone which Jesus Christ has mentioned in the Gospels:

“Did ye never read in the Scriptures, the stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner; this is the Lord's doing and it is marvelous in our eyes.”
(Matthew 21:42)

These were just God's blessings. The rejected stone (Hagar) was so blessed by Almighty God, that the Holy Prophet of Islam, one of the descendants of Hagar, appeared as the greatest prophet in the history of mankind, and he is considered the cornerstone of the history of mankind.

Finally, Mr Llewellyn has surrendered before Islam as he advises his fellow Christians not to dialogue with Muslims. It is true that they cannot stand before Islam with logic and arguments, and truth always prevails. But it is not a wise decision because the future generations of Christianity will curse their ancestors when they will see the truth and glory of Islam.

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by *Hadrat* Mirza Ghulam Ahmad of Qadian

The Promised Messiah and Mahdi (peace be upon him)

The initiate shall solemnly promise:

I. That he/she shall abstain from *Shirk* (association of any partner with God) right up to the day of his/her death.

II. That he/she shall keep away from falsehood, fornication, adultery, trespasses of the eye, debauchery, dissipation, cruelty, dishonesty, mischief and rebellion; and will not permit himself/herself to be carried away by passions, however strong they may be.

III. That he/she shall regularly offer the five daily prayers in accordance with the commandments of God and the Holy Prophet (*peace and blessings of Allah be upon him*); and shall try his/her best to be regular in offering the Tahajjud (pre-dawn supererogatory prayers) and invoking *Darood* (blessings) on the Holy Prophet (*peace and blessings of Allah be upon him*); that he/she shall make it his/her daily routine to ask forgiveness for his/her sins, to remember the bounties of God and to praise and glorify Him.

IV. That under the impulse of any passions, he/she shall cause no harm whatsoever to the creatures of Allah in general, and Muslims in particular, neither by his/her tongue nor by his/her hands nor by any other means.

V. That he/she shall remain faithful to God in all circumstances of life, in sorrow and happiness, adversity and prosperity, in felicity and trials; and shall in all conditions remain resigned to the decree of Allah and keep himself/herself ready to face all kinds of indignities and sufferings in His way and shall never turn away from it at the onslaught of any misfortune; on the contrary, he/she shall march forward.

VI. That he/she shall refrain from following un-Islamic customs and lustful inclinations, and shall completely submit himself/herself to the authority of the Holy Quran; and shall make the Word of God and the Sayings of the Holy Prophet (*peace and blessings of Allah be upon him*) the guiding principles in every walk of his/her life.

VII. That he/she shall entirely give up pride and vanity and shall pass all his/her life in humbleness, cheerfulness, forbearance and meekness.

VIII. That he/she shall hold faith, the honor of faith, and the cause of Islam dearer to him/her than his/her life, wealth, honor, children and all other dear ones.

IX. That he/she shall keep himself/herself occupied in the service of God's creatures for His sake only; and shall endeavor to benefit mankind to the best of his/her God-given abilities and powers.

X. That he/she shall enter into a bond of brotherhood with this humble servant of God, pledging obedience to me in everything good, for the sake of Allah, and remain faithful to it till the day of his/her death; that he/she shall exert such a high devotion in the observance of this bond as is not to be found in any other worldly relationship and connections demanding devoted dutifulness.

(Translated from *Ishtihār Takmil-i-Tabligh*, January 12, 1889)

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(Rūḥānī Khazā'in, Vol. 12: Tuḥfa-i-Qaisariya, p. 259)

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