

1) FINDING THE SAVIOUR OF THE WORLD

'I was told that he was a Muslim and now he was a Christian, and I had some questions for him. He replied by saying, "Young man, don't ask your questions, because I will not answer them. Not now. But I'll tell you one thing: God said if anyone searches for Him because he wants to do His will, God will reveal Himself to that person."

I was thinking inside me, "This man is refusing to talk with me and not giving me the opportunity to show him that he has made a mistake by becoming Christian."

He said, "Each time you do your Muslim prayers and finish, I would like you to ask God to reveal Himself to you, to show you the truth. But do it in your mother tongue, not in Arabic." I eventually agreed to do it and left.

As a Muslim, I believed that my salvation depended on my works, and also on predestination: it was absolutely impossible for me to know what God would decide for me concerning paradise. I could have no assurance concerning eternity. So I decided that I would search the Qur'an and find verses that would allow me to express the same assurance that these Christians had, but I could not find any verse in the Qur'an that gave me assurance of salvation. On the contrary, I was discovering what the Qur'an says about Jesus. I realised that the Qur'an says that Jesus is the Word of God, the Messiah, and held in honour in this world and the hereafter. And that "Jesus is a sign for people and a mercy from God," and without sin (Sura 3:45,49; 4:171; 19:19; 37:171).

When I got up one morning, suddenly I was under an awful anguish. I had the great impression that I was lost, and that I would go to hell if I died. This impression lasted a few minutes. Then it was replaced by a voice. I was

hearing the voice clearly, as if someone was in the living room and speaking to me, but I was not seeing anyone. It seemed that the voice was from outside and inside me. What I was hearing was this: "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life."

There was in this voice such authority and such softness that finally I yielded and said, "I accept." Three days after, I went and explained what happened to the man I had first wanted to question. With his help, I understood that I am a sinner and separated from God. My works and religiosity cannot save me. I then decided to give my life to Jesus Christ and to follow Him. I then knew that Jesus Christ was the guarantor of salvation. If I died, I would not be lost, but I would forever be with my Saviour. I felt assurance and joy in my heart.'

2) WHO SHOULD YOU FOLLOW?

'One day, my grandfather taught us in the morning, and we were talking about the death of Mohammed the prophet. When Mohammed was dying, his daughter Fatima was standing close by his bedside, and Fatima asked, "Father, you are dying, but where are you going from here and what will happen to us?" And Mohammed said, "Ask me anything from my wealth, but I cannot save you from Allah's punishment."¹ "By Allah, though I am the apostle of Allah, yet I do not know what Allah will do to me."² That's why, whenever Muslims call the name of Mohammed, they say "peace and blessing be upon him," because he left that instruction.

I liked reading the Bible, because I wanted to pick some things I could challenge the Christians with. But while I was reading it, I came across this passage where Jesus said, "I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and

prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also, And where I go you know, and the way you know" (John 14:2-4,28).

I ran to my grandfather and said, "Grandfather, look at Jesus. He said He would prepare a place for His followers, and after that He will come back. But Mohammed doesn't know where he is going, so which one should you follow?" And he said, "The one that knows where he is going." And I said, "I am going to church." And that's how I came to know the Lord.'

1. Hadith Bukhari, Vol. 4, Book 51, Number 16

2. Hadith Bukhari, Vol 5, Book 58, Number 266

3) THE WAY TO HEAVEN

In Jamil's dream, he saw a very handsome man who seemed to radiate light. This man was looking straight into Jamil's eyes as though he could see his very soul.

"Do you know the Qur'an?" the man suddenly asked in a loud voice.

"Yes," said Jamil with some pride. "I know the Qur'an."

"Then answer me this: who is Isa?" the man demanded.

"Isa is a man."

"Can you show me where in the Qur'an it says that Isa is a man?"

Jamil dreamed that he began turning page after page in the Qur'an, but he could not find any passage saying that Isa is a man. Then the glowing man spoke again.

"So... you think you know the Qur'an?"

"Yes," Jamil answered.

"Then who is Mohammed? Is Mohammed the way, or no? Who is he?"

"Yes," Jamil cried. "Our prophet is the way! We go to heaven by his teaching!"

“Then show me in the Qur’an where it says that Mohammed is the way.”

“Yes, I can show you that,” answered Jamil. But once again he searched in vain.

Finally, Jamil awoke. After some time God led a disciple of Christ, a man who had once been a sheikh, into contact with Jamil. This man explained the Scriptures to him and led him to salvation.

4) LEAD ME IN THE RIGHT WAY

‘I would pray five times a day, always at the specific times like any good Muslim, but I always prayed the same thing, the same prayer that all other Muslims were saying. This did not seem like true prayer.

What really bothered me was where the Qur’an even came from. The Qur’an says it came to Mohammed in the cave of Hiram, and what Mohammed heard in the cave he went and told to his followers. These things were not written down at that time; some of his followers wrote some things down years later, and years after that another man, Caliph Uthman, wrote down stories he’d heard and put them all together, and that is the Qur’an. It was something like forty years after Mohammed had the visions, and at least twenty years after he died. How can he hope to record it perfectly? And how could I take this book as being one hundred percent the words of God?

Another thing that disturbed me was the chronological aspect of the Qur’an. In other books, there is a clear chronology; a beginning and an end. But the Qur’an is very difficult and very confused. And all the promises it contains, they are all for Mohammed! What about promises for me? I asked.

One of the Hadiths teaches that Allah created Adam, then touched his right shoulder,

and out of his shoulder came many people, all with white skin. Allah said to those white people, “You belong in paradise, and who is going to oppose that?” Then Allah touched Adam’s left shoulder, and out of his shoulder came many people with black skin. And Allah said to those black people, “You belong to hell. Who is going to oppose that?”¹ If black people belong to hell, then why do we build mosques in my African country and teach people about Islam?

The Qur’an says that anyone who does not believe in Isa (Jesus) will be punished, both on earth and in heaven, but those who do believe in Isa will have a great reward (Sura 3:52-57). And I said, “I do not want to be punished!” I also saw that Isa al Masih is the Word of truth and His followers are superior to those who don’t believe.

On the day I found these teachings I became very happy. I had been confused about how to get to heaven, because in Islam there is no assurance; they just say, “Allah knows.” But at last I knew. And that day, I began to search for the followers of Isa to learn more.

After many years of praying every day “lead me in the right way,” many Muslims come to the point in life where they wonder why they say that prayer if they are already in the “right way.” When they begin asking that question, they realize that they are not in the right way, and they eventually discover Jesus and come to Him.

1. Mishkat al’Masabih, Volume I, Chapter IV, Book I.

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