

From Darkness into Light

how a Christian became a Muslim

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It was in the winter of 1996, when Michael Anderson, vicar of our local church in Hordle, the New Forest, England was mentioning how Muslims had prevented the BBC from screening a movie which made fun of Jesus. "We Christians protested" he said, "but the BBC didn't pay any attention and it was only when the Muslims objected, that they backed down." This surprised me. "What had Muslims got to do with Jesus?" I knew nothing about Islām but decided I should be calling them to Christianity. I borrowed some books from him which were supposed to show how to convert Muslims to Christianity. Again I was amazed. Muslims not only believed in Jesus, but also in Abraham, Moses and other prophets I thought belonged exclusively to us. I returned the books, annoyed that we were sharing with them some of our religion.

Later, I moved to Manchester and began evangelizing with Christians, going out on the streets and to people's homes. Sometimes I would meet Muslims and they impressed me with their good manners, conviction to Islām and love of Jesus. Once I gave an elderly Muslim man a tract to read. He looked at me and said, "Listen son, I know more about Jesus than you do!" He spoke with conviction and I couldn't say anything. Later I was talking to an English man telling him he had to be born again. We said this a lot. If anyone accepted Jesus, they'd be born again in a new life. I kept repeating this, until a young lady, sitting near by, raised her voice saying, "You won't be born again until you become a Muslim!" I sensed she knew more about what she was saying than me and walked away feeling quite defeated. My doctor at this time was named "Islām". It used to bother me, looking at his name, "Dr Islām" carved in wooden letters on his desk. I gave him some of our literature to read. He looked at it saying, "I have a better book than this." He was a good doctor and I left off trying to convert him.

I used to have a friend who was training to be a teacher and she had to spend time with practical teaching in a school. I was worried because the children in our city were known to be rough and violent. I asked her afterwards, how it went, and she smiled saying, "It was easy, the children were mostly Muslim and were very well behaved."

One evening I was passing out our leaflets to a group of men drinking outside a pub, when one of them, shouted out at me, "CHRISTIAN ! You're a Christian !?" He was angry, and looking straight at me, said, "You've got THREE gods!!" His words were like a dagger going into my heart. Previous to Christianity I had been a Hindu, and we had a whole host of gods to worship and pray to. We Christians worshipped God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit, but how could God be more than One?¹ Not long before, I had been in a Catholic cathedral in the city and saw people lighting candles, putting them in front of statues,

¹ The heretical doctrine of the Trinity; God is **three**, father, son and holy ghost, all equally worshippable was introduced by the pagan emperor Constantine in the year 325 AD. All opposition to it was eventually violently suppressed and the Spanish Inquisition, where countless thousands of men and women were burnt, tortured, maimed and killed in order to enforce it, is only one of history's witnesses to it's horrific evil. It stamped out the pure monotheism that the early followers of Jesus were upon, having One God alone and turned Christians into polytheists.

then kneeling in front of them and praying to them. "What was the difference between this and Hinduism?" Hindus worshipped lifeless stone statues and so did these Christians. Even though I didn't have a statue or picture to pray to, I was still praying to and worshipping more than one God. This clearly went against the first two commandments that we Christians unanimously agreed were given to Moses that we shouldn't take any gods besides Him.

I confided my doubts to a close friend. "Don't worry" he said, "Pray to Jesus in the morning, the Holy Spirit at midday and God at night." This didn't make me feel any better. While being a Hindu I had also practiced some Buddhism and then I mixed with Sikhs, thinking they might be right and now Christianity wasn't providing me any real answers. I was feeling very despondent, until it came to me that I should really find out about Islām. I went to a place where Muslims worshipped and questioned them. What made me immensely happy was when they told me Jesus was never crucified, but rather Allāh² took him up into heaven before they could reach him. I never liked hearing of him being captured, abused, whipped, spat upon, having his beard pulled and forced to carry a heavy cross before they nailed him to it. Why should that happen to such a good man? I was told about Paradise and all the pleasures and rewards a Muslim receives there after he dies and later the same day I repeated the simple testimony of faith, "I bear witness that Allāh alone has the right to be worshipped and Muhammad is His slave and Messenger." I was asked to take a shower and when I came out I felt wonderfully clean, fresh and new. The Messenger of Allāh, Muhammad, may the Peace and Blessings of Allāh be upon him, said, "Islām, demolishes and wipes out all previous sins of those who accept it."

If anyone truly wants to be born again, they have to accept Islām.

Allāh says with the meaning in His Noble Qur'ān³, "Truly I have only created the jinn⁴ and mankind for My exclusive worship alone." 51:56 And He says: "Truly I have sent to every nation and people, Messengers, telling them to worship Allāh alone and stay away from all forms of false gods." 16:36 (From these blessed men were the likes of Noah, Abraham, Jacob, Moses, David, Solomon, John the Baptist and Jesus.) Jesus says, in the Noble Qur'ān, "Truly Allāh is my Lord and your Lord, so worship Him alone." 19:36 The Bible confirms Jesus saying, "You shall worship the Lord your God and Him alone shall you serve." Luke 4:8

² Allāh is the proper name for God, its Arabic and means the One True Lord and God Who is worshipped with love, obedience and sanctification. Christians agree that it is the name of their God for they print Arabic, Indonesian and Malay language Bibles using Allāh to refer to God. Arabic speaking Jews and Christians also call upon God by the name Allāh. Christian scholars claim that Jesus spoke Aramaic and the name for God in Aramaic is Elah; so isn't it only pride and aversion to the truth that stops Western English speaking Christians from using the name Allāh when referring to or calling upon God?

³ The Qur'ān is the final revelation or scripture sent down by Allāh to mankind. Unlike the Torah given to Moses and the Injeel or Gospel sent to Jesus, which have been altered and distorted by men, the Qur'ān remains complete; not a single letter in it has been changed since it descended. No book in history is comparable with it and it contains every guidance and information necessary for humanity to perfect the purpose for its existence and creation.

⁴ Jinn are a creation like ourselves, but not seen with the naked eye. Disbelievers may refer to them as faeries, ghosts, spirits or devils.

The Bible clarifies that Jesus was only sent to the Jews of his time, and no one else. "I have not been sent, except to the lost sheep of Israel." Matt 15:24 (Israel was the prophet Jacob and the Jews of Jesus' time were the ones who had gone astray and Jesus was only sent to them.) In the Noble Qur'ān Jesus says, "I give you glad tidings of a Messenger who will come after me, whose name is Ahmed." 61:6 (Ahmed is one of the names of Muhammad)

Muhammad on the other hand, was sent to humanity as a whole. Allāh says, with the meaning, "Truly We have sent you O Muhammad, as a Messenger to all of mankind." 34:28 Nowhere in the Bible does Jesus ask to be worshipped or prayed to. Rather he repeatedly confirmed that he had been sent and that the One Who sent him, should be worshipped and no one else.

The rewards for obeying Allāh in exclusive worship of Him are tremendous; no eye has ever seen, ear heard or heart ever imagined of the incredible wonders and delights that await in Paradise for those who truly believe.

As for those who choose disbelief, Allāh warns them with the meaning, "Truly the disbelievers from the Jews and Christians, who have taken in worship, others besides Allāh, and the pagans and polytheists, will be in the Hell Fire forever. They are the worst of creation." 97:6

Jesus will reject and deny what Christians have fabricated in deifying him. On the Day of Judgement, Allāh will ask him, "O Jesus, did you tell them to take yourself and your mother (as the Catholics do with Mary) to be gods besides Me?" Jesus will reply, "Allāh, you know everything and you know I would not have said that." Allāh knows this, but this testimony of Jesus will be a source of great regret for you, and when you see the flames of Hell and know you are about to be thrown into it, how will it be for you then?

Neither did Jesus die for your sins. "They neither killed him or crucified him but Allāh placed the resemblance of him on another man who was killed in his place." The Noble Qur'ān 4:157 You are responsible for your own sins. Jesus does not take any of them. The only one who can forgive sins is Allāh the Creator and Sovereign Lord of everyone and everything that exists.

We invite Christians and all others to accept Islām, the only perfect and complete religion. By doing so, you will not only receive a greater peace and happiness in this life but a world beyond dreams after you die.

Highly recommended reading:

The translations of the Meanings of the Noble Qur'ān in English

by Muhammad Muhsin Khan and Taqi ud Dīn al Hilaalī

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