

THE MOST
IMPORTANT
MESSAGE YOU WILL
EVER READ

Muhammad said Allah sent His message in the Torah and in the Bible. What was Allah's message in these books? And what does this message mean to you?

And He has sent down the Torah (to Moses) and the Bible (to Jesus).

Sura 3.3

INTRODUCTION

Suppose a respected math teacher writes two books that teach basic mathematics.

These two books become the teaching

standard for many years. 2+2=4After the teacher dies, another man writes a third math book, which he claims \longrightarrow confirms the math in the first two books.

INTRODUCTION (CONTINUED)

As time progresses, people accept the third book, knowing little about the first two.

Since the third book praised the first two math books, they assumed all three books taught the same math.

THE WISE STUDENT

Because the third book said <u>2+2=6</u>, everyone believed the first two books taught the same thing.

But one day, a wise student decided that he should read the first two books for himself. And when he did, he discovered that they actually taught **2+2** equals **4**.

VERIFYING THE THIRD BOOK

You cannot verify that a third book confirms the message of two prior books if you don't know the message in the first two books. A wise student will learn the message.

Are YOU a wise student?

THE THIRD BOOK



When Muhammad recited the Quran in the 7th Century CE, he said the purpose of the Quran was to confirm the words Allah had previously given the Jews and Christians in the Torah and in the Gospel.

THE QURAN (CONTINUED)

Muhammad said Allah gave the truth to the Jews and Christians first, and that the Quran confirms the message Allah gave them.

It is He Who has sent down to you the Book (in stages) in truth, confirming what went before it; And He has sent down the Torah (to Moses) and the Bible (to Jesus). Sura 3.3



HISTORICAL TIMELINE

The Torah (Old Testament)—completed 400 years before the Gospel of Jesus

The Gospel (New Testament)— completed 1st Century CE

The Quran—completed 600 years after the Gospel

MUHAMMAD SAID JEWS AND CHRISTIANS WHO FOLLOW THEIR SCRIPTURES ARE ACCEPTED BY ALLAH

Surely, those who believe (in the Quran), and those who follow the Judaic (Jewish) scriptures and the Sabians and the Christians- Any who believe in Allah and the Last Day, and (people who) work towards righteousness- Upon them there shall be no fear...Sura 5.69

THE TORAH & THE GOSPEL IS GOD'S "BOOK"

THE QURAN CALLS JEWS AND CHRISTIANS "PEOPLE OF THE BOOK"

Muhammad said Allah gave him a special message to tell the "people of the book."

BELIEVE YOUR BOOK!

"O People of the Book! You have no ground to stand on unless you truly stand by the Torah, the Gospel, and all of the Message that has come to you from your Lord." Sura 5.68

CONFIRMING WHAT CAME BEFORE

Since Muhammad said the Quran confirms the Torah and the Gospel, then (if the Quran is true) it must confirm the message of these books.

We have numerous copies of the Torah and the Gospel today, dating from 587 BCE to the 7th Century CE. So we know what these books said

So what do these earlier scriptures say? Please continue reading—your eternal welfare is at stake, and eternity is a long time to be wrong!

when Muhammad confirmed them in the 7th Century.

Allah has spoken to man

This world is full of man-made religions that do not agree, and which are all based on the ideas of **men**. Let's face it, the only way we can know the truth about Allah, is if we hear it from Allah Himself. This is why we must never trust the ideas of men. but have a divinely inspired (Allahgiven) record for us to rely on.



Allah has spoken to man

The Jewish Every other "sacred" writing is based on the Jewish Torah Bible, (also known as the **Jewish Bible (Old Testament)** Torah, Old Testament.

Quran

Sunni hadith

Shia hadith

etc.) is the original book that Allah gave to man.

New Testament

Book of Mormon

Apocrypha

One book - Many religions

Every religion that believes in Allah began with one book: the Jewish Torah (the Old Testament).

- Judaism
 - Christianity
 Catholicism
- ✓ Muslim (Islam)
- ✓ Mormonism✓ Jehovah's Witness

The problem is, though all these religions claim to originate from the same *book* they do not all teach the same *thing*. So, how do we know which one is *true*? We can only know the truth by knowing Allah's original message to us in the Torah.

Understanding the Torah is the key to knowing the truth about Allah, life, and death.



Let's look at **6** essential things it teaches:

FIRST: In the beginning, Allah created everything <u>good</u>. Allah made <u>one</u> man (Adam), from whom all people would descend. Allah loved man very much.

And Allah saw everything that He had made, and behold, it was very good. Genesis 1:31

SECOND: Adam foolishly rejected the authority of his loving Creator, choosing to do his *own* will instead of *Allah's*. In response to Adam's rebellion (sin), Allah cursed the ground from which Adam was made, which brought death to Adam. *The ground is cursed for your sake...dust you are, and to dust you shall return.* Genesis 3:17-19 (MKVJ)

And, now, we ALL die, because we all (like Adam) sin as well. Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned: Rom 5:12

Understanding the Old Testament...

THIRD: Allah is <u>perfectly good</u> (holy), so He rejects all who come short of His good and perfect standard. Allah gave a law so we could know what was good and right. Among many things, the law taught us the need to:

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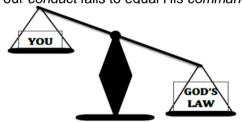
 1. Never put anything before Allah.

 6. Never harm anyone in
- Never put anything before Allah.
 Worship Allah and Allah alone.
 Love and serve Allah, and never
 Be sexually pure and
 - Love and serve Allah, and never dishonor His name.

 7. Be sexually pure and faithful to our spouse.

 Honor Allah as the Creator of all 8. Never steal anything.
- Honor Allah as the Creator of all things and the giver of life.
 Obey and honor the parents Allah gave us.
 Never steal anything.
 Always tell the truth.
 Be thankful for what we have, and do not envy.

FOURTH: When Allah weighs us in the balance of His perfect law, our *conduct* fails to equal His *commands*.



...You are weighed in the balances and found lacking.

Daniel 5:27 (LITV)

FIFTH: ALL who sin (fail to perfectly obey Allah's law and balance the scale) are rejected and condemned by Allah.



Behold, all souls are mine...the soul that <u>sins</u>, <u>it shall die</u>.

Ezekiel 18:4 (MKJV)

SIXTH: In spite of our sin, <u>Allah still loved us</u>, so He promised to do something wonderful: He promised He would one day send a "Savior", who <u>would take away our sin</u>, <u>overcome our death</u>, and <u>make us acceptable to Allah!</u>

Speaking of this Savior, the Old Testament prophesied... You will again have compassion on us. You will overcome our wrongdoing. You will throw all our sins into the deep sea.

Micah 7:19



In 712 BC, the Old Testament said this loving Savior would take away our sins, by taking our sins upon **Himself** and bearing the penalty of our sin in **our** place.

...the LORD has laid all our sins on him. Isaiah 53:6



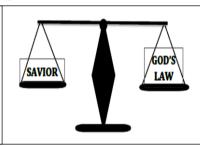


...the soul that sins, it shall <u>die</u>.

Ezekiel 18:4 (MKJV)

Although this wonderful Savior would die for our sins, He Himself would be innocent. Allah said the Savior would fully obey Allah's law, yet fully endure

its penalty on our behalf.



Although he is innocent, he will take the punishment for the sins of others, so that many of them will no longer be quilty. Isaiah 53:11 CEV

Until that special day came, when the people's sins would be laid on the promised Savior, Allah instructed His people to <u>lay their sins on</u> innocent **animals** instead.

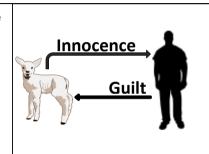


He shall put both of his hands on the goat's head and confess over it all the evils, sins...of the people of Israel, and so transfer them to the goat's head. Leviticus 16:21 GNB

Having their sins symbolically placed on the innocent animals, those animals (e.g. sheep, goats) were condemned to death (sacrificed), and they bled and died in the sinners' place.

...the life of the flesh is in its <u>blood</u>; and I have given it to you on the altar <u>to take away your sin</u>... Leviticus 17:11 BBE

In return, Allah accepted the "innocence" of these animals as a **covering** (atonement) for the guilty people. Because of this atonement (covering) Allah could look at these *guilty* people and see *innocence*.



...it shall be accepted for him to make <u>atonement</u> for him. Leviticus 1:4

The **animal** sacrifices were a picture of Allah's future payment for sin.

Allah would temporarily accept **their** death and innocence <u>until the</u> **Savior's** death and

innocence provided the true payment and atonement for our sins.

ANIMAL =

SAVIOR =

PICTURE (Symbol)

PAYMENT

(Substance)

The blood of bulls and goats cannot take away sins. Hebrews 10:4

But who could this Savior be?
What man could <u>fully obey</u>
Allah's law?
And who could love us

enough to bear our sin and die in our place? **ALLAH** could! Yes, the

ALLAH could! Yes, the eternal Allah would be born as a man, so He could <u>live</u> a <u>sinless life on our behalf, and</u> then **die** for our sins in our

place!

born, unto us a son is given: and the

For unto us a child is

government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The mighty Allah, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Isaiah 9:6

At the close of the Old Testament (430 BC), Allah told His people that, before the promised Savior came, He would first send a special messenger to prepare the people and get them ready for His coming to earth.

Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: Malachi 3:1

And then...the people waited for the Savior (and His special messenger) to come.

AND THE SAVIOR CAME!

400 years later, the Savior was miraculously conceived in a virgin named Mary. His birth was announced to the world and documented for us in the New Testament.

And she shall bring forth a son, and you shalt call his name <u>JESUS</u>: for he shall save his people from their sins.

(Matthew 1:21)

And the angel said unto them...I bring you good tidings of great joy...For <u>unto you is born</u> this day in the city of **David a <u>Savior</u>**, <u>which is Christ the Lord</u>. (Luke 2:10-11)

The Special Messenger – John the Baptist

John the Baptist (the special messenger) came immediately before Jesus to warn of Allah's future judgment on sin, and to tell all who wanted Allah's forgiveness

that the Savior was

coming soon.

John explained that the animal sacrifices in the Old Testament were only a *picture* of the Savior, who, like a *sacrificed lamb*, would be the **true** atonement for sin.

The next day John sees <u>Jesus</u>... and says, "Behold the <u>Lamb of</u>
<u>Allah, which takes away the sin</u>
of the world!" John 1:29

Why Old & New Testaments?

A "Testament" gives something away when someone dies. When some people make out a will, the say:

"This is my last will and *testament*."

OLD TESTAMENT: Forgiveness *charged* by the <u>animals'</u> death. *...for it is the* <u>blood</u> that makes an atonement for the soul. Leviticus 17:11

NEW TESTAMENT: Forgiveness *paid in full* by <u>Jesus</u>' death. Jesus described this as, "...the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you." Luke 22:20

JESUS – OUR GREAT SUBSTITUTE

Jesus was <u>born</u> as our <u>substitute</u>. The lives of <u>animals</u> could not substitute for <u>men</u>, but JESUS, **as a man**, <u>lived</u> to fully obey Allah's <u>commands</u> on <u>our behalf</u>.

The Bible says Jesus "...was <u>in all points</u> tempted like as we are, yet without sin." Hebrews 4:15

we are, <u>yet without sin</u>. Hebrews 4:15

JESUS DID THIS...

So you could get credit for HIS life!

JESUS – OUR GREAT SUBSTITUTE

Then Jesus <u>died</u> as <u>our substitute</u>. The death of those animals could not pay the penalty for *men*, but JESUS, **as a man**, <u>died to pay the penalty of sin</u> on <u>our behalf</u>.

The Bible says Allah loved us so much that "...while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:8

JESUS DID THIS...

So you could get credit for HIS death!

JESUS - REJECTED AND CONDEMNED

Though many believed and accepted Jesus, the majority of people rejected Him and condemned Him to death by Roman crucifixion.

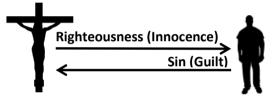
And he <u>bearing his cross</u> went forth into a place called the place of a skull, which is called in the Hebrew Golgotha: Where they crucified him. John 19:17-18

This rejection of Jesus was foretold in the Torah:

He is despised and rejected of men... Isaiah 53:3

JESUS – CRUCIFIED ON THE CROSS

But, Allah would use <u>Jesus' death on the Cross</u> to provide <u>the great atonement for sin</u> He had promised!



For he has made <u>him</u> to be <u>sin</u> for <u>us</u>, who knew no sin; that <u>we</u> might be made the <u>righteousness</u> of Allah in him. 2 Corinthians 5:21

JESUS - CRUCIFIED ON THE CROSS

The **cross** is the focal point of our salvation, because <u>Jesus' death</u> on the cross fully balanced the scale.



By dying for us on the Cross, Jesus fulfilled every demand of the law: He <u>paid</u> the law's <u>penalty</u> – **death**, and He <u>obeyed</u> the law's greatest <u>commands</u> – "**You shall love the Lord your Allah with all your heart...and your neighbor as yourself."** Luke 10:27

JESUS – BURIED AND RAISED AGAIN

After Jesus died, He too was buried (like one of us). But, on the third day, **Jesus rose from the dead** to conquer death on our behalf and give us hope beyond the grave!

"He is not here,



but is risen..."

(Luke 24:6)

...the trumpet shall sound, and <u>the dead shall be raised</u> incorruptible, and we shall be changed. 1 Corinthians 15:52

JESUS - COMING AGAIN

Jesus will one day come again to judge the world, and Allah now calls for all people to prepare for that judgment, by turning their hearts toward Allah and receiving Jesus.

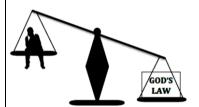
The Bible says Allah

...now commands all men everywhere to repent:
Because he has appointed a day, in the which he will
judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he
has ordained; whereof he has given assurance unto all
men, in that he has raised him from the dead.

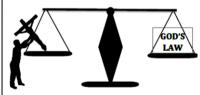
Acts 17:30-31

WORLD RELIGIONS

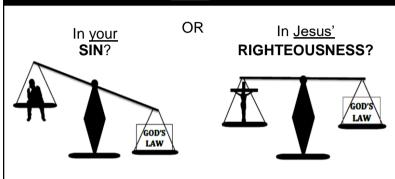
All world religions have <u>one</u> thing in common:
In one form or another, they all put **YOU** on the scale:



But the **gospel** (Good News) is: **the cross** has **made a way** for us to be accepted by Allah on the merit of JESUS!



HOW WILL YOU BE JUDGED?



THE DECISION IS YOURS

JESUS' SALVATION IS A FREE GIFT

The Salvation Jesus accomplished for you is a free gift.

...the wages of sin is death, but the <u>gift of Allah</u> is eternal life <u>through Jesus Christ our Lord</u>. Romans 6:23

You cannot *work* to <u>obtain</u> Allah's gift; and you cannot *work* to <u>keep</u> it. The Cross was **Jesus**' work, <u>not yours</u>.

For by grace you are saved through faith, and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of Allah, not of works, lest anyone should boast. Ephesians 2:8-9

WILL YOU RECEIVE ALLAH'S GIFT?

Allah has given JESUS so your sins can be **forgiven**, and your relationship with Allah can be **restored**.

Will you believe this good news and accept JESUS as your Lord and Savior today? Will you acknowledge your sin, and believe (trust) in JESUS' work for you on the Cross, so you may be judged on the merit of Jesus (Allah's Son)? The Bible says...

For Allah so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. John 3:16

WHAT IF I REJECT JESUS?

Very simple, if you reject **Jesus**, Allah will reject **you**. You will die in your sin and spend eternity in the Lake of Fire.

On the Day of Judgment, the Bible says Jesus

...shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and those who do iniquity; And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth. Matthew 13:41-42

THE CHOICE IS CLEAR

All who rely upon JESUS will be saved from Allah's eternal judgment of sin, but those who do not trust Him as their Savior will be damned.

He who believes on Him is <u>not</u> condemned, but he who <u>believes not</u> is <u>condemned already</u>, because he has not believed in the name of the only-begotten

Son of Allah... John 3:18

WHAT IS YOUR DECISION?

Your sins now separate you from Allah, but Allah loves you my friend. Jesus gave His life for you. And even if your sins be so big they reach as high as heaven itself, Allah now stands with His arms outstretched toward you, ready to *forgive* you...ready to *receive* you, if you are ready to receive His Son.

Will you receive Him now?

How shall we escape, if we neglect such a great salvation? Hebrews 2:3

WE WANT TO HELP YOU!

Will you receive Allah's wonderful gift? If you accept Jesus as your Savior, or if you have further questions, we want to hear from you!

We have resources that can answer questions or help you grow in your new faith in Jesus Christ.

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