

is Allāh as Disposer of affairs." (The Qur'ān: al-Nisā', 4:171). This verse was revealed in relation to various factions of the Christians (Jacobites, Nestorians and others). They had various sayings such as, "Jesus is Almighty God (Allāh)", others said, "He is the son of Allāh" and others said, "He is the third of three."

The Islāmic commentators of the Qur'ān provide the following elaboration of the meaning of the verse⁶: "O people of the Gospel, do not exceed the true belief and do not exaggerate and say of Allāh except the truth. Do not claim a son and wife for Him, for Jesus the son of Mary was no more than a messenger like many other messengers before him. He is the Word of Allāh, with the meaning that he was created through a Word spoken by Allāh which is "Be!" - not that he, Jesus, in his essence, is the actual Word of Allāh. It was through this Word that Jibrīl (Gabriel) was sent and he breathed from the Spirit (Rūh) sent with him into Mary (ﷺ). The Spirit is not a part of Allāh's essence but a created entity whose reality is unknown. The same Spirit was breathed into Ādam (ﷺ) who was born without father and mother. Hence, Jesus is the Word and the Spirit of Allāh. He was created through Allāh's Word of command and through the sending and breathing of the created Spirit through Jibrīl. So people of the Gospel, believe in this truth regarding Jesus, the Son of Mary and submit to Allāh alone. Shun the worship of all other deities including Jesus and his mother Mary and do not say "There are three (deities)," for there is only one deity worthy of worship in truth. You have unjustly raised Jesus from the station of prophethood and messengership to one of lordship (rububiyyah). Yet Jesus and his mother Mary were mere mortals, they ate, drank and walked the Earth and owned and controlled nothing in the heavens and Earth, save that Allāh bestowed miracles upon Jesus as a sign of his prophethood. Desist from this statement of "Three," believe in the absolute unicity of Allāh and worship only Him alone. This is the straight path indicated by authentic, uncorrupted revelation and sound reason."

—WHAT JESUS WILL SAY ON THE DAY OF RESURRECTION

The Lord of creation, Allāh, the Blessed and Exalted, said in His last and final revelation, the Qur'ān, "And remember when Allāh will say (on the Day of Resurrection): "O Jesus, son of Mary! Did you say unto men:

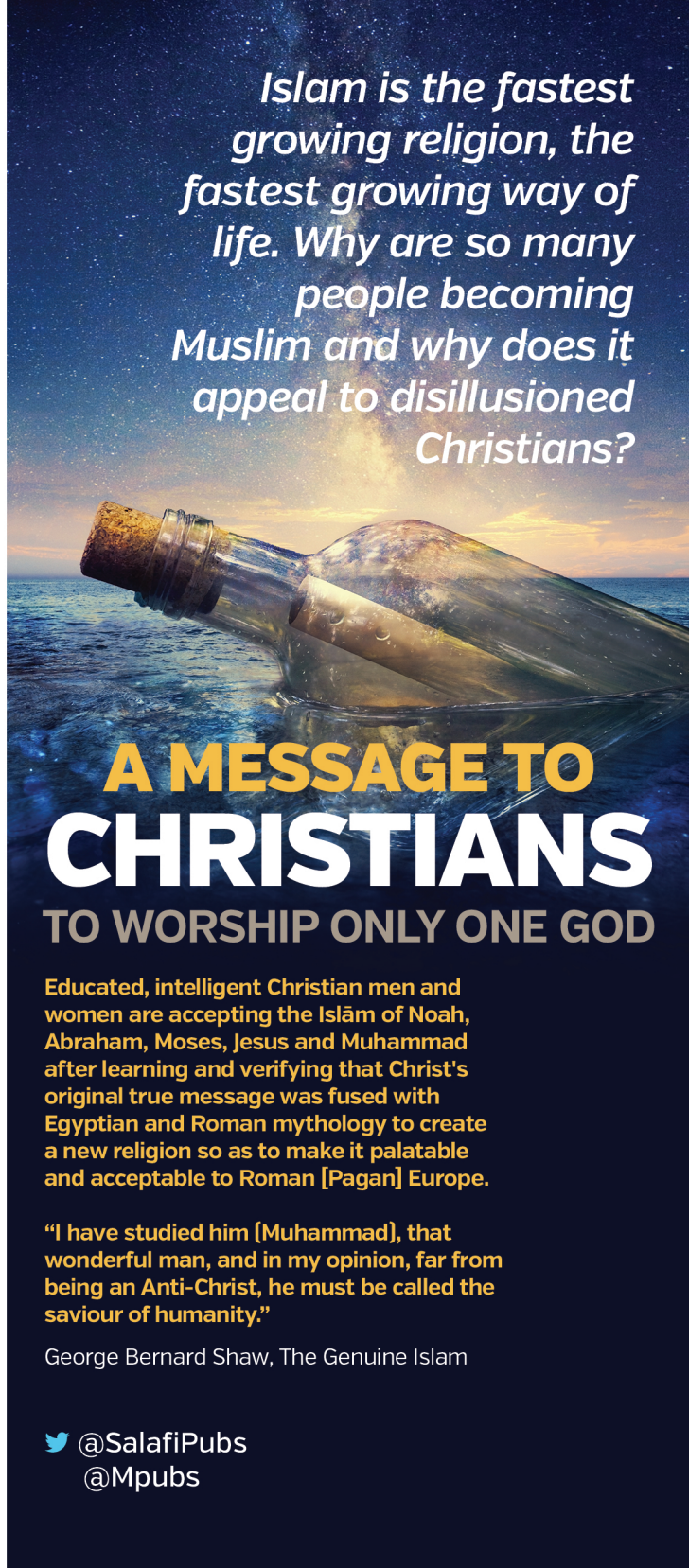
"Worship me and my mother as two gods besides Allāh?" He will say: "Glory be to You! It was not for me to say what I had no right to say. Had I said such a thing, You would surely have known it. You know what is in my innerself though I do not know what is in Yours, truly, You, only You are the All-Knower of all that is hidden and unseen. "Never did I say to them aught except what You (Allāh) did command me to say: "Worship Allāh, my Lord and your Lord." And I was a witness over them while I dwelt amongst them, but when You took me up, You were the Watcher over them, and You are a Witness to all things. If You punish them, they are Your slaves, and if You forgive them, verily, You, only You are the All-Mighty, the All-Wise." (The Qur'ān: al- Mā'idah, 5:116-118)

—FOOTNOTES:

- ¹ In the Hebrew, Syriac (Aramaic) and Arabic languages which are all related, the words ilāh, iloh, il and el (meaning, deity) are all synonymous. The word Allāh is a contraction of the word al-ilāh where the first part (al) is the definite article and the first letter of ilāh is removed to give Allāh, and this the name of the Creator in the Torah, Injil and Qur'ān.
- ² Associationism is the greatest crime and is not forgiven if a person dies upon it. It is to ascribe the attributes of Lordship (such as creating, providing, forgiving) to created beings or to direct forms of worship (such as invocation, bowing, prostrating) to others besides Allāh.
- ³ Historical and archaeological evidence shows that Constantine remained a practising pagan. Today's Christianity is largely Constantine's Christianity and not the pure monotheistic message of Jesus.
- ⁴ Reported by Imām al-Bukhārī.
- ⁵ Reported by Imām Muslim.
- ⁶ Refer to the exegesis of Ibn Kathīr, al-Tabarī and al-Baghawī.

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All praise is due to Allāh¹, the Lord of the Worlds, the Lord of Noah, Abraham, Moses, Jesus and Muhammad —may the peace and blessings be upon them all.

—THIS IS WHAT CHRISTIANITY MIXED WITH EGYPTIAN AND ROMAN PAGAN MYTHOLOGY ASCRIBES TO GOD:

"I created every one of you with a burden of sin –guilty from the moment of birth. I destroyed entire nations of you because you were evil sinners. Then I loved you so much that I made a woman pregnant so she would give birth to me and I would become my own son so that I can have myself killed as a sacrifice to myself in order to save you evil sinners from the burden of sin that I created you with in the first place. If you have faith that I am my own father, that I am my own son and that my mother is the very woman I impregnated, that I am three separate persons embodied in one indivisible whole, and that I had myself killed for your sins, salvation is yours –even if you worship saints, statues and idols and break the greatest commandments I gave to the Prophets of the Children of Isrā'īl (Jacob): You shall have no other deity besides Me and you shall not make graven images or idols."

—THIS IS WHAT THE ISLĀM OF THE PROPHETS AND MESSENGERS ASCRIBES TO ALMIGHTY GOD (ALLĀH):

"I created each of you as a pure, sinless, child possessing an innate recognition of my unique Lordship over all creation, an inclination to worship Me alone and a disposition towards recognizing and performing good. Then

I sent you Books and Messengers (to develop and perfect that innate disposition through revelation and reason) and outlined the two paths for you, one of safety and the other of harm. The path of safety is to worship me alone and work righteous deeds by following the exemplary conduct of the Prophets and Messengers. Whoever shuns false deities, submits to Me alone and works righteousness, man or woman, I will not cause their deeds to be wasted. If you came to Me with an Earth full of sins, without associating partners with Me in worship², I will come to you with its like in forgiveness."

—THE DISTORTION OF CHRIST'S STRICT MONOTHEISTIC MESSAGE

Jesus (peace be upon him) was from amongst the Jews and he was sent to the Children of Israel (the offspring of Jacob), confirming the Torah and putting right what the Jews had distorted of the message of the Prophets that were raised amongst them, which was worship and submission, in strict monotheism, to Allāh alone. Under the influence of their Egyptian and Babylonian captivity they were affected by paganism, magic and astrology and distorted much of the Torah. Jesus called them to worship Almighty God (Allāh) alone and was persecuted and plotted against by factions amongst them. After he was raised to the heavens (saved from crucifixion) and saved from the plots devised against him, there remained a minority who were faithful to his teachings. But when Christ's message was taken to the pagans of the Mediterranean, the mythology of those civilizations was weaved and incorporated into his message, thereby completely altering the original message. Concepts of "trinity", "begotten son", "sun-god", "resurrection", "rebirth" and "redeemer" were already widespread during that era with respect to the dieties of the Egyptians, Greeks, Persians, and Romans such as Osiris, Horus, Isis, Mithra, Dionysus, Attis, Bāl. Constantine, the pagan Roman emperor, imposed his own version of Christianity as the state religion after an apparent conversion³. It became more or less impossible for any 'Christian' to know and practice the true way of Jesus a couple of centuries after him. The only way Christians today can follow the message of Jesus is by following the final Messenger, Muhammad (ﷺ) who was sent with the same religion brought by previous Prophets and Messengers, i.e. Islām.

—THE MESSAGE OF MUHAMMAD IS THE MESSAGE OF ABRAHAM, MOSES AND JESUS

The Prophet Muhammad (ﷺ) said, *"Both in this world and the next, I am the nearest of all the people to the son of Mary, and all the prophets are paternal brothers, and there has been no prophet between me and him (Jesus)."*⁴ Muhammad (ﷺ) also said, *"Whoever testifies that no deity is worthy of worship but Allāh alone, without any partners, that Muhammad is His servant and Messenger, that Jesus is the servant of Allāh, and His Word which He bestowed upon Māryam, a Spirit from Him, and that Paradise is true and Hellfire is true, then he will enter Paradise through any of the eight gates of Paradise he wishes."*⁵

—THE MONOTHEISTIC MESSAGE OF MUHAMMAD, JESUS AND ALL THE PROPHETS

After affirming the unique Lordship of Allāh over all creation in that He alone is the creator, provider, sustainer and master and affirming His most beautiful names and lofty attributes in which utmost perfection lies, the core message of all the Prophets and Messengers was to single out Allāh with worship and to shun the worship of angels, jinn, men, the elements, the forces, stones, trees, the sun, the moon and all other created entities as this comprises the greatest injustice: To worship others alongside Allāh whilst knowing Allāh is your creator, maker and benefactor.

—BENEVOLENT ADMONITION FROM THE LORD OF JESUS

Allāh, the Blessed and Exalted, said in His last and final revelation, the Qur'ān, *"O People of the Scripture, do not commit excess in your religion or say about Allāh except the truth. The Messiah, Jesus, the son of Mary, was but a messenger of Allāh and His word which He directed to Mary and a soul [created at a command] from Him. So believe in Allāh and His messengers. And do not say, "Three"; desist - it is better for you. Indeed, Allāh is but one deity. Exalted is He above having a son. To Him belongs whatever is in the heavens and whatever is on the earth. And*