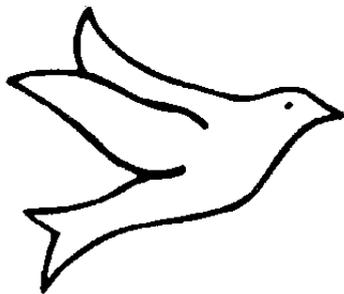




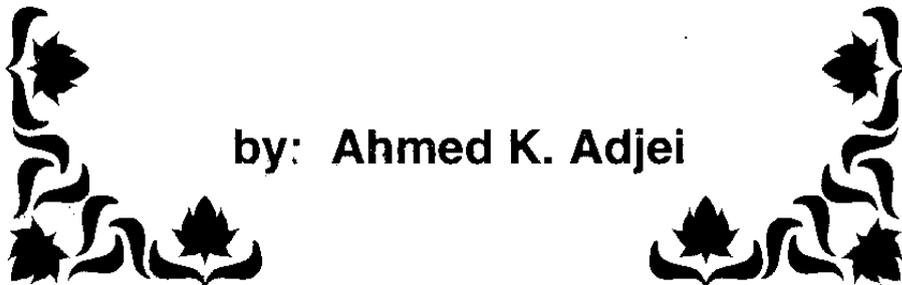
THE HOLY SPIRIT?



OR



MUHAMMAD?



WAS JESUS SPEAKING ABOUT MUHAMMED WHEN HE MENTIONED THE COMFORTER?

1. THE GREAT CONTROVERSY

The Quran contains many statements about Christ Jesus and the Christians, which provide grounds for discussion between Muslims and Christians.

One such statement which has given rise to much controversy is the alleged prophecy, supposed to have been made by Jesus Christ before the birth of Mohammad (PBOH) in Q61:6. It reads "O children of Israel. I am the apostle of God (sent) to you, confirming the Law (which came before me, and giving glad tidings of an apostle to come after me, whose name shall be Ahmad."

قَالَ عِيسَى ابْنُ مَرْيَمَ إِنِّي رَسُولُ اللَّهِ إِلَيْكُمْ مُخْتَلِفًا لِمَا كُنْتُمْ عَلَى آثَارِهِ مِنْ قَبْلُ وَأْتِيَ بِتَاوِيلِ الْآيَاتِ لِيُحْكُمَ لَكُمْ فِي مَا فِيهَا مِنْ أَمْرٍ أَوْ يَذَرَ فِيهَا مَن يَخْتَصِمُ لَكُمْ وَمَا أُرْسِلُ بِكُمْ إِلَّا بِرَحْمَةٍ لَّعَلَّكُمْ تَهْتَدُونَ

The above prophecy does not disclose how the Ahmad shall be conceived, whether it will take the form of Jesus or like the earlier apostles. The latter is much possible, and should be examined in line with that.

After the creation of the first Adam and his wife Eve, all human beings, be they apostles, or whatever, have entered this world through the agency of male and female.

The first Adam could not live for God, but disobeyed Him, and so were all the apostles. They ever sinned in their life time as apostles.

God, realising the failure of these, changed the procedure and brought His Word, through the Power of the Holy Spirit as confirmed by the Quran (21:91). By this way, Satan was subdued by the Word (Jesus) and dealt with the problem of sin once and for all. The First Adam could not remain sinless to the expectation of God, the Second Adam (Jesus Christ) remained Sinless, and perfected the plan of God for man's redemption.

If this same Jesus (the subduer of Satan and sin) should leave this world and prophesy for the advent of someone after him, do you think someone like the earlier prophets would be recommended by him or someone as sinless as him?

Why does God have to revert to the male - female agency to send someone after Jesus, to draw mankind back to the dominion of Satan and sin?

Did God have a purpose for bringing His Word into this world, not through the male - female agency, but by the Holy Spirit? Which agency seems superior in fulfilling the redemptive plan of God?

Does God have a progressive or retrogressive plan for man?

In spite of this, Muslim theologians have linked the alleged prophecy in Q61:6 to what Jesus Christ said in the Gospel of John chapter 14 verse 16. No one dares to question the basis for this linkage.

They claim that the names Ahmad and Muhammad have the same meaning (the Praised One), and it is even possible to include Mahmud. Therefore, the mention of Ahmad specifically in the alleged prophecy, makes it safe to extend its fulfillment to Muhammad (PBOH). By this explanation, then as of necessity, Muhammad must be a prophet even when in the womb, and that might have been known to his parents too. The world is yet to be told which angel appeared to Abdullah and Amina in Mecca before the conception and birth of Muhammad. Was the name Muhammad, given prophetically to the parents of Muhammad?

He who fulfils the alleged prophecy of Q61:6 must be a man not born of male and female agency, through a prophetic conception and with a prophetic name.

Another view has been given to this prophecy of Q61:6. If Muhammad could mean Ahmad, then what of someone called Ahmed?

Bashir Ahmed, the son of Ghulam Ahmad, the founder of Ahmadiyya Movement, said in one of his writings, in support of his father's claim, as the Promised Messiah:

"The one about whom glad tidings were given to the apostles was Ghulam Ahmad and not God's prophet Muhammad. He it is who is meant in God's verse: "Giving tidings of an apostle after me whose name is Ahmad." The reason being that the prophet of God's name was Muhammad and not Ahmad. Therefore it is necessary that the object should be someone other than Muhammad. So here it is clear that the object is Ghulam Ahmad not Muhammad." (Precis of an article by Bashir Ahmed in "Review of Religions" pg. 39-41 and "Alfadl" of August 19, 1916).

Another door of fulfillment is yet opened to someone with the name Mahmud, which also means (the Praised One), like Muhammad and Ahmad.

In order to fulfil Q61:6, Ghulam Ahmad must be a prophetic name, with a prophetic conception before his birth in Qadian.

This great controversy can end only with someone who will come with the name, Muhammad Ahmad Mahmud, embracing all the segments of the Praised One.

Ahmad or Muhammed (The Praised One) is almost a translation of the Greek word "PERICLYTOS" In the Gospel of John Chapter 14:16 and 15:26 and 16:7, the word "COMFORTER" in the English version is for the Greek word "PARACLETOS" meaning "ADVOCATE."

The Muslim Doctors contend that, "PARACLETOS" is a corrupt reading for "PERICLYTOS" and that in the original sayings of Jesus, there was a prophecy about the prophet of Arabia by name Ahmad.

In the light of the above alleged corruption of the Scriptures, it becomes imperative that every truth about the COMFORTER be based on the descriptive roles given by Jesus about the Comforter, rather than on the NAME. This is because, those who contend that there has been a falsification of the NAME, do not have any problem with the nature and functions of the COMFORTER as given by Jesus in the Gospels.

For the sake of truth, the Quran and the Bible will be used as the only reliable sources of reference for information about MUHAMMAD and the COMFORTER, determining whether the nature and works of the COMFORTER benefit MUHAMMAD.

Readers are entreated to see the Quran the way Muslims view it, as a Holy Book, containing the exact words of Allah. Whatever is said about Muhammad in the Quran must therefore be taken as the absolute truth. Any doubt arising thereof, amounts to denial of faith in Allah's word.

2. ANOTHER COMFORTER

We now begin a systematic search through the Quran and the Bible for absolute truths about the "COMFORTER" which Jesus spoke about in the Bible. Let us pray against any Spiritual blindness.

Dear Reader, join me and turn your Bible to the fourteenth chapter of the Gospel of John and read the sixteenth verse (Jn 14:16). "I WILL PRAY THE FATHER, AND HE SHALL GIVE YOU ANOTHER COMFORTER, THAT HE MAY ABIDE WITH YOU FOREVER."

The above statement of Jesus pre-supposes that there has been an earlier Comforter, that is the First Advocate. The First Advocate was Christ Jesus, according to the First Book of John, chapter 2 verse 1. This same Jesus was the word of God (Q3:45, Jn 1:1), who became flesh (Jn 1:14) and dwelt among us to comfort us. Having settled on the first comforter, we shall continue our search for the second Advocate who happens to be the "ANOTHER COMFORTER."

3. THE ETERNAL NATURE

The Muslim Doctors still contend that the pronoun 'HE' used by Jesus in the above verse points to a HUMAN BEING. Unfortunately, Jesus ended his statement by declaring to us that, "'HE' will ABIDE WITH YOU FOREVER." Now without the slightest doubt, Muhammad could not abide with us forever, and his tomb can be reliably located at Medina near Mecca in Saudi Arabia, having died in 632 AD.

This is what the prophet said: "Abdullah b. Amar reported that the Messenger of Allah said: Jesus son of Mary will come down to the world. He will marry and there will be his issue and he will live for 45 years and then die. He will be buried with me

in my tomb. Then I and Jesus son of Mary will stand up in one grave between Abu Bakr and Umar." (Muslim, Abu Daud, Tirmidhi, Ibn Maja).

Even though, the Muslim Doctors further contend that the words of the Comforter still abide with us that is the Quran, it must be clearly noted that, Jesus NEVER said the words of the Comforter would abide with us forever. It was the COMFORTER HIMSELF that Jesus was referring to. More to the point, the words of Quran are not Muhammad's, but those of Allah. Muhammad's words would be found in the HADITH (The sayings of Muhammad). May we have Patience and See the Straight Path. Amen!

4. THE SPIRITUAL NATURE

Jesus throws more light on the nature of the said COMFORTER by qualifying him with the word Spirit (RUH). In John 14 verse 17 and 26 and also John 15 verse 26, Jesus called the COMFORTER as the SPIRIT OF TRUTH (RUH-UL-HAQQ) and the HOLY SPIRIT (RUH-UL-QUDDUS).

On the other hand, nowhere in the Quran does Muhammad refer to himself as SPIRIT (RUH), neither does Allah see him as such. According to Quran 17:93 Muhammad calls himself "A MAN SENT AS MESSENGER" (BASHARAN RASULAN), not a Spirit. "Says (Muhammad), Holy is my Lord. I am but a human being sent as a messenger."

قُلْ إِنَّمَا أَنَا بَشَرٌ مِّثْلُكُمْ

Also in Sura 18:110 in the Quran, Allah commands Muhammad to declare his identity openly and clearly that he is only a mortal like you and me.

قُلْ إِنَّمَا أَنَا بَشَرٌ مِّثْلُكُمْ

Jesus therefore revealed that the COMFORTER is a SPIRIT and not a human being. May we have patience and see the straight way. Amen!

5. THE DIVINE TEACHER

Going back to the Gospel of John, chapter fourteen, let us hear what Jesus again said about the COMFORTER in the twenty-sixth verse. "But the COMFORTER, which is the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, He shall TEACH YOU ALL THINGS, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said to you." We can safely say that the COMFORTER is One who has knowledge of All things.

As we read through the Quran, we come across some verses that reveal facts about the extent of knowledge Muhammad had. Let us read Quran Chapter 17 verse 86.

"They question thee concerning the soul, say, the soul has been granted but LITTLE KNOWLEDGE concerning it."

وَيَسْأَلُونَكَ عَنِ الرُّوحِ قُلِ الرُّوحُ مِنْ
أَمْرِ رَبِّي وَمَا أُوتِيتُمْ مِنَ الْعِلْمِ إِلَّا قَلِيلًا

Muhammad was questioned about the Soul from the above verse and he replied by saying concerning the Soul, I have only a little knowledge about it.

At another place in the Quran, Allah told Muhammad that, "If thou were in doubt as to what we have revealed unto thee, then ask those who have been reading the Book (the Bible) from before thee." Sura 10:94

فَإِنْ كُنْتُمْ فِي شَكٍّ مِمَّا أَنْزَلْنَا إِلَيْكَ فَسْأَلِ الَّذِينَ
بَعَرُوا الْقُرْآنَ الْكِنْبَ مِنْ قَبْلِكَ

In effect, Allah is saying to Muhammad to ask the Jews and the Christians for anything he has doubts about, because they have read the Book (the Bible) and can teach him. It seems surprising at this point that the COMFORTER is rather to be taught instead of teaching us All things.

In another development, during the time of Muhammad, most of the Arabs believed in the existence of Hell and Heaven. One day some people with such belief, who wanted to know their fate in the hereafter, came to Muhammad and inquired from him as to what will happened to them in the hereafter. To the utter dismay of his inquirers, Allah commanded Muhammad to say in Sura 46:9 that, "I am no new messenger, nor do I know what will be done with me or with you."

قُلْ مَا كُنْتُ بِدْعًا مِنْ الرُّسُلِ وَمَا أَدْرِي مَا يُفْعَلُ بِي
وَلَا بِكُمْ

This therefore indicates that Muhammad does not know his fate in the hereafter. The Comforter is to show us things to come, in John 16:13 and also guide us into all truths. "But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth."

The Comforter is therefore all-knowing and has knowledge of both the present and the future. Muhammad could not declare the truths about the hereafter. He kept his inquirers in suspense and in doubt, as far as their fate in the hereafter is concerned. They wanted words of assurance from Muhammad but they could not get them from him.

6. THE GLORY OF JESUS

Talking about the COMFORTER, Jesus again said something in John 16:14 that is of much interest. Jesus declared: "HE (COMFORTER) shall glorify ME (JESUS)."

The apostle Peter declared the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ in Matthew 16:13-17 when Jesus put a significant question to the apostles. Let us read: "When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'who do people say the Son of Man is?' they replied, 'Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But what about you?' he asked. 'WHO DO YOU SAY I AM?' Simon Peter answered, 'YOU ARE THE CHRIST, THE SON OF THE LIVING GOD.' Jesus replied, 'BLESSED ARE YOU, SIMON son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by man, but by MY FATHER IN HEAVEN.'"

By calling Jesus the Christ, the Son of the Living God, Peter received the blessing of Jesus for that declaration. That is the Whole truth about Jesus, and it is only HIS FATHER in heaven who reveal that truth to whoever wants to know.

In the same manner, John the Apostle also confirmed this truth in John 20:30-31. "Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name."

Whether Jesus is the Son of God or not is an issue that needs to be examined deeper because a good number of people strongly kick against this very issue. There are others who claim that many other people had been referred to as "sons of God," thereby making it less important for Jesus to be called so.

The surprising thing is that, it is never considered blasphemous to say that Adam, David, etc. were sons of God. The problem is with Jesus' alone. Why does one have to deny and reject that Jesus is the Son of God? If there is nothing wrong with David being called the Son of God, what is wrong concerning Jesus?

The Bible in Luke 1:26, 35 declare that, it was God who sent angel Gabriel to disclose to Mary that Jesus is the Son of God. The reason for this Sonship was also given.

"In the sixth month, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, to a virgin...named Mary. The angel answered, "the Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the Holy one to be born will be called the Son of God."

If God and his angel Gabriel never saw anything blasphemous and called Jesus the son of God, who else has the right to say otherwise.

How many of God's angels are called Gabriel?

"But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach a gospel other than the one we preached to you, let him be eternally condemned." (Gal. 1:8)

Apostle Paul in his ministry endorsed and believed in the Sonship of Jesus Christ. "For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who was preached among you by me and Silas, and Timothy, was not 'yes' and 'no,' but in him it has always been 'yes.'" (2 Cor. 1:19).

When we come into the Quran however, Muhammad vehemently objects to Jesus being the Son of God. According to Muhammad's message received from Allah, who ever says that Jesus is the Son of God, Allah's curse comes upon such a person (Q9:30)

وَقَالَتِ الْيَهُودُ عُزَيْرٌ ابْنُ اللَّهِ وَقَالَتِ النَّصَارَى
الْمَسِيحُ ابْنُ اللَّهِ ذَلِكَ قَوْلُهُمْ بِأَفْوَاهِهِمْ
يُضَاهِئُونَ قَوْلَ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا مِنْ قَبْلُ قَاتِلْهُمْ اللَّهُ

By this, Muhammad has completely turned the glory of Jesus, when uttered, into a curse instead of a blessing. May we have Patience and see the straight path. Amen!

7. THE SOURCE OF THE MESSAGE

John chapter 16 verse 14 further reveals another glaring truth. Jesus said, "He (COMFORTER) shall receive of mine and shall show it unto you." The Comforter should receive his message from Jesus, and his message should not contradict the message of Jesus Christ in any way.

Where did Muhammad receive his message? Had it been from Jesus, Muhammad would not have asked his followers to pray to Allah for them to be shown the straight path that leads to Heaven. (Q1:6)

Jesus did not forget to disclose to the whole world that, "He is the way to the Father in Heaven (Jn 14:6). Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No-one comes to the Father except through me."

أَهْدِنَا الصِّرَاطَ الْمُسْتَقِيمَ

Peter and Paul and all the Apostles preached Jesus crucified (Acts 2:22-24). Men of Israel, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know. This man was handed over to you by God's set purpose and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross. But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him. Where then did Muhammad receive the message of Q4:157, saying, Jesus was neither killed nor crucified?

وَمَا قَتَلُوهُ وَمَا صَلَبُوهُ وَكَانَ شَيْئًا لَفَمَ

We want to remind ourselves that Jesus himself predicted his death on the Cross and his Subsequent resurrection even before the incident happened. (Jn 3:14) "Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up. (Jn

12:32,33) "But I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself. He said this to show the kind of death He was going to die."

Among the gifts presented to Jesus at birth, there was one that pointed to his death - the myrrh (Mt.2:11). At birth, the Quran says Jesus spoke, and made a significant statement about his death, which is quite unusual among ordinary men like us.

"So peace is on me the day I was born, the day that I die, and the day that I shall be raised up to life (again)" (Q19:33).

Allah has also indicated his intention to cause Jesus to die:

"And when Allah said: O Isa, I am going to terminate the period of your stay (on earth) and cause you to ascend unto me..." (Q3:55 M. H. Shakir).

Being crucial and significant, Jesus spoke about his death the very day he was born, while God has also declared his intention about it.

In spite of this, many schools of thought have arisen concerning the death of Jesus.

The Ahmadis hold the view that, on the cross Jesus swooned, but did not die. In the tomb, there was resuscitation, after which Jesus fled to India, lived for 120 years, died and buried at Kashmir. One is yet to find these accounts from the Quran, and whether prophet Muhammad knew of Jesus' burial in Kashmir.

The Orthodox Muslims, on the other hand believe, that being a prophet of God, Jesus was not hanged on the cross. Judas Iscariot was mistaken for Jesus and hanged on the cross, while Jesus was taken up to Heaven. Did Muhammad know of this switch-over issue? One may still wonder if Judas Iscariot was mentioned anywhere in the Quran or Hadith by the prophet.

The Jesus-Judas Iscariot switch-over episode can best be substantiated from the "Gospel of Barnabas." "Jesus retired into the garden to pray, according as his custom was to pray, bowing his knees an hundred times and prostrating himself upon his face...When the soldiers with Judas drew near to the place where Jesus was, Jesus heard the approach of many people, wherefore in fear he withdrew into the house, and the eleven were sleeping.

Then God, seeing the danger of his servant, commanded Gabriel, Michael, Rafael, and Uriel, his ministers, to take Jesus out of the world.

The Holy angels came and took Jesus out by the window that looketh toward the south. They bare him and placed him in the third heaven in the company of angels blessing God for evermore. Judas entered impetuously before all into the chamber whence Jesus had been taken up. And the disciples were sleeping. Whereupon the wonderful God acted wonderfully, inasmuch that Judas was so changed in speech and in face to be like Jesus that we believed him to be Jesus.. . And as he was saying

this the soldiers entered and laid their hands upon Judas, because he was in every way like Jesus" (Gospel of Barnabas, The Paschal Supper 214, 215, 216).

Surprisingly enough, what the so-called Gospel of Barnabas reveals makes it impossible for the one who holds the Qur'an dearly to substantiate his claims from it.

Is it not the Gospel of Barnabas that reveals the startling news about the fact that Jesus declared he was not the Messiah; but the Messiah shall come after him whose name is Muhammad?

Does the Qur'an also endorse this fact that Jesus was not the Messiah? Any Muslim who declares Muhammad as the Messiah in place of Jesus of Nazareth must see himself as an originator of a new Islam, different from what Muhammad came to perfect. This is but one of the numerous examples of statements found in the so-called Gospel that indicates its forgery nature.

Jesus Gives Examples

On receiving a report from the teachers of the Law and the Pharisees, about a woman caught in adultery. This is the way Jesus dealt with the issue. "The teachers of the Law and the Pharisees brought in a woman caught in adultery. They made her stand before the group and said to Jesus, 'Teacher, this woman was caught in the act of adultery. In the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women.

Now what do you say?' They were using this question as a trap, in order to have a basis for accusing him. But Jesus bent down and started writing on the ground with his finger. When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, 'If any of you is without sin, let him be the first to throw a stone at her...Jesus straightened up and asked her, 'Woman, where are they? Has none condemned you?' 'No one sir,' she said. 'Then neither do I condemn you.' Jesus declared, 'Go now and leave your life of sin.'"

Jesus said, the Comforter shall receive of mine and shall show unto you. Let see how the supposed Comforter handled a similar situation.

Imran ibn Husain Khuzai relates that a woman of the Juhainah, who had become pregnant in consequence of adultery, came to the Holy Prophet and said: Messenger of Allah, I have committed a capital offence, so direct the execution of the sentence. The Holy Prophet sent for her guardian and said to him: Treat her kindly and when she is delivered of the child bring her back. He did accordingly. Her clothes were secured around her and the sentence was directed to be carried out. She was accordingly stoned to death. The Holy Prophet led the funeral prayers for her (Muslim) (Riyadh Salihin Vol. 1-2 pg. 30).

Jesus never taught that, the hands of anyone who steals must be cut off. Muhammad taught this from where? "As to the thief, male or female, cut off his or her hands. A punishment by way of example, from God, for their crime: And God is exalted in power" (Q5:41)

While Jesus spoke about, "The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit." Muhammad talked of, "The Father, The Son and the Mother." What a contradiction! (Q5: 119)

Jesus taught that one does not have to travel to a city or mountain to worship God. God according to him must be worshipped in truth and Spirit (John 4:23-24). Jesus never taught of any pilgrimage to a Holy city (Mecca) (Q3:97).

Why then should Jesus turn round and tell Muhammad that he was not killed nor crucified, after 610 years. This is unbelievable. May we have patience and see the straight way to Heaven. Amen!

8. THE PLACE AND PERIOD OF FULFILLMENT

Dear reader, we shall this time move from the Gospel of John and go into Acts and read chapter 1 verse 4. "And being assembled together with them, he commanded that they should not depart from JERUSALEM, but wait for the promise of the Father, which saith he ye have heard of me. "From this, Jesus clearly points out the exact place where the promise of the COMFORTER was to be fulfilled. Jesus, without mincing words, pointed to JERUSALEM and NOT MECCA, where Muhammad was born and proclaimed his prophethood. Can we mistake JERUSALEM for MECCA?

It will interest you to note that the promise actually came to pass on the Day of Pentecost and on that fateful Day, even ARABS were there as witness and saw the mighty deeds of the COMFORTER (Acts 2: 11). "Both Jews and converts to Judaism, Cretans and Arabs, we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongue!"

Moreover, the event took place TEN DAYS after the Ascension of Jesus Christ to Heaven (Q4:158).

بَدَّلَ تَرْفَعَهُ اللَّهُ إِلَيْهِ

The coming of the COMFORTER was to take place not many days hence (Acts 1:5) "For John baptised with water but in a FEW DAYS you will be baptised with the Holy Spirit. Muhammad was born in 570AD and proclaimed his prophethood after 40 years. After 610 years, all the disciples whom Jesus had spoken to and charged to remain in Jerusalem, and who had received the COMFORTER, had died and had left this world. The fact is, if Muhammad had met the Arabs who were present on that fateful Day of Pentecost, as recorded in Acts 2:11, they would have straightened the records for him.

9. POWER TO BELIEVERS

A further work of the COMFORTER which Jesus called the Holy Spirit, is to give us POWER to testify about Jesus. "But you will receive POWER when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and you will be my witnesses." (Acts 1: 8) The life of the Apostle Peter before the coming of the COMFORTER was different when compared with his life after the coming of the comforter. When a servant girl questioned Peter during the arrest of Jesus, Peter swore and denied his Lord. On the other hand, when the promise of

the COMFORTER was fulfilled, Peter spoke out with boldness and was not afraid of the nailers of Israel in Acts 4:8-11.

Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them. "Rulers and elders of the people! If we are being called to account today for an act of kindness shown to a cripple and are asked how he was healed, then know this, you and all the people of Israel: It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed."

Peter had then received the Spirit of boldness and not a Spirit which caused him to fear, as the book of Romans chapter 8 verse 15 declares: "For you did not receive the Spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of Sonship (adoption). And by him we cry Abba, Father.

However, in Sura 33:37, we read, "And thou Muhammad didst hide in thy mind that which Allah was to bring to light, and thou FEAR the people."

قَرُّنُونَ فِي نَفْسِكَ مَا اللَّهُ مُبْدِيهِ وَتَخْشَى النَّاسَ

This verse reveals the condition of Muhammad during the settlement of a conflict between Zaid (Muhammad's adopted son) and his wife Zainab (who later became Muhammad's wife). Allah gave a message to Muhammad to disclose what Allah wanted him to bring to light. FEAR has no place in the Holy Spirit which is the COMFORTER.

As we allow the Holy Spirit (the Comforter) to fill us with Power, we shall be seen to bear the fruit of the Holy Spirit "Love, Joy, Peace, Longsuffering, Gentleness, Goodness. Faith. Meekness, Temperance (Gal 5:22). These fruits will be seen in our lives towards our fellow men.

Strangely enough, it is only those who believe in Jesus who can receive POWER from the COMFORTER. No wonder the Quran declares: "And we gave POWER to those who believe (in Jesus)." Sura 61:14

قَاتِدْنَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا

Every believer and true follower of Christ Jesus is to be identified by this power and the fruits already mentioned; Therefore Allah has no alternative but to raise those who follow Jesus Superior to those who disbelieve in him until the Day of Resurrection (Q3:55)

وَجَاعِلُ الَّذِينَ اتَّبَعُوكَ تَوْقَى الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا
إِلَى يَوْمِ الْقِيَامَةِ

Christians who FOLLOW Christ are indeed Superior, have power and also have been endowed with mercy and compassion in their hearts. Q57:27, "we caused Jesus, Son

of Mary to follow, and gave him the Gospel, and PLACED COMPASSION AND MERCY IN THE HEARTS OF THOSE WHO FOLLOW HIM (JESUS)."

وَقَدْ عَلَّمْنَا بَعِيسَى ابْنَ مَرْيَمَ وَآتَيْنَاهُ الْإِنجِيلَ
وَجَعَلْنَا فِي قُلُوبِ الَّذِينَ تَبِعُوهُ رَأْفَةً وَرَحْمَةً

Why do you think Allah has raised those who follow Jesus so high like this, apart from giving them POWER, MERCY and COMPASSION? It is because CHRISTIANS believe and FOLLOW Jesus, and have above all, received the COMFORTER into their lives. That makes all the difference!

10. THE BARE TRUTH

We have so far been talking about the COMFORTER, and we thank God, Jesus refers to Him as the Holy Spirit. Can we say with certainty that Muhammad is the COMFORTER? A study of the HADITH (The sayings of Muhammad), does not reveal that Muhammad ever claimed to be the Holy Spirit. It is an attempt by modern Muslims to find scriptural support for the prophethood of Muhammad. The Quran records that Jesus was strengthened with the Holy Spirit. (Q2:253)

وَأْتَيْنَا عِيسَى ابْنَ مَرْيَمَ بِالْبَيِّنَاتِ وَآتَيْنَاهُ
بِزُفْرِ الْقُدُسِ

This clarification by the Quran dispels every doubt about the COMFORTER and the Holy Spirit. The COMFORTER cannot be considered as different from the Holy Spirit. From the truths listed above, one can immediately see that the COMFORTER as promised by Jesus, does not in any way refer to a human being.

Here are the facts about the Holy Spirit, the Comforter. He had been at work since the beginning of creation (Gen 1:2) "The Spirit of God was hovering over the waters." The Holy Spirit came upon men of God in the Old Testament and left them when sin came into their lives. David prayed "Lord do not take your Holy Spirit from me" (Ps 51 :11). Later in the old Testament, the prophet Joel prophesied that God will pour out His Spirit on all people in the later days (Joel 2:28). Jesus however reinforced the prophecy by saying that, after His resurrection the Holy Spirit will come into the world afresh, in a new way and indwell believers until eternity. He will fill men completely with the Power of God. This prophecy was fulfilled on the Day of Pentecost as read in (Acts 2:1-4). "When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the HOLY SPIRIT and began to speak in other tongue as the SPIRIT enables them." Explaining the experience on the Day of Pentecost, Peter said that, the outpouring was in fulfillment of that prophecy of Joel and that they had not gotten drunk with wine. (Acts 2:1~21).

Dear reader, the Comforter which Jesus spoke of in the Gospel and also referred to as the Holy Spirit, descended on the apostles in the Upper room in Jerusalem, over six hundred years before Muhammad proclaimed his prophethood. There is therefore enough proof that Jesus never prophesied about the coming of a prophet (a mortal man) after him in the Gospel, known as the COMFORTER. Paul upon his conversion into Christianity was filled with the Holy Spirit (Acts 9: 17). And during his missionary journey to Ephesus, he met some disciples and asked them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" They answered, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." Consequently, Paul placed his hands upon them and the Holy Spirit came on them. (Acts 19:7)

Dear Brother or Sister, the Holy Spirit can come upon you TODAY if only you will believe in Jesus Christ as your Lord and Saviour.

At this time, if you want to give your life to Jesus and then receive the Comforter, the Holy Spirit, then join me in this prayer.

My Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, I thank You for speaking to me through Your Word. I have lived all my past years without You, and have now realised that I am nothing without You. I thank you for Your unconditional Love for me a sinner, by Your shed blood and death on the Cross on my behalf. Forgive me all my sins and cleanse me from all unrighteousness. I sincerely invite you into my life to be my Lord and Master.

I also thank You that You have spoken through Your Word, and have revealed unto me all the truth that I need about the COMFORTER, whom You sent into the world to abide with us forever.

I now affirm that the COMFORTER whom Jesus spoke about in the Gospels, refers to NONE but the HOLY SPIRIT. I therefore pray and beseech You to fill me with the Holy Spirit in the name of Jesus, so that I can live for You in Your Power. Thank You for this wonderful gift in the mighty name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, Amen!

Questions

1. By what names did Jesus refer to the Comforter?
2. What does one receive when the Holy Spirit come upon him?
3. Where did Jesus ask the disciples to wait for the Holy Spirit?
4. How many days after ascension of Jesus did the Holy Spirit descend on the disciples?
Where was Muhammad by then?
6. When and where was Muhammad born?
Did his parents receive any prophecy from God concerning his birth?

8. Does the prophecy in Deuteronomy 18:18 refer to the Comforter?
9. Did Jesus say the Comforter or his word will abide with us forever?
10. What incident happened to Peter and the other disciples in the Upper Room in Jerusalem?
11. Did that incident fulfil the promise Jesus made to the disciples?
12. When was Jesus' promise to the disciples fulfilled, if the Upper Room experience was not what was promised by Jesus?
13. Can you sincerely accept Jesus to be a liar and unreliable?
14. Which incident was Peter explaining when he referred to Joel 2:28?
15. Was Muhammad the only Arabian prophet?
16. What do you know about Hud and Salih?
17. Don't you think Hud and Salih can rightfully fulfil the prophecy in Deuteronomy 18:18?
18. Can the Holy Spirit die?
19. When did Muhammad die, and where was he buried?
20. Can the Holy Spirit be associated with sin?

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