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One thing common between Mr. James G. Stuart and myself is that we wish to promote good for peace and harmony amongst all while forbid evil no matter where it comes from. He has given me his full support for publishing three booklets by up-grading the language and editing all of my manuscripts for publication. I am thankful to him for his kind and generous help. He is author of many good books. The more remarkable ones such as *'Money Bomb'* and *'Hidden Menace to World Peace'* are worth looking into.

Mr. J. G. Stuart a Christian by faith is very critical of the present monetary system. He has seen it as the mother of all evils. This evil system has a firm grip on the Globe.

He has shouted at the top of his voice to all Christian and Muslim countries to remove this evil system as being their ultimate obligation. This devilish system has become a monster creating a huge gulf between the rich and poor countries and has also created jealousy and hatred within society. Only one of the countries heeded his voice, Malaysia. By honouring his advice, in a very short period of time, Malaysia is enjoying the fruits of a solid foundation for economic development. There is a hope that more and more countries may follow suit. The present monetary system will collapse under its own weight of greed and selfishness. There will be no more oppression either military or political or ideological, it can only be achieved under DIVINE GUIDANCE. Listen to the voice of a humble Christian.

Shabbir Akhtar.

Shabbir's Mission

WHAT is driving that good man, Shabbir Akhtar? What will he be attempting next?

In the aftermath of the attack upon the World Trade Centre on 11th Sept. 2001, he had already anticipated the dangers of Christo-Muslim confrontation, and his closely argued treatise upon *The Linking Faiths of Jesus and Mohammed* was then in print, as a guiding light to adherents of both great religions that despite the gulf in culture and observances, they were not mutually incompatible. They needed each other, they needed those deeper appreciations and understandings, if they were to thwart the anarchical designs of evil forces planning to benefit from the ensuing Armageddon.

Shabbir was restive after that holocaust which the Americans would call Nine Eleven. He felt he must do more, and in March 2004 he produced *Jesus and his Twin Flock*, in which, by close reference to the Christian scriptures and the lessons of his own Holy Qur'an, he saw a meeting of minds within those two great prophets.

Jesus, in His earthly mission during the days of Imperial Rome, made only vague reference to those who would follow, but arriving some six centuries later, Mohammed could be more explicit, and giving us the benefit of his own researches, Shabbir is in no doubt that the godheads of Christianity and Islam shared a mutual respect and common origin.

BUT what of those many millions of other believers who have managed to live moral and useful lives through adherence to other godheads who in the Christian and Islamic worlds were little known? By returning to his scriptures, Shabbir claims that he can embrace them all.

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Introduction

According to common beliefs, all religions spread to a common origin.

Islam, Christianity and Judaism in their original manuscripts do not contradict, conflict or antagonise at any stage, neither in ideology nor in practicality. Over the centuries various traditional, personal; admonitions and worldly attractions have literalised the divine teachings leading to diversification of the revealed messages, in such a way that an ordinary believer is confused. Christianity and Judaism were much more affected by these impurities.

So much so very outstanding reconsolidating believes in all three religions (Islam, Christianity and Judaism), have been badly masked. It happened because of strong doubts; misconceptions, misunderstandings and overzealous enforcement of ones own ideas, without referring to the original manuscripts (Qur'an, Bible & Torah). Every single verse revealed by Almighty Allah is for the true welfare of the mankind.

Divine guidance has delivered similar messages and commandments to all the authentic faiths. Before embarking on comparisons of the original sources, one must grasp the historical backgrounds of the communities where and when the revelations took place. Without considering the society or cultural values and revealing the circumstances it is virtually impossible to understand the verses without reasonable bias. Divine knowledge was equally respected and privileged by all those who carry the book. The Qur'an says 'The people of the book'. The revelation process was completed through the last messenger of Almighty Allah

I have perfected your religion for you and completed my favour onto you and have chosen for you the religion Al-Islam.

(Al-Ma'idah 5:3)

Abraham is described as a Muslim in the Qur'an and invites all those who believe to come to the common understanding of the Divine message.

The Qur'an clearly instructs its believers to adhere to the teachings of Moses and Jesus and the other prophets who all delivered the same message as the last prophet of God.

In the early days of Islam the lives of the believers were made very miserable by the Quraish of Makka. The Prophet of Islam Muhammad (p.b.u.h.) instructed Muslims to emigrate to Habsha, the kingdom of a Christian ruler Najashi to seek asylum. The Quraish of Makka chased them and requested the king to hand them over. In response the King asked the Muslims what are Qur'anic teachings about Jesus (p.b.u.h.)?

The leader of the Muslims emigrants Jaffer Bin abu Talib recited few verses from *Sura Maryam* and when he finished the recitation King Najashi and other Christian scholars present in his court were filled with tears in their eyes. The Najashi testified the truth of the Islam and permitted them to stay in his country, giving a curt reply to the Quraish for not turning them back.

The Qur'an still invites all believers to seek the right path and deny the transgression for the eternal prosperity and success. Man-made laws have dragged mankind to destruction, ruthlessness and tyranny. Humanity must now return to divine orders as bestowed by Almighty Allah for prosperity, peace and justice in this world, and eternal success in the hereafter. This is only possible by absolute subjugation to Almighty Allah and the teachings of prophets (p.b.u.t.).

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Divine Guidance

Never before in history has man been so ruthless, arrogant and ignorant as in present day. Man has waged war with his fellow human beings on the basis of ideology or nationalism. But today's modern civilised man is waging war with the Creator. Although Pharaoh took the same route in a limited way, the present Pharaoh wants to control not only the entire globe and the necessities of human life but also life and death itself. Death is far too sure. Every individual has to die one day no two human differ on this fundamental reality, even a believer and disbeliever do not disagree on this issue. Might has never been right except the might of the Creator. Once again human might will have to surrender to the might and justice of the Almighty.

Each one of us is heading towards our graves yet no one takes it seriously enough to find out the realities of life itself. Is there life after death? If so, are we answerable for our deeds? Do we have to submit to the "New World Order" or is there a "Divine World Order" obligatory for all humanity?

The word of God "The Holy Bible" and the last and final word of God "The Holy Qur'an" have answered all these questions. There is a way forward for the unity of faith by following the true teachings of all the prophets. None of them differ to one another, they all proclaimed unity and equality for all humanity.

Even for those who take for granted the quotation of Jesus to "Preach my Gospel to the entire world" they must not be confused. It certainly meant for them to struggle for the creation of the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth.

It must not be equated with the gospel of Paul who used Jesus' name to preach his own gospel of freedom from legalism and Jesus' blood washing away all sins.

Jesus never made any such claims. His claim was for the creation of the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth for the purpose that the true and sincere

Christian can come forward and change society according to Divine Guidance.

Faith in Unity

Divine knowledge has been travelling through the passages of time, although the Torchbearers have changed. This knowledge came through Adam, Noah, Abraham, Moses, Jesus and Mohammed, the last Messenger of God, (p.b.u.t.). The common belief is that Judaism, Christianity and Islam are three different religions, but if we study the Torah, the Bible and the Qur'an, we come to the Conclusion that it is the same Divine Knowledge passing from one prophet to another.

Let us see some examples. The "unbelievers" of Mecca had substantial doubts about Mohammed (p.b.u.h.) being a prophet, and always asked awkward questions to test his Divine Knowledge. For that purpose they contacted Jewish and Christian scholars and sought their help with difficult questions which could be put to Mohammed (p.b.u.h.) and which he would not be able to answer. They told them to pose three specific questions:

(1). *Who were the young Companions of the Cave, how long did they sleep, and what happened to them?*

(2). *Who was the mysterious man who met Moses and imparted a unique knowledge of the paradoxes of life?*

(3). *Who was Zuiqarnain "the two-horned one", and what important task did he perform?*

(The above parables were in their holy books, and they wanted to test the Divine Knowledge of Mohammed. They told them that if he was a prophet, he would know of all these events - and if otherwise, he would not know of any.)

The Quraish of Mecca ("the Unbelievers") asked these questions, and Mohammed gave them the following answers:

(1). *The young sleepers were the Ashab-E-Kahf They fled from the Tyrant King sought refuge in a cave, and slept there for a long period of time.*

When they awoke they thought this had been for an hour or so. But the actual time span was over three centuries.)

Research by the scholars indicates that this cave is situated near the Turkish city of Azmir, at a town called Afsoos and nearby village called Ayasolok. The cave is on the nearby mountain. It still contains many graves.

(2). Khizar was the One who taught paradoxical lessons to Moses and increased his spiritual knowledge. (Al-Kahf 18:60-82)

Research shows that they met at the junction of the Gulfs of Akaba and Suez.

(3). Zulqarnain was an old Persian king who travelled to the East, to the West and then to the North, and built a strong wall to protect the local people from Yog Magog. (Al-Kahf 18:83-110).

Research shows this wall was built by the Persian King Korash Kabir, who also built a strong wall in the North towards the Qafqaz Mountain Pass, (at the borders of modern-day Turkey, Iran and Russia) and put a heavy padlock on the iron gates. This wall still exists, although Zalqamain told them it would perish with the passage of time. (The Qur'an relates all of these parables as a continuation of the same Divine Knowledge imparted by the earlier prophets.)

O People of the Book! There has come to you Our Messenger, revealing to you much that you hide in the Book, and passing over much that is now necessary. There has come to you from Allah a new light and perspicuous Book with which Allah guides all who seek His good pleasure to the ways of peace and safety. He leads them out of darkness by His Will unto the light. He guides them to a path that is straight.

(Al-Maidah 5:15-16)

Divine Law is the same law coming from Adam right up to Mohammed (p.b.u.h.). All these religions are but one religion, preached by different prophets during different times. Through the Qur'an we know of Adam, Abraham, Noah, Moses, John the Baptist (Yahya), Jesus, Isaac, Ishmael and others.

Divine Law, instead of man-made laws, must come to rule the entire world. There is no contradiction between the teachings of Moses, Jesus and the Qur'an. All the prophets invited mankind into the enlightened path of Almighty God - the only way to create Peace and Justice in this world.

Ideological Conflict

To praise God and acknowledge His Greatness by glorifying God, asking Him for favours and thanking Him for kindness is the sole purpose of the creation of human beings. However the most important thing is to obey God so that The Law given by God becomes the Law of the land. This remains the only way to get rid of corruption and to put an end to evil. It opens the gate to forgiveness and equality, it guarantees peace and salvation at the same time. The Kingdom of God remains the other name for this concept that was introduced by Jesus two millennia ago.

In the Holy Qur'an it is stated :

“If they had observed the Torah and the Gospel and that which was revealed unto them from their Lord, they would surely have been nourished from above them and from beneath. Among them there are people who are moderate, but many of them are of evil conduct.”

(Al-Maidah 5:66)

Man has been designated as vicegerent of God on earth with some responsibilities and duties, and also been granted the most perfect body and qualities in order to fulfil these obligations. The faculties bestowed on him have been granted to be used in such a way that the obligations and responsibilities are fulfilled in the best possible way. The human body is an instrument rather than a prison for the soul unlike some religious sects that have mislead their followers. The spiritual enhancement of the soul seems connected with how well man uses his abilities for the betterment of the society.

With the collective abilities and resources given to man in order to fulfil the duties that fall upon humanity, as the vicegerent of God, (according to his God-given nature) man has developed social, economical, political and cultural institutions to facilitate life; and if there is a chance of spiritual acceleration in this life, it is through using these abilities to do the best man can to establish the Kingdom of Heaven rather than the mundane pursuits and indulging in some spiritual meditation. There is no room for negligence and isolation; irresponsible behaviour is not desirable. The way to spiritual development for man leads through the materialistic world and as the vicegerent of God, man is answerable to God about the use of his abilities to fulfil his obligations as ordained by God; according to His Will. Man is to seek God's pleasure and choose the right path of loving behaviour with fellow humans, as decreed by God, for both his individual good and the good for all humanity. The more man struggles and strives to achieve this end, the more he will be entitled to God's approval and spiritual enhancement. On the contrary, the lazier and negligent or rebellious he is towards his duties, the more he will be subject to God's wrath and spiritual decline.

This interpretation makes it quite clear and obvious that a God-conscious man may be just as worldly and materialistic as a 'worldly man', however the essence of both their activities are different. A 'Godly man' will be as busy and indulge in international politics or local business as a 'worldly man'. The means and ends in his activities will be from a totally different perspective and that will be to strive to please God. A worldly man will act upon his instinct of greed and selfishness in his ways to dominate the world, while the man of faith will follow the light of divine guidance for the betterment of all. The 'worldly man' will finish at the point of the man-made "New World Order" while the struggle of the believer will be to uphold "The Divine World Order" as prescribed in the last and final revelation to mankind, which is the destiny of all humanity. "The Kingdom of Heaven".

"But in vain they do worship me, teachings for doctrine the commandment of men".

(Matthew 15:9)

The Search for Truth

The creator, ruler and the true sustainer of the universe has made the system of the whole universe so co-ordinated that no one thing, whether from the smallest particle to the largest planet, can deviate from the path ordained by the God Almighty. The angels, (messengers of God) who serve diligently to run this whole system, perform their duties conscientiously. Therefore, we do not see any asymmetry anywhere in the working of the universe. There is coordination everywhere and there is no conflict or inconsistency. The sun, air and water cannot rebel or disobey. It is only Mankind who has been given a freewill within certain bounds, which he has illegitimately manipulated and turned the whole world into chaos to fulfil his own mean desires.

Despite the disobedience and rebellion on the part of human beings, God the Almighty sent one after the other approximately one hundred and twenty four thousand prophets to show Mankind to the right path and hence make arrangements for their reformation. All of the things that we see around us, have been created to benefit Mankind and how we manage and use these resources can be found in the divine message from God through his prophets, but if we do not follow it we can never have justice, fairness and peace on Earth.

In the whole scheme of divine guidance the prophets of God the Almighty have never opposed one another, rather each of them preached about the oneness of God, praying to the same God, obeying the message brought by previous prophets and preparing for the day of judgement. Given this fact that the prophets delivered the one and the same message of God it was their followers, in pursuit of their own man made agendas, of their self-made religious beliefs who put the prophets forward as if they were opposed to each other, but also laid the foundation of factionalism which led to the division of the followers of these same prophets into several factions. Now, the only way forward is to find the Divine Guidance by leaving aside all the prejudices and to reconstruct the human society according to the system devised by God the Almighty and rejecting man-made systems.



Return of the World Saviour (Jesus)

There are many attributes of Jesus (p.b.u.h) distinguishing him from other prophets, the most important one being that he proclaimed his prophet hood while he was in the cradle. That at the age of 33 years, he would be raised up to Heaven and will come back to earth again and destroy all worldly devilish systems. His name and his character was mentioned before his birth, when the angels said, "Mariyam, your Lord gives good news of a Word from Him. His name is the Messiah, Isa, son of Mariyam of high esteem in the world and the hereafter, and one of those brought near".

When the Almighty gave good tidings of the birth of Jesus to Maryam, He also informed her that he would speak clearly while he was still in his cradle, and also when fully grown, and will be one of the righteous.

(Ali-Imran 3:36)

Thus the Almighty made things easier for Mariyam and provided the true explanation to the people through the words of Jesus (p.b.u.h). The Almighty provided comfort to Maryam and inspired her not to speak with her people but to point to Jesus, when they approached her and attempted to make accusations. She pointed to the new born to speak for himself. They were astonished "How can a baby in the cradle speak". He said, "I am the slave of Almighty. He has given me the Book and made me a prophet. He has blessed wherever I am and directed me to do prayers and pay poor due as long as I live, and show devotion to my mother".

(Maryam 19:29-32)

Jesus very successfully promoted the Kingdom of Heaven but it was the failure of the people at large and the pre-mature confrontation caused by the betrayal of one of his chosen disciples. The Almighty then raised him up to Heaven alive. Muhammad (p.b.u.h.) the last Messenger of the Almighty, has also given the glad tidings of the return of Jesus.

"By the One in Whose hand is my self, definitely the son of Maryam will soon descend among you as a just judge, and he will break the cross, kill the pig and abolish *jizya*, and wealth will be so abundant that no one will accept it, until a single prostration will be better than the world and everything in it."

(Sahih al-Bukhari)

The appointed and long expected saviour will face a similar situation to that which he faced the first time. The difference this time will be that the majority of Muslims will stand by him. They will not desert him and for their sincere devotion they will qualify for the support of God the Almighty and His angels. As far as Christians are concerned there is no sign of them standing by Jesus: even next time around? Just like Judas Iscariot who betrayed Jesus for similar reasons, he knew that Jesus had the backing of God the Almighty and His angels and he supposed that Jesus would retaliate against his arrest and destroy the Roman Empire with the help of Angels. This is what present Christians have in their minds. God does not approve such easy goings - the believers have to be tested first.

Without considering the text, and its context, the mislead followers of Jesus derived wrong conclusions such as being respectful towards all worldly governments, even if they are wicked and oppressors of fellow human beings. This kind of attitude was the only reason for the failure of the Kingdom of Heaven two millennia ago. There are different domains for each domain to remain in its boundaries - one is Anti-Christ and the other is Pro-Christ. In the situation of paying tribute to Caesar, Jesus (p.b.u.h.) clearly explained by showing tolerance but ultimately it was the Domain of Caesar that did not allow "unto God the things that are God's". Therefore the Heavenly Domain and the Worldly Domain are bound to clash, those people who themselves stand up and struggle for the Heavenly Domain for them only the Almighty will enforce His Kingdom.

The present system is decaying very fast and it is on the verge of collapse. Islam is the only real contestant to fill the vacuum. Christianity and Judaism have already accepted secularism as their new religion. A tiny minority amongst the Christians realise these shortcomings. While

the Muslims are the only community well informed about the future events. The last prophet and the messenger of the Almighty, who, according to Jesus was “The sprit of truth” which means “*as-saadiq al ameen*”, a title given to Muhammad (p.b.u.h.) by his opponent Arabs before he proclaimed his prophet-hood, informed his followers in 30 different narrations about the return of Jesus (p.b.u.h.). The Muslims lead the way to live by these divine superior values and will defeat all the systems that deny Divine guidance. They will render corrupted ideologies invalid. The saviour, who will take mankind from the “darkness to the light”, and the religion of Islam are one and the same. Jesus in person, and Islam as system, will rule the world one day as it is written in all previous scriptures and in the final word of God – The Glorious Qur’an.

Undeniable Truth

Jesus Christ is undoubtedly one of the most respected messengers of God who was sent to guide humanity. He preached the gospel of abandoning man-made laws and customs in favour of God’s Law to establish the Kingdom of God on earth. The Qur’an testifies to these facts in *Surah Aal-Imran*, where it states that the Lord gathered the souls of all His messengers and took a covenant from them:

...Saying: “I give you a Book and Wisdom; then comes to you a messenger, confirming what is with you; do ye believe in him and render him help.” [God] said: “Do ye agree, and take this my Covenant as binding on you?” They said: “We agree.” He said: “Then bear witness, and I am with you among the witnesses.”

(*Aal-Imran 3: 81*)

Thus all the prophets desired that they be the ones who “believe and render help” to the Prophet coming, to confirm what was already with them. This honour also fell to Jesus Christ. His second coming will fulfil the Covenant in that he will believe in and help the Prophet Muhammad, who came after him and who confirmed Jesus’ teachings to establish the Will of God on earth, which Jesus had preached throughout his life.

Hallowed be thy name,
Thy Kingdom come,
Thy Will be done
As in heaven so on earth...

It is tragic that the Jews at the time of Jesus, due to their own interests, neither recognised nor honoured the noble personage of Jesus Christ, nor did they heed his mission. The fact that those who recognised him and followed his mission jettisoned his teachings in favour of following a self-styled prophet is even more tragic. (Surely this was not all of his followers.) It is alarming to see how those who set themselves against the teachings of Jesus became closely allied with those who swore allegiance to him.

Jesus kept reminding Peter to uphold his teachings and to guide people.

“Simon Son of John do you truly love me”
“Yes Lord, you know that I love you”

Three times Jesus repeated this same question. This was very important to Jesus that he repeated three times, “Do you truly love me, take care of my sheep”

Jesus categorised those who followed Divine Law as ‘Sheep’ and those who follow man made laws as ‘Goats’

Jesus informed and cautioned about someone else who would take the lead. (See *John 21:18*)

Peter was his last hope to maintain his teachings. Peter was very particular in eating only pure food permitted by Divine Law. He did not follow any man-made traditions. But later on he gave in to man-made tradition that all food is clean. To belittle the Divine law whether it is circumcision or pure food, ultimately leads to total disobedience and there is no end to it.

There is a lesson to learn from history. Those who truly love Jesus must think twice who they are following and whom they are pleasing.

Because peace without justice is never achievable as long as there are those who are ready to lay down their lives by following the example of Jesus - never to accept oppression. The best way to follow Jesus is to abolish man made-laws, based not on Divine Guidance, but to accept Jesus and his teachings and be his sheep or otherwise face the consequences of corruption, bloodshed and violence.

It is indeed a mystery how the 'sacred cow' of the state of Israel - nurtured by those who chose to ignore the teachings of Jesus - could be supported by those who claim to follow the teachings of Jesus in every detail.

To understand this mystery, we have to go back and examine what Jesus said to Peter, that in his youth, he would work and endure a lot of hardship, he would guide people, but in his old age he would lose hope and be guided by a self-styled apostle. That is how the divine path shown by Jesus was systematically diverted according to the wishes of Saint Paul - divine law being replaced by man-made law; making things like alcohol, pork and usury which were clearly prohibited in the scriptures, acceptable and lawful, all in the name of the Gospel of Grace, trapping not only the Christian world in these vices but spreading them throughout the globe. Those who did not want Jesus' mission to reach fruition succeeded in diverting it to achieve their own ends to the extent that they can create a common cause: indeed, birds of a feather flock together.

Man-Made Law versus Divine Law

Man-made laws cannot persuade a person to obey on the basis of morality. People obey it as long as it suits them. The moment there is a conflict of interest man made laws prove fragile and vanish like thin air. Stoning to death is a divine law with the best of knowledge about human nature. The Creator of the universe prescribed it for the betterment of the society. Muslims did not invent it; one can trace it back to the time of Moses. Even Jesus did not reject, but wisely applied

it. The secular western media only targets Muslims for their commitment to obey God believing that He is all Knowing, all Wise.

To judge the divine law without considering all the other aspects (some are known to us and some are hidden from our own eyes) correct judgement is not possible. The prophets of God were made aware of such hidden realities. For this reason none of the prophets deviated from this Divine law. This law had done no harm to society. It proves an antidote and remedy for evil desires. It has so many precautions and prudences that there is hardly any chance of executing any man or a woman.

The very first precaution is that you must create a God-loving and God-fearing society to eliminate the drugs and obscenity from the society. The society must be aware of its responsibility towards its fellow human beings, with the maturity of the society, the uplift of their inner soul to obey the Creator. Divine laws are applied one by one according to the degree of the corruption of the society. It would be unjust to impose Divine laws on a society without taking care of the evils existing in the society. After these precautions there is very little chance for anyone to go astray and indulge oneself in an inhumane, ignoble and antisocial act of adultery, rape and murder.

A good example is that Divine Law requires four eyewitnesses to prove some one guilty of adultery. The condition of coming forward of four eyewitnesses makes it almost impossible to charge some one for adultery. This is the reason that almost during one thousand years of the domination of this law in Islamic world not a single case has been brought in any court of law. People having spiritual uplift have no appetite to spy on others. If at all, any case happened in the early days of Islamic rule. It was not society dragging some one to the court.

It was the dignity of a God loving and God fearing person to offer himself for purification through severe punishment that ultimately made him or her worthy of kingdom of heaven. It is not a bad transaction, it is rather a great achievement. Jesus encouraged people to settle their shortcomings in this world rather than suffer the eternal punishment in the life hereafter.

“Woe to the world because of the things that cause people to sin! Such things must come, but woe to the man through whom they come! If your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life maimed or crippled than to have two hands or two feet and be thrown into eternal fire. And if your eye causes you to sin, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than to have two and be thrown into fire of hell”
(*Matthew 18:7-9*)

The champions of the secular law and their modern society consider Divine Law as barbaric. Their claim is that man-made laws have made the world a better place. They link every evil to Islamic society. Whereas the Islamic society are the only people who have the ability to expose their evil designs. At present the Islamic society is caught up between the planted rulers imposed by western powers. Now both in the Islamic world and western society people are beginning to realise the root cause of their miseries. It is none other than the corrupt political leaders who have paralysed the sincere religious leaders and all those who wish to change society and get rid of the hegemony of western state power that are promoting obscenity, homosexuality, drugs and all sorts of corruption including state terrorism. How much more will society have to suffer the murders of innocents such as Jessica Chapman and Holly Wells. If you analyse the cause of these crimes you will find the man made laws behind all these crimes. Divine law is the remedy and the only way to attain piety.

Finality of Divine Revelation

Our Christian brothers have failed to keep the teachings of Jesus intact in their original form. The Bible testifies that to keep a record of all his teachings would have required many libraries. Most of his teachings have been lost and what is left, Christians have considerable difficulty in explaining. For instance, according to Jesus, John the Baptist is greater than all those born of a woman.

It is true that Jesus is more than a Prophet, and all Muslims believe that

to be the case. However what Christians mean by “more than a Prophet”, they have great difficulty explaining. Whereas the Muslims distinguish between Prophets of God (*Anbiyaa*, sing. *nabi* - some 124,000 were sent) and Messengers of God (*Rusul*, sing. *rasool*: only 313 of the Prophets were elevated to this rank).

Muslim traditions inform us that five of these Messengers were ranked higher still, namely Noah, Abraham, Moses, Jesus and Muhammad (p.b.u.t.). John the Baptist being the last of the Prophets is greater than all the Prophets but not the Messengers. Hence his status is lower than the 313 Messengers.

Muhammad (p.b.u.h.) forbade that he be compared with other Prophets and Messengers. He did not like people mentioning the name of Jonah in such a way that Jonah should look inferior to him. The Holy Qur'an also forbids differentiation between the Prophets of God. It is not for us to decide their position. We have to seek Divine Guidance from them, but not to judge their status.

To seek guidance, we must go back in history. First of all we should turn for guidance and look to Noah (p.b.u.h.), one of the five prominent Messengers, and seek His guidance. We fail to find any trace of Noah's teachings. The case with Abraham is no different. Only a few historical events can be traced in the Old Testament: not enough to guide humanity in all the issues it faces.

When we look at Moses we find a great deal of Divine Guidance: the famous Ten Commandments are very useful for establishing the correct relationship between man and his Creator. But there are three setbacks. One is that when Almighty God delivered the guidance to Moses and the Tribes, human society was essentially tribal. The guidance was for the Israelites: it did not fulfil universal human needs. Secondly, the tribal preference of the Israelites was temporary and conditional: when they failed to live up to the criteria, finally rejecting Jesus, they could no longer be considered to be favoured by the Lord. Thirdly, instead of admitting their shortcomings, they simply used the scriptures for material gains and to maintain their status of being the Chosen People. It is difficult to see how guidance that has come through this channel

could be used by the whole of humanity.

When we turn to Jesus we find that Jesus emphasised the upholding of The Law and preserved the established teachings of the Prophets, with additions to guide people and prepare them to work for the Kingdom of Heaven. The time for universal guidance was fast approaching but it was not there quite yet. Consequently, Jesus never declared himself to be the final Messenger of God. Instead, he paved the way for what was to follow: the finality of Divine guidance. He said that he had many things to say to his followers, but they could not comprehend them yet. Christians cannot convince people without producing his original, unaltered teachings. The Christians must have known what Jesus wanted to tell them. If they could produce in black and white what exactly and precisely he did not tell them while he was with them, their case could be considered. Since these teachings are not available, Divine Guidance from the perspective of Jesus remains incomplete.

The Bible says that God is not the author of confusion. When we look upon the finality of Divine Guidance, we find that God did not bestow on Abraham his son Isaac until he was almost 100 years old. God had granted Abraham his first-born son Ishmael when Abraham was 86 years old. If God had intended that Divine Guidance remain in the progeny of Isaac, why was he, not Abraham's first-born son? Why create confusion by proclaiming Ishmael to be the seed of Abraham, which is well established by the Bible? The recorded story of the sacrifice of Abraham's son, as mentioned in the Bible calls him his "only begotten son". It was Ishmael who was Abraham's only begotten son until the birth of Isaac. At no stage could Isaac be called Abraham's "only begotten son".

Somehow, Ishmael's name was replaced by that of Isaac (p.b.u.t.). This change has blurred the straight path. The command of circumcision clarifies that Abraham was 99 years old when both events took place, that is before the birth of Isaac. This was unacceptable to those who wanted to establish their superiority over others merely on the basis of their lineage - their connection with the Father of the Nations through his son Isaac. It seems they had no qualms about changing or altering the truth to suit their needs.

One must get down to the bottom line of the scriptures for instance "court of gentiles" (*Mark 11:15-19*) and in earlier scripture it is recorded "Thus says the Lord God who gathers the outcasts of Israel I will gather others to them besides those already gathered" (*Isaiah 56:8*).

Jesus was aware of the earlier scripture with a clear vision of the final plan of God Almighty. He was reluctant to extend his ministry for the reason that without the establishment of the finality of divine scripture any extension would produce negative results. He made it clear that he would provide help on his second appearance as proclaimed "And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold them also I must bring and they shall hear my voice and there shall be one fold and one shepherd" (*John 10:16*).

Jesus did not authorise Paul to bring in the goats instead of sheep and spoil the whole flock. It was a premature and serious step taken by St.Paul for which he had no authority. Neither God nor Jesus introduced or authorised St.Paul to take control of divine guidance. All his teachings are null and void without the confirmation of Jesus. "Jesus is the way the truth and the life", so is every prophet of God. They all are one in purpose with one mission to establish the Will of the Creator.

Jesus claimed that he was only sent for the lost sheep of Israel. Was he wrong in the first place? Definitely not. The reason for not exceeding his ministry was that the finality of Divine scripture had yet to come, when God would put His words into the mouth of the last messenger of God. Thus he will address the whole of mankind to fulfil the prophecy of the earlier scripture.

"I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brethren, I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. And whoever will not hearken unto to my words, which he shall speak in my name; I myself will require it of him."

(Deuteronomy 18:18-19)

To analyse the prophecy it means the prophet shall repeat the same

words without any change or interpretations. He shall follow the command as words put into his mouth for him only to repeat. "He shall speak to them all" means that the command will be universal to all human beings.

Here is an example how God puts words in the mouth of the last prophet :

"Say (O prophet) what thing is of most weight in testimony? Say: God is witness between you and me, that I may warn therewith you and whomsoever it may reach. Do you indeed bear witness that there are gods besides the Almighty? Say: I bear no such witness. Say: He is the only One God. Lo! I am innocent of that which you associate (with Him).

(Al-An'am 6:19)

Regarding its universal message for all human beings in pursuit of the finality of divine scripture, following is the example :

Say "O mankind I am Rasul (messenger) to all of you from God Almighty. To Him belongs the kingdom of heavens and of the Earth. None is to be worshiped except Him. He gives life and causes death. Believe in God and His Ummi Rasul (unlettered messenger) who only believes in God and His Words. So follow him that you may be guided.

(Al-A'raf 7:158)

In the above verses of the Qur'an, Ummi Rasul (unlettered messenger) is mentioned. This is to fulfil yet another prophecy of the earlier scripture.

"And the book (HOLY QUR'AN) is delivered to him that is not learned, saying, read this, I pray thee: and he sayeth I'm not learned"

(Isaiah 29:12)

This is the exact dialogue between the Angel Gabriel and prophet Muhammad when Gabriel asked him to read the first revelation of the Quran :

"Read: in the name of thy lord who createth"

(Al-'Alaq 96:1)

The prophet said :

"I'm not learned"

Surely these prophecies are not about Jesus. Why people are reluctant to accept the whole truth as Jesus himself said, "Howbeit when he, the spirit of truth is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will show you things to come."

Accepting the whole truth is the answer put forward by Jesus. Jesus is not saying "I shall guide you into all truth." But he refers to the same unlettered messenger who does not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak. With all these clarifications in the New and Old Testaments Judaism and Christianity appear to have abandoned the divine guidance. They are not following the command of God that leads to only one facet religion.

"Full well ye reject the commandment of God that you may keep your own tradition."

(Mark 7:9 and Matthew 15:3)

Man made liberal secular system has taken away peace and justice from humanity. Alcohol, obscenity, monetary scandals and moral scandals are a routine. Murder, rape theft and burglary are some of the gifts of secular, liberal man-made laws. I request to the Jews and the Christians to get rid of man-made laws and man-made religions, which teaches sectarianism.

Every community has some God-conscious people amongst them. There are some righteous Jews denouncing dominant tyrant Israelites. They condemn and criticise the aggressive and murderous actions of the state of Israel. Those who control the policies of the Israeli state are not following Divine Guidance. They are going against the teachings of the prophets, which, creates separation and develops sectarianism. Jesus said to the Jews, "If you had believed in Moses' teachings you would have believed in me." A true Divine Scripture does not allow drawing of boundaries between the prophets but takes them all in one fold.

No doubt Judaism and Christianity are historical religions. The question is about their authenticity. Had Judaism remained in the same form as Moses taught to the Jews there was no need for Jesus to criticise them. Christianity's claim of their relationship to God as evolving through time, guided by the intercession of the Holy Spirit of God "*the paraclete*", has not solved the basic fundamental principles. There are several different denominations and each of them speaks with a different voice. Surely this is not the guidance of "*the paraclete*" as each one of them claim to be guided by the spirit of God.

Reconciliation between the Abrahamic faiths is only desirable during the interim period, but it is not the goal. The goal is the unity of the faith that is achievable by honouring the teachings of Jesus who clearly opposed Judaism and did not leave any room for the concept of freedom from legalism. These are the two man-made additions in Abrahamic faith that need purification.

Jews and Christians are not clear about the personality of Jesus Christ. Jews are looking for a Christ who should help them to dominate the world on the basis of superior race. Jesus refuted their claim for which Jews turned against him. They do not even consider him a righteous person let alone be a prophet of God.

On the other hand Christians do not speak with one voice about the personality of Jesus. Most of them are misguided because they ignore the teachings of Jesus. Those who claim to follow Jesus have fallen into three categories:

The Jews, who accepted Jesus, sincerely followed him and kept his command. Jesus honoured them for their commitment.

The gentile brought in the fold by St. Paul ignored the divine command on St. Paul's suggestion while Jesus strictly instructed to keep the command for this kind, Jesus will profess unto them, "I never knew you: depart from me", these are not the sheep Jesus will be looking for.

The gentiles brought in the fold of divine guidance by the last prophet of God. Clarifying the true position of Jesus. He explained to them the re-appearance of Jesus

who will succeed to establish the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth with their support. These are the sheep Jesus spoke about that there shall be one fold and one shepherd.

Neither God nor Jesus nor any other prophet of God allows anyone to interfere in the one and only true divine religion of Almighty :

"It is easier for Heaven and Earth to pass away, than for one dot of the law to become void" Humanity can create peace and justice by following divine laws. Based on love of God and fear of God. That is revealed in the final message the Holy Quran.

The problem is that whatever legitimacy, evidence and proof put forward to the Jews about Jesus Christ they are determined to reject. Similar is the case with Christians about the evidence and proofs in favour of the last prophet. The prophecy under discussion is claimed by Christians in favour of Jesus but they do not produce any proof. Not a single verse in the Bible to match the challenge with its twin characteristics. They have not opened their hearts to judge indiscriminately.

Once I asked a Christian brother to read out a passage about Jesus in the Holy Quran. When he finished reading it, I asked him if he had any objections to it. He said yes the word Allah should not be there. They have the sort of jealousy about two most beautiful and merciful words - "Allah" and "Muhammad". I suggest that until they are acquainted with these words they should study the Holy Quran by replacing these words as "God" for Allah and "The Last Prophet" for Muhammad. Because jealousy dies hard, once familiar with these words one will regret his earlier behaviour, which kept him away from reality.

To extend the ministry of Jesus based on the story of the Canaanite woman, without any clear instruction from Jesus, does not help his mission. St. Paul took advantage of it and broadened out the ministry to all people on his own plan and dispensation. The mission of Jesus - the "creation of the Kingdom of Heaven" went into the background and the banner of the Paul-brand Christianity helped the rulers of the world to create human kingdoms either in the shape of kings, of dictators, or of modern secular democracy. These are all anti-Christ systems, flourishing along with the extended ministry of Jesus. It is time to make

our decision whether we want human kingdom or divine kingdom. Those who claim to love Jesus and obey him must listen to him:

“Full well ye reject the commandments of God that ye may keep your own traditions.”

(Mark 7:9)

“But in vain do they worship me. Teachings for doctrines, the commandments of men.”

(Matthew 15:9)

This is the criterion to find out the true followers of Jesus. The true successors of the Messianic mission know exactly what Jesus did not explain to his disciples, but left for later revelations of divine scriptures in the shape of the holy Qur’an. It is not surprising that amongst all divine scriptures, the holy Qur’an is the only one preserved in its original form and with the guarantee from the Almighty. A very sound proof of the finality of Divine scripture.

“Verily, We, it is We Who have sent down the *Dhikr* (i.e. Qur’an) and surely We will guard it (from corruption)”

(Al-Hijr 15:9)

It is the only book with the characteristics to address the whole of humanity on the basis of universal brotherhood, piety being the basis of superiority.

“O Mankind! We have created you from a male and a female, and made you into nations and tribes, that you may know one another. Verily, the most honourable of you with Allah is that (believer) who has *At-Taqwa* [i.e. he is one of the *muttaqun* (the pious)]. Verily Allah is All-Knowing and All-Aware.”

(Al-Hujurat 49:13)

The same book also declares:

“...This day, I have perfected your religion for you, and have chosen for you Islam as your religion...”

(Al-Ma'idah 5:3)

Furthermore, it warns:

“Truly, the religion with Allah is Islam. Those who were given the Scripture (Jews and Christians) did not differ except out of mutual jealousy, after knowledge had come to them. And whoever disbelieves in the *Aayaat* (proofs, evidences, verses, revelations etc.) of Allah, then surely Allah is Swift in calling to account.”

(Aal-'Imran 3:19)

On the Day of Judgement, what will be our excuse for rejecting this divine guidance, despite its preservation and relevance to human needs?

Basic Change Needed

The modern civilizations whose economic, culture, politics and morals are governing the world today are actually based on the following three principles :

Secularism
Nationalism
Democracy

These three principles are not only wrong and misleading people but they are the main and only cause for all the ills, disturbances and difficulties faced by the human race today.

To counter-balance these principles we need laws, which can appeal to everyone and can be judged by their own conscious.

Submission to God against secularism
Humanity against Nationalism
God's sovereignty controlled democracy against total democracy

All the prophets of God called people to follow the guidance of Almighty God: the only way to create peace and justice in the world. The conflict between Moses and Pharaoh, between Abraham and Nimrod was of this nature. Jesus also called people to the sovereignty of God. It is a mystery to see the followers of Jesus sing hymns in the church and be satisfied that the sovereignty and Will of God has been

established. Jesus had conflicts with so called religious leaders and the Romans. Later on the followers of the last prophet defeated the Romans and created peace and justice in the world.

Once Christians realise the importance of divine law and they agree to struggle for its implementation and domination. They will come out of the legacy of Justification by grace theory. All emotional and mysterious teachings will no longer have a leg to stand on. They will recognise the real, living, Jesus and his teachings. Then they have two options: either to work for Divine law, given to the ex-chosen people; or to look forward and work for the law given to the new chosen people. A code of conduct and a master plan capable of meeting the demands of modern state and society. The law given to Moses does not fulfil the needs of modern society, as it did when mankind was living under a tribal system.

The weakness of the supporters of man-made laws is that they are not sincere to each other. Their unity is based on gaining greater worldly benefits, and for this reason they will betray each other and ultimately disperse, like broken leaves from a tree, in disagreement. Those struggling for divine law and making sacrifices of all kind shall eventually be rewarded. The final victory will be theirs with the grace of God.

Reward is rest for the soul according to Jesus "Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light". The only way for peace and rest to prevail in the world.

Obedience is necessary for the love of God and faith in Jesus and his teachings. Those who follow him in truth and spirit are all righteous people. If the whole truth has not reached them then they should try to reach the whole truth, which is revealed in the last and final word of God - the Holy Qur'an. I am sure that there is no contradiction between the teaching of Jesus and the teachings of the Qur'an. They will find the difference between the yoke of divine law and the yoke of man-made laws. Then it will be easy to understand the true worship of God and understand what Jesus meant "But in vain they worship me."

Just Struggle for a Noble Cause (Jihad)

Scientists and philosophers, using their intellect, can never reach the ultimate realities of human life. The masses by following such people are only entrapped in an illusion.

The Eternal Truth can only be revealed through Divine Guidance. In order to fulfil this need Allah, the Almighty, sent messengers and prophets who were from amongst the human race and who led mankind to the correct path. Mankind, working collectively, may get closer to the truth but attaining the high levels of justice and fairness and then establishing a society at the highest level of *Ihsaan* is not possible for mankind. Those people who believe that it is not practicable to establish such a society, which is based on the principle of justice and fair play and is full of peace and tranquillity, are totally ignorant of the last and final programme of Allah which is enshrined in the Holy *Qur'an*. The message of the Holy *Qur'an* is a message for the establishment of a moderate society which is based on justice and eliminates the Man-Made unjust systems paving the way for real prosperity and development.

Initially the believers were asked to do *Dawa* (leading by word and deed) and preaching work only, so that the Muslims could perform the duty for the reformation of society according to Divine Guidance. So much so that they were advised to be patient, even, if the adversary subjected them to cruelty. When the situation deteriorated to the level where the evil forces became so active as to obstruct the reformation process of establishing a peaceful system of life, and tried to eliminate, by force, those who were trying to reform the existing system of society, only then, the believers were ordered to defend and resist oppression.

There is a well-known incident about the Holy Prophet (p.b.u.h.) himself. He walked along a particular path everyday: an old lady would throw rubbish from above onto him daily. One day the old lady fell ill and could not throw her rubbish on the Prophet (p.b.u.h.). On enquiry the Holy Prophet (p.b.u.h.) came to know that she could not do her deed because she was ill. The Holy Prophet (p.b.u.h.) went to the old lady's home to enquire about her health, on purely humanitarian

grounds. The old lady felt so ashamed for her conduct and having been impressed by the very high moral standards of the Holy Prophet (p.b.u.h.) recited the *Kalima-e-Shahadat* and became Muslim.

When despite this innocent form of *Dawa* and preaching all the ways of working peacefully were eliminated, Muslims were not familiar with revenge or anything else except being patient over the cruelty by their enemy for 14 years. At last Allah the Almighty allowed Muslims to react and to respond with force against force.

Fight in the way of Allah against those who fight against you, but begin not hostilities, Lo! Allah loveth not aggressors.

(*Al-Baqarah 2:190*)

During the Roman oppression Jesus (p.b.u.h.) faced similar scenarios when he noticed all his peaceful efforts fading away. Teachers of Divine Law and Roman soldiers got together and plotted against Jesus to remove him. Knowing that he was the real threat to their political and religious domain. Under these circumstances believers have to play their part therefore, Jesus instructed his true followers to prepare for the future events of confrontation. Then he said unto them:

“But now, he that hath a purse, let him take it and likewise his scrip: and he that hath no sword, let him sell his garment and buy one”.

(*Luke 22:36*)

Evil forces have always been devoid of moral courage. They believe that all kinds of killing and destruction are justifiable on their part, but they do not give the other people, who are on a just path, even the right to defence. Although priority is given to peaceful means for developing a progressive society, accordingly, however it is often observed that evil forces leave no stone unturned to negate these peaceful means, hence to achieve any change in society undue force has to be used.

Many prophets including Moses (p.b.u.h.) and David (p.b.u.h.) struggled for this cause, even the prophet Jesus (p.b.u.h.) indicated similar intentions. Though he did not get a chance to practically struggle for this cause due to being temporarily raised from this world, but He will

return to accomplish his mission. For the adverse mentality of non-believers there is no option left for the believers but to stand up and struggle against oppression of Man-Made ideologies and rules, to liberate human being from such oppression ‘Jihad’ has been prescribed to the believers as a Just struggle to protect their Faith of obedience to their Lord.

To bring change to society one has to develop a subjective change in one’s own character. This is a continuous process that elevates higher morals by developing God-consciousness and passing it on to others. The Almighty has addressed to believers to preach what they themselves practice.

“O you who believe! Why do you say that which you do not do”

(*As-Saff 61: 2*)

Indeed if one is to guard his own soul and make it perform all the righteous deeds and abstain from the evil ones, then there is no doubt that he must call others to the Straight Path and enjoin what is right and forbid what is wrong. In a *hadith* it is recorded:

“When people see evil and do not change it, Allah will be about to send sweeping punishment unto them”.

(Related by Ibn Majah and Ahmad)

To struggle against injustice, can be both individual and collective. It also must be noted Jihad does not mean solely a physical struggle only. Jihad can be fought with words and pen. Which has a lasting effect as it changes a person’s inner self for that he becomes an upholder of good and wards off evil.

Conclusion

Islam arose in the Arabian Peninsula in the seventh century and spread with great energy throughout the known world. The journey that was accomplished in moments prevailed as a world power for centuries; this civilization enlightened the whole world within a generation. It challenged the false division between matters secular and matters

temporal: the affairs of this world and the affairs of God. It sought to unite the two by giving the world the concept that worldly affairs, if conducted according to the commandments of God, are also godly affairs. This division was prominent in Buddhism and Christianity, in Christianity the face value of the teachings of Jesus were changed so much that it barely remained intangible as a religion. Despite of this, the true interpretation of the spiritual and material aspects of human life can still be found in the teachings of Jesus. He presented a society based on justice and brotherhood in the shape of the 'Kingdom of Heaven' to the people. Indeed, all Prophets of God preached the same message: live this life according to the commandments of God; subjugate your will to His will to attain the pleasure of God. Far from encouraging people to abandon this world, the Prophets provided a model of achieving material success within moral boundaries. When man neglects divine guidance, he reaches the extremes of either abandoning the affairs of this world to seek spiritual heights, or plunging headlong into materialism. These two extremes of either a complete and overwhelming materialism or asceticism are sure to lead humanity to a loss, both here and hereafter.

Although Islam did not differentiate between success in the spiritual and temporal domains - requiring believers to strive success both in this world and the hereafter - these concepts suffered severe setbacks after the period of the immediate successors of the Prophet Mohammad: the rightly guided Caliphs. After the days of the pious Caliphs, grave and dire ethical and moral weaknesses began to creep in the characters of the ruling elite and slowly but steadily within the whole of Muslim society. The delicate balance between materialism and spiritualism began to shift. At last natural materialistic development under spiritual guidance was nowhere to be seen. This moral decay has spread in the populace at large: the equilibrium between godliness and materialism shifted in favour of the latter. When materialism was paraded in the garb of spirituality, it was only befitting that The Creator would bestow on those who were true to their cause the fruits of their labour. Thus those who did not pretend to hold any moral high ground, but worked day and night on the affairs of this world, acquired the kingdom of this world; those who were not true to any cause are still roaming aimlessly in the arid deserts. This was the natural outcome, the beacon of

leadership switched hands because of the laws set out by the creator where hypocrisy is ever detested. The new materialistic civilization had a dominant part to play as there was no other group in the arena proclaiming the "Kingdom of God".

This materialistic civilisation very deftly concealed the memorable achievements of the previous millennium, while highlighting the weaknesses of the period. For any shortcomings and weaknesses to the characters of Muslims, fingers were directly pointed towards Islam. Muslim scholars and philosophers were shunned and downgraded. They reverted to Greek logic, philosophy and art for inspiration and used Roman law, politics and administrative structure to lay the foundation of their materialistic civilisation, rather than supporting the intellectual developments of their own scholars.

When the humiliation of Muslims by the materialists in the last century is examined critically, it is evident that the breaking of the covenant with their Lord is one of the principal reasons for their demise. If Muslims succeed in restructuring their society according to the teachings of the Qur'an, there is no reason why the Lord will not also fulfil His pledge and crown their successes.

Even a cursory study of the last few centuries reveals that, in the Western world, the philosophers and scientists were confronted by religious institutions that were a hindrance to progress because their religion did not exist in its original pristine state. A natural consequence of the Church's attempts to thwart progress by imposing its own brand of religiousness upon the people was that they started rebelling against these impositions. In the clash of this rebellion against religion, Charles Darwin presented his famous theory 'On Evolution of Species' which was adopted and applied out of its biological field by this lobby of anti-religionist without putting it through the scientific nets and systems, which form the prerequisites of any scientific discovery. This was how this new civilization based on materialism alone was born and virtually developed anti-religious thinking. What started off as an understandable revolt against religious forces that were hindering human progress culminated with the *carte blanche* acceptance of Darwin's theory of evolution. Those who expounded this theory were not interested in

subjecting it to the rigours of scientific proof, nor in exposing it to tests of logic: rather, they wanted to establish a materialistic society on the foundation of “survival of the fittest”. Religion was presented as the archaic remnants of the old world order, which stood in the way of human progress. All those who believed in any religion reserved it to their private lives.

Whereas scientific thought disarmed religion by employing reason and logic as its main weapons, secularism alienated it from the public arena. Most religions were unable to withstand this onslaught from the modernists, for they could not present any alternatives to the fleetingly persuasive logic of the scientists and the materialists. But science has yet to find a ground to challenge Islam - there is none to be honest. Islam, on the other hand, has a complete code of life based on eternal principals. It not only challenges those who stray from divine guidance, but claims to guide all facets of human life: economic, social, political and spiritual. It is alive and thriving today in its original form, as it was practiced fourteen hundred years ago. Far from considering it archaic, Muslims are proud of the fact that they follow the same religion, in the same way, as the original adherents of the faith. In fact, submission to the Lord (Islam) is the oldest religion, being the faith of Adam and all the prophets who followed him: including Abraham, Jacob, Moses, Jesus and Mohammad (peace be on all of them).

Apart from the simple and straightforward teachings of Islam, what sets it apart from other faiths is that the teachings have been preserved without any editing or any additions to the Qur'an and prophetic traditions. The life of the Prophet Mohammad has been documented with such accuracy and attention to detail that it reads as an open commentary of the Qur'an. This has shut the door to fanciful interpretations of the divine text forever: to understand the Qur'an, one has only to refer to the life and teachings of the Prophet to get the true meaning. Thus preservation of the Qur'an and its interpretation through the life of the Prophet are the unique inheritances of the believing Muslim community. These two characteristics are the very things missing from all other religions.

Although there seems to be a consensus amongst all those who reject divine guidance to enslave mankind in their own philosophies and synthetic beliefs, they have not been able to expunge Islam from the world. In fact, the more they try to eradicate Islam, the more it is taking root in the hearts and minds of the people. More and more people, especially in the West, are curious about the teachings of Islam and many are adopting it as their chosen way of life. It is evident that Islam is not the product of any human mind, but is of divine origin and is destined to conquer the hearts and minds of people in every corner of the world – be it sooner or later.

Here is a declaration from God Almighty :

“They desire to extinguish the light of Allah blowing it with their mouths, but Allah will perfect His light though the disbelievers may dislike it.”

It is He who sent His messenger with guidance and true religion that He may cause it to dominate over all the religions, though the ‘muushrik’ associator may dislike it.”

(As-Saff 61: 8-9)

**Man on his own
can never reach
ultimate truth
without going back
to Divine Guidance**