

An absolute dating for the Israeli Exodus out of Egypt

(Part V)

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6) Paving the way to the Prophet that should come

The circumstances we have outlined in the preceding chapters have an obvious bearing on the understanding of Muslim's attitude toward Judaists¹ and Trinitarians' apologetics².

Islam, as we have seen, regards *Judaism* and “*Non Trinitarian Christians*”³ as the two earlier **monotheistic** religions which preceded it in history paving the way for its advent as a culmination, finalization and a closure of both;

- 1) **Prophecy**; by Muhammad the last messenger of God, and
- 2) **Revelation**; by the ineffable non falsifiable Qur'an.

These two Quran's assertions, have withstood the test of falsification for 14 centuries up to now.

For Muslims, Jews and Monotheistic Christians; the "**People of the Book**" (*Ahl al-Kitab*) as they are called, are their brothers in faith and their scriptures as well as their prophets are rightly theirs too, since all emanating from Allah {אלוהים (elôâhh) in Hebrew} the ***One True and only God.***

¹ The "Karaites" ("Scripturalists"), stressed the importance to the Holy Scriptures over the Rabbi commentaries of the Talmud. They were instrumental in developing systems of vocalization of the Hebrew Bible in Babylonia and Tiberias during the 9th- 10th centuries, which culminated in the "Masoretic Text" of the Old Testament, the actual "Hebrew Bible".

² The "Ebionites" accepted Jesus as the Messiah, but denied his divinity, The "Nazorenes", accepted Jesus as both the Messiah and messenger of God, but regarded the Torah as binding upon Jews only... with "legalism", meaning that salvation would be by "works of the Law", and not by faith, and the Unitarians after the reformation are all closer to Islam

³ Trinitarian Christianity is a syncretism blending of paganism, Gnosticism, Mystery religion of the Isis-Osiris-Mithras type concocted by Paul of Tarsus. It has nothing to do with Jesus or his teaching represented by the Nazorenes Christianized Jews.

These are not catchphrases or slogans meant to deceive, but solid rock, as the following unassailable verses bear out⁴;

{136} قُولُوا آمَنَّا بِاللَّهِ وَمَا أُنزِلَ إِلَيْنَا وَمَا أُنزِلَ إِلَىٰ إِبْرَاهِيمَ وَإِسْمَاعِيلَ وَإِسْحَاقَ وَيَعْقُوبَ وَالْأَسْبَاطِ
وَمَا أُوتِيَ مُوسَىٰ وَعِيسَىٰ وَمَا أُوتِيَ النَّبِيُّونَ مِنْ رَبِّهِمْ لَا نُفَرِّقُ بَيْنَ أَحَدٍ مِنْهُمْ وَنَحْنُ لَهُ مُسْلِمُونَ.

{136} Say ye: "We believe in **Allah** (God), and the **revelation given to us**, and to **Abraham, Isma'il, Isaac, Jacob**, and the **Tribes**, and that given to **Moses** and **Jesus** and that given to **(all) prophets from their Lord**: **We make no difference between one and another of them: And we bow to Allah (in Islam).**"

And also⁵;

{48} وَأَنْزَلْنَا إِلَيْكَ الْكِتَابَ بِالْحَقِّ مُصَدِّقًا لِمَا بَيْنَ يَدَيْهِ مِنَ الْكِتَابِ وَمُهَيِّمًا عَلَيْهِ فَاحْكُم بَيْنَهُمْ بِمَا أَنْزَلَ اللَّهُ وَلَا تَتَّبِعْ أَهْوَاءَهُمْ عَمَّا جَاءَكَ مِنَ الْحَقِّ لِكُلِّ جَعَلْنَا مِنْكُمْ شِرْعَةً وَمِنْهَاجًا وَلَوْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ لَجَعَلَكُمْ أُمَّةً وَاحِدَةً وَلَكِنْ لِيَبْلُوَكُمْ فِي مَا آتَاكُمْ فَاسْتَبِقُوا الْخَيْرَاتِ إِلَى اللَّهِ مَرْجِعُكُمْ جَمِيعًا فَيُنَبِّئُكُمْ بِمَا كُنْتُمْ فِيهِ تَخْتَلِفُونَ.

{48} **To thee** {Muhammad} We sent the Scripture in truth, confirming the scripture that came before it, and guarding it in safety: so judge between them by what Allah hath revealed, and follow not their vain desires, diverging from the Truth that hath come to thee. To each among you have we prescribed a law and an open way. If Allah had so willed, He would have made you a single people, but (His plan is) to test you in what He hath given you: **so strive as in a race in all virtues.** The goal of you all is to Allah; it is He that will show you the truth of the matters in which ye dispute.

And also⁶;

{46} وَلَا تَجَادِلُوا أَهْلَ الْكِتَابِ إِلَّا بِالَّتِي هِيَ أَحْسَنُ إِلَّا الَّذِينَ ظَلَمُوا مِنْهُمْ وَقُولُوا آمَنَّا بِالَّذِي أُنزِلَ إِلَيْنَا وَأَنْزَلَ إِلَيْكُمْ وَالْهَذَا وَالْهَؤُلَاءِ وَنَحْنُ لَهُ مُسْلِمُونَ.

⁴ (Al-Baqara) (البقرة) [The Cow] (136)

⁵ Qur'an (5) (Al-Ma'eda) (المائدة) [The Table, The Table Spread] (48)

⁶ Qur'an (29) (Al-Ankaboot) [The Spider] (46)

{46} *And dispute ye not with the People of the Book, except with means better (than mere disputation), unless it be with those of them who inflict wrong (and injury):*

but say, "We believe in the revelation which has come down to us and in that which came down to you; Our Allah and your Allah is one; and it is to Him we bow (in Islam)."

These verses make it crystal clear for the beholder; why traditional Muslim's apologetics, being bound by these commanding injunctions, couldn't trespass the bounds of fairness and manliness, when dialoguing with their reluctant brothers in faith, since to each is prescribed a **mighty law** and an **open highway** as a matter of choices and free will options.

On the surface of it, one can conclude suitably that what unite monotheists is more than what separates them and that the enduring bitterness and misunderstanding between these three sisterly faiths should have been no more than small ripples on the periphery of a quiescent pond!

But unfortunately for historical as well as idiosyncratic reasons, things were not that simple.

To touch on the root of the problem here a genuine question;

"As Christians, we believe in One God, and that Jesus is God! Why then do Muslims say we will go to hell?"⁷

The quick answer;

It is not Muslims who say so, *nor are all Christians destined to such damning end*; it is the ineffable words of God reverberated in all the books of the scriptures⁸;

{72} لَقَدْ كَفَرَ الَّذِينَ قَالُوا إِنَّ اللَّهَ هُوَ الْمَسِيحُ ابْنُ مَرْيَمَ وَقَالَ الْمَسِيحُ يَا بَنِي إِسْرَائِيلَ اعْبُدُوا اللَّهَ رَبِّي وَرَبَّكُمْ إِنَّهُ مَنْ يُشْرِكْ بِاللَّهِ فَقَدْ حَرَّمَ اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ الْجَنَّةَ وَمَأْوَاهُ النَّارُ وَمَا لِلظَّالِمِينَ مِنْ أَنْصَارٍ.

{72} *They do blaspheme who say: "Allah is Christ the son of Mary." But said Christ: "O Children of Israel! worship Allah, my Lord and your Lord." Whoever joins other gods with Allah, - Allah will forbid him the garden, and the Fire will be his abode. There will be for the wrong-doers no one to help".*

⁷ See the answer in the following link; { <http://www.masud.co.uk/ISLAM/nuh/xtians.htm> }

⁸ Qur'an (5) (Al-Ma'eda) (المائدة) [The Table, The Table Spread] (72-73).

{73} لَقَدْ كَفَرَ الَّذِينَ قَالُوا إِنَّ اللَّهَ ثَالِثُ ثَلَاثَةٍ وَمَا مِنْ إِلَهٍ إِلَّا إِلَهٌ وَاحِدٌ وَإِنْ لَمْ يَنْتَهُوا عَمَّا يَقُولُونَ لَيَمَسَّنَّ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا مِنْهُمْ عَذَابٌ أَلِيمٌ.

{73}They do **blaspheme** who say: **Allah is one of three in a Trinity**: for there is no god except One Allah. If they desist not from their word (of blasphemy), verily a grievous penalty will befall the blasphemers among them.

So the problem is not with Christians as a whole, but only with those among them who join **gods** with the “**True God**” in general, and **Trinitarians** in particular, since the later were exposed as blasphemous in the Qur’an.

The earliest followers of Jesus known as; **Nazorenes**⁹ and/or later, as **Ebionites**¹⁰ followers of the Church of Jerusalem led by (**Jacob**) “**James the Just**,” the oldest brother of **Jesus** are not of the lot of the damned nor are the **contemporary Unitarians** who acknowledge the “**True God**” and believe in a **Day of Judgment and Reckoning**.

Historically, **Trinitarians** came later in the 3rd and 4th centuries and became the official religion of the Pagan Roman Empire, who drifted slowly but surely from Jesus teaching and lost their Jewish roots by severing completely their connections with the Old Testament and the Law.

Paradoxically, the fathers of this **Gentile Paganized Roman Catholic Church**, who claim to have replaced **Judaism** outright with their new brand of Trinitarian Christianity overthrowing the Torah to the Jews, began to refer to **Ebionites** and **Nazorenes** as “**Judaizers**” in a pejorative sense!

They despised these true followers of Jesus who have known him and inherited his teaching pure and unadulterated, and reviled their very names, treating them, O irony! Of **heretics!**;

These former Apostles and disciples of Jesus of the first hour **recognized only the Gospel according to Mathew written in Hebrew, which contains a Plethora of differences with the canonical Mathew**¹¹, while rejecting all the other gospels written in Greek, as well as Paul and his teaching written also in Greek, treating him as **an apostate of the Law who perverted the Teaching of Jesus.**

⁹ Nazarenes believe in (the virgin birth) of Jesus (P.B.U.H).

¹⁰ The term Ebionite (from Hebrew *'Ebyonim*) means “Poor Ones”. They reject Paul, and some of their later offshoots reject also the doctrine of the Virgin Birth of Jesus.

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So in order to understand the incurable grudge Rabbanite Jews as well as Trinitarian Christians, each from a different standpoint, have developed through the ages against the last Prophet of monotheism; **Muhammad** (P.B.U.H), who came to put thing straight and undo all what these two groups stirred up in the past against **Jesus** the Apostle of **God** and his true followers; the Nazorenes/Ebionites, some light should be shed on this dark spot of history.

The Nazorenes gathered around **St. James** in Jerusalem formed, as we know, the main body of Jews converted to the New Covenant preached by their “True Teacher” Jesus.

Within this historical setting, one would expect that **James**, the blood brother of **Jesus** would be an incontournable key historical figure for unraveling the fate of early Christians.

Unexpectedly, and against all odds, this was not the case, due to the Pauline Trinitarian’s takeover and highjacking of Christianity.

This anomaly goes a long way to explain why he was sidestepped.

James, who was endowed with authority and rights of guidance, passed on to him by no others than **Jesus himself** according to the **Gospel of St. Thomas**, was also known for his dissent and opposition to the teaching of **Paul** and was brutally murder by stoning in 62 CE by no other than the **Jewish High Priest Ananus**¹².

After this horrible homicide, the Nazorean’s community deprived of its legitimate leader and guide chose **Simeon**, a second brother of Jesus for the leadership of the Jerusalem Church.

We have a testimony for this by the Father of the Trinitarian Church **Eusebius of Caesarea** (c. 263 - 339)¹³ (photo).



Eusebius relates on the authority of Hegesippus in the second century, that those apostles and disciples that remained alive after the war¹⁴, together with members of the family of Jesus, met and took counsel concerning who should be titular of the Nazoreans in succession to his

¹² See Josephus, *Antiquities* 20.197ff.

¹³ *Ecclesiastical History, Book III, xi.*

¹⁴ In 66 A.D.

brother James. They choose a first cousin of his, Simeon son of Cleophas. Cleophas was a brother of Joseph the father of Jesus! This Simeon lived to a great age and was finally crucified by the Romans in the years of Trajan (photo). Also associated with the leadership were; James and Sokker grandsons of Jesus brother Jude.



It was not until 1946 when the *Gospel of St. Thomas*, was discovered in **Nag' Hamadi in upper Egypt**, that the World got the word; that this dynastic succession was ordained by Jesus himself who told his followers who asked him; who will lead them when he leaves?¹⁵;

"No matter where you are, you are to go to James the Just, for whose sake heaven and earth came into being"¹⁶.

In fact, a third brother of Jesus; **Judas**, took over the leadership of the community, when **Simeon** himself was crucified by the Emperor **Trajan** around 106 C.E.

It is quite untrue, as some Trinitarian historians still assert that the Nazoreans passed speedily into oblivion, since Eusebius himself asserts that great numbers of Jews joined them at this time.

On Simeon's Martyrdom the succession passed to a Christian Jew called **Justus** who was not one of the heirs. He was followed on his death by **twelve others** in turn whose names have been preserved, down to A.D. 132.

Eusebius has this comment¹⁷;

All of these were Hebrew from the first, and received the knowledge of Christ pure and unadulterated.

What a hell of a testimony, especially coming from a Trinitarian!

Now, if Nazorenes, as attested by Eusebius, have received their knowledge of Christ *pure* and *unadulterated*, one needs not to be a genius, to pin down which of the two contending parties is on track and which is off course!

¹⁵ Gospel of St. Thomas, 12

¹⁶ While this text is not to be taken literally, it shows nonetheless the position held by Jesus' family members.

¹⁷ *Ecclesiastical History, Book IV, v.*

This shows clearly that there is a continuity of the disciples' Church in Jerusalem. Their communities were still active as late as the 5th century in the North and East of Palestine, before espousing Islam in the 7th century, in which they found at last their spiritual peace as well as their strength in faith.

Their main teaching, as can be gathered critically from the biased polemical writings of their arch-enemies; the Church fathers', obviously not sympathetic to them, and from newly discovered manuscripts, can be resumed in the following precepts and doctrines¹⁸;

1. **Jesus was a Prophet, a True Teacher.** {Corroborated by the Qur'an}
2. **More significantly, their unique "Hebrew Gospel" according to Mathew doesn't contain the Trinitarian formula for baptism inserted in the canonical Matthew (28:19-20);**

18 And Jesus came to them and spake unto them, saying, All authority hath been given unto me in heaven and on earth.

*19 Go ye therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them into **the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit:***

20 teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I commanded you: and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.

{Corroborated also by the Qur'an, and treated as a blasphemy}

Note; it seems fitting to ask;

If the Jerusalem Church's apostles, being all conversant with the teaching of the Bible, didn't know about *this blasphemous formula*, how come one finds it in the Matthew's version of the Trinitarians?, save that one of their diehard forgers had put it there in the first place, in order to give a makeshift post justification for this horrendous heresy?

3. **The Torah is binding to both Jews and Gentiles entering the New Covenant taught by Jesus, which emphasized the Spirit of the Biblical Prophets in a restoration of the "True Faith," in line with the Ancient Paths (Jeremiah 6:16);**

¹⁸ *Howard, George.* The Gospel of Matthew according to a Primitive Hebrew Text. Macon, GA: Mercer University Press; Louvain: Peeters, 1988.

16 Thus saith the LORD, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. But they said, We will not walk therein.

{Corroborated also by the Qur'an}

4. **They reject vehemently the pseudo *Oral Law* of the Pharisees believing they had been added to the pure Torah of Moses, including scribal alterations and tampering with the texts of Scripture as condemned already by Prophet Jeremiah {P.B.U.H}¹⁹;**

8 How do ye say, we are wise, and the law of Jehovah is with us?

But, behold, the false pen of the scribes hath wrought falsely.

{Corroborated and confirmed by the Qur'an}

One can glean easily from this doctrinal stand of the historical Nazorenes/Ebionites, why they presented a challenging impasse to the Trinitarians, **since their very existence attested to the off course of the Trinitarians.**

No wonder, they responded to this challenge using either obfuscation or just plain invective, which are the usual arms of the demagogues and false teachers, irrespective of their creeds.

The Irony of it all is that, just when the Trinitarians thought they have outdone and defeated, with the Roman long military arm these remnants of the true church of Jesus Christ, they saw surging from Arabia, a mighty whirlwind spreading anew the same ineffable pure monotheistic message all over the World!

Their spontaneous response was typical and assorted, as expected, with the usual obfuscations and plain invectives, so dear to the diehard Demagogues.

As a consequence, it is not with these varieties of official diehard Trinitarian interlocutors, the anti-thesis of monotheism, full of hatred and bound on distorting the truth, as their long history has amply shown and continue to show for nearly two millennia right now, and as **Pope Ratzinger's tirade against the Prophet of Islam (photo) has recently reminded us all of its reminiscence, nostalgia and frenzy, that one can start or cultivate a genuine constructive dialogue **and** **strive as in a race in all virtues, as the Qur'an****



¹⁹ Jeremiah (8:8).

exhorts all true monotheists to do, but only with the monotheists among them at that official level, and with our brothers in humanity, who rightly deserve to know.

Viewed from this perspective, every individual monotheist has the right, nay duty, to make his own intensive study of the Holy Scriptures of monotheism, and not to restrict this prerogative only to the learned few, whose interpretations, fallible as any, should then be followed by the masses.

It's a sad fact of history that generations after generations of undoubting believers have been led astray this way for nearly 1700 years since the investiture of the Trinitarian heresy in Nicaea in 325 A.D.

The advent of Islam 14 centuries ago, did change much of this deep-rooted polytheistic credo, and official Trinitarians as well as Rabbanite, though for petty reasons of their own, **never acknowledged Muhammad as a that Prophet that should come from the nearest brothers of the Israelites as fortold in deuteronomy (18; 18).**

Both, made their utmost to sidetrack their credulous followers, from coming close to Islam, fearing they might not resist its rational Logic and reasonable discourse that speak direct to the heart, without insulting the mind, which could make havoc of their incrustated imaginary false perception of Islam.

This strategy has served well the Trinitarians during the dark ages of medieval Europe, due to the high level of illiteracy among their gullible followers and unfortunately, it is still serving them at present with the brainwashing they exert through their misleading media up to the point where;

For most Catholics today, following on the footsteps of the Church's fathers, **Trinity** remains a pivotal doctrine, while bestowing upon Mary the title of the **'Mother of God'**, by which they mean to express **that Jesus is partly man and partly God!**

For the Protestant on the other hand, who take Marcion's "Cris de Guerre" (war's cry) of "**Scriptura Sola**" as their main axiom, and see in the Trinitarian catholic Pope the Beast in the vision of Prophet Daniel and the Anti-Christ, Jesus is part of the Trinity and is God's manifestation or revelation of Himself in human form!.

Little they knew about God Almighty who says about himself in Qur'an²⁰;

{67} وَمَا قَدَرُوا اللَّهَ حَقَّ قَدْرِهِ وَالْأَرْضُ جَمِيعًا قَبْضَتُهُ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ وَالسَّمَاوَاتُ مَطْوِيَّاتٌ بِيَمِينِهِ سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى عَمَّا يُشْرِكُونَ.

{67} No just estimate have they made of Allah, such as is due to Him: On the Day of Judgment the whole of the earth will be in his His hand, and the heavens will be rolled up to His right: Glory to Him! High is He above the Partners they attribute to Him!

7) Muslims are not alone in rejecting Trinity

Among the monotheists to condemn Trinity as heresy we can cite;

- The Jews, who reject vehemently the very notion of Trinity, since it contradicts blatantly the First Commandment.

In addition;

- The Ebionites, the Corinthians, the Basilidians, the Capocrationists, and the Hypisistarians never knew about Trinity²¹.

- The Arians, Paulicians and Goths accepted Jesus (peace be upon him) as a prophet of God denying Trinity.

- The 'Socinianism'²², the 17th-century Christian also rejects such traditional doctrines as the Trinity and original sin²³.

Some of the more recently formed denominations do the same;

²⁰ Qur'an (39) (Az-Zumar) (الزُّمَرُ) [The Troops, Throngs] (67)

²¹ <http://wings.buffalo.edu/sa/muslim/library/jesus-say/ch1.2.3.1.html>

²² The founder is Socinus, and his Latinized name of Lelio Francesco Maria Sozzini (1525-1562), the Italian Protestant theologian.

²³ The ante-Nicene Fathers taught the real distinction and divinity of the three persons . . . but in their attempts at a philosophical interpretation of the Dogma, they used *certain expressions favoring subordinationism*. The Socinians citing these expressions affirmed that the ante-Nicene tradition agreed rather with Arius than with Athanasius. Catholic theologians defend the orthodoxy of these early Fathers, while admitting that certain of their expressions were inaccurate and eventually dangerous!" -- *Colliers Encyclopedia*.

- The Unitarians generally see Jesus (*peace be upon him*) as a great teacher and example, but fully human and God's son only in the same sense that all humans are His children.

- The Jehovah's witnesses do not accept the Trinity and see Jesus (*peace be upon him*) as the ransom sacrifice to redeem humanity, not God Himself.

The majority of today's Anglican Bishops do not worship Jesus (*peace be upon him*) as one in three, as had been report by the "Daily News" 25/6/84 under the heading "Shock survey of Anglican Bishops."²⁴

Johannes Greber (1876 – 1944)²⁵ (photo) wrote;



"As you see, the doctrine of a triune Godhead is not only contrary to common sense, but is entirely unsupported by the Scriptures".²⁶

Edward Gibbon, the most knowledgeable authority on church's history (photo)²⁷ wrote;

"If Paganism was conquered by Christianity, it is equally true that Christianity was corrupted by Paganism. The pure Deism of the first Christians . . . was changed, by the Church of Rome, into the incomprehensible dogma of the trinity."



Many of the pagan tenets, invented by the Egyptians and idealized by Plato, were retained as being worthy of belief."

Professor **John Hick**²⁸ (1922 -.....) (Photo) the influential philosopher of religion and theologian wrote;



²⁴ {<http://wings.buffalo.edu/sa/muslim/library/jesus-say/ch1.2.3.1.html>}

²⁵ Johannes Greber was a Catholic priest turned spiritist who translated the New Testament with the help of God's "spirits." As he claims! In the Introduction to his book *Communication With the Spirit World* Greber explains the experiences that turned him from Catholicism to spiritism. He begins by asking what happens after death and where we could find the answer. See for more {}

²⁶ 'The Communication with the Spirit World of God', page 371, see for more this link. {<http://wings.buffalo.edu/sa/muslim/library/jesus-say/ch1.2.3.1.html> }

²⁷ Edward Gibbon ; "History of Christianity", preface.

²⁸ Hick, *Faith and Knowledge*

Neither the intense Christological debates of the centuries leading up to the Council of Chalcedon, nor the renewed Christological debates of the 19th and 20th Centuries, have succeeded in squaring the circle by making intelligible the claim that one who was genuinely and unambiguously a man was also genuinely and unambiguously God!



The Renowned Swiss Professor and Catholic theologian Hans Küng²⁹ (1928 -....) wrote³⁰;

"Even well-informed Muslims simply cannot follow, as the Jews thus far have likewise failed to grasp, the idea of the Trinity . . . The distinctions made by the doctrine of the Trinity between one God and three hypostases do not satisfy Muslims, who are confused, rather than enlightened, by theological terms derived from Syriac, Greek, and Latin. Muslims find it all a word game . . ."

"Why should anyone want to add anything to the notion of God's oneness and uniqueness that can only dilute or nullify that oneness and uniqueness?"



And I close these testimonies by the witty and well thought analysis and deconstruction of the Trinitarian's paradigm by the Canadian author, essayist and philosopher; John Ralston Saul (photo) (1947 - ...), who wrote³¹;

"The three-in-one/one-in-three mystery of Father, Son and Holy Ghost made **tritheism** official. The subsequent **almost-deification of the Virgin Mary** made it **quatrotheism** . . . Finally, **cart-loads of saints** raised to **quarter-deification turned Christianity into plain old-fashioned polytheism**. By the time of the Crusades, *it was the most polytheistic religion to ever have existed*, with the possible exception of Hinduism.

²⁹ He published in 1961 "one of a few!" urging reform at Vatican Council II (1962-65), which brought him fame and "notoriety". After the death of John XXIII, He ran into difficulties with the conservatives of the Vatican culminating in December 18, 1979, by the Vatican declaring that he could no longer be considered a Catholic theologian!. Result: instead of 150 students at his lectures, he then had 1500!

³⁰ *Christianity and the World Religions*

³¹ *The Doubter's Companion: A Dictionary of Aggressive Common Sense* (1994)

This untenable contradiction between the assertion of monotheism and the reality of polytheism was dealt with by accusing other religions of the Christian fault!

The Church - Catholic and later Protestant - turned aggressively on the two most clearly monotheistic religions in view - Judaism and Islam - and persecuted them as heathen or pagan.

The external history of Christianity consists largely of accusations that other religions rely on the worship of more than one god and therefore not the true God. These pagans must therefore be converted, conquered and/or killed for their own good in order that they benefit from the singularity of the Holy Trinity, plus appendages."

In other words, when dealing with Trinitarians, it is imperative to realize first, that they are not amenable to reason or logic, believing already what they believe, and thinking against all odds they will be saved!

8) Do we need to reinvent the Wheel?

From the historical evidence we have so far reviewed, it is quite clear that;

1) Trinitarian Christology developed along the Gnostic mystery line introduced by Paul of Tarsus who never met with Jesus.

2) Jews, in general and Nazorenes/Ebionites, in particular, saw in Paul an "apostate of the law".

3) The teaching of Paul emphasized salvation through faith alone in his redeemer, who was never one but a Gnostic myth, while the teaching of Jesus, echoed later by the Quran's, laid emphasis on true faith and work together.

4) Islam, being a continuation and closure of pure monotheism as taught by **Moses** (P.B.U.H) and **Jesus** (P.B.U.H), and a denouncer of Pauline Trilogism as an apostasy, makes it unavoidable for Trinitarians, with their backs against the wall, to see in Islam their new "bête noire", reminding them of the Judaist Christians of Old, save that they are confronted now by a mighty rational foe.

9) Did Muhammad (P.B.U.H) invent Arabic?

Let's deal now with a concrete example, such as the allegation espoused by the Judeo-Christian apologists, pretending that the Qur'an has copied its information from their respective sources!

We start first by debunking and deconstructing this assertion at the historical and scriptural levels, by noting the following;

a) *Muhammad* (P.B.U.H) the Prophet of Islam and *the Seal of Prophecy in Abraham's monotheism*, was reputed illiterate and untaught even in his own mother tongue; *Arabic*, as attested by the Qur'an itself.

b) The allegations of borrowing, copying or being taught by others have already been refuted in verse 157 of Surat; "*Al-A'raf*";

{157} الَّذِينَ يَتَّبِعُونَ الرَّسُولَ النَّبِيَّ الْأُمِّيَّ الَّذِي يَجِدُونَهُ مَكْتُوبًا عِنْدَهُمْ فِي التَّوْرَةِ وَالْإِنْجِيلِ يَأْمُرُهُمْ بِالْمَعْرُوفِ وَيَنْهَاهُمْ عَنِ الْمُنْكَرِ وَيُحِلُّ لَهُمُ الطَّيِّبَاتِ وَيُحَرِّمُ عَلَيْهِمُ الْخَبَائِثَ وَيَضَعُ عَنْهُمْ إِصْرَهُمْ وَالْأَغْلَالَ الَّتِي كَانَتْ عَلَيْهِمْ فَالَّذِينَ آمَنُوا بِهِ وَعَزَّرُوهُ وَنَصَرُوهُ وَاتَّبَعُوا النُّورَ الَّذِي أُنزِلَ مَعَهُ ۙ أُولَٰئِكَ هُمُ الْمُفْلِحُونَ

{157} *Those who follow the messenger, the unlettered (gentile) Prophet, whom they find mentioned in their own (scriptures), - in the Torah and the Gospel - for he commands them what is just and forbids them what is evil; he allows them as lawful what is good (and pure) and prohibits them from what is bad (and impure); He releases them from their heavy burdens and from the yokes that are upon them. So it is those who believe in him, honour him, help him, and follow the light which is sent down with him, - it is they who will prosper.*

Now, needless to say that the onus of proof to the contrary is on the apologists' shoulders, should they refute these historical facts, known by the multitudes of followers, reciting the Qur'an during the Prophet's lifetime and beyond!

This type of *allegation/refutation* brings forth *three pertinent* remarks of *primary importance* concerning the *Islamic Scientific Hermeneutical paradigm* as compared to the *Judeo-Christian rhetorical one*;

1) Concerning Sources used; the **Qur'an** is an **autographic text**, not a *secondary copy* or a *translation of the original* as is the case of all the Biblical sources.

And it is not a vain tautology to remind the reader, that any translation of *the Qur'an* in any other language, will never equate the richness of the *original Arabic autographic text*, but will be at best, a sort of a *trimmed and filtered image of the original*, and at most, an *instantaneous two dimensional snapshot of the multicolored, multilayered original*, lacking luster, colors, hues and depths, as acknowledged by all for any translated text, transcendental or not.

This is one of the main reasons; I kept citing the Quran's verses in *Arabic*, the *autobiographic language* of the "*Textus Receptus*" of the **Qur'an**, followed by an English translation, which plays only the role of a secondary interpretative source with all its attending limitations and shortcomings.

By contrast, no book of the *Old Testament* or the *New Testament* is an **autograph**, but merely **copies of copies ad infinitum!**

And if one is to apply to them **the same acid test as above**, he can be pretty certain of the quasi-impossibility of recuperating the *original autographic text*, since the latter was lost, and its subsequent secondary

copies, to use an information theory analogy, have been at the outset *band-passed* filtered through so many noisy filters, ad infinitum too!

Will Kinney wrote³²;

Can a Translation be inspired?

Most Christians will affirm that the Bible is our rule of faith and practice. It is a little self contradictory to stand in the pulpit and say the word of God is inspired, when in his heart the pastor knows he is not referring to any book here on this earth that people can hold in their hands and believe. He really should say what he believes - that **the word of God WAS inspired at one time but we no longer have it, so the best we can do is hope we have a close approximation of what God probably meant to tell us!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

It also seems a bit inconsistent to say he believes the originals were inspired, when he has never seen them, they never were together in one single book, and they no longer exist anyway. How does he know they were inspired? He accepts this by faith.

So Muslims, being made aware of these shortcomings befalling all the Judeo - Christian scripture (*which are Muslim's too*), not unlike some traditions assigned falsely to the Prophet of Islam, subjected them to the same critical analytical methodology, That has proved its worth adequately in the Science of Hadith³³.

Suffice to point out, that translating Arabic poetry, which is far below the Quran's standard, distort it and makes it lose its entire original glamour and looks, being deprived of its Arabic melody, not unlike a dead fish taken out of the water.

They seem to the end reader, mere pomposity and ludicrousness.

2) Due to the above textual internal structural deficiencies, Hermeneutics, as developed for the Judeo-Christian's sources, mainly by Christians, who rely on polyglot translations, will be

³² { <http://www.geocities.com/brandplucked/transinsp.html> }

³³ See our two books; "Hadith's Engineering", not printed yet, Arabic excerpts only are shown on this



site (left cover) and "Convention's problems in the Sciences of Tradition" (right cover)



occupied in the main with the sort of *trivia* and *inconsequential* non gratifying tasks of collecting and gathering thousands of manuscripts in different languages, dating them, explaining away; textual differences, contradictions between sources, their precedence in time and/or their relative comparative importance vis-à-vis of each other, before deciding on the *probabilistic* rendering of the original unattainable lost *autograph*, which stays always beyond the reach of the enquirer.

And it is only then, that a *pseudo learned guess* as to the *probable meaning* or *probable interpretation* of the text is conjectured!

And needless to say, that the end result will remain conjectural at best, as the different versions of the English Bible, taken as example, dramatically show.

Will Kinney wrote³⁴;

There are presently well over 100 different English bible versions available to the general public and none of them agrees with the others in both text and meaning in hundreds of verses. This is easily proved and well noted by many atheist, Muslim and Bible basher sites on the internet.

Eldon Jay Epp (photo), Harkness Professor of Biblical Literature (Emeritus) at Case Western Reserve University (Cleveland, Ohio), wrote³⁵;



Finally, to raise the question to its highest level and broadest range, what can "canonical" mean when each of our 5,300 Greek New Testament manuscripts and perhaps 9,000 versional

³⁴ { <http://www.geocities.com/brandplucked/nodoctrine.html> }

³⁵ E. J. Epp, "Issues In The Interrelation Of New Testament Textual Criticism And Canon", in L. M. McDonald and J. A. Sanders (eds.), *The Canon Debate, op. cit.*, p. 514.

manuscripts, as well as every one now lost, was considered authoritative - and therefore canonical - in worship and instruction in one or more of the thousands upon thousands of individual churches when no two manuscripts are exactly alike? A corollary heightens the force of the question: If no two manuscripts are alike, then no two collections of Gospels or Epistles are alike, and no two canons – no two "New Testaments" – are alike; therefore, are all canonical, or some, or only one? And if some or one, which?³⁶

Which means, that the Christian scholar, having no fixed autographical referential to turn to, will be always at loss in trying to decide sultry issues.

3) By contrast, the *Muslim exegete*, disposing of an *autographic living Arabic text* of the Qur'an is dispensed of such trivia, since irrelevant in his case, and his *Hermeneutics* is not only solidly built and logically framed, but exceptionally, governed by the tools of the *scientific methodology*, in the sense that its testable *plain (Muhkam) (مُحْكَم)* assertions can be subjected to *falsification* as to their *trueness or falseness* when compared with tangible and irrefutable data or facts.

Actually all the scholars, irrespective of there creeds and a priories , who have alleged in the past that Muhammad (PBUH) was the author of the Qur'an, were either ignoramuses, non scientists or blatantly non conversant with the Arabic strcuture of the Qur'an, besides not realizing that their claim is humanly impossible.

I cite here some of the main reasons for their shortcomings and lack of sound logical judgment;

³⁶ See for an in depth study of this burning issue; "Is The Bible In Our Hands The Same As During The Time Of Muhammad?" from this link {<http://www.islamic-awareness.org/Quran/MuhBible.html> }

- a) Could any person of the sixth century C.E., utter such scientific truths as the Qur'an contains?

Such as the Sun and Stars losing their lights in the last days³⁷;



{1} إِذَا الشَّمْسُ كُوِّرَتْ

{1} When the sun (with its spacious light) is folded up;

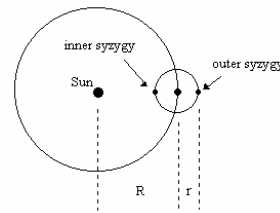
{2} وَإِذَا النُّجُومُ انْكَدَرَتْ

{2} When the stars fall, losing their lustre³⁸;

And that the sun and the Moon will be joined together;

{9} وَجُمِعَ الشَّمْسُ وَالْقَمَرُ

{9} And the sun and moon are joined together³⁹



The Qur'an contains a plethora of similar assertions.

- b) Could he describe the evolution of the embryo inside the uterus so accurately as we find it in modern science?⁴⁰

{5} يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ إِن كُنْتُمْ فِي رَيْبٍ مِّنَ الْبَعْثِ فَإِنَّا خَلَقْنَاكُمْ مِّنْ تُرَابٍ ثُمَّ مِنْ نُطْفَةٍ ثُمَّ مِنْ عَلَقَةٍ ثُمَّ مِنْ مُّضْغَةٍ مُّخَلَّقَةٍ وَغَيْرِ مُّخَلَّقَةٍ لِّنُبَيِّنَ لَكُمْ وَنُقِرُّ فِي الْأَرْحَامِ مَا نَشَاءُ إِلَىٰ أَجَلٍ مُّسَمًّى ثُمَّ نُخْرِجُكُمْ طِفْلًا ثُمَّ لِتَبْلُغُوا أَشُدَّكُمْ وَمِنْكُمْ مَّنْ يُتَوَفَّىٰ وَمِنْكُمْ مَّنْ يَرُدُّ إِلَىٰ أَرْضِ الْعُمُرِ لِكَيْلَا يَعْلَمَ مِنْ بَعْدِ عِلْمٍ شَيْئًا وَتَرَىٰ الْأَرْضَ هَامِدَةً فَإِذَا أَنزَلْنَا عَلَيْهَا الْمَاءَ اهْتَزَّتْ وَرَبَتْ وَأَنْبَتَتْ مِنْ كُلِّ زَوْجٍ بَهِيجٍ.



{5} O mankind! if ye have a doubt about the Resurrection, (consider) that We created you out of dust, then

out of sperm, then out of a leech-like clot (photo)⁴¹, then out of a

³⁷ Qur'an (81) (At-Takwir) (التكوير) [The overthrowing] (1-2)

³⁸ See this link; www.worsleyschool.net/science/files/wearenot/star.html.

³⁹ See; "The Moon Always Falls Toward the Sun » from

{<http://images.google.co.ma/imgres?imgurl=http://www.mathpages.com/home/kmath405/Image5218.gif&imgrefurl=http://www.mathpages.com/home/kmath405/kmath405.htm&h=221&w=282&sz=3&hl=ar&start=2&tbnid=dORrdeq81QM:&tbnh=89&tbnw=114&prev=/images%3Fq%3DThe%2BMoon%2BAlways%2BFalls%2BToward%2Bthe%2BSun%2B%26gbv%3D2%26svnum%3D10%26hl%3Dar%26client%3Dfirefox-a%26channel%3Ds%26rls%3Dorg.mozilla:ar:official%26sa%3DG>}

⁴⁰ Qur'an (22) (Al-Hajj) (الحج) [The Pilgrimage] (5-7)

morsel of flesh, partly formed and partly unformed, in order that We may manifest (our power) to you; and We cause whom We will to rest in the wombs for an appointed term, then do We bring you out as babes, then (foster you) that ye may reach your age of full strength; and some of you are called to die, and some are sent back to the feeblest old age, so that they know nothing after having known (much), and (further), thou seest the earth barren and lifeless, but when We pour down rain on it, it is stirred (to life), it swells, and it puts forth every kind of beautiful growth (in pairs).

{6} ذَلِكَ بَأْنِ اللّٰهِ هُوَ الْحَقُّ وَآنَهُ يُحْيِي الْمَوْتَى وَآنَهُ عَلَىٰ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ
 {6} This is so, because Allah is the Reality: it is He Who gives life to the dead, and it is He Who has power over all things.

{7} وَأَنْ السَّاعَةَ آتِيَةٌ لَا رَيْبَ فِيهَا وَأَنْ اللّٰهُ يَبْعَثُ مَنْ فِي الْقُبُورِ
 {7} And verily the Hour will come: there can be no doubt about it, or about (the fact) that Allah will raise up all who are in the graves.

- c) Could Muhammad (PBUH), who up to the age of forty was known among his fellow kinsman as an illiterate and “AL-AMEEN” (The Trustworthy) start all of a sudden the authorship of a mighty book, reputed inimitable in literary style and the equivalent of which the whole legion of the Arab poets and orators of highest competence could not produce, while the Qur’an is challenging them to produce only 10 verses like its verses⁴²;

{13} أَمْ يَقُولُونَ افْتَرَاهُ قُلْ فَأْتُوا بِعَشْرِ سُوْرٍ مِّثْلِهِ مُفْتَرِيَاتٍ وَادْعُوا مَنْ اسْتَلْعْتُمْ مِنْ دُونِ اللّٰهِ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ صَادِقِينَ

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A drawing of a leech or bloodsucker. Below, a drawing of a 24 day-old human embryo. Note the leech-like appearance of the human embryo at this stage. Indian Journal for the Practising Doctor A Scientist's Interpretation of References to Embryology in the Qur'an, Author(s): Keith L. Moore, Ph.D., F.I.A.C., Jamal Badawi, MD, Vol. 3, No. 2 (2006-05 - 2006-06)

⁴² Qur'an (11) (Hud) (هود) [Hud] (13 – 14). Also; Qur'an (17) (Al-Isra) (الإسراء) {The Night Journey, Children of Israel} (88);

{88} قُلْ لَئِنِ اجْتَمَعَتِ الْإِنْسُ وَالْجِنُّ عَلَىٰ أَنْ يَأْتُوا بِمِثْلِ هَذَا الْقُرْآنِ لَا يَأْتُونَ بِمِثْلِهِ وَلَوْ كَانَ بَعْضُهُمْ لِبَعْضٍ ظَهِيرًا.
 {88} Say: "If the whole of mankind and Jinns were to gather together to produce the like of this Qur'an, they could not produce the like thereof, even if they backed up each other with help and support.

{13} *Or they may say, "He forged it," Say, "Bring ye then ten suras forged, like unto it, and call (to your aid) whomsoever ye can, other than Allah!- If ye speak the truth!*

{14} *فَإِنْ لَمْ يَسْتَجِيبُوا لَكُمْ فَاعْلَمُوا أَنَّمَا أُنزِلَ بِعِلْمِ اللَّهِ وَأَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ فَهَلْ أَنْتُمْ مُسْلِمُونَ.*
{14} *"If then they (your false gods) answer not your (call), know ye that this revelation is sent down (replete) with the knowledge of Allah, and that there is no god but He! will ye even then submit (to Islam)?"*

No erudite Arab, since then and up to our times, has been able to contest this challenge.

Moreover, when this challenge was put first to Muhammad's contemporaries, all they could think about, being poets, is to produce at best an emulation of the verses of the Qur'an with elaborate rhymes and rhythms.

Poetry, for the Arabs, as was the case for other ancient tribal people, has always been considered the highest expression of literary art. Bedouin poets, long before the advent of Islam, had developed and perfected the usual three forms of satire, elegy and panegyric.

Their poetry obeyed stringent rules, indicating a long period of gestation and growth before being finally standardized as genre by the classical "**Mu'allaqat**" (المعلقات) considered the best in poetic genre.

The display of virtuosity in saying things wonderfully in prose was considered as in other cultures, a god given gift and nothing but wisdom speaking.

But once faced with the Qur'an, they realized immediately that its genre is different. It is not prose⁴³! Nor any form of libretto they could compare it with.

No wonder, they felt squat at tackling the challenge.

The late Edward Said (1935 - 2003) has this to say about Arabic⁴⁴:

Properly used (Arabic), it is unmatched for precision of expression and for the amazing way in which individual letters within a word (but specially at endings) are varied to say quite distinct and different things.

It is also a language the centrality of which to a whole culture is matchless in that (as Jaroslav Stetkevych, author of the best modern book on the language itself has put it);

⁴³ The archetypal poem of this period was the qasidah (ode), consisting of 70-80 pairs of half-lines

⁴⁴ Edward Said; "Living in Arabic" in "Al-Ahram, Weekly" { <http://weekly.ahram.org.eg/2004/677/cu15.htm> }

"Venus-like, it was born in a perfect state of beauty, and it has preserved that beauty in spite of all the hazards of history and all the corrosive forces of time".

To the Western student "Arabic suggests an idea of almost mathematical abstraction. The perfect system of the three radical consonants, the derived verb forms with their basic meanings, the precise formation of the verbal noun, of the participles — everything is clarity, logic, system, and abstraction. The language is like a mathematical formula." But it is also a beautiful object to look at in its written form; hence the enduring centrality of calligraphy in Arabic, which is a combinatorial art of the highest complexity, ever closer to ornament and arabesque than to discursive explication.

Now consider the inconsequentiality of the Rev. Alphonse Mingana, D.D., a Trinitarian syriac; who wrote under the Title; "SYRIAC INFLUENCE ON THE STYLE OF THE KUR'AN"!!!!



{THE time has surely come to subject the text of the Kur'an to the same criticism as that to which we subject the Hebrew and Aramaic of the Jewish Bible, and the Greek of the Christian Scriptures.

.....

As we believe the Kur'an to be the first Arabic book⁴⁵, its author⁴⁶ had to contend with immense difficulties. He had to adapt new words and new expressions to fresh ideas, in a language that was not yet fixed by any grammar or lexicography. The risk of not being understood did probably deter him from coining many new words. The best policy was to use for his new idea of Islam the words which were understood by his hearers and found in a language akin to his that had become an ecclesiastical and religious language centuries before his birth and the adherents of which were surrounding him in all directions in highly organised communities, bishoprics and monasteries. This is the reason why the style of the Kur'an is so unlike that of any other classical Arabic book.

In this respect the author of the Kur'an has certainly much merit and originality, and his linguistic difficulties were much more formidable

⁴⁵ The Kur'an itself testifies to this with emphasis in xlvi. 8; lxviii 37; lii.41; lxii.2; xxxiv. 43; xxxv.38; xxxvii. 156.

⁴⁶ The usual motto of the Trinitarians, Muhammad wrote the Qur'an!

than those experienced for instance by Paul and by the first Christian evangelists who had to express their new ideas in the language of Homer. The language of Homer had a fine literature behind it, the language of the Qur'an had not. As the first Christian writers have left in their lucubrations stylistic peculiarities which clearly point to their country of origin, which was not the old Athens but the Syrian Hellenistic Palestine, so the author of the Qur'an has exhibited stylistic idiosyncrasies which stamp his work as being somewhat different from the classical Arabic known to us from the eighth century downwards; his style suffers from the disabilities that always characterise a first attempt in a new literary language which is under the influence of an older and more fixed literature. This older and more fixed literature is, in our judgment, undoubtedly Syriac more than any other. }

Since when, Syriac was known to equate or echo the Qur'an genre of eloquence?

Now, notwithstanding the incommensurability and unbridgeable gap between the Primary Perfect original Autographic Qur'an with its uniform inimitable style and the secondary Syriac colloquial translation of the lost books of the Bible, known as Peshita, this Pseudo-savant jargon, coming from a bombastic friar, not conversant with the Qur'an, doesn't make him realize, the "fiat" (Miracle) he is bestowing on the Prophet of Islam (P.B.U.H), for inventing "Ex nihilo" the Arabic Language, depicted by Jaroslav Stetkevych, a more knowledgeable scholar, as;

"Venus-like, it was born in a perfect state of beauty, and it has preserved that beauty in spite of all the hazards of history and all the corrosive forces of time".

So, could Muhammad (PBUH), The illiterate, past his 40th years, and having only 23 years more left to go, besides his many other multiple-occupations, invent so perfect a language as Arabic, out of nothing, and express in it the trivia he was supposedly to have taken from the Jews, the Christians and the Syrians, and express them all in so lofty and sublime a language, that even his most eloquent and erudite contemporaries couldn't match?

If Muhammad (PBUH) did invent Arabic, and knowing that Arabic is tributary of the Qur'an, then this feat in itself should be counted as one of his big miracles, given that no Man has ever accomplished such a feat!

Certainly, only a crazy Trinitarian such as Rev. Alphonse Mingana, whose psyche, no doubt, developed a taste to take out the Qur'an under heavy scrutiny, even without mastering the language, can make such an impossible claim and get away with it, not as a respected scholar, but only as a one-dimensional fool.

**End, To be followed by; He that should come came 14
century ago**