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CHRISTIANITY VRS ISLAM

A letter to a Friend

1. Dear Mr.

We are pleased to hear about your welfare and activities at home after retirement. Sometimes your salam (good wishes and blessings) are conveyed to us which we thankfully reciprocate. During your stay in our country your relations with us had always been that of affection and regard. We, therefore, owe you a debt of gratitude which can best be repaid in a form, most sacred to you and to us.

2. Religion, is a guide for upright Conduct.

Religious belief is admittedly the dearest to all, as faith in God has always been and would ever remain the chief source and force of guidance for the spiritual inspiration and upright conduct of mankind in this World. As a matter of fact, the moral and ethical development of man to his present state and all that is good in him has been inspired by faith in God and this is a truth which even an athiest would not cavil.

3. Man is born innocent.

As against some other religions, Islam teaches that man is born innocent, and with a conscience which makes him feel happy in doing right and miserable for committing wrong. Conscience dissuades man against evil suggestions of his mind and accuses him on committing bad deeds.

Thus the conscience in man exercises a sort of control over his passions and propensities for good or bad thoughts and actions.

4. God revealed guiding laws for co-existence of humanity.

Long before temporal powers felt it essential to form and introduce laws to regulate the conduct of their nations and subjects for their peaceful co-existence, Divine Wisdom conscious of the temporal and spiritual needs of man, not only provided means for his physical sustenance but also furnished religious guidance to man from his very creation through revelation to lead a life of peace and piety in this world and thereby to attain salvation in the Hereafter. The Holy Quran says, "Our Lord is He Who gives everything its creation, then guides it (20.50). Prophets and warners were, therefore, raised in succession in various stages of history, among nations of the world, whether savage or civilised, to preach religion and create deep faith and conviction in man's mind about the existence of God and life after death, when good and evil deeds will be dealt out to all with justice and equity. In fact life without firm faith in God's existence is rootless, hence restless, rather worthless.

Fortunately imbued with religious trend and an instinct for serving humanity, you had dedicated your life to propagate Christianity, a religion, which you had inherited rather than had accepted on merit after comparative study of other religions which claim superiority over it, probably because of your ignorance about them.

5. Christ was sent to reform only the children of Israel.

The religion preached by Jesus being merely for the vivification of the children of Israel, was hower limited in scope. It is therefore utterly opposed to the explicit directions of Jesus to carry his religion to other nations, for he had declared :—

1. "I am sent but unto the lost sheep of the House of Israel (Matt 15 : 2)
2. While sending his disciples out to preach his Gosple, Jesus had given them the explicit directions : "Go not unto the way of the Gentiles..... But rather to the lost sheep of the House of Israel". (matt 10 : 5)."

It is quite logical to conclude from the above that the message of Jesus was meant neither for the *entire humanity* nor the Church Christianity of to-day acts upon his real teachings. This assertion gains support from the writings of Christian Scholars like :—

- (1). Dr. Johannes Weiss of Heildelburg University, who says :— "Hence the faith in Christ, as held by Paul, was something new in comparison with the preachings of Jesus; it was a new type of religion" (Paul and Jesus P-130)
- (2). Another Scholar Dr. Arnold Meyer Professor Zurich University in his book "Jesus or Paul"

writes on page 122 :— “If by Christianity we understand faith in Christ as the heavenly son of God..... who will come again with the clouds of Heaven to judge the World..... and bring his own people with him..... so that they may become like his glorified body— if this is Christianity then such Christianity was founded by Saint Paul and not by our Lord.”

6. Why national prophets were raised before the World prophet.

It is a historical fact that there was a time when every nation was living in an isolation within the confines of its own homeland ; having little contacts with the World around for want of means of travel and communication. Consequently it was not possible then for a single reformer to carry far and wide a message of universal value to all the world over. Separate prophets were, therefore, raised for each nation with laws of guidance, corresponding to their needs and conditions. No section of man kind was thus left unprovided with Divine guidance. However, the all knowing God who has the knowledge of the past, present and future, knew full well that it was only the primary stage, for, with the gradual development of civilisation and after the subsequent improvements in the means of transport and communication, resulting from the wonderful scientific inventions of the printing press, the wireless and the aviation, the world in spite of its vastness, would be reduced to a small community and it would then

become possible for a single prophet (spiritual head) to preach universal religious laws in person, through missionaries, the press, and literature. Consequently nationality yielded place to a broad idea of one humanity and world prophet became essential for the unity and common brotherhood of the whole man kind. Christ, being the last national prophet with limited message for a particular people, could not and did not claim to have been sent as a world prophet with teachings of everlasting nature. On the contrary, to negate and repudiate this idea and probably to set a practical example through personal expression about it, he refused to bless with his teachings a non-Israel woman, who begged Jesus for it, on the sole ground that he was "not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel." (Matt 15 : 24) and on being pressed for it, he only had added, "it is not meet to take the Children's bread and cast it to dogs" Now if Christians really believe in the sayings of Christ, it is not meet for them to cast the bread of children to those whom Jesus called dogs, by preaching his message to other nations.

Another proof of his denial to be a World prophet is afforded by the fact that Jesus, on the basis of a revelation from the Most High God, had foretold the advent of another prophet after him by declaring :—

7. Christ prophesied a comforter after him.

1. "I have many things to say unto you but you can not bear them now. Howbeit! when he the spirit of truth is come, he *will guide you in all truth* ; for

he shall *not speak of himself* but *whatever he shall hear*, that he shall speak..... He shall *glorify me.*" (John 16 : 12-14)

2. "If ye love me, keep my commands. And I will pray to the Father and He shall give you another comforter that he may *abide with you for ever* ; even the spirit of truth." (John 14 : 15-17)
3. "But the comforter which is Holy Ghost, whom Father will send in my name, he shall teach *you all things.*" (John 14 : 26)
4. "Nevertheless, I tell you the truth; it is expedient for you that I go away, for, if I go not away, the comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart I will send him unto you." (John 16 : 17)

It is clear from the above references that the message of Christ was neither "*all truth*" nor of such a universal value and benefit as "*to abide for ever*"; otherwise he would not have predicted the advent of "another comforter" after him with teachings to "abide for ever" and that he would "glorify Jesus". Thus it can positively be deduced from the above sayings, foretelling the advent of another reformer, that his own message was incomplete and temporary in nature even for the children of Israel and as such needed replacement by a complete and permanent one. The activities of Christian missionaries to carry the teachings of Jesus to all the world over are, therefore, in clear contravention of his commands and a deliberate defiance of his biddings. There are warnings in the Holy

Quran for such preachers in the verses below :—

1. “Those who reject our (Gods’) message..... their deeds are fruitless. Can they be rewarded except for what they do ?”
2. “Whoever disbelieves in the message of Allah for Allah is quick in reckoning,”

As stated above, Christians utterly disregard rather reject the prophecies of God, conveyed to them through Jesus. It is, therefore, a sin to preach christianity among nations other than the children of Israel, as it amounts to misleading and depriving Christians to act upon the sayings of Christ by accepting the predicted comforter or spirit of truth when he appeared. According to the holy Quran such preachers deserve double punishment, for, not only, they themselves ignore to act upon the above sayings but lead others astray.

Now while no other reformer, during the past two thousand years, has so far claimed to have come in accordance with the above prophecy, the Holy Prophet Mohammad of Arabia did claim to have appeared as a comforter in fulfilment of this prophecy after the very same prediction of Jesus was revealed to him too, in the Quran in the words of Jesus, saying :—

“ When Jesus son of Mary said; O children of Israel ! surely I am the messenger of Allah to you, confirm-

ing that which is before me of the Torah and giving the good news of a messenger who will come after me, his name being Ahmed". (Quran 61 : 6)

8. Hazrat Mohammad is the prophesied comforter.

It is well known that the prophet of Arabia had two names, Mohammad and Ahmad and the above prophecy of Jesus was fulfilled in his person as Ahmad, who claimed to be the latest exponent of Divine system of prophethood, with the Holy Quran as the last revealed book, containing complete code of spiritual, moral, social and temporal laws based on "*all truth*" for the guidance of the entire mankind for *all times to come*. No new prophet will, therefore, be raised to abrogate or replace his teachings, because God, addressing the Prophet in the Holy Quran, says :— "This day I have perfected your religion for you and completed my favour upon you and have chosen Islam your religion" (5-3)

The qualifications or the signs for the predicted comforter, as given in the prophecy of Jesus, are fully met with in the person of the Holy Prophet Mohammad (peace be upon him) as explained below :-

1. The comforter is said to be one who shall abide for ever; and the doctrines of Islam contained in the Quran, are universal and applicable to all people for all times to come as is clear from the verses below —

- a. "Blessed is He Who sent down the Quran upon His servant that he may be *a warner to all the nations*." (25 : 1)

b. Say ; O mankind, I (the prophet of Islam) am the Apostle of Allah *to you all*, of Him Whose is the Kingdom of heaven and the earth.

(7 : 158)

c. We have not sent thee (the prophet of Islam) but a mercy to *all the nations*. (21 : 107)

d. And we have not sent thee but as a bearer of good news and a warner to all the nations.

(34 : 28)

9. Prophethood ended with the advent of Hazrat Mohammad.

Hazrat Mohammad the prophet of Islam, was a prophet like other prophets with the only difference that with his advent were fulfilled not only the prophecies of Moses and Jesus but a marked revolution was brought about in the history of prophethood, as the system of national prophets ended with his appearance.

2. "Whatever he (the comforter) shall hear, he shall speak". And the prophet of Islam is ordained in the Quran to say :—

a. "I follow not but what is revealed to me."
(10 : 15)

b. "I follow only that which is revealed to me from my Lord." (7 : 203)

3. **The Holy Prophet glorified Jesus, by clearing him and his mother of all the false columnies which were heaped upon them by their own people, the Israelites. For, while the Gospel records say that the Jews conspired to kill Jesus by the accursed death on the cross to prove him an imposter, (for according to the law of moses ‘ he that is hanged is accursed of God’), the Holy prophet Mohammad on the other hand declared Jesus to be a true prophet who died a natural death. The Jewish plot was frustrated and Jesus did not die upon the cross but died a natural death after crucifixion, as is testified by the following Quranic verses :—**

- a. “And their saying, surely we have killed **The Massiah.....** but they did not kill him nor did they Crucify him. But it was made dubious to them (4 .157).
- b. “Allah (God) said : O Jesus : I will cause thee to die (a natural death) and exalt thee in my presence and clear thee of those who disbelieve”. (3 : 54)

10. Jesus did not die upon the cross.

In the light of the above verses, Jesus, was no doubt, placed on the cross, but did not expire on it and was removed alive and died a natural death afterwards. So if Christians sincerely believe in the sayings and command-

ments of Jesus, their Saviour, it becomes incumbent upon them to accept the Holy Prophet Mohammad (peace be upon him) as the comforter, predicted by Jesus. By so doing the Christians will lose nothing in their faith in Jesus but instead it should actually cause increased conviction in their minds about him on finding that their prophet's prophecy turned out true.

11. Muslims believe in Christ's prophecy.

As for the muslims, a belief in Jesus and his prophecy is an article of faith with them, and as such, are better and truer followers of Christ than those who profess to be christians but they neither obey his commands nor put complete faith in his prophecies.

11. (a) Islam a Unique Religion.

Unlike other religions, Islam admittedly is the only religion, which instead of Condemning Divine systems and prophets of other nations, has made it a fundamental condition of faith for its adherents to believe in all of them as they were raised for the spiritual progress of man prior to Hazrat Mohammad. Thus while a Jew believes only in the prophets of Israel and a Christian in Christ and in some others, and a Buddhist in Budha etc, a muslim must believe in all of them. And this is obligatory as enjoined in the Quranic verses below :—

1. "Say we believe in Allah and in that which has been revealed to us and in that which was revealed to Abraham..... and Jacob and to Moses and

Jesus and that which was given to the prophets from their Lord.” (2 : 36)

2. “We do not make any distinction between any of His messengers.” (2 : 285)
 3. Because “there is no nation but a warner has gone among them.”
 4. “Every nation had a messenger (reformer).
 5. “And those who believe in Allah and His messengers and make no distinction between any of them, to them He will grant their rewards”.
- (4 : 152)

12. Muslims must accept and respect all prophets.

Thus Islam, requires its followers to accept all the prophets as true reformers who were raised for the regeneration of man, and must have as much esteem and reverence for them as he has for Hazrat Mohammad. Accordingly Islam accepts and preaches all the basic principles of the previous religions and has therewith laid the basis for unity and universal brotherhood of mankind by forbidding discrimination not only between the prophets but also among the nations and individuals on account of colour, country or race. This is endorsed by the Quranic verses given below :—

1. “All men are a single nation. (2 . 213; 10 . 19)
2. (a) “Their divisions into tribes and families.
(49 . 13) and

- (b) "The diversity of their tongues and colours (30 : 22) have nothing to do with their superiority ." among them because
- (c) "The most excellent people are they who pay the greatest regard to the duties which they owe to God and their fellow beings". (49 : 13)

13. Distinction on colour basis prohibited in Islam.

A very striking practical scene of equality in Islam is presented and can be witnessed every year at the pilgrimage at Makka where all pilgrims male or a female, a king or a servant must wear the same kind of dress as if a uniform with which all possible signs of discrimination viz distinction of superiority; disappear. Islam consequently deserves to be the best, the greatest and the last religion for its excellent doctrines for social harmony and temporal and spiritual guidance for all human beings whether high or low, intellectually advanced or backward and black or white. Another practical example against colour distinction among various sections of world population is provided by Almighty God Himself in the fact that most of the prophets, known to history, were raised in the middle east and were all non white including Jesus.

14 Jesus was non-white.

If colour be accepted as a criterion for superiority of one nation over the other for usurping human rights by denying equal material comforts and concessions to back-

ward persons or nations, how could, Jesus (a non white in the strict sense) so excell spiritually as to deserve and command the allegiance of almost all the white nations in religious matters. It, in fact, forebodes a strong probability that if, as Christians believe, Christ reappears, he would lose not only the veneration and devotion now enjoyed by him but keeping in view the present belief and actions of the Christians, one may safely foretell that he would face strong opposition if not actual rejection by his very followers on account of his colour and coun ry It shows either the actions of white Christians, claiming superiority on the basis of colour, are not in keeping with their religious professions or the teachings of Christ are incomplete in scope and force to deter his followers from enacting inhuman laws for social inequity or waging wars against others for temporal supermacy. Whatever the reasons, Christianity cannot guide humanity on to the right path to achieve spiritual, temporal or social peace in this world and attain salvation in the Hereafter.

15. Islam provides laws for International peace.

Islam, on the other hand, advocates equal treatment for all nations and therefore ordains "help one another in righteousness but not in sin and aggression". This principle, can serve as an international law for maintaining complete peace in the world. It was due to such broad principles and equitable deal for all that Islam, not only welded together the everfighting savage tribes of Arabia but established a world brotherhood of all human beings

whether in the East or in the West. For such universal laws and cosmopolitan character of its teachings, Islam and the Holy Quran will ultimately prevail over the whole world. Rightly therefore the Holy Quran claims to be (1) "Shafa" or healing (10.57) because it heals all the spiritual, moral and social ills of humanity, (2) "Aldhikar" or source of eminence to mankind (15.9). "Al-nur" or the light (7.157) which will dispell darkness from the surface of the earth. It claims to be (4) Al-Haq" or the truth (17.81) which will ultimately take hold of the minds of men and falsehood will vanish; (5) "Al-Huda" or the guidance (10.57) which will guide men ultimately to attain the goal of life.

16. Islam did not spread by force or Sword.

There was a time when the Western writers misrepresented Islam either due to inherited prejudice or, more probably on account of ignorance about the beauties of Islamic teachings. Consequently the prophet of Islam was described as false prophet and his Quran, a forgery and the spread of Islam was attributed more to the use of force and sword rather than to the superior and excellent principles for leading a pure, pious and peaceful life.

Unfortunately such blasphemous accusations against Islam and its holy founder remained uncontradicted for centuries. But when, to refute such charges, the real causes of the attraction and spread of Islam, were brought to light recently through publications and from the platform, a striking change occurred in the mind of Western people

and the conscience of the fair-minded christian scholars and writers revolted against such absurdities. To show their appreciation of the blissful character of Islam, some of the Christian writers started, even rebutting such baseless charges in their publications.

The fine Islamic civilization so endows its followers with feelings of fraternal love and sympathy for humanity that they deeply feel miserable when ever a calamity befalls humanity in general and the Muslims in particular in any part of the world. This great characteristic of Islam is the cheif cause of its popularity and propagation. Besides, it confirms that since all the prophets and religions preached Divine unity and doing of good, they ultimately succeeded in establishing truth in the teeth of bitter oppcosition, offered by their nations. No other faith, however, effected such a wholesale transformation of humanity from the lowest ebb of degradation to the highest level of civilization in such a short time as did Islam which, consequently, stands unparalleled in the history of religions. This is attested by non-muslim writers as shown below :—

17. Christian writers admit beauties of Islamic teachings and civilization.

1. "A more disunited people it would be hard to find, till suddenly the miracle took place. A man arose who by his personality and his claim to Divine guidance actually brought the impossible - namely the union of all these warring factors." (Ins and out of masopotamia p.99).

2. "Never has a people been led more rapidly to civilization, such as it was, than were the Arabs through Islam."
3. "If it spoke so powerfully and convincingly to the hearts of hearers as to weld hitherto centrifugal and antagonistic elements into one compact and well organised body, animated by ideas far beyond those which had until now ruled the Arabian mind, then its eloquence was perfect, simply because it created a civilized nation out of savage tribes and shot a fresh woof into the old warp of history". (Dr. Steingass, in Hughes dictionary of Islam Art: Quran).
4. "And yet we may truly say that no history can boast events that strike the imagination in a more lively manner or can be more surprising in themselves than those we meet within the lives of the first Muslims; whether we consider the great chief or his ministers — or observe the courage, virtue and sentiments that equally prevailed among his generals and soldiers". (The life of Mohammad by the count of Boulainvilliers, English translation P-5)
5. H.G. Wells writes in his outlines of history (Pages 613-14) :—

"Islam prevailed because it was the best social and political order the times could offer". "It prevailed because — It was the broadest, freshest and cleanest political idea that had yet come into actual activity in the world and it offered better terms than any other to the mass of mankind".

6. One more scholar Carlyle who raised a vigorous protest against the lies attributed to the founder of Islam in his *Heroes and Hero-worship* writes on pages 60-61:—

“The lies which well meaning zeal has heaped around this man (The prophet of Islam) are a disgrace to ourselves only — A false man found a religion ? why, a false man cannot build a brick house — it will not stand for twelve centuries to lodge a hundred and eighty millions it will fall straight away”.

7. George Sale another great scholar in his preface to his English translation of the Holy Quran eulogises the Prophet of Islam in words which even a Muslim can hardly improve upon :—

”..... rickly furnished with natural endowments, beautiful in his person, of subtle wit showing liberality to poor courtesy to every one severe against the perjured, adulterers, murderers, slanderers, prodigals, covetous, false witnesses etc; a great preacher of patience, charity, mercy beneficence, gratitude, honouring parents and superiors and a frequent celebrator of Divine praises”.

8. Bernad Shaw says :— “I have always held the religion of Mohammad in high estimation because of its wonderful vitality. It is the only religion which can make its appeal to every age. I believe that if a man like Mohammad were to assume the dictatorship of the modern world he would succeed in solving its problems in a way that would bring it much-needed peace and happiness.”

18. Prophet-hood ended but not revelation.

It is clear from the above quotations that Islam is a revealed religion with the Holy Quran its revealed book which, besides being a comprehensive code of life to meet the spiritual as well as the material and moral requirements of the entire humanity, claims to embody all the best basic points (unity of God for an instance) of the sacred scriptures of the world. The prophet of Islam was, described by Sale above as the best model of humanity and the final link of the series of Prophets that were raised in succession for the guidance of man from time immemorial. Thus the Divine system of prophet-hood and the highest form of revelation, which conveyed guiding laws directly from God, ended with his appearance and so no prophet will ever come to replace Islam but the need for revelation still remains as it provides a sure evidence of the existence of God Whose person is hidden and invisible. His existence can, no doubt, be deduced logically from the argument that there must be a creator or maker of this material universe as is the case in all material things;- a chair or a table, (for an instance) must need a carpenter to make it. Such rational persuasion or probable deduction can not, however, establish a firm conviction that God actually exists. It is the revelation alone that enables man to claim with complete certitude and utter confidence that God is. Revelation, in its lowest form of dreams and visions, sometime coming out true, is the common and universal experience of all human race particularly

of thousands of the pious persons who claimed to have held communion with God. So inspiration from God will never fall into disuse because it is the chief, rather the sole, source, to keep man's faith, in God, refreshed and invigorated, for faith in Allah is life and disbelief a death. Salat (Prayer) is described in Islam as the principal means of seeking God's help. Christians and in fact followers of all religions lay great stress on prayers which form a part of their worship, with the firm belief that God listens to man's supplications. But if God has the attribute of hearing which He certainly has, then He also maintains for ever the power of speaking to men and responding to their prayers. But Islam is the only religion that teaches that God speaks even now to his elect as he spoke in the past.

19. Principles of Islamic Faith.

The fundamental principles of Islamic faith briefly are:-

1. Belief in the unseen viz God who is invisible.
2. Belief in the Divine revelation.
3. Belief in all the prophets and what was revealed to them.
4. Belief in the hereafter (resurrection).
5. To keep up prayers.
6. To spend, out of what one possesses, as charity and alms, to help the needy or the indigent in society.
7. To follow ethics in social and international matters during war and peace.

20. Islam Preaches Unity of God and prohibits trinity.

Right religious belief is essential like a good seed which ensures good results and rewards. Unity of God is the foundation of faith in Islam. Idolatry, multiplication of God or trinity in Divine nature, as believed by some religions, is unthinkable in Islam. The holy Quran says "most certainly they have chosen disbelief who say that God is the Messiah, son of Mary. For the Messiah said, O, Children of Israel serve God, my Lord and your Lord." (5.72) The above statement is fully borne out by a saying of Jesus, reported in the Gospel as follows :- "And Jesus said unto him, why callest me thou good, there is no good but one that is God. (St Mark 10-18). Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and Him only thou shalt serve. (St Mathew 4-10).

21. Birth without father is against the law of procreation.

The Doctrine of trinity, being irrational and opposed to the universal law of procreation, is unacceptable because it is against the unity of God, Who is peerless in His attributes which, as described in the Holy Quran are :- "Say, He, Allah, is one; Allah is He on whom all depend. He begets not, nor is He begotten; and none is like Him." Thus the Quran refutes the belief of Fatherhood of God and son ship of Jesus because it is the law of nature that no procreation is possible without male agency. Belief in

the birth of Jesus without father is contrary to this law which is working in all animals and even in vegetable kingdom. Fatherhood is, therefore, an indispensable factor in the process of creation. Conception without male agency would cast a serious slur and aspersion on the purity of a woman if she gives birth to a child without legal mate. The Holy Quran says :—

1. “O, ye mankind, We have created you of a male and female”. (49-13)
2. “Verily, We have created man out of seed, viz of male and female”. (76-2).
3. “Let man ponder what he has been created of. He has been created of water that comes out from the back and the ribs”. (86-6-8)
4. How can there be a son to God while he has no mate (6-102). It is an immutable law that “No birth without a pair”. Besides, the words “None is like Him” in the Quranic verse above are very significant because while a man’s child invariably resembles his father, that of a cow or a monkey likens its parents.

22. Darwins’ Theory of evolution.

Accordingly likeness is, such a positive sign and evidence of one’s origin that Darwin was misled to initiate and evolve the theory of evolution of man from monkey on the basis of similarity in appearance with the latter. The holy Quran, however, says, God has made everything

subservient to man and thereby raised the human race to the highest level. By calling himself progeny of monkey, Darwin, not only, degenerated himself but degraded also the entire mankind from the highest position of being the noblest of creation to the lowest degradation. The words "Son and father" used, by Jesus in his speeches were in fact only mataphorical expressions and not in their real or literal sense, for these words are commonly used even by men for showing love and affection for young ones other than the real sons and regards and respects for elders other than the real fathers. Jesus used them in this sense merely for expressing love and favours of God for himself. But being dissimilar to God in attributes Jesus could not claim to be the real son. It may be contented that many Muslims also believe in the birth of Jesus without father. This is true but it is against the Quran which admits of no exception in the universal law of procreation.

22. Christianity failed to keep faith in western minds.

It can hardly be denied that Christianity, preached by the church, has utterly failed to keep faith in God intact in human hearts against the tide of materialistic influences and sceptical trends of thought in the west. So long as the west was ignorant, it obeyed the Church order "believe and do not question". But with the advancement in philosophical and scientific knowledge, the hold of Christian creed, which, as stated above, defies reason, loosened upon the western minds and having become conscious of this, the missionary force, instead of providing spiritual light to

the advanced society in Christendom or preaching religion to the atheist Russians or other advanced irreligious people shifted the front of their activities towards the uneducated and backward untouchables of India and negroes of African countries where belief in God still existed in greater degree than in the Christian west. Even in those backward countries, Christianity could find favour and acceptance only by such limited sections of the people as were allured by the promise of material gain and economic uplift rather than by its rationality or moral and spiritual benefit. And that, too, had become possible because no other religious organisation was there in the field to expose its real aims and oppose its irrational teachings. The missionaries instead of showing the merits of Christianity, carried with them, for free distribution heaps of abusive and vituperative literature for carping at others, making the Holy founder of Islam the main target of it.

24. Islam alone can now provide spiritual guidance.

Consequently there exists in the west a desperate situation, created by the unprecedented decay of faith, and the modern humanity, in a state of frustration, is groping for a ray of light for spiritual guidance which can be provided only by the Holy Quran which says :—

1. "O mankind, the messenger has indeed come to you with truth from your Lord. So believe, it is better for you." (4,170) Because, as stated above, since the prophet of Islam appeared in fulfilment of the prophecies of Moses and

Jesus, it is better for Jews and Christians to accept him. God addressed them thus in the holy Quran :—

2. “O, People of the book, exceed not the limits of your religion nor speak any thing about Allah but the truth. The messiah, Jesus son of Mary, is only a messenger of Allah and His word, which He communicated to Mary and a mercy from Him. So believe in Allah and His messenger. And say not three. Desist, it is better for you.” Allah is only one God. Far it be from His glory to have a son. (4-171)

3. “Then as for those who believe and do good, He will pay them fully their rewards and give them more out of His grace. As for those who disdain and are proud, He will chastise them with a painful chastisement.” (4-173)

4. “And whoever commits a fault or a sin, commits it only against himself And Allah is ever knowing, Wise.” (4-111)

5. “And those who believe and do good, We shall make them enter gardens in which rivers flow, to abide therein forever. It is Allah’s promise in truth. And who is more truthful in word than Allah.” (4-122)

6. “Who ever does evil, will be requited for it and will not find for himself besides Allah a friend or helper.” (4-123)

Islam, therefore, rejects the Christian doctrines of Trinity, sonship of Jesus and his bodily ascension to heaven. Accordingly not only Muslims firmly believe that

Jesus, being a man died a natural death, like other prophets, but even some of the Christian scholars also believe in the death of Christ. Mr E.B. Docker, a judge of Sidni, Australia, wrote in 1920, in his book "If Jesus did not die upon the cross":—

- (a) "For myself I am content to believe that being a man he (Jesus) passed through the same gate-strait and dreadful path of death, that all others of human kind must go through."
- (b) "I must repeat that we do not know. It may be that after preaching to the last ten tribes of the house of Israel in those remote regions, Jesus died at Srinagar and was burried in the tomb that bears his name."

25. Every man is accountable for his actions.

Atonement, another doctrine of Christian faith is also highly irrational. Mediation or intercession is unknown in Islam which preaches that every one is accountable for his own actions. Accordingly the Holy Quran declares:—

- (I) And We have made every man's action cling to his neck and We shall bring forth to him, on the day of resurrection, a book which he will find wide open (17-13). This means that every action of man is recorded as if in a photographic film which will be unfolded on the day of judgment to show all the actions

good or bad, committed by him in this world. It may be denounced as impossible but as we daily observe if man through the unthought of scientific discoveries, can preserve in a photographic reel the actions performed in a studio to re-roll them to the audience in a cinema hall, is it not possible for God, the Creator and Controller of the universe to do this ?

(11) Whoever goes aright, for his own soul does he go aright and whoever goes astray, to its detriment only does he go astray. And no bearer of burden can bear the burden of another" (17-15)

7. The above strikes at the very root of the doctrine of "atonement" or intercession. No temporal power, a judge or even a man, with common sense, would allow to punish other than the actual culprits of misdeeds. No father, for an instance, will be punished for a crime committed by his son and vice versa and what holds good in recompensing wordly actions, holds equally good in spiritual matters. The Holy Quran says:— "I (The prophet of Islam) am but a warner and giver of a good news to a people who believe". (7-188)

8. So the prophets were, raised to give glad tidings to those who believe and to warn the evil doers of the consequences of their deeds in this life as well as in the next and that they would not carry the burden of the misdeeds of their

followers. They also served as guides and examplers for their respective nations by acting upon the Divine laws revealed through them to prove that such laws were not impracticable to follow. If Jesus was son of God he would certainly have been endowed with greater capabilities than man, and could not, therefore, serve as a model for humanity. This proves Jesus was a man like other men except that he was a prophet of God, and His beloved one, and was commissioned with the task of reforming the house of Israel. This is supported by what a scholar, Dr Arnold Meyer of Zurich Univeristy, wrote in his book "Jesus or Paul" page 122:—

“If by Christianity we understand faith in Christ as the heavenly son of God who did not belong to earthly humanity but who lived in the Divine likeness and glory, who came down from Heaven to earth, who entered humanity and took upon himself a human form through a virgin that he might make propitiation for men’s sins by his own blood upon the cross ... who will come again with clouds of heaven to judge the world ... if this is Christianity then such Christianity was founded by St. Paul and not by our Lord.”

9. Islam on the contrary, firmly insists upon the faith that man is accountable for his own action and conduct both in this world and in the Hereafter. while this rule would certainly induce a man to righteous actions, the doctrine of Atonement, by providing immunity from enduring the consequences of one’s evil deeds, would

embolden him to commit even heinous crimes. So the best principle, for achieving peace and happiness here and salvation in the Hereafter, is that every action, good or bad, will be justly requited.

10 Another law, of Christianity "turn the other cheek, or walk the second mile" is impracticable. This law, not only, disallows resistance against aggression and injustice or fight, even for one's right, but it virtually encourages establishment of proverbial rule of "might is right" or dictatorship which no one, with sound judgment and political sagacity, would allow to pass unhampered, as the consensus of world opinion would condemn it.

Even Christian Governments, in contravention of this law, wage wars, offensively or in defence, against others with one pretext or another. Islam, too, no doubt, enjoins to "repel evil with that which is best". (23-96) and though repelling evil with good is the best course, yet offering resistance or inflicting punishment for an evil deed may, in some cases become imperative and prove the best course. And this is favoured by Islam.

26. Socio-economic laws of Islam.

11. Production and distribution of wealth is one of the greatest problems, agitating and facing the present world which is divided mainly into two groups viz capitalism and socialism. Christianity has no revealed solution to offer, because of all the religions, Islam is the only Divine system which laid down suitable socio-economic laws to remove

distress among various sections of mankind. Thus while the modern world regards wealth as the be-all and end-all of life, Islam gives to it its rightful place as the means to an end. The holy Quran says "your wealth, God has made it for you as a means for support." (4-5)

Islam, therefore, ordains to have a firm faith in the fact that God is the Providence and Foster of his creation. He provides spiritual and moral guidance for upright conduct and furnishes means for physical nourishment. The holy Quran says :—

- (1) "God is the best of providers". (62-11)
- (2) "And We made in it (the earth) means of subsistence for you and for him whom you provide not." (15-20)
- (3) Surely We have honoured the children of Adam and We carry them in the land and the sea and We provide them with good things and We made them to excel high most of those whom We have created." 17-70)

All original sources of wealth—the sun, the earth, the clouds that bring rain, the winds that drive the clouds and carry pollen etc are gifts of God, equally open to all. But wealth is produced by applying manual and mental energies to these resources for one's subsistence and comfort. Islam, therefore, neither prohibits earning wealth nor denies private ownership of industry and property whether landed or otherwise but it does condemn hoarding of it or bury gold and silver underground.

The holy Quran says "those who hoard up gold and silver and spend it not in the way of Allah— announce to them a painful chastisement."

Thus Islam leaves an open field for competition of hardwork and exercise of skill and intelligence, because it recognises the diversity of capacities and talents of men and the consequent differences in their capabilities for work.

The holy Quran says :—

- (1) "Allah has made some of you excel others in the means of subsistence." (16-71)
- (2) "We portion out among them their livelihood in the life of this world and we exalt some of them above others in rank that some of them may take others in service." (43-32)

It indicates that some will guide and supervise the work of their subordinates whether working in factories, fields or in offices. Thus Islam does not approve dead level equality in the distribution of wealth because the holy Quran says :—

- (1) "Surely thy Lord makes plentiful the means of subsistence for whom He pleases and sustains."
(17-30)
- (2) Allah amplifies and straitens provisions for whom He pleases." (13-26)

To contradict dead level equality in wealth, God forbids even to look greedily at what has been given in abundance to certain classes and enjoins. :—

(3) "Strain not thy eyes at what We have given certain classes of them to enjoy." (15-88)

Besides, if the incentive of proportionate reward for one's labour, skill or talents be denied or inadequately compensated, the spirit of initiative and enterprise for producing more wealth would be affected adversely. The theoretical policy of equal distribution of wealth simply by providing basic needs of life of people, through a state policy in some cases, can not be accepted as just and fair.

Islam therefore gives freedom to earn as much wealth as one can possibly earn but it does not approve the concentration of wealth in a few hands or acquire it through unfair and dishonest means, like robbery, bribery, cheating and smuggling etc. The holy Quran says "amassing of wealth takes away contentment of mind and ends in disaster." (104. 2-4). So Islam brings about a judicious distribution of wealth through religious institutions and exhortations by requiring the wealthy to set aside a specific portion of their possessions as charity at the end of each year in the month of Rajab. There are many oft repeated injunctions in the Quran for spending wealth for the good and welfare of the poor and the needy under obligatory ordinances and voluntary contributions. The holy Quran says :—

(1) "In the wealth of the rich, there was share for the beggar and for one who is denied (good)". (51-19)

- (2) "And keep up prayer and pay the poor-rate (Zakat) and obey the messenger so that mercy may be shown to you." (24-56).
- (3) "It is prescribed for you when death approaches one of you, if he leaves behind wealth for parents and near relatives, to make a bequest in a kindly manner; it is incumbant upon the dutiful." (2-180)
- (4) "(A righteous person) gives away wealth out of love for Him, to the near of kin and the orphans and the needy and the wayfarer and those who ask and sets slaves free and keeps up prayer and pays the poor-rate." (2-177)
- (5) "And give to the near of kin his due and (to) the needy and the wayfarer and squander not wastefully." (17-26)

Of the various items of charity contributions, enumerated in the above verses, Zakat, inheritance, bequest and sacrificing animals on the occasion of pilgrimage (Haj) are compulsory but giving of alms, which are other steps of distributing wealth among those deserving help, are voluntary and are exhorted through humanitarian considerations rather than enforced through physical force of a State.

It seems highly probable that socialism took its origin or inspiration from the beneficent doctrines of Islam for removing distress of the poor and the indigent, as a reaction against the evils and anarchy of capitalism for

unjust distribution of wealth among the labour and the capital. In actual practice, however, socialism assumed such an extreme form that it became unacceptable to most minds. Thus while Islam tries to raise the poor to a higher level in a society, socialism brings down the rich to a lower level. A system, political or social, that disregards talents and skill of a person for work, virtually deprives him of his right and discourages him to work to his maximum capacity for producing more wealth. To violate one's due is a sin in Islam. The solution offered by Islam for distribution of wealth through religious obligations and moral exhortations is just rather the best.

27. New code of international laws needed for world peace.

12. The modern world, therefore, needs a new international order or code of laws, to set its affairs right. The conquest of nature and the resultant material advancement and prosperity, instead of providing peace and satisfaction of mind, actually proved to be the cause of misery and devastation for the human race. Weak nations, in consequence, are victims of tyranny, and live under constant dread of insecurity and extirpation from neighbours having greater resources and war machinery. The Holy Quran says "All people are but a single nation." and consequently, Islam considers the whole human race as a single family and believes in the unification and brotherhood of all nations with equal right. The world big powers, too, after fighting world-

wide bloody wars, ultimately felt the need for a world body like the U.N.O to settle international matters and disputes, by treating the different nations as members of one family. But instead of equally safeguarding the interests of the family (viz all nations) through equal justice for all whether friend or foe, white or black, every member tries to get the maximum advantage for his own nation, depriving the weaker ones of their due, which is against Islam. All ills and problems facing the world can, therefore, be cured and solved only by appreciating and practising the laws and ethics, furnished by Islam in all human relations and activities whether domestic or international. The prophet and his followers (from the savage tribes of Arabia) acted upon these laws and reformed not only themselves but affected a wholesale transformation of Arabia and the countries that came under their sway. In support of this, it may suffice to repeat briefly the words of Christian writers, quoted above.

1. "Till suddenly the miracle took place. A man arose who by his personality and Divine guidance brought the impossible - namely the union of all those warring factions".

2. "No history can boast of events that strike the imagination in a more lively manner or can be more surprising in themselves than we meet within the lives of the first Muslims."

Islam, no doubt, is primarily a spiritual force but provides guiding rules for social and temporal matters

as well. If, as borne out by history, Islamic doctrines achieved the impossible and united the warring tribes of Arabia into a strong civilised nation which later became the rulers and torch bearers of light, learning, and peace, even for other nations in the past, the same laws can, certainly, lead the world even now to an everlasting peace and prosperity and save it from spiritual and moral degradation and temporal destruction, if the people act upon them.

28. Comparative beauties of Islam, and the Prophet, as the best exemplar.

It is no place to deal with all the Islamic rules and regulations prescribed for the conduct of muslims during peace and war and dilate upon their comparative beneficence, efficacy and beauties. Happily the prophet of Islam passed through every phase of human activity and was, therefore, able to provide, through his personal example, the guidance for individuals, families, tribes and nations, in every sphere of life. The prophet was born an orphan. He earned his livelihood through hard work and labour, including pasturing of goats and taking to trade. He led a married life with children to look after. He was a supporter of widows, the weak and the oppressed; abolished the cruel system of burying daughters alive; placed the highest value on sex morality and eradicated idolatory, slavery and drunkenness, prevailing in Arabia from time immemorial. He led armies, faught like a soldier and a commander in battle fields and led daily prayers in mosques. He had a strong faith in God and who ever

came in contact with him, imbibed the same from him. He was, therefore, a model for a labourer, a trader, a father, a moralist, a socialist, a soldier, a commander, a religious guide and a believer in God.

29. Divine revelation is the surest evidence of Gods' existence.

The present materialistic influence on modern society has, as stated above, vitiated faith in God and also man's relation with his Creator on personal level. The west has, therefore, banished God from its land. And it is only the living word of God that can restore faith in God. Divine revelation, which has been the universal experience of humanity all over the world in all ages, is a blessing of God which was granted to prophets in the past and is granted even now to pious persons. That is why revelation did not end with the discontinuance of prophethood, because it affords the surest evidence for the existence of God, Who conveys news of future events in advance. Revelation is likened, in metaphorical terms, to rain which gives life to dried up land and herbage. Likewise revelation regenerates and refreshes faith in God in men's hearts. It is a fact of history that prior to Islam, revelation was granted even to women (mothers of Moses and Jesus for instance) who were not prophets and though the followers of all religions even now firmly believe that God listens to their prayers which, consequently, form part of their worship, yet they hold that God has since ceased to speak to His Chosen ones. Thus Islam is the only

religion which claims that speaking is an attribute of God just as hearing and also that no Divine attribute will ever cease to function. Revelation according to Islam, is, therefore, a fact which is needed as much even now as in the past to impart vitality to faith in God.

There have, consequently, been thousand of Chosen ones in Islam who claimed to have received revelations even though they were not prophets. This proves that God even now speaks and reveals His will in advance of actual happenings to His Elect who, in the terminology of Islam, are called Mujaddeds viz Renewers and Revivers of faith of masses in God. According to a saying of the holy Prophet a Mujaddid is raised after every century to remove errors that might have crept in religion during the preceding century and also to shed new light and provide fresh arguments from the Quran to meet objections against Islam and for proving the truth of its teachings. The Elect for the present century was Mirza Ghulam Ahmed of Qadian (India) who claimed to have held communion with God and to be the promised Reviver and Defender of Islam. On the basis of self experience of revelations, he asserted that God exists and listens to men's prayers and speaks to his Chosen ones. To prove his own claim he held controversies about it with leading opponents of Islam, two of whom were Pandit Lekh Ram, a Hindu leader of India, and Dr. Dowie, an American exponent of Christianity who denied not only the truth of revelation but also strongly criticised Islam and the Prophet of Islam, describing him as an imposter and a false prophet and his Quran a forgery

and fabrication. To meet such baseless charges and also to prove the truth of his revelations, the Mirza Sahib, having received inspiration from God, predicted miserable end of both of them. As for the end of Dr. Dowie, it would suffice to reproduce briefly the verdict of American newspaper "Boston Herald" published in its issue of 23rd June 1907 which said :—

"Great is Mirza Ghulam Anmed, the masih, who foretold pathetic end of Dowie". Pandit Lekh Ram also met his fate and was killed in mysterious circumstances, allegedly by his own trusted domestic servant who murdered him and managed to escape in such a secret way that, inspite of all out efforts by the then British Government and the entire Hindu community of India, the murderer could not be traced out. The murder was committed in Lahore in a locality densely inhabited, mostly by Hindus, his co-religionists. These happenings are, however, comparatively, of a distant past. For more recent incidents, I may refer to two predictions which turned out true after a very long time during the Indian attack on Pakistan in 1965. To refute a statement published in the "Time" New York that "God is dead in our time" I had written an article which was published in the "letter column" of "The Light" Lahore" in its issue of 16th April 1967. Portions of this article, relating to the miraculous happenings during Indo-Pakistan war, are reproduced below to prove the existence of God and truth of revelations—

“Conflicting reports about Indo-Pakistan fighting appeared in “Time” New York. The gallant defence put up by Pakistan Army against the Indian attack on Lahore and other places in Pakistan, not only averted defeat but gained victory, is obviously a miraculous achievement which has not been adequately appreciated. Depending upon the overwhelming superiority of India in men and arms, the Prime Minister of India was so confident of the success of his plan that he boastfully conveyed beforehand to his parliament the “happy tidings” of the capture of Lahore within 24 hours. His designs and vanity were, however, soon brought to naught even though the disparity in the forces was so great that the outside world could anticipate nothing short of a complete “win” for India in the battle. Thus the BBC, presupposing victory in favour of India, announced that Lahore had fallen and was in Indian possession”.

30. Predictions about Indo-Pak War of 1965.

“A war with India was, however, foretold by the Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) fourteen hundred years ago (vide Nasais’, Chapter “Ghazwatul Hind”). Although Pakistan was taken unaware, yet, according to another prophecy, Shastri’s strategy was predestined to end in failure. Sixty years ago, on 26th April 1905, it was revealed to a Muslim saint, Mirza Ghulam Ahmed of Qadian that “the prediction of Shastri turned out false”. This revelation was published in papers and must have been ridiculed then as meangless because Lal Bahadur

Shastri must, then be a non entity under the British rule, and thus none could foresee that India would be freed from the British yoke, with Lahore no longer forming its part and that Shastri would become the premier of the partitioned India to launch a sudden attack on Lahore and would boastfully break the good news of its capture."

"Despite the favourable climate, Shastri's prediction proved false and thus testified the truth of the above prophecy of Mirza Sahib. It is beyond human capacity to foretell future events with accuracy unless inspired by God, the knower of the unseen."

"Muslims firmly believe in prophetic forecasts (viz revelations) which they regard as a positive evidence of the existence of the All Powerfull Being Who always helps the weak and the victim of oppression. In the very early stage of Islam, successive expeditions were led against the Muslims to annihilate them. Contrary, however, to the enemy's designs and expectations, based on the marked disparity of forces, their aggression always ended, through God's grace, in signal victories for the oppressed Muslims. The war, thrust upon Pakistan by India with the same object, met with no better fate".

"Muslims maintain a firm and implicit faith, for the final win or defeat, in God rather than in superior force and armament. Pakistanis fought gallantly, for Muslims are enjoined to avoid war but when it is thrust upon them, they must fight aggression with firmness and with the conviction that Allah (God) promises them help, in such situations,

through His angels, who, unseen by men, render their hearts firm and strong but create fear of death in the enemy's minds. Such promise of help proved true in the Battle of Badar in Arabia and also in the wars fought later in face of heavy odds and the Muslims were invariably victorious only through God's help. In the present situation, for instance, how could Pakistan, several times inferior in force and armament repulse the onslaught, and finally win the war without the miraculous help of angels."

The following strange happenings, during the Indo-Pakistan war, which clearly prove the truth of the above quotations merit serious consideration and should serve as an eye opener for the Politicians, Heads of States, and the Philosophers of the world :—

1. How was it that host, so numerous, proved of no avail to India in the conflict against Pakistan ?
2. The Indian bombers were trained personnel. Why did they utterly fail to bomb even a single right target viz the air bases in Pakistan, while Pakistan bombers bombed and destroyed only the air bases in India ?
3. Was it merely a matter of chance or an explicit will of God that some of the bombs thrown by Indians, even on wrong targets viz the civil population, did not blast ?
4. Was it not the will of God to prevent blasting to save humanity and also to frustrate the evil designs of the aggressor ?

5. How did it happen that the Indian army much stronger in force and arms suffered more than the weaker Pakistan ?

The heroic valour displayed by the Pakistan army in repulsing enemy's forces and ultimately winning territory is beyond comprehension in face of a glaring disparity of 6 to 1. The real cause of this is, as the Holy Quran says, "God is the best schemer and swift in plotting against injustice, oppression and tyranny," which is quite in conformity with the proverb "man proposes God disposes." It was, therefore, God Almighty's scheme, as foretold by Him in the revelation quoted above, to end in naught Shastri's design and man-made plot, based on aggression." "Is it not a miracle to repulse an accack six times stronger in force" ? "There is a warning in this for Powers who take pride in their temporal strength and superiority in arms. The Holy Quran says "For every nation there is an appointed time (viz fixed period for prosperity and progress). When their fall cometh, then they can neither put it off a while or hasten it". The fall of Muslim rule in India and the speedy shrinking, to almost its original size of an Island, of the British Empire, the vastness of which was characterised, not long ago, with the saying "sun never sets on British Empire" are a clear evidence of the existence of God Who has the sole control over the universe in our time and falsifies the theory that God is dead in our time" as published in "Time" New York on October 22, 1965."

31. Islamic principles alone can establish eternal peace.

“The object of this letter is to appeal to powers controlling the affairs of U.N.O. and all lovers of peace that if a lasting peace is sincerely desired to save humanity from destruction, they must not lose sight of the miraculous manifestations of God’s will in the Indo-Pakistan conflict, while deciding international disputes whether the parties, involved, be big or small, white or coloured, Western or Eastern, for, God will certainly set at naught all unjust decisions, however cleverly contrived.....
There is a clear decree of God in the Quran that “for the evil doers or aggressors there will be no helpers”.

(Al Imran)

“All this proves that God exists as ever and speaks to His Chosen ones and is not dead in our time as published in the “Time”.

3. Need to accept Islam as a universal guide.

There is a general cry that the world stands sorely in need of peace and peaceful co-existence by all. But despite collective efforts even by the world body (U.N.O) to maintain peace, there are wars and conflicts in certain parts, causing havoc. Because, as stated above, peace can be established only by appreciating and acting upon the golden principle, “help one another in righteousness and piety and not in sin and aggression” (5-2) inculcated by Islam and the holy Quran. If religious dignitaries

and ruling personalities, professing Christian faith, and controlling the destinies of smaller nations, act upon this Quranic doctrine, they would render the greatest service to humanity to save it from destruction, resulting from mortal combats which are being fought more to appease the lust for gaining ascendancy over others rather than in aid of any just cause. It is due mainly to the massacre, caused in wars, not only to the fighting forces but also to the lives and property of innocent non-combatant population, that Islam forbids war and permits it only in self defence.

God enjoins in the holy Quran :—

- (1) “And fight in the way of Allah against those who fight against you but be not aggressive.” (2-190)
- (2) “Fight them until there is no persecution and the religion is only for Allah. But if they desist, then there should be no hostility except against the oppressors.” (2-193)

And even when involved in war, Muslims are enjoined to avoid excesses, killing of women, children, the aged and the infirm, destroying places of worship and crops which provide food for human existence. Thus the spiritual progress and eternal peace in the world, can be achieved only by accepting and practising Islamic tenets.

The poison of Godlessness is vitiating the very foundation of religion and it is the living word of God (viz

revelation) that can act as an antidote against its ill effects and can take man beyond the haze and mist of doubt and dismay to the sunshine of firm faith in the existence of God. And Islam is the only religion that believes that God speaks and reveals future events much in advance of their actual occurrence through revelations to His Chosen ones from among the believers in Islam as an evidence of His existence. Accordingly He revealed the knowledge of Indo-Pakistan war of 1965 to Hazrat Muhammad, the Prophet of Arabia, fourteen hundred years before and to his follower Mirza Ghulam Ahmad of Qadian India sixty years ahead of the actual fighting.

Rightly The holy Quran says :—

- (1) "Allah is the Holder of power over all things."
(18-45)
- (2) "Your Lord is only Allah, there is no God but He, Who comprehends all things in His knowledge." (20.98)
- (3) He it is Who sent His messenger (Mohammad, peace be upon him) with guidance and the Religion of truth (Islam) that He may cause it to prevail over all religions." (9-33)
- (4) So believe in Allah and His prophets and say not three. Desist, it is better for you ; Allah is only one God. Far it be from His Glory to have a son." (4-171)

Islam's attitude towards other religions is peaceful rather unprecedented and unsurpassed in every way because it preaches equal love and respect for all prophets and faiths and enjoins peace, piety and just deal for all men whether white or coloured, Western or Eastern, Muslims or Non-Muslims.

As published in the "Time" men have, however, lost all idea of God-consciousness and consequently the very existence of an All Powerful Being, ruling the affairs of the universe, is openly denied, in the West where Christianity predominates. It is only the teachings of Hazrat Muhammad, the last and final link of the series of prophets that can re-establish a firm faith in men's minds about God as it raised the fallen humanity of idolaters in Arabia from vice and immorality to spiritual eminence and height of God-consciousness.

God addressed the Prophet :—

"O Prophet, surely We have sent thee as a witness, a bearer of good news and a warner ; and as an inviter and as a light-giving sun. Give the believers the good news that they will have great grace from Allah."

(33. 45 to 47)

God enjoins the believers :—

"O you, who believe, remember Allah with much remembrance. And glorify Him morning and evening. He it is Who sends blessings on you and (so do) His angels, that He may bring you forth out of darkness into light. And He is ever Merciful to the believers."

(33. 41 to 43)

This shows that due to its excellent principles, Islam is destined finally to prevail wholly over all other religions as it partially did, and spread in its early stages in most countries of the then known world like Africa, China India and Islands etc.

It is therefore, meet for true Christians to accept :—

- (1) Islam, which preaches love and respect for all previous prophets and faiths and provides complete guidance for spiritual and political promotion of mankind and
- (2) its founder, Hazrat Muhammad (peace be upon him) as the comforter, foretold by Jesus Christ.

I have very briefly placed before you some aspects of Islamic teachings with the fervent hope that you would read them carefully as the good points of Islam mentioned above, would certainly appeal to your good sense of judgement, to accept Islam as true religion.

With regards,

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