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THE CONCEPT

OF GOD IN

ISLAAM

“SAY (O MUHAMMAD ﷺ): ‘I AM ONLY A MAN LIKE YOU, TO WHOM IT HAS BEEN REVEALED THAT YOUR ILAAH (GOD) IS ONE ILAAH (GOD I.E. ALLAAH). SO WHOEVER HOPES FOR THE MEETING WITH HIS LORD, LET HIM WORK RIGHTEOUSNESS AND ASSOCIATE NONE AS A PARTNER IN THE WORSHIP OF HIS LORD’.”

[QUR'AAN | 18:110]

SOME **QUALITIES** THAT **DISTINGUISH** THIS ONLY
TRUE **GOD** FROM THOSE WHO **CLAIM** TO BE **GOD**:

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- ✓ This true **GOD IS THE CREATOR**, not created.
 - ✓ This true **GOD IS ONE**, not two, three or more! He has no partners nor equals.
 - ✓ This one true **GOD CANNOT BE SEEN BY ANYONE** in this life. He is not physically manifested or incarnated into His creation. We only see His signs here in this world.
 - ✓ This one true **GOD IS ETERNAL**; He is Ever-Living and never dies. He is Perfect, All-Powerful, All-Knowing.
 - ✓ This one true **GOD IS NOT IN NEED OF ANYONE** (not one person; not a mother, father, son, or companion; nor anything like food, drink, or help), but all of creation are in need of Him.
 - ✓ This one true **GOD IS UNIQUE IN HIS ATTRIBUTES**; His creation is not like Him nor is He like His creation (No human or animal descriptions can be attributed to Him).



We can use these criteria mentioned above in examining and rejecting any claims of being **GOD**.

THE **ONENESS** OF THIS TRUE **GOD**,
THE CREATOR, IS CLEARLY EVIDENT AND
EASILY TRACEABLE IN THE **HOLY SCRIPTURES** OF THE
JEWS, CHRISTIANS, MUSLIMS AND OTHERS.

We as **MUSLIMS BELIEVE THAT IT IS GOD WHO CREATED AND SENT ALL OF THE PROPHETS AND MESSENGERS** (peace be upon them). He is **THE CREATOR** of everything; all humans, animals, plants and everything else that ever existed or will ever exist (that which we know of and that which we don't). He is **THE ONE TRUE GOD** who created the whole universe, including the Earth, the Skies and all that it contains. He is **THE CREATOR** of life, death, and life after death.

We as **MUSLIMS WORSHIP THE LORD OF JESUS**, and believe that **JESUS WAS A NOBLE PROPHET AND MESSENGER** as mentioned in the **QUR'AAN**:

- **"O PEOPLE OF THE SCRIPTURE (JEWS AND CHRISTIANS)! Do not exceed the limits in your religion, nor say [anything] about Allaah except the truth. THE MESSIAH 'EESAA (JESUS), SON OF MARYAM (MARY), was [no more than] a MESSENGER OF ALLAAH and HIS WORD, ("BE!" - AND HE WAS) which HE BESTOWED ON MARYAM (MARY) and A SPIRIT (ROOH) CREATED BY HIM; so believe in Allaah and His Messengers. SAY NOT: "THREE (TRINITY)!" Cease! (it is) better for you. For ALLAAH IS (THE ONLY) ONE ILAAH (GOD), GLORY BE TO HIM (FAR EXALTED IS HE) ABOVE HAVING A SON. To Him belongs all that is in the heavens and all that is in the earth. And Allaah is All-Sufficient as a Disposer of affairs."** (QUR'AAN 4:171)
- **"Surely, they have DISBELIEVED those who say: 'ALLAAH IS THE MESSIAH ['EESAA (JESUS)], SON OF MARYAM (MARY).' But THE MESSIAH ['EESAA (JESUS)] said: 'O CHILDREN OF ISRAEL! WORSHIP ALLAAH, MY LORD AND YOUR LORD'."** (QUR'AAN 5:72)
- **"THE MESSIAH ['EESAA (JESUS)], SON OF MARYAM (MARY), was no more than A MESSENGER; [other] Messengers have passed away before him and HIS MOTHER [MARYAM (MARY)] WAS A SUPPORTER OF TRUTH [I.E. SHE BELIEVED IN THE WORDS OF ALLAAH AND HIS BOOKS (SEE VERSE 66:12)]. They BOTH USED TO EAT FOOD (as any human being, while ALLAAH DOES NOT EAT).** (QUR'AAN 5:75)

HOW DOES THE LORD DESCRIBE HIMSELF IN HIS BOOKS?

Let's study the concept of GOD in the BIBLE and the QUR'AAN sincerely and objectively, while asking GOD to open our hearts to the truth and enable us to discern the unique qualities belonging to the true GOD, the LORD of MOOSAA (MOSES), 'EESAA (JESUS) and MUHAMMAD (peace and blessings be upon them and all of the Prophets).

THE ONE TRUE GOD IN THE BIBLE (THE OLD TESTAMENT):

- "Hear, O Israel: **THE LORD OUR GOD IS ONE LORD.**" (Deuteronomy 6:4)
- "Has not the **ONE GOD MADE AND SUSTAINED FOR US THE SPIRIT OF LIFE?**" (Malachi 2:15)
- "You may know and believe Me and understand that I am He. **BEFORE ME NO GOD WAS FORMED, NOR SHALL THERE BE ANY AFTER ME. I, I AM THE LORD, AND BESIDES ME THERE IS NO SAVIOR.**" (Isaiah 43:10-11)
- "**I AM THE FIRST AND I AM THE LAST; BESIDES ME THERE IS NO GOD.** Who is like Me?" (Isaiah 44:6)
- "**AND THERE IS NO OTHER GOD BESIDES ME, A RIGHTEOUS GOD AND A SAVIOR; there is none besides Me. Turn to Me and be saved... To Me every knee shall bow.**" (Isaiah 45:21-23)
- "**GOD IS NOT A MAN** that he should lie **NOR IS HE THE SON OF GOD** that he should repent." (Numbers 23:19)

THE ONE TRUE GOD IN THE BIBLE (THE NEW TESTAMENT):

- “One came and said unto him, Good Master, what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life? And he (Jesus) said unto him, Why callest thou me good? **THERE IS NONE GOOD BUT ONE, THAT IS, GOD.**” (Matthew 19:16-17)
- “Now this is life eternal, that they know you, **THE ONLY TRUE GOD and JESUS CHRIST, WHOM YOU HAVE SENT**” (John 17:3)
- “**WORSHIP THE LORD YOUR GOD, AND SERVE HIM ONLY.**” (Matthew 4:10)
- “Hear O Israel: **THE LORD OUR GOD IS ONE LORD.**” (MARK 12:29)
- “For there is **ONE GOD** and there is **ONE MEDIATOR** between **GOD** and **MEN, THE MAN CHRIST JESUS.**” (Timothy 2:5)

THE ONE TRUE GOD IN THE QUR'AN:

- “Say: **HE IS ALLAAH, THE ONE; ALLAAH THE ETERNAL, ABSOLUTE; HE BEGETS NOT, NOR WAS HE BEGOTTEN;** and there is none like unto Him.” (QUR'AAN 112:1-4)
- “**THERE IS NO GOD [THAT HAS THE RIGHT TO BE WORSHIPPED] BUT I (ALLAAH); SO WORSHIP ME [ALONE AND NONE ELSE].**” (QUR'AAN 21:25)
- “**IS THERE ANY ILAAH (GOD) WITH ALLAAH (GOD)? NAY,** most of them know not.” (QUR'AAN 27:61)
- “Is there any Ilaah (god) with Allaah (God)? **HIGH EXALTED BE ALLAAH ABOVE ALL THAT THEY ASSOCIATE AS PARTNERS WITH HIM.**” (QUR'AAN 27:63)
- “Is there any Ilaah (god) with Allaah (God)? Say, **'BRING FORTH YOUR PROOFS, IF YOU ARE TRUTHFUL!'**” (QUR'AAN 27:64)

WHAT IS THE GOAL? WHO IS ALLAAH'S (GOD'S) MESSAGE FOR?

ALLAAH told His final prophet, MUHAMMAD (PEACE AND BLESSINGS BE UPON HIM), to INVITE those closest to the MUSLIMS (JEWS AND CHRISTIANS) TO WORSHIP ALLAAH TOGETHER, He mentions it in the QUR'AAN:

“SAY [O MUHAMMAD (PEACE AND BLESSINGS BE UPON HIM)]: “O PEOPLE OF THE SCRIPTURE (JEWS AND CHRISTIANS): COME TO A WORD THAT IS JUST BETWEEN US AND YOU, THAT WE WORSHIP NONE BUT ALLAAH, AND THAT WE ASSOCIATE NO PARTNERS WITH HIM, AND THAT NONE OF US SHALL TAKE OTHERS AS LORDS BESIDES ALLAAH. THEN, IF THEY TURN AWAY, SAY: “BEAR WITNESS THAT WE ARE MUSLIMS [SUBMITTING TO HIM].” [QUR'AAN 3:64]

Indeed, this message concerning the ONENESS OF ALLAAH (GOD) (ISLAMIC MONOTHEISM) is the essential theme of the QUR'AAN.

All the divine scriptures in their original forms confirm this one, eternal message that THE TRUE GOD IS ONLY ONE.

“TURN TO ME NOW AND BE SAVED, PEOPLE ALL OVER THE WORLD! I AM THE ONLY GOD THERE IS.” (ISAIAH 45:22)

Not only does the Bible affirm that GOD IS ONLY ONE, but it also reveals that THE TRUE GOD, THE CREATOR, IS THE ONLY SAVIOR.

“BEFORE ME NO GOD WAS FORMED, NOR SHALL THERE BE ANY AFTER ME. I, I AM THE LORD, AND BESIDES ME THERE IS NO SAVIOR.” (ISAIAH 43:10-11)

WHO WAS JESUS?

HOW WAS HE DESCRIBED IN THE BIBLE?

This is what our beloved Jesus (peace be upon him) propagated and this is the true message of the Bible. We believe that Jesus was a righteous man as well as a noble, beloved prophet and messenger sent from God, as the bible itself mentions:

- “For there is **ONE GOD** and there is **ONE MEDIATOR** between **GOD** and **MEN, THE MAN CHRIST JESUS.**” (Timothy 2:5)
- “Fellow Israelites, listen to this: **JESUS OF NAZARETH WAS A MAN** accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know.” (Acts 2:22)
- “**BY MYSELF I CAN DO NOTHING,** I judge only as I hear and my judgment is just, for I seek not to please myself but him who sent me.” (John 5:30)
- “Now this is life eternal, that they know you, **THE ONLY TRUE GOD** and **JESUS CHRIST, WHOM YOU HAVE SENT**” (John 17:3)
- “What things?” he asked. “About **JESUS OF NAZARETH,**” they replied. “**HE WAS A PROPHET, POWERFUL IN WORD AND DEED BEFORE GOD** and all the people.” (Luke 24:19)
- “But when they tried to arrest him, they feared the multitudes, since **THEY HELD HIM TO BE A PROPHET.**” (Matthew 21:46)
- “**GOD IS NOT HUMAN,** that he should lie, not a human being, that he should change his mind...” (Numbers 23:19)

Verily these texts are clear in establishing the fact that Jesus was a human being who God selected to convey His divine message.

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WHO IS ALLAAH?

ALLAAH! NONE HAS THE RIGHT TO BE WORSHIPPED BUT HE, THE EVER LIVING, THE ONE WHO SUSTAINS AND PROTECTS ALL THAT EXISTS. NEITHER SLUMBER, NOR SLEEP OVERTAKE HIM. TO HIM BELONGS WHATEVER IS IN THE HEAVENS AND WHATEVER IS ON EARTH. WHO IS HE THAT CAN INTERCEDE WITH HIM EXCEPT WITH HIS PERMISSION? HE KNOWS WHAT HAPPENS TO THEM (HIS CREATURES) IN THIS WORLD, AND WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO THEM IN THE HEREAFTER. AND THEY WILL NEVER COMPASS ANYTHING OF HIS KNOWLEDGE EXCEPT THAT WHICH HE WILLS. HIS KURSEE EXTENDS OVER THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH, AND THEIR PRESERVATION TIRES HIM NOT.

AND HE IS **THE MOST HIGH, THE MOST GREAT**
[QUR'AAN 2:255 | AAYAT-UL-KURSEE]

ALL THE PRAISES AND THANKS BE TO **ALLAAH, THE (ONLY) ORIGINATOR [OR THE (ONLY) CREATOR]** OF THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH, WHO MADE THE ANGELS MESSENGERS WITH WINGS, - TWO OR THREE OR FOUR. HE INCREASES IN CREATION WHAT HE WILLS. VERILY, **ALLAAH** IS ABLE TO DO ALL THINGS.
[QUR'AAN 35:1]



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